

## Majors are 2-1, states-bound

BY TITUS MOHLER  
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The Prince Edward-Farmville Youth Association (PEFYA) Majors All-Stars won Sunday to join the final three teams in the Dixie Youth Baseball Major League District 5 Tournament, and they joined the final two Monday to automatically qualify for the state tournament.

District 5 will have three teams in the state tournament. One is Lunenburg, the state tourney host team, and the others are the two teams reaching the double-elimination district tournament championship game.

The Blackstone All-Stars beat the Crewe-Burkeville All-Stars on Sunday and defeated them again on Monday, PEFYA's off day, to shrink the field to two.

Prince Edward-Farmville and Blackstone were set to play the championship game Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Dinwiddie Sports Complex in Sutherland.

The PEFYA boys reached the final three in the five-team district tournament by eliminating the Charlotte



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PEFYA Majors All-Star Kam Ligon awaits the pitch against the Charlotte County all-star team Friday during the 2019 Dixie Youth Baseball Major League District 5 Tournament in Sutherland.

County all-star team Sunday with a 12-7 win, rebounding well from their first loss Saturday. Prince Edward-Farmville Manager Mark Simon said he felt great about his team's play.

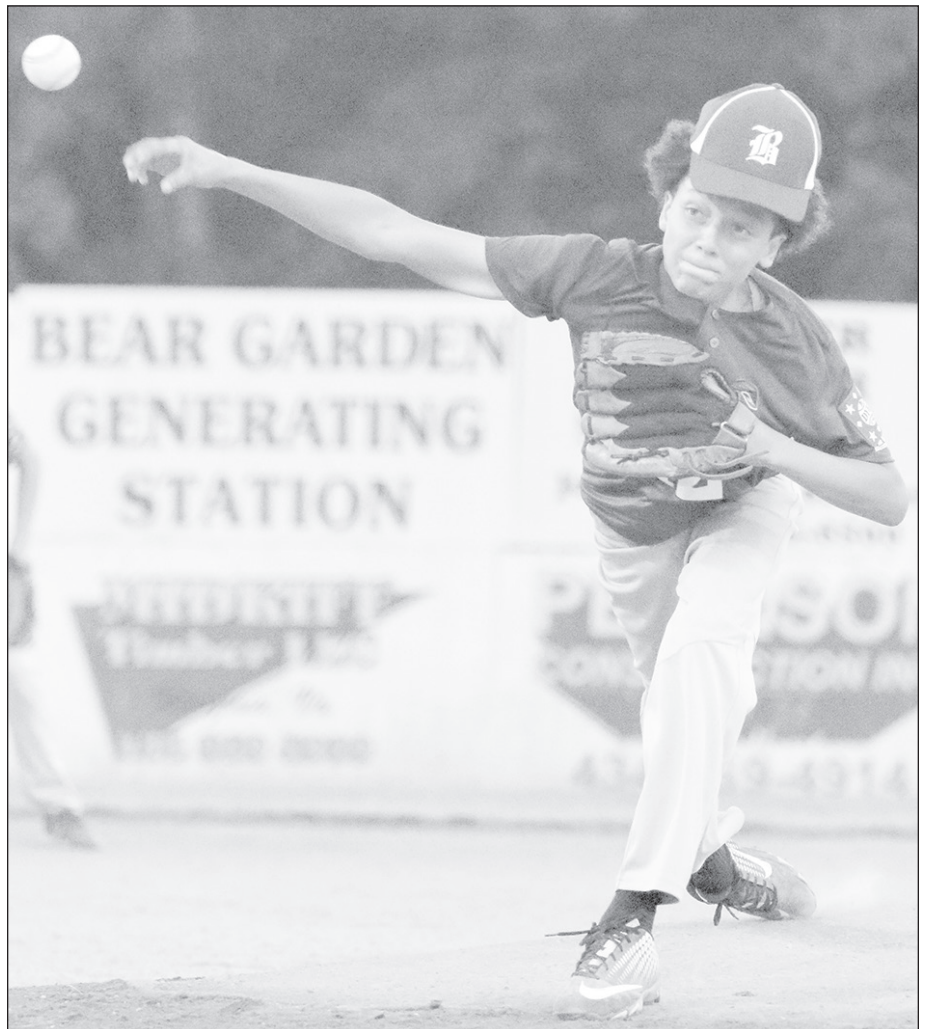
"The kids bounced back after a loss and showed a lot of guts, a lot of courage," he said Sunday. "That's all I can ask from them. They've worked hard all summer, been working hard their whole baseball careers for these moments right here, and it was beautiful. They had every reason to come out and be down and hang their

heads from a tough loss yesterday after an eight-inning game, and they came out and stepped right up and played beautifully — scored eight runs in the first inning."

