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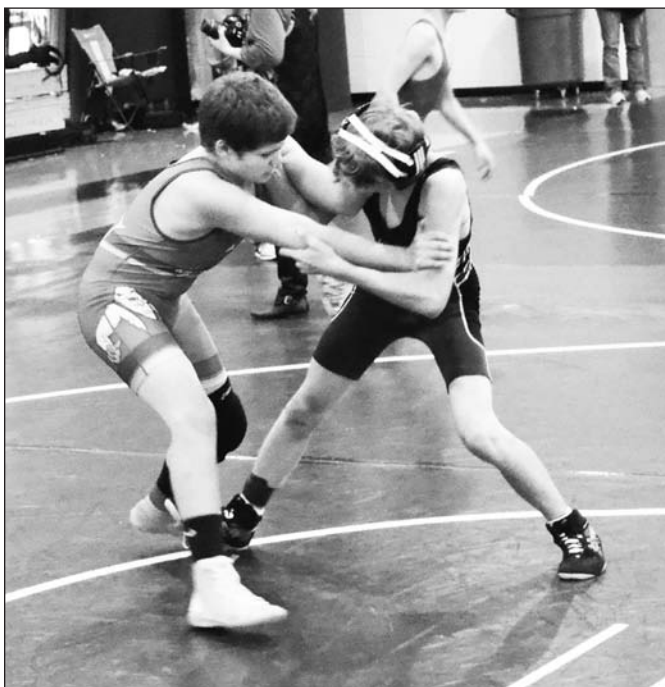
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TCMS King of the Mountain brings seven teams to the mat

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Towns County Middle School Wrestling held the Middle School King of the Mountain tournament on Saturday, Nov. 21, and Head Coach Jeff Stowers couldn't be more proud of his young team and the collective effort surrounding the tournament. "I'm just really proud of our kids and the way they wrestled, they competed all day long," said Stowers. "Really thankful for the group of parents that we've got that worked so hard in the concession stand and the hospitality room to make sure everybody was taken care of. And the teams that came brought good kids, and the coaching staff just did a great job. It was just a good weekend for everybody involved."

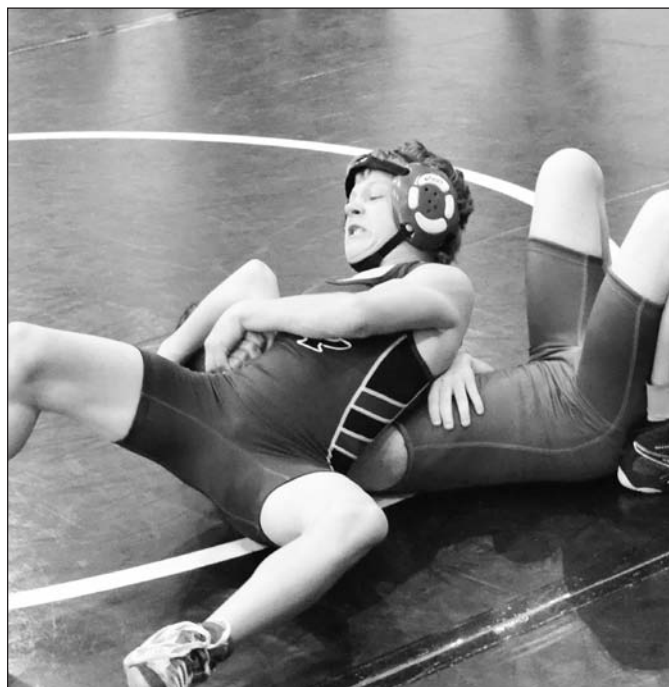
This year's KoM featured seven area teams competing for individual and team medals and trophies, and really gave the Indians a chance to shine on home turf.



Towns County Middle School Indians hit the mat at the 2015 Middle School King of the Mountain. Photos by Lowell Nicholson

"I think the biggest thing, it just gives our kids a chance to wrestle in front of a home crowd," said Stowers. "Dual matches are great, but with a school the size of ours, it's hard to put together a full

roster for duals. So, when you look at our record, it looks like we just get mashed all the time. And we do in the duals format, just because we have to give up so many forfeits at the middle school level.



There are 17 or 18 weight classes and we've only got 15 kids, and that's assuming nobody is in the same weight class." Coming up short kids to fill weight class positions re-

get to wrestle in a traditional format where individual kids can place and we can score team points and individual points, and let some kids have some success and win some medals, and post a good team score," said Stowers.

"And that's what we did this weekend. Our kids wrestled well, almost every one of them placed. Everybody got some good matches in. And our team score, even though some of the teams that we competed against had two or three times as many kids as we did, our team score was respectable.

"We had a couple of kids that I felt should have medaled and didn't, and if they would have medaled then we would have been right there in the hunt for a Third Place trophy with half or a third of the kids that most teams brought with them. It's just a good event for our community, brings people into Towns County, and a good event for our kids. It's just a good time all around."

Lumpkin County pulls away in last half for win over Lady Indians

By Jerry Kendall
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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team saw visiting Class AAA Lumpkin County of Dahlonega break away from a competitive first half in taking a 47-34 victory in the Towns County Gym last Saturday night.

It was the regular season opener for the Lady Indians but the third regular season game for the Lumpkin Ladies who got their first win following competitive losses to Class AAA Jackson County and Towns County's sub-region 8A North foe Tallulah Falls.

