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Indians fall on the road in Hayesville

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After last weeks long and disappointing trip to Tennessee, the Towns County Indians were once again facing the task of traveling into another state. This journey would be far less taxing and a more evenly matched opponent.



Zach Stroud hands off to tailback Cody Smedley as the Indians faced the Yellow Jackets.

The Hayesville Yellow Jackets were also all too familiar with Tennessee's fifth ranked Copper Basin Cougars having suffered a 42-0 defeat earlier in the season at the hands of the Cougars.

Nerves appeared to have played a part early on as each team exchanged possessions throughout the first quarter resulting in a scoreless defensive struggle.



Noah Calhoun jogs away to the Indians sideline following his touchdown run against Hayesville.

The Yellow Jackets maintained a ball control plan through the second quarter. The Jackets cracked the goal line following a tough defensive stand by the Indians with 6:54 left in the half opening the scoring column with a 6-0 lead.

Following a decent kickoff return, quarterback Zack Stroud was picked off at the 6-minute mark by Jacket defender Johnny Garrett and returned to the ball to the Indians' 43-yard line. The Indian defense again forced a punting situation, but the offense was pinned deep in their own territory.



Cody Smedley raps up Jackets ball carrier Dockery during Friday night action in Hayesville.

A bad snap would result in a safety. That forced the Indians to free kick from the 20-yard line at the 2-minute mark and a 8-0 deficit.

The Jackets would take a two touchdown lead into the half following a 5-yard lunge by senior running back Blake Dockery giving the Jackets a first half 14-point spread. Coming out of the locker room from the half, the Jackets faced a more intense and determined band of Indians. They would face a different look at quarterback. Freshman Jackson Noblet would grab the reins and control of the Indians' offense.



Jackson Noblet breaks loose for a long gainer against Hayesville on Friday.

Along with tough yards on the ground gained primarily by Noah Calhoun, Noblet guided the Indians' offensive attack on a 68-yard scoring drive.

The big play of the drive was a 3rd and 15 in which Noblet scrambled 30 yards after being hemmed in the backfield by the Jackets' tough defense. After forcing a 4th and 8 situation, the Indians caught a break on a pass interference call in the end zone keeping the drive alive. Calhoun would cap it off with a tough 5-yard touchdown run with 4:43 left in the third quarter drawing the Indians to

within a touchdown and cutting the Jackets lead to 14-7.

Unfortunately the Jackets offense, led by Dockery would find the end zone a couple more times the rest of the evening

giving the Jackets a 27-7 victory at home.

The Indians travel to Milledgeville on Friday to face Georgia Military, game time, 7:30 p.m.

Middle School handed first home loss by visiting Wildcats

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What started out as a beautiful day, turned ugly in a hurry.

Prior to the scheduled 5 p.m. kickoff a beautiful but hazy sky loomed. Ten minutes prior to kickoff the heavens opened up over Frank McClure Stadium.

Taking the opening kickoff, the day looked promising for the undefeated Towns County Middle School Indians. A big group of Rabun Middle School Wildcats appeared to be up to the challenge early on forcing a punting situation deep in Indian territory as rain continued to pour.

Fortunately for the Indians, the punt touched a Wildcat and was recovered by the home Indians. Unfortunately the Indians couldn't capitalize. Later in the quarter, the Wildcats did capitalize as Ashton Hopper took it to the end zone for a 6-0 lead with 1:55 left in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, the Wildcats recovered an Indians' fumble deep in Indian territory and returned to the Towns 14-yard line. Cats' Quarterback Ryan Collins scampered the 14 yards for the score giving the Cats a 14-0 advantage 10 seconds into the second quarter.

With Indian drives repeatedly unable to produce, the Wildcats continued to take advantage of opportunities as field conditions got worse when Collins returned an Indian punt for pay dirt taking as the Cats took a 30-0 lead with only 27 ticks on the clock before halftime.

The Indians highlight came on a Ryan Green kickoff return taking it back for a touchdown and wiping out a Wildcat shutout in the process. Green's efforts took the sting out of an otherwise lopsided affair. The Wildcats would take the 30-6 lead to the locker room



Ryan Green and Kyle Davis make life difficult for this Wildcat runner last week at Frank McClure Stadium.



The Indians defense catches a breather during action against Rabun County.