Then, like they did in their first game Friday against PEFYA, the Charlotte All-Stars came back.

"Charlotte roared back, made it 8-7, and then I ran out of pitches with (Harold) Landis and put in (Barrett) Motter, and all of a sudden, everything just flipped,"

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Buckingham Majors All-Star Zahir Chambers pitches Sunday night, helping his team to a 7-1 victory over the Goochland All-Stars in the Dixie Youth Baseball Major League District 4 Tournament. Buckingham fell 6-5 to Goochland on Monday, setting up a final rematch for the district title Tuesday at Gene Dixon Sr. Memorial Park in Dillwyn.

## Ready for more

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The Buckingham County Majors All-Stars have earned a spot in the 2019 Dixie Youth Baseball Major League State Tournament by reaching the final three in their district, and they were set to play the Goochland all-star team for the District 4 tournament title Tuesday at 8 p.m. in Dillwyn.

Buckingham, which is hosting the double-elimination District 4 tourney at Gene Dixon Sr. Memorial Park,

entered Tuesday with a 2-1 record in the event. The boys had a chance to close the tourney out Monday but fell 6-5 to Goochland.

On Sunday, Buckingham handed Goochland its first loss, 7-1.

After that game, Troy Wooten, manager of Buckingham, said his team displayed "solid defense tonight, good hitting when we needed it, and the pitching's been good."

A leader on offense was Kayne Wooten.

"He had a two-run homer first inning," Manager Wooten said.

This allowed Buckingham to hold a 2-0 lead coming out of the first.

Kayne Wooten was intentionally walked in his last at-bat.

Other Buckingham leaders in the win included Amare Jones, who hit two singles, and Mario Nicholas, who hit a key two-run single late in the game to help his team pull away.

Nicholas got the start on the mound and was

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## PEFYA Machine Pitch All-Stars shine

The Prince Edward-Farmville Youth Association (PEFYA) Machine Pitch all-star team entered its game Tuesday with a 2-1 record in the 2019 Dixie Youth Baseball Machine Pitch District 5 Tournament held at the Dinwiddie Sports Complex in Sutherland. The PEFYA boys, including Levi Williams pictured above, orchestrated outstanding offensive showings Friday and Saturday in blowout wins. They defeated the Blackstone all-star team 16-1 on Friday, and they topped the Crewe-Burkeville all-star team 20-6 in four innings Saturday. On Sunday, PEFYA struggled, falling 16-0 to the Dinwiddie National all-star team. But after a valued rest Monday, Prince Edward-Farmville looked forward to a possible rematch with Dinwiddie.

## PEFYA Angels on 3-1 run in South Hill

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The Prince Edward-Farmville Youth Association (PEFYA) Angels all-star team defeated the Blackstone All-Stars 15-2 in three innings Monday to put itself in position to play Tuesday for the 2019 Dixie Softball Angels District 1 Tournament championship in South Hill.

The PEFYA Angels were set to take on the Crewe-Burkeville all-star team Tuesday at 6 p.m. for the district title and the right to advance to the 2019 Dixie Softball Angels State Tournament.

Prince Edward-Farmville Manager David Schmidt reflected on his team's victory Monday, noting it was nothing like a blowout early on.

"The first inning was pretty close," he said. "They went up 1-0 on the first inning. And then after that we had Kelly Womack on the mound. She pitched the first two innings for us, and then her pitching was great, and then after the first inning, our bats came to life, and we started



FARRAH SCHMIDT

PEFYA Angels All-Star Kelly Womack looks to advance on the base path during the 2019 Dixie Softball Angels District 1 Tournament in South Hill.

hitting."

The PEFYA Angels scored 13 runs in the top of the third inning.

Their defense ensured a mercy rule-shortened game by helping to preserve a lead of at least 10 runs after three innings.

Schmidt praised the defensive play of short-stop Evelyn Noraas,

third baseman Kendall Snead and second baseman Kenna Schmidt.

