

## Tarboro rolls by Mitchell 28-7

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Tarboro collected their second straight State Championship and eighth in program history rushing by Mitchell 28-7 to win the 1A State Championship. The Vikings got a pair of touchdowns and 132 yards rushing from Tobias Joyner who was named the 1A State Championship Game Most Valuable Player.

Trevon White also rushed for a pair of scores for the Vikings, scoring twice on 20 carries and 78 yards on his way to being named the Most Outstanding Offensive Performer for Tarboro. White opened the scoring on a three-yard touchdown run to cap off an 8-play, 51-yard drive with just 49 seconds to play in the first quarter.

Mitchell answered early in quarter two when Ty Turbyfill threw a jump pass to a wide open Gage Young in the left side of the endzone for an 8-yard score. Turbyfill's toss tied the game at 7 with 9:23 to go in the half, and helped cement his selection as Most Outstanding Offensive Performer for the Mountaineers. He finished the game with 101 yards rushing on 30 carries and threw for 62 yards on 5-11 passing.

Tarboro threw a haymaker late in the first half as they Vikings capitalized on a short punt and short field. The Vikings marched 8 plays and 30 yards to cash in on a one yard touchdown run by White with just six seconds to play in the half. With White's two TD's in the bag, Tarboro went into the locker room up 14-7.

The Vikings turned to Joyner in the second half, and he took a handoff 35 yards to end Tarboro's first drive of the second half with a touchdown and a 21-7 lead just 2:02 into the third quarter. Joyner iced the game late as he sprinted 38 yards to paydirt with 2:12 to go in the game, pushing the Tarboro lead to 28-7.

The Mitchell defense stood up firm against the Viking ground game, holding the vaunted Tarboro "T" to just 243 yards on 50 carries. Enrique Huaroco was selected as the Most Outstanding Defensive Performer for the Mountaineers, leading the team with 11 tackles and forcing a fumble in the game. Tarboro's defensive efforts were led by Treheem Daniels with 14 tackles, including one for loss, as he was selected as the Most Outstanding Defensive Performer for the Vikings.

Mitchell finished the season 13-3. The Mountaineers were 6-0 as the champions of the Western Highlands 1A/2A. Mitchell won the school's second Western Regional Championship and appeared in the State Championship for the second time in school history.

Tarboro wrapped up the year 14-1 rebounding from a week one loss to Rocky Mount to win 14 straight games. The Vikings were 5-0 in conference play, winning the Four Rivers 1A. The Vikings won the program's 8th state title and appeared in the State Championship Game for the 12th time in school history. The Vikings have won State Championships in four of the last five seasons.



### 2021 1A Championship Statistics

|            | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| TARBORO -  | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | - | 28 |
| MITCHELL - | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 7  |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |     |  |
|----------|-----|--|
| 1 - 0:49 | TAR | - T. White 3 yd run (L. Dupree kick) (8/51/2:50)                       |
| 2 - 9:23 | MIT | - G. Young 8 yd pass from T. Turbyfill (B. Wessinger kick) (8/68/3:26) |
| 2 - 0:06 | TAR | - T. White 1 yd run (L. Dupree kick) (8/30/2:51)                       |
| 3 - 9:58 | TAR | - T. Joyner 35 yd run (L. Dupree kick) (4/47/2:02)                     |
| 4 - 2:12 | TAR | - T. Joyner 38 yd run (L. Dupree kick) (5/35/2:07)                     |

| Team Statistics               | TAR           | MIT             |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| First Downs                   | 12            | 11              |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 50 - 243      | 40 - 144        |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 0 - 1 - 0 - 0 | 5 - 11 - 62 - 2 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 51 - 243      | 51 - 206        |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 4 - 43        | 3 - 21          |
| Turnovers                     | 0             | 2               |

**Passing - TAR:** O. Lewis 0-1, 0 yd; **MIT:** T. Turbyfill 5-11, 62 yd, 1 TD.

**Rushing - TAR:** T. Joyner 16-132 yd, 2 TD; T. White 20-78 yd, 2 TD; J. Higgs 10-37 yd; J. Dozier 1-1 yd. **MIT:** T. Turbyfill 30-101 yd; G. Young 4-17 yd; C. Hoyle 4-15 yd; C. Duncan 2-11 yd.

**Receiving - TAR:** None. **MIT:** G. Young 2-39 yd, 1 TD; E. Willis 1-12 yd; C. Hoyle 1-8 yd; D. Hollifie 1-3 yd.

### AWARDS

**Mitchell Defensive M.O.P.** - Enrique Huaroco (DL)

**Mitchell Offensive M.O.P.** - Ty Turbyfill (QB)

**Tarboro Defensive M.O.P.** - Treheem Daniels (LB)

**Tarboro Offensive M.O.P.** - Trevon White (RB)

**Most Valuable Player - Tarboro** - Tobias Joyner (RB)

## Shelby downs Wallace-Rose Hill 55-34 behind Lee's five TD passes

RALEIGH, NC – After a back-and-forth first half, the Shelby passing attack on the arm of Daylin Lee who tossed five touchdown passes in the game, lifting the Golden Lions to a 55-34 victory over Wallace-Rose Hill in the 2A State Championship Game. Lee finished the game with 313 yards through the air and completed 20-26 passes and was named the game's Most Valuable Player as Shelby won their 12th NCHSAA State Championship.

After a week-long COVID scare that saw four Bulldogs players unable to make the trip due to positive tests, Wallace-Rose Hill jumped on the board first as the state's leading rusher, Kanye Roberts, sprinted 56-yards for a score just two minutes into the game. Roberts carried the ball 26 times for 253 yards and five touchdowns as he was selected as the Most Outstanding Offensive Performer for Wallace-Rose Hill.

Shelby answered Roberts' opening salvo with a score of their own when Lee found Izay Bridges for a 22-yard score just a minute and a half later to tie the game. Later in the quarter the Lions marched 10 plays and 80 yards to score on a nine-yard strike to Demetrius Thompson to go up 14-7.

Roberts found paydirt twice in short order to start the second quarter, pushing the Bulldogs back in front 21-14 on touchdown runs of 2 and 27 yards, respectively. Shelby struck right back with a pair of scores of their own to surge in front 28-21 with 1:29 to go. Marquis Adams ran for a two-yard score, one of three touchdowns for Adams on his 42 yard night that earned him Most Outstanding Offensive Performer honors for Shelby. Lee added the second of those two scores with just 1:29 to go in the half, finding Ja'Keith Hamilton for a 16-yard score.

Despite the late score for Shelby, the first half fireworks were not done. Roberts ripped off a 35-yard run that ripped through the Golden Lion defense and came a point shy of tying the game at 28 after a missed kick by the Bulldogs with just 15 seconds left in the half. Even with little time remaining to mount a drive, the Lions slipped a pass from Lee to Bridges for a 56-yard score with just four seconds to go in the half and put Shelby up 34-27 at the break.

Shelby came out swinging in the third quarter as Adams went to work, accounting for three straight Shelby touchdowns. His first score came on a 42-yard pass from Lee just over a minute into the second half. He tacked on the next two touchdowns on the ground, cashing in from three and 32 yards out to put the Lions in front comfortably 55-27.

The Golden Lion defense was led by Malaki Hamrick. Hamrick was a rock in the Lion defense, racking up 14 tackles to lead the team and adding a sack in the game. He was selected as Shelby's Most Outstanding Defensive Performer. The Bulldog defense was powered by Antwon Montgomery who accounted for a team-leading 8 tackles and was chosen as the Most Outstanding Defensive Performer for Wallace-Rose Hill.



### 2021 2A Championship Statistics

|                     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | - | T  |
|---------------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| WALLACE-ROSE HILL - | 7  | 20 | 0  | 7 | - | 34 |
| SHELBY-             | 14 | 20 | 14 | 7 | - | 55 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |     |  |
|-----------|-----|--|
| 1 - 10:00 | WRH | - K. Roberts 56 yd run (L. Teachey kick good) (4/80/5:00)                  |
| 1 - 8:27  | SH  | - I. Bridges 22 yd pass from D. Lee (J. Berkowitz kick good) (5/52/1:32)   |
| 1 - 2:32  | SH  | - D. Thompson 9 yd pass from D. Lee (J. Berkowitz kick good) (10/80/3:27)  |
| 2 - 10:46 | WRH | - K. Roberts 2 yd run (L. Teachey kick good) (7/56/3:41)                   |
| 2 - 8:01  | WRH | - K. Roberts 27 yd run (L. Teachey kick good) (5/40/2:43)                  |
| 2 - 4:38  | SH  | - M. Adams 2 yd run (J. Berkowitz kick good) (9/55/3:21)                   |
| 2 - 1:29  | SH  | - J. Hamilton 16 yd pass from D. Lee (J. Berkowitz kick good) (3/16/1:14)  |
| 2 - 0:15  | WRH | - K. Roberts 35 yd run (L. Teachey kick missed) (6/80/1:14)                |
| 2 - 0:04  | SH  | - I. Bridges 52 yd pass from D. Lee (J. Berkowitz kick missed) (1/52/0:11) |
| 3 - 10:43 | SH  | - M. Adams 42 yd pass from D. Lee (J. Berkowitz kick good) (3/58/1:14)     |
| 3 - 2:40  | SH  | - M. Adams 3 yd run (J. Berkowitz kick good) (9/67/3:21)                   |
| 4 - 9:08  | SH  | - M. Adams 32 yd run (J. Berkowitz kick good) (7/72/3:39)                  |
| 4 - 7:14  | WRH | - K. Roberts 12 yd run (L. Teachey kick good) (4/77/1:48)                  |

| Team Statistics               | WRH            | SH                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 15             | 21                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 47 - 369       | 29 - 149          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 1 - 5 - 30 - 1 | 20 - 26 - 313 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 52 - 399       | 55 - 462          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 65         | 9 - 55            |
| Turnovers                     | 2              | 0                 |

**Passing** - WRH: X. Pearsall 1-5, 30 yd; SH: D. Lee 20-26, 313 yd, 5 TD.  
**Rushing** - WRH: K. Roberts 26-253 yd, 5 TD; A. Montgomery 9-109 yd; K. Farris 7-62 yd; L. Teachey 1-(-11 yd); X. Pearsall 4-(-44 yd). SH: T. Tate 12-59 yd; B. Kee 10-42; M. Adams 4-42 yd, 3 TD; D. Lee 1-8 yd, Team 2-(-2y).  
**Receiving** - WRH: 3-30 yd; D. West 1-0 yd; A. Montgomery 1-0 yd. SH: J. Hamilton 5-106 yd, 1 TD; I. Bridges 7-97 yd, 2 TD; D. Thompson 9-36 yd, TD; L. Williams 3-25 yd; M. Adams 1-42 yd, TD; T. Tate 1-7 yd.



## Dudley blasts J.H. Rose 69-40

CHAPEL HILL, NC – In the highest scoring neutral site State Championship Game in history, the Dudley Panthers blasted J.H. Rose 69-40 to win the school's seventh Football State Championship and fifth title in NCHSAA play. The Panthers were led by quarterback Jahmier Slade who rushed for 98 yards and three touchdowns and throwing for two more with 115 yards passing on his way to winning MVP honors for the game.

Dudley scored the most points of any single team in a neutral site State Championship Game (most since 1989). The Panthers 69 points clipped the mark of 68 set by Reidsville in the 2003 2AA State Championship Game against Bandys. The two teams combined for the most points in a neutral site state championship game, eclipsing the record of 98 set by Western Alamance and North Gaston in the 2007 3A State Title Game. Dudley's 42 first-half points tied the most points in a single half, a record held by three other teams: 2003 Reidsville, 2012 Butler, & 2015 Mallard Creek.

The Panthers rushed out to a 21-0 lead just 5:41 into the game. R.J. Baker opened the scoring running for a three-yard touchdown to capitalize on a short field for Dudley. The defense got into the act on the next series when heavy pressure forced an errant throw that found its way into the hands of Jaylan Richmond who returned it 56 yards for a touchdown to go up 14-0. Logan Wright was a force on the defensive line for the Panthers all night, generating pressure in the Rampant backfield and making 8 tackles in the game. He was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for Dudley.

After stopping Rose quickly, Michael Shaw took the first play of the next Dudley possession and ripped off a 76-yard score to go up 21-0. Shaw finished the game with 12 carries for 191 yards and a score as he was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Performer for the Panthers.

Just when things looked the worst for the Rampants, the Rose offense came to life as quarterback Will Taylor engineered an 8-play, 67-yard drive and found Jayden Grimes on a 13-yard crossing route to put the Rampants on the scoreboard. Grimes finished the night with Most Outstanding Offensive Performer honors for the Rampants, hauling in 9 passes for 150 yards and two scores. On the ensuing Panther possession, Jameer Roach picked off Slade and took it 59 yards to the house to trim the Dudley lead to 21-14 with less than a minute to go in the opening quarter.

Dudley answered on their next possession to stop the momentum, marching 7 plays and 65 yards to score. Slade eluded multiple defenders and scrambled 24 yards to the endzone to cap the drive. After the Rampants cashed in a special teams miscue by Dudley on a 6-yard run by Klavon Brown, Dudley rolled off the next 22 points to seal the victory.

For J.H. Rose, Brown was selected as the Most Outstanding Defensive Performer for J.H. Rose, massing 7 tackles and four for loss while forcing a fumble. He also rushed for 115 yards on 20 carries with a pair of scores in the game.



### 2021 3A Championship Statistics

|           | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | - | T  |
|-----------|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| JH ROSE - | 14 | 6  | 14 | 6 | - | 40 |
| DUDLEY -  | 21 | 21 | 27 | 0 | - | 69 |

### Qtr-Clock

| Qtr-Clock | SCORING SUMMARY  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 8:43  | DUD - R.J. Baker 3 yd run (A. Baylor kick) (5/29/1:50)                   |
| 1 - 7:40  | DUD - J. Richmond 56 yd int. return (A. Baylor kick)                     |
| 1 - 6:19  | DUD - M. Shaw 76 yd run (A. Baylor kick) (1/76/0:12)                     |
| 1 - 2:40  | JHR - J. Grimes 13 yd pass from W. Taylor (W. D'Alonzo kick) (8/67/3:39) |
| 1 - 0:54  | JHR - J. Roach 59 yd int. return (W. D'Alonzo kick)                      |
| 2 - 9:55  | DUD - J. Slade 24 yd run (M. Wall rush failed) (7/65/2:59)               |
| 2 - 5:17  | JHR - K. Brown 6 yd run (W. D'Alonzo kick failed) (1/6/0:06)             |
| 2 - 0:43  | DUD - M. Wall 5 yd run (M. Shaw rush) (2/35/0:21)                        |
| 2 - 0:02  | DUD - R.J. Baker 14 yd pass from J. Slade (A. Baylor kick) (4/23/0:36)   |
| 3 - 10:30 | DUD - J. Slade 18 yd run (A. Baylor kick) (3/50/1:30)                    |
| 3 - 8:34  | JHR - J. Grimes 42 yd pass from W. Taylor (W. D'Alonzo kick) (5/63/1:56) |
| 3 - 6:58  | DUD - M. Wall 43 yd pass from J. Slade (A. Baylor kick) (3/56/1:36)      |
| 3 - 3:54  | JHR - M. Green 34 yd pass from W. Taylor (W. D'Alonzo kick) (7/70/3:04)  |
| 3 - 2:09  | DUD - J. Slade 6 yd run (A. Baylor kick blocked) (4/56/1:45)             |
| 3 - 0:25  | DUD - R.J. Baker 46 yd punt return (A. Baylor kick)                      |
| 4 - 2:36  | JHR - K. Brown 3 yd run (W. D'Alonzo kick failed) (11/59/4:37)           |

### Team Statistics

|                               | JHR               | DUD              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| First Downs                   | 16                | 18               |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 30 - 89           | 40 - 332         |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 16 - 31 - 228 - 1 | 7 - 12 - 115 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 61 - 317          | 52 - 447         |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 51            | 7 - 48           |
| Turnovers                     | 1                 | 3                |

**Passing** - JHR: W. Taylor 16-31, 228 yd, 1 INT, 3 TD; DUD: J. Slade 7-12, 115 yd, 2 TD, 1 INT.

**Rushing** - JHR: K. Brown 20-115 yd, 2 TD; M. Allen 5-12 yd; W. Taylor 4-(-28 yd). DUD: M. Shaw 12-191 yd, 1 TD; J. Slade 11-98 yd, 3 TD; R.J. Baker 8-43 yd, 1 TD; K.J. Morehead 1-12 yd; T. Moore 1-6 yd; J. Lara 1-5 yd; M. Wall 5-2 yd, 1 TD.

**Receiving** - JHR: J. Grimes 9-150 yd, 2 TD; M. Allen 5-33 yd; M. Green 2 - 45 yd, 1 TD. DUD: M. Wall 3-79 yd, 1 TD; R.J. Baker 2-29 yd, 1 TD; N. Newkirk 1-9 yd; M. Shaw 1-(-2 yd).

## Cardinal Gibbons outlasts Chambers 14-2 for first State Championship

RALEIGH, NC – Cardinal Gibbons struck first on a 34-yard pass when Connor Clark hit Maverick Shotwell on a beautiful back shoulder throw with 4:57 to go in the opening quarter. The touchdown broke the ice of a defensive slugfest and within minutes of the score going on the board, the heavens opened wide with buckets of sideways rain as a torrential downpour turned the field into a slosly track and both teams had to battle 30-40 mile per hour winds.

The rain made the going slow for both teams, and Cardinal Gibbons early strike proved to be decisive, as the Crusaders held on to win the school's first football State Championship 14-2 over the two-time defending state champions from Julius Chambers. Shotwell hauled in another back shoulder throw in the third, scoring from 74 yards out on that play, posting the only two touchdowns of the game on his way to being name the game's Most Valuable Player.

The critical moments in the second quarter, with the game in the balance, saw Chambers' running back Daylan Smothers break a 56-yard run with just under 10 minutes to go in the second quarter. He was tracked down by Blake Raphael, saving a touchdown and preserving a 7-0 Gibbons lead. Smothers was the Most Outstanding Offensive Performer for the Cougars. The momentum for Chambers was short-lived, however, as they fumbled the snap on the next play and the Crusaders recovered.

After an unsuccessful possession, the long snap to the Gibbons punter, Ethan Hastings, skipped along the ground and got past him, skidding along the Crusader end line with 7:28 to go in the second half. Hastings coolly booted the ball out the back of the endzone for a safety as several Cougars defenders neared the ball. Hastings' decision saved a potential touchdown for Chambers and kept the Crusaders in front 7-2.

Julius Chambers finished the season 14-2 this year. The Cougars finished second in the Queen City 3A/4A with a record of 5-1. The Cougars won their fourth straight Western Regional Championship, appearing in their fourth State Championship Game all time.

Cardinal Gibbons wrapped up the season 14-2. The Crusaders were 5-0 as the champions of the CAP 6 4A. The Crusaders won their third straight Eastern Regional Championship and won their first State Championship.

The Crusader defense came up big numerous times, led by Will Mason who had eight tackles to lead Cardinal Gibbons. Mason was selected as the Crusaders' Most Outstanding Defensive Performer. The Chambers defense was equally stingy, only allowing the two big passing plays to Shotwell. The Cougars were led by Chris Chalk who had nine tackles in the game to lead all players. He was selected as the Cougars Most Outstanding Defensive Performer.



### 2021 4A Championship Statistics

|                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| CARDINAL GIBBONS - | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0 | - | 14 |
| JULIUS CHAMBERS-   | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | - | 2  |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 1 - 4:57 | CG - M. Shotwell 34 yd pass from C. Clark (E. Hastings kick good) (7/70/3:03) |
| 2 - 7:28 | JC - SAFETY   |
| 3 - 7:41 | CG - M. Shotwell 74 yd pass from C. Clark (E. Hastings kick good) (6/94/1:59) |

| Team Statistics               | CG               | JC              |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| First Downs                   | 11               | 4               |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 50 - 111         | 26 - 65         |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 6 - 10 - 132 - 0 | 6 - 12 - 49 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 60 - 243         | 38 - 114        |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 50           | 7 - 40          |
| Turnovers                     | 0                | 2               |

**Passing - CG:** C. Clark 6-10, 132 yd, 2 TD; **JC:** A. Camp 6-12, 49 yd.

**Rushing - CG:** D. Shepard 29 - 119 yd; R. Ziegler 7-28 yd; B. Raphael 6-26 yd; J. Stoneking 2-3 yd; C. Clark 2-(-20 yd); Team 4-(-45 yd). **JC:** D. Smothers 18-91 yd; C. Kennedy 1-2 yd; K. Concepcion 2-1 yd; A. Camp 5-(-29 yd).

**Receiving - CG:** M. Shotwell 4-128 yd, 2 TD; I. Evan 4-2 yd; J. Taylor 1-2 yd; B. Chappell 1-0 yd. **JC:** Z. Booker 5-41 yd; K. Concepcion 3-(-2 yd); D. Smothers 1-10 yd; D. Davis 2-0 yd; A. Wright 1-0 yd.

### AWARDS

**Julius Chambers Defensive M.O.P.** - Chris Chalk (LB)

**Julius Chambers Offensive M.O.P.** - Daylin Smothers (RB)

**Cardinal Gibbons Defensive M.O.P.** - Will Mason (LB)

**Cardinal Gibbons Offensive M.O.P.** - Connor Clark (QB)

**Most Valuable Player - Cardinal Gibbons** - Maverick Shotwell (WR)



## Murphy slips past Northside-Pinetown 14-7 for 10th state title

RALEIGH, NC – The Murphy Bulldogs defense came up with the stops they needed, holding Northside-Pinetown to just six first downs and seven points on their way to winning the 1A State Championship 14-7. The win gave the Bulldogs their tenth Football State Championship in school history, and earning the all-time winningest head football coach in North Carolina history, David Gentry, his ninth state title.

The Bulldogs set the tone early, chewing up 5:39 off the first-quarter clock as they marched 11 plays and 88 yards to go up 6-0 on a two-yard touchdown plunge by Ty Laney with 3:16 to go in the opening quarter. Then the Bulldog defense went to work and shifted the field position in Murphy's favor. After turning the ball over at the four-yard line, Murphy's defense forced a Northside punt.

On the next play from scrimmage, Murphy Quarterback Kellen Rumfelt launched a 55-yard bomb to Isra Smith for a touchdown, lifting the Bulldogs to a 14-0 lead after a successful two-point try, which they maintained through the halftime break. Rumfelt paced the Bulldog attack, throwing for 254 yards and the single touchdown on his way to being selected as the Most Valuable Player of the Game. Payton McCracken garnered Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors for Murphy, hauling in five passes for 113 yards in the game.

The Murphy defense was stingy all afternoon, holding Northside to just 198 yards of total offense and six first downs. The Bulldog defense was keyed by Ray Rathburn, who broke up a pass along with seven tackles in the game as he was chosen as Murphy's Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

The lone score for Northside came in the third quarter as James Gorham, the state's leading rusher this season, according to MaxPreps.com, rolled off a 73-yard touchdown trot with 9:19 to go in the third, trimming the Murphy lead to 14-7. Gorham was selected as Northside's Most Outstanding Performer offensively. The Northside defense kept the Panthers in the game, led by Tyler Harris, who picked up nine tackles in the game on his way to Most Outstanding Defensive honors for the Panthers.



### 2020-21 1A Championship Statistics

|                            | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| <b>MURPHY -</b>            | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 14 |
| <b>NORTHSIDE-PINETOWN-</b> | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | - | 7  |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 1 - 3:16 | MUR - T. Laney 2 yd run (T. Laney run failed) (11/88/5:39)                                 |
| 2 - 5:52 | MUR - I. Smith 55 yd pass from K. Rumfelt (T. Laney pass from K. Rumfelt good) (1/55/0:09) |
| 3 - 9:19 | NS - J. Gorham 73 yd run (C. Tomaini kick good) (2/73/0:52)                                |

### Team Statistics

|                               | MUR               | NS               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| First Downs                   | 12                | 6                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 38 - 79           | 33 - 204         |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 13 - 17 - 255 - 1 | 1 - 7 - (-6) - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 55 - 334          | 40 - 198         |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 60            | 8 - 52           |
| Turnovers                     | 4                 | 2                |

**Passing - MUR:** K. Rumfelt 12-15, 254 yd, 1 TD; C. Laney 1-2, 2 yd, 1 INT; **NS:** K. Boyd 1-7, -6 yd, 0 TD;

**Rushing - MUR:** R. Rathburn 15-36 yd; T. Laney 11-33 yd, 1 TD; J. Allen 5-17yd; C. Laney 1-2 yd; K. Rumfelt 3-(-5yd); Team 3-(-4yd). **NS:** J. Gorham 17-147 yd, 1 TD; M. Godley 9-29 yd; T. Modlin 6-14 yd; S. Vansant 1-14 yd.

**Receiving - MUR:** P. McCracken 5-113 yd; R. Rathburn 3-49 yd; C. Laney 2-31 yd; J. Allen 2-7 yd; I. Smith 1-55 yd, 1 TD; **NS:** S. Vansant 1-(-6) yd.

### AWARDS

- Northside-Pinetown Defensive M.O.P -** Tyler Harris (LB)
- Northside-Pinetown Offensive M.O.P -** James Gorham (RB)
- Murphy Defensive M.O.P -** Ray Rathburn (LB)
- Murphy Offensive M.O.P -** Payton McCracken (WB)
- Most Valuable Player -** Murphy - Kellen Rumfelt (QB)

## Tarboro wins the rubber match 25-7, knocking off East Surry for the second time in three straight State Championship Game meetings

CHAPEL HILL, NC – In the third straight State Championship Game matchup between the two schools, the Tarboro ground game & speed proved too much for East Surry to overcome, helping the Vikings chew up the clock and race to a 25-7 victory. The win landed Tarboro their seventh State Championship all time and secured Head Coach Jeff Craddock’s sixth state title.

Viking running back Tobias Joyner was a wrecking crew with the ball in his hand. He galloped for two long touchdown runs on sweep plays, sprinting 56 and 31 yards, respectively, to paydirt in the opening half of play and helped Tarboro open up an 18-0 halftime advantage. In all, Joyner carried the ball 12 times for 179 yards, posting an average carry of just under 15 yards. He was selected as the game’s Most Valuable Player.

After East Surry’s opening drive stalled and the Cardinals missed a 35-yard field goal attempt, Tarboro took the ball nine plays and 80 yards to go up 7-0. The Vikings capped off their opening drive with a one-yard touchdown plunge by Jalen Razor, who was selected as the Vikings’ Most Outstanding Offensive Performer in the game finishing the game with 45 yards and a score on his 14 carries.

The Viking defense was equally dominant in the game, led by Most Outstanding Defensive Performer Xzavion Pitt. Pitt amassed 8.5 tackles and a quarterback hurry on his way to the award. He helped lead the Tarboro defense that held a potent East Surry attack to just 257 yards of total offense just one year after the Cardinals hung 56 points on the Vikings in the 2019 1AA State Title Game.

