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Basketball: Lady Indians surge past Johnson-Gainesville in scrimmage

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team gave a strong preview of their upcoming 2018-19 season last Saturday when they breezed to a home court 59-22 victory over Class AAAAA Johnson High School of Gainesville.

This was a preseason scrimmage game not counting as a part of their upcoming season record.

The first quarter actually proved to be quite a battle as the Lady Indians got leads of 2-0 on a drive for two points by senior Taylor Cornett, 4-2 on two free throws by sophomore Kennedy Henson, and 8-7 and 10-8 on field goals by sophomore Vanessa Floyd.

The second basket by Floyd at the six seconds mark of that first quarter turned out to be the beginning of the end for the Lady Knights.

The Lady Indians used a 16-1 second quarter advantage to build a 26-9 lead at intermission with Cornett and Floyd completing eight point first half production with two baskets each and senior newcomer Demya Allen likewise sinking two field goals and junior Sophia Shook adding a trey.

Ten different Lady Indians put points on the scoreboard in second half action with third quarter highlights



Towns County's Kennedy Henson at the free throw line during the scrimmage game victory over Johnson-Gainesville. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

being six by Allen on two field goals and a pair of free throws, five by senior Kristen Byers on a trey and two free throws, and five by Cornett on a trey and a deuce, and three on a trey by sophomore Jayce Young in the third.

The Lady Indians held a 50-15 lead entering the mercy rule shortened fourth quarter as they finished off the 59-22

victory. Four points on two baskets by sophomore Remi Parker and two points each on baskets by sophomores Ivie Davenport and Maci Walls highlighted fourth quarter action.

Scoring leaders for the Lady Indians for the game were Cornett with 13 points, Allen and Floyd with 10 each,

and Byers and Henson with 5 each. Leaders in assists were Cornett, Henson, and Shook with 3 each and Floyd and Parker with 2 each.

Jazmyn Gooch led the Lady Knights in scoring for the game with 13 points. Additional Lady Indians not mentioned above are seniors Kenzlee Denton and Erika Spano, sophomore Abby

Mauldin, and freshmen Bazya Smith and Emily Vargas.

Unfortunately, misfortune has beset the Lady Indians again this year after losing Henson for half of last season due to a knee injury. This year, Spano, a top flight defensive specialist and sharp 3-point shooting threat, is sidelined by a knee injury but there is hope that she will be

able to return to action before the end of the season.

After opening regular season play on Tuesday of this week by hosting Hiwassee Dam, the Lady Indians and Indians travel to Union County next Tuesday, November 20, at 6:00 pm for their only games during that Thanksgiving week.

Basketball: Indians fall to last minute Andrews, NC scoring surge

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In a game highlighted by dominate scoring runs by both teams, the Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team fell victim to a 10-0 scoring run during the final minute of play in falling to the Andrews Wildcats last Saturday in the Towns County gym.

This was a preseason scrimmage not counting as a part of the Indians' upcoming season record but served as a preview against a quite impressive Wildcats squad.

There were nine lead changes and two ties in first quarter action with the Indians using a 9-3 finish in rallying from a 17-13 deficit for a 22-20 lead at quarter's end with senior Will Travis scoring eight points, sophomores Aidan Berrong and Kolby Moss contributing four each, and seniors Trent Bradshaw and Dylan Shook adding treys for three points each.

The Indians continued the scoring surge by opening the second quarter with a 12-3 run highlighted by two treys by Moss for an overall 21-6 run in six minutes and eleven seconds of playing time between the 2:20 mark of the first quarter and 4:09 of the second for a 34-23 lead.

But the Wildcats would respond by including two treys and an old fashioned three point play for a stunning 20-0 run of their own in just six minutes and twenty nine seconds between the 3:42 mark of the second quarter and 5:13 of the third for a 43-34 lead.

Incredibly, the Indians would then embark on a 13-0 run highlighted by a three point play and two deuces by Travis for seven points and a



The Towns County Indians in action during a scrimmage vs Andrews, NC. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

trey and two free throws by Moss between 4:56 and 1:59 marks for a 47-43 advantage.

The Wildcats then scored five straight points for a 48-47 lead but a Travis basket with twenty one seconds on the clock gave the Indians a 49-48 lead entering the fourth quarter.

