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Indians split with Commerce; fall at Prince Avenue

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Towns County dropped two of three last week after splitting a doubleheader with Commerce on Friday in Hiawassee.

On Monday the Indians fell 8-2 to Prince Avenue but senior Jackson Taylor went deep for the fourth straight game.

In game one on Friday, Towns County edged Commerce 7-6 thanks to two runs in the bottom of the seventh by Major Moss and Brody Graper.

Moss finished 2-for-2 while Taylor was 1-for-3 but saw his long ball streak come to an end. However, he did extend his hitting streak to 14 games during the twin bill.

Will DeVries got the start and lasted 6 2/3 innings – allowing five earned runs, eight hits, and fanning six.

Zach Davenport recorded the win in just 1/3 innings but he was able to stop the bleeding in the top half of the seventh and keep his team within a run at 6-5.

After falling behind 3-0 in the first, Towns answered with three in their half of the inning when Adam Griffin drove in DeVries with a base hit to center, Moss was plunked with the bases loaded and Graper followed with a walk.

The Tigers made it 4-3 with a pair of singles sandwiched around a sacrifice bunt in the fourth.

Towns finally snatched the lead away in the fifth when an error off the bat of Kobe Denton scored Adam Barrett and Graper for a 5-4 advantage.

In the seventh, Com-



Towns County baseball has a full slate of home games this week as they face both region and non region opponents. Photos/Lowell Nicholson

merce opened with a walk and a single, then a fielders choice put runners at the corners with one down.

A sacrifice fly to center tied things up at 5-5 before a stolen base and a single put Commerce up 6-5.

In the second game, Commerce prevailed 11-9 thanks to a five-run sixth after Towns held an 8-6 advantage.

Once again, the Tigers jumped out to a 3-0 lead but the Indians tied it up with one in the third on an RBI double from Taylor, and two in the fourth on bases loaded walks by Davenport and DeVries.

Two errors led to three Commerce runs in the fifth but Towns exploded for five in the bottom half of the inning.

A one-out double by Moss scored Griffin – who

single to lead off the inning. The next three batters, Graper, Bradshaw, and Kobe Denton were each hit by a pitch, with the third one scoring Moss with the bags full.

Davenport followed with a base hit to center to knot the score at 6-6 before a bloop single by DeVries brought home Bradshaw.

The final run came on a sacrifice fly by Taylor – scoring Kobe Denton – to give the Indians an 8-6 lead.

The Tigers' ensuing five-run explosion was also aided by a hit batter when the leadoff hitter was plunked and the next batter drew a four-pitch walk.

A base hit to right trimmed the Indians lead to 8-7, then consecutive errors put Commerce in front 9-8.

Following a fly out and



a ground out, the Tigers tacked on back-to-back, two-out RBI singles to go up 11-8.

In the bottom of the sixth, Barrett reached on a leadoff walk then advanced to third on a passed ball and a ground out. With one down, he would score on another passed ball but the Indians would be unable to get no closer than 11-9.

A DeVries walk in the seventh brought the tying run to the plate but a fly out and strikeout followed to end the game.

In the loss to Prince Av-

enue Kobe Denton, DeVries, and Moss each finished with a two-hit game while Taylor went deep but it wasn't enough as the visitors jumped out to a 3-0 lead (the first of three 3-0 deficits the Indians would face on the week) before Towns trimmed it to 3-2 in the fourth.

Prince would use a four run sixth to put the Indians away by a score of 8-2.

Towns finished with nine hits to Prince's 12 but three Indian errors proved costly.

Bradshaw started the game and went four innings –

allowing three earned runs and seven hits.

Seth Fullerton also allowed three earned in two innings before Moss worked a scoreless seventh.

Up next, the Indians will host Chestatee from Class AAAA on Wednesday before returning to region play when Providence comes calling on Friday.

On Monday, Towns County hosted Oglethorpe County but it came after the deadline. Stats and results will be available next week.

Towns County baseball season stats (offense and pitching)