The Cardinals were led by Luke Bullington, who had 20 carries for 105 yards in the game on his way to winning the Most Outstanding Offensive Player award for East Surry. Defensively Benji Gosnell led the way for East Surry, racking up nine total tackles in the game, six of them of the solo variety, on his way to being chosen as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for the Cardinals.

The game was the third straight year that teams from East Surry and Tarboro met in the State Championship Game. It marked only the second time in the 108-year history of the NCHSAA Football State Championships that the same two teams met for the State Championship three years in a row. The only other time was in the Class A Championship Games from 1931 to 1933 when Durham beat Charlotte two out of three years.



### 2020-21 1AA Championship Statistics

|              | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|--------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| EAST SURRY - | 0  | 0 | 0 | 7 | - | 7  |
| TARBORO-     | 12 | 6 | 7 | 0 | - | 25 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 5:29  | TAR - J. Razor 1 yd run (N. Farmer pass failed) (9/80/4:07)   |
| 1 - 0:12  | TAR - T. Joyner 56 yd run (N. Farmer run failed) (6/85/2:56)  |
| 2 - 10:16 | TAR - T. Joyner 31 yd run (N. Farmer pass failed) (2/43/1:22) |
| 3 - 8:38  | TAR - T. White 5 yd run (L. Dupree kick good) (6/44/3:22)     |

### Team Statistics

|                               | ES                | TAR            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| First Downs                   | 16                | 16             |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 53 - 312          | 29 - 129       |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 10 - 21 - 128 - 0 | 2 - 5 - 32 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 50 - 257          | 58 - 344       |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 57            | 6 - 62         |
| Turnovers                     | 1                 | 0              |

**Passing - ES:** F. Boaz 10-21, 128 yd, 1 TD; **TAR:** N. Farmer 2-5, 32 yd;  
**Rushing - ES:** L. Bullington 20-107 yd; F. Boaz 8-24 yd; **TAR:** T. Joyner 12-179 yd, 2 TD; J. Razor 14-45 yd; 1 TD; T. Johnson 16-44 yd; T. White 6-29 yd; 1 TD.

**Receiving - ES:** T. Needham 4-64 yd, 1 TD; B. Gosnell 4-56 yd; W. Hiatt 1-7 yd; C. Hawks 1-1yd; **TAR:** J. Williams 1-40 yd; N. Black 1-(8 yd).

### AWARDS

- East Surry Defensive M.O.P** - Benji Gosnell (LB)
- East Surry Offensive M.O.P** - Luke Bullington (WR)
- Tarboro Defensive M.O.P** - Xavion Pitt (LB)
- Tarboro Offensive M.O.P** - Jalen Razor (RB)
- Most Valuable Player - Tarboro** - Tobias Joyner (RB)



## Reidsville routs Mountain Heritage 35-6 to win third straight title

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Reidsville rolled past Mountain Heritage 35-6 in the 2A State Championship Game, claiming the school’s NCHSAA record 19th State Football Championship. Kyle Pinnix and the Rams offense used their multiple weapons and formations to make the Cougars defend the width of the field, capitalizing on holes with speed, on their way to 407 yards of total offense.

Mountain Heritage did their best to keep the powerful Rams offense off the field, holding possession on the opening drive for more than eight and a half minutes of the first quarter. As they did for the entire game, despite giving up a few first downs, the Rams defense managed to get stops in key situations. Kahree Hayes led the Rams defense with 10 tackles and was selected as the Rams Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

When the Rams finally got their hands on the ball, they were able to strike quickly when Pinnix broke more than half a dozen tackles on his way to a 61-yard touchdown with just 19 seconds to go in the opening quarter putting Reidsville in front 7-0.

The next Reidsville possession was equally successful with Pinnix finding Cam Peoples for a 69-yard touchdown pass to go up 14-0. The Rams closed out the half with a strong nine play, 46-yard drive capped off by a fourth and goal, a one-yard touchdown run by Stevion Harrison with just nine seconds remaining before the half.

Breon Pass brought a nice return of the second-half opening kick to the Mountain Heritage 35, setting Reidsville up with a short field. The Rams made quick work of the 35 yards, covering it in four plays with Pass hauling in a six-yard touchdown pass from Pinnix to go up 28-0. Pass hauled in 5 receptions with 88 yards and two touchdowns as he was selected the Rams Most Outstanding Offensive Player.

Reidsville was highly efficient, scoring four touchdowns on their first four possessions of the game on the way to building that 28-0 lead. Pinnix finished the game with 229 yards through the air and 3 touchdowns. He added another 91 yards on the ground with the one score on his way to being named the Most Valuable Player in the game.

Mountain Heritage moved the ball some on the ground, rushing for 241 yards on 58 plays. Gabe Silvers, the Cougars quarterback, handled most of the rushing duties for Mountain Heritage, carrying 29 times for 123 yards in the game. He was selected as the Most Outstanding Player for the Cougars. Jakob McCool was the Most Outstanding Player for the Cougar defense, finishing the game with six tackles and an interception.



### 2020-21 2A Championship Statistics

|                            | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|----------------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| <b>MOUNTAIN HERITAGE -</b> | 0 | 0  | 0 | 6 | - | 6  |
| <b>REIDSVILLE -</b>        | 7 | 14 | 7 | 7 | - | 35 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 0:19  | RHS - K. Pinnix 61 yd run (A. Franson kick good) (6/77/2:54)                  |
| 2 - 6:28  | RHS - C. Peoples 69 yd pass from K. Pinnix (A. Franson kick good) (1/69/0:13) |
| 2 - 0:09  | RHS - S. Harrison 1 yd run (A. Franson kick good) (9/46/4:06)                 |
| 3 - 10:52 | RHS - B. Pass 6 yd pass from K. Pinnix (A. Franson kick good) (4/35/1:08)     |
| 4 - 4:59  | RHS - B. Pass 53 yd pass from K. Pinnix (A. Franson kick good) (5/87/2:12)    |
| 4 - 0:22  | MH - L. Higgins 2 yd run (J. Branton rush failed) (6/63/2:01)                 |

### Team Statistics

|                               | MH            | RHS               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 15            | 12                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 54 - 241      | 24 - 166          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 1 - 4 - 8 - 1 | 13 - 15 - 241 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 58 - 249      | 39 - 407          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6 - 50        | 6 - 69            |
| Turnovers                     | 1             | 1                 |

**Passing - MH:** G. Silvers 1-4, 8 yd; **RHS:** K. Pinnix 12-14, 229 yd, 3 TD; A. Lee 1-1; 12 yd;

**Rushing - MH:** G. Silvers 29-123 yd; K. Hall 7-47 yd; J. Branton 7-40 yd; J. McCool 5-20 yd; **RHS:** K. Pinnix 7-91 yd, 1 TD; S. Harrison 13-73 yd, 1 TD; C. Peoples 1-10 yd; D. Larry 1-1 yd.

**Receiving - MH:** J. Branton 1-8 yd; **RHS:** B. Pass 5-88 yd, 3 TD; C. Peoples 3-104 yd, 1 TD; J. Miller 1-22 yd; J. Robinson 1-15 yd

### AWARDS

**Mountain Heritage Defensive M.O.P.** - Jakob McCool (CB)

**Mountain Heritage Offensive M.O.P.** - Gabe Silvers (QB)

**Reidsville Defensive M.O.P.** - Kahree Hayes (FS)

**Reidsville Offensive M.O.P.** - Breon Pass (WR)

**Most Valuable Player - Reidsville** - Kyle Pinnix (QB)

## Salisbury rolls past St. Pauls 42-14

RALEIGH, NC – Salisbury won the school’s fourth football State Championship by rushing past St. Pauls 42-14. Hornets QB Vance Honeycutt collected the game’s MVP honors scoring four touchdowns on the ground and throwing for another in the game.

The Hornets started fast, with Honeycutt cashing in on their first possession on a four-yard touchdown run after a nine-play, 70-yard drive. The next Salisbury possession found paydirt as well when Honeycutt capped off a five-play, 55-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown dash to go up 14-0.



St. Pauls battled back in the latter stages of the first quarter as the Bulldogs got on the board when Waltay Jackson hauled in a 14-yard touchdown pass from Mikail Breeden with 3:05 to go in the first quarter. After recovering a Hornet fumble, St. Pauls marched six plays and 28 yards to tie the game at 14 when Daekwon Payne recovered a loose ball in the endzone after a two-yard run by Demonta Williams.

Salisbury got a pair of touchdowns in the closing minutes of the second quarter, one on a 17 yard run from JyMikaah Wells and a ten-yard scoring sprint by Honeycutt to take a 28-14 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Honeycutt played a hand in both second-half touchdowns for the Hornets, ripping off a six-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter and throwing for another, finding Jalon Walker from 25 yards out through the air for another. Honeycutt wrapped up the night with 105 yards through the air and 110 yards on the ground.

JyMikaah Wells was the Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the game for Salisbury, winning the award with 144 yards on 22 carries and a touchdown. Nicholas Hall was the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for the Hornets, racking up 10 tackles, including 1.5 tackles for a loss from his defensive line spot.

The Bulldogs’ Waltay Jackson was the team’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player award winner. Jackson caught 10 passes for 72 yards and a score. Elston Powell was the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for the game, making eight tackles in the game.

### 2020-21 2AA Championship Statistics

|                    | 1  | 2  | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|--------------------|----|----|---|---|---|----|
| <b>SALISBURY -</b> | 14 | 14 | 7 | 7 | - | 42 |
| <b>ST. PAULS-</b>  | 7  | 7  | 0 | 0 | - | 14 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 8:07  | SAL - V. Honeycutt 4 yd run (W. Robbins kick good) (9/70/2:31)                                   |
| 1 - 5:21  | SAL - V. Honeycutt 5 yd run (W. Robbins kick good) (5/44/1:13)                                   |
| 1 - 3:05  | SP - W. Jackson 14 yd pass from M. Breeden (A. Hajran kick good) (7/55/2:09)                     |
| 2 - 11:54 | SP - D. Williams 2 yd run & fumble recovery for TD by D. Payne (A. Hajran kick good) (6/28/2:06) |
| 2 - 5:23  | SAL - J. Wells 17 yd run (W. Robbins kick good) (5/57/1:18)                                      |
| 3 - 1:47  | SAL - V. Honeycutt 6 yd run (W. Robbins kick good) (7/99/2:08)                                   |
| 4 - 10:28 | SAL - J. Walker 25 yd pass from V. Honeycutt (W. Robbins kick good) (4/36/1:32)                  |

### Team Statistics

|                               | SAL              | SP                |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 21               | 14                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 49 - 290         | 34 - 131          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 8 - 12 - 105 - 0 | 17 - 29 - 104 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 61 - 395         | 63 - 235          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 63           | 7 - 44            |
| Turnovers                     | 2                | 2                 |

**Passing - SAL:** V. Honeycutt 8-12, 105 yd, 1 TD; **SP:** M. Breeden 17-29, 104 yd, 1 TD;

**Rushing - SAL:** J. Wells 22-144 yd, 1 TD; V. Honeycutt 17-110 yd, 4 TD; M. Geter 5-54 yd; J. Booker 1-0 yd; TEAM 4-(-18 yd). **SP:** K. Baldwin 15-56 yd; M. Breeden 13-45 yd; D. Williams 6-30 yd; D. Payne 1 TD.

**Receiving - SAL:** M. Cook 4-32 yd; J. Walker 2-47 yd, 1 TD; M. Geter 1-16 yd; D. Walker 1-10 yd; **SP:** W. Jackson 10-72 yd, 1 TD; N. Wactor 4-14 yd; E. Powell 2-1 yd; W. Ford 1-17 yd.

### AWARDS

- St. Pauls Defensive M.O.P.** - Elston Powell (CB)
- St. Pauls Offensive M.O.P.** - Waltay Jackson (WR)
- Salisbury Defensive M.O.P.** - Nicholas Hall (DT)
- Salisbury Offensive M.O.P.** - JyMikaah Wells (RB)
- Most Valuable Player - Salisbury** - Vance Honeycutt (QB)



## Charlotte Catholic defense shines in 14-7 win over Havelock as Cougars get fourth straight state title

RALEIGH, NC – Charlotte Catholic held off Havelock 14-7 to win the school’s fourth straight 3A State Championship. The Cougars did all of their offensive damage in the first half, but it was the Cougar defense that shined holding Havelock to just 201 yards of total offense in the game.

Charlotte Catholic’s Liam Barbee was named the game’s Most Valuable Player, leading all players with 13 tackles on the night. Connor Dougherty racked up 11 tackles for the Cougars, earning Most Outstanding Defensive Player honors for the game. The two players’ efforts helped to stymie one of the most potent offenses in 3A football this year.



Charlotte Catholic jump-started their offense with a halfback pass by Paul Neel that found Adam Franek for a 36-yard touchdown with 7:29 to go up 7-0. Havelock answered with a six-play, 63-yard drive capped off by a one-yard touchdown run by Kamarro Edmonds to tie it at 7 with 11:23 to go in the first half. Edmonds finished with 61 yards on 15 carries and was selected as the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for the Rams.

The Cougars took the ensuing possession straight down the field and were knocking on the door of the redzone after just five plays. Jack Larsen hauled in a 20-yard pass from Sean Boyle to cap an 81-yard drive and put Charlotte Catholic in front for good with 9:50 to play in the first half.

Havelock was equally stingy defensively, thwarting the Cougars’ ground game and holding them to just 245 yards of total offense. Kamron Hoover played exceptionally at defensive back, making six tackles, two of them for a loss, breaking up two passes and pulling in an interception. Hoover was selected as the Rams’ Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

### 2020-21 3A Championship Statistics

|                      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| CHARLOTTE CATHOLIC - | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 14 |
| HAVELOCK-            | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 7  |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 7:29  | CC - A. Franek 36 yd pass from P. Neel (J. Jones kick good) (9/7/3/4:31)  |
| 2 - 11:23 | HAV - K. Edmonds 1 yd run (W. Ferry kick good) (6/6/3/2:15)               |
| 2 - 9:50  | CC - J. Larsen 20 yd pass from S. Boyle (J. Jones kick good) (6/8/1/1:24) |

### Team Statistics

|                               | CC               | HAV              |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| First Downs                   | 14               | 11               |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 36 - 125         | 32 - 103         |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 6 - 13 - 120 - 2 | 17 - 25 - 98 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 49 - 245         | 57 - 201         |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 4 - 46           | 9 - 98           |
| Turnovers                     | 2                | 1                |

**Passing - CC:** S. Boyle 5-12, 84 yd, 1 TD; P. Neel 1-1, 36 yd, 1 TD; **HAV:** A. Frazier 17-25, 98 yd;

**Rushing - CC:** R. Henley 10-85 yd; J. Brewer 7-23 yd; S. Boyle 5-14 yd; P. Neel 1-11 yd; Team 3-(-8 yd). **HAV:** K. Edmonds 15-61 yd, 1 TD; J. Budget 5-31 yd; A. Frazier 10-31 yd; Team 2-(-20 yd).

**Receiving - CC:** J. Larsen 3-45 yd, 1 TD; A. Franek 1-48 yd, 1 TD; R. Henley 1-15 yd; R. McKernan 1-12 yd; **HAV:** K. Hoover 9-69 yd; J. Vereen 4-26 yd; K. Edmonds 2-4 yd; J. Moore 1-4 yd; J. Lockhart 1-(-5 yd)

### AWARDS

**Havelock Defensive M.O.P.** - Kamron Hoover (DB)  
**Havelock Offensive M.O.P.** - Kamarro Edmonds (RB)  
**Charlotte Catholic Defensive M.O.P.** - Connor Dougherty (DE)  
**Charlotte Catholic Offensive M.O.P.** - Sean Boyle (QB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Charlotte Catholic** - Liam Barbee (MLB)

## Mt. Tabor holds off Cleveland 24-16 for first State Championship

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Lance Patterson was a man on a mission. The junior wide receiver and defensive back from Mount Tabor were always around the football, offensively and defensively, leading the Spartans past Cleveland 24-16 on his way to being named the 3AA Football Championship Most Valuable Player and claiming the school's first football State Championship.

Patterson broke the ice early as Tyress McIntyre found him wide open for a 70-yard scoring strike with 6:55 left in the first quarter to put Mount Tabor in front 7-0. The touchdown catch was one of three total touchdowns on the night for Patterson, who also scored on a seven-yard run late in the second quarter to put the Spartans in front 14-7 at halftime. McIntyre was selected as the Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the game for the Spartans, throwing for 164 yards and a score while rushing for 21 yards.



MVP Patterson was outstanding defensively as well, scooping up a Cleveland fumble on the opening possession of the second half and sprinting 31 yards for a touchdown to put the Spartans in front 21-7. As Cleveland began to mount a drive to answer the score, Patterson came up with a huge interception down the right sideline, thwarting any building momentum Cleveland had managed.

After bringing pressure on a punt from the endzone with 3:58 to go in the game, Cleveland earned a safety, cutting the Tabor lead to 24-16. The Rams took the ensuing possession down the field into the redzone before the drive stalled out, turning the ball over on downs to the Spartans and essentially ending the Cleveland chances for a comeback. Jamari Slade led the Mount Tabor defense, picking up four tackles and two of them for a loss on his way to being named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for Mount Tabor.

Cleveland kept the game close all night with the Rams defense coming up with several stops deep in their own territory in the first half that could have put the game out of reach. Deonte Lewis was a leader defensively for Cleveland, racking up five total tackles on the night, including 3.5 for a loss. He was named the Most Outstanding Player defensively for Cleveland.

Skyler Locklear did his best to keep Cleveland in touch with the Spartans, as the junior QB tossed for 189 yards and a score during the game. Locklear added 18 yards on the ground and extended several plays, making tough throws in traffic to the sideline regularly. He was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player of the game for the Rams.

Locklear did not have both touchdown passes for Cleveland, as he was knocked from the game when his helmet came off on a first down scramble in the red zone. Then on second down from the Spartan 18, the Rams went to the Wildcat package and freshman Cameron Goins came in, tossing a fade route into the corner, finding Carter Griffith, who made a great contested catch to tie the game at 7 with 8:05 to go in the first half.

### 2020-21 3AA Championship Statistics

|                      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| <b>MOUNT TABOR -</b> | 7 | 7 | 7 | 3 | - | 24 |
| <b>CLEVELAND-</b>    | 2 | 7 | 7 | 2 | - | 16 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 6:55  | MT - L. Patterson 70 yd pass from T. McIntyre (E. Trinh kick good) (2/63/0:50) |
| 2 - 8:05  | CLE - C. Griffith 18 yd pass from C. Goins (S. Zayyad kick good) (8/97/8:38)   |
| 2 - 0:29  | MT - L. Patterson 7 yd run (E. Trinh kick good) (8/55/2:08)                    |
| 3 - 11:04 | MT - L. Patterson 31 yd fumble recovery (E. Trinh kick good)                   |
| 3 - 4:36  | CLE - N. Roccio 30 yd pass from S. Locklear (S. Zayyad kick good) (8/70/3:30)  |
| 4 - 11:07 | MT - E. Trinh 27 yd FG good (11/62/4:30)                                       |
| 4 - 3:58  | CLE - Team Safety  |

### Team Statistics

|                               | MT                | CLE               |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 14                | 18                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 35 - 133          | 30 - 81           |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 10 - 13 - 182 - 0 | 18 - 29 - 207 - 2 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 48 - 315          | 59 - 288          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 75            | 4 - 20            |
| Turnovers                     | 0                 | 3                 |

**Passing - MT:** T. McIntyre 9-12, 164 yd, 1 TD; C. Wilborn 1-1, 18 yd; **CLE:** S. Locklear 17-28, 189 yd, 1 TD; C. Goins 1-1, 18 yd, 1 TD;

**Rushing - MT:** L. Patterson 4-71 yd, 1 TD; B.J. McIntyre 13-57 yd; T. McIntyre 10-21 yd; K. Perez 3-2yd; **CLE:** I. Piatek 9-33 yd; C. Goins 4-20 yd; S. Locklear 14-18 yd; A. Johnson 3-10 yd.

**Receiving - MT:** L. Patterson 4-102 yd, 1 TD; K. Perez 2-23 yd; M. Hague 1-19 yd; T. McIntyre 1-18 yd. **CLE:** C. Griffith 8-118 yd, 1 TD; N. Roccia 3-56 yd, 1 TD; J. Middleton 3-13 yd; I. Piatek 2-17 yd.

### AWARDS

- Cleveland Defensive M.O.P.** - Deonte Lewis (LB)
- Cleveland Offensive M.O.P.** - Skyler Locklear (QB)
- Mount Tabor Defensive M.O.P.** - Jamari Slade (FS)
- Mount Tabor Offensive M.O.P.** - Tyreese McIntyre (QB)
- Most Valuable Player - Mount Tabor** - Lance Patterson (WR/DB)



## Grimsley overpowers Gibbons 28-8

CHAPEL HILL, NC – The Grimsley Whirlies defense came to play, forcing four turnovers and limiting Cardinal Gibbons to 250 yards of total offense on their way to a 28-8 victory in the 4A State Championship Game. The Whirlies collected the program’s first State Championship since the name of the school changed from Greensboro High to Grimsley in 1962.

In what appeared to settle into a defensive struggle in the early going, the game’s Most Valuable Player, as selected by the media, was Grimsley QB Alonza Barnett who opened the scoring on a five-yard touchdown run with 1:27 to go in the opening quarter. Barnett’s run helped the Whirlies capitalize on the first of the Crusaders’ turnovers, plunging into the endzone to cap a four-play, 26-yard drive.



Gibbons was able to win the field position battle with an outstanding punt by Carter Gray that pinned the Whirlies down inside their own one-yard line to start the second quarter. The Crusader defense managed to put some pressure on Barnett who was called for intentional grounding on a throw from the endzone, forcing a safety and putting the Crusaders on the board in the early minutes of the second quarter.

After the safety, the two teams traded possessions until Connor Clark was intercepted by Nate Crawford with less than a minute to play in the half. Crawford returned the pick all the way to the Gibbons 24. On the second play of the late first-half drive, Barnett found Lawson Albright in the back of the endzone for an 11-yard touchdown to stretch Grimsley’s lead to 14-2.

Barnett finished the game with 87 yards through the air and one touchdown pass, netting 30 yards on the ground to go with his ice-breaking touchdown run. He took great care of the football, not throwing an interception on his 17 pass attempts.

Jeiel Melton powered the Grimsley ground game, racking up 116 yards and a touchdown in the game on his way to being named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for the Whirlies. Tamoryer Thompson led the way for the Whirlies defense, picking up 3.5 tackles in the game including a pair of sacks and recording two additional quarterback pressures. Thompson was selected as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for Grimsley.

Donovan Shepard was the bell cow for the Crusader offense, named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for Gibbons as he led the team with 124 rushing yards and added a 15-yard reception out of the backfield. Shepard did not find the endzone but made several key runs to keep Crusader drives alive and help move the offense forward against a stingy Grimsley front. Jake Ladd was selected as the Crusaders’ Most Outstanding Defensive Player, tallying three tackles and two fumble recoveries in the game.

### 2020-21 4A Championship Statistics

|                          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|--------------------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| <b>GRIMSLEY -</b>        | 7 | 7 | 0 | 14 | - | 28 |
| <b>CARDINAL GIBBONS-</b> | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6  | - | 8  |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 1:27  | GRIM - A. Barnett 5 yd run (J. Henry kick good) (4/26/2:21)                    |
| 2 - 10:43 | CG - Team Safety (Int. Grounding from EZ)                                      |
| 2 - 0:17  | GRIM - L. Albright 11 yd pass from A. Barnett (J. Henry kick good) (2/24/0:27) |
| 4 - 8:03  | GRIM - J. Melton 9 yd run (J. Henry kick good) (11/92/4:45)                    |
| 4 - 7:24  | CG - M. Shotwell 41 yd pass from C. Clark (B. Biestek pass failed) (2/54/0:30) |
| 4 - 4:37  | GRIM - C. Curtain 38 yd INT return (J. Henry kick good)                        |

### Team Statistics

|                               | GRIM             | CG                |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 17               | 15                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 35 - 143         | 31 - 106          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 11 - 17 - 87 - 0 | 14 - 36 - 144 - 4 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 52 - 230         | 67 - 250          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 67           | 6 - 57            |
| Turnovers                     | 2                | 4                 |

**Passing - GRIM:** A. Barnett 11-17, 87 yd, 1 TD; **CG:** C. Clark 13-33, 128 yd, 1 TD; 4 INT; Z. Field 1-3, 16 yd.

**Rushing - GRIM:** J. Melton 17-116 yd, 1 TD; A. Barnett 16-30 yd, 1 TD; A. Shaw 1-0 yd; Team 1-(-3 yd). **CG:** D. Shepard 19-124 yd; B. Biestek 7-27 yd; Team 1-(-8 yd); C. Clark 3-(-12 yd).

**Receiving - GRIM:** A. Dunkins 4-20 yd; L. Albright 2-25, 1 TD; C. Tutuh 2-19 yd; T. Resper 2-12 yd; **CG:** B. Biestek 8-34 yd; J. Fortney 4-54 yd; M. Shotwell 1-41 yd, 1 TD, D. Shepard 1-15 yd.

### AWARDS

- Cardinal Gibbons Defensive M.O.P.** - Jake Ladd (DL)
- Cardinal Gibbons Offensive M.O.P.** - Donovan Shepard (RB)
- Grimsley Defensive M.O.P.** - T. Thompson (DE)
- Grimsley Offensive M.O.P.** - Jeiel Melton (RB)
- Most Valuable Player - Grimsley** - Alonza Bryant (QB)

## Vance grabs second straight championship with 35-14 win over Rolesville

RALEIGH, NC – The Vance Cougars knocked out Rolesville 35-14 to win their second straight State Championship. Austin Grier threw for 200 yards and three touchdowns to lead the Cougars and grab the game’s Most Valuable Player honors.

Grier sealed his MVP award with a pair of third-quarter touchdown passes, both to Asuani Allen to push the Vance lead out to 35-14 with 3:03 to go in the third quarter before the Vance offense watched their crushing defense bring things home in the fourth.

The Vance offense was simply prolific, rushing for 331 yards and two scores in the game, as the Cougars racked up 531 yards of total offense in the win. Meanwhile, the Cougar defense was miserly, holding the Rams to just 67 yards of total offense in the game. The Cougars were led defensively by Jalen Swindell who had six tackles, including a sack and 2.5 tackles for a loss on his way to Most Outstanding Defensive Player honors.

Grier got started on his day early, hitting Armon Wright for a 59-yard score just two minutes into the game to go up 7-0. Rolesville answered the early bell, punching back with a touchdown of their own on a 13-yard pass from Byrum Brown to Noah Rogers to tie the game with 6:12 to go in the opening quarter. Rogers collected Most Outstanding Offensive Player recognition for Rolesville, picking up five receptions and 69 yards to go with his two scores.

