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# NASCAR **Dale Earnhardt Jr. to miss at least 2 more races**

Star driver has yet to be cleared after concussion.

#### Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. -Dale Earnhardt Jr. has not been cleared by doctors to return to racing and will miss at least two more races — at Michigan and Darlington — as he recovers from a concussion.

Hendrick Motorsports announced Earnhardt's status Wednesday.

Earnhardt was evaluated by doctors at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Sports Medicine Concussion Program.

**Owner Rick Hendrick** said Earnhardt is working hard to get back and will follow doctors' recommendations for his recovery. Hendrick said the program is fully behind

Earnhardt.

Alex Bowman, who drove for Earnhardt at New Hampshire, will return to drive the No. 88 Chevrolet at Michigan this weekend. Jeff Gordon will fill in at Darlington, where he has won seven races.

Gordon has driven the past four races for Earnhardt.



Dale Earnhardt Jr. will miss races at Michigan and Darlington due to a concussion.



### Columbia looks for 4th straight win over GHS.

#### By ERIC JACKSON ejackson@lakecityreporter.com

There's nothing Gainesville wants more than to retake bragging rights from Columbia. The Hurricanes have fallen in every meeting since 2012.

But Columbia has no plans of loosening its grip on its longtime foe. The visiting Tigers hope to tighten their chokehold on the rivalry in tonight's season opener at Citizen's Field.

"I never like 'relaxed," Columbia's head coach Brian Allen said of his team's demeanor during Wednesday's walkthrough. "But it seems like they're ready. We had a chance to watch film and get a decent evaluation [and] some good feedback from the Apopka game. We feel good about the adjustments we've made." After gaining confidence at Apopka, the Tigers will take the field tonight for the first contest that counts.



Columbia quarterback Davin Schuck throws a pass against Gainesville last year. The Tigers are looking their fourth-straight win over the Hurricanes.





# FWHS VOLLEYBALL **Double Trouble**

**Steedley sisters** bring new talent to Fort White.

#### By KAYLA LOKEINSKY

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FORT WHITE – When Andrea and Rachael Steedley step onto the court during their volleyball games, all they have to do is look at each other to know what the other is there, the two played on thinking. Whether it's a their high school's varsity glance from Rachael, or a team and for a club team. slight nod from Andrea, and this sister act knows Hunter said. "When I found just what to do to score.

The Steedley sisters are White High School and the me gifts.'' newest stars of the girls varsity volleyball team.

starting setter with a kill- grade, and over the years er serve. Andrea, 14, is a have developed their own starting outside hitter with form of communication on a wicked spike. Together, the court.

upcoming season.

"Losing in five sets by only two points to a team that's a 7A school, I think we'll be pretty good with our own level of girls," Andrea said.

"I think we have a lot of potential," Rachael added.

While the girls are Fort White natives, they recently moved back to the area after living in Wyoming for five years. While they were

"They're very talented," out they were coming I was so happy. I said, 'I've been both sophomores at Fort living right. God is sending

Rachael and Andrea have been playing volley-Rachael, 15, is the ball together since second

this setter-hitter duo means "I can just look at her and know exactly what we're "They don't even have to thinking about," Andrea said. "With her, if she doesn't give me a perfect set, I tell her and she fixes it, and it's perfect how I want it to be the next time." Although the girls operate like a well-oiled machine, they still have the occasional arguments that are inevitable between sisters. "It's good sometimes and bad sometimes," Rachael said. "I know exactly where she wants a set. It's almost like we can tell each other stuff on the court without even saving anything, so that's cool. But sometimes we get mad at each other easily." Since the Steedleys have been back in Fort White

Columbia is looking for its fourth straight victory over the Hurricanes.

"I feel good about our matchups," Allen said. "It's just a matter of going out there and executing.'

The Tigers are pleased with their young defense's performance last week. Facing Gainesville's experienced offensive line, Columbia's unit will again

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ERIC JACKSON/Lake City Reporter

Columbia's Davin Schuck and Nathan Maxwell (left) share a few words during a break at Wednesday's practice. Cornerback Derontae Jordan (right) makes a catch.

