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Section B

Columbia 40, Escambia 20

## TIGERS CHEW UP GATORS

CHS breaks its losing streak with a win on the road.

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PENSACOLA — The stadium seats began thinning out. Minutes before the final whistle blew, Escambia fans headed for the exit — they had seen enough.

The visiting Tigers spoiled their night.

Columbia's offense looked reborn, and the defense was in midseason form.

Once the Tigers smelled blood, the Gators didn't have a chance.

Columbia scored 19 unanswered — including a safety and an interception touchdown — against Escambia's haggard defense in the second half.

The Tigers' sound performance on both sides of the ball secured their second win of the season as Columbia held on for a 40-20 victory over Escambia.

Not only did Columbia (2-3) avenge last season's loss to Escambia (1-4), but the team also snapped its three-game losing streak Friday night.

"All those losses just motivated us," defensive end Ranadree Bradley said. "We're working hard. [Practice] was different this week because of the losses. We had to get our



Columbia safety Alec Norton (11) tackles Escambia running back Stephen McGhee during Friday night's game at Emmitt Smith Field. The Tigers snapped their three-game losing streak with a 40-20 victory over the Gators in Pensacola.

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assignments right, and it showed on the field."

For the first time this season, Columbia's ferocious defense received a

boost from the offense, which looked reborn against the Gators.

Columbia quarterback Davin Schuck had his

strongest outing of the season. The senior tallied 214 total yards and a touchdown.

Columbia running back

Kamario Bell got the offense rolling early on, scoring two touchdowns on back-to-back drives. Bell amassed 140 of his 172

rushing yards in the first half.

The Tigers defeated the

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Tennessee 38, UF 28

## Florida gets blasted by Tennessee

Despite early lead, Gators lose to Vols for first time since 2004.

By STEVE MEGARGEE  
Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Joshua Dobbs accounted for five second-half touchdowns Saturday and No. 14 Tennessee erased a 21-point deficit to beat No. 19 Florida 38-28 and end their 11-game losing streak in the annual series.

This marks the first time Tennessee (4-0, 1-0 SEC) has beaten Florida (3-1, 1-1) since a 30-28 victory in 2004. The Volunteers had lost to Florida by a single point each of the last two years despite leading in the fourth quarter of both games.

This time, Tennessee delivered the comeback by scoring 38 consecutive points.

"I didn't see anybody blink," Tennessee coach Butch Jones said. "Nobody flinched. They just kept playing."

Dobbs threw four touchdown passes and ran for a fifth score — all in the second half. He went 16 of 32 for 319 yards with four touchdowns and two interceptions. Dobbs also rushed for 80 yards and a touchdown.

Trailing 21-0 early against the nation's top-ranked defense, Tennessee stormed back and took a 24-21 lead with 12:45 left on Dobbs' 67-yard completion to a wide-open Jauan Jennings, who bobbled the ball a few times near the right sideline before making the catch while staying in bounds.

After Todd Kelly Jr. intercepted an Austin Appleby pass on Florida's

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University Christian 32, Fort White 23

## Indians' early lead not enough for a win

Fort White was up by 17 points going into halftime.

By KAYLA LOKEINSKY  
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JACKSONVILLE — Going into halftime, Fort White looked unstoppable.

With a 23-6 lead after two quarters of play against reigning Class 2A state champs University Christian, Indians quarterback and safety DJ Jackson made his second interception of the night on a pass from Christians' quarterback Clay Boyd to finish the half.

Going into the locker room

after a key defensive play and a 17-point lead, the Indians just had to keep the momentum going for two more quarters to walk away with the win.

However, the Indians remained scoreless in the second half, while the Christians continued to make play after play.

In the end, the Indians fell to University Christian 32-23.

"I feel kind of lost for words," Fort White head coach Demetric Jackson said after the game. "The things that we stressed, we had them, and we don't know how to finish it. Big turnovers in the beginning of the second half just kind of

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Fort White senior running back Kalin Timmons (5) lines up with University Christian's Uriah Ratliff in Friday night's game.



COURTESY

## Seminole take down USF 55-35

Florida State beat the University of South Florida Saturday. FSU junior running back Dalvin Cook had 28 carries for a career-high 267 yards and two touchdowns. (See full story on page 2B.)