Although turnovers and cold shooting would plague the Lady Indians throughout the game, they took a 4-0 lead less than half a minute into the game on a field goal and assist each by junior Madison Stroud and sophomore Madison McClure.

They then took a pair of later leads of 7-6 on a trey by senior Jocelyn Byers at 5:13



and 12-10 on a field goal by junior Kirsten Ledford at the 2:31 mark. That would turn out to be the last leads of the game for the Lady Indians but they would remain easily within striking distance into the third quarter. Lumpkin finished the first quarter on a 7-0 run for a 17-12



Lady Indians vs Lumpkin County photos by Lowell Nicholson

lead but Byers, with two treys, and Ledford, with a field goal and two free throws, highlighted second quarter action for the Lady Indians as they trailed by just a 33-26 score on Byers' second trey at the twenty four

seconds mark. Byers followed with her second trey in half a minute of playing time just six seconds into the third quarter in more than matching a late second quarter deuce by Lumpkin and pulling

the Lady Indians to within 35-29. Unfortunately, the Lady Indians would endure an extended dry spell after that with Lumpkin using a 12-0 run for a 47-29 score at the 7:01 mark of the fourth quarter. No one would have dreamed that Lumpkin would not score again but the Lady Indians' scoreless streak would last until Ledford sank a field goal at 5:01 for a 47-31 score which would become just 47-34 by game's end as the Lady Indians would manage just a field goal and free throw as the only remaining points scored in the game.

Both teams struggled mightily at the foul line throughout the game and combined to sink just one of thirteen attempts the final 5:16 of the game.

Byers took scoring honors for the game with 12 points and was followed by Ledford with 8 and junior Kristen Henson with 4.

McClure led in assists with 4 and was followed by Byers with 3 and Stroud with 2, according to your reporter's unofficial tally.

Indians fall to Lumpkin County at home in regular season opener

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The Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team faced a tough challenge in their regular season opening game when they hosted another band of Indians from Class AAA Lumpkin County last Saturday night.

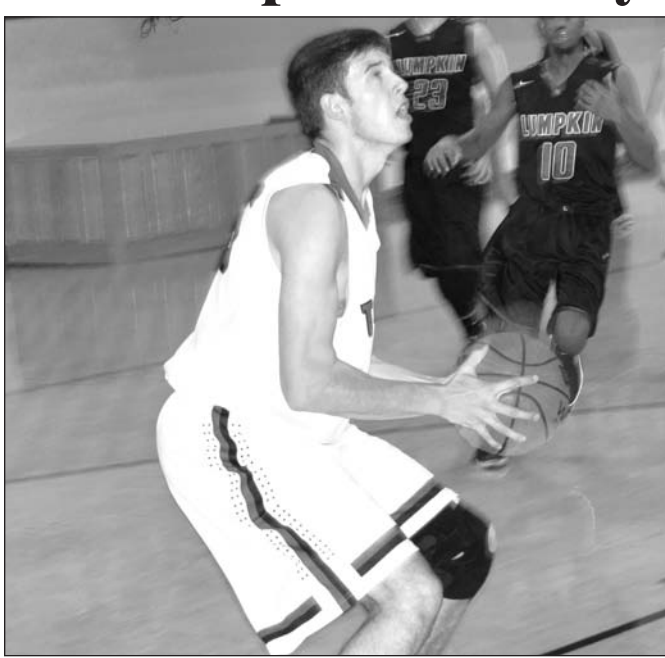
The physical and aggressive Lumpkin team, which returned much of its fire power from last year's state tournament team, jumped out to a quick lead and never looked back in taking an 86-48 win over the Indians in the Towns County Gym.

While it was the first regular season game for the Towns Indians after a scrimmage victory over Nantahala more than a week prior, Lumpkin had the advantage of this being their third regular season game as they improved their record to 3-0 with the victory.

Lumpkin sprang out to a 10-0 lead before three baskets the final 4:01 of the first quarter by Adam Barrett helped keep Towns within 21-8 at quarter's end. Lumpkin extended the lead to 42-19 by intermission, however, with five Indians putting points on the scoreboard, including Barrett adding two more baskets for ten points in the first half.

Major Moss contributed seven points and Zach Davenport four in the third quarter but Lumpkin extended the lead further to 65-33 and finished the game with the 86-48 victory.

The fourth quarter would provide encouragement for the future for the Indians, however, as the younger members of the team played the final 4:40 of the game while facing a group of mostly more experienced substitutes for Lumpkin County.



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jury of Darringer Barrett, four sophomores, and three freshmen for the Indians.

Highlights of the closing minutes included a field goal and three assists by sophomore Cole Ledford, an old fashioned three point play by sophomore Evan Berrong, a trey by freshman Trent Bradshaw, and a deuce by freshman Will Travis.

Scoring leaders for the game for the Indians were juniors Adam Barrett and Major Moss with 12 points each and junior Will de Vries and sophomore Zach Davenport with 6

each. Leaders in assists were Moss with 5, Ledford with 3, and senior Jake Pyrlik with 2 according to your reporter's unofficial tally.

Lumpkin was led by 6'4" senior star Jack Howard who poured in 31 points in leading his team to victory.

The season has just barely begun, this was just one game, and it's a long season but it could be the reality that the Indians will face few, if any, teams this year as strong as Lumpkin County appeared in this game to be.



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