Vance jumped back in front in the second when Kevin Conception grabbed a pass from Grier and went 14 yards to the house. The Cougars point after attempt was blocked and Vance held a 13-7 lead. Rolesville took the lead just under two minutes later when Rogers hauled in a six-yard touchdown pass from Brown, converting the point after to take their only lead of the game at 14-13 with 6:33 to go in the first half.

Just before halftime, the Cougars snatched the lead back when Dylan Smothers dashed nine yards to paydirt to cap a 12 play, 80-yard drive that ended with just 1:38 to go in the half. Smothers ran for 97 yards on just 12 carries, bringing home Most Outstanding Offensive Performer hardware.

Though they drew a very difficult assignment, trying to contain the Vance skill players, the Rolesville defense performed well, particularly in the first half. Jacorrey Bible finished the night with a game-high 17 tackles, including four tackles for loss. He was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for the Rams.



### 2020-21 4AA Championship Statistics

|                     | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4 | - | T  |
|---------------------|---|----|----|---|---|----|
| <b>Z.B. VANCE -</b> | 7 | 13 | 15 | 0 | - | 35 |
| <b>ROLESVILLE-</b>  | 7 | 7  | 0  | 0 | - | 14 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 1 - 9:58 | VAN - A. Wright 59 yd pass from A. Grier (M. Benitez kick good) (3/62/1:16)        |
| 1 - 6:12 | ROL - N. Rogers 13 yd pass from B. Brown (D. Versteegen kick good) (5/24/1:45)     |
| 2 - 8:29 | VAN - K. Conception 14 yd pass from A. Grier (M. Benitez kick blocked) (7/70/3:55) |
| 2 - 6:33 | ROL - N. Rogers 6 yd pass from B. Brown (D. Versteegen kick good) (4/28/1:45)      |
| 2 - 1:38 | VAN - D. Smothers 9 yd run (M. Benitez kick good) (12/80/4:55)                     |
| 3 - 7:46 | VAN - A. Allen 27 yd pass from A. Grier (M. Benitez kick good) (6/80/1:38)         |
| 3 - 3:03 | VAN - A. Allen 43 yd run (D. Smothers run good) (2/49/0:39)                        |

### Team Statistics

|                               | VAN               | ROL              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| First Downs                   | 18                | 8                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 44 - 331          | 25 - (-16)       |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 14 - 19 - 200 - 0 | 12 - 30 - 83 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 63 - 531          | 55 - 67          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 24 - 187          | 4 - 20           |
| Turnovers                     | 1                 | 0                |

**Passing - VAN:** A. Grier 14-19, 200 yd, 3 TD; **ROL:** B. Brown 12-29, 83 yd, 2 TD; E. Harris 0-1.

**Rushing - VAN:** D. Smothers 12-97 yd, 1 TD; J. Morris 11-86 yd; A. Grier 11-86 yd; A. Allen 5-60 yd; J. Burton 1-4 yd; K. Conception 3-4 yd; Team 1-(-6 yd); **ROL:** D. Dunn 3-12 yd; I. Jones 10-10 yd; J. Butts 1-0 yd; O. Ford 4-3yd; E. Harris 1-(-4 yd); B. Brown 6-(-34 yd).

**Receiving - VAN:** K. Conception 4-37 yd, 1 TD; A. Allen 3-31 yd, 1 TD; A. Wright 2-81 yd, 1 TD; S. Yates 2-43 yd; J. Morris 2-9 yd; D. Smothers 1-(-1 yd). **ROL:** N. Rogers 5-69 yd, 2 TD; Jones Amen Hete 3-11 yd; C. Rogers 2-7 yd; I. Jones 1-3 yd; E. Harris 1-(-7 yd).

### AWARDS

**Rolesville Defensive M.O.P -** Jacorrey Bible (OLB)  
**Rolesville Offensive M.O.P -** Noah Rogers (WR)  
**Z.B. Vance Defensive M.O.P -** Jalen Swindell (DL)  
**Z.B. Vance Offensive M.O.P -** Dylan Smothers (RB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Z.B. Vance -** Austin Grier (QB)



## Robbinsville nabs championship number 14 with 45-14 victory over Northampton

DURHAM, NC – The Black Knights of Robbinsville ran off the first 31 points of the game on their way to a 45-14 victory over Northampton County in the 1A State Championship Game. The victory earned Robbinsville the program’s 14th NCHSAA State Championship and first since 2014.

Rylee Anderson was the star for Robbinsville scoring the game’s first three touchdowns to push his team out to a 21-0 lead with 9:02 to go in the second quarter. Anderson cashed in two additional runs in the second half on his way to a fantastic 34 carry, 176 yard and five score stat line. He was named the game’s Most Valuable Player.

Robbinsville also had a great rushing performance by Lex Hooper who carried 14 times for 125 yards including his 20-yard run to put Robbinsville up 38-14 early in the fourth. While the rushing attack was dominant for the Black Knights, their defense played exceptionally, only allowing the Jaguars 65 yards via the ground and 53 through the air.

Northampton County got on the board in the third quarter with Na’Jae Newsom hauling in a 23-yard scoring pass from Zion Kendall. Just over two minutes later Kendall broke free for a 15-yard touchdown run. The Jaguars finished the season 11-4, they were 5-1 in the Tar Roanoke 1A Conference. Northampton County reached the state championship for the first time in school history and only the second time any school from the county made it to the finals, matching the 2005 team from Northampton-West.

Robbinsville wrapped up the year 15-0, they were 6-0 as the champions of the Smoky Mountain 1A Conference. The Black Knights made the program’s 17th appearance in an NCHSAA state championship game.



### 2019 1A Championship Statistics

|                      | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | - | T  |
|----------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| Northampton County - | 0  | 0  | 14 | 0  | - | 14 |
| Robbinsville -       | 14 | 10 | 7  | 14 | - | 45 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 5:47  | ROB - Rylee Anderson 2 yd run (Cody Cline kick)   |
| 1 - 2:02  | ROB - Rylee Anderson 7 yd run (Cody Cline kick)   |
| 2 - 9:02  | ROB - Rylee Anderson 18 yd run (Cody Cline kick)  |
| 2 - 0:23  | ROB - Cody Cline 25 yd field goal   |
| 3 - 8:39  | ROB - Rylee Anderson 2 yd run (Cody Cline kick)   |
| 3 - 4:01  | NC - Na’Jae Newsom 23 yd pass from Zion Kendall (Eric Robinson pass from Zion Kendall good) |
| 3 - 1:51  | NC - Zion Kendall 15 yd run (Zion Kendall pass failed)                                      |
| 4 - 11:03 | ROB - Lex Hooper 20 yd run (Cody Cline kick)  |
| 4 - 4:30  | ROB - Rylee Anderson 6 yd run (Cody Cline kick)   |

### Team Statistics

|                               | NC              | ROB            |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| First Downs                   | 5               | 18             |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 30 - 65         | 59 - 304       |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 4 - 10 - 53 - 0 | 2 - 6 - 28 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 40 - 118        | 65 - 332       |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 12 - 106        | 3 - 23         |
| Turnovers                     | 2               | 0              |

**Passing - NC:** Z. Kendall 3-4, 47 yd, 1 TD; K. Pitt 1-5, 6 yd; N. Newsom 0-1; **ROB:** N. Collins 2-6, 28 yd;

**Rushing - NC:** Z. Kendall 11-36 yd, 1 TD; E. Robinson 5-22 yd; S. Mitchell 4-12 yd; N. Newsom 6-12 yd; J. Davis 1-2 yd; J. Johnson 1-1 yd; K. Pitt 1-(-3 yd); **ROB:** R. Anderson 34-176 yd, 5 TD; L. Hooper 14-125 yd, 1 TD; H. Blevins 4-12 yd; S. Buckel 1-2 yd; L. Hall 2-(-2 yd); N. Collins 3-(-3 yd); T. Jackson 1-(-6 yd).

**Receiving - NC:** N. Newsom 2-28 yd, 1 TD; E. Holland 1-19 yd; Z. Kendall 1-6 yd; **ROB:** L. Hooper 1-14 yd; S. Lawson 1-14 yd.

### AWARDS

**Northampton County Defensive M.O.P.** - Ja’Vonte Scott (LB)  
**Northampton County Offensive M.O.P.** - Zion Kendall (QB)  
**Robbinsville Defensive M.O.P.** - Xavier Rattler (LB)  
**Robbinsville Offensive M.O.P.** - Lex Hooper (RB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Robbinsville** - Rylee Anderson (RB)

## East Surry dethrones Tarboro 56-28 winning first state title

DURHAM, NC – The East Surry Cardinals got seven touchdown passes from senior quarterback Jefferson Boaz to knock off Tarboro 56-28 and win the program’s first state football championship. Boaz threw for 478 yards and seven scores, completing 33 of 42 passes on his way to being named the 1AA Championship Game Most Valuable Player.

Boaz set new state championship game neutral site records for most passing yards in a game, most completions in a game and most touchdown passes in a game in the effort. Stephen Gosnell and Landon Stevens hauled in the majority of Boaz’ passes Gosnell grabbed 13 for 206 yards and two scores. Stevens pulled down 10 passes for 179 yards and two touchdowns.



The Cardinals and Vikings traded first quarter touchdowns, with both teams scoring twice in the opening quarter. Stevens broke the ice on a 39-yard heave from Boaz just a minute and 11 seconds into the first quarter. Tarboro took the ensuing possession and tied the game on a 63-yard sprint by Khalil Staton. Seven plays later, Gosnell answered for East Surry, going 41 yards on a pass from Boaz with 5:08 to go in the first. Then Kimani McDaniels slipped 21 yards to the house to knot the game at 14 heading to the second quarter.

Initially in the second quarter it appeared neither team would stop the other, as East Surry took a 21-14 lead on a one-yard sneak by Boaz with 7:43 to go in the half. Just two plays later, Travis Johnson ripped off a 59-yard touchdown run to bring Tarboro back even again with 7:09 to go. But after that Tarboro touchdown, East Surry went on to score 28 unanswered points, all on Boaz touchdown tosses, to pull out to a 49-21 advantage early in the fourth quarter.

Dillon Mosley grabbed two of those touchdowns passes in the 28-point run and capped off the night with an 11-yard scoring reception to round out is 6 catch, 42 yard night. East Surry’s defense successfully limited the powerful Tarboro rushing attack, holding all four primary backs to under 100 yards rushing, though Tarboro still managed to rush for 242 yards in the game.

Tarboro finished the year 14-1, they were 6-0 in the Coastal Plains 1A Conference where they were the champions. The Vikings made the school’s tenth appearance in an NCHSAA state championship game.

East Surry wrapped up the season 15-0, they went 5-0 in the Northwest 1A Conference, winning the league title. The Eagles won the Western Regional for the second time in program history and claimed the program’s first state championship.

### 2019 1AA Championship Statistics

|                     | 1  | 2  | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|---------------------|----|----|---|----|---|----|
| <b>Tarboro -</b>    | 14 | 7  | 0 | 7  | - | 28 |
| <b>East Surry -</b> | 14 | 21 | 7 | 14 | - | 56 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 10:49 | ES - Landon Stevens 39 yd pass from Jefferson Boaz (Derek Sutterby kick)  |
| 1 - 8:24  | TAR - Khalil Staton 63 yd run (Layton Dupree kick)                        |
| 1 - 5:08  | ES - Stephen Gosnell 41 yd pass from Jefferson Boaz (Derek Sutterby kick) |
| 1 - 1:24  | TAR - Kimani McDaniels 21 yd run (Layton Dupree kick)                     |
| 2 - 7:43  | ES - Jefferson Boaz 1 yd run (Derek Sutterby kick)                        |
| 2 - 7:09  | TAR - Travis Johnson 59 yd run (Layton Dupree kick)                       |
| 2 - 4:53  | ES - Stephen Gosnell 20 yd pass from Jefferson Boaz (Derek Sutterby kick) |
| 2 - 3:31  | ES - Dillon Mosley 10 yd pass from Jefferson Boaz (Derek Sutterby kick)   |
| 3 - 0:41  | ES - Dillon Mosley 1 yd pass from Jefferson Boaz (Derek Sutterby kick)    |
| 4 - 11:56 | ES - Landon Stevens 23 yd pass from Jefferson Boaz (Derek Sutterby kick)  |
| 4 - 9:21  | TAR - Cameron Powell 3 yd run (Layton Dupree kick)                        |
| 4 - 7:07  | ES - Dillon Mosley 11 yd pass from Jefferson Boaz (Derek Sutterby kick)   |

### Team Statistics

|                               | TAR             | ES                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 11              | 29                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 34 - 242        | 27 - 28           |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 2 - 4 - 103 - 0 | 33 - 42 - 478 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 38 - 345        | 69 - 506          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 4 - 32          | 5 - 35            |
| Turnovers                     | 4               | 0                 |

**Passing - TAR:** K. McDaniels 2-3, 103 yd; K. Black 0-1; **ES:** J. Boaz 33-42, 478 yd, 7 TD.

**Rushing - TAR:** K. Staton 7 - 76 yd, 1 TD; T. Johnson 3-59 yd, 1 TD; K. McDaniels 11-56 yd, 1 TD; C. Powell 10-51 yd 1 TD; T. Joyner 3-0 yd. **ES:** Q. Smith 5 - 18 yd; E. Wright 5-7 yd; H. Bullington 2- 7 yd; B. Gosnell 2-1 yd; S. Gosnell 4-0 yd; D. Mosley 2-0 yd; R. Speaks 1-(-2 yd); J. Boaz 6-(-3 yd), 1TD.

**Receiving - TAR:** K. Black 2-103 yd; **ES:** S. Gosnell 13-206 yd, 2 TD; L. Stevens 10-179 yd, 2 TD; D. Mosley 6-42 yd, 3 TD; B. Gosnell 2-24 yd; Q. Smith 1-26 yd; E. Wright 1-1 yd.

### AWARDS

**Tarboro Defensive M.O.P.** - Christian Harrison (DT)

**Tarboro Offensive M.O.P.** - Khalil Staton (RB)

**East Surry Defensive M.O.P.** - Tristian Harless (DB)

**East Surry Offensive M.O.P.** - Stephen Gosnell (WR)

**Most Valuable Player - East Surry** - Jefferson Boaz (QB)



## Reidsville shuts out Northeastern 14-0 to win 18th State Championship

WINSTON-SALEM – The Reidsville Rams were dominant defensively and worked together just enough offense to overcome Northeastern for the second year in a row and win the school’s 18th NCHSAA State Football Championship. The Rams nipped Northeastern just one year ago, a come from behind win, 31-28.

This year, the Rams jumped out in front early and rode a strong defensive effort to the championship. Lionel Long pounded his way into the endzone with 1:38 to go in the first quarter to put Reidsville in front 7-0. Long was the workhorse for the Rams, carrying the ball 31 times for 156 yards and a single score. He was chosen as the game’s Most Valuable Player.

The only other touchdown in the game came in the closing minutes of the first half when Kyle Pinnix scampered 19 yards for a score to put the Rams up 14-0. Defensively, the Rams were led by Jiheem Hooper who accounted for 7 tackles. Stevion Harrison also had a good outing for Reidsville with a pair of sacks in the game, helping his team to hold Northeastern to just 101 yards rushing.

Reidsville outgained the Eagles 324-135, and the Eagles were led by Holden Hogde who rushed 15 times to gain 54 yards. He also threw for 31 yards in the game. Northeastern finished the season 12-4 and 4-1 in the Northeastern Coastal 2A. The Eagles reached the State Championship game for the third time in program history.

Reidsville wrapped up their season 15-1, the Rams were 4-0 in the Mid-State 2A where they were the league champions. Reidsville appeared in the State Championship game for the 24th time in school history and won a state record 18th State Championship.



### 2019 2A Championship Statistics

|                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Northeastern - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 0  |
| Reidsville -   | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 14 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

- 1 - 1:38 REID - Lionel Long 1 yd run (Anthony Franson kick)
- 2 - 1:44 REID - Kyle Pinnix 19 yd run (Anthony Franson kick)

### Team Statistics

|                               | NE              | REID             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| First Downs                   | 9               | 15               |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 31 - 101        | 42 - 213         |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 4 - 14 - 34 - 1 | 8 - 18 - 111 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 45 - 135        | 60 - 324         |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6 - 43          | 4 - 30           |
| Turnovers                     | 1               | 0                |

**Passing - NE:** H. Hodge 3-11, 31 yd, 1 INT; D. Proctor 1-3, 3 yd; **REID:** K. Pinnix 8-17, 111 yd; A. Edwards 0-1.

**Rushing - NE:** H. Hodge 15-54 yd; J. Riddick 11-39 yd; J. Hinton 1-8 yd; Q. Thomas 2-1 yd; D. Proctor 2-(-1) yd; **REID:** L. Long 31-156 yd, 1 TD; B. Pass 2-48 yd; K. Pinnix 3-12 yd, 1 TD; A. Edwards 2-8 yd; J. Hooper 1-4 yd.

**Receiving - NE:** C. Mayfield, Jr. 2-20 yd; J. Williams 1-11 yd; J. Hinton 1-3 yd; **REID:** B. Pass 6-99 yd; J. Hooper 1-14 yd; D. Canada 1-(-2) yd.

### AWARDS

- Northeastern Defensive M.O.P - Juan Riddick (LB)
- Northeastern Offensive M.O.P - Holden Hodge (QB)
- Reidsville Defensive M.O.P - Jiheem Hooper (FS)
- Reidsville Offensive M.O.P - Breon Pass (WR)
- Most Valuable Player - Reidsville - Lionel Long (RB)

## Shelby knocks out Salisbury 34-0 for 11th NCHSAA State Title

WINSTON-SALEM, NC – The Golden Lion defense was absolutely impenetrable in the 2AA State Championship Game as Shelby held Salisbury to -6 yards rushing for the game, lifting the Golden Lions to back-to-back titles and the program’s 11th NCHSAA crown.

Malaki Hamrick led the Shelby defense with eight tackles in the game, including two for a loss. Jack Hollifield also added eight tackles in the effort as the Lions only gave up three first downs in the game.

Ja’hari Mitchell opened the scoring with 5:53 to go in the first quarter, crossing the plane from four yards out to put Shelby up 7-0. He scored two more times on just six total carries and 24 yards as he was selected as the game’s Most Valuable Player. Mtichell also threw a touchdown pass, finding Nick Stites from nine yards out in the fourth quarter for the game’s final score.

Shelby quarterback Isaiah Bess was also spectacular, completing 17 of 27 passes for 212 yards and one score as he found Diavonni Daley from 38 yards out in the second quarter to push the Lions lead to 20-0.

Salisbury was unable to muster much offensively, out-gained in the game by Shelby 359-39. The Golden Lions defense held Salisbury to the fewest yards ever allowed in an NCHSAA State Championship Game since record keeping began in 1989. The 39-yard allowance was ten fewer than the previous mark of 49 yards allowed set by Robbinsville in 1992 when they held Lakewood scoreless in the 1A Championship.

Salisbury finished the season 13-3. The Hornets finished 7-2 in the Central Carolina 2A Conference and were tied for second in the league. The Hornets reached the State Championship game for the fourth time in program history.

Shelby wrapped the year 14-1, a perfect 6-0 mark in Southwestern 2A Conference play, winning the league championship. The Golden Lions won the program’s 11th NCHSAA State Championship and made their 16th appearance in an NCHSAA State Championship Game.



### 2019 2AA Championship Statistics

|             | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|-------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Salisbury - | 0 | 0  | 0 | 0 | - | 0  |
| Shelby -    | 7 | 13 | 7 | 7 | - | 34 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 5:53  | SHEL - Ja'hari Mitchell 4 yd run (Caden Sheely kick)                   |
| 2 - 10:32 | SHEL - Ja'hari Mitchell 1 yd run (TEAM rush failed)                    |
| 2 - 5:19  | SHEL - Diavonni Daley 38 yd pass from Isaiah Bess (Caden Sheely kick)  |
| 3 - 0:16  | SHEL - Ja'hari Mitchell 6 yd run (Caden Sheely kick)                   |
| 4 - 7:46  | SHEL - Nick Stites 9 yd pass from Ja'hari Mitchell (Caden Sheely kick) |

### Team Statistics

|                               | SAL             | SHEL              |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 5               | 19                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 33 - (-6)       | 42 - 138          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 7 - 21 - 45 - 2 | 18 - 28 - 221 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 54 - 39         | 70 - 359          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6 - 35          | 7 - 55            |
| Turnovers                     | 0               | 2                 |

**Passing - SAL:** V. Honeycutt 7-21, 45 yd; **SHEL:** I. Bess 17-27, 212 yd, 1 TD.  
**Rushing - SAL:** M. McLean 12-22 yd; J. Walker 1-8 yd; J. Poole 2-4 yd; J. Wells 4-2 yd; M. Cook 1-(-1 yd); J. Wood 2-(-7 yd); Team 1-(-17 yd); V. Honeycutt 10-(-17 yd). **SHEL:** D. Fuller 19-103 yd; O. Phillips 5-30 yd; J. Mitchell 6-24 yd, 3 TD; L. Welch 3-14 yd; I. Bess 6-(-13 yd); Team 3-(-20 yd).  
**Receiving - SAL:** M. Cook 4-22 yd; P. Lippard 1-11 yd; M. McLean 1-6 yd; P. Taylor 1-6 yd; **SHEL:** D. Daley 8-120 yd; J. Mitchell 5-46 yd; K. Huskey 4-46 yd; N. Stites 1-9 yd, 1 TD.

### AWARDS

**Salisbury Defensive M.O.P -** Zae Clay (LB/DE)  
**Salisbury Offensive M.O.P -** Mike McLean (QB/RB)  
**Shelby Defensive M.O.P -** Malaki Hamrick (DL)  
**Shelby Offensive M.O.P -** Isaiah Bess (QB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Shelby -** Ja'hari Mitchell (WR)



## Charlotte Catholic pulls away from Southern Nash late to win third straight title

RALEIGH, NC – Charlotte Catholic stormed past Southern Nash with 20 fourth quarter points on their way to a 23-7 victory and a third straight State Championship. The victory was the school's seventh NCHSAA State Football Championship.

Paul Neel managed to grind out two touchdowns in the late stages to help Charlotte Catholic pull away. He rushed 27 times for 156 yards and two scores, both in the fourth quarter. Neel's first touchdown run of 39 yards with 11:53 to go in the fourth put the Cougars in front 10-7. Then with 6:23 to go, he capped off a seven-play, 41-yard drive with a six-yard touchdown plunge to go up 17-7. Neel was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Southern Nash had several opportunities to put Charlotte Catholic behind early during the quickly played first half, but the Cougar defense came up big, including a goal-line stand in the second quarter, to keep the game scoreless through the opening half. The Cougar defense was quite stingy throughout the game, holding the prolific ground attack of Southern Nash to just 157 yards for the day.

Quinton Cooley, the state's leading rusher this year according to MaxPreps, gave Southern Nash the lead 7-3 with 3:17 to go in the third with a 1-yard touchdown run that polished off a nine-play, 79-yard drive. Cooley had to work for every inch, rushing 19 times for 79 yards in the game.

Southern Nash finished the season 15-1. The Firebirds were 5-0 and champions of the Big East 3A Conference, reaching the state finals for the first time in program history.

Charlotte Catholic earned the program's seventh NCHSAA State Title and a third state championship in a row. The Cougars finished their year 12-3, 6-1 in the Southern Carolina 3A Conference, where they were the runners-up.



### 2019 3A Championship Statistics

|                      | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|----------------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| Southern Nash -      | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0  | - | 7  |
| Charlotte Catholic - | 0 | 0 | 3 | 20 | - | 23 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 3 - 6:37  | CC - Knapp, C. 31 yd field goal            |
| 3 - 3:17  | SN - Cooley, Q. 1 yd run (Barnes, E. kick) |
| 4 - 11:53 | CC - Neel, P. 39 yd run (Wood, G. kick)    |
| 4 - 6:23  | CC - Neel P. 6 yd run (TEAM kick failed)   |
| 4 - 2:55  | CC - Brewer, J. 18 yd run (Wood, G. kick)  |

### Team Statistics

|                               | SN              | CC             |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| First Downs                   | 13              | 19             |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 41 - 157        | 48 - 263       |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 3 - 10 - 76 - 1 | 4 - 6 - 78 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 51 - 233        | 54 - 341       |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 3 - 21          | 5 - 37         |
| Turnovers                     | 1               | 2              |

**Passing - SN:** M. Foster 3-10, 76 yd; **CC:** H. Barnett 3-5, 56 yd, 1 INT; J. Brewer 1-1, 22 yd.

**Rushing - SN:** Q. Cooley 19-79 yd; 1 TD; M. Foster 13-57 yd; J. Vick 6-15 yd; D. Whitley 2-7 yd; **CC:** P. Neel 27-156 yd, 2 TD; J. Brewer 17-83 yd, 1 TD; T. Foley 2-19 yd; H. Barnett 1-4 yd; J. Smith 1-1yd

**Receiving - SN:** Walker-Warren 1-42 yd; M. Parker 1-19 yd; Q. Cooley 1-15 yd; **CC:** T. Foley 2-51 yd; G. McKernan 1-26 yd; P. Neel 1-1 yd.

### AWARDS

**Southern Nash Defensive M.O.P.** - Izaiah Walker-Warren (DB)

**Southern Nash Offensive M.O.P.** - Quinton Cooley (RB)

**Charlotte Catholic Defensive M.O.P.** - Liam Barbee (LB)

**Charlotte Catholic Offensive M.O.P.** - Jimmy Brewer (RB)

**Most Valuable Player - Charlotte Catholic** - Paul Neel (RB)

## Weddington finishes perfect, stops Lee County 34-14

RALEIGH, NC – The Weddington Warriors got four touchdowns from star running back Will Shipley as they took care of Lee County 34-14 to win back-to-back 3AA State Championships. The Warriors did most of their damage on the ground, outrushing Lee County 256-105 in the game behind a strong effort from the Warriors offensive line.

Shipley was dynamic at running back, carrying the ball 26 times and gaining 256 yards in the game. He scored four touchdowns, breaking several long runs in the game. Shipley opened the scoring with 8:20 to go in the first quarter, plunging in from four yards out. He also had scoring runs of 67, 2 and 22 yards on his way to being named the game's Most Valuable Player.

After Shipley's first touchdown, both teams failed to score until Bryson Parker scooped up a blocked punt and returned it 26 yards for a touchdown to put Weddington in front 14-0. Shipley's 67-yard score came after the ensuing Yellow Jacket possession stalled quickly and opened the gap to 21-0 with just 4:26 to go in the half.

Lee County bounced back after the long run by Shipley, driving seven plays and 43 yards to cash in on a one-yard run by Colin Johnson that trimmed the Warrior lead to 21-7. After a missed field goal by Weddington near the end of the half, it looked like Lee County had some momentum going into the locker room.

The Jackets forced a turnover on the opening possession of the second half for Weddington. Six plays later, Johnson found Jaylen Chalmers for a 44-yard touchdown pass and Lee County closed the gap to 21-14. However, that was as close as Lee County would get as Shipley found pay dirt two more times to extend Weddington out to a comfortable 34-14 margin.

