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See the story and picture at the top of the page about the Wekiva Mustangs football team's 35-0 victory over the Apopka Blue Darters. It marks the second year in a row the Mustangs de-

feated the Blue Darters. The victory kept Wekiva at the top of the Class 8A-Region 1 power rankings. The Mustangs will clinch the top seed in the region with a victory this week.

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Wekiva shuts out Blue Darters; likely district champ

By John Peery
 Apopka Chief Staff

Last year, the Wekiva Mustangs broke through, defeating the Apopka Blue Darters in football for the first time in 11 tries. This time, the Mustangs dominated the hometown rivalry game, whipping Apopka, 35-0, in a District 8A-4 contest on Friday, October 26.

The victory creates a three-way tie for the district title between Wekiva, Apopka, and West Orange, all with 2-1 records, but the Mustangs have the upper hand because the tiebreaker is the power ranking for each team and if Wekiva defeats Lake Nona today, Friday, November 2, the Mustangs will still have a higher power ranking and will claim not only the district title, but the No. 1 seed in Region 8A-1. Even if Lake Nona were to upset the Mustangs, they would still likely clinch the top seed.

If that's how it ends, Apopka will very likely be the No. 5 seed in the region, as the Darters were



(Staff photo by John Peery)

Wekiva receiver Terrence Moore stays a step ahead of Apopka defensive back Yirmyah during the Mustangs' 35-0 victory over the Blue Darters.

last year.

The 35-point margin of victory was a surprise to pretty much everyone, but Wekiva coach Rich

Bedesem knew his troops were ready for the rivalry game.

"I could tell in pregame and practice - they were focused all

week," he said. "They were ready to play. I really didn't have to say much. They were on the game plan. All the credit to them."

It was the first time that the Blue Darters had been shut out since a first-round playoff game in 2011 when Apopka lost 20-0 to Timber Creek.

For Wekiva, it was the third shutout of the season. Through nine games, the Mustangs have given up 82 points, 30 of them in a one-point loss to West Orange.

As expected, the Wekiva defense led the way in the victory over the Blue Darters, holding Apopka's normally strong rushing game to just 40 yards. The Darters added 70 yards through the air, 49 on one play.

"I felt really good about our defense," Bedesem said. "If they played assignment football, I thought they (Apopka) would have a hard time running on us and would have to go to passing. We see that every week."

Wekiva quarterback Larry Preston not only teamed up with his wide receivers to hit some huge passing plays, but he also hurt Apopka with his feet.

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The Apopka Blue Darters boys bowling team shows off the District 8 championship trophy won Tuesday, October 30, at Brunswick-Wekiva Lanes in Apopka. Next week, the Blue Darters will defend the streak of five-consecutive state championships at the state championship meet in Orlando.

Apopka bowlers win district crown

By Neal Fisher
 Apopka Chief Staff

The Apopka Blue Darters' drive for a sixth consecutive state championship got off to the best possible start last Tuesday, October 30. For a second consecutive season, Apopka emerged as the District 8 champion.

"As every season has began, the rest of the sport just assumes the Blue Darters can't replace the talent and skill-set once again," Apopka coach Doug Campbell said. "In the meantime and instead, we begin every season asking the question and with the premise of: can the team realize the potential and find the right fit for executing an approach which grows out of picking up spares consistently?"

"And this performance's value goes beyond winning the district championship. The distinct legitimacy for aspiring to successfully defend the state championship was provided with this performance. All ele-



As teammates celebrate behind him, Josh Kennedy exchanges high-fives with coach Eddie Jenkins.

ments or components making up that state championship performance being consistently executed was waited on all season, but executed for the

first time when absolutely needed (the postseason) and is under our belts now so to speak. Stepping up our performance from leaving 203 pins on the lanes and ninth place at the Kegel Challenge to methodically progressing all the way through the district championship meet with a series of unwavering victories is a rather spectacular achievement."

Teams advancing to the final of all 16 district championship meets also earn berths into the state championship meet. The state championship meet is being held next Wednesday, November 1 and Thursday, November 2 at Boardwalk Bowl on East Colonial.

