

Rams fall to Clay Central

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The Valley Rams came into Clay County with a chance to take home the region championship. Now, Valley will have to regroup after falling to Clay Central 47-0.

The Volunteers dominated the game from start to finish. On the opening kickoff, Tyler Boyd stunned the Rams. Boyd took the kickoff 82 yards for a touchdown. The extra point gave Clay Central a 7-0 lead.

Damauri Whetstone added two touchdowns in the first quarter to give the Volunteers a 21-0 lead.

Clay Central piled on with two more touchdowns to take a 34-0 lead at the end of the first half.

The Volunteers just coasted through the rest of the game, scoring two more times in the second half.

The loss drops Valley's record to 4-2 on the season and 2-1 in region play.

The Rams are in a good position to still secure a playoff spot next week as they face off against the Tallassee Tigers at home for homecoming.



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POWER BACK: Keondae Huguley delivers a stiff arm during the fourth quarter of the game against Reeltown.

LANETT STIFLED

Panthers struggle at home against the Reeltown Rebels

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The Lanett Panthers had a tough night on Friday as Reeltown came in and dominated homecoming with a 50-7 win.

The game was never really in doubt from the opening kickoff. The Rebels took over early in the first half and never looked back.

"They just took it to us," Lanett coach

Chip Seagle said.

"I think they're the best team in the region because we've seen all three of the undefeateds. They're the best one."

The first half was all Reeltown. Arthur Woods got the scoring started for the Rebels with a 32-yard rushing touchdown. Reeltown led 7-0 after the extra point with 8:15 left in the first quarter.

On the ensuing drive Riontae Zeigler

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Rebels dominant at home

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The Chambers Academy Rebels beat the Abbeville Generals 64-0 in an electric homecoming victory.

After a defensive stop to begin the first quarter, the Chambers offense took the field, where Koreen Henry wove through a slew of oncoming Generals into the end zone. After a two-point conversion, the score was 8-0 Rebels.

During the latter half of the quarter, Chambers Academy's Luke Tarver ran the ball in for another touchdown, followed by another conversion, making the score 16-0.

In the next offensive run by the Rebels, Jacob Norgard ran the ball an impressive 60 yards before being stopped at the 3-yard line.

Tarver finished the job, running it in for yet another touchdown.

Following a failed conver-

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Beulah struggles against Dadeville

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BEULAH — The Beulah Bobcats fell to 2-4 on the season with a 41-10 loss to the Dadeville Tigers Friday evening at Bobcat Stadium.

The Bobcats got off to a slow start, falling behind Dadeville 13-0 in the first quarter before getting on the scoreboard with a field goal. The visitors got touchdowns on their first two drives to have that 13-0 lead before the Bobcats got a 21-yard field goal from Reed Maloof to make it 13-3.

The Tigers got their first score on a 42-yard run off the left side of the line by Davion Byrd. The PAT failed, leaving the score 6-0 midway of the opening period. Beulah failed to move the ball on their next possession and after a short punt, Dadeville put the ball in play on their 46-yard line. They then drove it 54 yards to go up by two scores. On fourth-and-three from the 22, Burns scored for the Tigers on a run off the left side of the line. The point-after kick made it 13-0 with 31.8 seconds left in the first quarter.

In the second period, Beulah got a break when Tim Hightower recovered a Dadeville fumble on the Tiger 23. They looked to be in business when quarterback Wes Grant completed a pass to L.J.



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FIFTY YEARS: Beulah celebrated its class of 1974 as the first team to put on football pads for the Bobcats.

Fitzpatrick inside the Dadeville 10, but a holding penalty negated the big play. They did get it close enough for Maloof's field goal. With 4:18 left before halftime, the Bobcats had narrowed the score to 13-3.

After getting a kickoff out of bounds, Dadeville started their next possession on their 35. It took them just one play to score again.

This time Eason got loose off the right side of the line and was very quickly into the secondary. He outran everyone to the end zone for Dadeville's third TD of the game. With 3:55 left before halftime, they led 20-3.

In the final minutes of the half, the Bobcats drove the ball 77 yards to narrow the score to 20-10. It would be their best offensive series

of the game. They excelled both in terms of running the ball and passing it. R.J. Shealey and Mason Madden ran the ball well between the tackles and quarterback Wes Grant made some big completions to wideout L.J. Fitzpatrick. A pass from Grant to Fitzpatrick with 25 seconds left in the half put the ball in the end zone.

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Wildcats get tough win on the road

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Springwood traveled and faced one of the premier 8-man football teams in the state of Georgia on Friday night. The Wildcats came away with a 22-20 victory.

"Windsor is a top-class program," Springwood coach Joey Burch said. "They're a big, physical football team. We just decided this week that we were going to beat them at their own game."

Jacob Burton hit two field goals in the game to help lift Springwood over Windsor Academy.

"After we lost that close one last week, we just set our mindset that we were going to go 5-0," Burch said. "We were tired of losing, we said we weren't going to lose anymore."

The Wildcats got the ball with around seven minutes left on the clock. The offense drove down the field and milked the clock to end the game with a kneel on the 5-yard line.

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Toniya Collier, LaFayette's all-around girl

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Every great program has to start somewhere. LaFayette's volleyball program at the start of its construction, but a firm foundation has been built thanks in part to one excellent carpenter.

It took three seasons for Chase Lewis to get his first win as the LaFayette coach. Through all the losses, Toniya Collier was a constant for the program. It is hard to put into words what Collier has meant for the volleyball team and LaFayette high school.

"Everything boss," Lewis said with a laugh. "Just a leader. She's going to be truly missed next year. I think

she's done a good job of just creating a culture. I believe it's just going to keep building."

Lewis and LaFayette added a few wins this season, which was obviously a big payoff for the hard work that had been done within the program, but you would think that the losing early on would have been hard on the team. That just was not the case. Collier took joy in doing the hard work that it took to build the program.

"It really wasn't that tough," Collier said. "The way I see it, if you had put hard work and dedication into this sport and program you will continue to do it."

Collier's love for the sport

never wavered. She even got busy recruiting for the team. Last season, LaFayette played several games with just five players. This season, the Bulldogs had enough players to add a JV team.

"It feels good to see people just get out on the court and learn how to play the game of volleyball," Collier said. "I don't care about the scoreboard. As long as I'm getting on the court and playing with them, I don't care."

Collier is the team's captain and the most vocal player on the court. Oftentimes she can be seen as a coach on the floor. Collier and assistant coach Kim Slay spend



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TOP SENIOR: Toniya Collier poses with her family and coach Lewis during LaFayette's senior night against Horseshoe Bend.

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