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Lady Indians drill three opponents, improve to 7-2 record

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team had their way in taking decisive victories over three opponents last week for an overall 7-2 record. The first two wins were Region 8A contests, at Tallulah Falls on Tuesday and at home against Lakeview Academy on Friday, giving the Lady Indians a 2-0 region record. The third win, on Saturday night, came at the expense of Class AA Dawson County. This was the second win of the season against the Dawson County Ladies who will appear later this month in the Battle of the States Tournament in the TCHS Gym.

LADY INDIANS AT TALLULAH FALLS

As has been the case on more than one occasion in recent years, the Tallulah Falls Lady Indians got off to a good start against the Towns County Lady Indians with last week's game being no exception. The Towns Ladies had an 8-2 lead by the 5:22 mark of the first quarter before Tallulah rallied for an 8-8 tie at 4:34.

That would be the last gasp for Tallulah, however, at the Towns County game. The Indians struck for twelve straight points for a 20-8 lead which became 20-10 after one quarter. They then opened the second quarter with a 24-0 run for a 44-10 score near the three minute mark and an eventual 48-14 lead at intermission.

Sophomore Eryn Cochran celebrated an abbreviated return to the lineup after missing weekend games against Rabun County and Union County due to illness with fourteen first half points while freshman Stephanie Patton was close behind with ten by intermission. Seven different Lady Indians then put points on the scoreboard the last half as they held a 63-18 lead after three quarters on the way to a 74-20 victory.

Leading the Lady Indians in scoring for the game were Cochran with 18 points, Gabby Arencibia with 16, Ali Bleckley with 11, Stephanie Patton with 10, Dadrion Blythe with 6, and Bailey Sutton with 5. Leaders in assists, according to your reporter's unofficial tally, were Arencibia and Stephanie Patton with 4 each and Lindsay Patton and Sutton with 2 each. Freshman Misty Lindemuth made her varsity debut in this game up from the Lady Indian JV's and saw lots of action with her first high school points included on a fourth quarter field goal. Kellie Cowart missed the game due to an injury sustained in practice the day before but returned to action for the weekend games.

LADY INDIANS VERSUS LAKEVIEW ACADEMY

The Lakeview Academy Lady Lions fell on hard times last year after a number of years of being one of the top teams in Region 8A, finishing the season with just three wins. They quick-

ly surpassed that total in getting four early season wins this year, including three victories over Region 8AAA opponents and with reason for optimism upon arriving at the home court of the Lady Indians. The optimism had been bolstered by a close loss to the Lady Indians during summer camp although losing the services of a transfer from Gainesville High School who aided that effort but is sidelined by a torn ACL injury.

That optimism was short lived on this night, however, as the Lady Indians jumped out to an 11-2 lead just under three minutes into the first quarter and brushed off a pair of Lady Lions treys reducing the lead to 13-8 by closing the first quarter on a 13-2 run for a 26-12 lead. Six different Lady Indians entered the scoring column in that quarter with Gabby Arencibia and Eryn Cochran leading the way with seven and six points.

It didn't get any better for the Lady Lions in the second quarter nor the third for that matter as the Lady Indians held a 48-17 lead at intermission and a 78-22 bulge after three quarters before the Lady Lions closed the gap a bit in the fourth for an 84-34 Towns victory. Arencibia was again among six Lady Indians placing points on the scoreboard in the second quarter and then the senior sharp shooter really put on a show in the third, reminiscent of her state record setting thirteen treys in a game against Commerce last year.

Arencibia included six treys in a twenty point quarter before sitting out all of the fourth. The senior was accompanied in that third stanza by a pair of treys, her third and fourth of the game, by freshman Stephanie Patton.

Arencibia wound up with 33 points with other leaders being Stephanie Patton with 14, Cochran with 9, Lindsay Patton with 8, Emily Anderson with 6, and Ali Bleckley with 5. The Lady Indians were credited with a basket full of assists with Bleckley leading with a whopping 8 and followed by Cochran with 5, Arencibia with 4, and Stephanie Patton with 3.

