

## **Bears' Late Rally Upends Huskies**

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Bunker Hill High rallied from 11 points down in the first half on Friday night to nip host Ashe County 20-17 in the opening round of the Class 2AA state playoffs. It's

the Bears' first postseason road win since 1987. The Huskies haven't won a state playoff game since 2007, their only win in post-season play.

The 13th-seeded Bears (8-4) advance to face fifth-seeded Hunter Huss (5-7) in Gastonia next Friday night in the second round.

Ashe County, which shared the Mountain Valley 1A/2A Conference championship with Starmount and North Wilkes, took advantage of three Bunker Hill turnovers in the first half to take a commanding a 17-6 halftime lead. Johnathon Cox paced the Huskies (7-5) by scoring twice. His 23-yard run in the first quarter gave Ashe County a 7-0 lead, and his seven-yard run in the second quarter gave the Huskies a 14-6 lead.

The Huskie gambled and recovered an on-side kick that led to Kendal Richardson's 37-yard field goal with one second left in the first half for its 11-point halftime lead.

The Bears, who turned the ball over early in the third quarter, finally got on track with a five-yard TD run by Colton Chapman to trim the lead to 17-12. In the fourth quarter, the Bears faced a fourth-and-four at the Huskies' 47. Bunker Hill lined up to go for it but Chapman instead pooch punted and it was down at the Ashe County one.

The Bears' defense forced a three-and-out and got the ball back with good field position after the punt. Behind the running of Chapman, Jordan Eckard and Cooper Wray, the Bears punched it in on Chapman's three-yard TD run with 1:28 left to play. Chapman's two-point conversion run gave the Bears a 20-17 lead.

A Justin Bowman interception allowed the Bears to run out the clock. The Huskies registered their first winning season since 2008.

## **JACKSON LEADS AVERY BY BESSEMER CITY**

The Avery Vikings (5-7) marched their way into a second-round state playoff game by knocking off Bessemer City 36-21 in their post-season opener at MacDonald Stadium in Newland, N.C.

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Quarterback Tre Jackson led the way. He ran for 91 yards and two touchdowns; he threw for 48 yards and a pair of scores. He also kicked a 22-yard field goal. The win moves Avery into a second-round Class 1AA state playoff game at Swain County next Friday night. Swain County, the No.1 seed on Class 1AA, blasted East Wilkes 56-31 Friday night.

Running back Austin Phillips paced Avery's running game with 110 yards on 19 carries and a TD. Trailing 14-7 with 7:32 left in the first half, the Vikings scored 17 unanswered points to take a 23-14 lead.

Bessemer City (6-6) got within two at 23-21 on Kadrian Pitts' 46-yard scoring burst, but Jackson settled the issue as he scored on a 44-yard run before he hooked up with Heath Austin on a 23-yard scoring pass with 1:37 left to play.

The Vikings had 299 yards offensively, including 268 on the ground. Bessemer City finished with 328 yards, including 299 on the ground. But the Yellow Jackets, from the Southern Piedmont 1A Conference, turned it over three times.

Josh Davis paced the Yellow Jackets running game with 96 yards on seven carries; Jha'Qui Adams had 70 yards on eight carries with a TD.

## **FRIDAY'S GAMES**

### **Class 4AA**

#### **First Round**

Independence 13, Hough 10

Providence 14, West Mecklenburg 7

East Forsyth 55, Greensboro Grimsley 22

Fayetteville Britt 42, Raleigh Sanderson 35

Garner 63, Holly Springs 21

Hope Mills South View 20, Durham Riverside 17

Mallard Creek 62, Charlotte Ardrey Kell 7

Butler 55, Charlotte Olympic 28

Middle Creek 37, Fuquay-Varina 20

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Northwest Guilford 45, Greensboro Page 15

Raleigh Millbrook 24, Raleigh Leesville Road 21

Raleigh Wakefield 14, Morrisville Green Hope 13

Richmond County 55, Lake Norman 27

Southern Pines Pinecrest 13, Wilmington Laney 7

Wake Forest 35, Panther Creek 14

West Forsyth 27, Charlotte Vance 14

### **Class 4A**

#### **First Round**

Charlotte Catholic 56, A.L. Brown 14

Durham Hillside 36, Clayton 30

#### **Greensboro Dudley 44, South Caldwell 6**

Greenville Conley 35, Fayetteville Smith 14

Greenville Rose 27, Fayetteville Pine Forest 14

#### **Porter Ridge 32, Watauga 26**

Knightdale 38, Southern Alamance 15

#### **Mooresville 33, Alexander Central 6**

New Bern 35, Southeast Raleigh 21

North Davidson 70, Asheville Roberson 27

Rocky River 26, Pfafftown Reagan 6

Scotland 56, Wake Forest Heritage 21

Southeast Guilford 56, Winston-Salem Mt. Tabor 54

Wilmington Hoggard 21, Cape Fear 7

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Wilmington New Hanover 40, Northern Durham 0

