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## Indians finish with a team-best third place finish at Area Duals

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Athens - The Towns County Indians placed a hard-fought third at the Class A Area Duals Championship on Saturday, Jan. 10, at Athens Christian School.

"I couldn't be more proud of our kids," said Head Coach Jeff Stowers. "They wrestled hard all day. They've got a lot of guts, and there's a lot of fight and grit in those kids. And they worked extremely hard. We just came up short today, and St. Francis today was the better team, and that's fine. Will they be the best team next time? Maybe, maybe not, but we're going to make them prove it anyway."

The first match of the day pitted Towns County against Fellowship Christian School, and the Indians beat the Paladins handily, 63-15.

Winners were Emily Davis at 106 pounds, winning by a forfeit; Angel Moss at 113, win by forfeit; Thomas Mitchell at 120, win by forfeit; Peyton Smith at 126, win by a forfeit; Aaron Collier at 132, win by forfeit; Keanu Nguyen at 138, win by pin fall; Dalton Key at 145, win by forfeit; Daulton Rogers at 170, win by pin fall; Russell Cox at 182, win by pin fall; Morgan Gay at 195, win by decision; and Kyle Davis at 220, win by forfeit.



Towns County Head Wrestling Coach Jeff Stowers motivates his wrestlers at last weekend's Area Duals Tournament in Athens.

Next, the Indians faced Commerce, and lost to Commerce, though the loss was calculated.

"Commerce is the best team in the state, probably in A and AA, and the reality was, we didn't have to beat them today to go to state," said Coach Stowers. "The team we were going to have to beat was St. Francis."

"We felt like it gave us the best chance to let some of our JV kids wrestle against

Commerce, keep our starters fresh, and then make a run back through the consolation rounds, rather than wrestling Commerce, probably getting beat and getting beat up, and then trying to come back and win three matches in a row," said Coach Stowers. "It was a calculated risk. We took it, and we came up short. Sometimes that happens."

After Commerce, Towns County beat Mt. Vernon 61-

18. Kaine Hoffman at 106 pounds won by major decision; Moss won by forfeit; Mitchell won by forfeit; Smith won by pin; Collier won by forfeit; Nguyen won by pin; Dylan Roberts at 152 won by pin; Nick Shook at 160 won by pin; Rogers won by decision; Kyle Davis won by pin; and Daniel Crowder won by forfeit.

And the very next

match against Athens Christian School would determine Towns County's chances to wrestle for true second and go to State Duals, or walk away fourth in the tournament.

The Indians defeated the Golden Eagles and tournament host by 45-33, though 30 of the points awarded to Athens Christian School were from Towns County forfeits.

At this point, the worst the Indians could hope for was

third place, an already triumphant position based on past performance at Area Duals.

"That's the highest we've ever finished as a team," said Coach Stowers. "Having the opportunity to challenge for true second, it's the first time we've ever done that. It was a good day for us. It didn't end like we wanted it to, but it was a good day."

Wrestling for true second means that the two teams that lost a single match to Towns County and St. Francis, which lost to Commerce in the championship round - face each other to see which team emerges victorious.

Towns County carried the momentum at the beginning of the contest against St. Francis, winning its first two matches. The Indians lost the very next one, but won two more after that.

After those two matches, however, Towns County could only come up with one more win, and the overall lack of pins and bonus points among the wrestlers who did win their matches contributed to the eventual loss to St. Francis of 54-18.

This sealed Towns County's fate at third place for the tournament.

Looking ahead, Towns County will grapple with Swain County at home on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 6 p.m.

## The TCHS 2014-15 Basketball Homecoming Court



Meet Towns County High School's 2014-15 Basketball Homecoming Court. Front row: (left to right) Kirsten Ledford, Lacey Abrahamson, Sara Scott, Angel Benedict, Ashley Abrahamson, Taylor Underwood, and Xavier Hogsed. Back row: (left to right) Colten Shook, Alana Calhoun, Misty Lindemuth, Trace Moss, Chaiz Davenport, Cory Ellis, Kyle Davis, Efrén Figueroa, and Grayson Carver.

## Lady Indians JV gets impressive win over Prince

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The Towns County Lady Indian JV's got their first win in just their second game of the season last Saturday when they played host to the Prince Avenue Christian School Lady Wolverines and never trailed in taking a 35-30 victory.

The Lady Wolverines managed 2-2 and 16-16 ties but could never claim a lead as the Lady Indians led throughout the game other than for the two ties.

The Lady Indians led by as much as 8-2 in the first quarter and 16-10 in the second but just by 8-4 and 16-14 margins at the first two quarter breaks.

They then broke away from an early third quarter tie of 16-16 for two nine point leads, including by a 27-18 score after three quarters and they withstood a 6-2 Lady Wolverine run at the start of the fourth in taking the 35-30 victory.



