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Camden runs over Somerset

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Camden didn't have the best game Friday at Chris Gilman Stadium, but we're not talking about the Wildcats.

Camden Hartzell, quarterback of the Somerset Academy Panthers, was harassed throughout the game by the Wildcats defense. Camden County, 3-2, ran roughshod over Somerset, in what Coach Jeff Herron called a "near perfect" first half.

The Wildcats got on the scoreboard early on a blocked punt Sharmarion Gibbs, who recovered the ball in the end zone for a Camden touchdown less than two minutes into the game.

Gibbs put the Wildcats on the scoreboard about two minutes later with a sack of the punter and recovery of the ball in the end zone for a 14-0 lead.

The next possession for the Panthers, 2-2, ended with a fumble at midfield, recovered by Ian Pederson. Nine plays later, all runs, the Wildcats scored on a 4-yard run by Ja'Marley Riddle to give Camden a 21-0 lead.

Trey Young intercepted a Hartzell pass for the Wildcats

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Frederica falls against state champs

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John Milledge Academy hasn't lost a game since Frederica Academy topped the Trojans in the 2018 state championship game, and it extended its streak further Friday against their old rival.

Frederica traveled to Milledgeville and was handed a 63-13 loss by the three-time defending GISA Class 3A state champions.

"They're very good," said Knights head coach Brandon Derrick. "They've got a lot of depth, got a lot of talent, play really good football. There's a reason they're now 41-0."

"We've got to go and do some things better, and get our kids better prepared. I didn't think we played with very much intensity and life early on."

John Milledge (4-0) wasted little time in getting on the board, taking a 7-0 lead against Frederica (1-3) about a minute and a half into the contest.

The Knights managed to work the ball right back down field on the ensuing possession, but facing a 4th down just outside the red zone, a pass bounced off the helmet of the intended target

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NO PLACE LIKE HOME



Brunswick High's Terry Mitchell and Jayden Drayton celebrate a touchdown against Islands on Friday at Glynn County Stadium.

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Brunswick High blows past Islands on homecoming

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Just 41 seconds after the game clock started rolling, the Pirates sashayed their way into the end zone.

There would be no upset Friday at Glynn County Stadium as Brunswick High pulverized Islands 49-0.

Celebrating homecoming, the Pirates could hardly wait to get the party started, jumping out to a 35-point lead by halftime, prompting the clock to continuously run throughout the final two quarters.

Brunswick (4-0) wasn't perfect — it lost a fumble in the first quarter and provided Islands (0-5) an early spark on the ensuing drive, but the Pirates dominated the rest of the contest against the overmatched Sharks, outgaining them 339-17 on the night.

"We've still got to be consistent in everything we do," said BHS head coach Garrett Grady. "Hats off to Islands. They have some really good players on their team. I think they're very talented, and their record doesn't speak to it, but they play with a lot of heart. I have a lot of respect for Coach (DeShawn) Printup and what he does."

Although winless, Islands had been playing some better ball over the two previous weeks leading into its matchup against Brunswick, especially on the defensive end, but the Pirates were simply too much.

Three plays into the contest, Brunswick had already moved 65 yards down the field, the scoring

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Bucs hold firm on final drive in win over Bulldogs



McIntosh County Academy used a last-second goal-line stand to complete its second-half comeback over Lanier County, 18-10.

Going up against a Bulldog defense that used the perimeter well with its screenplays, McIntosh's defense (3-1) played well even if they had multiple offside penalties called on them.

Giving Lanier (2-3) breaks on its opening drive with short yardage to gain, the Buccaneers' defense was able to fight through the troubles they caused themselves by only holding the Bulldogs' defense to a 35-yard field goal by Jonathan Bailey to open the scoring.

The first half as a whole did not showcase the dominance that McIntosh has been this year.

Going three-and-out on its first two opening drives, McIntosh got the ball back with under three minutes to go before the half.

Down on their nine-yard line, the offense started to show life by moving the ball with its wing-T offense. Eight plays later, the Buccaneers were finally close to midfield but a turnover on downs gave the Bulldogs the ball back with 10 seconds to go in the second. Lanier threw three incomplete passes to take a 3-0 lead into the half.

