

Towns County Sports

Towns County's Leader In Sports

www.townscountyherald.net • E-mail: tcherald@windstream.net

Davenport's 179 yards and 3 TDs lead Indians past Hayesville 38-21

By Todd Forrest
Towns County Herald
sports@nganews.com

Zach Davenport and the Towns County rushing attack did a number on the visiting Yellow Jackets from Hayesville, NC.

And that number was 344 to be exact.

The Indians rushing attack finished with 344 yards on 40 carries for an average of 8.6 yards per carry.

"It all boils down to our offensive line opening holes," Head Coach John Cornett said. "We've got two good running backs who both probably went over 100 yards, but overall it was a nice team win. You can't give credit to just one person. All 11 guys on the field played great."

Meanwhile, the Yellow Jackets were unable establish a running game against a stingy Towns County defense that allowed just 79 yards on 30 carries.

It also didn't help Hayesville that they were playing catch-up all game long.

The Indians started the game near midfield when an onside kick was unsuccessful and Towns drove inside the Jackets' 10-yard line, where the Indians were forced to settle for a 32-yard field goal from Wesley Calhoun.

On Hayesville's first play from scrimmage, Towns recovered a fumble at the 13 and one play later, Cole Ledford took it to the house for a 10-0 advantage with 5:37 left in the first.

The Jackets answered quickly with a 74-yard touchdown pass, thanks in large part to a missed tackle at midfield that allowed the Hayesville receiver to jog uncontested into the end zone.

The PAT failed after a



Towns County's Zach Davenport dives for extra yardage. Football game photos by Todd Forrest and Lowell Nicholson

high snap and the Towns lead was trimmed to 10-6 at the 4:10 mark of the opening quarter.

On the Indians' second play of the series, quarterback Trent Bradshaw and Davenport executed the option to perfection when the pitch to Davenport resulted in a 70-yard scoring run down the near sideline.

Leading 17-6, Towns' defense forced a three-and-out and following a punt, Bradshaw and the offense set up shop at the Hayesville 34.

Consecutive keepers by Bradshaw moved the Indians inside the 10. From there, he handed off to Logan Cowart and he bullied his way up the middle for a nine-yard score.

With 11:55 to play in the second, it was all Towns County, 24-6.

The defense forced another three-and-out and the offense was once again on the move.

A pass interference penalty moved Towns into Yellow Jacket territory until a fumble derailed the drive at the Hayesville 41.

Another Yellow Jacket punt was followed up by Towns' second straight turnover. This time, Hayesville picked off Bradshaw at their own 8-yard line with 5:00 to play before halftime.

Hayesville quarterback Alan Gillis had his offense

driving into Indian territory until an interception by Will Travis halted the Jackets at the 21-yard line.

The second half opened with a 12-play, 77-yard scoring drive by Hayesville to trim the Towns County lead to 24-14 with 6:35 to play in the third.

The Indians ensuing possession began at the 35 but stalled after an early first down, resulting in a rare Towns County punt.

Looking to pull within one score, the Jackets were intercepted by Ledford at their own 48.

When the third quarter came to a close, the Indians were in the red zone and look-

ing to put the game away with a touchdown.

Unfortunately, Towns was denied on 4th-and-10 from the 20 and Hayesville took over with 11:45 remaining.

A 16-yard pickup gave the Jackets some life but the Indians quickly forced three incompletions, before Cowart forced a fumble with a fourth down strip-sack.

"The defense played great and they're just some tough kids," coach Cornett said. "We tried to keep our toughest 11 players out there because we knew Hayesville would fight hard and they wouldn't quit. Kudos to them, they played really tough."

Just 25 yards away from the goal line, Davenport carried twice for gains of 5 and 12 yards. With a 1st-and-goal at the eight, Ledford powered his way to the two but Towns would be denied on two straight attempts from just outside the end zone.

Finally, Davenport punched it in on 4th-and-goal from the one - putting a stranglehold on the Jackets at 31-14 with 7:49 to play.

A turnover on downs by Hayesville handed the ball back to Towns at the 32 and with 4:01 remaining, Davenport scored his third touchdown (16 yards) of the day for a 38-14 advantage.

"We've got to learn to answer like that," Cornett said. "Last year we'd get inside the 20 and couldn't score. This year we have a nice kicker who kicked a field goal on the first drive, but this year we need to finish, and that's what we did. If we want to go to that next level, it's something we're going to have to continue to do."

The Jackets completed a nine-play, 66-yard scoring drive with a 4-yard touchdown pass with 31 seconds left.

Davenport wasn't the only Indians back to go over 100 yards as Ledford wound up with 103 yards and a score on 12 carries.

Bradshaw rushed six times for 33 yards, Chambers went for 20 yards on six carries, and Cowart finished with nine yards and a score on three carries.

The next game will be in two weeks at George Walton Academy and according to Cornett, that's all his team is focused on.