The Indians then got a 51-51 tie on a field goal by Bradshaw and a 53-51 lead on two free throws by Moss

by the 5:45 mark of the fourth quarter and baskets at 4:39 and 3:23 by Berrong had the Indians ahead 57-53.

A field goal at 2:26 and two free throws at exactly the one minute mark by Moss seemed to give the Indians some breathing room for a 61-55 advantage.

The Wildcats had other ideas, however, as they struck for a trey at fifty five seconds and stole the inbounds pass

and completed a three point play at 51.2 seconds for a sudden 61-61 standoff.

The Indians missed two free throws at 49.7 seconds and the Wildcats held the ball for a last shot. They sank two free throws at 4.4 seconds for a 63-61 lead and clinched a 65-61 victory on two more free throws at 2.2 seconds after a long Indians inbounds pass sailed out of bounds near mid court.

Scoring leaders for the Indians for the game were Moss with 21 points, Travis with 19, Berrong with 11, and Bradshaw with 7 while seven different Indians contributed at least one assist with leaders being Bradshaw with 3 and Berrong and Moss with 2 each.

Moss sank all six of his free throw attempts but the other Indians appearing at the foul line struggled in this game by sinking just two of ten attempts for overall eight for eighteen accuracy compared to

18 for 22 by Andrews, including sinking their last eight attempts in the fourth quarter.

The Wildcats were led in scoring by sophomore Kabe Ellis with 21 points and senior Cody Mathis with 19.

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Towns County Basketball Schedule 2018-19							
Date	Opponent	Place	JVG/JVB	JV Time	VAR Time	JV BUS Leaves	VAR BUS Leaves
November							
13 Tues	Hiwassee Dam, NC	Home	JV Boys	4:15pm	6:00pm		
20 Tues	Union County	Away	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm		
27 Tues	Lumpkin County	Away	JV Boys	4:30pm	6:00pm		
30 Fri	Athens Christian	Away	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm		
December							
4 Tue	Tallulah Falls	Away	JV Boys	4:30pm	6:00pm		
7 Fri	Rabun County	Home	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm		
8 Sat	Union County	Home	Both JV	3:00pm	6:00pm		
14 Fri	Commerce	Home	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm		
15 Sat	Fannin County	Away	Both JV	1:00pm	4:00pm		
20 Thur	Hiwassee Dam, NC	Away	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm		
27 Thur	Battle of the States	Home					
28 Fri	Battle of the States	Home					TBD
29 Sat	Battle of the States	Home					TBD
January							
** 4 Fri	Providence Christian Academy	Away	Both JV	3:30	6:00pm		
5 Sat	Hayesville, NC	Away	Both JV	4:00pm	6:30pm		
** 8 Tue	Riverside Military Academy	Away (Boys only)	JV Boys	4:15pm	6:00pm		
** 11 Fri	Athens Academy (Homecoming)	Home			7:00pm		
** 12 Sat	George Walton Academy	Away	Both JV	2:00pm	5:00pm		
** 15 Tue	Hebron Christian Academy	Home	JV Girls	4:15pm	6:00pm		
** 18 Fri	Commerce	Away	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm		
19 Sat	Mandatory Region Open Date						
** 22 Tue	Lakeview Academy	Home	JV Girls	4:15pm	6:00pm		
** 25 Fri	Prince Avenue Christian	Away	Both JV	4:00pm	7:00pm		
26 Sat	Fannin County	Home	Both JV	2:00pm	5:00pm		
** 29 Tue	Tallulah Falls	Home	JV Girls	4:30pm	6:00pm		
February							
** 1 Fri	Athens Christian School (SR Night)	Home			7:00pm		
2 Sat	Mandatory Region Open Date						
4 Mon	Region Tournament	Commerce High					TBA
5 Tue	Region Tournament	Commerce High					TBA
6 Wed	Region Tournament	Commerce High					TBA
8 Fri	Region Tournament Semi-Final	Commerce High					TBA
9 Sat	Region Tournament Finals	Commerce High					TBA
<p>Women's Head Coach: Brian Hunnicutt Women's Assistant Coach: Rollie Thomas Athletic Director: Jim Melton</p> <p>Men's Head Coach: Rob Benson Men's Assistant Coach: Alan Rogers Principal: Dr. Connie Hobbs</p>							

**Region Game