"Yeah, it was 3-0 at the half and at one point in the second quarter we had only had the ball three times and we couldn't get off the field," said McIntosh County Academy head coach Bradley Warren. "Hats off to their coaching staff, they had a great game plan and we were making a lot of mistakes. We limited some of those mistakes in the second half but I think we are still learning how to win each and every single week, something we got to overcome. We can't take

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Brunswick High's Tavion Gadson defends a pass against Islands on Friday at Glynn County Stadium.

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play coming on a 34-yard touchdown pass from JR Elkins to Terry Mitchell. The Pirates missed the extra point, but after forcing a quick three-and-out, they were in position to build on the lead.

Starting the drive on the Islands 33 yard-line, William Heck rumbled 16 yards before the ball came loose as he fought for more yardage, and the Sharks jumped on the recovery.

It looked as if it would be no harm, no foul as Brunswick pushed Islands back to just outside the goal line and forced a punt from inside the end zone, but the Pirates roughed the punter and gave the Sharks a fresh set of downs.

A few plays later, Islands lined up to punt again. This time, the Sharks punter pulled the ball and lofted a

pass to an open receiver for another first down.

Islands crossed the 50 for the first and only time in the first half to set up a 4th down, but Brunswick snuffed out the run for a six-yard loss, and the road team would hardly threaten again.

The Sharks had -2 yards over the remainder of the contest.

"We gave them a little life, and lost possession on a fumble, but other than that, a great night, a way to send the seniors out who have worked so hard," Grady said. "A lot of guys got to play tonight, and that's what it was about — getting guys reps."

Brunswick took over after the turnover on downs and took just five plays to return to the end zone, three straight carries for 10 or more yards by Jamarius Towns setting up Jayden Drayton's 2-yard touchdown run. A two-point conversion made the score 14-0 with 41 seconds re-

maining in the first.

Drayton added another score on the Pirates' first drive of the second period, and Brunswick used a little trickery to score again a few minutes later on a 44-yard touchdown pass from receiver Kevin Thomas to Mitchell.

On the next drive, BHS went back to Mitchell on a curl to convert a 4th and 9.

The human joystick caught the pass beyond the sticks and proceeded to shake the Islands defenders on his way to a 43-yard score.

Mitchell finished the contest with three catches for 121 yards and three touchdowns.

"I mean, Touchdown Terry," Grady said with a smile.

With the clock running and a 35-0 advantage, the Pirates got their reserves into the game over the final two quarters. Towns capped off a six-carry, 88-yard night with a 29-yard touchdown on Brunswick's opening drive

of the 3rd, and Nashik Cohen put the finishing touches on the game with a 1-yard scoring run with 5:10 to play.

Brunswick entered the game ranked third in fewest points allowed in Class 6A, and the Pirates lowered that figure with their first shutout of the year. Islands had just one first down over the final three quarters.

There won't be much time for Brunswick to celebrate an unblemished ending to non-region play. The City Championship against crosstown rival Glynn Academy is next week.

"Now we've got to focus on what's at hand," Grady said.

"The City Championship, that's going to be big game right here between the bricks. We know we're going to get Glynn's best, but we've still got a lot of stuff we can get better at."

"We've got to focus on cleaning that up because we have not played a perfect game yet. We've got to do that."

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anybody for granted, we are good enough to win and we are also good enough to get our tails kicked.

McIntosh opened the third quarter with its third three-and-out of the game, and this time Lanier made them pay for its mistakes. On the first play of the second half, Drake Wolford found Bryan Jones in one-on-one coverage with the receiver beating the Buccaneers defender and racing his way to the end zone for the 51-yard score.

Down 10-0, the life of McIntosh seemed to be drained with the team failing to do much offensively.

They would flip that switch quickly after a five-play drive from their 20-yard line saw Monte' Stokes take an end around through the B gap of the defense and for a 66-yard score. Seeing their extra point blocked, a 10-6 deficit would quickly flip to a lead for McIntosh.

