

# SPORTS

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Section B

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## Tigers' defense showing positive signs

Roger Cray. Graduated. Laquavious Paul. Graduated.

Marcel Edmonds, Tim Dotson, Daylon Sheppard — every single one, graduated.

Columbia's defense now tries to figure it out on its own without senior stars from last year's unit. Six starters, including the entire secondary — lost to graduation.

I had my doubts about the Tigers' defense — still do, quite frankly — but no one can deny the promising performance we saw at Apopka last weekend.

S.L. McCall was feisty. Ronnie Collins was pesky. Alec Norton punished ball carriers. Ethan Umstead pounced on anyone who moved.

"I can't say enough about Ethan," Columbia head coach Brian Allen said after the 28-21 pre-season win. "For sure, this year is his time. I expect him to be a phenomenal player for this program before it's all said and done."

Umstead wasn't the only 2015 reserve who had his coming-out party last Friday night. Kaden Jones, Taurean Hill and Willie Jernigan (who recorded an interception against Apopka) all showed glimpses of their potential competing against the previously ranked No.1 team in Class 8A.

Columbia's defense executed in the clutch, sealing last week's victory on the final play of the game. It likely won't be the last time this season the unit will be depended on to make decisive stands.

The Tigers are, of course, still finding their form — using live-game performances to dictate the precise lineup, yet one thing is becoming clear: The unit won't suffer so much after all, despite the bevy of lost stars.

Columbia's unit this year wants to leave its own legacy, and they just might do that.

"We just need a little help with our DBs," sophomore linebacker Jaylen Brown said of the new secondary. "Once they get right, we're going to have a good team."

The Tigers already have a good team. At least outsiders certainly believe so as Columbia moved up to No. 2 in the Florida High School Football Hybrid Rankings, behind no other than St. Thomas Aquinas.

Kicking off their campaign against Gainesville Thursday night, the Tigers' goal is to catch as much momentum as possible in the season's early goings.

Columbia again has a

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## LOCAL SPORTS

# LADY TIGERS TEAR DOWN THE FORT

CHS volleyball begins season with back-to-back victories.

By **KAYLA LOKEINSKY**  
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FORT WHITE — It all came down to the final set. Only two points stood in the way of victory for both Columbia and Fort White, who were tied at 13 as they battled it out in the fifth set of their girls varsity volleyball match.

Columbia narrowly pulled out their second straight win of the season after they defeated in-town rival Fort White in five sets (24-26, 25-10, 17-25, 25-10, 15-13).

No one thought that the Class 1A Indians (0-1) would be able to beat 7A powerhouse Columbia (2-0), and while they did

come up short, they gave the Tigers a run for their money.

"It was a heart attack," Columbia coach Heather Benson said. "I didn't expect it to be that crazy."

For the Lady Tigers, senior Madison Plyn dominated at the net with 19 kills. Sophomore Mikayla Collins also contributed 11 kills. Setter Daycee Mabile had 26 assists, helping her team add another win to their record, having just come off a 3-1 win over Bell on Monday night.

"The past two games have been the most exciting games I've coached," Collins said. "I think they

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Donny Joiner/Special to the Reporter  
 Columbia's Madison Plyn (7) celebrates Tuesday night.

## NFL

# Hargreaves, Bucs welcome Browns to Florida heat

Buccaneers host joint-practices with Cleveland.

By **FRED GOODALL**  
 Associated Press

TAMPA — Hue Jackson is looking for any edge he can get to turn the Cleveland Browns into winners.

The first-year coach welcomed an opportunity to bring his team to Florida for a pair of joint practices with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers this week, figuring it's not only helpful work leading into a preseason game between the clubs, but

also could prove beneficial when the Browns visit the Sunshine State again next month.

"It is a little hot, it is a little humid, and I'm glad that it is," Jackson said Tuesday. "The hotter the better because that's the way it is going to be as we start during the (regular) season against Miami."

