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Panthers run away from Red Terrors

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In the matter of 14 plays, Langston Hughes blew open a close contest against Glynn Academy in the second round of the Class 6A playoffs and ran away with a 35-0 victory Friday at Glynn County Stadium.

Though the Terrors trailed 14-0 at halftime against the visiting Panthers, Glynn had held tough after falling down two scores early in the first

half — narrowly missing on a few opportunities to add points — and got the ball to open the third quarter with a chance to cut the deficit in half.

Instead, the Terrors succumbed to a series of unfortunate events.

On the third play in the second half, Glynn Academy threw a pass behind the line of scrimmage that was ruled a lateral as it hit the turf, and Terrance Love scooped it up and took it 32 yards to the

house to push the Hughes lead to 21-0 just over a minute into the period.

The Terrors got the back and promptly went three-and-out, punting the ball back to the Panthers, who ripped off an 88-yard touchdown on their first play from scrimmage in the third quarter to take the remaining air out of the stadium.

Suddenly trailing by four touchdowns, Glynn Academy lost a fumble on its next snap, and after a short

five-play scoring drive Langston Hughes had a 35-0 stranglehold on the game with 4:28 still left in the third quarter.

“We didn’t prepare our kids to play this game,” said Terrors head coach Rocky Hidalgo. “We stunk the joint up. That’s on me as a head coach.”

Slow starts to both halves hurt Glynn Academy’s pursuit of a quarterfinal

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Derrick Davis/The Brunswick News
Glynn Academy's Tyler Devlin intercepts a pass at the goal line during a second round game against Langston Hughes on Friday at Glynn County Stadium.

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BRUNSWICK HIGH 21

Brunswick High falls to Lee County

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The Pirates hung with the top-ranked team in Class 6A on their home field for a half Friday night.

But ultimately, Brunswick High succumb to injuries and penalty flags in a 48-21 loss to No. 1 Lee County in Leesburg.

The talented Trojans took a 14-0 lead through one quarter until the Pirates scraped back to score its own touchdown and cut its deficit in half going into the second half.

Lee pulled away in the third quarter with three straight scores to go up 34-7 in its pursuit of a fourth straight quarterfinal appearance. Brunswick struck paydirt again to open the fourth quarter and climb back to within 20 points, but it didn’t have enough left in the tank to get any closer.

Along with quarterback KJ Lee, who left the game with a head injury in the third quarter, offensive lineman David Newbauer and safety Ivan Johnson were among the Pirates’ starters to go down throughout the

contest.

When combined with the multitude of flags on the night, Brunswick had a deep hole to try to climb out of.

“Injuries and a lot of flags, you can’t overcome those to beat a team like Lee’s — and then we’re also at their place,” said Pirates head coach Sean Pender.

Howling winds were also a factor working against Brunswick in the first and third quarters against Lee. Going against the wind, the Pirates struggled to pass or punt in two of the four periods.

Entering the contest, Pender knew his team’s matchup against Lee County would be a measuring stick for the program four years into his tenure. The Pirates aren’t championship contenders quite yet, but Pender is excited about the team’s future.

“Take the score out of the equation; we can play with this team,” Pender said. “That gives me a lot of confidence for us moving forward with our program, a lot of confidence.

“We’re in a really good spot with our program.”

Grillo shoots 63 at Mayakoba Classic

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PLAYA DEL CARMEN, Mexico — Emiliano Grillo made birdie on half of the holes Friday on his way to an 8-under 63 that gave him a four-shot lead going into the weekend at the Mayakoba Golf Classic.

The second round was delayed by one hour by heavy rain in the morning, and it was not completed before it was too dark to continue. No one was close enough to catch Grillo, who was at 13-under 129. It will be only the fifth time in 136 starts on the PGA Tour that he has a share of the lead after any round.

Tony Finau one-putted six consecutive holes in the middle of his round, four of them

par saves and none tap-ins, and posted a 66. He was at 9-under 133, along with Tom Hoge, who had a 67.

Justin Thomas, at No. 3 the highest-ranked player in the field, was zooming into contention with five birdies and an eagle through 12 holes. His momentum stalled, however, particularly with bogeys on his last two holes. Thomas had to settle for a 67 and was 10 shots behind.

