

BULLDOGS: Boys settle for 2nd place in region, girls red-hot

our best game and we needed to tonight. We made a few mistakes that costed us. The region tournament is a new season. We go back to 0-0 and need to go on a winning streak to see how many games we can win in a row." Lady Dawgs finishes regular season on five game winning streak, defeats Lady Indians

The Lanier County Lady Dawgs ended their regular season with a 52-38 victory over Region 2A rival Irwin County Lady Indians in Ocilla.

The win would give the Lady Dawgs five straight wins to finish the season and a 13-8 (9-5) record.

The Lady Dawgs would get off to an early lead, dominating the first quarter with a 13-3 lead when time expired.

They continued to toy with the Lady Indians in the second quarter and went up as much as 21-6 before the Irwin girls began a comeback effort, going on a 14-5 run to end the half.

Ciara Riley knocked down a three for the Lady Indians to shave their deficit to a single-digit 25-18 disadvantage.

Before the clock went off for half-time, Tae'driuna Hodges was fouled by Tynasja Sirmans at the basket and cashed in on both free throws to bring the Lady Indians within five to head into the locker room with the score at 25-20 as Lanier still led.

"We were executing early in the game, but we have a tendency of having ups and downs," Lady Dawgs Head Coach Sandy Turner said. "I always tell them that we can't get too high on our performance because that's what we're supposed to do."

But it would go back to Lanier



Lanier County's Keke Smalls (24) drives to the basket against Irwin County Wednesday in Ocilla.

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dominating in the second half, taking back the double-digit lead after Sirmans hit two free throws with 4:22 left in the third quarter to get a 31-20 lead.

The Lady Dawgs would go up as much as 15 points after Jada Camon rebounded her own shot.

But the Riley immediately went down to the other side of the court to make a three to bring the score to 37-25 at the end of the third quarter.

The Lady Dawgs would never relinquish the lead, clinching the win and a five-game winning streak to end the regular season.

"Like I always say, it's all about changing the culture of Lady Dawgs basketball," Turner said. "Discipline is not a bad thing and that's part of it to make these ladies believe that we can win at a very high level."

They now await the Region 2A tournament which will begin on February 11.

"We have to wait and see how everything plays out to see where we finish in the region tournament," Turner said. "Right now, it's looking like we're the fourth seed heading into the region tournament."

BLAZERS: Sign 27 on National Signing Day

lection, Week Three Big Bend Lineman of the Week with a Grade of 98% and eight knockdowns.

Levontre Daniels OL 6-4 315 Starke, Fla. Bradford HS

Two-time All-Area, Team captain, four-year starter, Northeast Florida All-Star.

Damien Deloney DL 6-3 250 Jacksonville, Fla. First Coast HS

45 tackles, five sacks, one interception, two fumble recoveries as a senior. 1st Team All-Gateway, 3rd Team All-First Coast.

Sam Edwards QB 6-2 180 St. Augustine, Fla. St. Augustine HS

Two-time All-Conference. 2019 FACA District 6-6A All District Honorable Mention. 2020 All-State Honorable Mention. First Team All First Coast. Two-time Team Captain. 2020 Team MVP. 2020 Elite 11 Invite. 2020 Week 5 ESPN JAX Athlete of the Week. 2020 Week 10 Saint Johns County Player of the Week. Career: 4,805 yards, 60 total TDs. Threw for 2,233 yards and 31 TDs as a senior.

Maurice Howard RB 6-1 190 Dalton, Ga. Dalton HS

Team Offensive MVP, three-year starter, 741 all-purpose yards and six TDs in eight games.

Jaylen Jackson DB 5-11 158 Stockbridge, Ga. Stockbridge HS

2020 1st Team All-Region (Region 4-5A), two-time All-State Honorable Mention, two-year team captain.

Robert Jacobs K/P 5-10 170 Blackshear, Ga. Pierce County HS

Three-time All-Region, K/P for USA National Team, All-State Honorable Mention, 2020 state champion, two-time region champion, NKR Camp Top Specialist, four-year starter.

Jordan Jones LB 6-0 185 Thomasville, Ga. Thomas County Central HS

Two-time All-Region, four-year starter, 89 tackles, one forced fumble, one

fumble recovery, five pass break-ups and two blocked kicks.

Lamont Jones DL 6-3 250 Forsyth, Ga. Mary Persons HS

Three-year starter in football and basketball. 31 Tackles and five tackles for loss in eight games.

Kam Robinson WR 5-9 165 Jefferson, Ga. Jefferson HS

Region 8-4A Specialist of the Year; 4A All-State Returner: GACA & Recruit Georgia, Georgia High School Football Daily State Player of the Week (three punt return TDs, four total TDs and 325 total yards).

Dorian Smith CB 5-10 169 Fort Valley, Ga. Peach County HS

Two sport standout. Started three years in football and four years in basketball. First team all-region football.

Brett Stefan DL 6-4 250 Woodstock, Ga. Woodstock HS

First Team All-Region selection.

Treyson Speaks WR 5-11 170 Savannah, Ga. New Hampstead HS

Two-time State Champion 400m, All-Greater Savannah Team Football and track, First Team All-Region 3-4A.

TJ Spradley CB 5-10 165 Moultrie, Ga. Colquitt County HS

Second Team Georgia MaxPreps All-State, 38 Tackles, five interceptions, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and three blocked kicks.

