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Twenty-three teams to lace it up at 2014 King of the Mountain

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It's King of the Mountain time again.

Towns County High School's annual wrestling tournament begins again on Friday, and the Indians have had a good chance to rest up before the grappling begins.

"We got five duals in last Saturday, three on Tuesday, five last night and then a tournament today," said Head Coach Jeff Stowers following the Panther Classic in Union County on Nov. 22, in which the Indians took second place.

"We're going to take Thanksgiving off to spend some time with our families and thank the Lord for all the good stuff he's given to us. And then we'll come back in next Sunday for our camp and get ready to go at it again, get ready for the King of the Mountain."

The King of the Mountain tournament features 23 teams, and is set to take place Friday beginning at 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9 a.m., in the Towns County Middle School gymnasium.

Looking back on the sea-



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son thus far, the Indians have been looking good.

"This was, for us, really what I considered to be our first match," said Coach Stowers of a three-dual match on Tuesday, Nov. 18th.

In that particular match, Towns County defeated East Henderson of North Carolina, 39-36. Winners were: John Ditmore, forfeit, 113 pounds; Peyton Smith, forfeit, 126 pounds; Aaron Collier, 132 pounds, by pin fall; Dalton Key, 152 pounds, 3-2; Daulton Rogers, 170 pounds, pin fall; Russell Cox, forfeit, 182 pounds; and Kyle Davis,

220 pounds, pin fall.

The win against Asheville was even more convincing, with Towns doubling up their opponent, 51-24. Winners in Asheville were: Ditmore, forfeit win; Peyton Smith, 120 pounds, pin fall; Collier, pin fall; Tyler Davis, 138 pounds, pin fall; Key, pin fall; John Watson, 160 pounds, pin fall; Rogers, 6-1; Nick Shook, forfeit, 182 pounds; and Kyle Davis, pin fall.

Towns County took its third dual that day against Providence Day School, shutting them down 51-29. Kaine Hoffman in the 113 pound



Towns County's 2013 KOM placers: Nick Shook, Coach Stowers, Kyle Davis, and Vonya Baldwin.

weight class won against his opponent by pin fall; Peyton Smith, forfeit, 126 pounds; Collier, pin fall; Tyler Davis, pin fall; Keanu Nguyen, 145 pounds, 7-3; Logan Quinton, 160 pounds, pin fall; Nick Shook, forfeit; and Kyle Davis, pin fall.

Several wrestlers won exhibition matches that day.

Dylan Roberts won two, Blaine Rogers won two, Angel Moss won two, and Dawson Hogsed and Harold Cox each

won a match.

"We did lots of good things - we've still got lots to work on, but we did lots of good things," said Coach Stowers following the match.

And everyone is excited about the official start of wrestling season.

"It's nice to have everybody out, finally, and healthy, and our lineup is shaping up like we kind of hoped it would," said Coach Stowers.

"We're kind of getting to

where we need to be, kind of moving into position, I guess you could say, getting ready to make the run into January and all those good things.

"This month is kind of just feeling our way through it, and we'll get to December and kind of try to fine tune some stuff. Then, when January rolls around, hopefully we'll be ready to go."

The New Year will bring Area Duals on Jan. 10 and State Duals on Jan. 16-17.

Indians fall 104-99 in overtime shootout at Dade County

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Trenton - Some may be surprised to learn that last Monday's game between the Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team and Class AA Dade County from the extreme northwest corner of the state was the third meeting between the two schools.

The Wolverines participated in the Battle of the States Tournament at Towns County in 1996 and 1997 with Dade taking a 55-52 win over the Indians in 1996 but the Indians taking a 58-34 victory in 1997.

Those scores would give no indication of the extent of the shoot out that took place in Trenton on Monday but the Dade County boys have, in recent years, become known for fast paced, high scoring games and this style of play was prominent on this evening.

It's rare when two teams combine for more than two hundred points but this was what happened in an overtime game with the Wolverines coming out on top 104-99. With the win, Dade improved to a 2-0 record after having taken a decisive 86-64 victory over Class AAAA Richland of Rossville in metro Chattanooga three nights earlier while the Indians fell to a tough luck 0-3 record.

The first four and a half minutes of the game were a real battle with the lead changing hands eight times during the span but the Wolverines took a 10-9 lead at 3:34 that they would hold successfully until the 3:03 mark of the fourth quarter.

Along the way, the Wolverines seemed to pretty much have control of the game from the latter part of the first quarter through the first minute and a half of the third, leading by no fewer than five points on one occasion by a 16-11 score at the end of the first quarter but by as many as 17 by a 41-24 score at the 3:31 mark of the second.



Senior Dallas Manus drives baseline at Dade. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

In first half action, sophomore Adam Barrett and senior Dallas Manus had the hot hands for the Indians with Barrett contributing four points in the first quarter and 11 in the second while Manus included two treys and an old fashioned 3-point play among three points in the first quarter and ten in the second.

The Indians closed the gap to 48-42 by intermission on two free throws and a field goal by sophomore Will de Vries the final 1:11 of the second quarter and it was a matter of matching points the first minute and a half of the third quarter with each team scoring eight points.

Senior Boone Moss, who sat out practically the entire first half with two fouls less than two minutes into the game, matched two Dade free throws with a field goal and Manus matched two Wolverine treys with treys of his own by the 6:31 mark with the Dade lead not changing but the score increasing from 48-42

to 56-50.