#	Roster	GP	PA	AB	H	1B	2B	3B	HR	RBI	R	HBP	ROE	FC	CI	BB	K	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
23	Zach Davenport	16	60	52	15	14	1	0	0	6	11	1	4	2	0	6	8	.288	.373	.308	.681
2	Kobe Denton	16	59	50	12	9	2	0	1	3	8	2	1	0	0	6	21	.240	.345	.340	.685
15	Will DeVries	16	59	47	18	12	4	1	1	12	15	1	0	2	0	11	6	.383	.508	.574	1.083
34	Jackson Taylor	16	58	50	20	11	3	0	6	20	11	1	1	1	0	7	11	.400	.483	.820	1.303
6	Andrew Griffin	16	54	41	13	11	2	0	0	7	1	1	2	0	0	12	8	.317	.481	.366	.847
17	Adam Barrett	16	53	46	10	9	1	0	0	5	4	1	2	2	0	6	24	.217	.321	.239	.560
11	Major Moss	16	53	43	10	7	2	1	0	3	8	3	3	1	0	5	12	.233	.353	.326	.679
29	Brody Graper	15	46	39	10	7	3	0	0	6	7	1	4	0	0	6	15	.256	.370	.333	.703
4	Seth Fullerton	11	26	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	6	12	.000	.231	.000	.231
7	Trent Bradshaw	7	20	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	3	0	0	0	9	.000	.158	.000	.158
5	Brett Denton	14	7	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	1	0	1	3	.333	.429	.333	.762
24	Denton Lane	5	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.500	.500	.500	1.000
10	McClure Kayden	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
19	Trey Chastain	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
21	Walters Hayden	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000	.000	.000	.000
3	Burrell Deven	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000	.000
27	Floyd Kendall	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
14	Kensey Jacob	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000	.000	.000	.000
Totals		16	506	421	111	83	18	2	8	63	80	14	22	9	0	66	136	.264	.381	.373	.754

#	Roster	IP	GP	GS	W	L	SV	SVO	BS	SV%	H	R	ER	BB	K	HBP	ERA	WHIP
17	Adam Barrett	19.0	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	.000	27	39	20	14	19	5	7.368	2.158
29	Brody Graper	3.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	6	5	3	0	1	0	7.000	2.000
3	Burrell Deven	6.2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	8	14	12	10	4	2	12.600	2.700
14	Kensey Jacob	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	1	1	0	1	7.000	2.000
2	Kobe Denton	0.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	.000
11	Major Moss	4.0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	8	6	4	1	1	2	7.000	2.250
4	Seth Fullerton	12.2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	15	10	5	7	6	4	2.763	1.737
7	Trent Bradshaw	8.1	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000	15	18	10	8	2	4	8.400	2.760
15	Will DeVries	28.1	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	.000	35	23	16	9	27	1	3.953	1.553
23	Zach Davenport	15.2	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000	14	18	9	7	15	1	4.021	1.340
Totals		98.2	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	.000	129	134	79	57	75	20	5.605	1.885



Thursday Morning Fishing Tournament

Once again spring has come to Lake Nottley.

Time to go fishing. Everyone is invited to join us at Deaver Town Ramp on the first Thursday of April.

Time of blast off is 7 a.m. This tournament is in memory of Bobby Clayton, who passed away recently. A good friend to many. We will miss you Bobby. NT(Mar29,22)CA



Trout stocking sites week of March 20-24, 2017

Fannin: Big Creek, Hemptown Creek, Hothouse Creek, Little Fightingtown Creek, Noontootla Creek, Sugar Creek, Rock Creek, Rock Creek Lake, Toccoa River, Toccoa River Tailwaters of Lake Blue Ridge, and Wilsco Creek.

Gilmer: Boardtown Creek and Rock Creek.

Lumpkin: Cane Creek, Clay Creek, Dockery Lake, Etowah River, Nimbwill Creek, and Ward Creek.

Union: Canada Creek, Cooper Creek, Suches Creek, Toccoa River, Wildhog Creek, and Winfield Scott Lake.

Note: Information is subject to change. Please call the hatchery at 706-838-4723 for questions. Stay up-to-date on stocking with Facebook www.facebook.com/chattahoocheeforestnflh. The hatchery also provides trout for the state. Please contact Georgia DNR for information on sites stocked by the state.

Recreation Department annual Easter Egg Hunt 2017

The Towns County Recreation Department will be hosting its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, 2017. The hunt will begin promptly at 10:30 a.m.

All boys and girls ages 4 thru 9 are invited to come out and enjoy the hunt.

The hunt will be held on the recreation ball fields located on Hwy. 76 just west of Hiawassee. Entrance to the ball

field complex will be through the upper gate located near the Georgia Mountain Fair Office. We will have over 2,500 eggs, including special prize eggs!

The hunt is free and for all boys and girls ages 4 through 9. Make plans now to join The Recreation Department on Saturday, April 15th at 10:30 a.m. For more information contact The Recreation Department at 706-896-2600.

VFW hosts Pickleball Tournament

VFW Post 7807 Auxiliary is hosting a Pickleball Tournament at the Towns County Lakeside Pickleball Courts on April 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come support our veterans by participating in the silent auction, bake sale, and lunch. All proceeds will go to helping veterans. For more information contact the Auxiliary President Julie Andrews at (941) 914-0699.