For consistency on offense, the manager highlighted Lola Kimmel, LottieMae Hazlegrove, Kenna Schmidt, Noraas and Snead.

The 3-1 PEFYA Angels also beat the Lunenburg and Clarksville All-Stars.

## Knights win in homecoming blowout, 55-12

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Buckingham County High School's varsity football team produced a victorious homecoming performance that downed visiting Randolph-Henry High School 55-12 on Friday, Oct. 18, giving the Knights their fifth win in a row and improving their overall record to 6-1.

They led 55-6 at halftime and allowed younger players a chance to compete.

"We were able to just come out and move the ball," Buckingham Head Coach Seth Wilkerson said. "I think the offensive line is coming together."

He began inserting backups into the game at the start of the second half.

For the game, the Knights were led on offense by junior quarterback Gerry "Tae" Toney with 156 yards and four touchdowns on only seven carries.

Junior running back Xavian Gough finished with six carries for 58 yards and two touchdowns, while senior running back Walter Edwards had eight carries for 97 yards and a score.

Junior Xavier Cope-



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Buckingham County High School junior quarterback Gerry "Tae" Toney runs for some of his 156 yards Friday night during the Knights' 55-12 victory.

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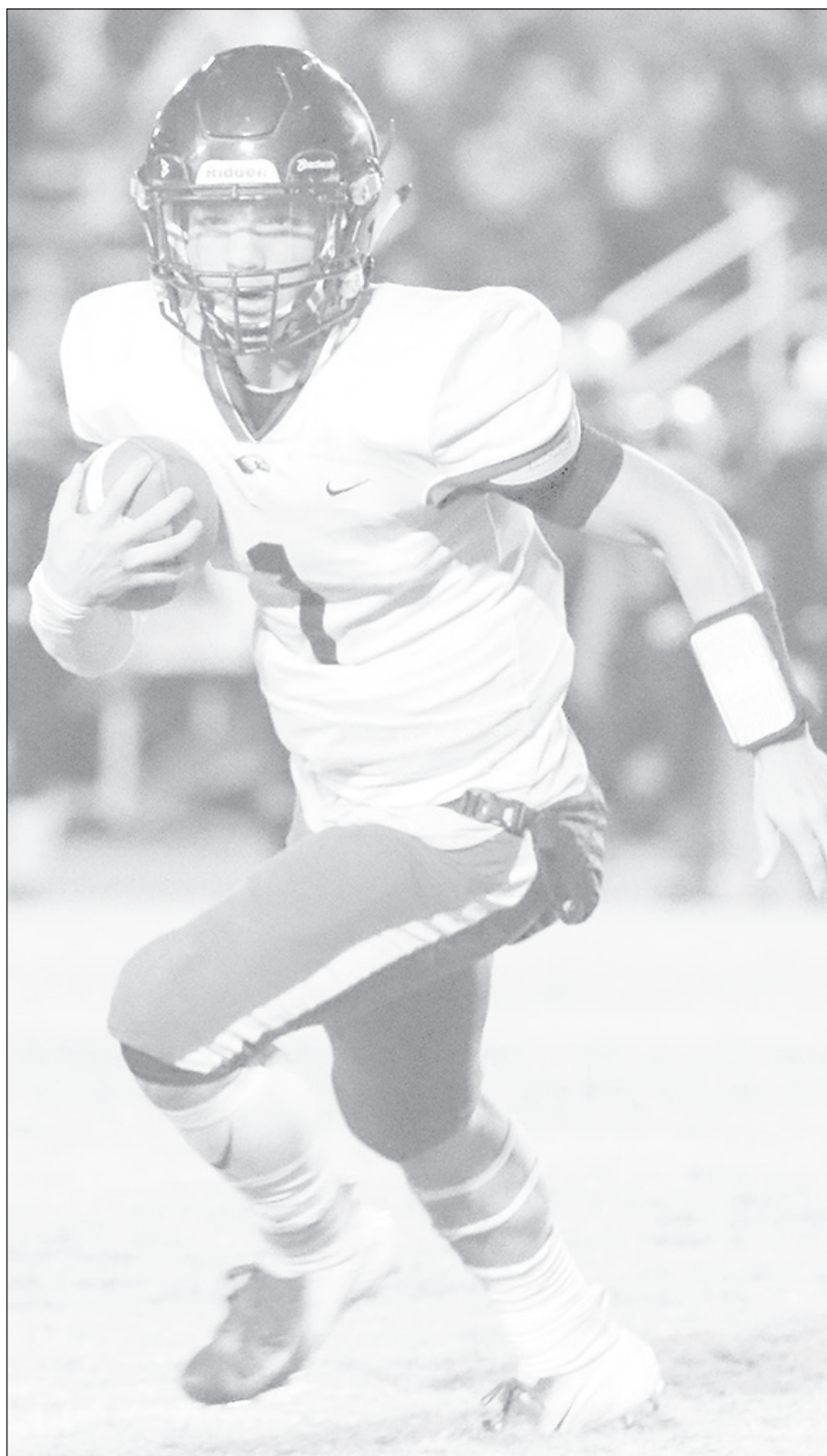
land recorded a 67-yard punt return for a touchdown, and junior kicker Wesley Snoddy successfully kicked a 36-yard field goal.