Lee County finished the season 15-1, they were 5-0 as the champions of the Tri-County 6 3A. The Yellow Jackets reached the state finals for the seventh time in school history and the first time in 45 years back when the school was known as Sanford Central.

Weddington won the program's third state championship and their second in a row. The Warriors wrapped up the year 16-0, they were 7-0 as the champions in the Southern Carolina 3A Conference. Weddington won the Western Regional Final for the fourth time in program history.



### 2019 3AA Championship Statistics

|              | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|--------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Lee County - | 0 | 7  | 7 | 0 | - | 14 |
| Weddington - | 7 | 14 | 6 | 7 | - | 34 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 1 - 8:20 | WED - Shipley, W. 4 yd run (Williams, I. kick)                     |
| 2 - 5:42 | WED - Parker, B. 26 yd blocked punt return (Williams, I. kick)     |
| 2 - 4:26 | WED - Shipley, W. 67 yd run (Williams, I. kick)                    |
| 2 - 1:09 | LC - Johnson, C. 1 yd run (Underwood, T. kick)                     |
| 3 - 8:28 | LC - Chalmers, J. 44 yd pass from Johnson, C. (Underwood, T. kick) |
| 3 - 2:36 | WED - Shipley, W. 2 yd run (Williams, I. kick blocked)             |
| 4 - 3:02 | WED - Shipley, W. 22 yd run (Williams, I. kick)                    |

| Team Statistics               | LC                | WED            |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| First Downs                   | 16                | 13             |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 40 - 105          | 34 - 256       |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 22 - 29 - 135 - 2 | 2 - 8 - 15 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 69 - 240          | 42 - 271       |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 58            | 5 - 66         |
| Turnovers                     | 2                 | 1              |

**Passing - LC:** C. Johnson 22-29, 135 yd, 1 TD, 2 INT. **WED:** D. Casicola 2-6, 15 yd, 1 INT.

**Rushing - LC:** C. Johnson 12-43 yd, 1 TD; AJ Boulware 24-39 yd; L. Baldwin 3-15 yd; T. McKendall 1-8 yd. **WED:** W. Shipley 26-256 yd, 4 TD; D. Mercer 2-6 yd; L. Backey 2-2 yd; T. Gordon 1-1 yd; K. Parsons 1-0 yd; Team 2-(-9 yd).

**Receiving - LC:** T. McKendall 10-78 yd; J. Chalmers 4-48 yd, 1 TD; AJ Boulware 4-9 yd; T. Lett 2-17 yd; J. Batts 1-2 yd; L. Baldwin 1-(-19 yd); **WED:** C. Barsz 1-8 yd; W. Shipley 1-7 yd.

### AWARDS

- Lee County Defensive M.O.P.** - Delmaz Jennings (LB/DE)
- Lee County Offensive M.O.P.** - Jayden Chalmers (WR)
- Weddington Defensive M.O.P.** - Alex Mock (LB)
- Weddington Offensive M.O.P.** - Will Shipley (RB)
- Most Valuable Player - Weddington** - Will Shipley (RB)



## East Forsyth goes back-to-back with 24-21 victory over Cardinal Gibbons

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Cardinal Gibbons struck first, but ultimately, East Forsyth held the Crusaders off with a 24-21 victory in the 4A State Championship game, earning the school's second straight state championship and third overall.

Ty'shaun Lyles was the 4A Championship Most Valuable Player for the second year in a row, leading the Eagles offensively with a pair of touchdown throws on 10 for 16 passing with 171 yards. He also rushed 17 times for 63 yards in the game.

Jacob Gill got the scoring going as Cardinal Gibbons took their opening possession eight plays and 56 yards, polished off when Gill hauled in a nine-yard scoring toss from Andrew Harvey. The throw gave the Crusaders an early 7-0 lead, but East Forsyth responded late in the quarter.

The two teams traded possessions until East Forsyth drove five plays and 65 yards in the latter part of the opening quarter. The Eagles got on the board thanks to a 59-yard pass from Lyles to Jamison Warren with 1:58 to go in the quarter, tying the game at seven.

Gibbons jumped back in front early in the second quarter when Harvey hit Cameron Noble for 40 yards and a score with just 36 seconds gone in the second frame. However, East Forsyth responded quickly as Lyles connected with Warren a second time, this one from 56 yards out to knot the score at 14 with 6:01 to go in the half.

The Eagles got a good bounce on the ensuing Crusader possession, as Jordan Timmons scooped up a Gibbons fumble and rumbled nine yards for a score to give East Forsyth its first lead of the game. The Eagles carried the lead into the locker room and added to it in the third quarter when Andrew Conrad chipped through a 31-yard field goal to extend their lead to 24-14 with 4:33 to go in the third.

Cardinal Gibbons did not go away quietly, as the Crusaders marched 10 plays and 80 yards capped off by an eight-yard touchdown pass from Harvey to Cameron Noble with just 3:42 to play, but the Eagles managed to hold Gibbons out of field goal range in the final two minutes to seal the victory.

Cardinal Gibbons finished the season 12-3, the Crusaders were 5-1 in the Cap 7 4A Conference where they were the runners-up. The program reached the NCHSAA State Championship game for the first time in school history, winning their first regional final.

East Forsyth wrapped up the year 13-2, the Eagles were 3-2 in the Central Piedmont 4A. East Forsyth won the program's third Western Regional Championship and collected their third state championship.



### 2019 4A Championship Statistics

|                    | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|--------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Cardinal Gibbons - | 7 | 7  | 0 | 7 | - | 21 |
| East Forsyth -     | 7 | 14 | 3 | 0 | - | 24 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 7:47  | CG - Jacob Gill 9 yd pass from Andrew Harvey (Noah Lawrence kick)       |
| 1 - 1:58  | EF - Jamison Warren 59 yd pass from Ty'Shaun Lyles (Andrew Conrad kick) |
| 2 - 11:24 | CG - Cameron Noble 40 yd pass from Andrew Harvey (Noah Lawrence kick)   |
| 2 - 6:01  | EF - Jamison Warren 56 yd pass from Ty'Shaun Lyles (Andrew Conrad kick) |
| 2 - 5:42  | EF - Jordan Timmons 9 yd fumble recovery (Andrew Conrad kick)           |
| 3 - 4:33  | EF - Andrew Conrad 31 yd field goal                                     |
| 4 - 3:42  | CG - Cameron Noble 8 yd pass from Andrew Harvey (Noah Lawrence kick)    |

### Team Statistics

|                               | CG                | EF                |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 19                | 16                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 33 - 38           | 41 - 166          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 19 - 33 - 290 - 1 | 10 - 16 - 171 - 3 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 66 - 328          | 57 - 337          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 2 - 31            | 9 - 71            |
| Turnovers                     | 2                 | 3                 |

**Passing - CG:** A. Harvey 19-33, 290 yd, 3 TD, 1 INT; **EF:** T. Lyles 10-16, 171 yd, 2 TD, 3 INT.

**Rushing - CG:** J. Grazen 17-75 yd; B. Biestek 4-12 yd; J. Gill 2-4 yd; J. Federman 1-(-2 yd); M. Harp 1-(-8 yd); A. Harvey 7-(-28 yd); Team 1-(-15 yd). **EF:** R. Smith 12-64 yd; T. Lyles 17-63 yd; C. Chaplin 9-36 yd; T. Ingram 1-7 yd; J. Richens 1-(-3 yd); Team 1-(-1 yd).

**Receiving - CG:** C. Duarte 5-116 yd; B. Biestek 5-22 yd; J. Gill 4-78 yd, 1 TD; J. Grazen 3-26 yd; C. Noble 2-48 yd, 2 TD; **EF:** J. Warren 4-125 yd, 2 TD; J. Thorns 2-40 yd; R. Smith 2-0 yd; A. Marshall 1-3 yd; C. Chaplin 1-3 yd.

### AWARDS

**Cardinal Gibbons Defensive M.O.P.** - Will Mason (DB)  
**Cardinal Gibbons Offensive M.O.P.** - Andrew Harvey (QB)  
**East Forsyth Defensive M.O.P.** - Jordan Timmons (DB)  
**East Forsyth Offensive M.O.P.** - Jamison Warren (WR)  
**Most Valuable Player - East Forsyth** - Ty'Shaun Lyles (QB)

## Vance collects school's first title with 24-3 triumph over Leesville Road

CHAPEL HILL, NC – The Vance Cougars relied on their stifling defense to thwart Leesville Road in the 4AA Championship game 24-3, earning the program's first State Championship.

The Cougars dominated the line of scrimmage, holding the Pride to just 80 yards of total offense in the game. Power Echols was named the game's Most Valuable Player, leading the Cougars in tackles with 6.5 for the day, including 1.5 tackles for loss. He also rushed twice for 16 yards and a touchdown.

Vance opened the scoring with an 84-yard explosion for a touchdown when Austin Grier found Jordan Payne for a score, capping off a drive that started at the Cougar four-yard line. Leesville responded early in the second quarter with their only points of the game as Noah Burnette split the uprights for a 34-yard field goal to trim the lead to 7-3. Melvin Benitez answered for the Cougars with an 18-yard field goal of his own with just five seconds to go in the half, putting Vance up 10-3.

The Cougars closed out the game with a pair of touchdown runs in the fourth quarter. Daylan Smothers increased the lead with a six-yard scoring run with 9:58 to go that gave Vance a 17-3 lead. Then with 8:55 to play, Echols cashed in a 14-yard run just one play after a Leesville turnover, to ice the game 24-3.

Leesville Road reached the State Championship game for the first time in program history. The Pride finished the season 13-1, 6-0 in the Cap 7 4A Conference where they were the champions.

Vance wrapped up their year 13-2. The Cougars were 5-2 in the I-Meck 4A conference. Vance reached the state championship game for the second time in program history and the second year in a row, earning the school's first football state championship.



### 2019 4AA Championship Statistics

|                    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|--------------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| Leesville Road -   | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0  | - | 3  |
| Zebulon B. Vance - | 7 | 3 | 0 | 14 | - | 24 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 1 - 5:06 | ZBV - Jordan Payne 84 yd pass from Austin Grier (Melvin Benitez kick) |
| 2 - 9:52 | LR - Noah Burnette 34 yd field goal                                   |
| 2 - 0:05 | ZBV - Melvin Benitez 18 yd field goal                                 |
| 4 - 9:58 | ZBV - Daylan Smothers 6 yd run (Melvin Benitez kick)                  |
| 4 - 8:55 | ZBV - Power Echols 14 yd run (Melvin Benitez kick)                    |

### Team Statistics

|                               | LR             | ZBV               |
|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 7              | 10                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 30 - 45        | 39 - 103          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 3 - 9 - 35 - 1 | 10 - 13 - 124 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 39 - 80        | 52 - 227          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 1 - 13         | 7 - 55            |
| Turnovers                     | 5              | 0                 |

**Passing - LR:** E. Burchfield 1-5, 1 yd, 1 INT; T. Baker 2-4, 34 yd; **ZBV:** A. Grier 9-11, 127 yd, 1 TD; S. Thompson 0-1; B. Camp 1-1, -3 yd.

**Rushing - LR:** T. Moore 12-42 yd; A. Doss 7-40 yd; D. Sohn 3-6 yd; T. Caine 1-2 yd; T. Baker 2-(-13 yd); E. Burchfield 5-(-32 yd); **ZBV:** A. Grier 14-46 yd; S. Thompson 8-29 yd; P. Echols 2-16 yd, 1 TD; D. Smothers 1-6 yd, 1 TD; B. Camp 1-5 yd; J. Payne 1-4 yd; J. Burton 2-0 yd; J. Morris 8-0 yd; A. Shabazz 1-(-3 yd); Team 1-0 yd.

**Receiving - LR:** N. Burnette 3-35 yd; **ZBV:** K. Concepcion 3-24 yd; J. Payne 2-83 yd, 1 TD; J. Morris 2-10 yd; M. Riley 2-10 yd; M. Walker 1-(-3 yd)

### AWARDS

**Leesville Road Defensive M.O.P.** - Treyvon Coleman (DB)

**Leesville Road Offensive M.O.P.** - Noah Burnette (WR/K)

**Zebulon B. Vance Defensive M.O.P.** - Dylan Tucker (CB)

**Zebulon B. Vance Offensive M.O.P.** - Austin Grier (QB)

**Most Valuable Player - Zebulon B. Vance** - Power Echols (RB/LB)



## 1A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Murphy blows by Pamlico for program’s ninth title

DURHAM, NC - The Murphy Bulldogs reeled off 21 first quarter points on their way to a 60-27 victory over Pamlico County and the school’s ninth NCHSAA football state championship. The win was Head Coach David Gentry’s 406th career win, which is second all-time for Head Coaching wins in the NCHSAA.

Murphy’s defense got the scoring started when Micah Nelson recovered a Pamlico fumble and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown just 17 seconds into the game. The next possession for Murphy was after another Pamlico turnover, as the Bulldogs started at the Hurricane 34. Six plays later KJ Allen galloped five yards to the end zone and a 14-0 lead.

The Bulldogs built a huge advantage on the ground, racking up 479 yards to just 153 for Pamlico. Allen led the way for Murphy with 153 yards on 18 carries and four touchdowns as he was named the game’s Most Valuable Player. Murphy’s Devonte Murray also added two touchdowns on his six carries with 106 yards.

Pamlico got on the board for the first time in the latter portion of the first quarter. Senior quarterback Lamont Murray settled into the game and was able to lead his team on a 12-play, 66-yard drive that took 5:28 off the first quarter clock. Murray capped the drive with a seven-yard touchdown run to trim the Murphy lead to 14-7 with 2:54 to go in the first. Four plays later, Murphy stretched their lead back out to 14 when Reid Beal hauled in an 18-yard pass from Micah Nelson with 1:47 to go in the first. Nelson was named Murphy’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player as he completed 3 of his 5 pass attempts for 42 yards and a touchdown while running for 49 yards on two carries.

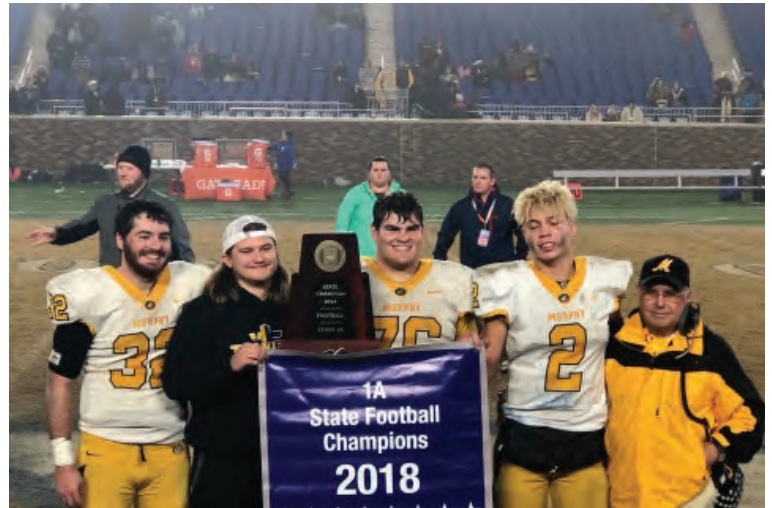
The Bulldogs took a 21-7 lead into the half and came out ready to roll in the third quarter, adding two scores in the frame. Ray Rathburn scored from 11 yards out on the ground to go up 28-7. Five minutes later Allen ripped off a six-yard touchdown run for his second score of the night.

Pamlico did not quit despite trailing 35-7, after a long kickoff return into Murphy territory by Jarrod Ramsey, Murray bought time and found George Jones open over the middle for a 42 yard touchdown pass to make it 35-14 with under a minute to go in the third. Just three plays later, Murray raced 46 yards to the end zone for a touchdown, however the point after failed and Murphy led 41-14.

Murray went back to work for Pamlico, finding room and sprinting for a 17-yard touchdown to make it 41-20 after the point after failed. After touchdown runs by the Bulldogs’ Murray and Allen made the score 54-20, Pamlico’s Murray launched another touchdown pass, this one from 18 yards out to La-Monti Lewis to trim the lead to 54-27.

Lamont Murray finished the night with 157 yards passing and two scores to go along with 79 yards and two touchdowns on the ground. He was named the Most Outstanding Offensive

Player for the Hurricanes for his efforts. William Lovick was the Hurricanes’ Most Outstanding Defensive Player as he tied for the team lead in tackles with nine. Hunter Shope took home Most Outstanding Defensive Player honors for Murphy, racking up nine tackles, 1.5 of them for a loss.



### 2018 1A Championship Statistics

|                  | 1  | 2 | 3  | 4  | - | T  |
|------------------|----|---|----|----|---|----|
| <b>Pamlico -</b> | 7  | 0 | 7  | 13 | - | 27 |
| <b>Murphy -</b>  | 21 | 0 | 14 | 25 | - | 60 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 11:43 | MUR - Micah Nelson 35 yd fumble rec. (Annie-Kate Dalton kick failed) |
| 1 - 8:28  | MUR - KJ Allen 5 yd run (Devonte Murray Pass from Nelson)            |
| 1 - 2:54  | PAM - Lamont Murray 7 yd run (Daniel Fuentes kick)                   |
| 1 - 1:47  | MUR - Reid Beal 18 yd pass from Nelson (Dalton kick)                 |
| 3 - 7:53  | MUR - Ray Rathburn 11 yd run (Dalton kick good)                      |
| 3 - 2:41  | MUR - KJ Allen 6 yd run (Kaitlynn Wheaton kick)                      |
| 3 - 0:56  | PAM - George Jones 42 yd pass from L. Murray (Fuentes kick)          |
| 4 - 11:47 | MUR - Devonte Murray 46 yard run (Wheaton kick)                      |
| 4 - 9:41  | PAM - L. Murray 17 yd run (Fuentes rush failed)                      |
| 4 - 7:47  | MUR - D. Murray 31 yd run (Dalton kick failed)                       |
| 4 - 6:59  | MUR - KJ Allen 22 yd run (Dalton kick)                               |
| 4 - 4:06  | PAM - La-Monti Lewis 18 yd pass from L. Murray (Fuentes kick)        |
| 4 - 3:43  | MUR - KJ Allen 18 yd run (Wheaton kick failed)                       |

### Team Statistics

|                               | PAM              | MUR            |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| First Downs                   | 13               | 27             |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 42 - 153         | 49 - 479       |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 8 - 15 - 165 - 2 | 3 - 5 - 42 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 57 - 318         | 54 - 521       |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 4 - 30           | 2 - 10         |
| Turnovers                     | 3                | 1              |

**Passing - PAM:** L. Murray 8-15; 165 yd; 2 TD; 2 INT; **MUR:** M. Nelson 3-5; 42 yd; 1 TD.

**Rushing - PAM:** L. Murray 26-79 yd; 2 TD; S. Tutt 11-67 yd; W. Lovick 5-7 yd; **MUR:** KJ Allen 18-153yd, 4 TD; D. Murray 6-106yd, 2 TD; C. Roberts 12-101 yd; R. Rathburn 7-55yd, 1 TD; M. Nelson 2-49 yd; Q. Dockery 1-3 yd; Team 3-12 yd

**Receiving - PAM:** G. Jones 3-90 yd, 1 TD; S. Tutt 3-49 yd; L. Lewis 1-18 yd, 1TD; W. Lovick 1-8yd; **MUR:** D. Murray 1-24 yd; R. Beal 1-18 yd; J. Dorsey 1-0 yd.

### AWARDS

**Pamlico Defensive M.O.P** - William Lovick (LB)  
**Pamlico Offensive M.O.P** - Lamont Murray (QB)  
**Murphy Defensive M.O.P** - Hunter Shope (LB)  
**Murphy Offensive M.O.P** - Micah Nelson (QB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Murphy** - K.J. Allen (RB)

## 1AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Tarboro runs away from East Surry in second half for second straight state title

RALEIGH, NC – The Tarboro Vikings pulled away with 36 second half points to defeat East Surry 50-10 and win back-to-back state championships at the 1AA level. The win gave the Vikings the program’s sixth state championship. The Vikings were dominant on the ground racking up 442 yards rushing, while holding the Cardinals to zero yards rushing in the game.

East Surry jumped out to an early lead as Gunnar Jones recovered a Tarboro fumble and too it 18 yards to the end zone to give the Cardinals a 7-0 lead with 4:02 to go in the first quarter. The Vikings answered on the ensuing possession driving 69 yards in six plays Kimani McDaniels capped off the drive with a 36-yard touchdown run with 47 seconds to go in the quarter to knot the score at 7.

Clifton Joyner, Jr. gave Tarboro their first lead of the game when he scored from 17 yards out on the ground with 8:34 to go in the second quarter. That capped a 29 yard drive took just five plays after a Keon Caudle punt return set Tarboro up with a short field. East Surry sliced into that lead, mounting a 16-play drive that chewed up 6:35 of the second quarter and culminated in a 24-yard field goal by Derek Sutterby to make it 14-10 Tarboro at the half.

The second half was all Vikings as McDaniels opened the third quarter by breaking a 65-yard run for touchdown with 10:16 to go in the quarter. McDaniels long sprint made it 21-10. McDaniels finished the game with 112 yards rushing and two touchdowns as he was named the game’s Most Valuable Player.

Just three minutes after McDaniels long run, Joyner, Jr. found pay dirt on a one-yard touchdown run to put the Vikings up 29-10 after the two point conversion attempt was successful. Joyner, Jr. finished the game with 76 yards rushing on 12 carries with two touchdowns as he was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for Tarboro.

Caudle added touchdown late in the third quarter, crossing from 40 yards out with just 11 seconds to go in the quarter, putting Tarboro up 36-10. Jaquez Edge scored from four yards out with 9:47 to go in the game, punctuating a six-play, 56-yard drive and extending the Viking lead to 43-10. Caudle closed out the scoring with a 33-yard sprint to the endzone with 4:37 to go in the game to give the Vikings the final 50-10 margin.

Melik Ward was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for Tarboro as he racked up 8 tackles, including 2.5 sacks and 3 tackles for loss in the game. For East Surry, Hoyt Bullington led the team in tackles with 19 in the game, including three for loss as he was selected East Surry’s Most Outstanding Defensive Player. Jefferson Boaz was the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for East Surry, completing 10 of 20 passes for 122 yards and averaging 38.8 yards per punt.

The NCHSAA is committed to promoting good sportsmanship and with the assistance of North Carolina Farm Bureau are pleased to present Sportsmanship Awards to one member of each Championship team that have exhibited good sportsmanship throughout the 2018 season. Tarboro’s winner was senior tight end and defensive back, Kendarius Jenkins. East Surry’s selection was senior wide receiver and free safety, Nathan Sheets.



### 2018 1AA Championship Statistics

|              | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4  | - | T  |
|--------------|---|---|----|----|---|----|
| East Surry - | 7 | 3 | 0  | 0  | - | 10 |
| Tarboro -    | 7 | 7 | 22 | 14 | - | 50 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 4:02  | ES - G. Jones 18 yd fumble recovery (D. Sutterby kick) |
| 1 - 0:47  | TAR - K. McDaniels 36 yd run (L. Dupree kick)          |
| 2 - 8:34  | TAR - C. Joyner Jr. 17 yd run (L. Dupree kick)         |
| 2 - 1:52  | ES - D. Sutterby 24 yd FG                              |
| 3 - 10:16 | TAR - K. McDaniels 65 yd run (L. Dupree kick)          |
| 3 - 7:18  | TAR - C. Joyner Jr. 1 yd run (J. Edge rush)            |
| 3 - 0:11  | TAR - K. Caudle 40 yd run (L. Dupree kick)             |
| 4 - 9:47  | TAR - J. Edge 4 yd run (L. Dupree kick)                |
| 4 - 4:37  | TAR - K. Caudle 33 yd run (L. Dupree kick)             |

### Team Statistics

|                               | ES                | TAR           |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| First Downs                   | 10                | 19            |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 26 - 0            | 49 - 442      |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 12 - 26 - 138 - 1 | 0 - 1 - 0 - 0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 52 - 138          | 50 - 442      |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6 - 36            | 11 - 80       |
| Turnovers                     | 1                 | 1             |

**Passing - ES:** J. Boaz 10-20, 122 yd, 1 INT; S. Gosnell 2-6, 16 yd; **TAR:** K. McDaniels 0-1.

**Rushing - ES:** M. Edwards 6-8 yd; L. Ray 6-6 yd; S. Gosnell 8 - 2 yd; E. Wright 2-1 yd; Q. Smith 1-(-3 yd); AJ Bruton 1-(-5 yd); J. Boaz 2-(-9 yd); **TAR:** K. McDaniels 6-112 yd, 2 TD; K. Caudle 9-105 yd, 2 TD; J. Albritton 9 - 89 yd; C. Joyner, Jr. 12-76 yd, 2 TD; J. Edge 9-52 yd, 1 TD; K. Everette, Jr. 1-6 yd; T. Higgs 1-4 yd; W. Johnson 1-(-2 yd).

**Receiving - ES:** S. Gosnell 4-77 yd; L. Stevens 4-33 yd; D. Mosley 2-12 yd; J. Boaz 1-8 yd; AJ Bruton 1-8 yd.

### AWARDS

**East Surry Defensive M.O.P -** Hoyt Bullington (LB)

**East Surry Offensive M.O.P -** Jefferson Boaz (QB)

**Tarboro Defensive M.O.P -** Melik Ward (DL)

**Tarboro Offensive M.O.P -** Clifton Joyner, Jr. (RB)

**Most Valuable Player - Tarboro -** Kimani McDaniels (QB)



## 2A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Reidsville storms from behind in second half to stun Northeastern and complete a perfect season

RALEIGH, NC – The Reidsville Rams stormed from down 14 much of the game to stun Northeastern with a 31-28 win as Zach Baber hit a 24-yard field goal to give Reidsville its first and only lead with just four seconds remaining in the game. The win gave Reidsville their program's 17th NCHSAA Football State Championship, and their second state title in the last three years.

Northeastern took no time to get on the scoreboard, as the Eagles went five plays and 79 yards capped off by a 55-yard touchdown run from Aaron Harris to go up 7-0 on the opening possession. The Eagles tacked on another first quarter score when a deflected pass from Harris found Quasi Thomas who rumbled 22 yards to the end zone to put Northeastern up 14-0 with 1:26 to go in the quarter.

The two teams exchanged turnovers in the second quarter, with Northeastern coughing the ball up in their own red zone before Reidsville's jump pass was intercepted in the end zone on the ensuing play. Another Northeastern turnover, this one an interception in their own end, set Reidsville up with a short field. The Rams capitalized as Breon Pass caught a 19 yard touchdown pass from Kyle Pinnix and the PAT cut the lead Eagles' lead to 14-7 with 9:20 to go in the first half.

Late in the first half, Northeastern stretched their lead back out to 14 as Traveon Freshwater scored from nine yards out to give the Eagles a 21-7 lead with 1:51 to go in the half. The Freshwater touchdown capped off an 11-play, 75-yard drive that saw 5:20 wind off the clock.