The teams will share the practice fields at One Buccaneer Place again Wednesday, then face each other in a nationally televised exhibition Friday night.

Jackson wants to gauge the Browns' response to

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COURTESY

Former Florida All-American Vernon Hargreaves III made two interceptions during Tuesday's 7v7 against the Cleveland Browns.



Donny Joiner/Special to the Reporter

Columbia's Lexi Guide (2) tries to score over Fort White's Raven Miles (3) during Tuesday night's rivalry match between both county schools. The Lady Tigers won their second-straight game, defeating the Lady Indians in five sets.

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# SCOREBOARD

## TV LISTINGS

Seattle	67	57	.540	5½
Houston	65	60	.520	8
Oakland	53	72	.424	20
Los Angeles	52	72	.419	20½

## NASCAR

### Xfinity Points Leaders Through Aug. 19

1. Elliott Sadler, 737
2. Daniel Suarez, 686
3. Justin Allgaier, 685
4. Ty Dillon, 684
5. Brendan Gaughan, 667
6. Erik Jones, 657
7. Brennan Poole, 631
8. Brandon Jones, 627
9. Darrell Wallace Jr., 574
10. Ryan Reed, 532
11. Blake Koch, 499
12. Ryan Sieg, 487
13. Ross Chastain, 472
14. Dakota Armstrong, 471
15. Jeremy Clements, 465
16. J.J. Yeley, 419
17. Garrett Smithley, 379
18. Ryan Preece, 377
19. Ray Black Jr., 332
20. B J McLeod, 319
21. Joey Gase, 290
22. Jeb Burton, 289
23. Justin Marks, 257
24. David Starr, 229
25. Mario Gosselin, 213

### Wife sentenced for killing 1984 Olympic bronze medalist

**VENTURA, Calif. (AP)** The wife of a 1984 Olympic medalist was sentenced to a potential life sentence on Tuesday for shooting him in what she claimed was self-defense following years of abuse. Jane Laut, 59, was given two mandatory, consecutive prison terms of 25 years to life for first-degree murder and using a gun during the killing, the Ventura County Star reported.

She cried as her husband's relatives delivered victim impact statements, the paper reported.

Laut was the high school sweetheart of David Laut, who won a bronze medal in the shot put at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. At the time of his death, the 52-year-old was athletic director at Hueneme High School in Oxnard.

### Brady ready after 'silly accident' with scissors cuts thumb

**FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP)** — Tom Brady is ready to play after cutting his right thumb with scissors in a "silly accident" before the Patriots' preseason game against the Bears last week.

Brady said Tuesday he missed the first two practices this week for personal reasons, but that he's available and ready to play when New England visits Carolina on Friday.

The 39-year-old quarterback has yet to appear in a game this preseason. He's got two more games before the start of an NFL-issued four-game regular-season suspension for his role in "Deflategate." Brady said the accident with the scissors occurred when he was trying to get something out of his cleat. The scissors slipped and cut his thumb, causing him to "let out probably a pretty loud word I wouldn't repeat in front of my kids."

### Raiders' Underwood looking forward to seeing Raismán

**ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP)** — Raiders tight end Colton Underwood said he never anticipated the kind of attention he would get when he sent gymnast Aly Raisman a video asking the Olympic gold medalist out on a date.

"I was just asking a girl on a date and it sort of turned into something much bigger," Underwood said Tuesday.

Raisman won a gold medal and two silvers at the Rio de Janeiro Games. After receiving the video from Underwood, the 22-year-old tweeted out her acceptance.



DONNY JOINER/Special to the Reporter

Fort White's Rachael Steedley (4) gets denied by Columbia blockers Tuesday night at Fort White.

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played their hearts out."

For the Lady Indians, senior outside hitter Kyle Crews went eight for 11 on kills and had eight digs, while sophomore Andrea Steedley added seven kills and 15 digs. Setter Rachael Steedley had 25 assists.

Although they didn't walk away with a win, Fort White coach Kali Hunter couldn't be more proud of the way her girls played.

