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## BRIEFS

### Blacksburg jayvees beat Landrum

The Blacksburg jayvee team beat Landrum 38-34 Tuesday for its first victory of the season.

Dondray Hyatt hit a layup and two free throws with 12 seconds left for the final margin of victory. Hyatt finished with nine points.

Ty Davis led Blacksburg with 11 points.

The Blacksburg jayvee team is 1-1.

### Lady Warriors rout Gaffney Middle

The Granard Lady Warriors improved to 3-0 on the year with a 63-15 rout of Gaffney Middle on Tuesday.

Shaquisha Dawkins led the Lady Warriors with a game-high 31 points. Tiana Logan fired in 13 points while Sheyanne Phillips added 10.

"We played very organized basketball tonight," said Lady Warriors coach Kathy Littlejohn. "Plus everyone got to play."

### Favre named SI's Sportsman of Year

Brett Favre's standout season for the resurgent Green Bay Packers has earned him the title of 2007 Sports Illustrated Sportsman of the Year, making him the fourth quarterback to win the award in its 53-year history.

The 38-year-old Favre joins fellow quarterbacks Terry Bradshaw (1979), Joe Montana (1990) and Tom Brady (2005) as recipients of the award, given to an athlete who symbolizes the ideals of sportsmanship.

Favre, a three-time NFL MVP, laid in the cover story of the magazine's Dec. 10th issue that leadership is about finding ways to raise his team's level of play.

Favre has started a quarterback-record 249 consecutive games, and this year surpassed Dan Marino for career touchdown passes and pass attempts. He is 450 yards away from breaking Marino's career record of 61,361 yards.

### Red Sox, Twins working on deal

The best team in baseball is getting closer to acquiring the best pitcher on the market.

The World Series champion Red Sox are working on a deal to acquire two-time Cy Young Award winner Johan Santana from Minnesota for a package that could include left-hander Jon Lester or outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury.

Twins general manager Bill Smith wouldn't discuss the talks. Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein has also declined to comment on Santana, saying generally that "a lot of the rumors out there are just that."

"It takes two teams to make a trade," he told Boston-area reporters. "I know there's a lot of speculation that we're close to something big. Until we reach an agreement, then we're not that close."

If the teams agree to the players, the Red Sox would try to work out a contract extension with Santana, a 28-year-old lefty who is eligible for free agency after the 2008 season.

"We have no payroll constraints. Our issues aren't payroll right now," Twins general manager Bill Smith said. "Some of it is more length. Length of contract is an issue. Some things around groundbreaking issues. I'd just as soon leave it at that."

### Auburn, Tuberville agree to extension

Auburn coach Tommy Tuberville reportedly agreed to a two-year contract extension Tuesday that includes a \$200,000 annual raise and ends speculation that he might leave for another job.

Tuberville, who was in New York for National Football Hall of Fame functions, told The Birmingham News and The Huntsville Times that he and athletic director Jay Jacobs reached an agreement that will run through the 2013 season. They completed the deal Tuesday afternoon in a meeting at his hotel.

## Landrum runs away from Wildcats, 67-43

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Blacksburg couldn't keep up with the fast break Landrum offense Friday in a 67-43 loss.

Landrum controlled the tempo on both sides of the court and benefited from several periods of cold shooting by Blacksburg. The Cardinals jumped out to a 15-4 lead in the first quarter and never trailed.

Darrell Walton scored the Wildcats' first field goal four minutes into the contest. The Wildcats didn't score again until Tanner Hamrick hit a 3-pointer with 6:56 left in the second quarter.

Landrum took advantage of turnovers and missed shots to stretch its lead to 30-18 at halftime.

Blacksburg pulled to within five points early in the third quarter following a 3-point basket

by Rashad Earls. The Cardinals then went on another run to lead 40-22 before Blacksburg's Ken Littlejohn sliced through the lane for a layup to break the scoring drought midway through the third quarter.

Landrum got many of its points by rebounding missed shots as its lead grew to 51-26 with 40 seconds left in the third quarter.

Brandon Quarles scored 19 points to lead the Landrum offense. He was one of four Cardinal players to score in double figures.

Blacksburg (0-3) played like a team still searching for its identity after losing 85 percent



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of its scoring to graduation last year.

Ken Littlejohn scored a game-high 21 points for Blacksburg. Rashad Earls had nine points.

"We have a lot of questions to answer. We haven't done what we need to do," Blacksburg coach Travis Miller said. "The hustle and effort are there. We are not executing offensively and defensively and that's on my shoulders as the head coach."

In the girls basketball game, Landrum beat Blacksburg, 38-36.

