

Vikings Snap Eight-Game Losing Streak

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The Avery High football team finally got back in the win column Friday night, and the Vikings did it in dramatic fashion. Daniel Childress' 50-yard interception return gave the Vikings (3-8; 1-6 Western Highlands 1A/2A Conference) and sealed a 13-6

win at MacDonald Stadium in their season finale. It's the second time Avery has beaten Mitchell (1-10; 0-7) this season. The Vikings knocked off Mitchell 20-13 in their season opener back on August 17. The Vikings forced three turnovers Friday night. The Vikings ran for 165 yards as a team. Luke Childress paced the running game with 65 yards on 17 carries. Dalton Beaver led the Mountaineers with 105 yards on 19 carries.

The Vikings took a 7-0 lead with 10:37 left in the second quarter. Payton Lowery scored on a two-yard run capping off a 14-play, 83-yard drive that took nearly eight minutes. The Vikings held the lead until the fourth quarter when Turner Pittman scored on a three-yard run that capped off a nine-play, 99-yard drive that made it 7-6 with 7:53 left in the game. The Vikings stopped Pittman's two-point conversion run to preserve the lead.

The Vikings finish as the No.6 seed overall in the WHC and the No.3 seed among the Class 1A schools in the league. The state playoff pairings are due out Saturday afternoon.

HUSKIES FALL TO EAST WILKES IN SEASON FINALE

The Ashe County High football team slipped mightily Friday night in its regular-season finale. Following a convincing win at home against Forbush, the Huskies (4-7; 3-5 Mountain Valley 1A/2A Conference) closed out the campaign with a 23-8 loss at East Wilkes Friday night. Despite the loss, the Huskies are the No.3 seed among the Class 2A schools in the conference. East Wilkes scored on its first drive of the game, and led the rest of the way. It was 16-0 at halftime.

Ashe County's junior varsity football team won the MVC championship with a 42-8 win over East Wilkes Thursday night.

The Huskies outscored their opponents 247-81 this season.