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Towns County 12&U Baseball All Stars Statebound

Indians finish in second place at Dizzy Dean District 6 Tournament

Towns County Herald Sports Special

Blue Ridge - The Towns County 12&U All Star baseball team finished second out of 13 teams in the 2016 Dizzy Dean baseball tournament that began on Friday, June 18.

The Indians began the tournament with four straight victories over, Commerce, Dawson County, Barrow County, and the Hall County Thunder before falling in the Championship to a very tough Union County team.

The Indians will travel just west of Ringgold for the Dizzy Dean State Tournament starting July 1.

The Indians relied on strong pitching and timely hitting throughout the tournament from various players. Commerce grabbed the lead from the Indians 3-2 in the first inning when Caleb Berrong came on in relief to pitch a complete game, no-hitter, striking out 12 and allowing the Indians an easy 13-3 victory.

The Indians prevailed in game two against a much larger school in the Dawson County Tigers. Cabe Poston and Collin Crowder's combined pitching effort only allowed the Tigers four hits while striking out 10. The Indians were in tough battle leading Dawson County by a score of 5-3 when Poston got a one-out single, Grant Ingram then followed with a single of his own setting the stage for A.J. Miles to triple into the left field corner, scoring two runs and giving the Indians some breathing room.

Miles later scored when he was driven home by Lane Penland and Towns County closed out the game with an



Back row (left to right): Brack Burrell, Collin Crowder, Caleb Berrong, AJ Miles, Micha Gibson, Kyle Oakes. Front Row left to right: Grant Ingram, Cabe Poston, Lane Penland, Corbin McClure. Coaches: Tony Berrong, Aaron Burrell and Damon Crowder. Photo/Susan Poston



Towns County 12&U All Star baseball game photos by Todd Forrest

8-3 victory. On Sunday afternoon the Indians faced Barrow County which turned out to be quite the pitching duel. Towns County could only manage two runs on offense but that was enough for Crowder who pitched a no-hitter while striking out 16.

Monday night had the Indians matched up with the Hall

County Thunder. Hall County was also undefeated in the tournament with impressive wins over White County and Union County. The Indians bats finally came to life with Towns scoring 10 runs in the contest. The Indians got a very strong pitching performance from Poston, striking out seven - propelling the Indians past the Hall County

Thunder by a score of 10-8 and advancing to the Championship Game against Union County, who would have to beat the Indians two games in-a-row to take the title of the double elimination tournament.

The first game against the Panthers did not go the Indians' way and they were handed their first loss of the tournament by a

score of 6-1. The second game against the Panthers was a fight until the very end. Pitching and defense seemed to be the name of the game. The Indians trailed the Panthers by a score of 2-1 in the third inning when Brack Burrell blasted a two-run double to give the Indians a 3-2 lead.

Strong pitching by Berrong held the lead at 3-2 until the bottom of the sixth inning with only three outs standing between the Indians and the District 6 championship. That is when the wheels seemed to come off the bus. The Indians made a couple of costly fielding errors and the Panthers were able to score 6 runs on just two hits during their sixth inning rally, defeating the Indians by the score of 8-3.

The 12&U Towns County Indians should be very proud of their second place finish in the District 6 Dizzy Dean Tournament. A team with the smallest population of players to comprise their All-Star Team proved to have the biggest heart.

Every player had an impact at some point in each and every game from Penland being the perfect lead-off hitter drawing 7 walks and scoring multiple runs to Kyle Oakes being the quarterback of the infield with amazing plays at shortstop and behind the plate, Micha Gibson being the ultimate team player with solid play at 1st base and in the outfield, and Ingram, Miles and Corbin McClure providing big hits when the team needed it the most.

The Indians were lead at the plate by Crowder and Burrell totaling 11 hits each for the tournament.



VFW Golf League

Good scoring conditions persist at Chatuge Shores Golf Course. This week we had three teams turn in scores of 65 which is 7 strokes under par. The winning team was led by Dean Swanson. His teammates were Jim Hoyt, Susan Bongiovanne and Ed Gosnell.

Chatuge Shores Ladies Golfers play Net Nassau

Winston Churchill was said to have remarked that golf is a game whose aim is to hit a very small ball into an even smaller hole, with weapons singularly ill-designed for the purpose!

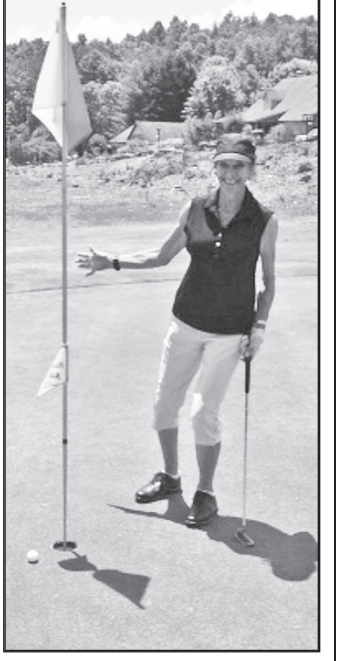
Many of the CSLGA golfers would agree. Should I use a driver or a 3 wood? Should I putt or chip? Why does this wedge not get me out of the sand? Nevertheless, some players did seem to get it right on Tuesday. Judy Wright, Claudia Rinaldo, Nancy Outlaw, Linda MacDonald, Barbara Boswell, Loretta Hughes, Mary Anderson, Kay McLeod, and Karen Whittaker all scored birdies! Opal Rose won low putts and Nancy Outlaw, Loretta Hughes, Karen Whittaker, and Judy Wright had chip-ins.