The Lady Wildcats trailed 37-30 with 3:46 left before staging a late rally.

A basket by Lydia Jones pulled Blacksburg to within three points with 58 seconds. A couple free throws pulled the Lady Wildcats to within two points with eight seconds left.

Blacksburg was unable to get the ball back in time to run a final offensive play.

Blacksburg will play Union Friday at home.

## Gaffney topples Bearcats

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Gaffney boys basketball coach Mark Huff got what he wanted to see from his team on Tuesday - improvement.

Unlike in their opener the Indians were smart and sharp with the ball to beat visiting Rock Hill, 68-58.

Gaffney made 45 percent of its shot from the field and committed just 18 turnovers. The Indians had 28 turnovers and shot just 41 percent in its season-opening win over York last Friday.

"We told them before the game that we wanted to see some improvement," Huff said. "We wanted to see a higher shooting percentage and we wanted to turn the ball over less."

After a close first quarter, Gaffney took command behind the hot shooting of Josh Corry, who sank two jumpers before swishing a 3-pointer to make it 28-16.

Gaffney doubled up the score on Rock Hill - 32-26 - on Jared Teague's layup with 3:33 left in the second quarter.

After a 6-0 run by Rock Hill, Gaffney capped the first half with two hoops, including a Jeff Brown tip-in, for a 36-22 halftime lead.

Corry's stickback after a missed free throw extended Gaffney's lead to 44-28 midway through the third quarter.

Gaffney held a double-digit lead until Anthony Dixon's 3-pointer pulled Rock Hill within 59-50 with 3:13 left to play.

Rock Hill got as close as eight down the stretch, but couldn't draw any closer because of the hot free throw shooting of Corry, who was 4-of-4 in the closing seconds.

Gaffney played without David Dewberry and Johnny Woods, who are at the North-South All-Star football game this week.

Jeff Brown, who got the start after a strong game against the Cougars, was a factor again with 12 rebounds and 21 points.

The Indians also shot better from the free throw line on Tuesday, making 20 of their 28 free throws. Gaffney was just 18 of 38 from the line last Friday.

Gaffney's pressure defense forced 24 Rock Hill turnovers.

The Indians travel to York on Friday.



Ledger photo by LARRY HILLIARD

Gaffney's Josh Corry, who scored 22 points, shoots an open jumper against Rock Hill on Tuesday

## Lady Indians even record with win over Rock Hill

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The Gaffney Lady Indians saved their best for last on Tuesday.

The Lady Indians scored 30 fourth-quarter points to break open a close game in a 67-53 win over vis-

iting Rock Hill.

The win was Stacey Parris' first as head coach of the Lady Indians.

Tierra Phillips and Keisha Leach both scored eight points in the pivotal fourth quarter.

Leach did most of her damage from the foul line, making six of seven free throws.

Phillips had 22 points to pace the Lady Indians. Leach added 12.

The Lady Indians, who even their record at 1-1, jumped to a 14-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

Gaffney kept that seven-point margin at halftime.

Rock Hill went on a spurt to cut the deficit to four at the end of the

third quarter. But the Lady Indians responded by outscoring the visitors, 30-20, in the final eight minutes to cruise to the win.

Shandra Erby had 22 points and Layquisha Crockett added 18 to lead the Lady Bearcats.

Gaffney travels to York on Friday.

## Bowden agrees to extension amid reports he talked with Arkansas

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA — Clemson coach Tommy Bowden didn't have to leave for Arkansas to find the security he wanted.

Bowden, 53, agreed to a four-year extension Tuesday that, if he stays until the end, would keep him with the Tigers longer than any coach but the program's celebrated patriarch, Frank Howard.

"I fully intended when I came here nine years ago to make this my last stop," Bowden said.

Bowden's new contract would take him through 2014 with only Howard's 30-season tenure at Clemson (1940-69) lasting longer.

Other details of the deal were not released, pending review by a university trustees' committee. Amid reports Bowden was wooed by Arkansas, athletic director Terry

Don Phillips says the coach's new financial package moves him among the top third highest-paid coaches in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Some media outlets had Bowden has good as gone to the Razorbacks, the longtime coach frustrated over his perennial "hot-seat" standing among Clemson fans despite going 69-41 since arriving in December 1998.

But Bowden said he was never offered the Arkansas job by the new athletic director — and Bowden's friend — Jeff Long and always felt confident he and Phillips would settle contract talks that began Nov. 25, a day after Clemson (9-3) defeated archrival South Carolina, 23-21.

It was Bowden's seventh win in nine tries against the Tigers main in-state foe.