

# Towns County Sports

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## Indians begin football practice this week; season opens Aug. 17 at Hayesville

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While the status of Towns County's Saturday scrimmage at Banks County is still up in the air (as of Monday's deadline), you can guarantee that pads will be popping Wednesday - the Georgia High School Association's official start of padded practices.

Another sure bet is the direction of the Indians football program under Head Coach John Cornett. In two seasons, Cornett has guided Towns County to eight wins - the most of any TCHS coach in their first two seasons.

In fact, Cornett is two wins away from passing Gary Bell for the third most coaching victories in school history. In second is Hosea Collins with 16 wins; Kyle Langford is first with 17.

Following next week's scrimmage with Lumpkin County, Cornett will have his first shot at tying Bell when the Indians open the season Aug. 17 at Hayesville, NC.

Towns County will look to improve to 3-0 vs the Yellow Jackets under Coach Cornett. Prior to Cornett's arrival, Hayesville had won 20 of the 21 meetings with their cross-lake rival. The only Indians' victory came in 2009 by a score of 48-12.

Following a bye week, Towns County welcomes Union County for the home opener on Aug. 31.

The Panthers haven't visited Hiwassee since 2014 - a 57-14 Union victory. Game two will also mark the first taste of the



A Union receiver gets acquainted with the Indian defense during a recent 7-on-7. Photo/Todd Forrest

Towns - Union rivalry for Cornett, who looks to flip the script as he did with Hayesville.

Like the Yellow Jackets rivalry prior to Cornett, the Indians have only defeated the Panthers once (1993) in 30 tries.

The final non-region matchup takes place Sept. 7 when the Indians host Andrews, NC.

The Indians and Wildcats haven't met since 2006 - a 26-0 Andrews victory. Towns is 1-5 all-time vs the Wildcats with the win coming in 2003 by a 14-7 score.

Region play opens on Sept. 14 with a trip to George Walton. The Indians are 0-4 vs the Bulldogs but have narrowed the margin in each of the last three

contests. In 2015, Towns lost 24-0; then 21-6 in 2016 and 17-7 last season.

The region home opener is Sept. 21 vs Athens Academy.

Last season, the Indians fell 53-13 to the seventh ranked Spartans - marking the fourth meeting between Towns County and a ranked Athens Academy squad. In the 16 previous meetings with the Spartans, the closest result was a 28-13 Indians loss in 1983.

The month of September closes with a trip to Riverside Military Academy of Gainesville.

Towns County has won 12-of-20 meetings all-time vs the Eagles, including 11-of-12 dating

back to 1992.

Cornett is 2-0 vs RMA coming off last year's 35-21 victory.

The Indians will host Hebron as October gets underway. Towns County is 4-6 all-time vs the Lions despite winning four of the first six meetings.

Hebron has reeled off four-straight over the Indians with a 31-13 loss in 2016 the narrowest margin during the streak.

Commerce visits Towns County on Oct. 19 for the 23rd meeting between the schools.

In the previous 22 meetings -- all won by Commerce -- the Tigers were ranked in 12 of the matchups while entering twice as

the No. 1 team.

The Indians travel to Lakeview on Oct. 26 where they hope to even the series at six wins apiece.

Towns County has won four of the previous five meetings, including a 56-13 rout late last season to help secure a postseason berth.

This fall, a postseason berth will likely be determined

by the Region 8-A crossover game on Nov. 2, where the Indians could face one of the remaining region schools: Athens Christian, Prince Avenue, or Providence.

The status of Towns County's scrimmage with Banks County will be posted on Twitter at @hotrodtodd25 along with posts on Facebook and Instagram.

