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Columbia 8, Taylor County 0

Better together

Tiger teamwork was prominent against Bulldogs.

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When watching the Columbia boys soccer team play against Taylor County on Tuesday night, there was no denying that their teamwork was on full display.

While each player had their moments, the Tigers shined most brightly as a whole.

Together, they made crisp passes and perfectly-executed plays. Their communication was clear as their voices echoed throughout Tiger Stadium, calling for the ball or cheering each other on.

The Tigers' teamwork helped propel Columbia to a 8-0 victory over the Bulldogs, furthering their undefeated winning streak.

"We knew coming in that it was going to be a game where we'd be able to get a lot of guys playing time and really focus on just dribbling the ball and passing the ball," Columbia head coach Shayne Edge said. "We



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Columbia junior Trent Morrison avoids a Taylor County defender as he takes the ball up the field Tuesday. Morrison scored one goal for the Tigers.

kept our shape tonight. We had a lot of guys score which was great. We had a couple seniors score. We had a good time tonight."

The glory was dispersed evenly for Columbia (13-0) tonight. Each of the Tigers' eight goals were scored by different players. The Tigers also shift-

ed positions throughout the night, with each player getting the chance to learn their roles.

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Gainesville 60, Columbia 53



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Columbia's Marquez Bell (11) drives to the basket against Gainesville's Christian Miller-Caldwell.

Stormed

Columbia falls in district opener to GHS Hurricanes.

By **ERIC JACKSON**
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As the contest reached its most pivotal moments, experience proved crucial, and the young Tigers watched the veteran Hurricanes run away triumphantly.

Columbia couldn't maintain its slim lead midway through the fourth as Gainesville turned costly turnovers into points late to secure a 60-53 district win Tuesday night.

"We're not there yet," Columbia head coach Steve Faulkner said about nearly defeating Gainesville for the first time since 2014. "And I emphasize the 'yet.'"

Columbia pushed out

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“We had a lot of guys moving in different positions tonight so they know their positions,” Edge said. “They all played very well. Everybody knew what they were supposed to do.”

At the beginning of Tuesday’s game, the Tigers looked strong as they moved the ball up the field, but they struggled to get the ball in the back of the net. After taking shot after shot, Columbia got on the board with a goal from junior Trent Morrison. Morrison also had three assists for Columbia.

After that, the score gap between the Tigers and Taylor County (0-8-1) got wider and wider.

Junior Nicholas Jerome, senior Darren Brock, senior Jacob Ehrler and sophomore William Burns each scored a goal for the Tigers in the first half.

The second half only lasted 12 minutes, after freshman Trace Umstead, senior Matthew Adams and junior Caleb Strickland added goals of their own, resulting in a 8-0 mercy-rule win over the Bulldogs.

Tonight the Tigers will host Fleming Island (9-0-2) as the two undefeated teams go head to head. Last season, Columbia lost to the Golden Eagles 7-0.

“They’re undefeated, we’re undefeated, they embarrassed us last year,” Edge said. “We want to make sure that we’re ready for them.”



Columbia senior Jodice Shanklin (1) dribbles the ball up the field during Tuesday night’s game against Taylor County. Tigers freshman Trace Umstead (9) fights off a Bulldogs defender. Umstead was one of eight players to score for the Tigers on Tuesday.



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Tigers Darren Brock (11) jumps over the leg of Taylor County’s Garrison Towles (19) while trying to maintain control of the ball. Brock scored one goal for the Tigers. Columbia senior Hunter Houston (15) brings the ball up the field while avoiding a Bulldogs defender.



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Columbia’s TJ Jones (44) drops a floater in the lane against Gainesville Tuesday night. Columbia’s Bobby Fulton takes a jump shot in the the district opener loss. The Tigers fall to 1-2 on the season.

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to a 7-0 lead to open the game. Gainesville though refused to allow its district rival to pull away, cutting into the deficit slowly throughout.

“We’re getting there,” Faulkner added. “We just made some bone-head plays.”

Gainesville (5-0, 2-0) continues its hot start to the season off the efforts of junior forward Christian Miller-Caldwell, who scored a game-high 19 points against Columbia (1-2, 0-1). Senior forward Isaiah Wilson also netted 17 points en route to the Hurricanes’ sixth straight victory over the Tigers.

Columbia guard Marquez Bell anchored the Tigers to their first win last week, but the freshman’s team-high 12 points wasn’t enough to avoid a second-straight loss.