"Two seasons ago, the last of the bowlers who were a part of the first championship team graduated and the approach to the regular season as well as what was being gained had to change," Campbell said. "The bowl-

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Mustangs look to end season with a victory

By Neal Fisher
 Apopka Chief Staff

In order to be prevented from claiming the District 8A-4 crown, the Wekiva Mustangs have to lose the regular season finale to the Lake Nona Lions and a number of other outcomes have to occur. A victory erases all doubt of someone else claiming the district crown though.

The road contest for the Mustangs is scheduled to begin at 7 pm, tonight, Friday, November 2.

"We are in the as good as possible position for winning the district championship," Wekiva coach Rich Bedesem said. "However, the district championship has not been won yet. Some work is still required, unlike last season when the outcome had no bearing on the seedings and direction we took into the FH-SAA postseason tournament.

"After defeating North Gwinnett, the play was flat. Failing to put the victory behind us and focusing on the upcoming contest was the mistake committed. This contest is after the other biggest victory (over Apopka) this season at least as far as emotionally and the story-line. There is everything we have worked for on the line in some form this time and learning from the mistake has

Who: Wekiva Mustangs (8-1 overall; 2-1 Dist. 8A-4) at Lake Nona Lions (6-3 overall; 4-2 Dist. 7A-5)
When: Today, Fri., Nov. 2, 7 p.m.
Where: Lake Nona High's football field
Why: Metro Conference game
Cost: \$6 at the gate

been stressed and focused on all week."

Four regions exist across the state of Florida in Class 8A. Each region has four districts and the champion receives an automatic berth into the FH-SAA postseason tournament. Four other wildcard berths among each of the four regions are available as well.

Wildcard berths, seedings and ties in any capacities are determined by the power point standings.

The Mustangs will remain among the top eight teams in the power points standings and thus at least a wildcard berth has been clinched regardless of the outcome. However, the lower-numbered seed always plays at home. And district champions are rewarded with no worse than the fourth seed.

As far as the district championship, Apopka,

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Blue Darters look to bounce back after loss to Mustangs

By John Peery
 Apopka Chief Staff

Despite the lopsided loss to Wekiva, the Apopka Blue Darters football team still has plenty of goals ahead of it, including a 19th-straight playoff appearance.

With the Florida High School Athletic Association power rankings, a team's final destiny is not determined until the end of the regular season, but the Blue Darters can all but be assured of a No. 5 seeding in the Region 8A-1 playoff bracket with a victory to-

Who: Oak Ridge Pioneers (6-3 overall; 3-1 Dist. 8A-5) at Apopka Blue Darters (6-3 overall; 2-1 Dist. 8A-4)
When: Today, Fri., Nov. 2, 7 p.m.
Where: Apopka High's Roger Williams Field
Why: Metro Conference game
Cost: \$6 at the gate
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day, Friday, November 2, in the final home game of the season

against the Oak Ridge Pioneers. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. with senior night festivities scheduled to start at 6:20 p.m.

Both Apopka and Oak Ridge come into the contest with 6-3 records, but with vastly different power rankings. In Region 8A-1, the Blue Darters actually have the third-highest power ranking at 41, while Oak Ridge sits at No. 12 in Region 8A-2 with a power ranking of 35.

Despite having the same records, the difference in power ranking comes because Apop-

ka's opponents have a much better overall record than do Oak Ridge's foes. The nine teams that Apopka has played thus far have a combined record of 52-30, while Oak Ridge's nine opponents have combined for a 29-53 record.

All that being said, the Blue Darters must pick up the pieces from the loss to Wekiva and not let that loss linger so that it becomes an issue against the Pioneers.

Apopka coach Rick Darlington said it's simple: "We've got to get better, but I'm not going

out there with any rah-rah Gipper speeches," he said. "Here are the drills we do; let's get better."

The issues with personnel have grown even larger this week as blocking back Jalen Carter is out with a broken bone in his hand. Also, running back Cornelius Williams has quit the team, Darlington said. Running back Eric Wright remains out with an injury.