Reidsville didn't give up, evening the score at 21 with a pair of third quarter touchdowns while the defense buckled down. Pass grabbed his second touchdown catch from Pinnix, this one a 5 yard grab with 8:09 to go in the third, that trimmed the Eagles lead to 21-13 as the point after failed. Later in the quarter, Pinnix found Logan Graves for a 32 yard scoring strike with 1:32 to go in the third to pull the Rams within a two-point conversion. Pinnix hit Lionel Long for the conversion attempt, knotting the score at 21.

Northeastern quarterback Harris had been explosive all game, and he went off again in the later stages of the fourth quarter, ripping off a 40-yard touchdown run to put the Eagles up 28-21 with 4:14 to play. The Rams quick-strike ability evened the score again quickly as Pinnix hit Demontez Canada for a 37 yard touchdown pass just three plays after the Northeastern score, tying the game at 28 with 3:06 to play.

Pinnix finished the game with nine completions for 116 yards and four touchdowns. He was named the game's Most Valuable Player. Long was named Reidsville's Most Outstanding Offensive Player as he had 103 yards rushing and 21 yards receiving to keep the Rams moving all afternoon. Trell Rankin was selected as the Rams Most Outstanding Defensive Player with six tackles, two of them sacks and a fumble recovery in the game.

Harris was tapped as the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for Northeastern, as he rushed for 175 yards and two touchdowns in the game. He also threw for 47 yards and a score on the afternoon. Robert Ferguson took home Northeastern's Most Outstanding Defensive Player award, leading all players with 15 tackles in the game, adding a pass break-up to his stat line.

The victory gives Reidsville 17 State Championships in the NCHSAA with 23 Championship Appearances. The Rams also hold three Regional Championships from 1961-1971 when play culminated with the regional finals in many classifications. The NCHSAA is committed to promoting good sportsmanship and with the assistance of North Carolina Farm Bureau are pleased to present Sportsmanship Awards to one member of each Championship team that have exhibited good sportsmanship throughout the 2018 season. Northeastern's winner was senior linebacker, Naquan Winslow. Reidsville's selection was senior defensive lineman and running back, J.R. Reynolds.



### 2018 2A Championship Statistics

|                | 1  | 2 | 3  | 4  | - | T  |
|----------------|----|---|----|----|---|----|
| Reidsville -   | 0  | 7 | 14 | 10 | - | 31 |
| Northeastern - | 14 | 7 | 0  | 7  | - | 28 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 1 - 9:58 | NE - A. Harris 55 yd run (A. Teall kick)                                 |
| 1 - 1:26 | NE - Q. Thomas 22 yd pass from A. Harris (A. Teall kick)                 |
| 2 - 9:20 | REID - B. Pass 19 yd pass from K. Pinnix (Z. Baber kick failed)          |
| 2 - 1:51 | NE - T. Freshwater 9 yd run (A. Teall kick)                              |
| 3 - 8:09 | REID - B. Pass 5 yd pass from K. Pinnix (Z. Baber kick failed)           |
| 3 - 1:32 | REID - L. Graves 32 yd pass from K. Pinnix (L. Long pass from K. Pinnix) |
| 4 - 4:14 | NE - A. Harris 40 yd run (A. Teall kick)                                 |
| 4 - 3:06 | REID - D. Canada 37 yd pass from K. Pinnix (Z. Baber kick)               |
| 4 - 0:04 | REID - Z. Baber 24 yd FG   |

### Team Statistics

|                               | REID             | NE             |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| First Downs                   | 21               | 17             |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 42 - 203         | 45 - 264       |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 9 - 26 - 116 - 2 | 3 - 6 - 47 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 68 - 319         | 51 - 311       |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 7 - 45           | 9 - 76         |
| Turnovers                     | 2                | 3              |

**Passing - REID:** K. Pinnix 9-25, 116 yd, 4 TD; B. Pass 0-1; **NE:** A. Harris 3-6, 47 yd, 1 TD, 1 INT.

**Rushing - REID:** T. Canada 18-124 yd; L. Long 14-103 yd; B. Pass 1-8 yd; K. Pinnix 8-(-17 yd); Team 1-(-15 yd) **NE:** A. Harris 16-175 yd, 2 TD; T. Freshwater 17-64 yd, 1 TD; T. Mercer 7-15 yd; Q. Thomas 3-9 yd; M. Lewis III 1-2 yd; Team 1-(-1 yd).

**Receiving - REID:** B. Pass 3-32 yd, 2 TD; L. Long 2-21 yd; D. Canada 1-37 yd, 1 TD; L. Graves 1-32 yd, 1 TD; T. Canada 1-5 yd; K. Pinnix 1-(-11 yd). **NE:** J. Hinton 2-25 yd; Q. Thomas 1-22 yd, 1 TD.

### AWARDS

**Northeastern Defensive M.O.P.** - Robert Ferguson (DE)  
**Northeastern Offensive M.O.P.** - Aaron Harris (QB)  
**Reidsville Defensive M.O.P.** - Trell Rankin (LB)  
**Reidsville Offensive M.O.P.** - Lionel Long (RB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Reidsville** - Kyle Pinnix (QB)

## 2AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Shelby knocks out North Davidson 42-21 to win program’s tenth NCHSAA title

RALEIGH, NC - The Shelby Golden Lions jumped out to a 14-0 lead after one quarter and did not look back on their way to doubling up North Davidson 42-21 and winning the school’s tenth NCHSAA State Championship in football.

Sophomore linebacker Jack Hollifield got the festivities underway, intercepting a pass and returning it 93 yards for a touchdown with 6:23 to go in the first quarter, putting Shelby up 7-0. Hollifield was named the Golden Lions Most Outstanding Defensive Player with nine tackles, a tackle for loss, a pass break-up and the 93 yard interception return for score.

The Golden Lion defense then forced a three-and-out on the ensuing Knights possession, and after a nice punt return Shelby had exceptional field position to start their drive at the Knights 38. Diavonni Daley capped off the 5-play, 38-yard drive with a 20-yard touchdown catch from Isaiah Bess to put the Lions in front 14-0.

Shelby kept the foot on the gas pedal to start the second quarter, as Daley hauled in a 22-yard pass from Bess to cap a nine-play, 54-yard drive and give the Lions a 21-0 advantage with 10:45 to play in the first half. Bess finished the contest with 192 yards and three touchdown passes as he completed 17 of his 26 pass attempts and was named the game’s Most Valuable Player. Daley hauled in six passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns as he was selected as Shelby’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player in the game.

North Davidson responded on their next possession, sprinting 72 yards in just 8 plays and two minutes. The Knights got on the board with Devon Welch’s three-yard touchdown plunge to trim the Shelby lead to 21-7 which is how the teams entered the locker room at the half.

The Lions started to pull away for good with an 18-yard touchdown pass by Bess to Fabian Pettis with 2:15 to go in the third. That touchdown finished off a 10-play 63-yard drive that chewed up 4:07 of clock. The Knights answered right back with an 11-play drive of their own that went 50 yards and spanned 4:45 to cut the lead to 28-14 when Jackson Perrell scored on a three-yard touchdown run.

The two teams traded scores for the rest of the contest with Donye Fuller plunging in from a yard out for the Golden Lions before Gage Williams recovered a Shelby fumble, rumbling 15 yards for a score to trim the Shelby lead back to 14 at 35-21 and 4:48 to go. Jaylon Scott put the game away for the Golden Lions when he scored from one yard out to polish off a 9-play, 49-yard drive at the 1:15 mark of the final quarter.

The North Davidson defense was led by Blake Stephens who collected 10 tackles on the game including 3.5 sacks and 4 tackles for loss. He is also credited with a pass break-up and quarterback hurry in the game as he was named North Davidson’s Most Outstanding Defensive Player. The Knight was led by Themus Fulks who was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for the Knights with eight receptions for 146 yards on the afternoon.

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### 2018 2AA Championship Statistics

|                         | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|-------------------------|----|---|---|----|---|----|
| <b>Shelby -</b>         | 14 | 7 | 7 | 14 | - | 42 |
| <b>North Davidson -</b> | 0  | 7 | 0 | 14 | - | 21 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 6:23  | SH - J. Hollifield 93 yd INT return (C. Sheeley kick)    |
| 1 - 3:03  | SH - D. Daley 20 yd pass from I. Bess (C. Sheeley kick)  |
| 2 - 10:45 | SH - D. Daley 22 yd pass from I. Bess (C. Sheeley kick)  |
| 2 - 8:38  | ND - D. Welch 3 yd run (C. Skotthy kick)                 |
| 3 - 2:15  | SH - F. Pettis 18 yd pass from I. Bess (C. Sheeley kick) |
| 4 - 9:24  | ND - J. Perrell 3 yd run (J. Marion kick)                |
| 4 - 7:56  | SH - D. Fuller 1 yd run (C. Sheeley kick)                |
| 4 - 4:48  | ND - G. Williams 15 yd fumble recovery (C. Skotthy kick) |
| 4 - 1:15  | SH - J. Scott 1 yd run (C. Sheeley kick)                 |

### Team Statistics

|                               | SH                | ND                |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 19                | 14                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 41 - 100          | 19 - 61           |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 17 - 26 - 192 - 3 | 19 - 40 - 227 - 3 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 67 - 292          | 59 - 288          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 8 - 84            | 4 - 50            |
| Turnovers                     | 4                 | 4                 |

**Passing - SH:** I. Bess 17-26, 192 yd, 3 TD; 3 INT **ND:** L. Moore 19-39, 227 yd, 3 INT; T. Fulks 0-1.

**Rushing - SH:** D. Fuller 26-93 yd, 1 TD; J. Scott 5-40 yd, 1 TD; T. Scott 3-26 yd; K. Huskey 1-0 yd; I. Bess 5-(-25 yd); Team 1-(-34 yd). **ND:** L. Moore 10-41 yd; M. Johnson 5-14 yd; D. Welch 1-3 yd, 1 TD; J. Perrell 1-3 yd, 1 TD; D. Green 2-0 yd

**Receiving - SH:** D. Daley 6-103 yd, 2 TD; D. Fuller 4-7 yd; J. Mitchell 3-24 yd; S. Eaves 2-23 yd; F. Pettis 1-18 yd, 1 TD; Z. Cherry 1-17 yd. **ND:** T. Fulks 8-146 yd; J. Dalton 4-33 yd; R. Patrick 4-31 yd; M. Everhart 2-18 yd; J. Perrell 1-0 yd.

### AWARDS

**North Davidson Defensive M.O.P.** - Blake Stephens (DL)

**North Davidson Offensive M.O.P.** - Themus Fulks (WR)

**Shelby Defensive M.O.P.** - Jack Hollifield (LB)

**Shelby Offensive M.O.P.** - Diavonni Daley (WR)

**Most Valuable Player - Shelby** - Isaiah Bess (QB)



## 3A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Charlotte Catholic goes back-to-back with a hard-fought 17-14 win over Jacksonville

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Charlotte Catholic took the 3A Championship in come-from-behind fashion, edging a tough-nosed Jacksonville team 17-14 to win the school's sixth state championship and second straight. What started as an offensive feeling game, turned into the expected defensive battle with Catholic scoring the only second half points, a touchdown with just under five minutes to play, that put the Cougars in front for good by the final margin.

After a defensive stalemate for the majority of the second half, the Cougars opened up the offense a bit, throwing three passes on the decisive drive. The final blow was struck by Chris Walton when he stepped up and aired it out for Michael Neel on a crossing route. Neel hauled in the throw and cruised into the end zone with 4:55 to play, putting Catholic on top 17-14. Walton finished the game 6-11 for 144 yards and a touchdown.

Charlotte Catholic made a nine-play opening drive that chewed up 4:23 of the first quarter and stalled after 42 yards. George Griggs III hit an important 34-yard field goal to open the scoring and give the Cougars a 3-0 lead. Jacksonville answered right back as quarterback Justyn Benton broke off a 48 yard run on the Cardinals first play from scrimmage. He finished off the drive, scrambling out of the pocket to his left and finding an open Kendrick Blake, Jr. for a 22 yard touchdown toss, putting the Cardinals in front 7-3 with 5:23 to go in the first quarter.

The two teams settled in a bit before Benton was intercepted by Brian Jacobs, who returned the ball to the Jacksonville 49, stunting the mounting momentum and drive by the Cardinals and setting the Cougars up with a short field. Jacobs had several key tackles in addition to his key interception and was named the game's Most Valuable Player.

Following the interception, Charlotte Catholic quarterback Walton hit Adam Robbe for 42 yards down the sideline, putting the Cougars inside the opponent's ten-yard line. Two plays later, Lamagea McDowell cashed in from five yards out to give the Cougars a 10-7 lead with 11:12 to go in the second quarter. McDowell finished the game with 76 yards on 17 carries with the touchdown and was named Charlotte Catholic's Most Outstanding Offensive Player.

Jacksonville responded on the next drive, mounting a 15-play, 74-yard drive that knawed 6:59 off the clock. The Cardinals ran the ball every play of the drive, featuring Benton, Kijeir Finister or Graham Brinker the majority of the plays. With 4:13 to go in the half, it was Brinker that scored from five yards out to give the Cardinals a 14-10 halftime advantage.

Neither team was able to mount much in the second half, as field position flipped in favor of Catholic during the third quarter. The Cougars intercepted a pass, and drove down to the two yard line with five straight running plays before McDowell coughed up the ball as he powered toward the end zone and the Cardinals were able to fall on it.

Benton finished up the day for the Cardinals as the team's Most Outstanding Offensive Player. He was solid on the ground with 105 yards on the day and completed passes for 39 yards and a touchdown. Defensively the Jacksonville side was led by Milton Chandler who had 4.5 tackles and an interception on the way to being named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for the Cardinals.

Nick King was the leading tackler for Charlotte Catholic with 6.5 tackles in the game, and was named the Cougars Most Outstanding Defensive Player. The Cougars claimed the program's sixth Football State Championship, and second straight.

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### 2018 3A Championship Statistics

|                             | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| <b>Charlotte Catholic -</b> | 3 | 7 | 0 | 7 | - | 17 |
| <b>Jacksonville -</b>       | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | - | 14 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 7:37  | CC - Geo. Griggs III 34 yd FG                                 |
| 1 - 5:23  | JAX - K. Blake Jr. 20 yd pass from J. Benton (C. Jones kick)  |
| 2 - 11:12 | CC - L. McDowell 5 yd run (Geo. Griggs III kick)              |
| 2 - 4:13  | JAX - G. Brinker 5 yd run (C. Jones kick)                     |
| 4 - 4:55  | CC - M. Neel 22 yd pass from C. Walton (Geo. Griggs III kick) |

### Team Statistics

|                               | CC               | JAX            |
|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| First Downs                   | 10               | 13             |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 34 - 108         | 48 - 214       |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 6 - 11 - 144 - 0 | 3 - 8 - 39 - 2 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 45 - 252         | 56 - 253       |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 1 - 5            | 4 - 46         |
| Turnovers                     | 1                | 2              |

**Passing - CC:** C. Walton 6-11, 144 yd, 1 TD; **JAX:** J. Benton 3-8, 39 yd, 1 TD.

**Rushing - CC:** L. McDowell 17-76 yd, 1 TD; P. Neel 11-29 yd; M. Neel 4-6 yd; C. Walton 2-(-3 yd). **JAX:** J. Benton 17-105 yd; G. Brinker 15-79 yd; K. Finister 15-24 yd; T. Brown 1-6 yd.

**Receiving - CC:** A. Robbe 2-56 yd; B. Jacobs 2-38 yd; P. Neel 1-28 yd; M. Neel 1-22 yd, 1 TD. **JAX:** K. Blake Jr. 2-27 yd, 1 TD; T. Brown 1-12 yd.

### AWARDS

**Jacksonville Defensive M.O.P.** - Milton Chandler (DB)

**Jacksonville Offensive M.O.P.** - Justyn Benton (QB)

**Charlotte Catholic Defensive M.O.P.** - Nick King (DL)

**Charlotte Catholic Offensive M.O.P.** - Lamagea McDowell (RB)

**Most Valuable Player - Charlotte Catholic** - Brian Jacobs (DB)



# 2018 3AA Championship Recap



## 3AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Weddington blitzes Southeast Guilford to win second title

CHAPEL HILL, NC – The Weddington Warriors struck first, and struck often, as they ripped off a 27-14 victory over Southeast Guilford to claim the school’s second state football championship. James Shipley starred offensively and defensively for the Warriors, with an interception and return that set up a fourth quarter score to go with a 50 yard touchdown pass on a reverse pass and an 8 yard touchdown catch from his receiver spot. With ten receptions for 113 yards, as well as contributions in other areas, he was named the game’s Most Valuable Player.

Southeast Guilford’s opening drive stalled and James Shipley returned the punt to the Falcon 37 yardline, setting Weddington up in excellent field position for their first possession. After a procedure penalty backed the Warriors up five yards, Whitner Litton lofted a pass to Max Brimigion down the left sideline for a 42 yard score to put the Warriors up 7-0 with 9:25 to go in the first quarter.

The Warriors second possession was a bit more of a sustained effort, as they went 64 yards in seven plays capped off by a bit of trickiness. Wide Receiver James Shipley took the reverse handoff and set up to throw long to a wide open Will Shipley who took it the rest of the way 50 yards down the left sideline for a score to go up 14-0 with 2:29 to go in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, James Shipley found the endzone on the receiving end of an eight yard pass from Litton with 8:52 to play in the half. The PAT was blocked and the Warriors led 20-0. SE Guilford intercepted a screen pass midway through the second, which swung some momentum back the Falcons way. They mounted their best drive, chewing up over five minutes of clock with Ryan Douglas helping power the rushing attack. However, with time winding down in the half the drive stalled and a 44 yard field goal attempt was no good.

Southeast Guilford recovered a Weddington fumble in the early part of the third quarter, setting up the Falcons with a short field on the Warrior 36 yard line. Southeast scored four plays later as Douglas rushed across the goal line from 12 yards out to make it 20-7 with 6:42 to go in the third.

The Falcons were intercepted to start the fourth quarter, and James Shipley returned it to the Falcon five yard line. Two plays later Weddington cashed in the turnover on a Will Shipley one yard run to go up 27-7 with 11:01 to play. After the two teams traded possessions, Southeast Guilford took a shot deep and Douglas hooked up with Tyler Hoff who took it 83 yards to the endzone to trim the Warrior lead to 27-14 with 6:19 to play.

Douglas was named Southeast Guilford’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player with 126 yards through the air and a touchdown to go with his 86 yards and a score on the ground. Quantez Mansfield was the defensive Most Outstanding Player for the Falcons with six tackles including one sack and an interception from his defensive line spot.

Weddington’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player was Whitner Litton as the quarterback threw for 172 yards and two touchdowns while completing 67% of his passing attempts. The defensive Most Outstanding Player for the Warriors was Eamon Murphy who led the team in tackles with 9 and intercepted a pass, returning it deep into Falcon territory to set up the final Weddington score.

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### 2018 3AA Championship Statistics

|                      | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|----------------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| Weddington -         | 14 | 6 | 0 | 7 | - | 27 |
| Southeast Guilford - | 0  | 0 | 7 | 7 | - | 14 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 9:25  | WED - M. Brimigion 42 yd pass from W. Litton (I. Williams kick)      |
| 1 - 2:29  | WED - W. Shipley 50 yd pass from J. Shipley (I. Williams kick)       |
| 2 - 8:52  | WED - J. Shipley 8 yd pass from W. Litton (I. Williams kick blocked) |
| 3 - 6:42  | SEG - R. Douglas 12 yd run (I. Williams kick)                        |
| 4 - 11:01 | WED - W. Shipley 1 yd run (I. Williams kick)                         |
| 4 - 6:19  | SEG - T. Hoff 83 yd pass from R. Douglas (J. Medlin kick)            |

| Team Statistics               | WED               | SEG              |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| First Downs                   | 15                | 11               |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 38 - 40           | 33 - 127         |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 13 - 19 - 222 - 1 | 5 - 21 - 126 - 3 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 57 - 262          | 54 - 253         |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6 - 39            | 11 - 58          |
| Turnovers                     | 5                 | 3                |

**Passing - WED:** W. Litton 12-18, 172 yd, 2 TD, 1 INT; J. Shipley 1-1, 50 yd, 1 TD; **SEG:** R. Douglas 5-21, 126 yd, 1 TD, 3 INT.

**Rushing - WED:** W. Shipley 12-49 yd, 1 TD; J. Shipley 3-5 yd; W. Dixie 18-2 yd; W. Litton 2-(-16 yd); Team 3-0 yd. **SEG:** R. Douglas 19-86 yd, 1 TD; J. Fairley 5-20 yd; C. Stephens 6-17 yd; B. King 2-3 yd; A. Douglas 1-1 yd.

**Receiving - WED:** J. Shipley 10-113 yd, 1 TD; W. Shipley 1-50 yd, 1 TD; M. Brimigion 1-42 yd, 1 TD; E. Murphy 1-17 yd. **SEG:** A. Douglas 2-22 yd; T. Hoff 1-83 yd, 1 TD; J. Stockham 1-14 yd; Z. Byrd 1-7 yd.

### AWARDS

**Southeast Guilford Defensive M.O.P.** - Quantez Mansfield (DL)

**Southeast Guilford Offensive M.O.P.** - Ryan Douglas (QB)

**Weddington Defensive M.O.P.** - Eamon Murphy (DB)

**Weddington Offensive M.O.P.** - Whitner Litton (QB)

**Most Valuable Player - Weddington** - James Shipley (WR/ATH)



## 4A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – East Forsyth stuns Scotland late for 35-28 victory

DURHAM, NC – East Forsyth came from behind twice in the second half to tie Scotland, eventually taking the lead with just 2:45 to play and hanging on for a 35-28 victory and the school's second state championship.

Scotland had the game's opening possession and they made the most of it as the Scots drove 62 yards in 16 plays using the first 7:50 of the game. Syheam McQueen pushed it across the goal line on a two-yard dive to give the Scots the lead on the first of his two touchdowns.

East Forsyth responded with the next two scores. Micah Crowell scored on a four-yard run with 2:17 to go in the first quarter to tie the game at 7. Ronald Jackson, Jr. then plunged in from three yards out to put the Eagles in front 14-7 with 10:03 to go in the second quarter.

Scotland mounted another incredible drive spanning 13 plays and crossing 57 yards before McQueen tied the game at 14 on a three yard touchdown run with 4:05 to go in the half. Just under two minutes later, East Forsyth surged back in front 21-14 as Ty'Shaun Lyles hit Nick Childs for a 51-yard touchdown strike with 2:12 to go in the half.

Scotland sped down the field in the final two minutes of the half. The Scots ripped off a 66 yard drive in nine plays with Mandrell Johnson sliding in the end zone from two yards out with just two seconds to spare before halftime, tying the score at 21.

Both teams went scoreless through the third quarter, setting the stage for an explosive fourth quarter. Scotland pushed back in front as Joseph McKoy cashed in on a one-yard touchdown run to polish off an eight-play, 60-yard scoring drive and put Scotland up 28-21 with just 10:14 to play.

East Forsyth came alive in the final minutes as Lyles hooked up with Mizell Hall twice for scoring strikes to surge in front 35-28. The first of the two touchdown passes came as Lyles scrambled towards the right sideline, spotting Hall open in the middle of the field and throwing against his body to make the play. Hall pulled the lofted pass in and scampered the rest of the 22 yards into the endzone to tie the game at 28 with 6:03 to go. Then with 2:45 to play, Lyles spotted Hall uncovered in the formation and called for the snap before the play had even been relayed to his teammates, Hall pulled in the quick pass and scurried 14 yards into the left corner of the end zone to put the Eagles on top by the decisive 35-28 margin.

Lyles was named the game's Most Valuable Player, completing 10 of his 17 passes for 169 yards and three touchdowns including the game winner. Hall was the Eagles Most Outstanding Offensive Player with four receptions for 56 yards and the two game-altering scores. Javon Cobb was the leading tackler for East Forsyth, credited with 13 tackles on the game and chosen as East Forsyth's Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

Kavon Green was selected as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for the Scots. Green was tied for the team lead in tackles with four and also pulled in an interception, returning it 15 yards. Joseph McCoy was tapped as Scotland's Most Outstanding Offensive Player, responsible for 104 rushing yards and a touchdown on 23 carries.

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### 2018 4A Championship Statistics

|                | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|----------------|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| Scotland -     | 7 | 14 | 0 | 7  | - | 28 |
| East Forsyth - | 7 | 14 | 0 | 14 | - | 35 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 4:10  | SC - S. McQueen 2 yd run (A. Oswald kick)              |
| 1 - 2:17  | EF - M. Crowell 4 yd run (A. Conrad kick)              |
| 2 - 10:03 | EF - R. Jackson Jr. 3 yd run (A. Conrad kick)          |
| 2 - 4:05  | SC - S. McQueen 3 yd run (A. Oswald kick)              |
| 2 - 2:12  | EF - N. Childs 51 yd pass from T. Lyles (A. Conrad)    |
| 2 - 0:02  | SC - M. Johnson 2 yd run (A. Oswald kick)              |
| 4 - 10:14 | SC - J. McKoy 1 yd run (A. Oswald kick)                |
| 4 - 6:03  | EF - M. Hall 22 yd pass from T. Lyles (A. Conrad kick) |
| 4 - 2:45  | EF - M. Hall 14 yd pass from T. Lyles (A. Conrad kick) |

### Team Statistics

|                               | SC              | EF                |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| First Downs                   | 19              | 20                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 57 - 215        | 26 - 138          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 6 - 13 - 71 - 1 | 10 - 17 - 169 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 70 - 286        | 43 - 307          |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6 - 48          | 5 - 45            |
| Turnovers                     | 1               | 2                 |

**Passing - SC:** M. Johnson 4-11, 51 yd, 1 INT; J. Smith 1-1, 11 yd; S. McQueen 1-1, 9 yd. **EF:** T. Lyles 10-17, 169 yd, 3 TD, 1 INT.

**Rushing - SC:** J. McKoy 23-104 yd, 1 TD; S. McQueen 20-67 yd, 2 TD; M. Johnson 9-36 yd, 1 TD; T. Thomas 1-20 yd; J. Smith 1-6 yd; D. Dockery 1-3 yd; R.J. Nicholson 1-1 yd; Team 1-(-22 yd). **EF:** R. Smith 7-80 yd; A. Marshall 9-28 yd; M. Crowell 2-11 yd, 1 TD; C. Chaplin 1-10 yd; T. Lyles 4-5 yd.; R. Jackson Jr. 3-4 yd, 1 TD.

**Receiving - SC:** J. Smith 4-51 yd; S. McQueen 1-11 yd; L. McNeill 1-9 yd; **EF:** N. Childs 6-113 yd, 1 TD; M. Hall 4-56 yd, 2 TD.

