

Frederica Academy aims for third straight victory



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Frederica's Ashton Frankel prepares to take the field against Bulloch Academy last week.

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Frederica Academy heads to Savannah to take on the St. Andrew's School Lions on Friday at 7:30 p.m. After a dominating win over their rivals, Bulloch Academy, head coach Brandon Derrick told his team this week to regain their focus on what's at hand. "We told the kids we wanted to build off of the second half on Long County and continue to build on it," Derrick said. "It's not like we need to regroup, we just need to get focused and build on our success and fix some of our failures. The problems that we have, or if we didn't get some of the things done quite the way we wanted to, let's get it

fixed and get better. I told my kids I thought we got better the last three weeks because of our individual period. Working on the basics: run blocking and pass blocking and doing those things..." Derrick added that the individual periods in the last three weeks have given the team a chance to fine-tune things for the final stretch of the season. After starting the season off 1-4 and losing quarterback Thomas Veal during the four-game losing streak, his return has the team clicking at the right time of the season. "Everybody says coach you always figure it out on the back end," Derrick said jokingly. "Well, I think we had it figured out early on

but when Thomas got hurt, it was a shuffle. How can we even be competitive when our starting quarterback is going out? Now you gotta put your MaxPreps All-American at quarterback and running back, but also one of your best receivers that stretches the field has to play every snap at quarterback, running back, and then go on the other side and play free safety. "What it does is it puts more pressure points on Jordan (Triplett) and Bryce (Reilly) to be that much better. If Thomas is on the field, we just execute the game plan. He game manages and we are able to attack down the field. We lose a Bryce on the edge and that

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Camden head coach Jeff Herron speaks to his team following a win this season at Glynn County Stadium.

Camden looks for region win on road

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Camden County travels to Tifton to take on the Tift County Blue Devils on Friday at 7:30 p.m. After the team's 34-31 overtime loss to No. 5 Colquitt County, head coach Jeff Herron was really proud of his team for how they played after an embarrassing loss to Warner Robins at the beginning of the month. "Where we were two weeks before and how we were against Warner Robins, to come back and play the way we did against Colquitt I was extremely proud of them and the fight," Herron said. "The emotions came out because we fell short again, and that's just really hard to take."

Although the Wildcats have been unable to walk away with more victories than their (4-4, 0-1) record indicates, Herron believes his team is close.

"I think we made progress almost every week," Herron said. "Again, I think we are really close. The results have not shown up on the scoreboard. I told the players as long as we were improving and we are learning to hate to lose and learning to expect to win, which I believe they are, then we are making progress. It hasn't shown up on the scoreboard yet and that's the frustrating part of it."

The Wildcats will take on a Blue Devils team that has struggled offensively to put points on the board during their two-game losing streak, averaging just five points in those contests.

Tift County's new head coach Noel Dean has taken his team to a 5-3, 0-1 record thus far. Herron believes Dean and himself are in similar situations with their teams.

"I told our kids (Wednesday) that we are really alike," Herron said. "Our situations are extremely similar right now. Who's going to recover. We both lost our first region

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Glynn Academy's Joe Foster carries the ball against Effingham County last Friday in Springfield.

Glynn Academy travels to Richmond Hill for crucial game



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Glynn Academy's K annum Warren tackles an Effingham County ball carrier last Friday in Springfield.

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Glynn Academy travels on the road to take on the Richmond Hill Wildcats on Friday at 7:30 p.m. The two schools have struggled to meet the expectations that many had in mind for them. Both sitting with a 2-2 region record, the Terrors (3-4-1) and Wildcats (2-5) are looking to earn a top-4 spot in the region and make the playoffs. Head coach Rocky Hidalgo said his players don't need to be told what's at stake. He added that his players know the implications as the Terrors have two

games remaining in the regular season.

After struggling at the beginning of the season, the defense of Glynn Academy has shown its potential since the second half of the Brunswick game, forcing multiple turnovers against Bradwell Institute and shutting out South Effingham.

It was in the 20-14 loss to Effingham County where Hidalgo believed his defense played really hard and kept the team in the game until the very end.

Now, as they travel to Richmond Hill in a very important game,

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MCA looks to finish season strong, beginning with Screven

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The Buccaneers aren't panicking following back-to-back region losses. In fact, McIntosh County Academy (2-4-1, 2-2 Region 3-A Public) is as confident as ever as it prepares to host Screven County (1-6, 1-3) at The Ship on Friday at 7:30 p.m. It's been an uneven season for the Buccaneers, who went winless over their first three games before winning two straight to open region play, and now they've dropped consecutive contests again. But MCA has also been navigating one of the 10 most difficult schedules in the classification according to the Maxwell Ratings. Despite losses to No. 8 Emanuel County Institute and No. 4 Metter over the past two contests,

McIntosh County Academy head coach Bradley Warren feels good about where his team is at. "We've been playing pretty well as a whole," Warren said. "I think just maintaining that level — I've been telling the kids to stay the course. We've had a schedule that's made us battle hardened. We should be getting better each week. "I feel like if we'll do what we do, we'll be fine." While the Buccaneers ultimately fell 28-6 last week, MCA was within 13-6 of Metter in the second half before the game got away from it. McIntosh County Academy's defense has allowed the team to hang around in games the team was otherwise overmatched. The Buccaneers have held their opponents to 18.4 points per game with six of seven teams scoring under their season average points scored on the season.

