

Knights repeat as JRD cross country champions

BY TITUS MOHLER
The Farmville Herald

The James River District (JRD) felt the impact of the Buckingham County High School varsity cross country program again this year in a big way. The Knights varsity boys cross country team repeated as the district champions during the championship meet held Monday, Oct. 28, at Leakes Mill Park in Goochland. The Lady Knights varsity squad finished as the district girls runner-up.

The Buckingham boys team earned its second straight district title with a team score of 48.

"They are a great group of young men with great work ethics," Buckingham Cross Country Head Coach Kish Heslip said.

"I was super proud, and they indeed earned it!"

She explained what helped give the Knights the edge over the rest of the competition the last two years.

"They are all very smart and self-disciplined and driven," she said. "Integrity is formed when no one is watching. These young men push themselves and each other to do their best, not only in meets but in practice."

Knights making the all-district first team included seniors Tyler Moore, Dalton Stuple and Ian Martin and junior Nikolus Eldridge.

Heslip was also named James River District Coach of the Year for cross country for the second year in a row.

Placing second behind the

Buckingham boys team was Prince Edward County High School with a team score of 63. Goochland High School came in third with an 87, Nottoway High School was fourth with a 144, and Bluestone High School was fifth with a 179.

Winning the district championship on the girls' side was Goochland with a team score of 33. The Lady Knights placed second with a score of 52, the Lady Eagles were third with a 62, Cumberland County High School was third with a 107, Amelia County High School was fourth with a 140, and Nottoway was fifth with a 157.

Lady Knights making the all-district first team were sophomores Ressa Smith and Alana Ballowe, junior Sarah Perry and freshman Hayden Talbott.

Setting a powerful example

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Prince Edward County Middle School (PECMS) football players need look no further than their own head coach for living proof that one can press on and thrive amid challenging circumstances.

Eagles Head Coach Chris Gunter, who just finished his second year leading the team, was diagnosed with lung cancer in January 2018 and has been taking chemotherapy treatments every three weeks since February of that year.

He noted that he has a tumor in the bottom of his right lung and added that he is diagnosed with stage four cancer, which, for quite a few types of cancer means it has spread.

"It has spread a little bit to my lymph nodes in my chest and in my spine," he said, but he noted that a report from November 2018 indicated that the spots on his spine had healed to a point where doctors can hardly see them anymore.

Gunter provided an update on how he is doing in late October 2019. "I feel great," he said.



Prince Edward County Middle School Football Head Coach Chris Gunter has remained a consistent leader for his players while battling stage four lung cancer.

PRINCE EDWARD

"It's just when you take the chemo, it takes a lot out of you for about five or six days."

And yet he's never missed a game.

"No, sir, never missed a game, and hopefully it sticks that way," he said.

He explained what it is like managing a football practice schedule, game schedule and all of the responsibilities that come with the head coaching position while also doing chemo every

three weeks.

"That's where your assistant coaches come into play," he said. "Let me tell you, I've got the best assistant coaches that you could ask for. I think I've missed, at the most, three practices this year because of being sick, and those guys have stepped in and have been awesome — couldn't ask for any better."

His assistant coaches are Will Simmons and Michael Dupuy.

The Eagles went 3-3

this season and finished 7-1 in 2018.

Pointing to what has helped him persevere as he coaches and fights cancer, Gunter said, "My family has been a big support. Coach (Larry) White has been a big support, really has pushed me. I've been doing it for so long I can't imagine not doing it. The kids have really been keeping me going."

He shared a story about a player who spends the summer living in Texas with his father.

"I think it was like the second week after school was out, this kid called me three nights a week, every night at 9 o'clock on the dot to check and ask me how I'm doing, 'What did the doctor say?'" Gunter said. "... For him to do that, I told him when he came back to school this year, I said, 'You know what, that really meant a lot to me, you calling. You don't really know how much that meant.'"

Another great help to Gunter has been his friendship with White, who founded the PECMS football program and now serves as head

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW

PRINCE EDWARD (2-6) AT BUCKINGHAM (7-1)

Kickoff: Friday, 7 p.m.