On defense, senior defensive back Nathan Brickhill, junior defensive back Demetrius Davis, senior defensive

lineman Garrett Hafley and Edwards, at linebacker, each had five tackles.

Senior defensive lineman Cole Edmondston finished with three tackles, one sack and one pass deflection.

The Knights (6-1) visit Amelia County High School on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.



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Prince Edward County High School sophomore quarterback Nate Reed runs against host Central Lunenburg High School on Friday night. Despite the Eagles' 56-44 loss, he ran for three touchdowns.

## Eagles thrive on offense, but can't stop Chargers

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Prince Edward County High School's varsity football team trailed 28-6 at halftime against host Central Lunenburg High School, and then the Eagles' offense sprung to life in a big way in the second half, but the Chargers were able to stay a couple steps ahead and hold on for a 56-44 homecoming victory.

"The second half, we made a good run," Prince Edward Head Coach Larry White said. "We just couldn't get those good defensive stops. That was the key."

He specifically noted the competitive fight that his players showed in the second half, which he said he was pleased with, "but we just didn't come up with the win."

The run game is where the Eagles experienced a lot of success after halftime. Junior running back Say-bien Peterson recorded 20 carries for 174 yards and two touchdowns. Sophomore quarterback Nate Reed had 14 carries for 79 yards and three touchdowns, and senior running back Justin Sprague registered eight carries for 33 yards.

"We found a weak spot in their defense, and so we exposed it," White said, referring to a halftime adjustment that helped Prince Edward score 38 second-half points.

In light of senior running back/linebacker T.J. Williams' recent decision to leave the team, the coach said he had a message for Peterson and Reed before his team left for Lunenburg County.

"I told them before we left school that they're going to tote the rock, they're going to have to carry it," White said. "I told them to stretch good, because they're going to do a

lot of running."

He liked what he saw from them. Reacting to Peterson's stats, White said, "He had a real good night."

Junior Kiyou Jones also became active in Prince Edward's ground game.

"He had some good runs," the coach said.

The Eagles struggled in the passing game. Reed went 2-for-11 passing for 52 yards, including a 33-yard pass to Sprague.

The coach praised Reed's contributions to the team.

White said Reed told him, "Coach, just put it in my hands, and let's do it." He's an athlete, and he's a sophomore, he's trying to carry this team. Passing-wise, it's a little difficult. His running ability, he does real good."

Leading the Eagles on defense was junior nose tackle Davon Manson with 12 tackles.

White highlighted the immense effort that Manson brings to everything he does, posing significant challenges to Prince Edward's offense in practice and to opponents' offenses in games due to his work on the line.

"I'm going to be honest with you, he gives us a lot of trouble in practice," White said. "... He practices the way he plays. ... He works really hard, doesn't complain. He just goes at it."

The coach noted Manson is undersized for the nose tackle position, but because of his ability and effort, opposing offenses double-team him. Eagles junior De'Murie Banks added 10 tackles.

Prince Edward (1-6) hosts Blue-stone High School on Friday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m.



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Hampden-Sydney College senior quarterback Austin Murphy came off the bench Saturday to throw for a career-high 212 yards and two touchdowns. The Tigers were highly competitive but ultimately fell 21-17, dropping to 1-6 on the year.