That means some players will be seeing time at new posi-

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Race: O'Reilly Auto Parts 300
Where: Texas Motor Speedway
When: Saturday, 4:30 p.m. (ET)
TV: NBC Sports Network
2017 Winner: Erik Jones

CAMPING WORLD TRUCK SERIES
Race: Jag Metals 350
Where: Texas Motor Speedway
When: Friday, 8:30 p.m. (ET)
TV: FS1
2017 Winner: Johnny Sauter

NASCAR INSIDER

by RICK MINTER / Andrews McMeel Syndication

Logano knocks Truex aside for Martinsville win

Sunday's First Data 500 at Martinsville Speedway provided the NASCAR world with some badly needed drama as the Monster Energy Cup Series enters its final three weeks of the 2018 campaign. Joey Logano employed a classic bump-and-run maneuver on Martin Truex Jr. on the final turn of Sunday's 500-lapper on the tight, paper-clip-shaped half-mile and took the lead — and the win — from Truex, who now has gone 78 career short-track races in the Cup series without a victory. The victory, Logano's first at Martinsville, assures him of a spot among the four drivers who will decide the Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway in three weeks. An angry Truex promised payback in a nationally televised post-race interview and vowed that he, not Logano, would be the 2018 champion. NASCAR fans and participants in the sport immediately took to social media to debate the fairness of Logano's move, with most in agreement that, whether they sided with Logano or Truex, the day's events made them want to see more short tracks on the Cup schedule. For his part, Logano, who led a race-high 309 laps and lost the lead with a little over one lap to run before regaining it at the finish line, said he didn't do anything unusual for a last-lap battle for the win on a short track like Martinsville. "My goal was not to wreck [Truex] in any way," he said. "My goal was to win the race. I don't want to win by dumping somebody. I want to win by making a move. "That was the classic bump-and-run. That was the move that our



Joey Logano celebrates a Martinsville win and a berth in the championship in Victory Lane.



Joey Logano (22) nudges his way past Martin Truex Jr. (78) just before taking the checkered flag.

sport and Martinsville, in particular, was built on. "I think I owe it to my race team to do everything I can to win a race, get another shot at winning a championship. That's my job. They did their job today. I had to do my mine." Logano's car owner, the respected veteran Roger Penske, said he saw nothing wrong with his driver's move. "I think Joey drove a great race," Penske said in the winner's interview. "He didn't knock [Truex] off the race track. It was side-by-side racing at the end. You could see that. Nobody lifted. I want to make sure people know my position: I thought it was fair, I thought it was square, and Joey deserved the win." Truex, obviously, disagreed. "[Logano] won the battle, but he didn't win the damn war," he said. "I'm just not going to let him win it. I'm going to win it." Truex said he raced Logano clean in the closing laps only to be treated otherwise on the final lap. "I was next to him for six laps," he said. "I never knocked him out of the way. We were going to race hard for it in my book. I cleared him fair and square. We weren't even banging doors for me to pass him. He just drove into the back of me and knocked me out of the way. That's short-track racing, but what goes around comes around." Denny Hamlin moved from third to second as Logano and Truex rubbed each other en route to the checkered flag, while Kyle Busch finished fourth and heads to Texas Motor Speedway with the series points lead. Brad Keselowski finished fifth after battling his fellow Team Penske driver Logano for the lead in the final 100 laps.

Johnny Sauter takes big step toward another championship title

Camping World Truck Series veteran Johnny Sauter eased his playoff pressure — for two weeks, anyway — with a run-away win in Saturday's Texas Roadhouse 200 at Martinsville Speedway. The win was Sauter's series-leading sixth of the season, and it made him the truck circuit's all-time win leader at Martinsville, with four victories on the challenging half-mile oval in southern Virginia. Of more immediate concern, the win on Saturday assures Sauter that he'll be one of the four drivers racing for the series championship in the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway on Nov. 16. Rains on Friday washed out practice for the Truck Series drivers, so their first laps on the track were in qualifying. Sauter's time put him eighth on the starting grid, and he took an easy win in the first 50-lap stage when race leader Todd Gilliland, who is not running for the championship, pitted before the end of the stage. But once Sauter took Stage One, he was unstoppable, winning Stage Two and leading 148 of the remaining 161 laps to get his 23rd career truck victory. Fellow playoff driver Brett Moffitt took the runner-up spot over Myatt Snider, Ben Rhodes and Kyle Benjamin, a 20-year-old from Easley, South Carolina, who was making just his second Truck Series start. (He finished second at Martinsville in the spring in his series debut.) Sauter's fourth Martinsville win allowed him to surpass three-time winners Kevin Harvick, Dennis Setzer and Mike Skinner. As for the rest of the playoff contenders, Moffitt fared best, coming from his 17th starting position to finish a distant second to Sauter. He's now third in the standings behind Noah Gragson, who finished second to Sauter in the race's first two stages. Grant Enfinger came back from a late-race spin to finish 14th and hold on to fourth place in the standings. Justin Haley finished sixth at Martinsville and is fifth in points, while Matt Crafton holds the sixth and final position after a 13th-place run at Martinsville.