Last season: Knights 32, Eagles 14

Coach's game notes: The Eagles and Knights enter this game with a special connection beyond just being nearby rivals. Prince Edward Head Coach Larry White coached the Buckingham junior varsity football team last year and was with the Buckingham football program until the summer of this year when he was hired to lead the Eagles.

White provided insight into what has taken the Knights to another level this year in their second season under Head Coach Seth Wilkerson. They made their return to the playoffs in 2018 after a two-year absence and lost in the first round. That taste of the postseason set the tone for the returning Knights players, who wanted to get in the weight room in December, but Wilkerson told them to start in January. The players bought into what Wilkerson is trying to do.

Fast forward to the state of the Knights in late October, and the task before the Eagles is a daunting one. The Knights are good and tough, and the Eagles cannot afford to make any mistakes against them.

Prince Edward will need to stop either sophomore quarterback Gerry "Tae" Toney or senior running back Walter Edwards.

Wilkerson will come at you with his double wing attack and then hit you with the H-back offense.

The Eagles, which are healthy, are not going to lie down to the elite Knights and will put up a fight.

The Knights also enter this game healthy, and Wilkerson communicated strong respect for White, having known him for a long time. White is a great person and coach, and he really helped get the junior varsity players at Buckingham on the right track, a work he is continuing with his varsity players at Prince Edward.

The Eagles have been getting rolling on offense, scoring 50 points in their last game and 44 in the game before that. Players the Knights must key on include sophomore quarterback Nate Reed, who is in his second varsity season, junior tailback Saybien Peterson, junior tight end/receiver De'Murie Banks and senior tight end/receiver Ron McCargo.

On defense, Prince Edward has some quickness up front, some of it stemming from junior nose tackle Davon Manson.

AMELIA (4-4) AT CUMBERLAND (0-8)

Kickoff: Friday, 7 p.m.

Last season: Raiders 67, Dukes 12

Coach's game notes: The Raiders appear on film to be the third-best team the Dukes have faced this year, behind only Buckingham and Goochland. Amelia appears solid on every level, demonstrating no weaknesses.

On offense, the Raiders can be run-heavy or pass-heavy based on the game plan, as they ran almost every time against Bluestone and threw the ball a lot against Buckingham.

Passing the ball for Amelia is sophomore quarterback Antonio Harris.

Raider standouts on defense include senior linemen Seth Hawkins and Maxwell Perry. Each of those players is 6 feet, 3 inches tall and weighs at least 270 pounds.

FUQUA (8-1) AT BROADWATER (3-5)

Kickoff: Saturday, 2 p.m.

Last season: Falcons 49, Vikings 8

Coach's game notes: This is a must-win game for the Falcons, who are looking to maintain their No. 1 ranking in Division III of the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association. Keeping that top position would give them home field advantage throughout the state playoffs. A loss Saturday could help drop Fuqua to No. 2 or 3.

Helping power the Vikings' run game is junior Gunnar Gustafson. When Broadwater passes, junior quarterback Brant Bloxom finds a pair of tall receivers: juniors Clay Wardius and Cole Celli.

Due to injury, the Falcons will be without senior lineman Hunter Gibson and likely without junior running back Jackson Allen.



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Lancers prep for tourney

Longwood University's women's soccer team will begin play in the Big South Conference (BSC) Tournament on Saturday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. against host Radford University. Senior forward Emilie Kupsov, pictured at left, and the rest of the Lancers (6-8-2, 4-4-2 BSC) will look to keep their season alive against the Highlanders.

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HIGH SCORE WOMEN: Monday Night Football: Wendy Boettcher — 210, Jackie Whitlow — 192, Jenn Thompson — 184; Wednesday Seniors: Nancy Phaup — 183, Beverly Spain — 158, Debbie Thomas — 146; Thursday Night Mixed: Hazel Jennings — 186, Teresa Spradlin — 184, Joyce Ward — 179; Friday Night Mixed: Tammy Shumaker — 218, Tory Amos — 213, Angela Anderson — 182.