LADY INDIANS VERSUS DAWSON COUNTY

The Lady Indians took a come from behind 76-66 victory over the Lady Tigers in Dawsonville last month with Eryn Cochran setting a school record and taking over second place in the state for free throws made in one game by sinking nineteen in twenty attempts. The Lady Indians very well may have set a team record as well as they sank forty three in fifty one attempts in that game and they continued fine free throw shooting in this contest.

There was an added dimension in this game, however, as they used a barrage of 3-point baskets in an incredible closing run as they snapped a third quarter tie and went on a 44-14 finish in taking a 76-46 victory. The Lady Indians had a real



Ali Bleckley fires away against Lakeview. Photo by James Reese.



Emily Anderson gets ready to post a deuce against Lakeview. Photo by James Reese.



Gabby Arencibia fires away a three pointer against Dawson. Photo by James Reese.

battle for more than twenty one minutes with the visiting Lady Tigers with cold shooting by the Lady Indians a contributing factor in the tight battle.

The scoring of Gabby Arencibia with eight first quarter points and eleven for the half had the Lady Indians ahead 17-14 after one quarter but in just a 24-24 tie at intermission after the Lady Tigers opened the game with 4-0 lead. The Lady Indians led for most of the half but with Dawson edging ahead 10-8 and 12-11 in the first quarter and 20-18 a couple of minutes into the second before the halftime standoff.

The Lady Indians regained the lead on a long deuce by Eryn Cochran less than half a minute into the third quarter and held leads of one to four points until the Lady Tigers sank a pair of baskets for a 32-32 tie with

2:43 left in the third quarter. It was a resounding case of here come the Lady Indians after that, however, as Ali Bleckley struck for ten straight points on a pair of treys sandwiched around a put back basket and a coast to coast drive for two in just a minute and ten seconds between the 2:29 mark and the 1:19 mark.

That gave the Lady Indians a sudden 42-32 lead which the Lady Tigers reduced to 42-37 only to see a Kellie Cowart basket as time expired give the Lady Indians a 44-37 lead entering the fourth quarter. Four straight free throws by Arencibia and a put back by Stephanie Patton were nearly matched by a field goal and two free throws by the Lady Tigers for a 50-41 Lady Indian lead with 6:51 left.

The Lady Indians followed, however, with a trey by Stephanie Patton and two by



Eryn Cochran drives to the basket against Lakeview Academy. Photo by James Reese.



Coach Jim Melton takes a whipped cream pie for the team. Photo by James Reese.



Dadrion Blythe makes a pass against Dawson. Photo by James Reese.

Arencibia between the 6:42 and 6:02 marks and a nine point lead was now increased to eighteen in just forty seconds of playing time. With points still hard to come by for the Lady Tigers, the Lady Indians then included ten for fourteen free throw shooting to advantage in breaking away for a resounding 76-46 victory. They accomplished the aforementioned 44-14 finishing run in just ten minutes and twenty nine seconds of playing time.

Arencibia led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 28 points but had lots of help with other leaders being Bleckley with 18 points, Cochran with 10, Stephanie Patton with 9, and Lindsay Patton with 6. Six different Lady Indians received credit for at least one assist with leaders being Bleckley, Cochran, and Stephanie Patton with 4 each and Arencibia

with 3. Arencibia completed a monster weekend, including fifteen treys and eight for ten free throw shooting among 61 points. Overall, the Lady Indians finished the game with nineteen of twenty five percent accuracy with Cochran being six for six and overall incredible twenty five for twenty six accuracy in two games against Dawson County.

The Lady Indians are in action just one time this week for a rematch at Union County this Friday, December 16. This will close out the portion of regular season play with the eighteenth annual Battle of the States Tournament to be played in the Towns County Gym on Tuesday through Thursday, December 27 through 29. Details will be provided in next week's Herald.