## Ridges Ladies Golf highlights

Eleven women competed in the weekly game of best two net balls of four. The news of the day came along with Jean Sullivan of Robbinsville, NC. Jean travels 70 miles each week to play golf with her girlfriends at The Ridges. Jean had a fabulous game with two natural birdies resulting in net eagles and she shot one of her personal best scores 97, after a long dry spell! Her name was drawn as random proxy by game organizer Nancy Outlaw. However, it was not enough to help the team of Pat Dieckman, Carol Millward and Desna Wallin-Jarrett who came in 3rd place. She did help carry her team to a first-place finish after a three-hole play-off!

Winners are: 1st place-126 points Beckie Suverkrup,

Katie Caltagirone, Jean Sullivan and Mary Ann Strider.

2nd place-126 points Diana Azor, Nancy Outlaw, Dee Ramsey, and BJ Swilley.

3rd place-128 points Pat Dieckman, Carol Millward, Desna Wallin-Jarrett and proxy Jean Sullivan.

Birdie winners were Jean Sullivan chip in birdie on par 3 hole #11, and par 5 #14.

A collective lunch was offered in the Ridges Grill Lounge where everyone enjoyed lunch, libations and laughter!

Non-member women are always welcome to play on Thursdays league day with a verifiable handicap. USGA Rules of Golf prevail. Please call The Ridges pro shop for additional details at 828-389-9000 option 1. NT(Aug1,GI)SH

## Local Racing results: Blue Ridge and Tri-County

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Blue Ridge Motorsports Park hosted a race last Saturday July 28th. Here are the top five finishers.

**Street Stock** - Coming in first place was No. 14 Charles Devine Jr. Taking second place was No. 9 Jim Twigg. Finishing third was No. 01 Jacob Lynch. In fourth place was No. 67 Sam Jones. Finishing in fifth place was No. 21 Dannie Worley.

**Modified Street** - Coming in first place was No. 7 Danny McLeod. Placing second was No. F4 Mike Frank. Coming in third place was No. 81 John Howard. Crossing the finish line in fourth place was No. 44 Rod Roberts. Finishing fifth was No. 4 Jacob Parris.

**Hot Shots** - Coming in first place was No. 6 Colton Koetter. Finishing in second place was No. 43 Franklin Burk Jr. Finishing third was No. 05 Colton Berrong. Placing fourth was No. 87x Jordan Morens. Taking fifth place was No. 01 Brent Lynch.

**Limited** - Coming in first place was No. 15 Ethan Hunter. Taking second place was No. 16w Wesley English. Finishing in third place was No. 12 Daniel

Wilson. Coming in fourth place was No. 4 Trig Parris. Rounding out the top five was No. 30 Daren Dilbert.

**Pony** - Coming in first place was No. 5w Jackie Holden. Finishing in second place was No. 32 Franklin Burk. Coming in third place was No. T9 Donnie Loure. Taking home fourth place was No. 43 Tain Ross. Finishing in fifth place was No. 69k Keith Hackney.

Tri-County Racetrack hosted a race last Friday night July 27th. Here are the top five results from each class.

**Street Stock** - No. 43 Michael Harper walks away with another win. Coming in second place was No. 16 Ben Carswell. Finishing in third place was No. 01 Jacob Lynch. Placing fourth was No. J69 Jim Weller. No. 22 Mark Wright finished in fifth.

**Crate** - Finishing in first place was No. 200 Jacob Anderson. Coming in second place was No. 29 Jason Welshan. Taking third place was No. c11 Michael Courthey. Coming in fourth place was No. 22 Jamison Earley. Placing fifth was No. 12 Drew Deaver.

**Pony** - Taking the checkered flag was No. 32 Franklin Burk. Coming in second place was No. 15 Ryan Crawford. Finishing in third place was No. H3 Harley Holden. Coming in

fourth place was No. 11x Lucas Beaver. Taking home fifth place was No. 8 Ricky Queen.

**Late Models** - Coming in first place was No. 38 Jamie Oliver. In second place was No. 96 Bobby Panter. Coming in third place was No. H-4 Levi Hicks. Finishing in fourth place was No. R12 Rodney Weeks. Rounding out the top five was No. 11c Preston Crisp.