### FLORIDA STATE FOOTBALL FSU's Walker looking to build on last season



Florida State defensive end DeMarcus Walker is ready for a big season this year.

### 'Noles star had double-digit sacks in 2015.

#### By JOE REEDY Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE — When DeMarcus Walker became the first Florida best." State player since 2012 to post double-digit sacks, many thought he would leave early for the NFL draft.

Instead, Walker has season and anchors what could be a talented defense for the fourth-ranked Seminoles.

The 6-foot-3, 280-pound defensive end is also trying to become only the second

player in school history to record 10 or more sacks in consecutive seasons. Peter Boulware had 10 in 1995 and then set a single-season school record with 19 the following year.

"I don't worry about the numbers," Walker said. "All I can do is give it my

Walker started three games as a freshman but said everything didn't start to finally click until midway through his sophomore year. By then, he returned for his senior was finally able to adjust from knowing the playbook to more naturally reading and reacting to plays.

After having only two

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double trouble for their nod my head, and we just opponents.

talk to each other to communicate," Lady Indians head coach Kali Hunter said. "Rachael can give Andrea a look and Andrea knows exactly what to do. Andrea always knows when to pick up a ball that Rachael can't set. They don't even have to speak; they just have that sister's intuition."

This communication came in handy during the girls' first game of the season against local rival Columbia High School on Tuesday night. Rachael had 25 assists, seven of which resulted in kills for Andrea. Andrea also had 15 digs that match. Although their team lost in five sets, the fact that they came so close to winning was enough to psych the girls up for the

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DONNY JOINER/Special to the Reporter

Rachael Steedley (left) and Andrea Steedley celebrate a point during their volleyball match Tuesday night.

# **SCOREBOARD**

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#### **TV LISTINGS**

#### Todav BASEBALL

3 p.m.

ESPN — Little League World Series, elimination game, Nuevo Leon, Mexico-Sydney winner vs. Aguadulce, Panama-Seoul loser, at South Williamsport, Pa.

#### 7:30 p.m.

ESPN — Little League World Series, elimination game, Johnston, Iowa-Goodlettsville, Tenn. winner vs. Endwell, N.Y. -Bowling Green, Ky., loser, at South Williamsport, Pa.

#### **CFL FOOTBALL** 7:30 p.m.

ESPN2 — British Columbia at Ottawa

#### GOLF

5:30 a.m. GOLF — European PGA Tour, Made In Denmark, first round, at Farso, Denmark

#### 9:30 a.m.

GOLF — European PGA Tour, Made In Denmark, first round, at Farso, Denmark

#### Noon

GOLF — Web.com Tour, WinCo Foods Portland Open, first round, at North Plains, Ore.

2 p.m. GOLF — PGA Tour, The Barclays, first round, at Farmingdale, N.Y.

#### 6 p.m. GOLF — LPGA Tour, Canadian Pacific Women's Open, first round, at Calgary,

### Alberta

HORSE RACING 4 p.m.

FS2 - Saratoga Live, at Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

#### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

1 p.m. MLB — Boston at Tampa Bay OR Detroit at Minnesota

#### 7 p.m. MLB — N.Y. Mets at St. Louis OR Baltimore at Washington

#### 11 p.m. MLB — San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers OR Atlanta at Arizona (games joined in

progress)

#### NFL FOOTBALL

8 p.m. NBC — Preseason, Atlanta vs. Miami, at Orlando

10 p.m. NFL — Preseason, Dallas at Seattle

#### **MLB STANDINGS**

#### American League

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Boston	71 54 .568	—
Baltimore	69 56 .552	2
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Tampa Bay	52 72 .419	18½

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	Central Division		declare Kobe Bryant Day in honor of the					
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	W L Pct	GB	Councilman Jose Huizar said					
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Kansas City	65 60 .520	7	way of thanking Bryant for his excel-					
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Minnesota	49 76 .392	23	efforts across Los Angeles.					
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San Diego	53	74	.417	18

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**Central Division** 

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#### NASCAR XFINITY **STANDINGS**

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#### With no deal, Chargers withdraw offer to first-rounder Bosa

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers have withdrawn their contract offer to first-round draft pick Joey Bosa and will restructure a new deal that takes into account his absence from the team

The Chargers' statement Wednesday said they believe "Joey will be unable to contribute for the full 16-game season without the adequate time on the practice field, in the classroom, and in preseason games." They characterized their previous offers to the Ohio state defensive end as fair and structurally consistent with the contracts of every other Chargers player." Bosa is the only first-rounder who has not signed with his team.