The Indians Kyle Davis (53) wraps up a Rabun runner to harass the Wildcats with defense.

at the half. In the second half, the rain subsided but the Cats scored twice more and took a 44-6 victory back to Tiger.



The Indians Ryan Green races to the end zone against Rabun County.

Byron Herbert Reece trailhead reopens

The Byron Herbert Reece Trailhead re-opened on Friday, September 3, 2010 after being closed to improve the parking surface from a gravel lot with no designated parking to an asphalt lot with 24 parking spaces, including one handicapped space and a small section for motorcycles. The

improvements are designed to reduce natural resource impacts such as sedimentation to streams and damage to vegetation that were occurring from concentrated use in a relatively small area, as well as improving traffic safety.

"Recreation demand is high at the Byron Herbert Re-

ece Trailhead and the parking lot fills up quickly on many weekends. We would like to encourage folks to consider visiting this popular trailhead at less busy times or choose an alternate route. There are several other trailheads nearby that lead to the Appalachian Trail and the Blood Mountain Wilderness, including those at Vogel State Park, Wolfpen Gap, Lake Winfield Scott Recreation Area, Woody Gap Recreation Area and Dockery Lake Recreation Area," said John Campbell, Recreation Manager for the Blue Ridge Ranger District. "The Benton MacKaye, Duncan Ridge, Coosa Backcountry, and Aska trail systems are also nearby, and provide hikers and backpackers an experience similar to the Appalachian Trail." By complying with the posted parking instructions at the Reece trailhead, visitors can help to ensure the area is not overused and avoid receiving a citation by complying with the posted parking instructions at the Byron Herbert Reece Trailhead.

Please visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/conf to find a map of the other trailhead locations and other recreation opportunities. NISep22,01JSH

Football For Food a huge success



Left to right: Principal Perren, Coach Langford, Bradley Smith and LaRanda Mauldin

The 2nd annual Football For Food event was a huge success. Pictured above is LaRanda Mauldin accepting a check from Principal Perren, Coach Langford, and football player and food pantry volunteer, Bradley Smith. The Towns County Food Pantry

received enough money to purchase 8,067 pounds of food. Sincere appreciation to the Towns County School System, Coach Langford and the Indian Football team, as well as all those that came out to support this event. TISep22,1JISH

Three big events this Sunday at Tri-County



Cars race and crash till only one car is left running.

On schedule this Sunday at Tri-County will be three big events for the fans and drivers at the wrap up of the 2010 racing season. The annual Demo Derby will see cars line up for a dash for cash until the checkered flag drops, then the crashing and banging starts until the last car running takes the money.

That part of the thrilling show will take place after the rained out make up Southeastern Late Model Sportsman feature.

Randy McCoy will return with his series drivers to show case the "Men of Steel" super stars as they battle for 35 laps around the super fast third mile clay oval that has seen side by



Chase Elliott is carrying on the tradition of his famous father and grandfather

side action in the Sportsman class all year. Parker Herring, the current points leader, Wesley English, Bobby Panter and several of the South's top drivers will be battling for the \$1200 and big trophy. There will be a complete new show with qualifying and hot laps for the drivers. All classes are open to any new cars that wish to compete this Sunday.

During intermission, the 2010 points champions will be honored when the top three in each class will receive their trophies and awards. Those to receive trophies are Late Model Sportsman, Bobby Panter, Doug Sneed and Preston Crisp. GM Performance, Jason Deal, Tony Ledford and Kevin Bradshaw, Cornwell Tools Modified Street, Kevin Bradshaw, Brad Thomas and Sammy Berrong. Street Stock, Josh Roberts, Charles Toomey and Ricky Smith. Mini Stock, Shannon Jones, Marty Clark and Joshua Cordin. Gates will open at noon and racing will start at 2 p.m.

Bill Elliott's son and former Union County School student, Chase Elliott made sure all the accolades were kept in the family winning the inaugural George Elliott Memorial 100 Saturday at Gresham Motor Sports Park in Jefferson, GA. Elliott captured the event honoring his grandfather by leading every lap of the 100-circuit Super Late Model feature. It wasn't easy, however, as Elliott had to hold off a hard-charging Bubba Pollard over the final 15 laps to score the victory. Elliott showed early that he had a car capable of winning turning in a blistering lap of 16.344 seconds in qualifying only to have Pollard best him for the pole with a time of 16.205. NTISep22,C2Jae

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Noah Calhoun
Offensive #3

Landon Harris
Defensive #21