

SPORTS



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SILVER VALLEY CIVITAN CLUB GIVES TO WILDCATS

The Silver Valley Civitan Club presented \$1,000 to the South Davidson High School Southern Sixty campaign. Marking the occasion are (left to right) Principal Jonathan Hayes, Civitan President Roger D. Barker, Joyce Hughes, Dale L. Hughes, Brenda Everhart, Matthew McBride, Chris Hughes, Sara Barker, Athletics Boosters President Anne Beane and Southern 60 Chair Tim Bean.

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three interceptions.

Duke's defense appeared nonexistent most of the game, especially in the second quarter when Wake Forest covered 81 and 83 yards on consecutive drives for touchdowns. That was part of a stretch where the Deacons scored touchdowns on four consecutive possessions over a nine-minute stretch.

"Defensively, we simply need to tackle better to begin with," Duke coach David Cutcliffe said. "Just look at the numbers. Guys are throwing at us, but most of those yards are run yards. A lot of it wasn't tackling very well."

Using quarterbacks Ted Stachitas and freshman Tanner Price, the Deacons threw for 271 yards.

Chris Givens, whose two-game suspension for a violation of an undisclosed team rule was reduced to one, made his debut and caught four passes for 159 yards. He also scooped up the ball after Duke punter Kevin Jones failed to catch a snap and returned it 18 yards for a touchdown.

But the Demon Deacons also ran the ball with ease whenever they chose to go that route, gaining 229 rushing yards on 53 attempts.

Wake Forest took the opening kickoff and drove 82 yards on nine

running plays for a touchdown. After the game was tied 35-all at halftime, Wake took advantage of a lull by Duke's offense to build a lead it wouldn't relinquish.

Duke's first four possessions of the second half resulted in punts. Wake's Devon Brown returned one of those 43 yards to the Duke 38. On the next play, Price tossed a 38-yard touchdown pass to Williams for a 42-35 Wake lead, and the Deacons never trailed again.

Duke drove for field goals on its next two possessions. But in between, Wake used a run-centered drive of 73 yards, ending with a Price's 23-yard touchdown pass to Danny Dembry in the fourth quarter, to keep Duke at bay.

Leading 48-41, Wake used five minutes, 52 seconds of fourth-quarter game clock to drive 79 yards on 13 plays. Ten of them were running plays, including Brown's 6-yard touchdown that gave Wake a 54-41 lead with 2:53 left.

Duke added a late score on Renfree's 51-yard touchdown pass to Vernon at 1:39. But the onside kick went to Wake, and the shootout was done.

"It's a little disappointing," Duke linebacker Abraham Kromah said. "The offense did play well and I commend them. As a team, we have to pull these wins out."

HAMLIN

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Kevin Harvick, who was ninth Saturday night, will be seeded third.

Rounding out the top 10 finishers Saturday night were Joey Logano, Marcos Ambrose, Bowyer, Juan Pablo Montoya, A.J. Allmendinger and Carl Edwards.

Drivers in the Chase for the NASCAR Sprint Cup include Hamlin, Johnson, Harvick, Kyle Busch, Kurt Busch, Tony Stewart, Greg Biffle, Jeff Gordon, Carl Edwards, Jeff Burton, Matt Kenseth and Bowyer.

This was the 26th race of the 2010 season and most drivers were focused on winning because 10 of the top 12 spots in the series standings were decided before the green flag fell on the Air Guard 400 at Richmond.

Edwards drove away to a good lead while Montoya, Allmendinger and Bowyer raced hard for the second spot. Actually, Bowyer, who started the race 12th, needed only a 28th-place finish to clinch the 12th and final position in the Chase. Biffle, who was 11th in the standings starting the race, needed only a 42th-place finish to clinch a spot. Biffle was cruising around mid-pack in the early going.

After 25 of 400 laps, Edwards held a half-second lead over Montoya and Allmendinger with

Bowyer and Johnson just behind. David Reutimann was next, followed by Logano, Brad Keselowski, Paul Menard and Stewart.

Reutimann brought out the first caution after a tap from Kurt Busch on the 57th lap turned him around. Reutimann remained on the lead lap and did no apparent damage to his Toyota.

Jason Leffler had to park his Toyota about this time and his withdrawal from the race clinched a spot in the Chase for Biffle.

On the restart at Lap 63, Edwards was out front with Johnson right behind him. Bowyer was next, followed by Stewart, Allmendinger, Montoya, Kenseth, Keselowski, Menard and Kurt Busch.

Bowyer took the lead shortly before the 100-lap mark with Edwards and Johnson in tow. Hamlin had worked his way to fourth place. Allmendinger was fifth.

Hamlin took the lead a few laps later and the top 10 included Bowyer, Johnson, Allmendinger,

Kenseth, Montoya, Stewart, Edwards, Burton and Kyle Busch.

Terry Labonte brought out the second caution of the night on Lap 145 when a cut tire sent him into the wall.

Hamlin had the lead on the restart at Lap 152 but Johnson took over a couple laps later. Hamlin, Johnson and Bowyer swapped the lead like trading cards before a caution came out on Lap 226 for raindrops.

When the race restarted on lap 241, Hamlin was back out front.

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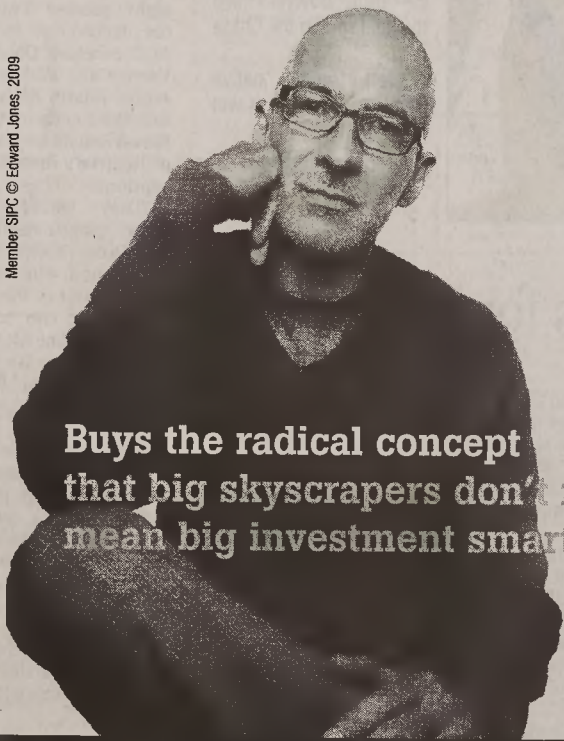
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