## Tigers fall 21-17

Tigers senior captain and wide receiver Major Morgan caught a career-high 14 passes for 165 yards, but it wasn't enough as Hampden-Sydney College's (H-SC) football team dropped a hard-fought 21-17 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) decision to Shenandoah University on Saturday afternoon on Fulton Field at Lewis C. Everett Stadium, a H-SC Athletics press release cited.

Senior quarterback Austin Murphy

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came off the bench to pass for a career-high 212 yards and two touchdowns on 25-for-43 passing for the host Tigers (1-6, 0-5). He also threw two interceptions.

The release noted that Tigers junior wide receiver Dillon Costello had a career-high 12 receptions for 56 yards and a touchdown. Ben

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## Staring a key goal in the face

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Buckingham County High School's varsity football team entered this season with some important goals, and one of them was entirely specific to this week's game — win the first-round playoff game.

"Yeah, absolutely," Knights Head Coach Seth Wilkerson said. "Last year, we were shooting just to get into the playoffs and see what could happen. But last year, most of these guys, that was their first playoff game ever, and so this year (we're) just hoping to ... try to win Friday and continue on."

The No. 2-seeded Knights (9-1) host No. 7 Page County High School (7-3) on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m. in the quarterfinals of the eight-team Region 2B Tournament.

Buckingham is tied for the best record in the state at the Virginia High School League Class 2 level. The other 9-1 team is the No. 1 team in Region 2B, Stuarts Draft High School.

However, a testament to the overall strength of the region is the fact that its No. 7 seed has a 7-3 record.

Wilkerson confirmed he has been able to study film on the Panthers, and he said, "They're a good team, play hard on both sides of the ball and special teams. They do a lot of things right."

As expected for a team of Page County's caliber, it has a variety of stars.

"On defense, they've got an all-district linebacker, No. 65," Wilkerson said, referencing senior Tristan Gordon.

The coach also highlighted senior defensive lineman Wyatt Hensley, who wears No. 50.

"Offensively, they've got an all-district player, a running back, No. 2," Wilkerson said, referring to senior Mikey Cash. "I think he's already ran for 1,500 yards ..."

The Panthers favor the run, but they can throw the ball too, the coach cited. Their quarterback is No. 5, senior Greg-



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Buckingham County High School senior linebacker/running back Walter Edwards will continue to be one of his team's most important weapons as the Knights move into 2019 postseason play.

ory "Trey" Knight III.

"He was all-district last year," Wilkerson said. "He was an all-purpose player for them."

Additionally, "they've got another good back, No. 33, a sophomore," Wilkerson said, noting Blake Turpen.

The coach shared the approach he has taken this week in preparing his players for Friday night's contest.

"I've just tried to let them know that

playoffs (have a) different atmosphere, different intensity — it's win or go home, so like any time in the playoffs, you've just got step it up a notch, just be sound on offense, defense and special teams," he said.

Wilkerson pointed to his captains as the players he will lean on to help make sure the team has the right intensity level and is not letting nerves get in the way. Among those leaders, he high-

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lighted senior lineman/tight end Cole Edmondston.

"I think Tae Toney does a good job getting the guys ready for the games too, being more of a vocal leader," Wilkerson said. "We're just going to continue doing what we've been doing."

A good deal of what Buckingham has been doing lately has been featuring junior quarterback Gerry "Tae" Toney in the run game. Against Nottoway High School last week, he finished with 20 carries for 268 yards and two touchdowns.

But Wilkerson noted that this has not necessarily been part of any predetermined effort to give more carries to a specific player but is rather a practical outworking of what is proving to be effective during a game.

"We try to be as balanced with it as we can, actually, and actually, Tae's got more carries than anybody on the team, but we try to keep it balanced, try to go with what's working," he said.

The coach confirmed his team is entering Friday's game fairly healthy.

Last season, the Knights made it back to the playoffs for the first time since 2015, going on the road in their first-round regional game to face Glenvar High School. They lost 41-0.

But this season, their 9-1 regular season record has made their regional quarterfinal a home game, which Wilkerson said means a lot.

"It's been I don't know how many years now — three or four years — since we've hosted a playoff game, so it's definitely something we were shooting for from the start and just looking forward to it," he said.

The postseason includes a maximum of five games: a regional quarterfinal, regional semifinal, regional final, state semifinal and state final.

