



A member of the South Fork Panthers breaks free from defenders during a game on Saturday, Sept. 12.



A running back for the W-S Ravens races to the end zone as fans and coaches cheer the team on during a game on Saturday, Sept. 12

# Ravens whip Panthers in Mighty Mite division

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This past weekend in local PYFCL (Piedmont Youth Football & Cheer League) action, in the Mighty Mite division, the Winston-Salem Ravens faced off against the South Fork Panthers.

The game was played at Griffin Elementary School, 1385 West Clemmons Road, which is home of the Winston-Salem Grayhounds, also a member of the PYFCL.

The Ravens got things started early when they returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown.

After a quick three plays and out by the Panthers offense, the Ravens took over the ball after a 25-yard punt by the Panthers.

The Ravens took over on offense inside the Panthers 20 yard line. Running backs were able to break through the Panthers' defense for a 50-yard run, but the run was negated due to holding penalties.

With 30 seconds left in the first quarter, the Ravens were able find enough running room to get into the end zone, pushing the lead to 14-0.

The Ravens added another touchdown in the second quarter, but the Panthers stopped them on the conversion attempt, leaving the score at 20-0 at the half.

During the second half, rain started to fall, which didn't help the Panthers offense at all. Although they were able to break free on a number of big runs, they never found the end zone.

The Ravens were able to add two more touchdowns in the second half to come away with the 33-0 victory.

The victory makes it two in a row for the Ravens. On Saturday, Sept. 5, the Ravens beat the Tiny Indians at Ray Agnew Field.

# WSSU Rams fall 31-3 to No. 14 Valdosta State

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POWDER SPRINGS, Ga. — The Winston-Salem State University Rams opened the scoring but couldn't hold back the No. 14 Valdosta State Blazers, as they would fall 31-3 in the Cobb County Clash, played at Cantrell Stadium in Powder Springs, Georgia.

With the loss, Winston-Salem State falls to 0-2, while #14 Valdosta State improves to 2-0. It is the first time the WSSU Rams have started the season 0-2 since 2009.

WSSU, for the second consecutive week, was the first team to be able to put points on the scoreboard. The Rams were able to take their second possession of the game and march 42 yards in 13 plays, and would finish the drive off

with a 43 yard field goal from Will Johnson, to give WSSU a 3-0 lead.

Valdosta State would answer back in the second quarter, with two touchdown drives, and would take a 14-3 lead into half-time.

The Blazers would find the end zone once more in the third quarter, and would finally blow the game open in the fourth with 10 more points, to take the matchup 31-3.

Valdosta State out-gained the Rams 359 to 178 yards on the evening,

and WSSU also committed a game high eight penalties for 80 yards.

Rod Tinsley Jr. finished the night passing going nine of 24 for 46 yards.

Tyree Massey led the WSSU rushing attack with 25 rushes for 110 yards, while Bronson Greene had seven carries for 24 yards. Malik Moseley finished with four carries for 22 yards.

Brandon Ojikutu had two catches for 14 yards, while Anthony Rook also had two catches for 10 yards. Trey Foggie had one

catch for 14 yards, and Malik Moseley, William Belcher, Kenny Patterson and Tyree Massey each had one catch.

Defensively, WSSU was led by Kailan Chavis who finished with seven tackles (five solo) and one pass breakup, while Phillip Williamson finished with six tackles, two tackles for loss, two sacks, one forced fumble and one pass breakup. Xavier Gregory and Jarell Bright each had five tackles with Bright also picking up a tackle for a loss. Jayron Rankin, Michael Bloomfield and Jaitavius Jackson each had four tackles with Bloomfield also picking up a tackle for a loss and a sack of 11 yards and Jackson picking up a tackle for a loss. Six different Rams had two tackles each, and six Rams finished with one tackle a piece.

# Moses Malone, NBA great, dies in Va. at 60

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Moses Malone devoured rebounds so easily it sometimes seemed he missed shots on purpose to pad his total before scoring.

All those points and rebounds made Malone an NBA great.

A few words, and one championship, made him a Philadelphia sports icon.

Malone, a three-time NBA MVP and one of basketball's most ferocious rebounders, died Sunday in Norfolk, Virginia, where he was scheduled to appear at a charity golf event. He was 60.