“The majority of the guys getting playing

time are freshmen and sophomores,” Faulkner said. “It’s apart of the growing process for such a young team.”

The Tigers maintained their lead throughout the first half – ahead by nine points at one time – before entering the intermission with a slim two-point advantage.

But it was early in second half when the visiting Hurricanes took their first lead of the district opener. There were six more lead changes before the Hurricanes found a grip in the final minutes thanks to transition turnovers by Columbia.

Columbia guard Carlos Wilson’s 3-point-er with four minutes remaining gave the Tigers a 49-46 lead. Gainesville’s J’len Wilson go-ahead layup soon after was the final lead change of the game as the Hurricanes secured their second district win.

The Tigers aim to snap their two-game losing streak against another district foe, Lake Weir, at home Friday night.

LOCAL GOLF

Hunter wins Black Friday Blitz; DePratter, Hillyard tie for second

Staff Reports

The Country Club at Lake City had 19 players who played in the Black Friday Blitz on November 25. Terry Hunter came in first place with a +15. Cory DePratter and Rich Hillyard tied for second place with a +5. Jonathan Allen, David Burchfield and Bob Randall all tied for fourth place with a +4. Skin winners were: Terry Hunter #2, #10 and #11, Cory DePratter #3, Randy Jewell #4, Timmy Rogers #6, Hank Rone #15 and Bob Randall #17.

The Country Club at Lake City had 15 players who played in the Saturday Blitz on November 26. Jerry West came in first place with a +13. Steve Peters came in second place with a +9. Dave Mehl came in third place with a +7. Cory DePratter and Eli Witt tied for fourth with

a +4. Skin winners were: Bruce Gibson #1, Nick Goff #3 and #6, Mickey Willcox #4, Jerry West #7 and #18, Glen Lambert #8, Terry Hunter #10 and #16 and Cory DePratter #11. The Saturday Blitz costs \$15 plus cart fee and is open to anyone. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.

The Country Club at Lake City had 12 players who played in the Sunday Blitz on November 27. Mike Jacobs came in first place with a +8. Charlie Timmons came in second place with a +3. Dell Sanders and Mickey Willcox tied for third place with a +1. Skin winners were: Timmy Rogers #7, Mike Jacobs #13, Terry Hunter #14 and Hank Rone #16. The “New” Sunday Blitz costs \$30 (\$12 for the Blitz and \$18 for Carry Over Skins) plus cart fee and is open to any-

one and you can tee off at anytime. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.

The Country Club at Lake City had six ladies who played in the LGA Best Nine on Tuesday, November 29. Caroline Stevens came in first place shooting a net score of 34. Peggy Radcliffe came in second place shooting a net 34.5. Nicole Ste-Marie had the only chip in on the day on hole #1 so she took home the chip in pot. A new chip in pot will start next Tuesday.

The Country Club had 25 players who played in the Wednesday Blitz on November 30. A flight winners were: John Raulerson came in first place with a +7. Mike McCranie and Mike Jacobs tied for second place with a +6. B flight winners were: Mickey Willcox came in first place with a +6. Dan

Stewart came in second place with a +5. Charlie Kilpatrick came in third place with a +3. Skin winners were: Buddy Slay #7, Cory DePratter #9 and #10, Mike McCranie #11, David Pope #13 and Mike Jacobs #17. The Pot hole was #12; there were two birdies on the hole so \$102 pot carries over until next Wednesday. The Wednesday Blitz costs \$13 (plus optional pot) plus cart fee and is open to anyone and you can tee off at anytime. Just call the pro shop to make a tee time.

The Good Old Boys Match 1 – Barney Hart, Steve Peters, Steve Crane, Joe Shoniker-6, Joe Persons, Mike Spencer, Emerson Darst, Dan Stephens-5. Match 2 – Jim McGriff, Alan McGriff, Dennis Hendershott, Paul Davis, Eli Witt-10, Mark



Risk, Larry Ward, Jim Bell, Bob Hiers, Bobby Simmons-8.

Good Scores for the Good Old Boys were: Barney Hart 74 (35-39), Bobby Simmons 75 (36-39), Mark Risk 77 (37-40), Joe Persons 76 (40-36), Joe Shoniker 78 (39-39), Steve Peters 79 (39-40), Jim McGriff 79 (37-42). Special congratulations to

Jim McGriff for a hole in one on #7!

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