### AWARDS

- Scotland Defensive M.O.P.** - Kavon Green (LB)
- Scotland Offensive M.O.P.** - Joseph McCoy (RB)
- East Forsyth Defensive M.O.P.** - Javon Cobb (LB)
- East Forsyth Offensive M.O.P.** - Mizell Hall (WR)
- Most Valuable Player - East Forsyth** - Ty'Shaun Lyles (QB)

## 4AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Wake Forest wins their third straight with stingy defense in 9-7 win over Charlotte Vance

DURHAM, NC - The Wake Forest Cougars wrapped up a third consecutive perfect season with a 9-7 win in a defensive struggle for the 4AA State Championship with a tough Zebulon B. Vance team. Wake Forest nipped Vance with a safety in the final minute of the fourth quarter, surging into the lead for the first time late in the game and securing their 45th consecutive win.

Vance jumped into the lead on the second play of the game when Nyier Clark hauled in a 53 yard pass for a touchdown from Nigel Summerville to give Vance the lead 7-0 just 23 seconds into the ball game.

The two-time defending 4AA Champions from Wake Forest did not stay behind long, as after the teams traded possessions, Wake Forest mounted a 13 play, 52 yard drive that chewed up 5:45 off the first quarter clock. In typical Wake Forest fashion, the sustained drive was capped off by a three yard touchdown run by Marquel Haywood, knotting the game at 7 with 1:36 to go in the first quarter.

Neither team scored for the balance of the game, with two defenses locked in a tightly contested field position battle for much of the rest of the game. In the closing minutes, the field position flipped in favor of the Wake Forest side when a 22 yard field goal attempt to potentially win the game was blocked by Vance and recovered by Vance at their own two yard line.

In the shadow of their own goalposts, Vance mishandled the ball in the endzone, and in the chaos that ensued, the Wake Forest defense swarmed to the ball, tackling the quarterback in the endzone with just 32 seconds left for a safety and the decisive two points, lifting Wake Forest to a 9-7 win.

Vance was led by Most Outstanding Defensive Player Solomon Sutton, Jr. who had eight tackles in the game. Nyier Clark was chosen as the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for Vance with his five receptions for 78 yards and the lone Vance touchdown.

Wake Forest quarterback Mateo Sudipo was named the game's Most Valuable Player with his 8 for 15 performance amassing 71 yards on the night. Sudipo also intercepted a pass on the night, returning it for 46 yards and had a pass break up. The Most Outstanding Offensive player for Wake Forest was Maquel Haywood who rushed ten times for 20 yards and the lone Wake Forest touchdown of the game. Chance Smith was tapped as the Most Outstanding Defensive Player from Wake Forest, leading the team with seven tackles including one sack.

The NCHSAA is committed to promoting good sportsmanship and with the assistance of North Carolina Farm Bureau are pleased to present Sportsmanship Awards to one member of each Championship team that have exhibited good sportsmanship throughout the 2018 season. Wake Forest's winner was senior tight end, Noah Krogh. Vance's selection was senior lineman, Bryson Webb.



### 2018 4AA Championship Statistics

|                | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wake Forest -  | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | - | 9 |
| North Duplin - | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | 7 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 11:37 | VAN - N. Clark 53 yd pass from N. Summerville (J. Palacios kick) |
| 1 - 1:36  | WF - M. Haywood 3 yd run (N. Parris kick)                        |
| 4 - 0:32  | WF - WF Team Safety  |

| Team Statistics               | WF              | VAN              |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| First Downs                   | 11              | 7                |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 42 - 126        | 25 - 50          |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 8 - 15 - 71 - 1 | 8 - 19 - 103 - 1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 57 - 197        | 44 - 153         |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 4 - 26          | 5 - 33           |
| Turnovers                     | 1               | 1                |

**Passing - WF:** M. Sudip 8-15, 71 yd, 1 INT; **VAN:** N. Summerville 8-19, 103 yd, 1 TD, 1 INT.

**Rushing - WF:** D. Jones II 12-58 yd; K. Rodgers 11-52 yd; M. Haywood 10-20 yd, 1 TD; M. Sudipo 5-4 yd; C. Glover 1-(-5 yd); Team 3-(-3 yd). **VAN:** J. Morris 11-70 yd; J. Cooper 4-4 yd; A. White Jr. 5-1 yd; N. Clark 1-(-1 yd); J. Gaither Jr. 1-(-2 yd); N. Summerville 2-(-20 yd); Team 1-(-2 yd).

**Receiving - WF:** M. Haywood 4-38 yd; T. Kenion 2-18 yd; D. Jones II 1-14 yd; K. Rodgers 1-1 yd. **VAN:** N. Clark 5-78 yd, 1 TD; Z. Kenney 2-23 yd; J. Hudson 1-2 yd.

### AWARDS

- Zebulon B. Vance Defensive M.O.P** - Solomon Sutton, Jr. (LB)
- Zebulon B. Vance Offensive M.O.P** - Nyier Clark (WR)
- Wake Forest Defensive M.O.P** - Chance Smith (LB)
- Wake Forest Offensive M.O.P** - Maquel Haywood (RB)
- Most Valuable Player - Wake Forest** - Mateo Sudipo (QB)



# 2017 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 1A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Cherokee wins first football title in history with a 21-13 victory over North Duplin

RALEIGH – On a snowy afternoon at Carter-Finley Stadium, the Cherokee Braves turned a 7-0 halftime deficit around in the final half, coming from behind to beat North Duplin 21-13 and capture the school's first State Championship in football.

Braves Quarterback Tye Mintz provided most of the offense for Cherokee, accounting for two of the three Cherokee touchdowns. Mintz plowed across the goal line from five yards out with 4:38 to go in the third to bring the Braves even at 7. Then in the fourth quarter, he broke off a 51-yard run with 11:22 to go in the game that put Cherokee in front for good 13-7 after a failed PAT. Mintz rushed for 110 yards and two touchdowns on his 14 carries. He added 56 yards through the air on his way to M.V.P. honors in the game. He added 13 tackles, tied for the team lead in the game, and an interception.

Just over two minutes later, Cherokee turned North Duplin over on downs at the Rebel 25-yard line, giving Cherokee a short field with the lead. Two plays later Isaiah Evans got into the end zone from 11 yards out and put the Braves up 21-7 as Mintz converted the two-point attempt on the ground. Evans was named Cherokee's Most Outstanding Offensive Player, gaining 108 yards on 19 carries with his score.

North Duplin tried to claw back in the game as the Rebels mounted a 14-play, 64-yard drive that ended with a Kenny Sheppard 3-yard touchdown run that pulled North Duplin within one score at 21-13. However, the drive chewed up 6:18 off the fourth quarter clock, ending with just 2:42 to play.

North Duplin opened the scoring with an 11-yard touchdown run by William Archer with 6:19 to go in the first half. Archer finished the game with 116 yards on 27 carries and a score. He was named North Duplin's Most Outstanding Offensive Player. Sheppard was tabbed the Rebels Most Outstanding Defensive Player as he led the team in tackles with seven in the game.

Defensively, the Braves were led by Zak Perez who, along with Mintz, led the team in tackles with 13. Perez added a tackle for loss to his resume in the game.



### 2017 1A Championship Statistics

|                       | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| <b>Cherokee -</b>     | 0 | 0 | 7 | 14 | - | 21 |
| <b>North Duplin -</b> | 0 | 7 | 0 | 6  | - | 13 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 2 - 6:19  | ND - Archer, William 11 yd run (Mendoza, Saul kick)       |
| 3 - 4:38  | CH - Mintz, Tye 5 yd run (Perez, Zak kick)                |
| 4 - 11:22 | CH - Mintz, Tye 51 yd run (Perez, Zak kick failed)        |
| 4 - 9:02  | CH - Evans, Isaiah 11 yd run (Mintz, Tye rush)            |
| 4 - 2:42  | ND - Sheppard, Kenny 3 yd run (Mendoza, Saul kick failed) |

### Team Statistics

|                               | ND       | CH        |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| First Downs                   | 19       | 12        |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 58 - 206 | 35 - 216  |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 2-4-31-1 | 6-13-56-0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 62 - 237 | 48 - 272  |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 5 - 22   | 8 - 76    |
| Turnovers                     | 1        | 0         |

**Passing - ND:** W. Archer 2-4, 31 yd, 1 INT; **CH:** T. Mintz 6-13, 56 yd.

**Rushing - ND:** W. Archer 27 - 116 yd, 1 TD; K. Sheppard 16 - 48 yd, 1 TD; C. Bass 12 - 30 yd; G. Smith 1 - 13 yd.; K. Blow 2 - (-1 yd); **CH:** T. Mintz 14 - 110 yd., 2 TD; I. Evans 19 - 108 yd., 1 TD.

**Receiving - ND:** A. Anders 1 - 16 yd; K. Blow 1 - 15 yd. **CH:** C. Mintz 2 - 39 yd; B. Smith 2 - 6 yd; I. Evans 1 - 8 yd; H. Straughan 1 - 3 yd.

### AWARDS

**North Duplin Defensive M.O.P -** Kenny Sheppard (LB)

**North Duplin Offensive M.O.P -** William Archer (QB)

**Cherokee Defensive M.O.P -** Zak Perez (DL)

**Cherokee Offensive M.O.P -** Isaiah Evans (RB)

**Most Valuable Player - Cherokee -** Tye Mintz (QB)

# 2017 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 1AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Tarboro claims fifth championship with 32-7 win over Mount Airy

RALEIGH – It took a little while, but when the Tarboro ground game woke up in the second quarter, it never stopped, as the Vikings ran for 300 yards and sprinted to a 32-7 victory over Mount Airy in the 1AA State Championship game at Carter-Finley Stadium. The win was Tarboro's fifth state title and their first since 2011.

Both offenses sputtered in the game's opening frame, combining for just 79 yards of total offense. In the second, Tarboro's Deontae Williams got loose, running for 75 yards in the quarter on just five carries. His rushing attack set the stage for a six-yard scoring run by Keon Caudle that put Tarboro up 6-0 with 9:32 to go in the second, and the Vikings never looked back.

Williams added two touchdowns in the fourth, one from a single yard out and the other from 14, on his way to being named the game's M.V.P. His second touchdown increased the Tarboro lead to 25-7. Williams finished the day with 118 yards on just 12 carries. Clifton Joyner was named the Most Outstanding Offensive Player for the Vikings, racking up 87 yards on 10 carries. Jyron Albritton took home the Most Outstanding Defensive Player with five tackles in the game.

Mount Airy struggled offensively, only managing 175 yards of total offense in the game, only 40 of that coming via the ground game. Ian Holder completed 11 of his 20 passes for 135 yards and one touchdown. Holder found Donovan Greene from 35 yards out for the Granite Bears only touchdown. Holder was named the Granite Bears Most Outstanding Offensive Player. Greyson Tucker took home Most Outstanding Defensive player of the game honors for Mount Airy leading the team with 11 tackles.



### 2017 1AA Championship Statistics

|              | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|--------------|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| Mount Airy - | 0 | 0  | 0 | 7  | - | 7  |
| Tarboro -    | 0 | 12 | 0 | 20 | - | 32 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 2 - 9:32 | TAR - Caudle, Keon 6 yd. run (Dupree, Seth kick blocked)              |
| 2 - 7:00 | TAR - Albritton, J. 36 yd. punt return (Edge, Jaquez rush failed)     |
| 4 - 6:38 | TAR - Williams, D. 1 yd run (Alonso, Wesley kick failed)              |
| 4 - 5:50 | MA - Greene, Donovan 35 yd pass from Holder, Ian (Brown, Robert kick) |
| 4 - 4:10 | TAR - Williams, D. 14 yd run (Dupree, Seth kick)                      |
| 4 - 3:32 | TAR - Edge, Jaquez 8 yd run (Alonso, Wesley kick)                     |

| Team Statistics               | MA          | TAR      |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| First Downs                   | 9           | 10       |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 31 - 40     | 44 - 300 |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 11-21-135-3 | 0-0-0-0  |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 52 - 175    | 44 - 300 |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 7 - 56      | 11 - 70  |
| Turnovers                     | 3           | 0        |

**Passing - MA:** I. Holder 11-20, 135 yd, 1 TD, 2 INT; A. Estrada 0-1, 0 yd, 1 INT; **TAR:** T. Randolph 0-0, 1 sack.

**Rushing - MA:** J. Smith 14-56 yd; Q. McLeod 2-10 yd; D. Green 1-2 yd; J. Rosser 1-(-6 yd); I. Holder 13-(-14 yd); **TAR:** D. Williams 12-118 yd, 2 TD; C. Joyner 10-87 yd; Keon Caudle 4 - 53 yd, 1 TD; Jaquez Edge 8 - 34 yd, 1 TD; T. Randolph 5-7 yd; Malik Dickens 2-4 yd; Team 3-(-3 yd).

**Receiving - MA:** Donovan Greene 3-68 yd, 1 TD; Tanner Jackson 3-29 yd; Cole Shelton 2-23 yd; J. Rosser 1-14 yd; Grayson Corbin 1-1 yd; Jonathon Smith 1-0 yd. **TAR:** None

### AWARDS

**Mount Airy Defensive M.O.P.** - Greyson Tucker (LB)

**Mount Airy Offensive M.O.P.** - Ian Holder (QB)

**Tarboro Defensive M.O.P.** - Jyron Albritton (DB)

**Tarboro Offensive M.O.P.** - Clifton Joyner, Jr. (RB)

**Most Valuable Player - Tarboro** - Deontae Williams (RB)



# 2017 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 2A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Wallace-Rose Hill knocks out Reidsville 35-28 in overtime

CHAPEL HILL - Wallace-Rose Hill captured the school's seventh football state championship in a thrilling 35-28 victory overtime victory against Reidsville. The game featured two defending state champions as Reidsville came in the defending 2A champion while the Bulldogs held the 1AA championship from a season ago.

Wallace-Rose Hill jumped on top quickly, with Javonte Williams ripping off a 73-yard touchdown run on the first play from scrimmage giving the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead. Reidsville got the game right back even with an 11-play, 78-yard drive that was polished off by Titus Jones' 14-yard touchdown run.

In a game of heavyweights, it was the Bulldogs that landed the next two punches, scoring two more times before the end of the first quarter. Desmond Newkirk cashed in from one yard out with 7:04 to go in the quarter, and on the ensuing Reidsville drive, Quavion Basyden picked off a Titus Jones pass with the Rams driving deep in Bulldog territory. Basyden returned the interception, untouched, 97 yards for a touchdown to give Wallace-Rose Hill a 21-7 lead. Baysden was named the Bulldogs' Most Outstanding Defensive Player.

The Rams hung in the game as they stopped the Bulldogs on fourth and two from the Rams 16 yard line, turning the Bulldogs over on downs. Reidsville made it a one-score game at the half when Titus Jones squeezed a pass into a tight window to Travion Canada for an 8-yard touchdown with just 16 seconds to go. That throw made the score 21-14 at the break. Jones earned Reidsville's Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors rushing for 46 yards on 14 carries and completing 16 of 28 passes for 191 yards and a touchdown.

The Rams came out of the break with the ball and drove 11 plays and 71 yards capped by a 1-yard Travion Canada touchdown to even the game at 21. It wasn't until Javonte Williams' 5-yard touchdown run with 10:18 to go in regulation that the Bulldogs would claim the lead again, this time 28-21. Williams was named the Championship M.V.P. for his 2 touchdown, 22-carry and 207 yard performance.

The Reidsville defense, led by the Most Outstanding Defensive Player, Will Blackstock, got another critical stop midway through the fourth quarter. His nine tackles, including one for a loss, were second on the team.

With the defense giving the offense a chance, the Rams drove 12 plays and 93 yards to tie the game on a 1-yard touchdown run by Jalen Easley. Easley's touchdown knotted the game at 28 with just 42 seconds to go in regulation.

In the overtime, the Bulldogs went on offense first, and despite backing themselves up with a penalty, were able to push across the goal line on a 1-yard run by Desmond Newkirk on fourth down to take the lead. Newkirk finished the game as the Bulldogs' Most Outstanding Offensive Player, running for 62 yards and 2 touchdowns.



Reidsville ripped off seven yards on first down of their overtime possession. But on second and goal from the three, Jalen Easley coughed up the ball when he got hit by Rarkell Simmons, as the ball was recovered by the Bulldogs to seal the victory.

### 2017 2A Championship Statistics

|                     | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | T  |
|---------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|
| Reidsville -        | 7  | 7 | 7 | 7 | 0  | 28 |
| Wallace-Rose Hill - | 21 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7  | 35 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|         |   |
|---------|---|
| 1-11:41 | WRH Javonte Williams 73 yd run (Juan Vargas kick failed)                |
| 1-7:38  | REID Titus Jones 14 yd run (Zach Baber kick)                            |
| 1-7:04  | WRH Desmond Newkirk 1 yd run (Javonte Williams run)                     |
| 1-1:52  | WRH Quavion Basyden 97 yd INT return (Juan Vargas kick)                 |
| 2-0:16  | REID Travion Canada 8 yd pass from Titus Jones (Zach Baber kick failed) |
| 3-8:15  | REID Travion Canada 1 yd run (Zach Baber kick)                          |
| 4-10:18 | WRH Javonte Williams 5 yd run (Juan Vargas kick)                        |
| 4-0:42  | REID Jalen Easley 1 yd run (Zach Baber kick)                            |
| OT1     | WRH Desmond Newkirk 1 yd run (Juan Vargas kick)                         |

| Team Statistics               | REID        | WRH      |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| First Downs                   | 26          | 14       |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 54 - 262    | 46 - 319 |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 16-29-191-1 | 0-2-0-0  |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 83 - 453    | 48 - 319 |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 4 - 31      | 6 - 36   |
| Turnovers                     | 1           | 0        |

**Passing - REID:** Titus Jones 16-28, 191 yd, 1 TD, 1 INT; J.R. Reynolds 0-1, 0 yd; **WRH:** Michael Basden 0-2, 0 yd.

**Rushing - REID:** J. Easley 26-120 yd, 1TD; T. Canada 10-51 yd, 1 TD; T. Jones 14-46 yd, 1 TD; L. Graves 1-27 yd; W. Blackstock 3-18 yd; **WRH:** J. Williams 22-207 yd, 2 TD; D. Newkirk 13-62 yd, 2 TD; M. Gray 4-61 yd; C. Dalrymple 1-(-5 yd); M. Basden 6-(-6 yd).

**Receiving - REID:** T. Canada 8-68 yd, 1 TD; I. Hill 3-27 yd; B. Lipscomb 2-56 yd; C. Galloway 1-26 yd; W. Blackstock 1-8 yd; J. Easley 1-6 yd; **WRH:** None

### AWARDS

**Reidsville Defensive M.O.P.** - Willy Blackstock (LB)

**Reidsville Offensive M.O.P.** - Titus Jones (QB)

**Wallace-Rose Hill Defensive M.O.P.** - Quavion Baysden (DB)

**Wallace-Rose Hill Offensive M.O.P.** - Desmond Newkirk (RB)

**Most Valuable Player - Wallace-Rose Hill** - Javonte Williams (RB)

# 2017 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 2AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Hibriten nabs first title with a hard-fought 16-14 win over East Duplin

CHAPEL HILL – Hibriten slugged their way to a 16-14 victory over East Duplin in the first football State Championship appearance, claiming the school’s first title. Hibriten used a bend but don’t break defense and a great game from their punter to bend the field position and the game in their favor.

East Duplin took their third play from scrimmage, handing it to Melvin Scott, who ripped off an 81-yard run for a score, putting East up 7-0 with just over 8 minutes to go in the first quarter. Scott was named the East Duplin Most Outstanding Offensive Player for his three-carry, 108 yard and a touch-down performance.

The two teams trade possession uneventfully until East Duplin intercepted a pass at their own two early in the second quarter, taking over deep in their own end. On the next play from scrimmage, Chris Benson was nabbed for a two-yard loss and a safety, cutting the East Duplin lead to 7-2. After the free kick, Hibriten used a halfback pass from McKinley Witherspoon to a wide-open Miles Simon to take a 9-7 lead with 9:26 to go in the second quarter.

Later in the quarter, Simon hauled in a 43-yard pass from quarterback Jaylen Scott for another touchdown, extending their lead to 16-7 with 1:53 to go in the first half. Simon was named the game’s Most Valuable Player, hauling in just the two catches, for a total of 96 yards and two scores.

East Duplin made a last push to make the game very interesting late, driving 99 yards on 20 plays in the fourth quarter, capped off by a 1-yard run by Chris Benson to make the score 16-14. Despite outgaining Hibriten 359-190 yards on the day, East Duplin just couldn’t overcome the tough field position they found themselves in most of the day.

Hibriten had a fantastic performance from their punter, Noah Haney, who punted six times for an average of 46 yards kept East Duplin deep in their own end most of the night. Five of those Haney punts were downed inside the 20-yard line, three of them inside the ten. He was named Hibriten’s Most Outstanding Offensive Player. The Defensive Award for Most Outstanding Player for Hibriten went to Charles Tassinari, who had 16 tackles including an assist on a tackle for loss.

East Duplin’s most outstanding player defensively was Amaru Herring. Herring registered 10 tackles on the day, including three tackles for a loss, which was the second highest tackle total on the team.



### 2017 2AA Championship Statistics

|               | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|---------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| Hibriten -    | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | - | 16 |
| East Duplin - | 7 | 0  | 0 | 7 | - | 14 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

- 1 - 8:14 ED - Melvin Scott 81 yd run (Jesus Navarro kick)
- 2 - 10:39 HIB - Noah Gambill safety
- 2 - 9:26 HIB - Miles Simon 53 yd pass from M. Witherspoon (Noah Haney kick)
- 2 - 1:53 HIB - Miles Simon 43 yd pass from Jaylen Scott (Noah Haney kick)
- 4 - 1:30 ED - Chris Benson 1 yd run (Jesus Navarro kick)

### Team Statistics

|                               | HIB       | ED       |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| First Downs                   | 8         | 15       |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 41 - 84   | 47 - 322 |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 3-6-106-1 | 4-9-37-1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 47 - 190  | 56 - 359 |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 2 - 15    | 4 - 30   |
| Turnovers                     | 1         | 1        |

**Passing - HIB:** J. Scott 2-5, 53 yd, 1 TD, 1 INT; M. Witherspoon 1-1, 53 yd, 1 TD; **ED:** C. Hall 3-8, 39 yd, 1 INT; C. Benson 1-1, (-2 yd).

**Rushing - HIB:** M. Witherspoon 15-36 yd; H. Wyke 7-21 yd; J. Scott 6-20 yd; M. Jones 5-9 yd; S. Thomas 1-5 yd; C. Tassinari 1-3 yd; M. Simon 1-2 yd; A. Logan 1-(-5 yd); **ED:** M. Scott 3-108 yd; 1 TD; J. Thomas 7-77 yd; C. Benson 20-61 yd; C. Hall 5-57 yd; D. Hunter 7-33 yd; J. Mitchell 1-2 yd; L. Brown 4-(-16 yd).

**Receiving - HIB:** M. Simon 2-96 yd, 2 TD; A. Logan 1-10 yd; **ED:** D. Pickett 2-35 yd; D. Hunter 1-4 yd; C. Hall 1-(-2 yd)

### AWARDS

- East Duplin Defensive M.O.P** - Amaru Herring (LB)
- East Duplin Offensive M.O.P** - Melvin Scott (RB)
- Hibriten Defensive M.O.P** - Charles Tassinari (LB)
- Hibriten Offensive M.O.P** - Noah Haney (P)
- Most Valuable Player - Hibriten** - Miles Simon (WR)



# 2017 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 3A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Charlotte Catholic takes down Havelock 28-14 to win fifth championship

DURHAM – Charlotte Catholic dominated the time of possession and the ground game on the way to their fifth State Championship victory, a 28-14 win over Havelock at Brooks Field at Wallace Wade Stadium.

The Cougars rolled up 272 yards on 58 running plays while holding on to the football for more than 31 minutes of the 48 played. Milan Howard carried 29 times for the Cougars totaling 160 yards without finding the end zone. Howard was named the game M.V.P. for his workhorse performance.

Catholic opened the scoring early when Paul Neel hauled in a five-yard pass from Christopher Walton capping off a 14-play, 70-yard drive that chewed up 6:17 to open the game. Havelock answered the bell, ripping off a 15-play, 79-yard drive of their own that took 5:34. The Rams knotted the score at 7 with a two-yard touchdown run by Khalil Barrett, ending with just 8 seconds left in the first quarter.

The two teams made much quicker work of their next possessions. Charlotte Catholic cashed in a 1-yard quarterback sneak by Walton, giving the Cougars a 13-7 lead after the point after failed. Just 48 seconds later, Zach Sabdo hit Welton Spottsville for a 27-yard touchdown, taking the lead for the first time after the PAT with 8:06 to go in the first half. Spottsville took home Defensive Most Outstanding Player awards for the Rams with five tackles on the game while Sabdo took the Offensive honors with 207 yards and a touchdown through the air on 16 of 21 passing.

Charlotte Catholic got a pair of touchdown runs in the fourth quarter by Lamagea McDowell, one from five yards out and the other from two, to build out a 28-14 lead. McDowell was named Catholic's Most Outstanding Offensive Player with 63 yards on 18 carries including the two for scores. Chase Foley led the Cougars defensively with seven tackles in the game and was named the Most Outstanding Defensive Player for the Cougars.



### 2017 3A Championship Statistics

|                             | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| <b>Charlotte Catholic -</b> | 7 | 6 | 0 | 15 | - | 28 |
| <b>Havelock -</b>           | 7 | 0 | 7 | 0  | - | 14 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 5:43  | CC - Neel, P. 5 yd pass from Walton, C. (Griggs, G. kick)          |
| 1 - 0:08  | HAV - Barrett, K. 2 yd run (Hoomana, C. kick)                      |
| 2 - 8:54  | CC - Walton, C. 1 yd run (Griggs, G. kick failed)                  |
| 3 - 8:06  | HAV - Spottsville, W. 27 yd pass from Sabdo, Z. (Hoomana, C. kick) |
| 4 - 11:56 | CC - McDowell, L. 5 yd run (McDowell, L. rush)                     |
| 4 - 6:15  | CC - McDowell, L. 2 yd run (Griggs, G. kick)                       |

| Team Statistics               | CC        | HAV         |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| First Downs                   | 26        | 16          |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 58 - 272  | 26 - 67     |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 6-11-68-1 | 16-21-207-0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 69 - 340  | 47 - 274    |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 5 - 48    | 4 - 37      |
| Turnovers                     | 1         | 0           |

**Passing - CC:** C. Walton 6-11, 68 yd, 1 TD, 1 INT; **HAV:** Z. Sabdo 16-21, 207, 1 TD.

**Rushing - CC:** M. Howard 29-160 yd; L. McDowell 18-63 yd; 2 TD; M. Neel 9-54 yd; C. Walton 2-(-5 yd), 1 TD; **HAV:** C. Hutchinson 10-30 yd; K. Barrett 11-26 yd, 1 TD; J. Hoover 2-11 yd; W. Spottsville 2-6 yd; Z. Sabdo 1-(-6 yd)

**Receiving - CC:** G. McKernan 2-31 yd; M. Howard 2-20 yd; M. Neel 2-17 yd, 1 TD; **HAV:** C. Hutchinson 6-34 yd; K. Barrett 4-57 yd; W. Spottsville 3-66 yd, 1 TD; T. Hundley 3-50 yd.

