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## Lady Indians Cross Country completes the repeat

### Grimsley leads Indians to sixth in State Championships

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**Carrollton** - The Towns County Lady Indians have repeated as Class A Cross Country Team Champions at Carrollton High School.

On Saturday, Ansley Vardeman, the defending Class A Individual Champion finished second to Sarah Meadows of Gordon Lee, but, shared in the team triumph as the Lady Indians finished with the top five runners in the top 21 to capture the team title.

Caitlin Sheffield finished third, Alana Calhoun finished 16th, Taylor Vardeman finished 18th, and Samantha Quijada finished 21st to post the best five team finish at the State Championships in Carrollton.

Actually, Ansley Vardeman led for much of the race - more than two miles. However, Meadows kicked it and outraced Ansley Vardeman and Sheffield to the finish line.

The championship wasn't decided at the end. Both Towns County and Trion finished the match with a combined score of 60. That resulted in going to the tiebreaker, which is using the results of each team's sixth runner.

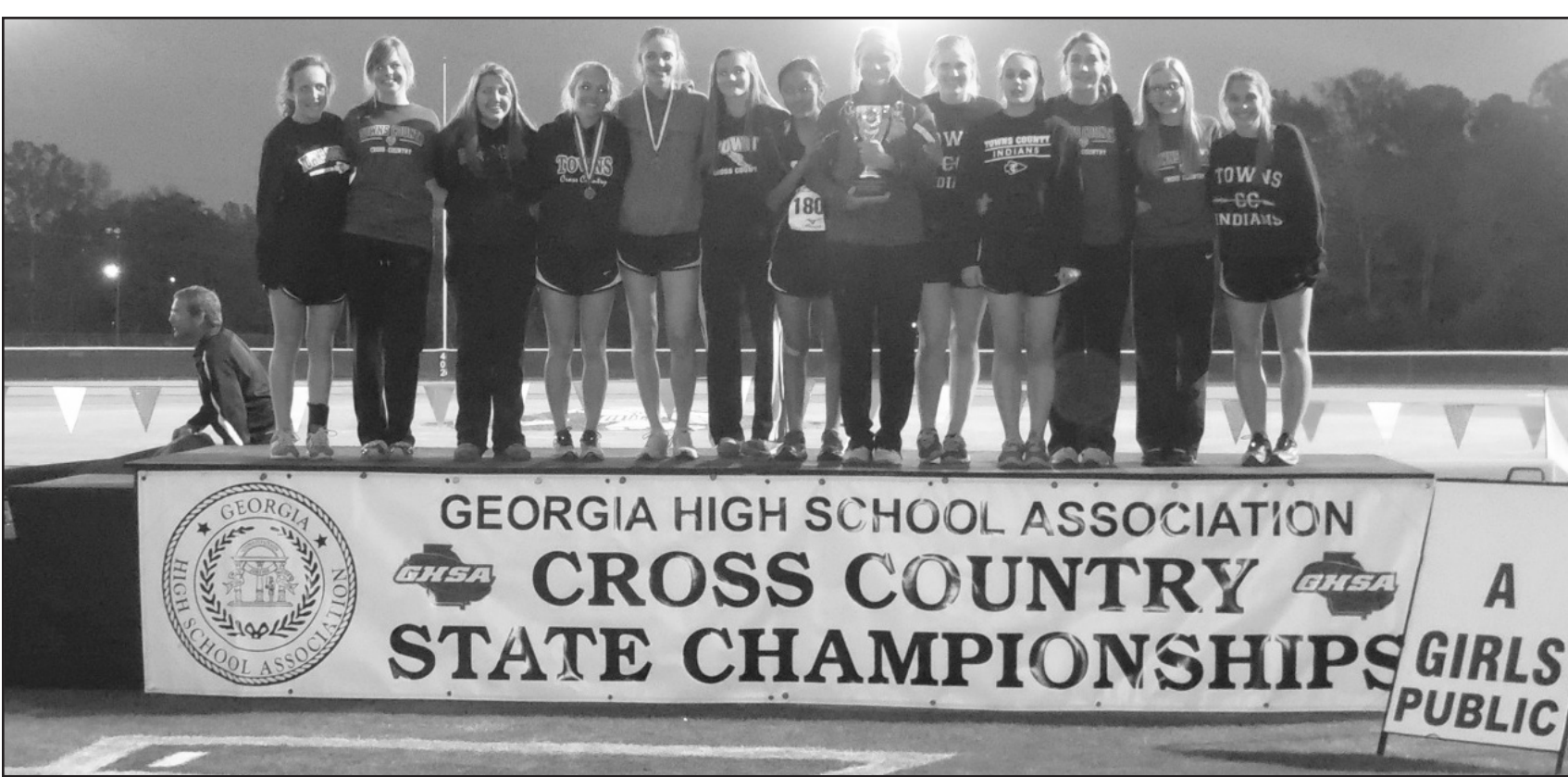
Kenzi Jenkins, the Lady Indians' sixth runner finished ahead of the time ran by Trion's sixth runner, Erica Madison. Jenkins bested Madison's time 26:12.59 to 26:18.03, thus giving the Lady Indians the championship.