If Buckingham defeats the Panthers on Friday, it will remain the home team in the regional semifinal.



The Prince Edward Eagles Minor Division youth football team went undefeated during the 2019 season, capping the year off with a shutout win in the Super Bowl. Team members pictured include, front row, Mitarous Green, Christopher Rowan, Breasia Palmer, James Christopher, Jordan Reed, Jazir Peterson; second row, Travis Whitey, Dreion Wright, Delonte Patterson, Jaevion Booker, Christopher Tisdale; third row, Ja'Vonte Holmes, Melvin Wright, Ta'Marion Nash, Yorel Pride, Jaylen Vaughan, Tevin VanRomondt, Jeremiah Smith; fourth row, Avan Carrington, Donald Allen, Reggie Lee, Josiah Hayes, Khiimaar Harris, Hussain Johnston, Jeremiah Banks; back row, Head Coach Melvin Mitchell, Assistant Head Coach and Special Teams Coordinator Dershawn Johnson, Running Back Coach John Robertson and Offensive Coordinator Arsenia Styles. Not pictured are Defensive Coordinator Markeem Trent, Offensive Playcaller Preston Wade, Team Mom Shaquita Scott and Team Nurse Tamika Mitchell.

## 'How dedicated they were'

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### PRINCE EDWARD

The Prince Edward Eagles Minor Division youth football team made history this year by orchestrating a perfect 12-0 season, punctuated at the end by a 26-0 victory over the Nottoway Gators in the James River Southside Youth Sports Association 2019 Super Bowl for the Minor Division.

"It was an outstanding victory," Eagles Head Coach Melvin Mitchell said. "It was well-deserved by that team. Out of my six years of coaching, that's been one of the best groups I've had. Not to downgrade the other teams that I've had, but this group here, they're something special."

He said that on the first day

of conditioning in July, he asked them what they wanted out of the season, "and they told me they wanted to win the Super Bowl. And I explained to them, 'It's going to be a lot of hard work, dedication and sweat and tears,' and they came out and gave me all of it."

Most of his players chose to practice over going to the fair. "That's how dedicated they were," Mitchell said.

## Eagles shine amid area cross country stars

Prince Edward County High School's varsity boys and girls cross country teams both qualified for states with outstanding showings at the recent Region 2A Championship, while Cumberland County High School sent multiple individuals to the Virginia High School League (VHSL) Class 1 State Championship.

Both the Eagles and Lady Eagles cross country squads placed third in the region.

The Prince Edward boys were led, individually, by junior Saad Khan, who placed first, junior Hayat Khan, who placed second, and sophomore Tim Slater, who placed third.

For the Prince Edward girls, junior Josephine

Hemmer placed third.

"We run at states on Nov. (16) in Salem," Prince Edward Cross Country Head Coach Aaron Barber said.

At the Region 1B Championship, the Cumberland varsity girls cross country team placed fourth, while the Cumberland varsity boys placed fifth.

Individually, Dukes runners placed as high as fifth, and Lady Dukes runners placed as high as seventh.

Cumberland runners making the all-region first team were senior Tanner Cochran and sophomore Shamoni Bartee. Qualifying for states were Cochran, Bartee and junior Jeremy Johnson.

The state meet is set for Saturday, Nov. 16, at Green Hill Park in Salem.

### MAIN ST. LANES HIGH BOWLING SCORES

**HIGH SCORE MEN:** Monday Night Football: Joe Rose — 268, Willie Downes — 257, Scott Schrader — 254; Wednesday Seniors: B.J. Portman Sr. — 235, Daniel Cobb — 226, Jimmy Borum — 215; Thursday Night Mixed: P.J. Portman Jr. — 269, B.J. Portman Sr. — 232, James Blonske — 232; Friday Night Mixed: Stanley Redd — 279, P.J. Portman Jr. — 278, Bill Benninghove — 258.

**HIGH SCORE WOMEN:** Monday Night Football: Toni Fletcher — 195, Laura Glasscock — 195, Mary Johnson — 191; Wednesday Seniors: Cathy Portman — 202, Ann Cook — 159, Nancy Wilcox — 155; Thursday Night Mixed: Joan Crenshaw — 185, Brenda Jackson — 184, Joyce Ward — 167; Friday Night Mixed: Doris Jackson — 206, Jackie Whitlow — 201, Angela Anderson — 200.