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HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE ATHLETICS

2019 Hampden-Sydney College men's soccer team

The 2019 Hampden-Sydney College men's soccer team has had an outstanding season, not having lost a game since Sept. 11. The Tigers finished the regular season on an 11-0-1 run. They enter their Sunday, Nov. 3, Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) quarterfinal game with a 12-5-1 overall record, including a 7-0-1 record in the ODAC. As of Wednesday afternoon, the location and time of the quarterfinal contest were yet to be determined. Hampden-Sydney team members pictured are, from left, front row, Cody Brugos, Boyce Purdie, Matt Rehder, Connor Shaw, Jack Sweney, Kade Wheeler, Niko Reinson, Nolan Poretz, Brian Tarnai, Noah Price, William Thornton, Jacob Siler, Liam Mowers, P.J. LeBel, Joseph Bekenstein, Luke Carter; middle row, Assistant Coach Will Donohoe, Assistant Coach Mac Philips, Manager Colin Corini, Josh McCormack, Josiah King, Spell Carr, Cole Burton, Connor Brooks, Paul Mahaffey, Jon Vergara, Sean McMurray, Eli Strong, Henry Carman, Grayson Harmon, Head Coach Tommy DiNuzzo; back row, Jacob Mann, Gray Sutter, Ian Fitzgerald, Ian Connor and Doug Hogan. (To nominate your favorite team or standout group for High Five!, email a photograph and names of people pictured to HighFive@FarmvilleHerald.com.)

EXAMPLE: 'I can't ask for a better friend'

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coach of the Prince Edward County High School varsity football team. Gunter noted that he and White have worked together as coaches off and on for 19 years.

"I actually coached with him, I want to say, 10 years over at Buckingham in the youth league," Gunter said. "He got me started over there. And then he left, and he started the (Prince Edward) middle school program, and then he called me and says, 'Hey, I need you to come over,' so I went over the second year."

Gunter said he served as a PECMS assistant football coach under White for nine years before moving up to head coach when White took a position as head coach of Buckingham County High School's junior varsity football team.

"I can't ask for a better friend than Chris," White said. "And when I left the middle school, he was the one that I chose to take over my spot. I owed that to him."

Speaking of White, Gunter said, "He's been a big influence. He's really been a big help."

White said Gunter has "had my back ever since he first started coaching. ... He's a good guy, real good guy. He would give you the shirt off his back. ... He's been in good spir-

its as far as having this lung cancer. He doesn't let it get him down. He's a fighter. It's very emotional to me because that's my best friend, and I hate to see him going through it, but like I said, he's fighting it, he's in good spirits with it."

Gunter stated that the school has been great to him as well.

"The administrators at the middle school have been very supportive too," he said. "They know the situation, the kids know, and I've tried to keep them updated on how I'm doing and how I feel, and my assistant coaches have told me that they're going to come back next year, and that's a big kick in the butt right there to keep me going."

PECMS Athletics Director Brandon Kenny said, "He did well for us this year and plans to continue coaching as long as his health will allow it. He cares so much about football and our middle schoolers who play it. I'm fortunate to be able to work with him. He's a good coach and even better person."

Gunter's wife, Melody Gunter, has been with him each step of his battle with cancer, noting that he fights every day, and she expressed tremendous gratitude for the opportunity afforded to him as the football

head coach at PECMS.

"Football is what keeps my husband going and many, many prayers," she said. "I honestly don't know how he has been as strong as he has based on the amount of chemo going into his body and how sick he's been to finish out this football season. The players, the assistant coaches and the whole Prince Edward family just keeps him going. I thank everyone for allowing him to focus on his greatest passion, and he doesn't give any time to cancer."

As for making determinations about his coaching future, Chris Gunter is once again setting an example for his players by putting a classic football coaching maxim to work: Take one day at a time.

"I told my wife that after this, I have to evaluate myself at the end of every year, and I have also told my assistant coaches, if it comes to a point where I feel like I can't give it 110 percent, then it would be time for me to step away," he said. "It would be hard, but I feel like if you can't give it 110 percent, then you're not doing any-

thing for the kids. So, right now, the way I feel, I can say, 'Yes,' I'll be back next year. But the way things are right now, I have to take one day at a time."