### AWARDS

**Havelock Defensive M.O.P.** - Welton Spottsville (DB)

**Havelock Offensive M.O.P.** - Zach Sabdo (QB)

**Charlotte Catholic Defensive M.O.P.** - Chase Foley (LB)

**Charlotte Catholic Offensive M.O.P.** - Lamagea McDowell (RB)

**Most Valuable Player - Charlotte Catholic** - Milan Howard (RB)

# 2017 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 3AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – New Hanover topples A.C. Reynolds 27-17 to claim fourth state title

DURHAM – In a back-and-forth affair that saw the lead change hands five times, New Hanover got the better of A.C. Reynolds, 27-17, capturing the school's fourth NCHSAA State Championship in football.

Both teams exhibited great balance offensively, with A.C. Reynolds slightly outgaining the Wildcats 353-330 in the game. Wiz Vaughn opened the scoring with a three-yard touchdown run with 4:30 to play in the second quarter, giving the Wildcats a 7-0 lead. He added another touchdown later with 6:07 to go to help New Hanover pull away to a 27-17 lead.

Vaughn was the championship M.V.P. scoring twice and picking up 74 yards on 18 carries. He also hauled in six receptions for 50 yards on the night.

A.C. Reynolds answered Vaughn's score with 1:12 to go before half when Alex Flinn found the end zone on a 10-yard run. The Rockets took the lead for the first time in the early third quarter on a 29-yard field goal by Cole Tanner.

New Hanover's next play from scrimmage saw Blake Walston hit Cole Tanner for a 75-yard pass for score, putting the Wildcats back in front 14-10 with 8:40 to go in the third. Reynolds marched their next possession 9 plays and covered 55 yards as Nathan St. Onge found Talon James from 8-yards out for touchdown giving the Rockets a 17-14 lead.

New Hanover answered the bell again, going 8 plays and 63 yards as Walston went across on the ground from one yard out, putting the Wildcats in front for good at 20-17. Walston was named New Hanover's Most Outstanding Offensive Player with 206 yards passing, completing 12 of 22 attempts. He had two touchdowns, one through the air and one via the running game.

Defensively the Wildcats were led by Francis Meehan who had six tackles and an interception in the game. He was named New Hanover's Most Outstanding Defensive Player. Frank Torres took home the same award for A.C. Reynolds, making 3.5 tackles and breaking up a pass. I'dre Bell was the Most Outstanding Offensive player for the Rockets, rushing for 75 yards on 13 carries and catching seven passes for 56 yards.

New Hanover won the school's first state championship since 1951, their fourth overall. The Wildcats won back-to-back championships in 1927 and 1928. New Hanover also holds a Division II championship from 1983.



### 2017 3AA Championship Statistics

|                 | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4 | - | T  |
|-----------------|---|---|----|---|---|----|
| A.C. Reynolds - | 0 | 7 | 10 | 0 | - | 17 |
| New Hanover -   | 0 | 7 | 13 | 7 | - | 27 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| 2 - 4:30 | NH - Vaughn, W. 3 yd run (Gaines, W. kick)                    |
| 2 - 1:12 | ACR - Flinn, A. 10 yd run (Blakey, E. kick)                   |
| 3 - 8:56 | ACR - Blakey, E. 29 yd field goal                             |
| 3 - 8:40 | NH - Tanner, C. 75 yd pass from Walston, B. (Gaines, W. kick) |
| 3 - 5:08 | ACR - James T. 8 yd pass from St. Onge, N. (Blakey, E. kick)  |
| 3 - 1:15 | NH - Walston, B. 1 yd run (Gaines, W. kick)                   |
| 4 - 6:07 | NH - Vaughn, W. 2 yd run (Gaines, W. kick)                    |

### Team Statistics

|                               | ACR         | NH          |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| First Downs                   | 21          | 15          |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 30 - 117    | 35 - 124    |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 29-50-236-2 | 12-22-206-0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 80 - 353    | 57 - 330    |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 3 - 25      | 8 - 84      |
| Turnovers                     | 2           | 0           |

**Passing - ACR:** A. Flinn 28-49, 228 yd, 2 INT; N. St. Onge 1-1, 8 yd, 1 TD; **NH:** B. Walston 12-22, 206 yd, 1 TD.

**Rushing - ACR:** I. Bell 13- 75 yd; A. Flinn 13- 32 yd, 1 TD; K. Watkins 2-10 yd; N. St. Onge 2- 0 yd. **NH:** W. Vaughn 18-74 yd, 2 TD; J. Howard 8-25 yd; M. Cauty 6-25 yd; B. Walston 1-1 yd, 1 TD.

**Receiving - ACR:** I. Bell 7-56 yd, N. St. Onge 7 - 42 yd; A. Williams 6-71 yd; B. Patton 4-25 yd; **NH:** W. Vaughn 6-50 yd; C. Tanner 2-90 yd, 1 TD; J. Gore 2-29 yd; S. Williams 1-20 yd.

### AWARDS

**A.C. Reynolds Defensive M.O.P** - Frank Torres (LB)  
**A.C. Reynolds Offensive M.O.P** - I'dre Bell (RB)  
**New Hanover Defensive M.O.P** - Francis Meehan (DB)  
**New Hanover Offensive M.O.P** - Blake Walston (QB)  
**Most Valuable Player - New Hanover** - Wiz Vaughn (RB)



# 2017 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 4A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Harding University High claims their third title with a 30-22 win over Scotland County

WINSTON-SALEM – Harding racked up 400 yards of total offense and held on to beat Scotland County 30-22 in the 4A State Championship game at BB&T Field. The Rams claimed the school's third championship, and first since 1953.

Scotland opened the scoring as Warren Bell cracked the goal line from two yards out just 3 minutes into the game giving the Scots the lead 7-0. It took the Rams a little while, but they were able to respond on the first play of the second quarter as Quavaris Crouch sliced in for a 10-yard score to knot the game at seven. Crouch finished as the game's M.V.P. with 141 yards on the ground and two touchdowns.

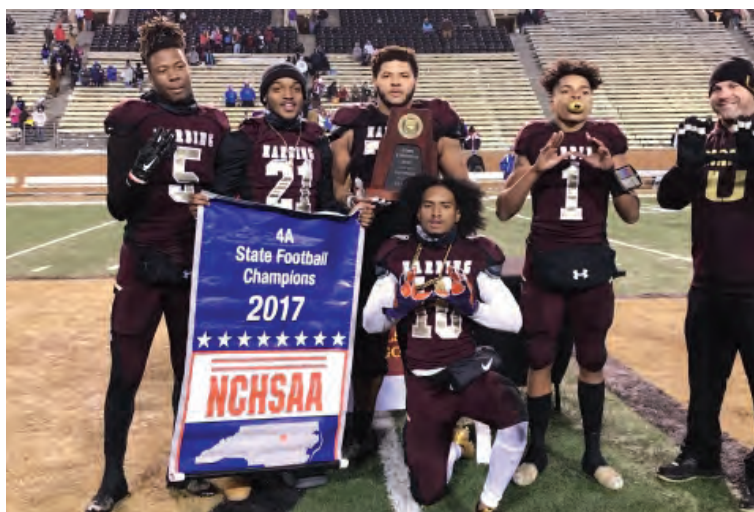
Bell tacked on a 4-yard touchdown run on the ensuing Scotland drive, capping off a 7-play, 85-yard drive and giving the Scots a 14-7 advantage. Bell was named Scotland County's Most Outstanding Offensive player with 153 yards through the air and a score on 7 of 10 passing. He rolled up 111 more yards on the ground with 2 more touchdowns.

Harding ripped off the next 23 points, scoring on a Crouch 8-yard run with 5:56 to go in the first half, and adding an Alejandro Guevara 39-yard field goal with just two seconds to go in the opening half to give the Rams a 17-14 lead at intermission.

Harding opened the fourth quarter with a score as Braheam Murphy hit Reggie Burns for a 20-yard touchdown pass to push the Harding lead to 24-14 with 11:47 to play. Then with just over two minutes to go, Murphy broke off a 95-yard run to the end zone, lifting Harding to a 30-14 lead. Murphy was named Harding's Most Outstanding Offensive player rushing for 135 yards on 10 carries and a score. He added another 53 yards and a touchdown through the air.

Scotland drove the ball down the field valiantly in the final minutes, scoring on a 25-yard pass from Bell to Bruce Wall. Syheam McQueen rushed for the two-point conversion to make it a one-score game at 30-22 with 1:28 to play. The Rams recovered the kick and were able to run out the clock for the victory.

Defensively the Rams were paced by Trayvon Corbett who had 11 tackles, three of those for loss, adding one interception which he returned 41 yards and a pass break up. Chris Williams led the Scots on the defensive side of the ball, with 9 tackles, 1.5 of those for a loss and was named Scotland's Most Outstanding Defensive Player.



### 2017 4A Championship Statistics

|                      | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|----------------------|---|----|---|----|---|----|
| Harding University - | 0 | 17 | 0 | 13 | - | 30 |
| Scotland County -    | 7 | 7  | 0 | 8  | - | 22 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 8:50  | SC - Bell, W. 2 yd run (Wells, T. kick)                       |
| 2 - 11:55 | HU - Crouch, Q. 10 yd run (Guevara, A. kick)                  |
| 2 - 8:44  | SC - Bell, W. 4 yd run (Wells, T. kick)                       |
| 2 - 5:56  | HU - Crouch, Q. 8 yd run (Guevara, A. kick)                   |
| 2 - 0:02  | HU - Guevara, A. 39 yd field goal                             |
| 4 - 11:47 | HU - Burris, R. 20 yd pass from Murphy, B. (Guevara, A. kick) |
| 4 - 2:09  | HU - Murphy, B. 95 yd run (Guevara, A. kick failed)           |
| 4 - 1:28  | SC - Wall, B. 25 yd pass from Bell, W. (McQueen, S. rush)     |

| Team Statistics               | HU        | SC         |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| First Downs                   | 16        | 16         |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 47 - 291  | 40 - 219   |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 4-8-109-0 | 7-11-153-2 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 55 - 400  | 51 - 372   |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 11 - 77   | 4 - 20     |
| Turnovers                     | 0         | 2          |

**Passing - HU:** B. Murphy 3-6, 53 yd, 1 TD; R. Burris 1-2, 56 yd; **SC:** W. Bell 7-10, 153 yd, 1 TD; S. McQueen 0-1, 1 INT.

**Rushing - HU:** Q. Crouch 23-141 yd, 2 TD; B. Murphy 10-135 yd, 1 TD; R. Burris 6-13 yd; D. Thompson 4, 12 yd; J. Gwyn 1-4 yd; **SC:** W. Bell 21-111 yd, 2 TD; S. McQueen 18-104 yd; B. Wall 1-4 yd.

**Receiving - HU:** B. Murphy 1-56 yd; D. Thompson 1-20 yd; R. Burris 1-20 yd, 1 TD; N. Everett 1-13 yd; **SC:** K. Smith 3-74 yd; T. Dixon 1-50 yd; B. Wall 1-25 yd, 1 TD, S. McQueen 1-6 yd, D. Davis 1-(-2) yd

### AWARDS

**Scotland County Defensive M.O.P.** - Chris Williams (LB)

**Scotland County Offensive M.O.P.** - Warren Bell (QB)

**Harding University Defensive M.O.P.** - Trayvon Corbett (DB)

**Harding University Offensive M.O.P.** - Braheam Murphy (QB)

**Most Valuable Player - Harding University** - Quavaris Crouch (RB)

# 2017 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 4AA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP – Wake Forest takes second straight crown with a 21-0 win over Mallard Creek

WINSTON-SALEM – The Wake Forest Cougars captured their second straight championship with a 21-0 victory over Mallard Creek in the 4AA Championship game at BB&T Field. The Cougars defense was stifling again this year in the final holding Mallard Creek to just 112 yards of total offense.

Devon Lawrence powered the Wake Forest rushing attack, gaining 135 yards on just 25 carries. He had the final touchdown of the game as well, icing the win for the Cougars with a 7-yard touchdown run with just 1:12 to play. He was named the game's M.V.P.

Wake Forest opened the scoring with 5:25 to go in the game when Chris James hit John Jiles for a 20-yard touchdown pass making it 7-0 with the point after. Jiles was named the Cougars Most Outstanding Offensive Player. The Cougars got a quick defensive stop and then Marquis Dunn broke off a 54-yard run making it 14-0 with 3:02 to go.

The Wake Forest defense was really the star of the show. Javon Terry was the Wake Forest Most Outstanding Defensive Player picking up an interception and returning it 21 yards. He added two tackles as well.

Mallard Creek never mustered much offensively, as the Cougar defense poured on the pressure. Nasjzae Bryant was the bright spot for the Mavericks offense, picking up 106 yards on his 20 carries. He was named the Mavericks Most Outstanding Offensive Player. Jacob Roberts took home the Most Outstanding Defensive Player award for the Mavericks, with 10 tackles in the game.



### 2017 4AA Championship Statistics

|                 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | - | T  |
|-----------------|---|---|---|----|---|----|
| Mallard Creek - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0  | - | 0  |
| Wake Forest -   | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | - | 21 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 4 - 5:25 | WF - Jiles, J. 20 yd pass from James, C. (Parris, N. kick) |
| 4 - 3:02 | WF - Dunn, M. 54 yd run (Parris, N. kick)                  |
| 4 - 1:12 | WF - Lawrence, D. 7 yd run (Parris, N. kick)               |

### Team Statistics

|                               | MC        | WF       |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------|
| First Downs                   | 9         | 11       |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 44 - 79   | 40 - 209 |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 3-13-33-1 | 4-9-41-0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 57 - 112  | 49 - 250 |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 10 - 72   | 6 - 45   |
| Turnovers                     | 1         | 1        |

**Passing - MC:** J. Washington 3-13, 33 yd, 1 INT; M. Franklin 0-0, 1 sack; **WF:** C. James 4-9; 41 yd, 1 TD.

**Rushing - MC:** N. Bryant 20-106 yd; M. Davis 7-26 yd; J. Washington 12-33 yd; T. Simpson 1-5 yd; J. McIntyre 1-2 yd; 1-(-15 yd); Team 2-(-53 yd); **WF:** D. Lawrence 25-135 yd; 1 TD; M. Dunn 6-68 yd; 1 TD; D. Jones 5-17 yd; Team 1-(-1 yd); C. James 3-(-10 yd)

**Receiving - MC:** K. Gainey 2-19 yd; M. Furman 1-14 yd; **WF:** J. Jiles 1- 20 yd, 1 TD; N. Krogh 1-14 yd; D. Lawrence 1-9 yd; L. Goodwin 1-(-2 yd).

### AWARDS

**Mallard Creek Defensive M.O.P.** - Jacob Roberts (DB)

**Mallard Creek Offensive M.O.P.** - Nasjzae Bryant (RB)

**Wake Forest Defensive M.O.P.** - Javon Terry (DB)

**Wake Forest Offensive M.O.P.** - John Jiles (WR)

**Most Valuable Player - Wake Forest** - Devon Lawrence (RB)



# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 1A: Murphy holds off Plymouth 15-14 to win school's 8th title

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – The Murphy Bulldogs found themselves down a score twice in the 1A Football State Championship game, but the Bulldogs controlled the game for much of the afternoon rushing for 354 yards and holding the ball for over 29 minutes of the 48 played on the way to a 15-14 win. It was the Bulldogs eighth state championship win in NCHSAA play and the seventh for head coach David Gentry.

Things looked good for Plymouth early as Elijah Carmack slashed into the endzone from five yards out with 9:53 to go in the first quarter. It took a few possessions but Murphy was able to answer and tie the game at seven when Slade McTaggart got loose for a 10-yard touchdown run with 5:11 remaining in the first quarter.

Plymouth surged back in front late in the first quarter as Aryn Gibson tossed a bomb to Ta'Quaun White who streaked 56 yards for a score with :19 seconds to go in the first quarter giving Plymouth a 15-14 lead.

Coming out of halftime trailing 14-7, Murphy handed the ball to Kadrian McRae who dashed 47 yards to the endzone to cut the lead to 14-13 with 10:00 to go in the third. Plymouth was called for encroachment twice on the point after attempt and Gentry elected to pull the kicking unit off the field and go for two. Quarterback Joey Curry powered his way across the line for two, giving Murphy a 15-14 lead.

McRae was named the game's Most Valuable Player rushing for 171 yards and a touchdown on 21 carries. Curry was named Murphy's Most Outstanding Offensive player, going 4 for 8 on the day with 50 yards passing, adding another 16 yards on the ground. He played much of the game with injured index finger on his throwing hand after slicing his finger on a chinstrap buckle on the third play of the game.

Plymouth ended the season 12-4 on the season as champions of the Coastal 10 1A conference. The Vikings made their fifth straight appearance in an NCHSAA State Championship Game and their sixth all-time.

Murphy finished the year 15-1, champions of the Smoky Mountain 1A Conference. The Bulldogs returned to the State Championship for the 11th time since 1972, and the first time since 2013 when they defeated Plymouth 35-34.



### 2016 1A Championship Statistics

|                   | 1 | 2  | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|-------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| <b>MURPHY -</b>   | 0 | 7  | 8 | 0 | - | 15 |
| <b>PLYMOUTH -</b> | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | - | 14 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 2 - 9:53  | PLY - CARMACK, Elijah 5 yd run (CASTENADA, Jose kick)                      |
| 2 - 5:11  | MUR - MCTAGGART, Slade 10 yd run (HELTON, Joey kick)                       |
| 2 - 0:19  | PLY - WHITE, Ta'Quarun 56 yd pass from GIBSON, Aryn (CASTENADA, Jose kick) |
| 3 - 10:00 | MCRAE, Kadrian 47 yd run (CURRY, Joey rush)                                |

### Team Statistics

|                               | PLY      | MUR      |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| First Downs                   | 3        | 21       |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 31-76    | 60-354   |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 1-6-56-0 | 4-9-50-1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 37-132   | 69-404   |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 3-21     | 5-26     |
| Turnovers                     | 0        | 3        |

**Passing - PLY:** A. Gibson 1-6, 56 yd, 1 TD. **MUR:** J. Curry 4-8, 50 yd, 1 INT.

**Rushing - PLY:** E. Carmack 11 - 31 YD, 1 TD; J. Downing 8 - 19 yd; R. Wilkins 5 - 17 yd; A. Wilkins 3 - 7 yd; T. White 4 - 2 yd. **MUR:** K. McRae 21 - 171 yd, 1 TD; K.J. Allen 14 - 83 yd; S. McTaggart 7 - 61 yd, 1 TD; T. Creelman 7 - 45 yd; M. Nelson 3 - 0 yd; J. Curry 5 - (-1 yd); Team Rush (3 - (-5 yd)).

**Receiving - PLY:** T. White 1 - 56 yd, 1 TD. **MUR:** C. Posey 3 - 32 yd; T. Creelman - 1 - 18.

### AWARDS

**Plymouth Defensive M.O.P.** - Willie McNair (LB)  
**Plymouth Offensive M.O.P.** - Aryn Gibson (QB)  
**Murphy Defensive M.O.P.** - Adam Powell (DL)  
**Murphy Offensive M.O.P.** - Joey Curry (QB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Murphy** - Kadrian McRae (RB)

# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 1AA: WALLACE-ROSE HILL TAKES CONTROL EARLY TO WIN THIRD STRAIGHT TITLE

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – The Wallace-Rose Hill Bulldogs are no stranger to the 1AA State Championship game as the team came into the 2016 1AA State Championship against West Montgomery as the two-time defending champion. The Bulldogs nabbed the early lead on a 15-yard TD by Javonte Williams and ran to a 30-7 victory over the Warriors claiming their third straight title.

Williams crossed the plane again in the first quarter with 1:33 to go in the quarter scoring from 40 yards out and giving the Bulldogs a 14-0 lead. He was named the game's M.V.P. with 69 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

The Bulldogs weren't done in the first half as Quavion Basyden gave them a 21-0 lead breaking a 72-yard run with seven minutes to play in the half, dragging a Warrior defender the last 13 yards.

West Montgomery did strike back to begin the third quarter as senior quarterback Jackson Dozier carried from 13 yards out to put the Warriors on the board and trim the Bulldog lead to 21-7 with 8:28 to go in frame. Dozier was named the Warriors Most Outstanding Performer offensively as he threw for 106 yards, and gained 46 yards on the ground before sack yardage reduced his total.

The Bulldogs stretched the lead back out to 21 with 2:08 to go in the third as quarterback Aliza Carter found Jalyn Pollock in the right corner of the endzone from 24 yards away. Wallace-Rose Hill tacked on another two points after downing a punt at the Warrior 1-yardline, sacking Dozier on the next play to make it 30-7 with 9:43 to play.

West Montgomery completed their season 15-1, undefeated in the regular season and champions of the Yadkin Valley 1A Conference. The Warriors are still searching for their first state title in now four appearances in the NCHSAA Finals.

Wallace-Rose Hill finished the season 15-1 winning the school's sixth football State Championship all-time in nine appearances in the State Finals.



### 2016 1AA Championship Statistics

|                     | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|---------------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| WEST MONTGOMERY -   | 0  | 0 | 7 | 0 | - | 7  |
| WALLACE-ROSE HILL - | 14 | 7 | 7 | 2 | - | 30 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

- 1 - 4:32 WRH - WILLIAMS, J. 15 yd run (CANO, Yahir kick)
- 1 - 1:33 WRH - WILLIAMS, J. 40 yd run (CANO, Yahir kick)
- 2 - 7:00 WRH - BASYDEN, Quavion 72 yd run (CANO, Yahir kick)
- 3 - 8:28 WM - DOZIER, Jackson 13 yd run (SUSTAITA, Pedro kick)
- 3 - 2:08 WRH - POLLOCK, Jalyn 24 yd pass from CARTER, Aliza (CANO, Yahir kick)
- 4 - 9:43 WRH - Safety - Sack by MURRAY, Xavier

### Team Statistics

|                               | WRH      | WM         |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| First Downs                   | 17       | 9          |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 56-370   | 36-78      |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 1-4-24-0 | 5-14-106-0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 60-394   | 50-184     |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 2-13     | 3-25       |
| Turnovers                     | 1        | 0          |

**Passing - WRH:** A. Carter 1-4, 24 yd, 1 TD. **WM:** J. Dozier 5-14, 106 yd.  
**Rushing - WRH:** Q. Basyden 10 - 133 yd, 1 TD; D. Newkirk 16 - 105 yd; J. Williams 11 - 69 yd, 2 TD; A. Carter 6 - 22 yd; P. Farrior 2 - 21 yd; D. Nichols 4 - 20 yd; M. Gray 3 - 5 yd; J. Pollock 1 - (-2 yd); TEAM 3 - (-3yd); **WM:** J. Leake 12 - 40 yd; D. Rhone, Jr. 10 - 28 yd; J. Dozier 13 - 11 yd, 1 TD; M. Horne 1 - (-1 yd).  
**Receiving - WRH:** J. Pollock 1 - 24 yd, 1 TD; **WM:** J. Morrison 3 - 93 yd; J. Leake 1 - 7 yd; M. Horne 1 - 6 yd.

### AWARDS

**West Montgomery Defensive M.O.P.** - Jaivius Morrison (DB)  
**West Montgomery Offensive M.O.P.** - Jackson Dozier (QB)  
**Wallace-Rose Hill Defensive M.O.P.** - Xavier Murray (DE)  
**Wallace-Rose Hill Offensive M.O.P.** - Quavion Basyden (RB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Wallace-Rose Hill** - Javonte Williams (RB)



# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 2A: Reidsville wins their 16th title convincingly, 58-12 over Holmes

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – The Reidsville Rams captured the school's 16th state championship to go along with three regional titles they won in the 1960's when play didn't culminate in a full state champion as they blew past John A. Holmes 58-12. Jaron Letterlough accounted for five touchdowns, four rushing and one receiving on his way to M.V.P. honors in the game.

Letterlough opened the scoring with a five yard run in the first quarter, then adding an 18-yard TD to put the Rams up 14-0 early. The Aces struck back with Keimon Bailey streaking for 55 yards and a score, but the point after failed and Holmes trailed 14-6.

Letterlough added a 45-yard touchdown reception and the Rams tacked on a pair of field goals in the second quarter while the Aces got a 7-yard touchdown run by Mitjanta Stanley to make the halftime score 27-12.

The second half was all Reidsville as Letterlough added an 18-yard touchdown run in the third to stretch the Rams lead to 34-12. He added another five-yard touchdown run to take the lead to 44-12 and cement his spot as the game's M.V.P. Letterlough was credited with 153 yards rushing on 15 carries, scoring four times on the ground. He added three catches for 47 yards and a receiving touchdown as well.

Reidsville's Most Outstanding Offensive Performer award went to the kicker Brad Green who was 7 for 7 on the night for point after attempts and converted field goals from 21, 25 and 34 yards. The Ram's Most Outstanding Defensive Performer was Jaquan Hairson with two second half tackles and a fumble recovery in the second half. He added a sack and a forced fumble in the first half.

Reidsville Quarterback Tanner Wilson was steady all night completing 10 of 16 passes for 108 yards and a score.

The Aces finished the season 13-3 as the tri-champions of the Northeastern Coastal 2A Conference. They made their first appearance in an NCHSAA State Championship in the modern era (since 1972). Holmes was paced offensively by Bailey who had 14 carries for 81 yards and a score. He was the Aces Most Outstanding Offensive Performer. Zakeem Brooks was tapped as the Aces Most Outstanding Defensive Performer with seven tackles on the night to lead the team.

Reidsville completed a perfect 16-0 season, winning the Mid-State 2A conference and the program's record-holding 16th championship. The Rams returned to the State Championship for the first time since winning the 2AA title over Newton-Conover in 2009.



