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Byrnes grapplers down Gaffney

In high school wrestling on Monday, Byrnes beat Gaffney, 58-6. Cody Thompson and Sam Tedder posted the lone wins for the Indians.

Gaffney jayvees nip Dorman

Parris Funderburke had 10 points and eight rebounds to lead the Gaffney junior varsity to a 35-33 win over Dorman on Tuesday. Gaffney improves to 10-4.

Lady Cavaliers beat Gaffney

The Dorman Lady Cavaliers jumped to a 20-point, first-quarter lead en route to a 76-40 win over home-standing Gaffney on Tuesday.

Kierra Phillips led the Lady Indians with 10 points.

Granard girls roll to another win

Tiana Logan had 22 points and Rodricka Oglesby had eight to help the Granard Middle girls basketball team to a 41-36 win over Carver.

Casey Duncan and Chantoria Scott each had five points for Granard.

Warriors get past Carver, 53-48

Ron Best's offense firepower was the difference as the Granard Warriors posted a 53-48 victory over Carver on Tuesday.

Zac Smith added nine points. The Warriors, 11-1, will travel to Ewing on Thursday.

Seahawk coach to return

Before Mike Holmgren decided to return for one — and only one — more season coaching the Seahawks, he signed a new pact.

Not with Seattle ... with his wife. "She's making me fill out this little contract: 'Upon completion of your last game: The laundry; the garbage; the whole deal,'" Holmgren joked Tuesday when asked what he may feel like after he fulfills the final season of a two-year contract.

What if he really does want to keep coaching beyond a 17th season as a head man in the NFL? What if he wants to keep doing what he's done every football season since 1971, when he was a history teacher and assistant coach at Lincoln High School in San Francisco?

"I've made some promises," he said of Kathy, his wife of 37 years with whom he escaped last weekend to their vacation home in Arizona to contemplate retirement.

Photos show Brady shed boot

Tom Brady walked in New York without the protective boot that he had worn on his right foot, increasing the likelihood that his injury was not serious.

The Web site, TMZ.com, posted a video Tuesday showing the Patriots star walking without the boot and without a noticeable limp through a group of photographers in New York and getting in a cab. The video, lasting 1 minute, 11 seconds, then briefly showed his girlfriend, Gisele Bündchen, leaving a residence.

Several Web sites had photos Monday — credited to infphoto.com — that showed Brady wearing a walking boot on his right foot. A video of Brady walking with a slight limp from an SUV to Bündchen's home was also available on TMZ.com.

Later Monday, other pictures showed him wearing black shoes — and no boot — when he showed up at a New York hotspot.

Brady, this season's NFL MVP, and the Patriots are headed to the Feb. 3 Super Bowl against the New York Giants.

Brady has a high ankle sprain that is "mild," according to the Boston Herald. The Boston Globe characterized it as a "minor" high ankle sprain.

Patriots spokesman Stacey James said he had no information about the injury. Brady's agent, Donald Yee, did not return telephone calls or an e-mail seeking comment.

BHS coaching search moves forward

School has received letters of interest from coaches around state

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Now that the opening for a new head football coach has been posted on-line, Blacksburg officials apparently won't have to wait long for the applications to arrive.

Blacksburg High Principal Jim Touchberry

said the school already has received several letters of interest from coaches around the state.

Touchberry declined to identify the coaches but said letters of interest have come from head coaches as well as assistants.

Touchberry said he wouldn't be surprised if assistants on the current staff apply for the job, which became vacant last Wednesday when head



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coach Robbie Blanton announced his resignation after nine years on the job.

Blanton said he intends to remain as the school's athletic director.

The school district posted the vacancy on Friday.

According to the posting, the position includes a 190-day teaching contract and coaching supplement.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, according to the posting.

Touchberry said school officials hope to begin sifting through the list of applicants within a few weeks and would like to start the interview process as soon as possible.

Touchberry said he hopes to hire a new coach in time for spring practice. Spring drills typically begin in late April or early May.



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Gaffney's Eddie Jefferies shoots over the outstretched hands of a Dorman player in first-quarter action on Tuesday. The Indians dropped to 4-4 in the region with an OT loss to the Cavs.

