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Lady Indians win shootout over Pinecrest Academy, 77-56

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The Towns County Lady Indians Varsity Basketball Team got back on the winning track in their only game last week, after close losses to Lakeview Academy and Union County, with a 77-56 Sub-Region 8A North win over Pinecrest Academy of Cumming.

The victory gives the Lady Indians a 5-2 overall record and 2-1 in the sub-region.

The visiting Lady Paladins took early 2-0 and 4-2 leads only to have Stephanie Patton tie the score each time, with two free throws and a coast to coast run for a field goal, and then put the Lady Indians ahead 7-4, a lead they would not relinquish, with a trey with 4:16 left in the first quarter.

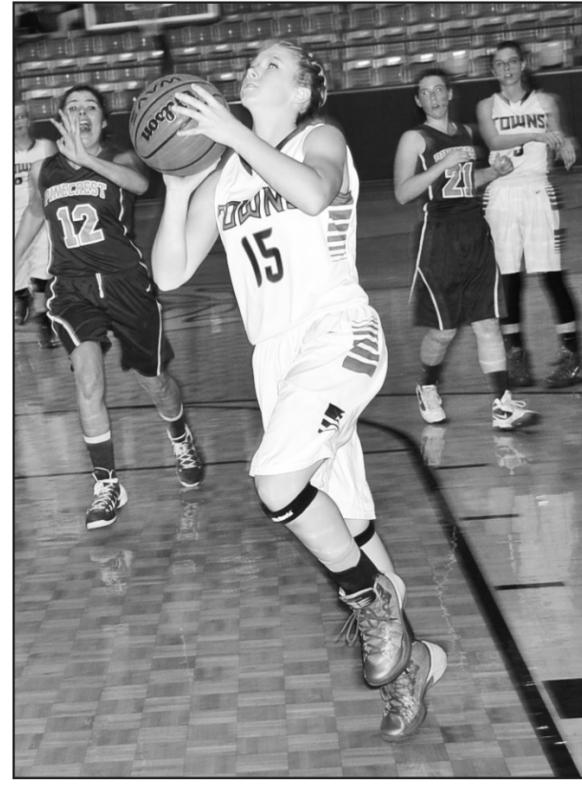
Kellsie Cowart then took the scoring lead with the Lady Indians' next eight points and a late trey by Jocelyn Byers gave them an 18-12 advantage at quarter's end.

Five different Lady Indians put points on the scoreboard in the second quarter with Patton leading with eleven and Madison Johnson and Mckenzi Moss contributing four each as the Lady Indians built a 43-25 lead by intermission.

The beat continued in the third quarter with Patton leading with eight points and Bailey Sutton adding four among six entering the scoring column and the Lady Indians leading 64-39 entering the fourth quarter.

The Lady Paladins included five treys in the fourth quarter when they outscored the Lady Indians 17-13 as the Lady Indians coasted to the 77-56 victory. Patton continued her outstanding game in contributing seven points by the mid point of the fourth quarter before going to the bench for the closing minutes.

Patton included 15-



Stephanie Patton (left) and Bailey Sutton (right) led the Towns County backcourt to 77 points and a win over Pinecrest Academy. Photos/Lowell Nicholson



Coach Jim Melton and his Lady Indians look on during their win over Pinecrest. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



Kellsie Cowart lays in two during the first half of Towns County's win. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

for-17 shooting at the foul line among her game high 33 points with other scoring leaders being Cowart with 13 points, Moss with 8, Johnson and Sutton with 6 each, and Misty Lindemuth with 5. Leading in assists were

Karlie Albach with 5, Byers with 4, and Patton with 3 while Patton and Sutton led in steals with 2 each. Johnson took the lead in rebounds with 8 and was followed closely by Lindemuth with 7 and Cowart and Patton with 6 each.

Indians lose two games and freshman Will Devries to injury

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It turned out to be a tough week for the Towns County Indians Varsity Basketball Team last week as they not only fell to defeat in their only two games but also lost rising freshman star Will Devries to a broken arm in the Saturday game against Pinecrest Academy.

The Indians lost a one sided 73-36 game to Class AA Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville on Tuesday and then saw Pinecrest break open a close game the final quarter and a half in a 56-35 loss.

The two losses leave the Indians with an 0-6 overall record, including 0-3 in Sub-Region 8A North.