Negotiations stalled over when Bosa's \$17 million bonus would be distributed and offset language in the contract. San Diego said it offered an initial signing bonus payment larger than any draftee received in the last two drafts, and more money in 2016 than anyone draftee except Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz.

#### City officials declare Kobe Bryant Day in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lakers fans packed Los Angeles City Hall chambers

# NFL **Redskins acquire former FSU** center Bryan Stork from Pats

#### Associated Press

Washington acquired center Bryan the Patriots, but suffered Stork from the New his fourth concussion in England Patriots Wednesday for an undis- the door for second-year closed draft pick.

games the past two sea- games last season. sons, but started just six in 2015 after spending time quarterback on the physically unable Garoppolo said earlier in cussion and neck issues. Massachusetts. The 25-year-old started

pick, 105th overall, in the It's tough to see one of

#### NFL

Redskins the starting center job with on four years. The trade opens player David Andrews, Stork appeared in 21 who replaced Stork for 10

"It's tough," Patriots Iimmv

the Super Bowl for New There's a lot of move-England two seasons ago. ment between teams and Stork, a fourth-round players and everything.

Jaguars' Denard Robinson practicing with heavy heart

#### **Bv MARK LONG** Associated Press

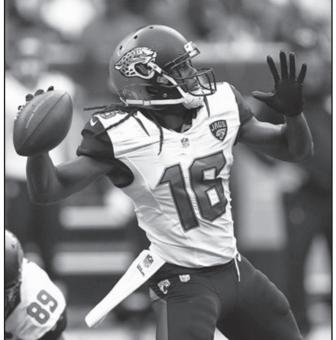
JACKSONVILLE-Denard Robinson has a new T-shirt hanging in his locker that he plans to wear under his Jacksonville Jaguars jersey this season.

It contains a simple message, one few people will ever see and even fewer would understand.

"Be Like Carlos."

For Robinson, though, it means everything. The former Michigan All-American is mourning the death of one of his best friends, 25-year-old Carlos Senluis. Senluis was shot and killed in a road rage incident in Deerfield Beach earlier this month, and Robinson is still trying to cope with the loss.

"He was like a brother to me," Robinson said Tuesday. "I grew up with him. His mom was my mom. My mom was his Robinson plans to dedicate mom. He would hang out his first touchdown this at my house without me season to the memory of being there, and I could do his friend and give the ball that same with his family. to Senluis' mother.



Jaguars running back Denard Robinson goes to pass.

So Robinson has some-According thing of his own planned. Broward Sheriff's Office, A college quarterback Senluis and a passenger, turned NFL running back, another close friend of Robinson's, were driving home on Aug. 5 around 10:30 p.m. when Senluis apparently flashed his headlights at another car

2014 draft, went into train- your guys go like that, ASHBURN, Va. — The ing camp in competition for but that's the business I guess."

In Stork, the Redskins get valuable depth at the center position. The Redskins have 31-year-old Kory Lichtensteiger as the starting center, but he missed 11 regular-season games last season with a neck injury.

Spencer Long replaced to perform list with con- the day in Foxborough, him then and was getting work as the backup cen-"It's that time of year. ter in training camp and preseason games. Long is a natural guard competing with Shawn Lauvao to start on the left side.

**USNWT Hope Solo** out for 6 months

Associated Press

CHICAGO-U.S. women's national team goalkeeper Hope Solo has been suspended for six months for what U.S. Soccer termed conduct "counter to the organization's principles."

The suspension is effective immediately.

U.S. Soccer President Sunil Gulati said Wednesday that comments Solo made after the U.S. lost to Sweden during the Rio Olympics were "unacceptable and do not meet the standard of conduct we require from our National Team players."