Ally Financial signs on as sponsor of Jimmie Johnson and the No. 48 team

Seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson and his No. 48 team at Hendrick Motorsports have signed a sponsor to replace Lowe's, which has backed Johnson since he became a full-time Cup driver but is leaving the sport at season's end. Ally Financial, the digital financial services company formerly known as GMAC, has agreed to be the primary sponsor of Johnson and the No. 48 team, winners of 83 Cup races, for the next two seasons. The deal mirrors that of Johnson, who is signed with Hendrick through the 2020 season. "We are beyond thrilled to be in the fast lane with Jimmie Johnson, one of the most successful drivers in the history of NASCAR, and with Hendrick Motorsports, a premier organization in professional sports," Jeffrey Brown, CEO of Ally, said in a news release sent out just before the start of Sunday's race at Martinsville Speedway. "We look forward to working with this extraordinary team to build a strong and successful relationship as Ally enters this exciting sport." Team owner Rick Hendrick said in the same release that the signing of Ally is good news for his race team. "This is a proud day for our entire organization," Hendrick said. "Ally has built a tremendous brand by putting the customer at the center of their decisions and doing things right. In the same way, Jimmie has always put people first and handled himself like a champion in every sense of the word. "Ally's full-season commitment makes a powerful statement about their enthusiasm for him, our program and the direction of our sport." Johnson, who went on to finish 12th at Martinsville, said he's impressed with his new sponsor. "Their commitment to leading in

both the workplace and the community is something that resonates with me in a big way," he said. "They've sent a strong message about how much they believe in me and in our team, and I will do my part to make sure it's the best investment they've ever made." Johnson, 43, will be paired with crew chief Kevin Mendeering next season, and his current crew chief Chad Knaus will move to the No. 24 Chevy and driver William Byron.



Hendrick Motorsports owner Rick Hendrick (left) and driver Jimmie Johnson (center) were joined by Ally Financial CEO Jeffery Brown in announcing their new partnership.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

- 1** Stage wins apiece this season by Clint Bowyer and Aric Almirola — the fewest of the eight remaining Cup playoffs drivers
- 16** Stage wins by Kevin Harvick this season to top all Cup drivers
- 864** Laps led by Kyle Busch at Texas Motor Speedway since 2005 — the most of any Cup driver in the Round of Eight
- 3** Wins by Toyota drivers in the past five Cup races at Texas Motor Speedway