out 25 players. The game was Net Nassau, an individual game with overall, front nine, and back nine winners for each flight. In Flight A Loretta Hughes was the overall winner with Linda MacDonald at the top on the front nine and Kathy Stewart scoring on the back nine.

Flight B saw Karen Whittaker take overall honors, while Nancy Steck won the front nine and Opal Rose won the back nine. Star Glock came out on top overall in Flight C with Susan Anderson winning the front nine and Mary Anderson the back nine. Carol Baxter was overall winner in Flight D with Vickie Hunt winning the front nine and Deborah Warner scoring on the back nine.

President Barbara Bo-

swell reminded players to be sure to sign up no later than noon on Sunday so the pairings can be ready for Tuesday morning. As always, CSLGA welcomes new players. Contact Barbara Boswell for additional information at 828-389-0919.



Kay McLeod examines her "almost" hole in one.



Youth football signups

July 9 will be the Annual Youth Football Camp at the High School Practice Field, starting at 8 a.m. until noon that Saturday.

Football camp will be free of charge, and will feature drills put on by all the youth football coaches, the new Towns County Indians Head Football Coach John Cornett, as well as the Towns County players themselves.

TCYFL Director Jimmy Smith will be signing up youth football players after the camp on

July 9, and signups will continue for two weeks after the football camp.

Required at time of signup will be \$90 to play for the season, which covers the game jersey, insurance and a trophy at the end of the season.

Also, kids new to youth football will need to bring a copy - not the original - of their birth certificates. If youth athletes played last year, they will not need to bring a copy of their birth certificates.

Rec Department Summer Day Camp

This summer The Recreation Department will offer day camp, the session being two weeks, running Monday thru Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Session III July 11th thru July 22nd. Day Camp offers children sports game activities, social game activities, field trips, nature hikes and much more.

You may send your child to any or all of the sessions. Campers will be provided free breakfast at drop off (Monday - Thursday, Friday drop off at Towns County Beach - no breakfast served). Based on the day's activities, campers need to bring a swimsuit, towel, sprayable sunscreen, sack lunch, and flo-

tation device (if needed). The Recreation Department will furnish ice water for the campers.

Registration will be the first Monday of each session at the middle/high school entrance of Towns County Schools. The fee for the two week session is \$120 or \$60 per week (additional discounts for more than one child in immediate family). The fee is payable to Towns County Recreation Department. For more information please call the Recreation Department at 706-896-2600. T(Jun29,F1)SH

Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading 2016 registration



House of Prayer Church is glad to announce that Ben Boykin and Nicole Helton will be back as league directors for the Upward Flag Football and Cheerleading 2016 season. On-line registration is now open for boys and girls in grades Kindergarten through 8th Grade at www.hopb.org .

The registration price to participate is \$60, through August 14th, and an additional \$10 will be applied thereafter, with registration closing on September 1st. Payment plans are available, if needed. Convenient weekly practices commence Thursday, August 25th, while games will be held every Saturday between September 10th and October 8th.

Registrants should attend the evaluation that will be held on Saturday, August 13th on a drop-in basis between the

hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on the football field by the House of Prayer Family Life Center located behind the sanctuary. For more information regarding registration, call the church office at HOP (706) 745-5925.

Established in 1995, Upward Sports is the world's largest Christian youth sports provider. It remains unique by providing a substitution system that ensures every young athlete plays, and requiring only one hour practice a week with one game per week. Upward Sports develops total athletes mentally, athletically, spiritually, and socially - producing players who excel both on and off the field. Today, approximately 6.2 million players have participated at more than 2,000 churches in 47 states, in camps, clinics, and leagues through Upward Sports' Recreation Division. Information regarding Upward Sports can be found online at www.upward.org. NT(Jun29,Z7)CA

MUSA Fall Registration



Fall soccer registration is open for age groups U6-U16. Register online at www.mountainsoccer.org Registration forms are also available to print from the website. Forms can be mailed to P. O. Box 1862, Blairsville, GA 30514. Deadline to register is July 17, 2016.

For additional information please check out our website at www.mountainsoccer.org or email us at musa.soccer@gmail.com.

Towns County Indians Football Fundraiser

Saturday, July 2 from 11 AM to 2 PM
on the Hiwassee Square!

\$8 BBQ plates will include: pulled pork bbq, bun, slaw, baked beans and a cookie.

Drinks available for purchase separately.
Also Bake Sale and Craft Sale!

All proceeds go to Towns County Indians Football.
Come out and join us and support your Towns County Indians Football program!