The Indians weren't through, however, as Manus added a drive for two points and sophomore Darringer Barrett a field goal with the Indians having been on a 30-15 run since 3:12 of the second quarter and knocking on the door with just a 56-54 deficit at 5:56 of the third.

For just under 11 minutes of playing time after that, the Indians would appear poised to overtake the Wolverines but they just couldn't get over that pretty prominent hump with Dade leading by just two points on six occasions and three on five occasions and never more than six on just two occasions during the nearly 11 minutes, including by a 69-63 score entering the fourth quarter.

It was Manus who carried his team in the third quarter with four treys included among his 14 points.

An early old fashioned 3-point play by Boone Moss



Sophomore Adam Barrett goes up for two of his 21 points at Dade County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

and a trey by Manus cut the two six point Dade leads in half for scores of 69-66 at 7:36 and 72-69 at 6:01 of the fourth quarter and freshman Zach Davenport almost matched a Dade trey for just a 75-72 score at 5:01.

With Dade leading 78-73, Manus struck with his eighth and final trey of the game with rare misses for a 78-76 score at 4:24.

The Indians then overcame an 80-76 deficit when two free throws by Boone Moss at 3:56 and a steal near the basket and field goal by sophomore Major Moss at 3:03 got them an 80-80 tie. Dade responded with three for four free throw shooting for an 83-80 lead but back to back baskets by Boone assisted by Major got the Indians a lead of 84-83 at 1:32.

Two Dade free throws gave them an 85-84 lead at 1:13 but the pass pattern by Major to Boone worked again and got the Indians ahead 86-85 at 54 seconds.

A drive for two points by

Dade gave the Wolverines an 87-86 lead at forty one seconds but Boone Moss sank the first of two free throws with the second rolling tantalizing off the rim for an 87-87 standoff which sent the game to overtime when the Wolverines couldn't connect with the basket in the final seconds.

The Indians took a 91-87 lead by the 3:06 mark of the 4-minute overtime on a field goal by Boone Moss and two free throws by Manus but the Wolverines used a put back basket, a free throw, and a trey for a 93-91 lead with 1:45 on the clock.

Adam Barrett sank two of four free throw attempts and a field goal between just the 1:36 and 1:26 marks, however, for 95-93 Indian lead.

The Wolverines sank two free throws just six seconds later and the turning point of the game came with 43.0 seconds remaining and a 95-95 tie.

The Indians were called for a disputable foul with a tech-

nical foul following as a result of the surprised reaction of the Indian charged with the foul.

The Wolverines sank just the first of two free throws on the foul but added two more on the technical and a drive for two on the resulting possession at thirty two seconds for a 100-95 lead.

Manus twice matched two free throws by the Wolverines with drives to the basket the final 15.3 seconds as the Wolverines took a 104-99 victory.

To be sure the game was quite a shootout as related to field goals but fouls and the foul line wound up deciding the game as the Indians sank 24 deuces and eight treys, all by Manus, as compared to 19 deuces and 10 treys by Dade, giving the Indians a four points scoring edge on field goals. The Wolverines, on the other hand sank 36-of-60 free throw attempts while the Indians had a slightly higher percentage but just 27-of-44 for a nine-point advantage there and the five point win.

The Indians were charged with 39 fouls and the technical with five players fouling out while the Wolverines were charged with 32 fouls in losing just three players on fouls. The Indians also had four players with three or four fouls while the Wolverines had just three in this category.

The Indians were led in scoring by Manus with a whopping 39 points, easily a career high for him, with other leaders being Adam Barrett with 21, Boone Moss with 19 with all coming the last half, Darringer Barrett and Davenport with 6 each, and de Vries with 5. The Indians had a wheel barrow full of assists with twenty four according to your reporter's tally with leaders being Major Moss with a career high 11 and other leaders being Manus with 4, Darringer Barrett with 3, and Davenport and Boone Moss with 2 each.

Lady Indians fall at traditional Class AA power Dade County

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Trenton - The Class AA Dade County Lady Wolverines Varsity Basketball Team has, like the Lady Indians in Northeast Georgia, been one of the power players in girls basketball in Northwest Georgia for many years and the Lady Wolverines got the best of the Lady Indians in what was likely their first competition with each other last Monday night in Trenton.

Dade came away with a 67-34 victory as they improved their early season record to 2-0 while the Lady Indians saw their record fall to 1-2.

The Lady Indians would pull to within 4-2 on a field goal by senior Madison Johnson at the 5:59 mark of the first quarter and to within 14-7 by the 2:21 mark on the strength of two free throws by senior Misty Lindemuth and a trey



Senior Karlie Albach drives to the basket at Dade County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

by senior Karlie Albach but the Lady Wolverines would break the game open after that despite two more treys by Albach by intermission.

The Lady Wolverines

led 22-7 after one quarter and 49-15 at halftime in taking a 67-34 victory.

The Lady Indians had nine of 10 players seeing action in the game enter the

scoring column and got the best of the Lady Wolverines with six treys while the Lady Wolverines failed to make a single basket from behind the three point line.



Misty Lindemuth battles in the paint at Dade. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Albach led the Lady Indians in scoring for the game with 11 points with sophomore Makenzie Carroll following with 5 points.

Leading in assists with 2 each were sophomore Kristen Henson and Lindemuth, according to your reporter's unofficial tally.

TCHS Football open house

All upcoming eighth and ninth grade boys, and their parents, who are interested in playing football next fall is invited the Open House next Monday, Dec. 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Towns County High School cafeteria.