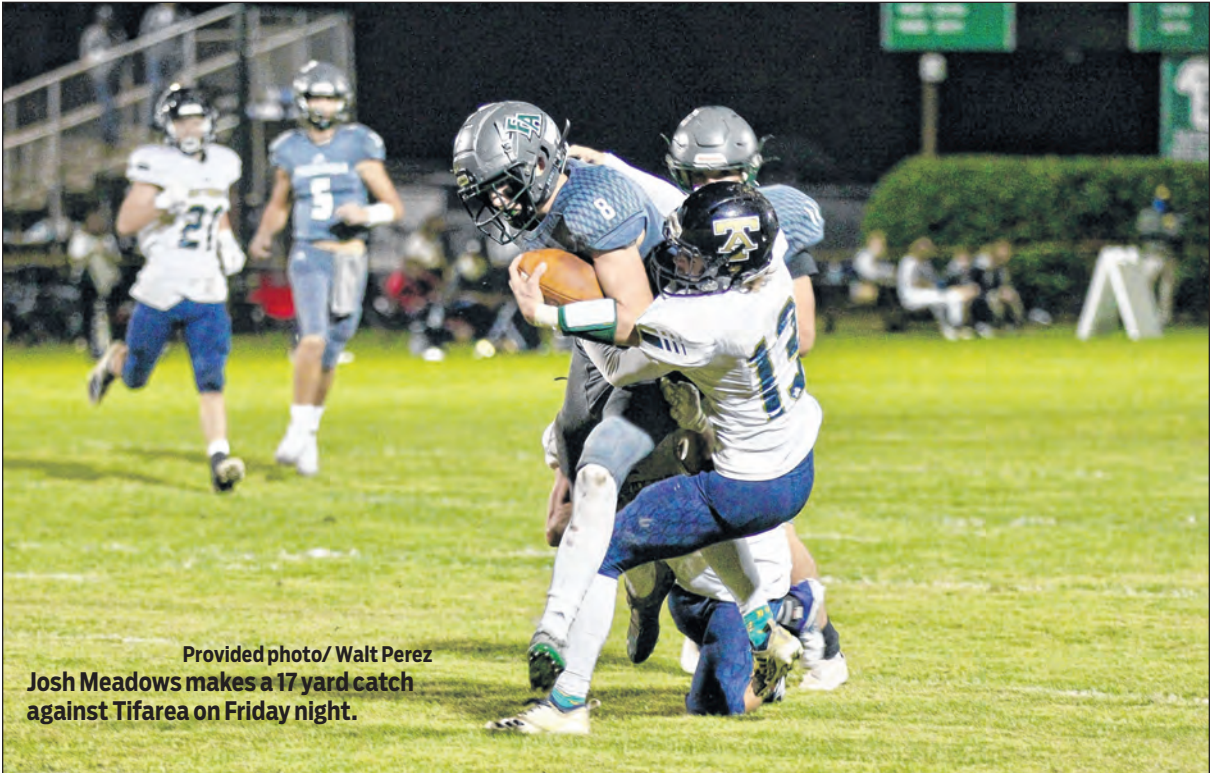
But he’s still playing, which won’t be the case for Rickie Fowler and Brooks Koepka.

Fowler was in position for an easy birdie on the par-5 13th hole when he sent

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FREDERICA ACADEMY 14 TIFTAREA 7

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Provided photo/ Walt Perez
Josh Meadows makes a 17 yard catch against Tifarea on Friday night.

Knights’ perseverance earn them a win over Panthers in semifinals

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Frederica Academy’s football team earned its final revenge game of the season as the Knights defeated Tiftarea Academy 14-7 in the GISA 3A semifinal game.

It wasn’t always pretty on Friday night for the Knights, but they persevered when it mattered.

“The kids never quit. They just went and played, and that’s what they always do,” Frederica Academy coach Brandon Derrick said. “They just always go play, and I don’t know what to say, ‘besides, whew, we got through it.’ It wasn’t the prettiest football game, but our defense is pretty good.”

Both defenses proved stout throughout the night as it went scoreless in the first quarter. Tiftarea struck first as their quarterback Dylan Harbort connected with John Adam Copeland for a four-yard touchdown pass to make it 7-0 with 9:27 to go in the half.

Frederica tried to get some offensive momentum going in the first half but struggled at times as Tiftarea found success stopping the Knights run game. The Panthers held Frederica to 98 rushing yards on the night — holding Jordan Triplett to just 77 yards on 20 carries.

However, their defense and special teams found ways to make plays and keep the Knights in it. Josh Meadows blocked a punt, and Bryce Reilly came up with it to give Frederica great field position deep in Tiftarea’s territory.

Despite the excellent field position, the Knights couldn’t execute it and tried to settle with a last-second field goal before the half expired, but failed, so the Panthers led 7-0 at the half.

Frederica received the ball to start the second half,

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Provided photos/ Walt Perez
Top: Kyle Perez shakes a tackle during the GISA semifinal game against Tiftarea on Friday night. Bottom: Jordan Triplett rushes the football

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