Malone had just attended this weekend's enshrinement ceremonies at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. Nicknamed the "Chairman of the Boards," Malone was inducted himself in 2001 and remains in

the NBA's top 10 in career scoring and rebounding. Norfolk police said Malone was found unresponsive and not breathing in his room by hotel staff shortly before 8 a.m. Norfolk Fire Rescue responded and pronounced Malone dead at the scene. A cause of death has not been determined.

Born March 23, 1955, in Petersburg, Virginia, Moses Eugene Malone was a 6-foot-10 center who was the first to make the leap right from high school to the pros. Malone is the NBA's career leader in offensive rebounds and led the league in rebounds per game for five straight seasons from 1980-85.

With three MVPs and an NBA championship, he was among the most dominant centers ever to play the game and one of the best players in the history of the NBA and the ABA. NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said.

## Mount Tabor

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position and golden opportunities to cash in for scores, which they did.

The Spartans opened the scoring when a high snap sailed over Glenn punter Brandon Boyd's head and Je'Vante Legrande recovered the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. After a short punt, Mount Tabor got the ball inside Glenn's 40. LeGrande's brother, De'Vante, broke a tackle at the line of scrimmage, then raced down the left sideline on a 39-yard touchdown run.

De'Vante Legrande scored again on a four-yard carry and the Spartans recorded

a safety when an errant Bobcats snap on fourth down rolled out of the end zone.

Early in the fourth quarter, the tide began to shift. Mount Tabor fumbled near midfield and Alpasal Reaves scooped up the loose ball and ran 51 yards for Glenn's first score to cut the deficit to 20-6.

With less than three minutes left to play, the Bobcats reached the Spartans red zone when Jaquan Sanders hit Christen Wilson on a 31-yard pass play to put the ball inside Mount Tabor's 20. Two plays later, Wilson got open on a post route and caught a 14-yard touchdown pass from Sanders. The 20-point lead was now reduced to eight (20-12).

Suddenly, a game that had been controlled by Mount Tabor, was up for grabs.

"Miscues killed us," said Coach Steve Herring of Glenn. "If we had played in the first half like we did in the second half, you're looking at a very different ball

game. Mount Tabor is far from shabby. They got the lead and never relinquished it."

In the waning minutes, Glenn's defense forced a punt and got a big boost from Reeves' 24-yard punt return. The Bobcats (3-1) had the ball on the Spartans 48-yard line with just under 20 seconds remaining. If they score, they're only a two-point conversion away from tying the game and forcing overtime.

Instead, Mount Tabor added some icing to the victory on the final play of the game. Je'Vante Legrande intercepted a Sanders' pass intended for Wilson and ran it back 70 yards for a touchdown.

The game-ending "pick six" capped a productive evening for the Legrande brothers. With the exception of the safety, they accounted for all of the Spartans scoring.

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Quarterback Jaquan Sanders led a late-game comeback for Glenn.



Alpasal Reaves of the Bobcats runs back a recovered fumble for a touchdown.

## West Forsyth

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raced around the right side to score on the 2-point conversion.

"Even when we were down, there was no sulking, no finger pointing," said Coach Jared Eure of West Forsyth. "They continued to play hard and

they kept encouraging one another. This team showed a lot of resilience."

Special teams play was a key component in the comeback — most specifically the play of Chad Young, who plays on the Titans kick coverage squads. "He's what I call a special teams specialist," said Eure. "Chad isn't a big guy (5-foot-5, 130 pounds),

but he gives you everything he has and he's fearless. He's the kind of player who will not back down from anyone."

Young gave his team a much-needed jolt after West Forsyth scored a touchdown to cut Statesville's lead to 20-13. On the ensuing kickoff, Young raced down field and delivered a teeth-rat-

ting tackle on the kick returner. Eure is convinced that Young's take-down altered the emotional tenor of the game.

"Chad was at full speed," Eure recalled. "It was a facemask-to-chest hit, which caused the runner's helmet to fly off his head. The crowd reacted to it and so did the coaches on both sidelines. That play

changed the game in our favor. It gave our players the confidence that they could come back and win and they did that."

After the West Forsyth defense forced a Greyhounds punt, the Titans ground game took control with Kenyar McPhatter and Duke doing most of the damage. McPhatter scored on a

short run to tie the game 20-20 midway through the fourth quarter.

"This team is very young, and it's also very talented," said Eure. "I look forward to us playing every Thursday. If we can come out and take care of West Forsyth and don't make mistakes, we're going to be really good."