The Avery High football team continued its march in the Class 1AA state playoffs Friday night.

The Vikings, with quarterback Alex Villanueva back in the lineup, defeated Swain County 30-12 in Western Quarterfinals at MacDonald Stadium. The Vikings rolled up 401 yards of offense; Villanueva, who sat out last week's game nursing a shoulder injury, was 13-26 for 243 yards and a pair of touchdowns.
Kody Hughes was on the receiving end both times. He had two catches on the night for 105 yards, which included a 74-yard strike in the second quarter that gave Avery (10-3) a 14-0 lead. Taylor Potter rambled 27 yards with 3:50 left in the first half, giving Avery a commanding 21-0 lead at the intermission.
Potter scored twice on the night; Colton Blackburn ran for 95 yards, and as a team, the Vikings picked up 158 rushing yards. Defensively, the Vikings held Swain County (7-5) to 193 yards. Colton Blackburn led the way with 15 tackles and a forced fumble. Lucas Lecka had 12 stops, including three quarterback sacks and three tackles-for-loss; Kenny Hicks had two quarterback sacks and 2.5 tfl.
The Vikings now move on to the Western Semifinals. They will play Mitchell, a 35-29 winner over West Wilkes, at home next Friday night beginning at 7:30 pm. The winner of that game will get the winner of Albermarle or Monroe in the Western championship game on December 3. And with the Vikngs the No.1 seed, they would host that game.

In other games, in Class 3A, Hibriten advances to semifinal play by knocking off East Henderson 38-25. The Panthers will now play Asheville at home next Friday night; and in Class 4A, A.C. Reynolds defeated Sun Valley 24-21. The Rockets take on Porter Ridge in the western semifinals next Friday night in Asheville.

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Friday's North Carolina Scores

CLASS 4-AA EAST (1) Wake Forest-Rolesville 21, (5) Raleigh Wakefield 0

(2) Garner 35, (6) Apex Middle Creek 20

MIDEAST (1) Fayetteville Seventy-First 54, (4) Fayetteville Britt 36

(2) Apex Panther Creek 35, (3) Fuquay-Varina 28

MIDWEST (1) Richmond County 45, (4) Northwest Guilford 21

(2) Matthews Butler 35, (3) Greensboro Page 14

WEST (1) Charlotte Mallard Creek 49, (4) Charlotte Ardrey Kell 23

(3) Charlotte Vance 17, (7) Huntersville Hopewell 7

CLASS 4-A EAST (1) New Bern 38, (4) Clayton 22

(2) Southeast Raleigh 38, (3) Southern Durham 7

MIDEAST (1) Durham Hillside 53, (4) Pembroke Swett 13

(6) Lee County 28, (2) Dudley 12

MIDWEST (5) Davie County 30, (1) Winston-Salem Mt. Tabor 29

(7) High Point Central 21, (3) Jamestown Ragsdale 14

WEST (1) Asheville Reynolds 24, (4) Sun Valley 21

(2) Indian Trail Porter Ridge 47, (6) West Charlotte 7

CLASS 3-AA EAST (1) Wilson Hunt 37, (4) West Carteret 17

(3) Northern Nash 37, (2) South Central Pitt 10

MIDEAST (3) Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons 28, (7) Fayetteville Byrd 27

(5) Northern Guilford 34, (1) Hope Mills Gray's Creek 27

MIDWEST (1) Kannapolis Brown 28, (4) Statesville 14

(2) Charlotte Catholic 58, (6) Weddington 14

WEST (3) Shelby Crest 34, (2) Morganton Freedom 7

(5) Asheville Erwin 57, (1) Belmont South Point 56, OT

CLASS 3-A EAST (1) Havelock 21, (5) Southern Vance 14

(3) South Brunswick 42, (7) Southern Wayne 14

MIDEAST (1) Northeast Guilford 42, (4) South Johnston 35

(3) Eastern Alamance 31, (7) Mt. Pleasant 13

MIDWEST (1) West Rowan 41, (4) Northwest Cabarrus 7

(3) Concord 30, (2) China Grove Carson 21

WEST (2) Lenoir Hibriten 38, (3) East Henderson 25

(4) Asheville 38, (1) Lawndale Burns 35, 3OT

CLASS 2-AA EAST (1) Elizabeth City Northeastern 28, (4) Wilson Beddingfield 26

(2) Bunn 27, (6) Kinston 7

MIDEAST (1) Pittsboro Northwood 14, (4) High Point Andrews 7

(2) Hillsborough Cedar Ridge 23, (6) Randleman 20

MIDWEST (3) Salisbury 41, (7) Marshville Forest Hills 17

(5) Charlotte Berry Academy 14, (1) Monroe Piedmont 7

WEST (2) Shelby 41, (6) Black Mountain Owen 21

(4) Wilkes Central 24, (1) Canton Pisgah 16

CLASS 2-A EAST (1) East Duplin 49, (5) Kill Devil Hills First Flight 30

(2) Tarboro 35, (3) Roanoke Rapids 14

MIDEAST (3) Carrboro 49, (2) Fairmont 28

(5) East Bladen 26, (1) South Columbus 12

MIDWEST (1) Burlington Cummings 45, (4) Lexington 31

(2) Winston-Salem Carver 35, (3) Thomasville 28

WEST (1) Lincolnton 49, (4) Burnsville Mountain Heritage 20

(3) Polk County 27, (7) East Rutherford 7

CLASS 1-AA EAST (1) Southwest Onslow 49, (4) Riverside Martin 10

(3) Ayden-Grifton 28, (2) Gates County 13

MIDEAST (1) Goldsboro 42, (5) Warsaw Kenan 13

(3) Pender County 42, (7) East Columbus 8

MIDWEST (2) Monroe 38, (6) West Montgomery 21

(5) Albemarle 38, (1) Mt. Airy 14

WEST (1) Avery County 30, (4) Swain County 12

(7) Mitchell County 35, (3) West Wilkes 29

CLASS 1-A EAST (1) Manteo 40, (4) Chocowinity Southside 27

(3) Plymouth 50, (2)Creswell 6

MIDEAST (1) Wallace-Rose Hill 42, (5) North Duplin 7

(6) Northampton-West 14, (2) North Edgecombe 6

MIDWEST (1) Roseboro Lakewood 35, (4) North Stokes 8

(2) Hobbton 35, (3) Goldsboro Rosewood 0

WEST

(1) Murphy 62, (4) Andrews 21

(2) Robbinsville 42, (3) Elkin 7