Linebacker Lake Linton leads MCA with 76 tackles, including 6.5 tackles for a loss and two sacks. Outside linebacker Quan Proctor has also recorded 6.5 tackles for a loss and three sacks among his 31 total tackles, and defensive lineman Will Jones has notched 42 total tackles, four tackles for a loss, and three sacks of his own. Screven County struggled offensively up until last week when it scored 47 of its 117 points on the year in a win over Portal. The Gamecocks average 211.1 yards of total offense per game — 117.3 yards on the ground and 93.8 through the air. Quarterback Chase Hart has started five games for Screven, and he's completed 57 percent of his passes for 349 yards and four touchdowns to three interceptions

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McIntosh County Academy runs out onto the field before its game versus Emanuel County Institute earlier this season.



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game last week. Who’s going to recover from that quicker. Who’s it going to mean more to this week and who can get their first region win. We are in a situation that we still have an opportunity to finish first in our region if things fall right. We got to win both games or we can finish

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kind of hurt us. Bryce knows how to get open. He got open the other night when it was third and eight. He found the perfect spot and sat down in it and Thomas put it right on him. Getting Jon Phillip Spiers more involved in the passing game down the field. He’s 6-foot-2, and he can catch just about anything. I thought we’ve done a better job of getting him involved this week and it paid some big dividends for us.”

The Knights are averaging 43.5 points during their two-game winning streak and have given up just 13 points total.

Now, they will be facing a

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Hidalgo says there’s no secrets to how the defense will play.

“We are going to play good fundamental defense,” Hidalgo said. “(They’ll) do what they are coached to do.”

As for the Wildcats, a main reason why they’ve struggled to win games has been their quarterback play. Ty Goldrick has turned the ball over 10 times (two fumbles and eight interceptions).

Hidalgo isn’t worried about the performances of his opponents, instead, he wants to focus solely on his team and get the best from them.

“(I’m) looking for performance, we have to go per-

fourth. Tift County is in the same situation, hopefully our kids will respond to that.”

Herron said his players know what’s at stake but aren’t looking past Tift County whatsoever.

“I think they know it,” Herron said. “Same situation as last year basically, I think they know that. We are not talking about that, we are just talking about finding a way to beat Tift County.”

Lions team that has lost both region games, losing 50-19 to Pinewood and 21-14 to Trinity Christian.

Derrick knows that his players will need to make every tackle possible against a team that averages 183.3 rushing yards a game.

“I think their quarterback (Zayne Edwards) is pretty good and does a good job,” Derrick said. “They have a really shifty receiver that’s fast (Zyere Edwards). They got a pretty good running back (Anthony Kusilka) that gets downhill and runs the ball well.... they got some guys that do a pretty good job. They run a lot of zone schemes so we gotta get off blocks and get down the line and make tackles. That’s going to be the key emphasis for us.”

form better on Friday night,” Hidalgo said. “We haven’t played a complete game yet. 48 minutes of offense, defense and special teams.

Looking for us to go out and compete on Friday night and play really hard for 48 minutes.”

Hidalgo wants to see his team go out and perform to the capability that he knows they can.

“I thought we were going to play really well (against Effingham County), and we just stunk the joint up on offense particularly. I want to see our team go out and play well, that’s what I want to see them do. I’m not going to project. I don’t know how they are going to play to be honest with you. That’s been the frustrating thing because we’ve had great practices sometimes and have not transitioned that into a great performance.”

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in addition to rushing for 222 yards and another score.

Running back Isaiah Chappel carries most of the load on the ground with 359 yards and six touchdowns on 87 carries, and receivers Dylaun Adams and TaCorey Grant have each tallied at least 150 receiving yards.

McIntosh has generated most of its offensive production on the ground out of the

Yellow Jackets look to end losing streak vs surging Virginia

By HANK KURZ JR.
Associated Press

Georgia Tech doesn’t have much to show for its recent visits to Virginia.

The Yellow Jackets have lost their last three games on Cavaliers’ home field, and 12 of 14 since 1992. Coach Geoff Collins hopes that is about to change.

Two weeks ago, the Yellow Jackets (3-3, 2-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) scored a touchdown with 51 seconds left to win 31-27 at Duke, their first victory there since 2013. It is one reason to ignore their

wing-T with Austin Crosby leading the team with 393 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Jones has run for more than 200 yards and two scores as well, and both JaReese Campbell and Deondray Bacon are over 100 rushing yards for the year.