"That's our super bowl," he said. "We only have one game on our schedule and that's George Walton. For the next two weeks we're going to treat it as it's the last game of our lives."



Tri-County Racing Report

By Blake Lynch
North Georgia News
Sports Special

Blue Ridge MotorSport Park the week off from car racing. There will be a full racing program including Super Late Models on Aug. 26, 2017.

Tri-County Racetrack had their fan appreciation night on Aug 18th. There was something for everyone this week. Fans were greeted to \$ 7 grandstand tickets and a moon pie to celebrate the eclipse. They had a full racing program plus kids bicycle race and vintage cars.

Street Stock was fight to the finish between #14 Charles Devine, Jr. and # 1 Michael Barnett. Devin to home the win. Marlin Gunter # 91 was third followed by # 7 Dylan Truhan and #01 Jacob Lynch to rolled out the top 5.

Modified Street had a surprise as # 34 Greg Sudderth from 3rd to a 1st place win. Then #48 Colton Stroud for 2nd followed by # 44 Bobby Elkins, # 88 Rickey Smith, and # 93 Cardell Turner.

Pony had an upset by Franklin Burke not being able

to make is 3 in a row as he was caught up in a crash early in the race. The win was taken by # 55 Jamie Cross, followed by # 15 Ryan Crawford , #36 Michael Yunker, #00 Adam Brooks and #10 Barney Cross.

Super Late Models David Payne # 8 lost the battle to # 38 Jamie Oliver for the win. #6 Blake Spencer for 3rd , # 00 Johnny Chastain and # 4 Danny Ledford.

Beginner 602 The beginner class got off to a ruff start with multiple crashes. Avery Breedlove #101 took home the win with a awesome battle at the beginning of the race with Allison Southarab in the #108. Jason Black finished 3rd in the #8 car. Les Elliot finished 4th in the #77 car and Jordan Talent finished out the the top five in the #T12 car.

Crate Late Models Jason Deal #7 won the race and lead the race from the start to the finish. Adam Smith #14 came in 2nd. Brett Shook in the #17 car finished 3rd. Kenny Barrett in the #9 came in 4th. Lynn Burchfield finished 5th in the #43car.

Limited Late Models Justin Gravelly in the #41 took home the win. David Conley came in 2nd. Levi Hicks in the #4h came in 3rd. Wesley English in the #16w car came in 4th. Michael Barnett in the #37 car came in 5th

VFW Golf League

The VFW Golf League plays each Thursday at the Chatuge Shores Golf Course. It is open to all members of the VFW and American Legion regardless of post affiliation. It was another great day at Chatuge Shores and 11 teams played for the weekly win. The team of Joe Proper, Bill Hinnant, Randy Thompkins and Jerry Sullenberger came out on top with a -6 to win the day thanks to a great drive by Bill and a long putt by Jerry to eagle the number 4 hole.

Trout stocking sites week of August 14-18, 2017

Fannin: Rock Creek, Toccoa River and Toccoa River Tailwaters (below Lake Blue Ridge Dam)

Union: Cooper Creek and Toccoa River

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

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golfers pick partners

Tuesday, August 15th, CSLGA had fourteen ladies out to play on a rather warm day for the mountains of NC. The game was Pick Your Partner and scoring was based on the better gross or net ball of the two partners.

Low Gross scoring went to the team of Judy Schmitt and Nancy Steck.

Low Net - 1st Place went to Glenda Geddings and Claudia Rinaldo, with Low Net - 2nd Place the team of Barbara Boswell and Nancy Outlaw.

Sandy Jersey took the prize for Chip-ins and Barbara Boswell had the fewest putts.

The ladies are scheduled to play Tuesday, August 22nd. Guests are always welcome. Call Judy Schmitt to sign-up 828-389-7095. T(Aug23,F2)SH



Lorene Avery set to drive Hole No. 2.

Warriors Veterans Outreach Golf Tournament September 8th

Warriors Veterans Outreach and Warriors Scholarship Fund are joining together in conducting a golf tournament. Money raised will be contributed to the Warriors Veterans Outreach, an organization that assists local veterans in need of help.

The tournament, a four person, best ball event will be held at the Old Union Golf Course with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. on September 8th. Food will be provided by Chick-fil-A prior to the start of the contest.

Cost of the tournament is \$220 or \$55 for individuals. Trophies will be awarded in various categories: first and

second place for mens foursomes; first and second place for ladies foursomes; closest to pin on selected holes for both men and ladies and longest drive on selected holes for men and ladies.

In case of bad weather, rain date is September 15. Registration deadline is by September 1. Prior to and during the tournament, there will be raffles on some very nice items. Drawings will be held after the end of the tournament.

For registration or questions, please call Skip Belton at 706-745-2273 or Charles Sowers at 706-745-5123. Registration is due by September 1st. N(Aug23,Z9)CA