Solo called Sweden a "bunch of cowards" after the Swedes beat the U.S. 4-3 on penalties following a 1-1 draw in the quarterfinals of the Olympic tournament.

Solo, who was previously suspended for 30 days early in 2015 for her conduct, will not be eligible for selection to the national team until February.

## **RIO GAMES** McIlroy glad to be wrong

Associated Press

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FARMINGDALE, N.Y. - This is one time Rory McIlroy says he was happy to be mistaken.

McIlroy was among the top four players in the world who chose not to play in the Olympics, and the four-time major champion didn't help the cause when he said it was not his role to grow the game and that he would only watch "the stuff that matters" on television. He did watch the golf - at least the final hole, when Justin Rose outlasted Henrik Stenson to win golf's first gold medal in 112 years. Golf did its part with tickets that cost about \$16. It was the only sellout among Olympic venues on Sunday of the men's final round.

## 52 74 .413 Arizona

That's how close we were."

Robinson missed one day of training camp to hopes the gesture will be attend Senluis' funeral, but was unable to make a public tribute at Deerfield Beach High School, where Robinson was a football/ track superstar and Senluis was a standout baseball player.

away the pain, but he another reminder of how much he loved and misses his friend.

"It's been tough," Robinson said. "Just seeing somebody that you really care about gone and then you see his mom. She's like my mom."

He knows it won't take The driver of the other car, 28-year-old Clarck Paul, followed Senluis home and then opened fire into the car after an unprovoked exchange.

Robinson had just finished a scrimmage at EverBank Field when he got the call that Senluis had been shot.

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# NASCAR Top Sprint Cup teams face struggle to stay there

#### By PETE IACOBELLI Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. Keeping a dynasty seems moves on." even more challenging than creating one. Just ask Hall of Fame car owner Rick year, although he has driv-Hendrick.

fielded 11 Sprint Cup cham- ing from a concussion that pions over the past 21 years, has put his playoffs in doubt. won 242 Sprint Cup races Chase Elliott, Gordon's and just two seasons ago replacement, stands 12th in had all four of his star driv- points and is a good bet to ers— Jimmie Johnson, Jeff keep his spot in the chase. Gordon, Dale Earnhardt Kahne, at 17th, needs a vic-Jr. and Kasey Kahne — in tory to guarantee moving the 16-team championship on. chase.

Hendrick's only surefire star," Hendrick said. "And if contender locked into the you're not willing to invest in Hendrick understands it's comes." a time of transition for his proud, powerful organiza- toward that last week, signtion.

Gordon are 40 years old,"

And brings change.

Gordon retired last en the past four races for The NASCAR titan has Earnhardt, who is recover-

"I think everybody's These days, Johnson is looking for that next superchase, although he's got oth- the future, then you're going ers knocking on the door. to be in a bind when the time

Hendrick took steps ing 18-year-old truck series "You sign guys and you leader William Byron to race

can't believe that Jimmie Xfinity cars next season. In which is developing several really well, but it's not one Motor Speedway, the Johnson, or Dale or Jeff Hendrick's eyes, Byron is young drivers. Xfinity driver thing, it's a very good foun-highest finish for a Roush that budding star who'll Erik Jones will advance to Hendrick said. "But time keep the organization chas- Sprint Cup with Toyota team all starts with Coach Gibbs," ing checkered flags for a Furniture Row Racing next Edwards said. "It's cool to be no one at RFR is satisfied long time.

Byron raced trucks for Kyle Busch Motorsports old JGR driver, was part of and looked to have a future at Joe Gibbs Racing, the current power player in NASCAR. But with Busch, the defending Sprint Cup champion, Carl Edwards and Denny Hamlin all in their 30s (the fourth member is 44-year-old Matt Kenseth), there may not be room for quartet — think of the advancement at JGR.

David Wilson, president and general manager, Toyota Racing Development, USA, said Byron was a talent they hated to lose. "I don't think we were anticipating the next step this soon," he said. "I don't think William soon."

Don't fret for Toyota,

vear.

