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Section B

LOCAL FOOTBALL

## FIELD GENERALS

Umstead, Jackson win Lake City Reporter's Defensive Players of the Year Award.



Fort White's Demetric Jackson (left) intercepts a pass during a game last season. Columbia's Ethan Umstead (right) surveys the field before a play this season. Both players helped their teams reach the playoffs in consecutive seasons. Jackson registered 48 tackles and Umstead tallied 40 tackles in 2016.

### Jackson stars at safety position in senior season.

By **KAYLA LOKEINSKY**  
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FORT WHITE – It's not often that you have a quarterback so versatile that he can play on both sides of the field.

Teams dream of having a quarterback who not only has a strong arm and the speed and agility to run the ball up the field, but also switch over to defense and stop the other team in its tracks.

Fort White's DJ Jackson shined on both ends of the field this season, but it was his stellar performance on defense that set him apart.

He is the Lake City Reporter's Fort White Football Defensive Player of the Year.

The senior strong safety made 48 tackles this season, 32 of them solo. He also had five interceptions, two of which he

returned for touchdowns.

"He put himself in the position to make a lot of plays on defense," said Demetric Jackson, DJ's father and Fort White head coach. "On offense he didn't have to put himself in that position because he had so many other playmakers to give the ball to."

DJ has been playing football since he was in second grade, and not only loves the game but the people he plays it with.

"I just like being able to have fun with the people I love," DJ said.

DJ pulled triple duty for the Indians as a strong safety, punter and the starting quarterback. On offense, DJ went 102 for 179, totaling 1,392 passing yards for 12 touchdowns. He also rushed in right touchdowns on his own for 228 yards.

"He studied hard and watched a lot of film" Demetric said. "He was able to play

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### Umstead led team in tackles as first year starter.

By **ERIC JACKSON**  
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It's not everyday you see a junior varsity player seamlessly make the transition to varsity. Columbia linebacker Ethan Umstead is one of the rare exceptions.

Umstead was a general on the field in his first year of service. He was a beacon of consistency all season, exceeding expectations – a rookie game-changer.

The beefy sophomore led the Tigers in tackles (40) and tied for third in sacks (4) this season. Umstead not only proved he was deserving of his starter status, but also gave a sunny glimpse of the potential Columbia star he could become.

For his breakout season, Umstead was named the Lake City Reporter's Columbia Defensive Player of the Year.

"He's a heck of a football player," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said. "He really has a bright future ahead of him."

Columbia's graduating class from last season left voids at several positions, including middle linebacker. Umstead squeezed every drop of his opportunity.

"I prepared really hard in the offseason knowing it was my turn," he said. "I knew I had to step up for the seniors, believing that if we were going to make a [playoff] run I was going to have to step up."

It wouldn't take long before Umstead began to cement himself as one of the team's leading stalwarts – reaching captain status before the season was over.

Throughout his first campaign, he made

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

## UGA fines coach \$25K for role in 'WakeyLeaks'

Associated Press

ATHENS — Georgia has fined assistant coach Shane Beamer \$25,000 for accepting leaked game plan information two years ago while at Virginia Tech from a former Wake Forest assistant coach.

In a statement issued by Georgia Thursday, Beamer said then-Wake Forest assistant Tommy Elrod called him the night before the game in 2014 with "a few plays that he said Wake Forest might run."

Beamer — the son of retired Hokies coach Frank

Beamer — said he did not share the plays with anyone and didn't the information in the game, won 6-3 by the Demon Deacons in double overtime.

The younger Beamer said he "made a serious mistake in judgment by accepting the information and failing to notify" Virginia Tech officials.

Elrod, who was the Demon Deacons radio analyst, has been fired from his broadcast position.

Georgia coach Kirby Smart said the younger Beamer

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NBA

## Beloved Warriors fan 'Sweetie' dies at 107

By **JANIE HAR**  
 Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A 107-year-old Northern California woman who gained fame very late in life as an avid and gregarious fan of the Golden State Warriors died Thursday.

Helen Brooks was better known as "Sweetie" and became a media darling last year after The Mercury News of San Jose wrote about her decades-long dedication to the team that eventually won the NBA championship in 2015.

Brooks loved to tell the players what to do from the comfort of her living room. She disdained sloppy play.

Warriors coach Steve Kerr even gave a shoutout to Brooks on TV last year, and she was invited to watch the team play from a suite at Oracle Arena.

The coach also paid homage to her Thursday, saying the Warriors had lost its oldest fan.

"She took great joy in our team over the years and especially when we won the championship a couple years ago, she was really happy," Kerr said before a road game against the Brooklyn Nets. "We wanted to send along our condolences to her family."

Daughter Lily Toney said her mother was a positive person who cracked subtle jokes and didn't let the little things in life bother her. Toney gave no cause of death for Brooks other than old age.

"I think she was just tired," she said.

NFL

## Wake makes Pro Bowl, could be playoff-bound

By **STEVEN WINE**  
 Associated Press

DAVIE — Cameron Wake is headed for the Pro Bowl again, validating his improbable career comeback at age 34. With a surgically repaired Achilles tendon, he's eager to take the next step — into the playoffs.

Wake has been in the NFL for eight seasons, all with the Miami Dolphins, and this is the first year he has played on a winning team. If Miami (9-5) wins Saturday

at Buffalo and if Denver loses Sunday at Kansas City, Wake is in the postseason for the first time.

