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Indians play great baseball in Savannah Tournament over weekend

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Towns County High School finished 2-1 in a three-day baseball tournament this past weekend in Savannah.

The Indians traveled to Alfred E. Beach High School in Savannah on Thursday, Feb. 21, and stayed through Saturday, Feb. 23. They were the only single A school who competed.

And even though the Indians had only gotten to play one game prior to the tournament due to bad weather, they played some great baseball over the weekend, outscoring their opponents 37-13.

In Game 1 of the tournament, the Indians played Beach High School, a triple-A team. Freshman Collin Crowder made his first varsity start on the mound and pitched a good game, only giving up just two unearned runs.

Crowder pitched into the third inning before senior Trent Bradshaw was called in to finish the inning. Bradshaw only pitched for one inning due to the Indians having a 17-point lead over Beach.

Senior Seth Fullerton went 2-2, scored 3 runs, 4 RBIs and had a triple; Brett



Denton went 0-2 with 3 runs; Bradshaw 1-1, one hit, and one RBI; Andrew Griffin 3-4, one run, and two RBIs; Kayden McClure 1-1, two runs, and one RBI; Devyn Burrell 0-3, three runs, and one RBI; and Lane Denton 1-1, two runs, and an RBI.

Bryan County High School in Savannah for Game 2 on Friday, Feb. 22.

"Even though we lost, it was our best game of the tournament," said Head Coach Shannon Floyd. "Down by 2 heading into the fourth, we made a run driving in 4 runs to regain the lead."

The Indians fought hard

in Game 2 after giving up the lead twice, but never let up as they tried to regain the lead in the sixth inning, adding one more run. The boys would fall to Bryan County 10-7 but showed some positive signs when faced with adversity.

Senior Trent Bradshaw started on the mound and pitched into the third inning,

only giving up one hit. Devyn Burrell came into the game in the third to close out the game. Burrell gave up four hits and seven unearned runs.

Senior Brett Denton hit the ball very well in Game 2, going 2-4 at the plate with a triple, two RBIs, and scoring three runs. Sophomore Aiden Berrong hit a sac fly, getting

one of his two RBIs as Denton scored his run from the triple.

Berrong was 1-3 at the plate. Seth Fullerton went 1-4, one run, and one RBI. Bradshaw, Kayden McClure, Devyn Burrell, and Lane Denton all went 1-3.

Senior Seth Fullerton pitched a no-hitter in Game 3 against Liberty County. He certainly pitched a great game, but some great defense helped him finish the game with the no-hitter. Fullerton struck out three batters on 69 pitches, only walking one batter in the sixth.

Fullerton gave up one unearned run off an error as the baserunner stole second and then scoring as a result of the error. Fullerton also hit the ball well, going 1-2 for one RBI.

Senior Kayden McClure hit the ball great in Game 3, going 3-3 at the plate with two RBIs and scoring a run. Denton was 1-4 with one run scored, Andrew Griffin 1-1, two runs scored, Berrong 1-4 with one run and one RBI, Bradshaw 1-2 and one RBI, Lane Denton 1-3 and one run, and Crowder 0-3 with a run.

The Indians' next game will be the home opener on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 4:30 p.m. against Lincoln County.

#	Roster	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	SO	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
6	Noah Wolf	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	1.000	1.000	2.000
31	Brack Burrell	3	4	3	2	2	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	.667	.750	.667	1.417
10	Kayden McClure	4	13	8	5	3	2	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	3	2	.625	.769	.875	1.644
2	Cabe Poston	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.500	.500	.500	1.000
7	Trent Bradshaw	3	8	6	3	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	.500	.500	.667	1.167
9	Andrew Griffin	4	15	13	6	5	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	.462	.533	.538	1.072
12	Aiden Berrong	4	16	13	5	4	0	1	0	5	4	0	2	0	0	2	1	.385	.438	.538	.976
4	Seth Fullerton	4	14	11	4	3	0	1	0	6	4	0	0	1	0	3	1	.364	.500	.545	1.045
24	Lane Denton	4	11	10	3	2	1	0	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	1	3	.300	.364	.400	.764
5	Brett Denton	4	16	14	3	2	0	1	0	2	7	0	1	1	0	2	3	.214	.313	.357	.670
11	Devyn Burrell	4	11	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	4	.125	.364	.125	.489
	Brian Cook	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
21	Chris Long	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1.000	.000	1.000
23	Collin Crowder	4	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	3	.000	.364	.000	.364
27	Collin Zuber	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1.000	.000	1.000
14	Jacob Kinsey	3	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	.000	.250	.000	.250
Totals		4	129	99	34	26	5	3	0	26	38	7	7	3	0	21	21	.343	.481	.455	.935

#	Roster	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	SVO	BS	SV%	H	R	ER	BB	SO	HBP	ERA	WHIP
4	Seth Fullerton	11.0	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	.000	5	7	4	2	9	0	2.545	.636
11	Devyn Burrell	5.0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	4	7	0	2	4	0	.000	1.200
23	Collin Crowder	2.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	0	4	4	0	.000	2.000
7	Trent Bradshaw	2.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	3	0	4	2	1	.000	2.500
2	Cabe Poston	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	3	1	.000	.000
Totals		21.0	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	.000	10	19	4	12	22	2	1.333	1.048

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felt it appropriate to provide information about some remarkable achievements at the foul line by the other members of the team seeing extensive action.