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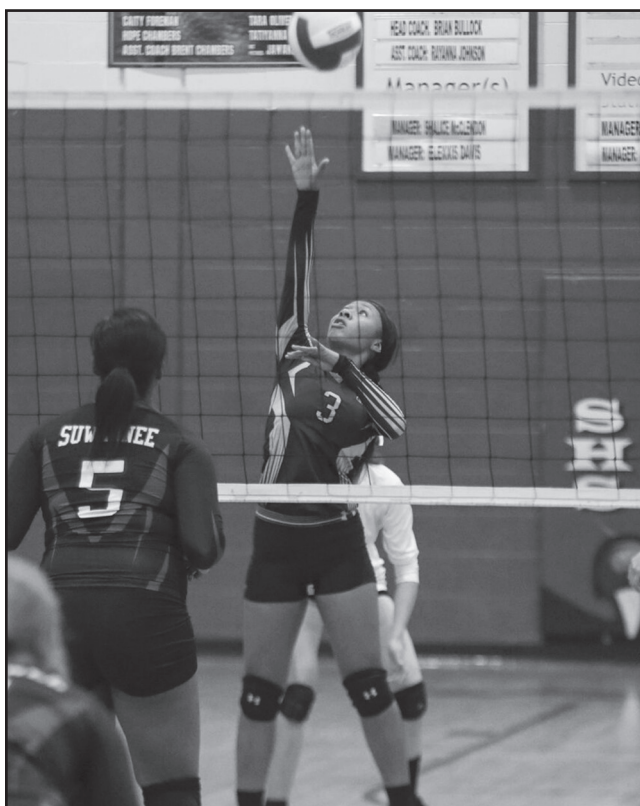
## CHS VOLLEYBALL

## Lady Tigers fall to Suwannee in five sets



Photos by BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter

Columbia senior outside hitter Madison Plyn (7) spikes the ball on a Suwannee defender during Thursday night's match in Live Oak against the Bulldogs. Columbia sophomore outside hitter Mikayla Collins (11) swings for a hit. The Lady Tigers fell to Suwannee in five sets Thursday night. Columbia will travel to Bell this Monday.



Columbia junior middle blocker Reilly Ruise (3) jumps to hit the ball in Thursday night's match against Suwannee. Columbia junior defensive specialist Hanna Hamilton (6) serves the ball. Lady Tigers senior Myra Wintons (15) jumps for a block. Columbia will face Suwannee again on Oct. 13 at Florida Gateway College in Lake City.

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gave them momentum."

Two back-to-back fumbles made by the Indians (2-2) in the third quarter resulted in touchdowns for University Christian (2-2). In that quarter, Fort White only had seven plays. In the fourth, the team rushed for a combined negative 18 yards and had zero receiving yards.

"[It was a] great first half, but the second half we didn't show up, we kind of took it off," DJ Jackson said. "You can't do that."

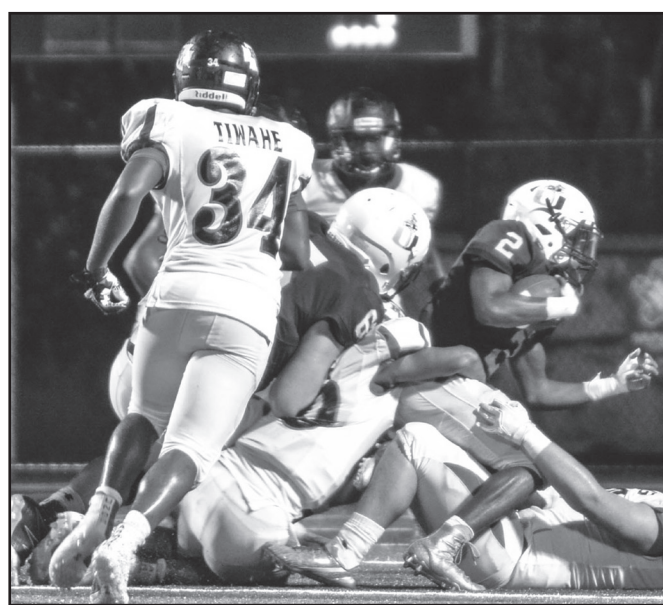
Jackson led the Indians' defense with two interceptions, and on offense was six for eight for 107 yards, plus he rushed for 23 yards and two touchdowns. Senior running back Kalin Timmons had 39 receiving yards and 9 rushing yards, and junior running back Jacquez Pelham led the team in rushing yards with 29.