Joey Logano awaits championship contenders as playoffs shift to Texas

Standings and results following the First Data 500

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| <p>1. KYLE BUSCH
 4,104 points (finished fourth)
 Busch ran among the top five for most of Sunday's race but didn't seem to have a car capable of winning. No amount of tuning on pit stops helped. "We tried to do everything we could to get it to rotate to the center of the corner and get the drive off, and every time we tried to help the drive off, we just made it tighter. Then we tried to come back on that adjustment, and we just made it looser on exit."</p> | <p>4. JOEY LOGANO
 4,074 points (finished first)
 In 2015, Logano lost a good chance to win the title when Matt Kenseth wrecked him at Martinsville, where he was dominating, in retaliation for an earlier incident at Kansas Speedway. This time, he prevailed at Martinsville, and says he'll reach out to Truex, something he didn't do with Kenseth after Kansas. "I'm sure we will talk about it. It's probably smart that we all kind of cool off first."</p> | <p>7. CLINT BOWYER
 4,041 points (finished 21st)
 An early dust-up and a late spin doomed Bowyer at a track where he has excelled in the past. "Obviously, we are disappointed. We struggled all day trying to fix our loose car, but we stayed in the top 10 until there at the end when we got spun. We lost a lap, and that killed us. We have two races left, and we'll do our best to win at Texas or Phoenix."</p> |  |
| <p>2. MARTIN TRUEX JR.
 4,083 points (finished third)
 Truex's playoff frustration continues as he lost the lead on the final turn for the second time in the playoffs, the first coming on the Roval at Charlotte, when Jimmie Johnson knocked him aside. But he's not giving up. "Everybody said we were out, said we couldn't run good at Martinsville, we don't run good at short tracks, our team's shutting down so we can't make it to the Championship Four," he said. "I'm going to show everybody."</p> | <p>5. KURT BUSCH
 4,058 points (finished sixth)
 Busch said his car was fast, just not winning fast. "I have never had a car that would run this consistent throughout the whole race at Martinsville. I am really happy with our effort. I needed a different outcome with the winner, but I am really glad that Joey won and has his ticket to Homestead. It just makes our road tougher."</p> | <p>8. ARIC ALMIROLA
 4,033 points (finished 11th)
 It was an off day at Martinsville for the Talladega winner. "We just missed it. The car was just off, and we had one run where we made an adjustment and a set of tires, but the car was really fast. We drove from 15th up to fifth and thought we had a really good shot there. We only made one more minor tweak and the car just lost its handle again."</p> |  |
| <p>3. KEVIN HARVICK
 4,083 points (finished 10th)
 After dominating the 26-race regular season with a league-leading seven race victories, Harvick's been comparatively mediocre in the playoffs. But he's confident about the upcoming race at Texas Motor Speedway. "I look at Texas as our best racetrack. We ran really well there in the spring and won the race there last year, and our mile-and-a-half stuff has been really good."</p> | <p>6. CHASE ELLIOTT
 4,052 points (finished seventh)
 A solid top-10 finish isn't enough when three drivers ahead of him have a points advantage due to stage wins and race victories throughout the season and another, Logano, is in the final four due to his Martinsville victory. "I need to win. I mean, playing the points game is nice, but I need another [victory] sticker."</p> | <p>NASCAR Playoffs Racetracks
 Round 1: Las Vegas, Richmond, Charlotte (road course)
 Round 2: Dover, Talladega, Kansas
 Round 3: Martinsville, Texas, Phoenix
 Round 4: Homestead-Miami</p> |  |



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11. Prong
12. Clever
16. Network of nerves
17. Helps the police (abbr.)
18. Russian lake
19. Not allowed into evidence
24. Indicates position
25. Without clothes
26. Geological times
27. Folk singer DiFranco
28. Buddy
29. ... but don't break
30. Father
31. Cast a shadow over
33. Afghan city
34. Concluding speech
38. Type of creed
39. French Revolution image
40. Syrian president al-__
43. Soviet composer
44. Dove into
45. Famed Broadway producer
49. Leavened bread
50. Ruling family House of __
51. Planet
53. Publicity
54. Manifesting approval
56. Fern genus
58. Larry and Curly's pal
59. Company officer
60. Expressed loathing for
63. Birthplace of Constantine
64. People from Asia
65. "Hercules" voice Donovan

CLUES DOWN

1. Central hall or court
2. Italian city
3. All there
4. Seamstress's tool
5. Sends after
6. Used in herbal medicine
7. Specific gravity
8. A male
9. Hydroxyls + 2C
10. Trigonometric function
13. Archaic language (abbr.)
14. East African native
15. Satisfy
20. Mother
21. Where innate impulses are processed
22. "Rule, Britannia" composer
23. Not good
27. Swiss river
29. A-Team member Baracus
30. Calendar month
31. Drunk
32. Mercury
33. Concealed
34. Give forth
35. Contradiction in terms
36. Middle Eastern country
37. On the __
38. Sodium
40. One who attended a school
41. Supporters
42. South Dakota
44. American brewer Adams, Sr.
45. Type of attorney
46. Absence of oxygen
47. Most sheer
48. Human soul, mind or spirit
50. Flies high above
51. University of Dayton
52. Dorm moderator (abbr.)
54. Intestinal pouches
55. Assents to
57. Delaware
61. Robots are a byproduct of this
62. Tantalum

Solutions to the Crossword Puzzle are found on page 7B of this newspaper.

