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Section B

Columbia 8, Gainesville 3

Tigers tame 'Canes

Columbia defeats Gainesville to earn a much-needed victory.

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For the Lady Tigers, Monday night was about more than just a soccer game. It was about redemption. Columbia had a rough weekend after losing three games in the Maclay Invitational in Tallahassee. So, as the team took the field to face district-rival Gainesville last night, they were goal hungry and ready for a win.

The Lady Tigers were in sync, making perfect passes and working together to move the ball up the field. Together, they defeated the Hurricanes 8-3.

"It was really good for us because we had a rough weekend at the tournament," Columbia senior Kyrsten Giebeig said. "It was good for us to win and for everyone to contribute."

Giebeig scored two goals for the Lady Tigers, including the first goal of the game. Although the Tigers had an early 1-0 lead, goals by Gainesville's Natalie Hill and Catie Parks put the Hurricanes ahead.

Before the half, Columbia sophomores Irene Carrillo and Lauren Hutcherson answered back with goals of their own, and gave the Lady Tigers a 3-2 lead going into the second half.

After that, there was no stopping Columbia. Giebeig, Carrillo and senior Emma Sambey each put the ball in the back of the net, and the Lady Tigers pulled ahead 6-2. While Gainesville's Hill



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia senior Kyrsten Giebeig dribbles the ball up the field during Monday's home game against Gainesville. Giebeig scored two goals for the Lady Tigers.

did manage to get one more goal past Columbia's Emily Lamoreaux, who had 11 saves Monday, the Hurricanes weren't able to regain the lead.

Two more goals by sophomore Tori Napolitano and

freshman Ember Martinez secured the Lady Tigers a 8-3 victory.

"It was back and fourth, back and fourth, and you know we made a few mistakes that they kind of lucked out on," Columbia

head coach Lindsay Beach said. "But for us to just get that lead and continue to work it was awesome."

The Lady Tigers didn't let their early lead get to

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UF FOOTBALL

Appleby's early interceptions cost Florida the game

3 interceptions in the first half hurt the Gators.

By **CHARLES ODUM**
 Associated Press

ATLANTA — The score made it appear No. 15 Florida was outclassed in its SEC championship game against top-ranked Alabama.

Gators cornerback Teez Tabor insists that wasn't the case. He was convinced Saturday's ugly 54-16 loss would have been different if not for three first-half intercep-

tions. "No question," Tabor said without hesitating. "It's a 17-point difference at the half. It's a tie ball-game."

Instead, the three interceptions thrown by Austin Appleby played a big role in Alabama leading 33-16 at halftime.

After the game, Florida coach Jim McElwain said developing a quarterback would be a top priority. Appleby, a graduate transfer from Purdue, completes his eligibility this season, and the search for his replacement could

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Indians cruise past Newberry

Fort White's Kobe Kimble (12) jumps to block Newberry's MJ Ford in last Thursday's game. The Indians beat the Panthers 76-65 (see photos from Fort White's game against Hawthorne on 6B).

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their heads, and they continued to play smart soccer throughout the match.

"This is the team that I know is there deep inside," Beach said. "I keep telling them somewhere in them they've got to light the fire and tonight they definitely did. I know almost our entire team can take the ball up and score. It's just that wanting, that desire, that tenacious Tiger pride, and that's what I keep telling them."

Columbia plans on maintaining the momentum from this win going into Wednesday's district game against Leon.

"We're going to still have that desire and passion to want to win and want to score," Giebeig said.



Photos by BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia junior SK Lewis (3) dribbles the ball between two Gainesville defenders during Monday night's district game. The Lady Tigers came back from being down 2-1 late in the first half to defeating the Hurricanes 8-3. Columbia will face Leon on Wednesday.



Columbia sophomore Irene Carrillo (9) moves the ball up the field during Monday's game against Gainesville. Lady Tigers senior Emma Sambey (7) fights with a Hurricanes defender for the ball. Carrillo scored two goals for the Lady Tigers, one in the first half and one in the second, and Sambey scored one goal.



FWHS BASKETBALL

Hawthorne hands Indians first district loss

Despite a close score for most of the game, Fort White lost to the Hornets 66-52 in last Friday's matchup.



Photos by CHRISTINA FEAGIN/Special to the Reporter

Fort White senior Shannon Showers (23) tries to prevent Hawthorne's Devonte Bowie (5) from passing in last Friday's home game. Fort White senior DJ Jackson (10) dribbles around Hornets' defender DJ Harris (3). The Indians kept the score close throughout the game, but Hawthorne pulled away in the fourth period to win 66-52.



Fort White's Jabari Rivers(4), Kobe Kimble (12) and Deonta Rossin (55) prepare to defend an inbound pass from Hawthorne during last Friday's game.