

## Hibriten In 3A Western Semifinals

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TiShawn Daniels, of the Hibriten High football team, who was held to 12 first-half rushing yards, erupted for a pair of second half touchdowns as the Panthers defeated Pisgah 28-18 in front of a near

capacity crowd at Pisgah Memorial Stadium in the second round of the NCHSAA Class 3A state playoffs..

The fifth-seeded Panthers (12-1) advance to face Forestview in the western semifinals next Friday night. Forestview eliminated Freedom, 35-34. Pisgah ended its season with a 10-3 record.

Hibriten, which averaged more than 280 rushing yards per game this season, had 93 at the break but finished with 289.

Pisgah senior quarterback McKinley Brown shook off his own first-half struggles to finish with 343 passing yards while completing 17 of 31 passes with a touchdown. The performance put him over 3,000 yards on the season, and his classmate Wike broke the 1,000-yard receiving mark.

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### **GASTONIA-FORESTVIEW 35, FREEDOM 34**

Forestview High rallied from a 34-21 deficit in the last six minutes of the game and defeated top-seeded Freedom 35-34 on Friday night in the second round of the state 3A football playoffs.

Sophomore running back Moe Neal (28 carries, team-high 124 yards) scored all three of Forestview's second-half TDs, the last one coming with 16 seconds left. Colton Rouse's PAT provided the difference.

The ninth-seeded Jaguars (9-4) advance to play a third-round game at No. 5 Hibriten (12-1) next Friday.

### **WEST FORSYTH 22, EAST FORSYTH 16**

Sophomore quarterback Darian Slade of the West Forsyth High football team marched his team 80 yards, and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 57 seconds left as the Titans defeated East Forsyth 22-16 in the second round of the NCHSAA Class 4AA state playoffs.

The win avenged West's only loss of the season and moves the Titans into the western semifinals. It's also the first time former Watauga High coach Adrian Snow has gone this deep in the playoff since 2007, when the Pioneers made it to the western finals for the second year in a row.

Junior quarterback Karson Sharpe drove East Forsyth to the West 15, but defensive end Jalen Dalton, Reggie Howell and A.J. Harrison sacked Sharpe to end the game.

The Titans play Matthews-Butler, a 46-39 winner over Charlotte-Independance, next Friday night.

### **SWAIN COUNTY 31, AVERY 10**

Swain County High broke the game open in the fourth quarter and defeated Avery 31-10 in the second round of the NCHSAA Class 1AA state playoffs.

The Maroon Devils scored three touchdowns in a six-minute stretch of the fourth quarter to pull away. The top-seeded Maroon Devils (11-2) ran for 303 yards and four touchdowns, including scoring runs of 1 and 45 yards from Taylor Oros.

Spencer McCoy ran for a 6-yard touchdown and Blake Wright added a TD from 1 yard out. Number four seed, Avery (5-8), scored on a fourth-quarter fumble return of 71 yards from Austin Phillips.

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