GENERAL SERVICE: AUTO-BASICS

Auto technicians say the key to keeping vehicles running well – today and down the road – is routine maintenance. Yet many drivers tend to stall when it comes to keeping up with some everyday auto-basics. A recent survey by the Car Care Council found:

- 25% of cars had low or dirty engine oil.
- 13% had low or contaminated brake fluid.
- 18% had dirty air filters.
- 17% had inadequate cooling protection or low coolant levels.
- 16% needed new windshield wiper and 27% had low or contaminated washer fluid.
- 18% needed new belts.

Overall, 89% of vehicles were in need of at least one service or repair.

MAINTENANCE – YOUR PROTECTION!

Wekiva victory was overwhelming in its completeness

I have to believe that even the most ardent Wekiva supporter couldn't have envisioned the 35-0 shellacking that the Mustangs handed the Apopka Blue Darters last week.

It was pretty much a perfect storm for the Mustangs as not only did its vaunted defense perform even better than it has all season, but the Wekiva offense became a weapon, proving that the Mustangs can get things done on that side of the ball.

Prior to the game, I figured that Wekiva would win, but I also thought it would be a dogfight, a very close game. I saw it being much like last year's game that really wasn't decided until very late.

As this one unfolded, it had the feeling that the 13-0 lead that the Mustangs had about four minutes into the second quarter would likely hold up. Then, when it went to 21-0 a couple of minutes prior to halftime, I knew things would have to do 180 for the Blue Darters to have any chance of making the game even competitive.

That, of course, didn't happen as Wekiva's defense owned the line of scrimmage.

Apopka's strong running game never materialized. Well, it did for one play when Akeem Brown apparently scored on a 65-yard run, but that was nullified by a holding penalty. As it turned out, the Blue Darters' longest run of the game was a 5-yarder by Jackson Darlington. That was the only run of more than 4 yards for Apopka. The Blue Darters had six runs of 4 yards and ended with just 40 yards rushing.



John Peery
Peery's Extra Points

The odd thing is that Wekiva didn't throw Apopka runners for a lot of losses as only four times did Apopka runners not get to the line of scrimmage. However, when you've held the Apopka single-wing offense to just 40 yards on 24 attempts, you've done an incredible job. In addition, the Blue Darters got just four first downs, and Apopka's initial first down came with less than a minute left in the first half.

Wekiva's offense isn't as powerful as its defense, but once the Mustangs got cranked up, they did what they want to do — establish the running game, move the chains, hit a few passes over the top, and end drives with touchdowns.

Perhaps by fate, it was the Wekiva defense that scored the final touchdown of the game, as Brandon Hill snuffed out Apopka's best scoring opportunity by picking off a pass over the middle and scampering 97 yards for the score.

While it was certainly a fantastic victory for the Mustangs, Wekiva and Apopka are in the same boat when it comes to moving on as both teams must not only learn from the game and the outcome, but must look forward to the final regular-season game and then the postseason.

Wekiva cannot afford to have that game lin-

ger so much that it affects this week's game at Lake Nona. It's one thing to use the confidence earned in a big victory, but the win over Apopka means nothing when it comes to playing Lake Nona.

The same holds true for Apopka, but in the opposite direction. An emotional loss like the one to Wekiva can stick around and affect a team for more than just the one game. The Blue Darters cannot afford to let Wekiva beat them last week and then again this week against Oak Ridge.

Both teams are very likely in the playoffs, but a loss would certainly damage the seeding.

Power rankings

Both Wekiva and Apopka are looking fine for a spot in the playoffs.

As a result of Wekiva's victory over Apopka, the Mustangs and Blue Darters are now tied with West Orange for the District 8A-4 lead. The tie will be broken by the power rankings and unless very unusual occurrences happen, Wekiva will be the district champ.

At that point, the Mustangs will be the top seed in Region 8A-1 and Apopka will probably be the No. 5 seed.