"You couldn't ask for a better game, especially against a town rival," Hunter said. "It was a good way to start the season. My girls had a great game."

During the first set, it looked like Columbia would take the win when they were just one point from victory at 24-21. However, four consecutive service points by Fort White's Rachel Steedley and a game-ending kill by her sister Andrea gave the Lady Indians a 26-24 victory.

The momentum changed for Fort White during the second set, when Columbia came out swinging hard, especially Collins and Plyn, who each had two back-to-back kills at different points in the game. The Lady Indians got sloppy, shanking passes and spiking into the net. The Lady Tigers easily took the set 25-10.

The third set went to Fort White, who took an early lead and kept

it throughout the entire match to earn a winning score of 25-17.

However, once again when the teams switched sides for the fourth set, Columbia dominated. They held a 10-point lead for most of the set, and a winning score of 25-10 sent both teams to a final, fifth set.

In the last set, the score went back and forth, with the teams tied for most of the game. With the score tied at 13-13, kills from Collins and junior Haley Shallar gave Columbia the last two points it needed for a 15-13 win over Fort White.

Columbia will play Lake Weir in Ocala on Thursday, and Fort White will be on the road against Suwannee High School on Thursday.

## MLB STANDINGS

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Washington	73	51	.589	—
Miami	65	59	.524	8
New York	62	62	.500	11
Philadelphia	58	67	.464	15½
Atlanta	45	80	.360	28½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	79	45	.637	—
St. Louis	66	57	.537	12½
Pittsburgh	62	60	.508	16
Milwaukee	54	70	.435	25
Cincinnati	53	71	.427	26

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	69	55	.556	—
San Francisco	68	56	.548	1
Colorado	60	65	.480	9½
San Diego	53	72	.424	16½
Arizona	52	73	.416	17½

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Toronto	70	54	.565	—
Boston	70	54	.565	—
Baltimore	68	56	.548	2
New York	63	61	.508	7
Tampa Bay	52	71	.423	17½

Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	72	51	.585	—
Detroit	65	59	.524	7½
Kansas City	64	60	.516	8½
Chicago	59	64	.480	13
Minnesota	49	75	.395	23½

West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Texas	73	52	.584	—

## MLB

# Royals extend streak beating Marlins

By STEVEN WINE  
Associated Press

**MIAMI** — Yordano Ventura escaped two threats while pitching six innings, and the Kansas City Royals extended their winning streak to nine games by beating the Miami Marlins 1-0 on Tuesday night.

Ventura (9-9), who reached 101 mph on the scoreboard radar gun, allowed six hits and one walk while striking out six. Royals starters have an ERA of 1.69 during the winning streak, Kansas City's longest since June 2014.

Three relievers closed out the win and extended the bullpen's streak of 32 consecutive shutout innings since Aug. 10. Kelvin Herrera pitched a perfect ninth for his eighth save.

The Marlins had won three straight but were shut out despite totaling seven hits. They went 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

## SEC

# USC reports 22 NCAA infractions in past year

Associated Press

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — South Carolina's athletic department reported 23 violations of NCAA or Southeastern Conference rules in the past year, nine involving the football team.

Six of the nine violations involving football came since Will Muschamp took over in December. One, though, occurred when ex-coach Steve Spurrier told reporters that the daughter of a former NFL player was visiting campus.

The names of athletes or coaches involved were not included in the documents.



COURTESY

## Lady Tigers fall to Bobcats in season opener

Columbia's girls golf team loss to Buchholz in the team's first match of the season Tuesday afternoon. Shaylin Barber led with a team-low score of 38, but the Lady Tigers couldn't pull out the victory losing 173-163. Pictured: Nicole Dempsey (from left), Tiara Carter, Mary Durrance, Keria Langley, Shaylin Barber, Taylor Shaw and Sydney Tyre. Columbia's boys golf team plays its make-up round this afternoon. Columbia's match versus Suwannee was rained out Tuesday.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING AUGUST 24, 2016

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