How sweet would that be? He won't say.

"We'll see when it happens," Wake said. "But right now, I'm thinking of one task. That's Saturday — the Buffalo Bills. Whatever happens after that, we'll talk about that, if and when it happens."

But anyone who knows Wake appreciates what a playoff berth would mean to the Dolphins' defensive end.

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# SCOREBOARD

## TV LISTINGS

**Today**  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
 2:30 p.m.  
 ESPN2 — Auburn at UConn

**4 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Providence at Boston College

**4:30 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Diamond Head Classic, first semifinal, Tulsa-Stephen F. Austin winner vs. San Diego St.-Southern Miss. winner, at Honolulu

**6:30 p.m.**  
 FS1 — Rutgers at Seton Hall

**7 p.m.**  
 BTN — Arkansas St. at Minnesota

**8 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Harvard at Houston

**8:30 p.m.**  
 FS1 — Las Vegas Classic, third-place game, DePaul-Wyoming loser vs. Southern Cal-Missouri St. loser, at Las Vegas

**9 p.m.**  
 BTN — Florida A&M at Wisconsin

**10 p.m.**  
 ESPN2 — Diamond Head Classic, second semifinal, Utah-San Francisco winner vs. Illinois St.-Hawaii winner, at Honolulu

**11 p.m.**  
 FS1 — Las Vegas Classic, championship game, DePaul-Wyoming winner vs. Southern Cal-Missouri St. winner, at Las Vegas

**12:30 a.m. (Saturday)**  
 ESPN2 — Diamond Head Classic, consolation game, Utah-San Francisco loser vs. Illinois St.-Hawaii loser, at Honolulu

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**1 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Bahamas Bowl, E. Michigan vs. Old Dominion, at Nassau, Bahamas

**4:30 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Armed Forces Bowl, Louisiana Tech vs. Navy, at Fort Worth, Texas

**8 p.m.**  
 ESPN — Dollar General Bowl, Ohio vs. Troy, at Mobile, Ala.

**NBA BASKETBALL**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
 NBA — Oklahoma City at Boston

**10:30 p.m.**  
 NBA — Dallas at L.A. Clippers

**RUGBY**  
**2:30 p.m.**  
 NBCSN — English Premiership, Northampton vs. Sale

**UFC star "Cyborg" Justino has potential failed doping test**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Standout UFC fighter Cristiane "Cyborg" Justino has potentially violated the mixed martial arts promotion's anti-doping policy. The UFC announced Justino's apparent failure of a doping test Thursday. The U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which administers the UFC's anti-doping efforts, told the promotion that Justino was flagged for an out-of-competition test Dec. 5.

Justino (17-1) is considered one of the world's top pound-for-pound fighters, and the UFC recently announced the formation of a 145-pound women's featherweight division largely to provide a platform for Justino at her optimal weight. Justino won her first two fights in the UFC earlier this year.

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a handful of decisive plays including his game-sealing interception in the playoffs. The highlight play of his sophomore season lifted

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so well because he put in the work."

As one of Fort White's captains, DJ led his team through their 9-3 season. Although he wasn't happy losing 21-17 to Madison County in the regional finals, he was proud of the work he team put in this past season.

"We played the best we could and there's nothing we can look back on and say we that we didn't do our best," DJ said.

As one of the most valuable players on his team, DJ led his tribe of Indians by not telling them how it's done, but showing them.

"DJ's more like a field general," Demetric said. "He doesn't do a whole lot of talking but when he does talk the guys

the Tigers back to the regional semifinals for a second straight year.

"After watching him play at the junior varsity level, I knew the potential he had," Allen said. "I don't know if I expected him to be this good this early on

the varsity. But week after week he came to play."

Umstead and the Tigers couldn't hack it against Lee in the semifinal round. The season though didn't past without Columbia finding a new leader in the center.

Columbia has licked its wounds and moves into next season with a promising group led by its new-found field general.

"He definitely going to be a good football player for us before it's all said and done," Allen added.

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told him last week about his involvement in the scandal, and athletic director Greg McGarity said the school's athletic association will withhold the money from Beamer's paycheck for what he termed a "mistake in judgment."

# WAKE

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"Since the first day I met him, all he has talked about is wanting to win," first-year coach Adam Gase said.

Wake's drive seemed to redouble after he tore his left Achilles tendon in Game 7 last year. Given his age, there were fears his career might be over, but he chafed at the notion, and instead tackled months of rehab.

He played in only one

preseason game, and the Dolphins limited his snaps early in the season. But by October it was clear Wake had fully recovered, and this week he was chosen for the Pro Bowl for the fifth time.

"Aside from the first one, this one is probably the most meaningful, especially because of the situation that happened with last year being cut short and having to work tremendously hard all the way from last December until now," Wake said.

FRIDAY EVENING												DECEMBER 23, 2016	
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4-MBC	4	4	4	4:58	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00	5:00
5-PBS	5	-	-	5:58	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00	6:00
7-CBS	7	47	47	7:58	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00
9-CBS	9	17	17	9:58	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00	10:00
10-PBS	10	30	30	10:58	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00
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4-ESPN	18	188	204	3:58	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00	4:00
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