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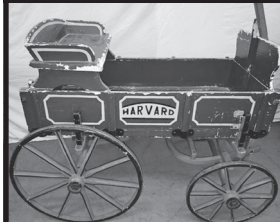


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The Cumberland County Board of Supervisors will meet on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, in the Circuit Courtroom of Cumberland County in Cumberland, Virginia, to conduct public hearings pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, which such hearings may be continued or adjourned, as required under applicable law, and to consider the following items and taking actions in furtherance thereof:

Ordinance to amend the TransTech Alliance Agreement:

To consider the adoption of amendments to the Regional Development Agreement adopted in 2012. The agreement established the provisions for financing and operating the TransTech Alliance and created a board of directors to govern the entity, the proposed requirements to become a member, requirements to withdraw as a member, and other technical amendments. This ordinance is to be considered pursuant to VA. Code § 15.2-1300.

Copies of the complete text of the proposed resolution and ordinance is available for public review at the office of the Cumberland County Administrator, Administration Building, 1 Courthouse Circle, Cumberland, Virginia between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm of each business day. The public is invited to attend this hearing at which persons affected may appear and present their views. Questions or comments may be directed to the County Administrator's Office at (804) 492-3625. Persons with disabilities are urged to contact the County Administrator's Office at (804) 492-3625 at least five (5) days prior to the meeting to arrange for any necessary accommodations.

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Staring a key goal in the face

BY TITUS MOHLER
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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'

BY TITUS MOHLER
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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.

The Knights' defense holds

The football program's first playoff win since 2015 comes in overtime

BY TITUS MOHLER
The Farmville Herald

Buckingham County High School's varsity football team would not be denied its first playoff win since 2015 on Friday night, Nov. 15, and to achieve victory, the Knights had to deny visiting Page County High School on the final play of overtime.

The score was 13-13 at the end of regulation in the Region 2B quarterfinal, and No. 2 seeded-Buckingham scored first in the extra session to go up 20-13. The No. 7 Panthers responded with a touchdown of their own, but when they decided to avoid another overtime period and go for the win with a two-point conversion, the Knights' defense held, securing a 20-19 playoff victory.

"We knew they were going to be tough," Buckingham Head Coach Seth Wilkerson said of the Panthers. "Anybody in the playoffs now is going to be tough. I was just proud of the way these guys hung in there, just overcame a lot and just were able to battle and get the win at the end in overtime."

It was Buckingham senior running back Walter Edwards who ran for a 10-yard touchdown on the first play of overtime, with junior kicker Wesley Snoddy hitting the extra point, giving the Knights



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Buckingham County High School's defense, at right, faces off against visiting Page County High School during overtime of the Region 2B Tournament quarterfinals on Friday night, Nov. 15.

a lead they would never relinquish.

Shortly thereafter, Page County scored a touchdown as well and went for two, but multiple Knights were there to make the win-sealing stop, including freshman defensive back Kenneth "K.J." Williams.

"K.J. Williams, he was in on it," Wilkerson said. "I think Walter Edwards was in on it, and I want to say Xavian Gough, they were all there. It was hard for me to tell, from where it was filmed, exactly who got there, but it was between all three of them."

The coach shared what was happening moments before

the big play.

"(The Panthers) were getting ready to go for the two-point, and I called timeout just to kind of see what they lined up in," Wilkerson said. "They pretty much stayed in the same set most of the game. They had been running sweep and had some success with it, and I told (my players) to watch out for sweep on that side. But it came down to those guys stepping up and making the play."

The highly competitive contest was close every step of the way, featuring a 7-7 score at halftime.

Edwards led the Knights

on offense for the game, with 23 carries for 162 yards and two touchdowns. He also led the way, defensively, with 10 tackles, including one for a loss of yardage.

"He stepped up when we needed him to," Wilkerson said. "He just plays solid on both sides of the ball and has been — same thing he's done all year."

Gough, a junior defensive back, finished with seven tackles, including one for a loss, and junior defensive back Demetrius Davis recorded six tackles.

Buckingham junior quarterback Gerry "Tae" Toney had

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11 carries for 37 yards and a touchdown.

"I thought the whole offensive line, I thought they battled and played well," Wilkerson said, referring to senior Cole Edmondston, junior Demonte Glover, sophomore Dontrell Gough, sophomore Andrew Dragovich, senior Garrett Hafley, sophomore Brandon Milliner and senior Nathan Brickhill.

