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Indian JV's show promise in losses at Rabun County and Dawson County

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Tiger and Dawsonville - Like the varsity Indians, the Class A Towns County Indian JV's Basketball Team faced tough odds in their season opening two games last Friday and Saturday at Class AA Rabun County and at Class AA Dawson County. While returning home after decisive losses, there was reason for encouragement as the young Indians had several team members show promise with five of the players seeing their first ever JV action. As in past years, three players will see some double duty with the Indian varsity and JV's with a combined five quarters allowed each game day.

After falling behind 5-0 on Friday at Rabun County, the Indians rallied behind eight points by Brett Barrett in his only quarter of play to a brief 11-10 lead and just a 15-12 deficit after one quarter. The Wildcats used hot shooting to take control of the game in the second quarter and held a 44-26 lead at intermission with Boone Moss providing four points for the Indians in the quarter. Five different Indians put points on the scoreboard the last half with Adam Plott leading with five on two free throws and a trey as Rabun led 65-35 after three quarters on the way to a 79-41 win.

Scoring leaders for the Indians for the game were Barrett and Plott with 8 points each, Boone Moss and Cruz Shook with 6 each, and Trace Moss with 5. Five different Indians contributed at least one assist according to your reporter's tally with Trace Moss leading with 3.

At Dawson County on Friday, the Indians were stung



Brett Barrett pulls up for a jumper against Rabun. Photo by James Reese.



Cruz Shook drives for a basket against Rabun. Photo by James Reese.

by an extended Dawson run as the Tigers led 17-4 after one quarter and 34-7 near the minute and a half mark of the second before the Indians came alive with inspired play the remainder of the game. A trey by Jordan Jacobs at the 1:15 mark of the second quarter triggered a 5-0 finish for a 34-13 score at intermission.

The Indians actually outscored the Tigers 28-24 beginning with the Jordan trey to the end of the game with the score

being 42-21 after three quarters and 58-35 at game's end. Six Indians put points on the scoreboard the last half with Brett Barrett leading with seven in the fourth quarter and Cruz Shook scoring three in each of the final two quarters.

The Indians were led in scoring for the game by Barrett and Shook with 7 points each and Boone Moss with 5. Six different Indians contributed at least one assist with Shook leading the way with 2.

Lady Indian JV's fall late at Rabun County, take rousing comeback victory at Dawson County



Misty Lindemuth positions for a shot against Rabun County. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

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The Class A Towns County Lady Indian JV's got a split decision in their opening two games at Class AA Rabun County on Friday and at Class AA Dawson County on Saturday of last week. The Lady Indians battled on virtually even terms for three quarters at Rabun County before the Lady Wildcats broke away for a 45-27 victory but they rallied from as much as a twelve point second quarter deficit for a 54-48 triumph at Dawson County.

The Lady Indians overcame an early 4-0 deficit for a 10-6 first quarter lead at Rabun County behind four points each from Madison Johnson and Misty Lindemuth and led for much of the second quarter before Rabun edged to a 16-14 advantage at intermission.

Rabun led for all of the third quarter, including by as much as 24-18 but the Lady Indians used a late basket by Karlie Albach and two by Elizabeth Turner to advantage in closing to within 26-25 by quarter's end. It was all Rabun in the



McKenzi Moss fires away against Rabun County. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

fourth quarter, however, as the Lady Wildcats scored the first ten points and broke away for a 45-27 victory.

The Lady Indians were led in scoring by Lindemuth with 7 points and Turner with 6 while Lindemuth led in assists with 4 according to your reporter's tally.

The Lady Indians fell behind 7-0 by the five minute mark of the first quarter at Dawson but rallied behind two treys by Elizabeth Turner and another by McKenzie Moss for a 13-13 tie which became an 18-13 Lady Tiger lead by quarter's end. Dawson then scored the first seven points of the second quarter for a 25-13 lead but the Lady Indians rallied to within 32-28 by half-time, largely on the strength of five straight points on a trey and two free throws by Carly Gilfilian and eight for ten free throw shooting by Misty Lindemuth.

The Lady Indians brought out the long ball in the third quarter with Destiny Blythe

sinking three treys and Bailey Sutton another as they rallied to a 44-38 lead by the 1:41 mark and Madison Johnson closed out the quarter with four points in the final minute of play for a 48-40 Lady Indian lead.

The Lady Indians slowed the pace of the game in the fourth quarter and extended the lead to 53-40 by the 2:34 mark before withstanding a pair of Dawson treys the final half minute with the second being their third inadvertent long bank shot made in the game. The final score was 54-48 as the Lady Indians closed out a most rewarding victory.

As against Rabun County, the Lady Indians placed eight players in the scoring column with leaders being Lindemuth with 12 points, Blythe with 10, Johnson with 8, Turner with 6, and Gilfilian and Moss with 5 each. Leading in assists were Lindemuth with 3 and the trio of Blythe, Moss, and Turner with 2 each.

TCMS girls continue winning ways surging through schedule

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Cornelia - The Towns County Lady Indians have improved to 4-1 with wins over South Habersham and Lakeview Academy.

The Towns County Middle Schools traveled to South Habersham last week to take on the anxiously awaiting Rebels.