**Indians 36
Riverside Military 73**

At Riverside, Boone Moss got the Indians a 2-2 tie on a field goal and a 5-4 lead on a three point play less than two minutes into the game and a trey by Slade Davenport gave them an 8-8 tie with 4:25 left in the first quarter but the Indians went stone cold after that, failing to score for more than six-and-a-half minutes of playing time.

The Eagles, on the other hand, included five treys among 28 points for a 28-8 lead by the 6:11 mark of the second quarter with a 20-8 advantage included after one quarter.

A field goal by Davenport at 5:45 ended the Indian scoring drought and initiated a 9-3 scoring run, highlighted by a pair of baskets by Boone Moss, for a 31-17 deficit with 1:45 left. The Eagles finished the half with a deuce and a trey, however, for a 36-17 lead at intermission.

The Eagles sank six treys the first half in building their lead but they were far from finished in their long range attack.

The Eagles poured in eight treys in the third quarter in overshadowing good work by Trace Moss with five points on a trey and a deuce and



Senior Slade Davenport goes up strong against Pinecrest Academy. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

Boone Moss with four points on a pair of deuces in extending their lead to 64-28 entering the mercy rule shortened fourth quarter.

The Eagles held just a 9-8 scoring advantage in the fourth quarter with Adam Barrett contributing four points for the Indians as Riverside closed out a 73-36 victory.

Boone Moss led in scoring for the Indians with 13 points with other leaders being Davenport and Trace Moss with 7 each while Davenport led in assists with 3 and was followed by Garrett Bradshaw, Will Devries, Kobe Denton, and Major Moss with

2 each. Leading in rebounds were Davenport with 6 and Devries with 5.

**Indians 35
Pinecrest 56**

In the Pinecrest Academy game, the Indians rallied from 3-0 and 6-2 deficits for an 8-6 lead after one quarter behind the sparkling play of freshman Will Devries who continued the distinct impression that he was becoming an impact player in spite of his youth.

He entered the game shortly after the start and had a hand in six of the eight Indi-



Will Devries goes for two early in the Pinecrest game. Unfortunately, he would leave the game with an injury. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

ans anoints. He assisted on the Indians' first basket by Slade Davenport and came up with a steal near mid court and assisted fellow freshman Major Moss on the third which tied the score at 6-6 with 1:10 on the clock.

Devries then got the Indians the aforementioned 8-6 lead on a putback basket at the twenty one seconds mark and he also claimed four rebounds and blocked a shot in a most eventful quarter.

Elation by the Indians' followers at the performance of Devries and his teammates turned to much concern just a minute and thirty three sec-

had used a free throw and then a field goal at the time of Devries' injury to edge to within 10-9 following an opening basket by Trace Moss and they followed by taking an 11-10 lead with a tight battle following between the two teams for some ten minutes of playing time.

Two free throws by Garrett Bradshaw got the Indians ahead 12-11 and a field goal by Bradshaw gave the Indians a 14-13 Towns lead by the 4:33 mark of the second quarter.

A long deuce by Trace Moss got what turned out to be their final lead of 16-14 with 3:34 left although they would remain right on the Paladins' heels until the mid point of the third quarter.

The Paladins finished the quarter on an 11-4 run for a 25-20 lead at intermission but the Indians edged to within three points on three occasions in the third quarter on two free throws by Boone Moss, a field goal by Davenport, and a field goal by Moss by the 4:56 mark for just a 29-26 deficit.

Unfortunately, the Indians would not dent the scoreboard again for nearly nine minutes of playing time while the Paladins used four treys to advantage during a 16-0 run in taking a 45-26 lead.

Boone Moss broke the scoring drought with two free throws at 4:01 of the fourth quarter and followed less than a minute later with a three point play for a 45-31 score but the Paladins finished on an 11-4 run for a final margin of victory of 56-35.

The Indians were led in scoring for the game by Boone Moss with 11 points with other leaders being Davenport and Trace Moss with 6 each, and Bradshaw with 5 while Devries and Major Moss led in assists with 2 each.

Boone Moss also led in rebounds with 10 and was followed by Davenport with 7, Major Moss with 5, and Devries and Trace Moss with 4 each while Major Moss and Trace Moss led in steals with 2 each.

The visiting Paladins