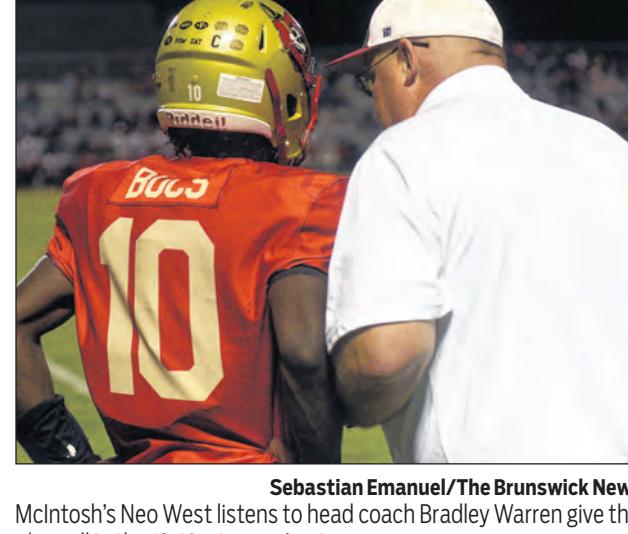
With 5:32 to go in the third, Lanier's Wolford threw a backwards pass to a receiver. As the ball zoomed past his hands and onto the ground, McIntosh's Jaylen Dallas scooped up the loose ball and raced his way to the end zone for a 39-yard defensive touchdown and a 12-10 lead for the Buccaneers.

"This team thrives off momentum," Warren said. "When we get some momentum, we can play. I'm proud of them and they played hard all night. They just didn't play very smart, we have to get better mentally and I just think it is a learning curve. When you come off a big high and a big win, you have to play well each and every single week. You can't just show up to win and this team was ready to go."

Life on the sideline reverberated into the stands with the Buccaneer faithful showing their support to a group that never gave up.

Hoping to find a way to get back into the game, Lanier stuck with their passing game as a defensive pass interference moved the team to the 30-yard line of McIntosh.

On the ensuing play, Wolford dropped back and as he scrambled out of the pocket



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McIntosh's Neo West listens to head coach Bradley Warren give the play call in the 18-10 win over Lanier.

et, the Bulldog quarterback heaved a pass towards the sidelines and right into the hands of McIntosh's Neo West. The quarterback/safety too tapped his way to secure the interception for his team. As he celebrated with his teammates and showed his passion, West quickly went over to Coach Warren and got the next play call for the offense to run.

Taking advantage of the turnover, the McIntosh offense controlled the clock as they ran a 16-play drive that started from its own 9 and into the end zone for six points. Deondray Bacon led that drive with seven carries, three from goal to go the distance, before bullying his way in from three yards out for the score. Needing to go for two to make it a two-possession game, the Buccaneers once again failed to convert, giving the Bulldogs a breath of life.

Seeing 5:38 to go and down eight, Lanier stuck to its bread and butter with screenplays and handoffs to future D1 running back Jaylen Calhoun.

After an offensive pass interference that moved the Bulldogs to their 16-yard line, the Bulldogs quickly gained the yardage back with two big passing plays inside the middle of the defense to get a 4-and-4 from their 37-yard line with 2:38.

Coming out of a timeout, Wilford dropped back to pass, and once again West jumped the pass for his second interception of the night. Instead of taking a knee and giving his team the ball with an eight-point lead and

two minutes to go, West ran through the Bulldogs' offense and into the arms of Jones who stripped the ball loose from the arms of West and his team recovered.

Getting a fresh set of downs after the fumble recovery, Lanier marched down the field from the 46 to the 5-yard line in five plays.

Only needing five yards to have a chance to tie the game and force overtime, Lanier picked up a yard and only a yard on four plays. Going through the air after a first down rushing attempt, Wolford had a ball batted down on second down, an overthrow of a wide-open man on third. On fourth down, Wolford had the one-on-one coverage he wanted towards the left side of the end zone, but his receiver fell down as he made his break.

McIntosh prevailed with the turnover on downs, giving them the ball to knee it out and move to 3-1 on the year.

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