"Page's offensive and defensive lines were tough," the coach continued. "I thought they were one of the best lines we've seen since Goochland, and they did a good job, both sides. But (our) offensive line really stepped up."

Page County finished a strong season with a 7-4 overall record.

"The region we're in, if you're looking from top to bottom, everybody's tough," Wilkerson said. "There are no bad teams that just happened to make the playoffs. All of them are good."

In the Region 2B semifinals on Friday, Nov. 22, Buckingham (10-1) hosts No. 6 East Rockingham High School (7-4), which won its regional quarterfinal 41-7 at No. 3 Clarke County High School (8-3) on Friday night, Nov. 15. Kickoff for the semifinal game is set for 7 p.m.



HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Tigers fall in 124th The Game

Tigers senior captain and wide receiver Major Morgan, pictured above, had game-highs of seven receptions and 118 yards receiving, but Hampden-Sydney College dropped a 45-3 Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) football decision on the road at archrival Randolph-Macon College on Saturday afternoon in the 124th edition of The Game at Day Field in Ashland. The host Yellow Jackets (8-2, 7-1) got 218 yards passing and two touchdowns from Burke Estes, and 143 yards rushing from Tre Frederick against the visiting Tigers (1-9, 0-8). Morgan concludes his outstanding four-year career with 232 receptions for 3,084 yards and 26 touchdowns in 38 games. He ranks fourth in career receptions and career receiving yards, and fifth in career receiving touchdowns for the Tigers. Hampden-Sydney has completed the 2019 season with an overall record of 1-9.

Lady Eagles' year ends in regional quarterfinals

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Prince Edward County High School's No. 9-seeded varsity girls volleyball team upset host No. 8 Nandua High School 3-0 on Nov. 5 to advance past the first round of the recent Region 2A Tournament before falling 3-0 to host No. 1 Bluestone High School on Nov. 9.

"They really showed up and played really well at Nandua," Lady Eagles Head Coach Katrina Walker said. "Nandua was really good; their structure, communicating on the court, was really good. I guess they just really couldn't bring it all together, but my girls played probably one of the best games that they have played all season when we went to Nandua."

Prince Edward finished the 2019 season with an overall record of 7-13.

"I think that it was a very long season," Walker said. "Me being a first-year coach, I definitely learned a lot about myself, I learned a lot about coaching varsity-level players, I learned a lot about what I want to see for next year. I wish we were in one of those top seeds in the district, which I think we could have, we should have been there. We beat Amelia in one of our games, which is one of the top three."

Against Bluestone in the regional quarterfinals, "we were leading in two of those sets, but they just came back and beat us," the coach said. "So I really hope that the girls that



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Prince Edward County High School senior Makayla Morris was key to her team during the 2019 season.

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are coming back next year understand that although they may only play volleyball during the season, it doesn't matter. But when you put your skills together, they can accomplish anything.

"And it definitely showed that at Nandua," she continued. "It definitely showed that when we played Bluestone in that last regional game. I heard the Bluestone (junior varsity) JV coach saying how well my girls hustled on the court, and every time we played Bluestone, their varsity coach complimented my players on the things that they did well, like passing the ball really well, which they did. They passed the ball really well that game to the setter so we could get some of our hitters up at the net."

Highlighting players that led her team on and off the court this year, Walker said, "(I'd) definitely have to go with Makayla Morris, and

then there were some other girls who stepped up. Walle Brito Raia, who only played about nine games with us because she also does soccer, she was excellent when it came to serving, and when she played, she became our setter, so she did well in that position.

"And I would also say Kyla Edmonds, because Kyla is a hustler," Walker continued. "On the court, I know that if a ball goes out of bounds, if we can get that ball back in the court to Kyla, Kyla's going to get that ball over the (net), and she did those things. Her serving was great, and I tell you, this girl is probably about 4 feet, 11 inches (tall), but she plays front row, and she could jump and she would land some good hits, and she was landing some hits that girls weren't even getting. So it just goes to show that height means absolutely nothing."

Morris was named to 2019 All-James River District Second Team.