Indians drop OT thriller

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Dorman took Gaffney's best shot in the waning moments of regulation, shook it off, then came back to deliver the knockout in overtime.

Coleman Young led four teammates in double figures with 21 points, including six 3s, as the visiting Cavaliers topped Gaffney, 75-67. It was Gaffney's third straight region defeat.

Landon Alverson had 15 points, while Daniel Black added 14 and Walt Canty had 12 for the Cavaliers, who regrouped in overtime after giving up a 10-point fourth quarter lead.

"We just couldn't hit a clutch basket," Gaffney coach Mark Huff said. "We hit some baskets to send the game into overtime, but we couldn't hit a clutch basket in overtime."

The Cavaliers were outstanding from long range, making 11 of their 22 3-point attempts. Dorman made 49 percent of their shots, while the Indians shot just 39 percent. The Indians also struggled at the foul line, connecting on 15 of 28 free throws.

Johnny Woods had 23 points and Jazz Palmer, who returned after serving a 1-game suspension for a flagrant technical, added 22 to pace the Indians.

"Jazz and Johnny did a good job for us," Huff said.

In the overtime, Alverson put the Cavaliers up 65-63. Woods tied the game but it was all Cavaliers after that. Black scored two baskets in a row before Robert Mack converted a stick-back to extend Dorman's lead to 71-65. Young added two free throws and Mack scored on an uncontested layup to seal the win.

The Cavaliers built a 53-43 lead early in the fourth quarter, but the Indians responded with a spurt to tie the game at 63 on Woods' free throw with :45.7 remaining.

Dorman held the ball for the last shot but Canty's 10-footer wouldn't fall. Gaffney regained possession with :24 left to play, but failed to get off a desperation shot.

The Cavaliers started the third quarter on a run to lead 46-39. Young fueled the run with two 3s, helping the Cavaliers to a 51-43 advantage at the end of three quarters.

Canty's 3 sent the teams into halftime tied at 29.

The Indians leading rebounder, Jeff Brown, was serving the second of his 2-game suspension for a flagrant technical against Hillcrest last week. His absence was felt as the Cavaliers outrebounded the Indians, 41-30.

Gaffney, which drops to 4-4 in the region, travels to Spartanburg on Friday.

Lady Saints even conference mark with win over St. Andrews

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St. Andrews senior forward Danielle Norman tallied her eighth double-double of the season but visiting Limestone College built a 31-point halftime lead by shooting 60-percent in the first half and cruised to a 73-53 Conference Carolinas

women's basketball victory on Monday.

The Saints (9-9 overall, 4-4 Conference Carolinas) held the Knights to just 19 percent shooting while dominating the glass, 27-15, in the first half to build an insurmountable 48-17 lead at the intermission.

St. Andrews played much better in the second half, outscoring the Saints 36-25. But the 31-point halftime proved to large to overcome.

Limestone shot 44.6 percent from the floor while St. Andrews only connected on 27 percent of its shots. The Saints finished with a 50-37 rebounding edge.

Monica Adams logged her own double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds while junior Addie Graves had a game-high 14 rebounds to go along with her eight points. Ariel Lyons chipped in with eight points and six assists.

Limestone hosts league foe Lees-McRae College on Thursday.

Wildcats' offensive woes continue in setback to Woodruff

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It was another game the Blacksburg Wildcats would like to forget.

The Wildcats scored the game's first five points, but Woodruff took charge after that to post a 64-50 victory Tuesday.

The Wildcats remain winless in the region at 0-8.

The Wolverines, who are coached by former Gaffney assistant Mark Ireton, ended the first quarter on a 15-0 run to lead 15-5 heading into the second quarter.

The Wolverines built their advantage to 30-18 at the break.

Woodruff led by as many as 15 points in the second half before the Wildcats cut the deficit to 9

with 1:30 to play. But that would be as close as Blacksburg would get.

Rashad Earls led the Wildcats with 19 points.

"Woodruff's transition offense was excellent," Blacksburg coach Travis Miller said. "Defensively, they did a good job and we struggled from the field."

Josh Elmore added 13 for Blacksburg, which travels to Carolina on Friday.