It looks like Jacksonville Mandarin will be the No. 2 seed, while Winter Park will be the third seed and Oviedo will be the fourth. If those seedings hold true, Apopka's first round game will be at Oviedo.

As a reminder, the top eight teams in the power rankings of the region will

land a playoff berth.

Figuring out the sixth through eighth seeds isn't as clear, at least not to me, but look for DeLand to come in at No. 6, while West Orange is eyeing seventh and Flagler Palm Coast eighth.

The outcomes of this week's games will, of course, affect all this, but those are my picks.

If those seedings hold true, Wekiva would host Flagler Palm Coast, while West Orange would travel to Mandarin, which should be a pretty good 2-7 matchup. Winter Park would host DeLand and Apopka would travel to Oviedo.

I certainly could see a couple of the lower seeded teams pulling an upset.

As it sits now, Wekiva holds the highest power ranking with 43.44 points. Mandarin is second at 41.11. Apopka is third at 41, while DeLand and Winter Park are tied at 40.33.

Oviedo sits at 38.89 with West Orange at 38.67 and Flagler Palm Coast at 38.6. Following those teams are, Jacksonville Sandalwood, Lake Mary, Seminole, and Boone.

Lake Mary might have a chance to sneak in the top eight as the Rams play Winter Park and a victory over the Wildcats would do wonders for Lake Mary's power ranking numbers.

Remember that even though a team such as Apopka that doesn't win its district has a higher power ranking number than another team that does win its district, the non-district winner can be no higher than a fifth seed. The four district winners

in each region are the top four seeds based on their power ranking.

It can be confusing, but I do like the way teams qualify for the playoffs now as I think it truly rewards teams that play other teams that have good programs. It's certainly paid off for both Wekiva and Apopka as they stand at first and third, respectively, in the region.

The playoff brackets will be revealed Sunday, November 4, at 11 a.m. on Orlando's Channel 27, which is affiliated with WFTV Channel 9. The show can also be viewed on the WFTV website and its app.

Wekiva at Lake Nona

As I mentioned earlier, Wekiva's biggest issue this week is pretty much forgetting the euphoric feelings of beating Apopka and concentrating on Lake Nona.

The Lions are not a great team, but they have a pretty good offense and, last year, Wekiva had its first victory over Apopka and then gave up 34 points to Lake Nona the next week in a 46-34 Wekiva victory.

The same holds true for this week. If the Mustangs don't play at a high level, it could be an uneasy situation. I think this year's Wekiva squad will look at things differently and be able to handle Lake Nona without a whole lot of trouble.

The key, as usual, for the Mustangs will be for the Wekiva defense to dominate and keep the Lions from moving the ball up and down the field.

Wekiva's offense, meanwhile, must run the ball hard with Supreme Richardson while keeping the Lake Nona defense off balance with the deep throws from quarterback Larry Preston.

Wekiva's keys to victory are simple: Play great defense and move the chains on offense, ending drives with touchdowns.

That's just what the Mustangs will do as they prepare for the playoffs.

Wekiva by 24.

Oak Ridge at Apopka

While Wekiva must guard against thinking everything will be easy now after the Mustangs' 35-0 victory over Apopka, the Blue Darters must resist having their confidence and spirit crushed.

If Oak Ridge were to score a time or two early, that could aid in the erosion of any confidence Apopka has left.

I truly think the Blue Darters will bounce back with a solid victory this week, but this team, from an injury standpoint and a confidence standpoint, is not the team it was earlier in the season.

We'll see how much passion and desire this team has, especially if the game is close as the fourth quarter winds down.

I'd like to see an Apopka team that comes out with its hair on fire and puts the game away by halftime, but that may be asking too much.

I do think the Blue Darters will win, but only if there are no major injuries or really strange things that happen.

Apopka by 14.

Cooler weather means fish are bitin' in local waters

Hello Folks,

Oh my gosh! Can you believe this great weather we are havin' right now? I was beyond needin' some cool weather. It's here and I'm happy, and hopefully, you are as well.