The good news didn't end there. The Indians finished sixth in the State Championships led by freshman Tyler Grimsley, who finished ninth in the state meet with a time of 19:19.41.

Following Grimsley was freshman Marshall Ledford with a time of 20:55.33, for a 32nd place finish. Sophomore Thomas Mitchell followed with a time of 21:23.29 for a 34th place finish. Senior Cesar Bustamante finished with a time of 21:56.04 for a 42nd place finish. Sophomore Austin Watson brought up the Indian pack as the fifth runner with a time of 22:40.93 for a 55th place finish. Combined, the Indians final score was 167, or 1 point off a fifth place finish.

The Towns County Herald extends congratulations to the Lady Indians, the Indians and Head Coach Jeannie Ledford for another outstanding season of Cross Country.

Can you say, "threepeat?" Also, the youthful Indians could be a dominant force in 2014.



The Towns County Lady Indians are State Champions once again. The Indians held off Trion and Gordon Lee last weekend on a worn out course in Carrollton during the last meet of the day.



Towns County Coach Jeannie Ledford celebrates with her squad after securing back-to-back State Titles.



Both Towns County High School Cross Country teams had a strong showing at the Carrollton course. Last year, the Class A race was held in Macon.



Towns County freshman Tyler Grimsley led the Indians to a sixth place finish after the freshman had a ninth place individual performance.



Caitlin Sheffield (left) and Ansley Vardeman (right) were at the front the of the pack all day and went on to finish second and third respectively.

## Indians close the 2013 season by winning four of five

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**Dacula** - The Towns County Indians celebrated a successful second half to their season on Friday night, with a solid 34-19 season-ending victory over Hebron Christian.

The Indians scored 24 unanswered first half points before the Lions tacked on a touchdown late in the first half.

The Indians hit the locker room with a 24-6 lead, and the comfort that Hebron didn't have a history of come-from-behind wins.

The Indians put 10 points on the board in the first quarter, thanks to a Harrison Hobbs touchdown. Kicker Shea Underwood added the extra point to make it 7-0 Indians.

With time expiring in the first quarter, Underwood connected on a field goal to put the Indians on top 10-0.

The second quarter was another good one for the Indians as senior hybrid quarterback/running back Jackson Noblet added two touchdown scores to give the Indians a commanding 24-0 lead.

The Lions finally found the end zone late in the half, as the two teams hit the locker room with the Indians on top 24-6.

Senior Brett Barrett added a touchdown late in



The Indians take the field for the final time in 2013. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Senior Jackson Noblet plows forward for early yardage against Hebron Christian Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

the third quarter as the Indians took a 30-6 lead. Underwood connected on the extra point to make it 31-6 good guys.

Hebron scored a late third quarter touchdown to pull to within 31-13. They added another score in the fourth quarter to tighten the gap to 31-19, after they missed the extra point.

With 2:19 left, the Indians' Underwood connected on a 36-yard field goal to put the game away, as the Indians never looked back and laid claim to a 34-19 win over the Lions.

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Towns County Head Coach Blair Harrison with his team after their fourth win of the season. The Indians finished by winning four of their final five games of 2013. Photo/Lowell Nicholson