Mention was made in the prior article that decades long observations but with very few verifiable free throw stats readily available bring about the conclusion that around 70-percent accuracy at the foul line by individuals has been considered outstanding by your reporter and others with very rare times for success above this percentage.

It may be that Moss' stunning success from the beginning of the season at the foul line ending with 83.1 percent accuracy brought about an atmosphere leading to great success by his teammates.

Indeed, the percentages of the five players in addition to Moss attempting a significant number of free throws being in the what might be described as quite good to excellent categories of between 56.8 to 66.1-percent and combined with Moss giving the team a stunning 69.9-percent success rate for the season. A noteworthy available comparison is the fact that the Indians 1975 region championship team with a 24-4 record sank just 60.6-percent of their free throws for the season.

But when viewing significant improvement for four of the five as the season progressed and very interesting as well as outstanding success, especially under his circumstances, through-

out the season for the other, your reporter decided to present specific free throw kudos to the additional players.

Senior Will Travis was 51 for 70 for 72.9-percent from the start of the Battle of the States tournament after just 25 for 45 accuracy in prior games; senior Brett Denton sank all eight of his free throw attempts for 100-percent from January 8 through the end of the season after just six for 15 success prior; sophomore Aiden Berrong was 27 for 39 for 69.2-percent success from January 8 forward after just 29 for 56 prior; and senior Trent Bradshaw improved with 21 for 31 accuracy for 67.7-percent from December 7 until a season ending injury on February 1 after missing his first six attempts.

Although freshman Collin Crowder doesn't fit the improvement trend of the four above, his performance at the foul line as a fourteen years old freshman is especially impressive as he was 39 for 55 for 70.9-percent accuracy with the exception of a very brief period of just six for 15 success during a five game stretch between January 12 and January 25.

So a general kudos item in a previous article to the teammates of Kolby Moss became much more impressive when viewing details not noted prior to writing the previous entry and congratulations are due for excellent free throw success to these teammates.

Towns County finishes third; Union comes out on top at 12U District Tourney

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Union County 12U Boys Basketball won the District 7 Class C Tournament at the Towns County Recreation and Conference Center, which took place on Friday, Feb. 15, and Saturday, Feb. 16.

The Towns County Indians got off to a great start Friday, beating White County 80-8, and Union County defeated Commerce Friday night 70-28, while Rabun County defeated Lumpkin County 51-27.

The Panthers beat Lumpkin 61-23 early Saturday, putting them in the semifinal match against Towns County later that day. The Indians and the Panthers were tied at 25 apiece at the end of the first half.

The Panthers came out in the third shooting the lights out from 3. Towns County was never able to get back into the game due to several turnovers, and the Panthers finished the game beating the Indians by a score of 58-48.

Next up, Union County faced the Rabun County Wildcats in the finals after Rabun County defeated Commerce 80-37.

At the end of the first quarter Union and Rabun were tied up at 14, but the Panthers started to pull away in the second quarter, outscoring the



Towns County 12U basketball photos by Chad Stack

wildcats 22-4.

Union lead 36-18 over the Wildcats at half, and after that, the Panthers never looked back, beating the Wildcats 62-38 to earn Union County the First-Place Trophy and title for the 12U Boys District 7 Class

C tournament. Rabun finished in second and Towns County finished third.

State Tournament play gets underway this weekend at Gilmer.



Register now for Towns County Baseball and Softball

Towns County Recreation Department Baseball/Softball registration: January 1st - February 28th. Late Registration: March 1st - March 7th - \$15 Late Fee. The Towns County Recreation Department would like to invite you to participate in our annual Baseball/Softball season with Dizzy Dean. There will be evaluations held the second week of March. If you are interested in coaching, please fill out a coaching application at the Towns County Recreation Department & complete a mandatory background check only after you have been selected as a coach.

Boys Divisions: T-Ball: Ages 5-6 born May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2014 - \$55. 8u: Ages 7-8 born May 1, 2010 to April

30, 2012 - \$60. 10u: Ages 9-10 born May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2010 - \$60. 12u: Ages 11-12 born May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2008 - \$60. 14u: Ages 13-14 born May 1, 2004 to April 30, 2006 - \$60.

Girls Divisions: T-Ball: Ages 5-6 born January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013 - \$55. 8u: Ages 7-8 born January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2011 - \$60. 10u: Ages 9-10 born January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009 - \$60. 12u: Ages 11-12 born January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2007 - \$60. 14u: Ages 13-14 born January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2005 - \$60.

Please register online at www.TownsCountyRec.com or register in person at the Towns County Recreation De-



partment. Towns County Recreation Department will be providing jerseys, pants and adjustable hats that players will be able to keep at the end of the season.

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