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Indians win 56-13 against Lakeview Academy on Senior Night

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In a triumphant display of athleticism and sportsmanship, the Towns County Indians defeated the Lakeview Academy Lions 56-13 on Friday, Oct. 27.

The game featured eight Indian touchdowns, with stellar offensive performances from seniors Cole Ledford and Zach Davenport, as well as junior quarterback Trent Bradshaw, who made things happen with help from a determined offensive line.

Junior Wesly Calhoun showed off his steel leg, kicking eight extra points following Indian touchdowns, and junior Alan Gillis caught an interception off a pass block from senior Logan Cowart to score a touchdown.

The Boys in Blue scored on every one of their possessions except for two – one going into the half with five seconds remaining, the other their last possession of the game, which featured multiple first down carries from freshman Garrett Oakes.

And not once did the Indians have to punt.

From a defense perspective, the Indians held the Lions to two touchdowns in the first half, while completely shutting them down in the second half, and Ledford walked away with his second extra point kick block of the season.

The game was certainly one of the most exciting games in recent county memory, and it was the very best way for the Towns County Indians to send their seniors off with a win in the last home game of their high school careers.

Towns County Indian football seniors are: Andy Chambers, Logan Cowart, Jamison Boggus, Trey Chastain, Harold Cox, Zach Davenport, Dalton Key, Cole Ledford, Jeremy Mays, Hayden Walters and Luke Woody.



The Towns County Indians seniors cheerleaders and football players following the win over Lakeview. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

The Indians improved their season record to 4-5 with the win against Lakeview, and heading into that game against the Lions, Towns County was ranked 24th in the 2017 GHSA Class A Public Football Power Ratings.

After the game on Friday, the Indians moved to 25th place, so a convincing win against Providence Christian Academy in Lilburn on Nov. 3 – the last regular game of the season – will hopefully bump the Indians back into the Top 24 teams that will head to the state playoffs this year.

"This was a big game," said Indian Head Coach John

Cornett. "The boys knew it was a big game, and they performed."

"So, I think that we're getting to that point where the kids go into games not only believing and knowing that they can win, but now we're playing like it."

Prior to the start of the Oct. 27 home game against Lakeview, Towns County High School celebrated Senior Night with its fall sports student athletes.

Seniors from football, cross country, cheerleading and marching band lined the track in front of the stands and took pictures with their friends

and families. They all lit eco-friendly paper floating lanterns that set sail to new horizons, and each senior received a flower from the school.

Towns County seniors honored that night were, by sport:

Indians football seniors, listed above.

Cross Country seniors: Taralee Arrowood, Sara Beth Hobbs, Kaine Hoffman, Xavier Hogsed, Cassandra Kelly, Hannah Martinez, Jasmine Miranda, Lydia Moss, Hayley Stowers, Kyra Tallent and Hannah Whitehead.

Cheerleading seniors: Alyssa Bantum and Emily

Brooke Davis.

Indian Raider Marching Band seniors: Kalaiah Clayton, Ben Edwards, Alyssa Hunter, Cassady Lampert and Miranda White.

Both the band and cheerleaders put on their last home game performances as well, and as is always the case, they did an excellent job.

The evening also served to honor the commitment of the Towns County Youth Football League, which has many young players who play hard now for the future of Towns County football.

Indian Mites and Termites football teams took to

the track during halftime on Friday, Oct. 27, as did the Lady Indian Mites cheerleaders, who performed their award-winning cheer routine for the home crowd.

Jimmy Smith also received recognition that evening for his 21 years leading the Towns County Youth Football program. That program will be turned over to the county rec department starting next season.

Ken Edwards emceed the Senior and Youth Night events, and as usual, Bob Gibby called the game from the box.



Towns County in action vs Lakeview Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Towns County Youth Football League Termites (top) and Mites (bottom) photos by Shawn Jarrard

GHSA Football Power Rankings Top 32 (Top 24 advance to playoffs)

Class A Public					
Rank	School	Region	Record	Ranking	
1	Manchester	4-A	9-0	13.70	
2	Irwin County	2-A	8-1	13.59	
3	Mt. Zion, Carroll	6-A	8-1	13.30	
4	Emanuel County Institute	3-A	8-1	13.17	
5	Marion County	4-A	8-1	13.15	
6	Macon County	4-A	7-2	13.00	
7	Clinch County	2-A	7-2	12.99	
8	Trion	6-A	7-2	12.78	
9	Jenkins County	3-A	7-2	12.74	
10	Commerce	8-A	7-2	12.70	
11	Pelham	1-A	8-1	12.67	
12	Charlton County	2-A	6-2	12.43	
13	Mitchell County	1-A	8-1	12.34	
14	Chattahoochee County	1-A	6-3	12.01	
15	Washington-Wilkes	7-A	5-4	11.32	
16	Lincoln County	7-A	5-4	11.20	
17	Schley County	4-A	5-3	11.15	
18	Taylor County	4-A	7-2	11.10	
18	Turner County	2-A	6-3	11.10	
20	Montgomery County	3-A	5-3	11.03	
21	Miller County	1-A	6-3	10.54	
22	Dooly County	4-A	3-6	10.43	
23	Johnson County	3-A	5-4	10.13	
24	Telfair County	2-A	4-5	10.06	
25	Towns County	8-A	4-5	9.98	
26	Seminole County	1-A	5-4	9.59	
27	Bowdon	6-A	2-7	8.18	
28	Wilcox County	2-A	2-7	8.05	
29	Wilkinson County	7-A	2-7	8.00	
30	McIntosh County Academy	3-A	2-6	7.82	
31	Greenville	4-A	2-7	7.72	
32	Randolph-Clay	1-A	2-7	7.71	

Georgia Game Wardens need your help to stop poachers

Now that firearms season for deer is underway, the Georgia DNR Law Enforcement Division is requesting additional help from the public to stop poaching and other illegal hunting activities this season by utilizing the Ranger Hotline.

The daily focus of Georgia's Game Wardens is to make sure everyone is hunting safely and legally, and who better to assist in this effort than Georgia citizens, who appreciate the state's natural resources and want to stop those that illegally take wildlife. Every year, a very small percentage of observed hunting violations are reported. DNR

Law Enforcement wants that to change.

"We are enlisting all the citizens of Georgia with the Ranger Hotline Program," says GA DNR Law Enforcement Director Col. Eddie Henderson. "If you see a poacher or any illegal hunting activity in progress, call the hotline number or send an email and report it. You can remain anonymous and if your tip leads to an arrest, you get a cash reward for certain violations. It's as simple as that."

The program is housed at The Georgia Natural Resources Foundation, which is a 501c3 organization. Therefore, anyone who would like

to make a tax-deductible donation to support this worthwhile program can visit <http://gadnrle.org/ranger-hotline> or send an email to the Ranger Hotline address.

Poaching is essentially stealing wildlife that belongs to all citizens and taking away their recreational opportunities, like hunting, fishing or wildlife watching.

For In-Progress Violations, call Ranger Hotline: 1-800-241-4113 or Ranger-Hotline@dnr.ga.gov

For non In-Progress Violation tips, call your Region Office: Region II – Northeast GA (770) 535-5499. NT(Nov1219)