The Towns County Lady Indians JV squad in action vs Prince Avenue Christian. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Kirsten Ledford, who played just two quarters in order to be available for up to three quarters in the varsity game, scored four points in each of the first two quarters and Maddie Thomas added six for six free throw shooting in first half action for the Lady Indians.

Thomas then scored seven points in the third quarter and McKenzie Carroll four while Lea Newmyer scored four in the fourth.

Thomas scored in every quarter and led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 15 points with other leaders being Ledford with 8 and Carroll with 7 while Kristen Byers led in assists with 3 and was followed by Kenzlee Denton and Erica Spano with 2 each.

A stunning free throw shooting exhibition took place in this game as the two teams combined to sink 15 straight charity tosses and 17 of the first 18 at the start of the game with Thomas sinking all six of her attempts and Ledford all four of hers during the run.

## Young Indians JV continues to impress in losses

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The Towns County Indian JV's Basketball Team continues its search for the first win of the season but also continues to impress individually as they have usually been "out manned" by their opponents as a result of so many younger players contributing highly to the fortunes of the Indian Varsity Team.

A team of all Indian sophomores and freshmen would surely run roughshod over most any JV team of sophomores and freshmen they might face with all the ingredients for excellence, including varied talents among those playing just on the JV squad.

Physically strong sophomore Kobe Denton and freshman Zach Davenport usually play only one quarter each with the JV's to be eligible for all four quarters of the varsity game where both have shown increasing importance to the success of that team, leaving mostly younger and less experienced players to face teams often including significant numbers of sophomores and sometimes juniors. At any rate, the Indians saw the Commerce Tigers lead 22-6, 31-23, and 42-32 at the quarter breaks last Tuesday in taking a 59-46 victory.

Chase Williams scored four points during first quarter action for the Indians who came alive with Davenport in the lineup in the second quarter in outscoring the Wolverines 17-9 as five different Indians put points on the scoreboard with Davenport leading with two treys included among eight

points.

The two teams then played on pretty much even terms in the third quarter with Denton scoring four points and then five Indians put points on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter with Evan Berrong leading with four as the Tigers outscored the Indians by just a 17-14 margin. Scoring leaders for the game were Cason Shook who scored 9 points on three treys, Davenport and Williams with 8 points each, Berrong and Cole Ledford with 6 each, and Colton Shook with 5. Leading in assists were Ledford with 4, Colton Shook with 3, and Berrong with 2.

The first quarter was a real struggle for the Indians against Prince Avenue as the Wolverines broke out to a 10-0 lead which was reduced to 10-3 on a trey by Cason Shook as time expired ending the first quarter. The game was very competitive after that, however, as the Wolverines led 22-12 at intermission and 36-22 after three quarters in taking a 45-33 victory.

Chase Williams led the scoring for the Indians in the second quarter with four points while Shook took the lead in the third with six points on two treys and Zach Davenport and Williams scored four each in the fourth during Davenport's only quarter of play.

Leading scorers for the game were Cason Shook with 15 points on five treys, including at least one in each quarter, Williams with 8, and Davenport and Colton Shook with 4 each while Cole Ledford led in assists with 4 and was followed by Colton Shook with 3.

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verines sank their only trey of the last half at 1:33 in edging to within 51-49.

A free throw by Adam Barrett at 1:19 gave the Indians a 52-49 lead but a Prince steal and field goal at fifty six seconds had them knocking on the door at 52-51.

Major Moss responded with a coast to coast run for a layup and a 54-51 Indians lead which turned out to be the final score as neither team could add points to the scoreboard after that.

There was much drama after that, however, as the Wolverines had one last chance for a tie with a 3-pointer with the ball near mid court and 5.5 seconds on the clock but the Indians defended the inbound play well with Major Moss breaking up the play and able to keep the ball alive in a scramble on the floor as the final seconds ticked off the clock for the 54-51 Indian victory.

Scoring leaders for the game for the Indians were Manus who included four treys among his 15 points, Boone Moss with 14, Major Moss with 12, and Denton with 9.

Five different Indians contributed assists with Denton,

Manus, Boone Moss, and Major Moss providing three each and Davenport 2.

There was some displeasure expressed by the Wolverines that the Indians sank 8-of-17 free throw attempts compared to just 1-of-2 attempts by the Wolverines but the style of play of the two teams might be considered the prime reason for the uneven results rather than favoritism by the officials.

The Wolverines offense in this game, at least, revolved primarily around deadly 3-point shooting and then largely shorter jump shots the last half with fouls being far less likely to be called in this scenario than as related to the Indians who pound the ball inside to their post players with fouls more likely to be called.

One need go no further than the Commerce game to see a similar scenario when the Indians were 11-for-19 at the foul line while the Tigers sank just 2-of-5 attempts.

SCORING: Manus 15, B. Moss 14, M. Moss 12, Denton 9, DeVries 2, A. Barrett 1, Davenport 1.



With Coach Weekley on the mend and Coach Jim Melton out sick, assistant boys coach Judd Gravitt was at the helm of the Indians last week. Photo/Lowell Nicholson