Although the Buccaneers run for 173 yards per game, the passing game has also been solid with Will Philmore at quarterback, passing for 470 yards and six scores to three interceptions on the season.

Following contests against two of the top 10

stingiest scoring defenses in Class A Public, McIntosh County Academy could flourish offensively down the stretch.

“I think the big thing from, not just that game, but the Glynn game, the Brunswick game, the ECI game, the Metter game, Savannah Christian scrimmage, those are games we had to play at a high level,” Warren said. “We’re definitely playing competitive against those top tier teams, and I feel like that should translate over into the last few weeks of the season.”

McIntosh must win out over its final three games to lock itself into the third seed in the region. A road game against Jenkins County in the regular season finale looms as the decisive contest.

The Buccaneers still have plenty to play for.

“Go 5-2 in region, walk in, and maybe get a good draw of the bracket,” Warren said. “See what happens. I feel like we won’t be intimidated in the playoffs. We’ve played a really tough schedule, so we ought to be ready when we go in.”

history in Charlottesville.

“I think the same thing could be said about playing up in Durham as well. We just look at it one game at a time,” Collins said. “... It’s going to be a big-time environment. We just have to bring our best game. Every single game has a life of its own so we can’t worry about historical data and those kinds of things.”

The Cavaliers (5-2, 2-2) have been doing that on a steady basis, winners of three straight, including a dominant 48-0 home victory against Duke on Saturday.

Virginia coach Bronco

Mendenhall understands it’s human nature for his players to look at the disparity in how the Cavaliers played Duke and how the Yellow Jackets did, but he doesn’t want too many conclusions drawn.

“You look for comparative scores or teams that you’ve played. But wow, it’s both relevant and dangerous at the same time because there’s just so many things that go into that beyond what just that game looks like,” he said.

And that thinking goes both ways. When the Cavaliers faced North Carolina earlier this season, they carried a four-game winning streak into the game.

They lost, 59-39.

If either team needed added motivation, The winner of Saturday night’s game remains in contention for the Coastal Division championship. The loser will be essentially eliminated.

PASS HAPPY

The Cavaliers are averaging 405.9 passing yards, second nationally, which makes their pedestrian average of 120.3 rushing yards less significant. They lead the nation with 189 first downs and are second with 3,683 yards of offense.

Florida State says it won’t overlook UMass with Clemson next

By BOB FERRANTE
Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — As Florida State prepares for Saturday’s game against UMass, it would be easy to expect the Seminoles to focus their attention instead on a rivalry game with Clemson on Oct. 30.

“I can promise you we’re not going to look past anybody,” said Florida State coach Mike Norvell, who has seen his team bounce back from an 0-4 start with two wins that have pumped life back into the program. “My focus is 100% on our football team, where we are, and this week. ... The thing I believe we’ve all learned, you’ve got to maximize the one that’s in front of you.”

Norvell didn’t have to say the words “Jacksonville

State.” That was inferred.

Florida State’s demoralizing loss to the FCS program in Week 2 is still fresh and a reminder not to jump ahead, even when it’s tempting to do. After UMass, the Seminoles (2-4) will play their three biggest rivals — Clemson, Miami and Florida — in a span of five weeks.

Florida State looks like a completely different team than it did during an 0-4 September in its last two games — wins over Syracuse and at North Carolina. In the victory over the Tar Heels, Florida State did not have a dropped pass, didn’t allow a sack or turn the ball over. The defense grabbed an interception and has made fourth-down stops in the red zone in back-to-back games.

“They look much better,” UMass coach Walt

Bell said of the Seminoles. “On offense right now you can tell there’s a plan. They’re really simple right now. They’re really sound, they’re really focused on execution and effort.”

Bell was Florida State’s offensive coordinator in 2018 and the season ended with a shaky 5-7 record. But it was a stop on his coaching journey and also helped him land a job as UMass’ head coach.

“It was a tough eight months just based on wins and losses and expectations,” Bell said. “But it was a great opportunity for my family and just great to be at a place with an unbelievable football tradition like Florida State.”

Bell, who is just 37 and is the fifth-youngest FBS head coach, is 2-20 in three seasons at UMass. The

Minutemen (1-5) had lost 16 straight games before knocking off UConn 27-13 two weeks ago.

IN A RUSH

Florida State is ranked 24th in the FBS in rushing offense, surpassing the 200-yard mark in five of its first six games. Jashaun Corbin leads the Seminoles with 556 rushing yards and four touchdowns, while Treshaun Ward has 362 rushing yards and two touchdowns. The last time the Seminoles had five games with 200 or more rushing yards in a six-game span was in 1995.

PENALTY REVERSAL

Florida State committed a combined 27 penalties in its first three games but has played significantly cleaner of late. In their last three games, the Seminoles have been penalized just 12 times.