After the opening kickoff, Fort White looked like it was struggling when on the first play after the Indians got possession, University Christian recovered a fumble by Pelham to take over 28 yards from the Indians' end zone.

The fumble resulted in a rushing touchdown by the Christians' top rusher, Otis Anderson, who rushed for a total of 174 yards, including 80 in the third quarter alone.

With an early 6-0 lead, the Christians looked to have the advantage. On the next offensive drive, Fort White couldn't make it to the end zone, and kicker Brandon Shrum put away a 28-yard field goal to put the score at 6-3.

After the kickoff to the Christians, Jackson made his first big play of



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Fort White lineman Joseph Aymond runs to help tackle University Christian's Otis Anderson.

the night and snatched a pass from UC's Boyd for an interception, then ran 27 yards for a Fort White touchdown.

Another touchdown by Pelham put the score at Fort White 16, University Christian 6 at the end of the first quarter.

To start the second quarter, the Indians worked their way up the field deep into University Christian territory, and Jackson ran the ball 1 yard into the end zone for a touchdown. When the Christians took over the ball they maintained possession for the last six minutes of the quarter, until Jackson got his second interception of the night to stop the Christians from scoring and end the half.

It was after that the Indians came out on the field to start the second half and slowly started to fall apart. University Christian quickly put a touchdown on the board, and when Fort White took over the ball, Pelham's second fumble of the night

was once again recovered by the opposing team. After a 40-yard field goal by University Christian kicker Sammy Safar, the Christians were catching up.

Shortly after, another Fort White fumble, this time by Jackson, was recovered by the Christians on the Indians' 20-yard line. While trying to make up for the mistake on defense, Jackson went down after a hit to the back, and the Indians finished the quarter without him.

University Christian's Anderson rushed into the end zone for his third touchdown of the night, and tied the game at 23-23 to end the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, a 4-yard field goal by the Christians and a fourth touchdown by Anderson sealed the deal, and University Christian won the game 32-23.

"Hopefully we'll use this as a learning experience and keep playing and keep fighting," Demetric Jackson said.

Fort White's game next Friday will be away against district-rival Baldwin.

## FWHS FOOTBALL

## Jackson shines for Indians on offense and defense

By KAYLA LOKEINSKY  
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JACKSONVILLE — There's nothing scarier for a football team, coach or fan than seeing your quarterback down on the field.

For Fort White, that scenario happened three times Friday night in the Indians' 32-23 loss to University Christian with their quarterback, safety and punter DJ Jackson.

After a late hit in the third quarter put a helmet in his back, Jackson went down on the field. Although he walked off on his own, Jackson would be down twice more that half, once again for the pain in his back, and another time for a cramp in his leg.

"It really started hurting and prevented me a

lot from doing things I wanted to do in the third and fourth quarter," Jackson said regarding his third-quarter injury.

Even though he had to come off the field a few times, Jackson fought through the pain for most of the game, knowing that his absence could really hurt his team.

"All through summer, every spring workout, every day we're taught to fight for your brothers and be with each other through adversity and I couldn't give up on my teammates," Jackson said.

Jackson had an exceptional first half on both ends of the field. On defense, he had two interceptions, one of which he ran back 27 yards for a touchdown. On offense, he had six completions and

eight attempts and threw for 107 receiving yards. He also rushed for 23 yards and ran in a second touchdown.

"I thought he played a phenomenal game," Fort White head coach Demetric Jackson said. "I thought he played great offense and defense. He had one bad decision out there when he fumbled the ball, but I thought he played pretty good."

Other than the fumble in the third quarter, Jackson's performance was one of the best he's had all season.

"It's great because it reflects on my teammates," Jackson said. "When they see me making plays on both sides they start to try and make plays as well. That's how we gel together."



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Fort White quarterback DJ Jackson (10) runs the ball in Friday night's game against University Christian. Jackson rushed for 23 yards and two touchdowns.