

## Vikings fall in Western Semifinals

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The Avery High Vikings saw their dream season come to a crashing halt on Friday night at MacDonald Stadium.

And it came against a familiar foe, the Mitchell Mountaineers (8-6), who ironically also play in the Western Highlands 1A/2A Conference. The Mountaineers, who dropped a 14-7 decision at Avery (10-4) in the regular-season finale on November 5, got their revenge Friday night as they eliminated the top-seeded Vikings 47-22 in the western semifinals.

The win moves Mitchell into the western finals next Friday night. The Mountaineers, a No.7, will now play on the road against Albermarle, the No.2 seed. Albermarle advanced to the western finals by knocking off Monroe, 31-13.

Mitchell didn't waste any time putting the contest out of reach as the Mountaineers grabbed a commanding 21-7 lead in the opening stanza. It was 28-14 at the halftime break. Quarterback Justin Hughes and running back Shawn Jackson did most of the damage for the Mountaineers. Hughes ran 20 times for 134 yards and scored four touchdowns; Jackson had 23 carries for 205 yards and three scores. The Vikings had 371 yards offensively, including 349 on the ground. Quarterback Alex Villanueva struggled. He was 7-19 for 72 yards; He also threw four interceptions. One bright spot for the Vikings came in the first quarter when Hunter Shields returned a kick-off 99 yards for a touchdown.

In other games:

4AA EAST

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Wake Forest-Rolesville 40, Garner 21

### 4AA MIDEAST

Panther Creek 35, Fay. Seventy-First 32

### 4AA MIDWEST

Butler 48, Richmond Senior 21

### 4AA WEST

Vance 10, Mallard Creek 7

### 4A EAST

SE Raleigh at New Bern, 6 p.m. today

### 4A MIDEAST

Durham Hillside 42, Lee County 22

### 4A MIDWEST

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Davie County 18, High Point Central 15

### 4A WEST

Porter Ridge 24, Asheville Reynolds 21

### 3AA EAST

Wilson Hunt 14, Northern Nash 7

### 3AA MIDEAST

N. Guilford 35, Ral. Cardinal Gibbons 10

### 3AA MIDWEST

Char. Catholic 45, Kannapolis Brown 7

### 3AA WEST

Crest 52, Asheville Erwin 21

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### 3A EAST

Havelock d. S. Brunswick, forfeit

### 3A MIDEAST

E. Alamance 38, NE Guilford 7

### 3A MIDWEST

W. Rowan 48, Concord 28

### 3A WEST

**Lenoir Hibriten 31, Asheville 20**

### 2AA EAST

Elizabeth City Northeastern 35, Bunn 7

### 2AA MIDEAST

Cedar Ridge 28, Pittsboro Northwood 20

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### 2AA MIDWEST

Salisbury 45, Berry 35

### 2AA WEST

Shelby 28, Wilkes Central 3

### 2A EAST

Tarboro 13, East Duplin 10

### 2A MIDEAST

East Bladen 56, Carrboro 48

### 2A MIDWEST

W-S Carver 45, Burlington Cummings 14

### 2A WEST

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Lincolnton 28, Polk County 14

1AA EAST

SW Onslow 38, Ayden-Grifton 6

1AA MIDEAST

Pender County 28, Goldsboro 8

1AA MIDWEST

Albemarle 31, Monroe 13

1AA WEST

**Mitchell County 47, Avery County 22**

1A EAST

Plymouth 36, Manteo 32

1A MIDEAST

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Wallace-Rose Hill 50, N'hampton-West 7

1A MIDWEST

Hobbton 20, Roseboro Lakewood 19

1A WEST

Murphy 42, Robbinsville 7

In women's basketball, R-S Central 65, Avery 56, the Avery women are 0-2.