**Beginner 602** - Coming in first place was No. 35 Dillon Daves. Finishing in second place was No. 25 Jacob Hamby. Third place belonged to No. 56J Jason Berrong. Finishing in fourth place was No. 56C Colton Berrong. In fifth place was No. 41 Jeff Holloway.

**FW Drive** - Coming in first place was No. 05 Hunter Hughes. Coming in second place was No. Q2 Jim Exum. Finishing in third place was No. 104 James Queen. Finishing in fourth was No. 74 Dj Worley. Coming in fifth place was No. 2 Stephen Godfrey.

**Limited** - Coming in first place was No. 16w Wesley English. Second place went to No. 5 John Eller. Finishing in third place was No. 55 Kip Cochran. Coming in fourth place was No. 11 Dalton Cochran. Finishing in fifth was No. 1 David Conley.

## August is Shooting Sports Month

Created to encourage participation in the shooting sports and emphasize firearms safety, the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division encourages you to celebrate the 2018 National Shooting Sports Month throughout August.

"We are truly excited about promoting National Shooting Sports Month," said Jennifer Pittman, Hunter Development Program Manager. "This is the perfect incentive for our regu-

lar range customers to introduce someone new to the sport they love and for those who haven't been out to the range lately to get back out there and get in some practice, so if you're a fan of the shooting sports, come on out and see what we have to offer."

Whether you're an experienced competitor, a hunter or a person interested in acquiring their first firearm and learning how to shoot, you are encouraged to visit a range near you for the purpose of skill building and firearms safety education:

Find a range near you, visit [georgiawildlife.com/locations/ranges](http://georgiawildlife.com/locations/ranges). Need to know more about safely using a firearm? Visit [georgiawildlife.com/give-it-a-shot](http://georgiawildlife.com/give-it-a-shot).

For national information, visit [shootingsports-month.org](http://shootingsports-month.org) to learn more, and be sure to "Like" NSSF's Facebook page to see updates from other participating ranges and retailers near you, as well as stories from friends and family across the country helping everyone celebrate this special event. NT(Aug1,F3)SH

## New hunting seasons and regulations guide available

Now online and in print, the 2018-2019 Georgia Hunting Seasons and Regulations Guide is available, announces the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division. This guide provides important information on season dates, bag limits, hunting licenses, wildlife management areas, quota hunts, youth opportunities and much more. You may view, download and print the guide at [georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations](http://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations). Pick up a printed copy at Wildlife Resources Division offices and license vendors throughout Georgia.

Some of the major changes to the hunting regulations this year include:  
Non-resident Youth

Sportsman's License: This annual license can be purchased by nonresident youth through age 15. It includes privileges for all Hunting and Fishing, including Big Game and Trout (not the Quota Alligator Harvest Permit).

Baiting: Deer may be hunted over or near any bait on private lands in all counties.

New Public Hunting Opportunities: Several new properties will be available, including Gaither WMA (Newton County), Ohoopie Dunes WMA-6,000+acres (Effingham County); Bullard Creek WMA-491 acres (Jeff Davis County) and several new VPA properties. More at [georgiawildlife.com/allwmas](http://georgiawildlife.com/allwmas).  
Mentor Program: DNR

is in the process of creating a new mentor program to help connect experienced sportsmen with those just starting out. Visit [georgiawildlife.com/mentor](http://georgiawildlife.com/mentor) for more details.

Members of the Board of Natural Resources enact hunting regulations by acting on recommendations made by the Division's professional wildlife biologists. Georgia's game and fish laws are enacted by the elected members of the General Assembly.

For more information on Georgia hunting seasons and regulations, visit [georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations](http://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations) or contact a local Wildlife Resources Division office ([georgiawildlife.com/about/contact](http://georgiawildlife.com/about/contact)). NT(Aug1,F2)SH



Brent Lynch places fifth in the Hot Shots race.