

# Towns County Sports

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## Football: Indians prepare for Coosa after tough loss to Panthers

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The Towns County Indians hosted the Class AA Union County Panthers for their second home game in a row in Frank McClure Memorial Stadium Sept. 2.

A rainy Friday evening made for tougher than usual playing conditions for all, and Union County gained considerable momentum in the second quarter with 28 points, ultimately going on to win the non-region matchup 49-7.

Senior tight end Seth Gillis scored the lone Towns County touchdown during the second quarter, and junior kicker Zion Calhoun followed up with a good point after attempt.

It's still early in the season for the Indians, who are 1-0 in region play after earning a 23-0 shutout victory against Lake Oconee Academy at home the week before, and moving forward, Towns will be looking to add more wins to the record book as the year progresses.

"We did some good things early on, (but) two deep passes in the second quarter really hurt us," Head Coach Jason Roquemore said. "However, I thought we continued to fight and play hard. We will learn from this and get ready for the next one."

With a bye this week, the Indians will have plenty of time to prepare for their next contest scheduled for Sept. 16 in an away game against Coosa High School in Floyd County, kickoff time being 7:30 p.m.



Junior quarterback Connor Chastain's (11) first-half pass to senior running back Seth Gillis (9) picked up 33 yards on third down. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Towns County captains take the field ahead of last Friday's game with Union County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson



The Towns County defensive front during the second half against Union County. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

## Softball: Lady Indians continue to adjust ahead of first region game

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The Towns County Fast-pitch Softball Team traveled to Southeast Whitfield High School this past Thursday, Sept. 1, and though the Lady Indians put up a valiant effort, they lost the non-region contest 4-0.

"For the second consecutive game we went zero for runners in scoring position, but we did have some better approaches at the plate," Head Coach Clay Livingston said.

And though freshman pitcher Jaycie Cross gave up two earned and two unearned runs, Coach Livingston said "she continues to impress" this season with the way she handles herself on the mound.

"She did not have her best stuff, but I thought it was one of her finer appearances this year considering the way she pitched around four walks and four errors," Livingston said. "She pitched her way out of a couple of jams with some timely strikeouts and keeping the ball down to get some ground outs."

"(Junior) Laura Mauldin led us at the plate, going 2-for-3 with two triples. (Junior) Zoe Phillips also pitched in two hits, and (sophomore) Drew Livingston, Cross and (freshman) Alexa Keys all added one hit apiece."

To this point, the Lady Indians are 0-6 on the season, but all of the losses have been against non-region competitors, and the team has been making meaningful adjustments after each game.

"We continue to improve in all facets of the game, especially at the dish," Coach



Junior Laura Mauldin takes her cuts during a recent road game. Photo/Sherri Livingston

Livingston said. "We had some good at bats (at Southeast Whitfield) against the best pitcher we've seen so far ruined by hitting it right at them."

"The girls just have to keep plugging away. We have looked at the stats from the first six games last year and the first six this year, and we are light years ahead of where

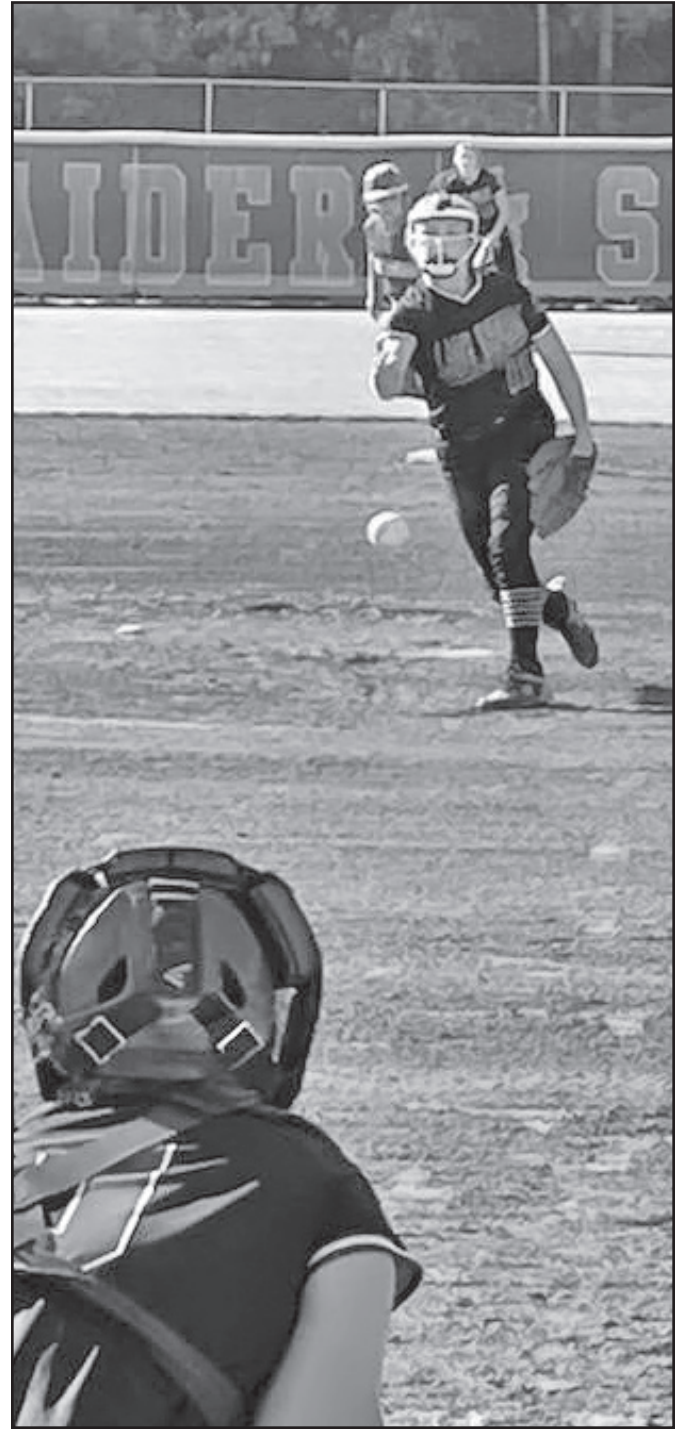
we were last year.

"The most obvious stat is, through the first six games last year, we allowed 84 runs, and we have cut that by more than half this year with 38 so far."

Next up, the ladies will play their first region matchup of the season against Washington-Wilkes High School at home on Lowell Nicholson

Field, beginning at 5 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8.

Towns County will then travel to Washington-Wilkes for a doubleheader on Saturday, Sept. 10, before hosting two rematches at home next week, both at 5 p.m.: one against Southeast Whitfield on Monday, Sept. 12, and another versus Cedar Shoals on Wednesday, Sept. 14.



Lady Indians pitcher Jaycie Cross deals to junior catcher Laura Mauldin. Photo/Sherri Livingston