Charles Stegall OL 6-3 320 Hazlehurst, Ga. Jeff Davis HS

First team All-Region, two-year starter.

Anthony Trepen TE 6-3 225 Brooksville, Fla. Nature Coast Technical HS

First team All-County, First Team All-District, three-time district champion, three-year starter.

Cedric Wynn CB 5-9 160 Leesburg, Ga. Lee County HS

Second Team All-Region 1-6A, 51 Tackles, four interceptions



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Valwood quarterback Pate Hogan sits with his family after signing a letter of intent to attend the University of West Georgia Wednesday.

VALIANTS: Hamsley, Hogan sign from football

ball field to the volleyball court, Kennedy Kimbro signed her letter of intent to attend Columbia College.

Kimbro played the center position for the Valiants all four years.

In those four years, she posted 2,273 assists, 267 aces, 647 digs and 235 kills. Known as KK at the school, Kimbro was four-time All-Region selection, three-time all-state and team captain for three years. KK ended her dominant run the most fitting way — winning the State Championship her senior year.

Kimbro was excited about the opportunity to play for Columbia, especially with everything that comes with it.

"After visiting the school and working out with the team I knew I wanted to be here." Kimbro said.

"I'm very excited and is looking forward to being close to family and loves the area and school."

From the volleyball court to the diamond, Valiants star Mac McRae also signed with the University of West Georgia.

McRae had a great run with Valwood and is not finished yet depending on the upcoming season. The past three years he has been able to step on the diamond, he has been amazing.

McRae started as a freshman and was dominant as he was an All-Region performer his first year. As a sophomore, he made All-Region and All-State as a pitcher. McRae's junior year was cut short due to COVID-19, but he has already established himself as a college prospect.

During the ceremony, Henderson

gave a rousing speech to the athletes, emphasizing to them that playing at Valwood can send them to the next level in athletics.

"The myth that you can not go to college for athletics at Valwood School is once again debunked," Henderson said. "Today, we have an FBS football player signing to play football, a player signing to play Division II football at an elite school. It is the toughest conference in D-II. We also have a Division II baseball player signing and a volleyball player signing. We have a volleyball player at Georgia Tech and this year, we have two golfers that have signed to play Division I golf. If you are interested in academics, we have a 90% acceptance rate to the University of Georgia, which is better than any in the country."



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Valdosta State head coach Gary Goff congratulates Black team receiver Brian Saunders (2) after a touchdown during the team's fall scrimmage Nov. 14, 2020 at Bazemore-Hyder Stadium.

Kick Off – Joint Public Hearing For Lowndes County and Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta Comprehensive Plan Update

A public hearing will be held at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021, in the Lowndes County Commissioners Meeting Room, located at 327 N. Ashley St., Valdosta, Georgia, to announce the beginning of the 2021 Comprehensive Plan Update for Lowndes County and Cities of Dasher, Hahira, Lake Park, Remerton, and Valdosta. The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the Comprehensive Plan, announce opportunities for public participation in development of the plan and obtain input on the proposed planning process. Person with special needs relating to disability access or foreign language should contact the County Clerk at the Lowndes County Commission Office at (229) 671-2400. Persons with hearing disabilities may consider using the Georgia Relay Service at 1-800-255-0135. All persons are invited to attend the public hearing. If you would like more information, please contact the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners at (229) 671-2400 or Elizabeth Backe at the Southern Georgia Regional Commission at (229)333-5277.

Clarkson's 23 points power Jazz past slumping Hawks, 112-91

ATLANTA (AP) — Jordan Clarkson sank five 3-pointers while scoring 23 points and the Utah Jazz protected the NBA's best record with a runaway 112-91 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Thursday night.

Bojan Bogdanovic had 21 points and Donovan Mitchell added 18 for Utah (17-5). Atlanta point guard Trae Young was held out with a bruised right calf. Rajon Rondo made his second start of the season and did not score. Another starter, forward De'Andre Hunter (right knee), missed his third consecutive game.

John Collins led Atlanta with 17 points. The Hawks have lost three consecutive games and four of their last

five. Utah couldn't pull away from the short-handed Hawks until outscoring Atlanta 35-26 in the third period.

"In the second half I feel like we started attacking defensively," Clarkson said. "... The biggest thing that we kind of preach ... is getting the stops because that's going to fuel the offense."

Without Young, their leading scorer, the Hawks' offense struggled.

After failing to lead at any point of its 116-92 loss at Utah on Jan. 15, Atlanta led 2-0 when Kevin Huertler opened the game with a jumper. It was the Hawks' only lead.

Huertler had 16 points.

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACE CHANGE VOTERS IN PRECINCT 3 NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH TO MATHIS AUDITORIUM

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 21-2-265, notice is hereby given that Precinct 3, Northside Baptist Church, has withdrawn as an elections polling place, and has been replaced by Mathis Auditorium, 2300 N Ashley St, Valdosta, for future Elections.

New precinct cards for those voters assigned to the new polling location will arrive in the mail.

Any questions may be forwarded through email (elections@lowndescounty.com), mail (Lowndes County Elections, PO Box 10130, Valdosta, GA 31604), or by coming to the office M – F, 8 – 5 (2808 N Oak St, Valdosta GA 31602).

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