### **Class 3AA**

#### **First Round**

Asheville 33, Cuthbertson 7

Asheville Reynolds 65, Monroe Sun Valley 14

Central Cabarrus 27, Asheboro 20

Cleveland 33, Gray's Creek 13

Corinth Holders 44, West Brunswick 37

Fayetteville Byrd 53, Western Harnett 15

Ashbrook 38, Asheville Erwin 35 (2OT)

Northern Guilford 28, Eastern Guilford 0

Orange County 31, Rocky Mount 3

Raleigh Cardinal Gibbons 44, Erwin Triton 28

Crest 38, Hickory Ridge 20

Statesville 35, South Iredell 17

Weddington 42, Thomasville Ledford 0

Wilson Fike 41, Lee County 26

Wilson Hunt 35, Fayetteville Sanford 21

### **Class 3A**

#### **First Round**

Anson County 30, Southern Guilford 20

South Point 28, West Rowan 7

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### **Canton Pisgah 31, Hickory 14**

Concord 29, Northwest Cabarrus 0

Eastern Alamance 56, Pittsboro Northwood 21

Eastern Wayne 35, West Carteret 14

Gastonia Forestview 63, China Grove Carson 48

Havelock 48, Topsail 0

Jacksonville 14, West Craven 0

Lawndale Burns 35, North Gaston 18

### **Lenoir Hibriten 41, Patton 0**

Monroe Piedmont 31, Waynesville Tuscola 17

### **Morganton Freedom 33, East Rowan 13**

North Forsyth 35, Burlington Williams 29

Southern Nash 51, Swansboro 21

Western Alamance 41, Pikeville Aycock 6

## **Class 2AA**

### **First Round**

Bunn 69, Greene Central 20

### **Claremont Bunker Hill 20, Ashe County 17**

Currituck County 21, East Duplin 19

East Lincoln 35, Catawba Bandys 27

Hunter Huss 30, West Lincoln 27

Hertford County 27, South Granville 14

High Point Andrews 43, SouthWest Edgecombe 15

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Jacksonville Northside 45, St. Pauls 14

Kinston 31, Franklinton 27

Maiden 35, East Bend Forbush 0

Marshville Forest Hills 1, Sylva Smoky Mountain 0

Monroe 46, R-S Central 8

Monroe Parkwood 28, Franklin 17

Randleman 49, North Brunswick 17

Washington 24, North Pitt 14

West Stokes 36, East Davidson 13

### **Class 2A**

#### **First Round**

Ayden-Grifton 41, Fairmont 28

Owen 13, Mt. Pleasant 0

East Bladen 14, Clinton 7

Eastern Randolph 51, Farmville Central 42

Edenton Holmes 41, Dunn Midway 14

Elizabeth City Northeastern 39, West Bladen 12

Lincolnton 14, Thomasville 7

North Rowan 42, Surry Central 0

North Wilkes 31, Brevard 28

Polk County 48, Madison County 13

Reidsville 52, Hendersonville 20

Shelby 58, Burnsville Mountain Heritage 8

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Southern Vance 12, South Columbus 6

Southwest Onslow 37, Siler City Jordan-Matthews 21

Wilson Beddingfield 30, Graham 19

Winston-Salem Carver 53, Lake Norman Charter 14

### **Class 1AA**

#### **First Round**

#### **Avery County 36, Bessemer City 21**

Boonville Starmount 42, Mitchell County 7

Camden County 48, East Carteret 45

Cherryville 42, Gastonia Highland Tech 13

East Montgomery 28, Mt. Airy 7

East Surry 37, Walkertown 10

Lakewood (Salemburg) 34, Louisburg 14

North Stanly 27, Kernersville McGuinness 14

Princeton 59, Granville Central 22

Swain County 56, East Wilkes 31

Tarboro 52, Seven Springs Spring Creek 0

Wallace-Rose Hill 70, Gates County 6

Warsaw Kenan 49, Union 0

West Montgomery 56, North Moore 14

Whiteville 55, Rosewood 0

### **Class 1A**

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### First Round

Albemarle 42, Chatham Central 0

Alleghany County 20, Elkin 7

Andrews 34, Thomas Jefferson 15

East Columbus 40, North Edgecombe 22

Hayesville 20, Robbinsville 17

Lejeune 48, Northwest Halifax 0

Manteo 35, Pinetown Northside 8

Murphy 50, Rosman 20

North Duplin 18, Weldon 12

Northampton-East 48, Columbia 8

Pamlico County 44, Chocowinity Southside 6

South Robeson 64, Winston-Salem Atkins 0

Southeast Halifax 62, Rocky Mount Prep 0

Union Academy 12, South Stanly 0

West Columbus 13, Community School 0