Lady Indian JV's win two, improve record to 5-2



McKenzi Moss puts back a shot against Lakeview. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Alyssa Pyle fires a jumper against Lakeview. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

County. It was a mismatch from start to finish in the Lady Indians' home game on Friday against Lakeview Academy as they broke away to a 13-0 first quarter lead which became 21-0 before a Lady Lion trey in the final minute of the first half reduced the lead to 21-3. Eight different Lady Indians entered the scoring column during the first half with a five point first quarter by Misty Lindemuth and four in the first by Bailey Sutton highlighting first half action.

Two treys and a put back by McKenzie Moss for eight points had the Lady Indians on their way to a 34-3 bulge on the scoreboard by the four minute mark of the third quarter with the Lady Indians coasting from there to a 38-15 victory.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians for the game were Moss with 10 points, Sutton with 7 in just two quarters of play, and Lindemuth with 5 while Elizabeth Turner led in assists with 3.

After taking a tough 54-48 victory in Dawsonville last month, the Lady Indians proved



Misty Lindemuth puts up a shot against Lakeview. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.



Madison Johnson puts one up against Lakeview. Photo by Lowell Nicholson.

to be up to the task again in taking a 47-44 victory this time over the Class AA Dawson County Lady Tigers. Your reporter missed the game due to attending son Kevin's graduation from North Georgia College and State University with the simpler coverage resulting perhaps being welcomed by some readers.

The Lady Indians led by varying margins at the quarter breaks of 8-6, 25-17, and 35-30 in taking the 47-44 victory. Four different Lady Indians contributed two points each in first quarter action but with two Lady Indians seeing double duty with the JV's and varsity leading second quarter action. Bailey Sutton included

two treys among ten points and Misty Lindemuth added six points on the strength of three deuces.

Karlle Albach included a trey in four point production in the third quarter when the Lady Tigers reduced the Towns lead to 35-30 with Dawson closing the gap even further by the end of the game but with the Lady Indians prevailing by the 47-44 score. A field goal and 5 for 8 free throw shooting for 7 points by Lindemuth proved decisive as the Lady Indians held on for the win.

The Lady Indians were led in scoring for this game by Lindemuth with 13 points, Sutton with 10 and Albach with 8.

Basketball Individual Scoring

TALLULAH FALLS		
Lady Indians (Grade)		
Eryn Cochran (10)	18	Aaron Dodson (10)
Gabby Arencibia (12)	16	Adam Plott (11)
Ali Bleckley (12)	11	
Stephanie Patton (9)	10	
Dadrion Blythe (11)	6	
Bailey Sutton (10)	5	
Emily Anderson (11)	4	
Misty Lindemuth (9)	2	
Lindsay Patton (12)	2	
Indians (Grade)		
Dakota Barrett (12)	9	
Rylan Albach (12)	8	
Grant Arencibia (9)	8	
Brett Barrett (10)	6	
Brandon Henderson (12)	5	
Dallas Manus (9)	4	
Stetson Hedden (10)	2	
Ryan Tallent (11)	2	

LAKEVIEW ACADEMY		
Lady Indians (Grade)		
Gabby Arencibia (12)	33	
Stephanie Patton (9)	14	
Eryn Cochran (10)	9	
Lindsay Patton (12)	8	
Emily Anderson (11)	6	
Ali Bleckley (12)	5	
Bailey Sutton (10)	4	
Alyssa Pyle (9)	3	
Dadrion Blythe (11)	2	
Indians (Grade)		
Ryan Tallent (11)	11	
Dallas Manus (9)	9	
Brett Barrett (10)	4	
Grant Arencibia (9)	3	
Dakota Barrett (12)	2	
Aaron Dodson (10)	2	
Stetson Hedden (10)	2	
Boone Moss (9)	1	
Lady Indian JV's (Grade)		
McKenzi Moss (10)	10	
Bailey Sutton (10)	7	
Misty Lindemuth (9)	5	
Madison Johnson (9)	4	
Elizabeth Turner (10)	4	
Karlle Albach (9)	2	
Destiney Blythe (10)	2	
Carly Gilfilian (9)	2	
Alyssa Pyle (9)	2	
Indian JV's (Grade)		
Cruz Shook (9)	15	
Grant Arencibia (9)	12	
Jordan Jacobs (11)	8	
Austin Wood (11)	6	



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