Daniel Suarez, a 24-year-NASCAR Next and its Drive for Diversity program. He became the first Mexicanborn driver to win a NASCAR race when he took two months.

All, though, will have to Golden State Warriors on wheels — have won 10 of 23 races this season and are all 15th in points, but would and he moved up to No. locked into the playoffs for a get knocked out if race win- 30 — the required placing championship run.

level of cooperation between very competitive teams and sharp.

"Yeah, we're running

dation of teamwork and it Fenway driver this season. a part of it."

with 135 Sprint Cup wins made in returning to the and two championships, has top. also dealt with changes in recent years and the need to find young talent. Once a perennial title contender, the race," Stenhouse said. the Xfinity race at Michigan organization that featured 2003 title winner Kenseth year's Xfinity champion and Edwards is crossing and is on an extended run wait their time. The JGR its fingers looking for one in Front Row's affiliation chase entry.

ner Trevor Bayne, 25, stands put him in playoff position Edwards, the group's Buescher both maintain his fifth place at Bristol. A newest member, said the their spots inside the top 30 few more strong showings in points.

to Kevin Harvick at Bristol full Sprint Cup season.

Stenhouse said although with this year's results, he Roush Fenway Racing, thinks strides have been

"We passed some cars that were running (well) and leading laps throughout the

Buescher, 25, was last with Roush Fenway. His Former Daytona 500 win- win at Pocono last month ners Tony Stewart and Chris to make the Chase — with at Michigan, Darlington Ricky Stenhouse Jr., the and Richmond the next few was anticipating it this drivers keeps all of them 28-year-old who's 19th in weeks and Buescher will be points, was second Sunday racing for a title in his first

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since June, they've had plenty of time to get to know their new teammates at summer and fall practices before the start of the official season.

"I was a little apprehensive about how they would gel with the team, just because they're new," Hunter said. "But they came in and they're just a part of the family. They're actually bringing the rest of the girls together. They played at such a high level back in Wyoming that they're bringing that back to Fort White, which is just awesome."

Andrea and Rachael plan to join a club volleyball team in Gainesville at the end of Fort White's season, to keep up their skills during the off season.

"We're constantly putting in work," Andrea said. "We're looking to get as much open gym time as we





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# MLB Marlins ace helps snap Royals' streak

By STEVEN WINE Associated Press

MIAMI — Jose Fernandez pitched seven innings and appeared to avoid a serious injury when he tweaked his right leg on his final pitch Wednesday night, helping the Miami Marlins beat Kansas City 3-0 to snap the Royals' nine-game winning streak.

Fernandez (13-7) pulled up after striking out Christian Colon to end the seventh, and rubbed his right knee before limping to the dugout.

The Marlins pinch-hit for him in the bottom of the seventh, and no injury was announced. Fernandez was laughing with teammates in the dugout in the ninth inning and joined in the postgame celebration on the field. His nine strikeouts increased his season total to 213, breaking the Marlins record of 209 set by Ryan Dempster in 2000. Fernandez allowed six hits and won for the first time since July 23 to snap his three-game losing streak, a career worst. Fernandez also had the Marlins' first two hits, hiking his average to .286, and improved to 27-2 at Marlins Park. Christian Yelich broke a scoreless tie in the sixth with a two-run single. The Royals went 0 for 8 with runners in scoring position against Fernandez. They loaded the bases in the second, but Fernandez escaped by retiring Paulo Orlando and Colon. Their first two batters singled in the sixth, but Alex Gordon struck out and Alcides Escobar bounced into a double play. Orlando struck out in all four at-bats against Fernandez. Fernando Rodney pitched around two singles and walk in the ninth for his 25th save and eighth with Miami. He was helped by a spectacular leaping catch by shortstop Adeiny Hechavarria to rob Escobar. Dillon Gee (5-7) allowed only two of the first 18 batters to reach — and both times it was Fernandez. He had an infield single in the third and another single in the sixth, when Gee proceeded to unravel.

we can."

can and play whatever club Rachael Steedley (left) bumps the ball. Andrea Steedley (right) spikes the ball over the net during Fort White's volleyball game against Columbia High School on Tuesday. The Steedley sisters are both starters for FWHS.

