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Lady Panthers bounce back from loss with blowout at Towns

Lady Lions pull away during second half; Union uses big second quarter in 22-point win at Towns

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The Union County Lady Panthers (3-4) bounced back with a win at Towns County on Friday following a 54-30 loss at Lakeview Academy on Tuesday.

In the loss, the Lady Lions' junior Hanna Grogan put up 35 points, 20 coming in the second half as Union was unable to keep pace after trailing by just five at the break, 23-18.

Lady Panthers 48
Towns County 26

Hiawassee - At Towns, the Lady Panthers were led by sophomore Bailey Daniel's 24 points as Union pulled away late in the second quarter and never looked back in a 48-26 victory.

Leading 20-14 with under a minute to play in the half, senior Layne Colwell and Daniel knocked down consecutive treys to stretch the lead to 26-14 at the break.

Sophomore Logan Colwell also added a trey in the second quarter for Union.

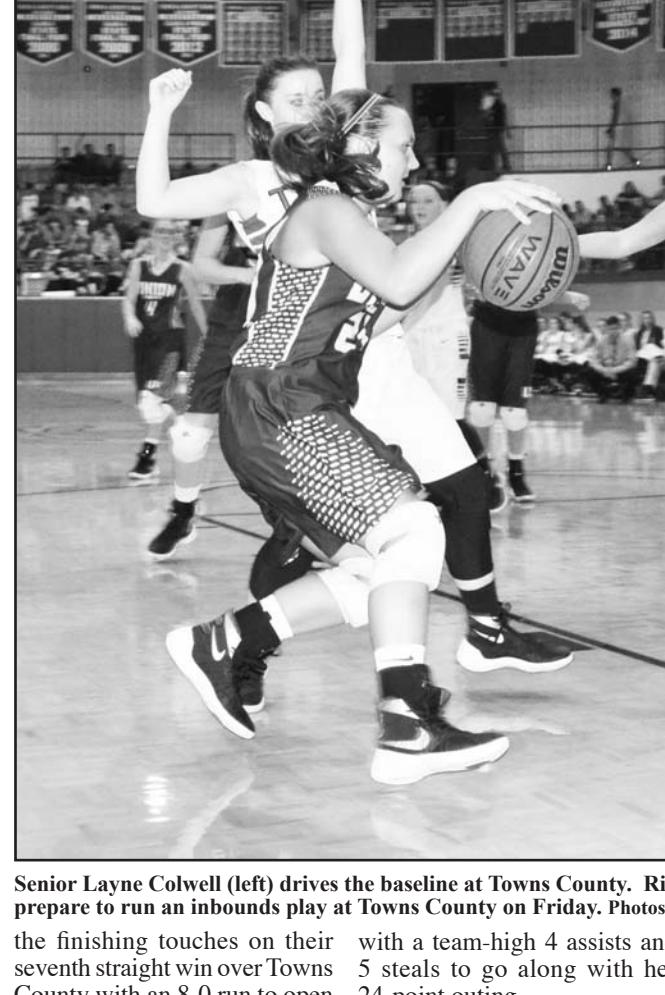
With Towns continuing to hang around, still within 10 at 31-21 with just under 4 minutes to play in the third, Daniel sparked a 3-point barrage to close the quarter in style for the Lady Panthers.

With 3:16 left in the period, Daniel nailed a trey to give Union its largest lead at 34-21. Following a Lady Indians' basket, Daniel connected from downtown once again with :56 remaining in the third.

The 3-pointer was the sophomore guard's fourth and final trey of the night.

Leading 37-23 with just under 30 seconds left in the period, Union sophomore Jillian Lawn dialed up three more from long distance to give her team an insurmountable 40-23 advantage entering the fourth.

The Lady Panthers put



Senior Layne Colwell (left) drives the baseline at Towns County. Right: (L-R) Bailey Daniel, Jillian Lawn, Ashley Fair, and Stephanie Busse prepare to run an inbounds play at Towns County on Friday. Photos by Todd Forrest



the finishing touches on their seventh straight win over Towns County with an 8-0 run to open the final frame.

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