### 2016 2A Championship Statistics

|                         | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  | - | T  |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|----|---|----|
| <b>REIDSVILLE -</b>     | 14 | 13 | 10 | 21 | - | 58 |
| <b>JOHN A. HOLMES -</b> | 6  | 6  | 0  | 0  | - | 12 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| 1 - 9:24  | RHS - Jaron LETTERLOUGH 5 yd run (Brad GREEN kick)                      |
| 1 - 4:56  | RHS - Jaron LETTERLOUGH 19 yd run (Brad GREEN kick)                     |
| 1 - 3:59  | HHS - Keimon BAILEY 55 yd run (Graham TUNNEY kick fail)                 |
| 2 - 9:57  | RHS - Brad GREEN 21 yd FG good  |
| 2 - 8:13  | RHS - Jaron LETTERLOUGH 45 yd pass from Tanner WILSON (Brad GREEN kick) |
| 2 - 3:31  | HHS - Mitjanta STANLEY 9 yd run (Luke HOGGARD pass fail)                |
| 2 - 3:00  | RHS - Brad GREEN 25 yd FG good  |
| 3 - 9:58  | RHS - Jaron LETTERLOUGH 18 yd run (Brad GREEN kick)                     |
| 3 - 2:15  | RHS - Brad GREEN 34 yd FG   |
| 4 - 10:09 | RHS - Jaron LETTERLOUGH 5 yd run (Brad GREEN kick)                      |
| 4 - 7:29  | RHS - Austyn CHESTNUT 48 yd punt return TD (Brad GREEN kick)            |
| 4 - 3:47  | RHS - Jalen EASLEY 19 yd run (Brad GREEN kick)                          |

| Team Statistics               | RHS         | HHS      |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| First Downs                   | 24          | 10       |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 35-269      | 43-111   |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 12-18-133-0 | 4-7-58-0 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 53-402      | 50-169   |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 5-24        | 3-7      |
| Turnovers                     | 0           | 1        |

**Passing - RHS:** T. Wilson 12-18, 133 yd; **HHS:** L. Hoggard 4-6, 58 yd; K. Coston 0-1.

**Rushing - RHS:** J. Letterlough 16 - 140 yd, 4 TD; B. Durham 7 - 45 yd; T. Wilson 5 - 20 yd; A. Chestnut 3 - 7 yd; J. Easley 2 - 29 yd, 1 TD; T. Canada 2 - 28 yd; **HHS:** K. Bailey 14 - 66 yd, 1 TD; L. Hoggard 13 - (-2 yd); M. Stanley 6 - 37 yd, 1 TD; K. Coston 2 - 31 yd; N. Hill 2 - 13 yd; J. Cofield 2 - (-14 yd); K. Blunt 1 - 2 yd; A. Sharpe 1 - (-2 yd).

**Receiving - RHS:** A. Chestnut 6 - 65 yd; J. Letterlough 3 - 55 yd, 1 TD; J. Foster 2 - 4 yd; G. Stockton 1 - 12 yd; **HHS:** J. Cofield 1 - 22 yd; Q. Boone 1 - 21 yd; M. Stanley 1 - 12 yd; K. Bailey 1 - 3 yd.

### AWARDS

**Holmes Defensive M.O.P.** - Zakeem Brooks (DB)  
**Holmes Offensive M.O.P.** - Keimon Bailey (RB)  
**Reidsville Defensive M.O.P.** - Jaquan Hairson (DL)  
**Reidsville Offensive M.O.P.** - Brad Green (PK)

# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 2AA: Shelby claims fourth straight football championship with a 28-6 win over Northside-Jacksonville

RALEIGH, N.C. – The Golden Lions of Shelby had lived up to the “Golden” moniker all season long as the Lions had never trailed at any point of the 2016 football season coming into the school’s fourth straight appearance in the state championship game. They never trailed in the 2AA title game either, as Shelby took down Northside-Jacksonville 28-6 to win the school’s ninth state title all-time and their fourth straight.

Shelby opened the scoring just 48 seconds into the contest as Devin Gullatte score the first of his two touchdowns on the day from three yards out. The Lions tacked on another score as quarterback Malik Sarratt improvised to find Juwan Sims in the flats before Sims powered his way into the endzone to give Shelby a 14-0 with 7:13 to go in the first quarter.

Sims was named the game’s Most Valuable Player as he caught two passes for 19 yards and a score while rushing for 152 yards on 21 carries. Sarratt was picked as Shelby’s Most Outstanding Offensive Performer completing 10 of 9 passes for 134 yards and 2 touchdowns while rushing for 24 yards. Dax Hollifield was chosen as the Most Outstanding Defensive player for the Lions with 16 total tackles on the day, 3.5 for a loss, a single sack and fumble recovery.

Shelby’s stud receiver Jayden Borders got free to haul in a 7 yard pass from Sarratt late in the second quarter, giving the Lions a 21-0 halftime lead. Borders finished the day with five catches for 86 yards and a score.

Northside-Jacksonville came out in the second half and continued to fight even down by 21. Jonte McMullen found Cameron Rogers who made a beautiful one-handed catch in stride down the sideline for a 33-yard score. The point after was blocked and the Lions held a 21-6 advantage with 7:10 to go in the third quarter.

Gullatte’s second touchdown of the day ended the scoring with a two-yard run with 11:09 to play in the game making the score 28-6.

Northside-Jacksonville completed the season 12-4, finishing second in the East Central 2A Conference behind East Duplin, a team they defeated in the regional finals. The Monarchs made the school’s first appearance in an NCHSAA Football State Championship game.

Shelby finished the season 16-0, champions of the South Mountain Athletic 2A/3A Conference. The senior class completed the rare sweep as members of the senior class were a part of the State Championship team in all four years of their time at Shelby. They became the fourth school in history to win four straight football state championships.



### 2016 2AA Championship Statistics

|                                 | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | - | T  |
|---------------------------------|----|---|---|---|---|----|
| <b>NORTHSIDE-JACKSONVILLE -</b> | 0  | 0 | 6 | 0 | - | 6  |
| <b>SHELBY -</b>                 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 7 | - | 28 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

- 1 - 11:12 SHS - Devin GULLATTE 3 yd run (Ethan TRIPLETT kick)
- 1 - 7:13 SHS - Juwan SIMS 10 yd pass from Malik SARRATT (Ethan TRIPLETT kick)
- 2 - 1:28 SHS - Jayden BORDERS 7 yd pass from Malik SARRATT (Ethan TRIPLETT kick)
- 3 - 7:10 NSJ - Cameron ROGERS 33 yd pass from Jonte MCMULLEN (Timothy VU KHANE kick blocked)
- 4 - 11:09 SHS - Devin GULLATTE 2 yd run (Ethan TRIPLETT kick)

| Team Statistics               | NSJ         | SHS         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| First Downs                   | 16          | 18          |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 30-29       | 36-224      |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 25-37-226-2 | 10-19-134-2 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 67-226      | 55-358      |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 9-70        | 1-5         |
| Turnovers                     | 4           | 3           |

**Passing - NSJ:** Jo. McMullen 25-37, 226 yd, 1 TD, 2 INT; **SHS:** M. Sarratt 10-19, 134 yd, 2 TD, 2 INT.

**Rushing - NSJ:** D. Washington 5 - 24 yd; J. Koonce 5 - 5 yd; J. Wooten 1 - 2 yd; Jo. McMullen 19 - (-2 yd); **SHS:** J. Sims 21 - 152 yd; D. Gullatte 12 - 48 yd, 2 TD; M. Sarratt 3 - 24 yd.

**Receiving - NSJ:** Ja. McMullen 8 - 42 yd; C. Rogers 6 - 70 yd, 1 TD; D. Jones 5 - 70 yd; J. Wilson 3 - 32 yd; T. McCaskill 2 - 16 yd; D. Washington 1 - (-4 yd); **SHS:** J. Borders 5 - 86 yd, 1 TD; I. Etchison 2 - 21 yd; J. Sims 2 - 19 yd, 1 TD; D. Fuller 1 - 8 yd.

### AWARDS

**Northside Defensive M.O.P.** - Demetrius Jones (DB)

**Northside Offensive M.O.P.** - Jonte McMullen (QB)

**Shelby Defensive M.O.P.** - Dax Hollifield (LB)

**Shelby Offensive M.O.P.** - Malik Sarratt (QB)

**Most Valuable Player - Shelby** - Juwan Sims (RB)



# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 3A: South Point avenges OT championship loss last year, edge Rocky Mount 16-7 to win school's fourth state title

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Thomas Lempereur booted three field goals to make the difference for South Point in a 16-7 victory over Rocky Mount, winning the 3A State Championship and claiming the school's fifth football state championship. The victory for the Red Raiders avenged an overtime loss in last year's 3A State Championship to Rocky Mount.

South Point opened the scoring as Lempereur converted a 29-yard field goal to break the ice with 3:32 to go in the opening quarter. It took the remainder of the half for either team to break through again as Rocky Mount got a 25-yard touchdown pass from Shabios Lynch to Shyheim Battle with just eight seconds remaining in the half to pick up a 7-3 lead at the break.

Lempereur drew the Red Raiders within one as he knocked a 36-yard field goal through with 8:16 remaining in the third, making the score 7-6. The Red Raider defense then forced a fumble which Tanner Canterberry recovered at the Gryphon 23 yardline.

The Red Raiders cashed in six plays later as quarterback Scottie Lee found Ray Grier from seven yards out for a score with 4:39 to go in the third quarter giving South Point a 13-7 lead.

Defenses controlled the remainder of the game as the only score came off of a 25-yard Lempereur field goal with 3:06 to play. South Point's defense was dominant on the day holding the Gryphon offense to just 118 yards of total offense while forcing a fumble and an interception on the game.

Rocky Mount completed the season 13-3, finishing second in the Big East 3A Conference behind Southern Nash, a team they knocked out of the playoffs in the second round. The Gryphons made the school's seventh appearance in an NCHSAA Football Championship all-time.

South Point's Jake Alexander was named the game's Most Valuable Player as he rushed for 135 yards on 28 carries. The Red Raiders finished the season 12-4, second place in the Big South 2A/3A Conference. South Point claimed the school's fourth state title all time in five appearances.



### 2016 3A Championship Statistics

|                      | 1 | 2 | 3  | 4 | - | T  |
|----------------------|---|---|----|---|---|----|
| <b>SOUTH POINT -</b> | 3 | 0 | 10 | 3 | - | 16 |
| <b>ROCKY MOUNT -</b> | 0 | 7 | 0  | 0 | - | 7  |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

- 1 - 3:32 SP - Thomas LEMPEREUR 29 yd FG
- 2 - 0:08 RM - Shyheim BATTLE 25 yd pass from Shabios LYNCH (Chase MILLER kick)
- 3 - 8:16 SP - Thomas LEMPEREUR 36 yd FG
- 3 - 4:39 SP - Ray GRIER 7 yd pass from Scottie LEE (Thomas LEMPEREUR kick)
- 4 - 3:06 SP - Thomas LEMPEREUR 25 yd FG

### Team Statistics

|                               | SP      | RM         |
|-------------------------------|---------|------------|
| First Downs                   | 9       | 6          |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 53-199  | 30-27      |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 1-6-7-1 | 10-19-91-1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 59-206  | 49-118     |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6-35    | 2-19       |
| Turnovers                     | 1       | 2          |

**Passing - SP:** S. Lee 1-6, 7 yd, 1 TD, 1 INT; **RM:** S. Lynch 10-19, 91 yd, 1 TD, 1 INT.

**Rushing - SP:** J. Alexander 28 - 135 yd; N. Farmer 12 - 63 yd; S. Lee 8 - 4 yd; M. Mead 1 - 3 yd; M. Brandon, Jr. 1 - 0 yd; **RM:** D. Collins 7 - 23 yd; B.J. Daniels-Sanders 8 - 17 yd; S. Greene 2 - 4 yd; C. Williams III 1 - (-3 yd); S. Lynch 12 - (-14 yd).

**Receiving - SP:** R. Grier 1 - 7 yd, 1 TD; **RM:** K. Edwards 4 - 30 yd; C. Williams III 3 - 28 yd; S. Battle 1 - 25 yd; R. McCowan 1 - 6 yd; D. Collins 1 - 2 yd.

### AWARDS

- Rocky Mount Defensive M.O.P.** - Sherrod Greene (DB)
- Rocky Mount Offensive M.O.P.** - Shabios Lynch (QB)
- South Point Defensive M.O.P.** - Phillip Davis (LB)
- South Point Offensive M.O.P.** - Nick Farmer (QB)
- Most Valuable Player - South Point** - Jake Alexander (RB)

# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 3AA: Weddington claims school's first football title with 33-20 win over Eastern Guilford

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Eastern Guilford took an early lead on the first play from scrimmage, but ultimately it was Weddington's defense that won the day as the Warriors managed a 33-20 victory in the 3AA State Title game. It was the school's first football championship in two appearances in the finals.

The Wildcats struck first on an 80-yard touchdown pass to Nic Cheeley from Dominique Graves on the first play from scrimmage. Weddington struck back to tie the game on the final play of the first quarter when James Shipley hauled in a pass for 47 yards and a score from Warrior QB David Bayha.

Eastern Guilford took the lead back just three plays later when Bryant Barr went streaking 40 yards for a score to give the Wildcats a 14-7 lead with 10:45 to play in the first half. The next two scores went to Weddington as Bayha found Max Brimigion from 47 yards out to tie the game at 14 with 8:57 to go in the half. Then Denzel Patton capped off a 9-play, 60-yard drive with a 5-yard touchdown run to give the Warriors their first lead of the game with 3:04 to go in the half.

In the second half, Weddington extended the lead as Bayha threw his third and final touchdown of the game to Richie Laughlin, covering 27 yards and putting the Warriors up 27-14 with 4:07 to go in the third quarter after the point-after failed.

Then a short punt set the Warriors up with a short field and after four plays and 37 yards Chase Randolph found pay-dirt to give the Warriors a 33-14 advantage with 1:07 to go in the third.

Eastern Guilford tried to claw back into the game in the fourth quarter as Bryant Barr hit Zaccheus Milton for a 24-yard strike and score. The two-point conversion attempt failed leaving the Wildcats down 33-20 with 5:55 to go.

The Warriors won the ground battle offensively, rolling up 173 yards rushing while only allowing 105 by the Wildcats. Weddington held a 356 to 259-yard edge in total offense. Bayha was named the game's M.V.P. with a 10 for 17 performance for 183 yards and three touchdowns through the air. He also rushed 13 times for 74 yards on the afternoon.

Eastern Guilford concluded the year 15-1, champions of the Mid-State 3A Conference. The Wildcats made their first appearance in an NCHSAA Football State Championship game.

Weddington ended the year 13-3, champions of the Southern Carolina 3A Conference for the first time in school history. The State Title was Weddington's first in two appearances in the State Finals.



### 2016 3AA Championship Statistics

|                    | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4 | - | T  |
|--------------------|---|----|----|---|---|----|
| WEDDINGTON -       | 7 | 14 | 12 | 0 | - | 33 |
| EASTERN GUILFORD - | 7 | 7  | 0  | 6 | - | 20 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 11:49 | EG - Nic CHEELEY 80 yd pass from Dominique GRAVES (Camron SMITH kick)    |
| 1 - 00:00 | WED - James SHIPLEY 47 yd pas from David BAYHA (Matt PETERSEN kick)      |
| 2 - 10:45 | EG - Bryant BARR 40 yd run (Camron SMITH kick)                           |
| 2 - 8:57  | WED - Max BRIMIGION 47 yd pass from David BAYHA (Matt PETERSEN kick)     |
| 2 - 3:04  | WED - Denzel PATTON 5 yd run (Matt PETERSEN kick)                        |
| 3 - 4:07  | WED - Richie LAUGHLIN 27 yd pass from David BAYHA (Matt PETERSEN kick)   |
| 3 - 1:07  | WED - Chase RANDOLPH 1 yd run (David BAYHA pass fail)                    |
| 4 - 5:55  | EG - Zaccheus MILTON 24 yd pass from Bryant BARR (Bryant BARR pass fail) |

| Team Statistics               | EG          | WED         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| First Downs                   | 9           | 20          |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 24-105      | 46-173      |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 12-23-154-1 | 10-17-183-1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 47-259      | 63-356      |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 7-65        | 6-56        |
| Turnovers                     | 1           | 2           |

**Passing - EG:** D. Graves 9-16, 116 yd, 1TD, 1 INT; B. Barr 3-7, 38 yd, 1 TD, 1 INT. **WED:** D. Bayha 10-17, 183 yd, 3 TD, 1 INT

**Rushing - EG:** B. Barr 8 - 92 yd, 1 TD; Z. Walker 3 - 19 yd; K. Howard 2 - 8 yd; J. Artis 1 - 4 yd; C. McMullen 2 - (-2 yd); D. Graves 8 - (-16 yd). **WED:** D. Bayha 13 - 74 yd; D. Patton 13 - 61 yd, 1 TD; R. Laughlin 4 - 20 yd; B. Arthur-Wong 3 - 17 yd; C. Randolph 3 - 8 yd, 1 TD; W. Dixie 3 - 7 yd; J. Shipley 1 - 5 yd; J. Gale 1 - 2 yd; W. Furlong 1 - 0 yd; J. Hobbs 1 - (-3 yd); E. Murphy 1 - (-5 yd); M. Brimigion 1 - (-11 yd).

**Receiving - EG:** N. Cheeley 4 - 92 yd, 1 TD; J. Artis 3 - 33 yd; I. Finerty 3 - 4 yd; Z. Milton 1 - 24 yd; J. Matthews 1 - 1 yd. **WED:** J. Shipley 3 - 73 yd, 1 TD; J. Hobbs 3 - 27 yd; M. Brimigion 1 - 47 yd, 1 TD; R. Laughlin 1 - 27 yd, 1 TD; D. Patton 1 - 5 yd; E. Murphy 1 - 4 yd.

### AWARDS

**Eastern Guilford Defensive M.O.P.** - Kyin Howard (LB)  
**Eastern Guilford Offensive M.O.P.** - Bryant Barr (RB)  
**Weddington Defensive M.O.P.** - Chase Randolph (DE)  
**Weddington Offensive M.O.P.** - James Shipley (WR)  
**Most Valuable Player - Weddington** - David Bahya (QB)



# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 4A: Dudley dominant over Cape Fear en route to their fourth championship

RALEIGH, N.C. – It didn't take long, one minute to be exact, for the Dudley Panthers to seize control of the 4A State Championship Game against Cape Fear. Dudley took the reins on the third play from scrimmage as Hendon Hooker lofted a pass down the left sideline to Nigel Fitzgerald who hauled it in and sprinted 79 yards for the opening score and as he took off, so did the Panthers, never to look back.

Fitzgerald and Hooker connected one other time on the night as Hooker hit Fitzgerald on a seven-yard back shoulder throw in the end zone in the closing second of the first half as the Panthers stretched the lead to 34-0. Dudley went on to capture the school's fourth championship in six appearances in an NCHSAA Championship game, knocking out Cape Fear 54-0.

Hendon Hooker was brilliant at quarterback for the Panthers. Hooker threw three touchdown passes in the first half alone. He accounted for six touchdowns in total, 3 on the ground and 3 in the air as he threw for 221 yards and rushed for another 89 yards on the night on his way to M.V.P. honors in the game, voted unanimously by the assembled media.

Zareik Rush had a two touchdown night for the Panthers as well, accounting for 120 yards rushing with scores of 25 and 52 yards.

The Dudley defense was solid as well, holding the balanced Cape Fear attack to just 108 yards on the night. Nigel Peele was named the Most Outstanding Performer on the defensive side of the ball with seven tackles on the night and a pass break up.

Cape Fear struggled mightily all night long with the Colts dual-threat quarterback Justice Galloway-Velasquez held under 100 yards of total offense on the night for the first time this season. Galloway-Velasquez was named the Colts Most Outstanding Offensive Performer with 110 yards through the air and -15 on the ground as he was under siege all night by the Dudley defense.

The Colts concluded their year 15-1, the best season in school history, winning 10 or more games for the first time in a year as a program. They were the undefeated champions of the Mid-South 4A Conference.

Dudley wrapped up their year at 15-1 on the season, finishing second in the All-Metro 4A behind Page who also reached a State Championship Final. The Panthers won their first State Championship since their 2013 victory over Scotland County in the 4A title game.



### 2016 4A Championship Statistics

|             | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4 | - | T  |
|-------------|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| CAPE FEAR - | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | - | 0  |
| DUDLEY -    | 20 | 14 | 20 | 0 | - | 54 |

### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 1 - 11:00 | DHS - Nigel FITZGERALD 79 yd pass from Hendon HOOKER (Kenji PATTERSON kick failed)         |
| 1 - 8:39  | DHS - Hendon HOOKER 19 yd run (Thomas YOUNG pass from Hendon HOOKER)                       |
| 1 - 7:28  | DHS - Zareik RUSH 25 yd pass from Hendon HOOKER (Kenji PATTERSON kick blocked)             |
| 2 - 5:04  | DHS - Hendon HOOKER 12 yd run (Hendon HOOKER pass fail)                                    |
| 2 - 0:07  | DHS - Nigel FITZGERALD 7 yd pass from Hendon HOOKER (Thomas YOUNG pass from Hendon HOOKER) |
| 3 - 6:58  | DHS - Hendon HOOKER 38 yd run (Hendon HOOKER pass fail)                                    |
| 3 - 5:57  | DHS - D.J. CROSSEN 28 yd INT Return (Kenji PATTERSON kick)                                 |
| 3 - 1:04  | DHS - Zareik Rush 52 yd run (Kenji PATTERSON kick)   |

| Team Statistics               | CF          | DUD         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| First Downs                   | 9           | 18          |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 17-(-27)    | 29-239      |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 13-34-135-3 | 11-16-221-1 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 51-108      | 45-460      |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6-43        | 5-43        |
| Turnovers                     | 4           | 1           |

**Passing - CF:** J. Galloway-Velasquez 12-32, 110 yd, 2 INT; D. Melvin 0-1, 1 INT; J. Parker 1-1, 25 yd. **DUD:** H. Hooker 11-16, 221 yd, 3 TD, 1 INT.

**Rushing - CF:** A. Lewis 1 - 0 yd; D. Melvin 2 - (-3 yd); E. Melvin 3 - (-5 yd); J. Galloway-Velasquez 10 - (-15 yd). **DUD:** Z. Rush 6 - 120 yd, 1 TD; H. Hooker 12 - 89 yd, 3 TD; E. Perkins 3 - 24 yd; T. Young 3 - 17 yd; R. Monroe 1 - (-5 yd); T. Burch 4 - (-6 yd).

**Receiving - CF:** M. Moore 3 - 40 yd; A.J. Baldwin 3 - 38 yd; T. McCoy 2 - 13 yd; T. Tillman 2 - 12 yd; E. Melvin 2 - 7 yd; C. Grunden 1 - 25 yd. **DUD:** N. Fitzgerald 3 - 105 yd, 2 TD; J. Zellous 3 - 50 yd; T. Young 3 - 15 yd; Z. Rush 2 - 51 yd, 1 TD.

### AWARDS

**Cape Fear Defensive M.O.P.** - Milton Mosley (LB)  
**Cape Fear Offensive M.O.P.** - Justice Galloway-Velasquez (QB)  
**Dudley Defensive M.O.P.** - Nigel Peele (DB)  
**Dudley Offensive M.O.P.** - Zareik Rush (RB)  
**Most Valuable Player - Dudley** - Hendon Hooker (QB)

# 2016 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP RECAPS

## 4AA: Wake Forest claims Wake County's first football title since 1987 with 29-0 win over Greensboro Page

RALEIGH, N.C. – The Wake Forest Cougars defense led the way to make the school's fourth appearance in the state championship game and defense dominated the day bringing the Cougars their first state championship with a 29-0 victory over Greensboro Page.

The Cougar defense held the explosive Page offense to just 142 yards of offense all day and forced four interceptions. The defense opened the day by forcing a three-and-out on the Pirates first offensive series. Then Wake Forest special teams came up big as Darius Hodge broke through and blocked the Pirate punt. The block was recovered by Thomas Murray who scooped up the ball at the Pirate 10 and scored to give the Cougars a 7-0 lead with 10:42 to go in the first quarter.

After another Pirate three-and-out on the ensuing possession, Wake Forest took over near midfield at their own 42, driving seven plays and cashing in on the good field position with a 2-yard Devon Lawrence touchdown run. The point after was blocked and the Cougars jumped in front 13-0 with 5:45 to go in the first.

The Pirate offense continued to struggle, as Wake Forest continued to force the pressure on Pirate quarterback Will Jones. Darius Hodge dominated the game from the linebacker spot making 17 tackles on the afternoon, including the blocked punt. He was named the game's M.V.P. Seth Williams had two interceptions and was tapped as the Cougars Most Outstanding Defensive Performer.

The Cougar offense capitalized on good field position most of the night as Lawrence turned in a strong performance against the Pirates solid defensive front. Lawrence gained 77 yards on the ground, scoring two touchdowns rushing while throwing for another on a halfback pass to Lex Goodwin with 10:08 to play in the fourth, giving Wake Forest a 29-0 lead.

The Pirates completed their season 14-2 on the year and champions of the All-Metro 4A Conference. Javon Leake was named Page's Most Outstanding Offensive Performer with 36 hard-earned yards on 18 carries.

Wake Forest finished the year unblemished at 16-0, they were the champions of the CAP 8 4A Conference. They claimed the school's first championship and made their fourth appearance in the state finals, all since 2010. The win for Wake Forest was the first Football Championship for a team from Wake County since Garner won the title in 1987, snapping a 29-year drought.



### 2016 4A Championship Statistics

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### Qtr-Clock SCORING SUMMARY

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| 1 - 10:42 | WF - Jaden MCKENZIE 10 yd blocked punt return (Christopher VIDAL kick)        |
| 1 - 5:45  | WF - Devon LAWRENCE 2 yd run (Christopher VIDAL kick fail)                    |
| 2 - 10:47 | WF - Christopher VIDAL 22 yd FG   |
| 2 - 8:18  | WF - Devon LAWRENCE 3 yd run (Christopher VIDAL kick)                         |
| 4 - 10:08 | WF - Lex GOODWIN 37 yd pass from Devon LAWRENCE (Christopher VIDAL kick fail) |

| Team Statistics               | WF       | PHS       |
|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| First Downs                   | 10       | 9         |
| Rushing (Att - Yds)           | 47-80    | 29-81     |
| Passing (C - Att - Yds - Int) | 3-5-76-0 | 9-26-61-4 |
| Total Offense (Plays - Yds)   | 52-156   | 55-142    |
| Penalties (# - Yds)           | 6-40     | 9-69      |
| Turnovers                     | 0        | 4         |

**Passing - WF:** C. James 2-4, 39 yd; D. Lawrence 1-1, 37 yd, 1 TD. **PHS:** W. Jones 9-25, 61 yd, 4 INT; N. Baker 0-1, 0 yd.

**Rushing - WF:** D. Lawrence 27 - 77 yd, 2 TD; M. Dunn 7 - 27 yd; D. Lucas 6 - 11 yd; D. Jones 1 - (-1 yd); C. James 4 - (-14 yd); TEAM 2 - (-20 yd). **PHS:** W. Jones 9 - 41 yd; J. Leake 18 - 36 yd; R. Polite 1 - 4 yd; A. Alston 1 - 0 yd.

**Receiving - WF:** L. Goodwin 2 - 68 yd, 1 TD; D. Lawrence 1 - 8 yd. **PHS:** A. Alston 3- 34 yd; J. Leake 3 - 16 yd; R. Polite 2 - 6 yd; J. King 1 - 5 yd.

### AWARDS

- Page Defensive M.O.P.** - Alex Gray (LB)
- Page Offensive M.O.P.** - Javon Leake (RB)
- Wake Forest Defensive M.O.P.** - Seth Williams (LB)
- Wake Forest Offensive M.O.P.** - Devon Lawrence (RB)
- Most Valuable Player - Wake Forest** - Darius Hodge (LB)