# WALKER

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sacks his first two seasons, Walker said it wasn't until his junior season when he was able to "master the playbook and going out studied more NFL tapes to make plays." Besides the 10.5 sacks, Walker used by Houston's J.J. Watt, had 15.5 tackles for loss, Philadelphia's Fletcher five passes defensed, four Cox, Oakland's Khalil Mack forced fumbles and an and Kansas City's Justin interception.

Another reason for his the staff last year.

season in Orlando against blocks on the edge. No. 11 Mississippi.

teams as a sign of respect, squad that won a nationbut said he has learned al championship, Walker to laugh about it because has tried to become a that should free up others more vocal leader on the to get to the quarterback. defense. Defensive coordi-Besides Walker, Florida nator Charles Kelly said he State returns defensive wanted Walker to become tackle Derrick Nnadi and more assertive, which he defensive end Josh Sweat. has done. There's also sophomore defensive back Derwin he can do to help the team James, who can drop into when it comes to things the box and play as a down like pass rush, focus on lineman in certain pass the playbook," Nnadi said. rushing situations.

of the double teams. "Just out."

because you're going to get chipped doesn't mean that you don't start rushing. I still have to get to the quarterback and create pressure."

To get ready for more double teams, Walker has to pick up on techniques Houston.

NFL scouts consider breakthrough was working Walker a very good defendwith defensive line coach er at stopping the run Brad Lawing, who joined because of his upper-body strength, but there are still During preseason prac- some doubts about whethtices, Walker has been er he can be a consistent seeing plenty of dou- pass rusher. He doesn't ble teams and chipping. have great athleticism, but He figures to see plen- many scouts think Walker's ty more on Sept. 5 when handwork is strong and that the Seminoles open the his strength helps him shed

As one of the few players Walker sees the double remaining from the 2013

"He's doing everything "Anytime someone needs "It's a good compliment, help, he's there to help that but you can't let it get to person out. He will go out your head," Walker said of his way to help someone

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be challenged tonight.

Defensive tackle Robbie Moon (concussion) is back in the mix after missing the Preseason Classic. The senior star will anchor the Tigers' defensive front in what should be a formidable Week 1 test.

"We've just got to fly around the football," Moon said. "It's going to be a good rivalry game. It always is. They're going to play the best they can against us, and we're going to play our best against them. Our whole team is ready."

Columbia's offense aims to build on positives shown in last week's exhibition match. The high-powered unit, led by senior quarterback Davin Schuck, hopes to find a rhythm in the game's early goings.

Schuck recorded over 100 yards in both passing and rushing categories last week.

Schuck and company must do without starting running back Kamario Bell for another week as he recovers from illness. Teon Dollard, who scored the go-ahead touchdown at Apopka, is expected to handle the majority of carries against Gainesville.

As backup running back Stanley Maxwell (doubtful) nurses a groin injury, Lorinza Jelks and Seth Booz should also see some action against the Hurricanes.

The Tigers capitalized



BRENT KUYKENDALL/Special to the Reporter Columbia running back Teon Dollard is expected to take majority of carries with Kamario Bell (illness) out Thursday night against Gainesville.

on favorable field position last week after the defense repeatedly forced timely turnovers. Columbia's offense could find a spark if the defense creates problems at Gainesville.

Gainesville's Caelean Christian is gone. The Hurricanes unveil their new starting quarterback, Luke Matthews - son of former Gators signal-caller Shane Matthews against a hungry Columbia defense tonight.

"I'm really ready to get after him," Moon added. "Let him know what it feels like to get hit."

The Tigers likely will start their new season

with a victory if they can confuse the sophomore quarterback.

After last week's victory over the former No.1 in Class 8A, the Tigers are starting to realize how good they can become. Confident — but not cocky.

"We're just trying to [keep them] as hungry and humble as possible," Allen added. "I think we did a good job of that this week with these kids. They're ready to go. I always say this game is the biggest one because it's our next one, and that's how we're approaching it."