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Indians, Lady Indians continue building '22 momentum

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Last week was busy and promising for the Towns County Boys and Girls Basketball Teams, with the Indians winning a big regional home game on Monday, Nov. 21, during another matchup with the Taliaferro County Jaguars that resulted in a 60-23 victory for Towns.

Senior Grant Ingram, junior Tanner Cunningham, junior Zane Floyd, junior Kade McConnell, junior Connor Chastain, senior Chance Schmeltz and senior John Dockery brought their A-game in scoring points off the backboard.

"This was a good game, and we did some good things and did not make many mistakes, so tonight was a step in the right direction," Boys Head Coach Brian Hunnicutt said that Monday.

Both teams played the very next night in the always anticipated crosstown rivalry against Union County High School on Panther turf, on Tuesday, Nov. 22, with the girls losing an incredibly close game 45-37 that came down to fourth quarter action.

Lead scorers were sophomore Kaleigh Beaver, senior Sarah Shook and junior Breelan Sieveking.

"For us, this was game three of the season," Girls Head Coach Shea Taylor said. "We played a great first three quarters of the game tonight, and in the fourth quarter I feel like we were just kind of sloppy."

"We forced some passes and made a few bad decisions, and that cost us late in the game, but we did see a lot of improvement tonight."

"They rebounded well and played good defense, so once we get that and our free-throw percentage cleaned up, come February, we are going to be playing our best basketball, which is our ultimate goal."

"We almost closed it out, and I am very pleased with how we played in those first three quarters. We're taking a step in the right direction, and we're going to



Towns County senior Sarah Shook led the way with 14 points at Union County. Photos by Lowell Nicholson and Todd Forrest continue to do so."

Next that evening, the boys tried their hand against Union and saw scorers in Cunningham, Floyd, junior Gage Rogers, Dockery, and Chastain to earn a convincing 34-29 win over the Panthers.

"Both times we were able to come (to Union) and get a victory, and last year they came back to beat us here at home," Hunnicutt said. "They are a very good and well-coached ball team."

"We certainly did not light the offensive world on fire tonight, but it was a hard-fought rivalry game,

so this win was big for us, because our defense has not quite equaled last year's as of yet. But tonight we came closer, and I am very proud of our boys for holding them under."

The girls played at home after press time on Tuesday, Nov. 29, against Copper Basin High School out of Tennessee.

On Friday, Dec. 2, the teams will scuff up the court in Andrews, North Carolina, with JV play starting at 5 p.m. and Varsity laying up at 6:30 p.m.

Go Indians!

King of the Mountain tournament this Saturday

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The Towns County Indians Wrestling Team started the 2022 season off in stellar fashion, seeing their first competitive action on the mat on Friday, Nov. 18, when they traveled to East Hall High School for the Valhalla Tournament.

There, they gained tremendous momentum in the leadup to this weekend's fabled King of the Mountain Tournament, slated to begin at 8 a.m. inside the Towns County Middle School Gym on Saturday, Dec. 3.

Numerous Indian athletes took home medals in the Valhalla Tournament earlier this month, all earning their way to victories with true, unbounded grit.

Freshman River Chauncey won First Place in the 106-pound weight class; sophomore Nick Vargas, Second Place in 157; sophomore Alex Moran, Second Place in 160; junior Stone Chauncey, Second Place at 190; freshman Cooper Floyd, Second Place at 215; freshman Jack Stowers, Third Place at



Coach Brandon Rowland during the 2021 KOTM. Photo/Todd Forrest 160; and junior Andrew Brinson, Third Place at 285.

"It was a successful tournament for us, especially this early in the season," Wrestling Head Coach Brandon Rowland said.

The Indians committed to more mat-slaming action

when they traveled to Walhalla High School after press time on Tuesday, Nov. 29, and they look forward to continuing domination during the historic King of the Mountain Tournament happening on campus Saturday.

Go Indians!



Towns County juniors Zane Floyd (22) and Gage Rogers (11) deny a Union County shot attempt during the first half. The Indians' defense held Union County to 12-of-48 shooting.



Senior Grant Ingram at the free throw line during the win over Taliaferro County.