Winners of two straight the Lady Indians took the court looking to build momentum on their current streak. Practically from the opening tip off it was apparent they would do just that taking a 42-10 victory at the Lady Rebels expense.



Brooke Smith leads the way for the TCMS Lady Indians. Photo by James Reese.

The Towns Indians boys had a tougher time of it, dropping their game 36-24.

Back at home Thursday afternoon, the Lady Indians went back to work on their home court holding off a late Lakeview Academy Lady Lion surge 41-21. The Lady Indians smothered the Lady Lions through out the first quarter jumping out to a 15-0 lead before head coach Lana Parker started emptying her bench.

Brooke Smith was dominant under the boards and the basket leading the Lady Indians with a game high 13 points. Jocelyn Byers followed that performance by chipping in 10 and Kristen Ledford added 8 points for the Lady Indians.

Hunter Clarke led the way for the Lakeview Lady Lions with 5 points.

In the following game, the visiting Lakeview Lions boys' team jumped out to an early 15-5 first quarter lead over the Towns Indians. The Indians managed to hold it together and clawed their way back to a 26-19 halftime deficit. The Indians found themselves down by as many as 14 points through the fourth quarter but fought back before succumbing to a tough Lions team 53-44.

Saturday morning the



TCMS Cheerleaders cheer on the Lady Indians. Photo by James Reese.



Emory Patton goes for the steal against Lakeview. Photo by James Reese.

Towns County Middle School teams traveled to Rabun County to face the always tough Wildcats teams. Results were unavailable at press time. Next

on the TCMS schedule: North Habersham. The Indians will come back from Thanksgiving Break hosting the Bobcats on Monday at 4:15 on Nov. 28th.

TCMS grapplers finish third in King of the Mountain



KOM Director Jeff Stowers lays out the ground rules before the Junior King of the Mountain tournament on Saturday. Photo by James Reese.

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Towns County Wrestling Head Coach Jeff Stowers couldn't have been happier on Saturday as his Indians finished with a third place trophy in the annual Junior King of the Mountain Wrestling Tournament.

The Indians finished with four gold medals, three silver medals, one bronze and one fourth place finisher.

It's the best TCMS finish since Zach Stroud was in middle school, Coach Stowers said.

"We had a lot of kids who wrestled a lot of matches and did some really extraordinary things (on Saturday)," Coach Stowers said. "I'm really proud of these kids; it's a special group and we're proud of them and their families. They represent Towns County well."

Keanu Nguyen, Nick Shook, Daulton Rogers and Jared Shook, took gold in their respective weight classes.

Dawson Hogsted, Luke Woody and Dakota Wade claimed silver medals in their respective weight classes.

Chayton McClure took the fourth place medal in the 94-pound weight division.

They may have had the loudest cheer in the building on Saturday when they accepted their third place trophy.

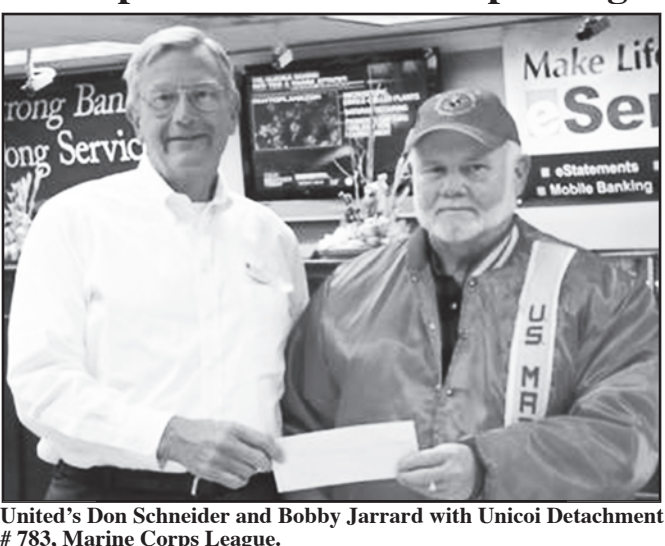
Towns Middle School Wrestlers celebrate their third place finish. Photo by Charles Duncan.

"I'm proud to be a wrestler for Towns County," said Jared Shook, who took the gold in the 185-pound weight division. "I love the sport, we've got great coaches and each one of us wants to do their best when we're out there. It's been a big day today."

Coach Stowers kept his enthusiasm in check after the finals.

"I'm proud for these kids," he said. "They work really hard and they're learning that hard work pays dividends. Like I said, I'm proud for these kids."

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Registration for Upward Indoor Soccer is now open through December 16th for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 6th Grade at www.hopp.org or at www.fumcunioncounty.org. If you register before December 16th, the price to participate will be \$50.

Evaluations will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, December 6th and 8th, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the House of Prayer Church Family Life Center. Registrants are encouraged to come any time during those hours. Practices will begin the week of January 9th, and games will be on Saturdays beginning on January 28th and running thru March 3rd.

For more information, contact either House of Prayer Church office at (706) 745-5925 or First United Methodist Church office at (706) 745-2073. Form and registration fees may also be dropped off, Monday through Friday, at First United Methodist's business office weekdays 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., or the House of Prayer Family Life Center 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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