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HERTFORD COUNTY 40, BERTIE 38



Bertie running back Lacurtis Askew (No. 1) emerges from the smoke as Nate Cheeseboro tries to block during the Falcons' annual football game against Hertford County Friday night.

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BEARS-FALCONS: THE RIVALRY

Bertie gets off to fast start, Hertford Co. rallies for win

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WINDSOR — The fog hadn't settled when Bertie scored first at Roy L. Bond Jr. Stadium Friday — quite literally. The Falcons used an interception from Darius Rascoe — his eighth turnover in 2017 — to set up a quick score while the fog from the Falcon's entrance was still cascading across the field and into the stands. In the end, however, it was the Bears who made their way out of the stadium with their 12th consecutive victory over the Falcons, rallying for a 40-38 victory.

The game started with Rascoe's interception, which he returned 27 yards to give the Falcons possession on the HCHS 25-yard line. Falcon sophomore quarterback Isaiah Williams picked up 12 yards on the first play from scrimmage. Senior running back Lacurtis Askew picked up seven and four yards on back-to-back carries before crossing the plane with a 2-yard plunge. Williams connected with senior Nate Cheeseboro on the conversion pass, and Bertie led 8-0 with 10:23 to play in the first quarter. The Bears responded on their next drive, go-

ing 58 yards on six plays aided by a Bertie personal foul. The score came when quarterback Lance Hunter passed to Qyshaun Chism. The point after was blocked by Cheeseboro, preserving an 8-6 advantage for the Falcons with 8:08 still to play in the first period. The Falcons picked up a 28-yard gain on first down on their next possession, but the drive stalled and the home team was forced to punt. Second-year football boss Grantley Mizelle reached into his bag of tricks and faked a punt. What appeared to be a pass interference penalty didn't come



Bertie defender Devontai White puts the clamps on Hertford County running back Kyeem Perry during Friday's annual 'Backyard Brawl' between the two neighboring schools.

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about, and the Bears took possession near midfield. Hertford County didn't

take long to find paydirt again, this time scoring on a 1-yard run by Hunter. The two-point

conversion pass from Hunter to Zion Riddick

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McVay, L.A. Rams are silencing the doubters

Fourth and Long



David Friedman

We have all had people who doubted us. We may have even picked up a hater or two. Think about how much sweeter success has been when you reflect back on those who questioned your abilities, especially those who seemed to eagerly anticipate your failure so they could be the first to stand up and

point out their success in predicting it. If L.A. Rams Head Coach Sean McVay is it all like me and finds enjoyment in watching others dine on five courses of crow, then he must be a very happy man. The Rams were a team entering the 2017 season with a lot of excitement and not a lot to be

excited about. They had a brand new head coach in McVay. They had a second year quarterback who struggled mightily, and a third year star running back who had taken a large step back the year before behind a struggling offensive line. Not only did L.A. have the worst offense in the NFL last season, their

defense was getting torched as well. They ended the year with seven consecutive losses by a combined 136 points. The Rams had a young and struggling offense, a porous defense and a decade of consecutive losing seasons. How do you fix this? They decided to fire a well respected and ten-

ured head coach in Jeff Fisher and replace him with the youngest coach in NFL history, a 30 year old with zero head coaching experience on any level. I'm not embarrassed to say I had my own doubts as to whether Sean McVay's tenure in L.A. would be a successful one.

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