The fishin' is pickin' up in most of the lakes in our area. Folks are gettin' on the water and they are doin' pretty good catchin' some bluegills and a few shell-crackers. You will have to drift open water with crickets and red worms. I also heard this past weekend that a few folks are catchin' some specks in Lake Monroe. I talked to an angler who fishes the Lake Monroe every day and he was out one day and caught 19 specks. The specks don't have any roe in 'em right now, but to get a great report like that is good news for speck fishermen. Most of the specks he caught



Jim Keck
Goin' Fishin'

were on minners driftin' open water.

You can also catch some bass early in the mornin' around the grass-line pads and reeds throughout the lake. Also give Lake Woodruff a try for some bluegills and shell-crackers. Drift open water with crickets and red worms. You may catch a few specks mixed in the panfish.

The bass fishin' is gettin' better since we had our cold front come to town. The bass seem to be a little more aggressive since the water tempera-

ture has dropped. The Kissimmee Chain has been good to fish for bass as well. Look for bass to be feedin' early in the mornin' along the shoreline cover and around the pads. Try usin' a plastic frog or a toad in those areas. Once the sun gets up, try a plastic worm or a slow-sinkin' Senko-type bait. Look for bass to be hangin' around the submerged hydrilla and pepper grass patches.

Folks are catchin' some nice bass in the Butler Chain along the shoreline grass on shiners. You can also try draggin' a shiner around the submerged pepper grass patches and the submerged hydrilla clumps. Also look for some schoolin' bass throughout the lakes. Look for the divin' birds feedin' on the bait-fish.

The Harris Chain has really been good for bass fishin' for the past few

weeks. Rick and I went to the Harris Chain last Friday and we had a good day on the water.

We caught and released 15 bass. We caught most of our bass on slow-sinkin' Senkos and plastic worms. We did catch one bass on a chatter-bait. I was very fortunate to catch a real nice bass last Friday while fishin' with Rick.

I caught and released an 8 lb. 9 oz. bass. The cold front was comin' in and it started rainin' and that's when I caught her.

We survived three rain showers that day but any time you can catch a nice bass like that, it makes for a great day on the water.

Well, that is it for this week. Take advantage of the great weather, get the family, and go fishin'.

Tip of the week: cooler weather.

Save a few and good luck!



Columnist Jim Keck shows off an 8 lb. 9 oz. bass he caught in the Harris Chain of Lakes.

Police Beat

If a law enforcement agency charges you with a crime and this paper reports that information, please notify us within 90 days if the charge is later dropped, or if you are found not guilty by the court. After verifying the information, we will be happy to publish it. Please send notification to The Apopka Chief, P.O. Box 880, Apopka, 32704-0880
In the period from October 23-29, the Apopka Po-

lice Department received 1,300 calls for assistance, responded to 21 crashes, issued 53 traffic citations and made 16 arrests. Of these arrests, one was a juvenile arrest. The juvenile was arrested and charged with loitering or prowling.

The following were arrested and charged:

Christopher Ryan Batson, 27, confidential address, battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation.

John Dillon Bellu-

so, 26, 441 S. Highland Ave., Apopka, larceny-retail theft/shoplifting petit theft X 2, trespassing-fail to leave property upon order by owner.

Hannah Rose Bookout, 20, confidential address, battery-touch or strike.

David Everett Cates, 37, 1505 Rolling Meadow Dr., Valrico, traffic offense-DUI alcohol or drugs.

Parker Christopher, 37, confidential address, resist officer-obstruct without violence.

Camilo O. Cuaquetzale Tepole, 39, 1239 Dovehill Dr., Apopka, moving traffic

violation-operate motor vehicle without valid license.

Sue Ann Hunter, 43, 2715 Renegade Dr., Apt. 106, Orlando, drugs-possession cocaine, drugs-possession methamphetamine.

Bobby Ray Jones, 28, 2003 Apopka Blvd., Apopka, larceny-grand theft is more than \$300 but less than \$5,000, larceny-retail theft/shoplifting petit theft 2nd degree 3rd or subsequent offense, trespassing-failure to leave property upon order by owner.

Abigail Michaela Jory, 23, 7600 Colebrook Dr., Orlando, larceny-retail theft/

shoplifting petit 1st offense 2nd degree 1st offense.

Anthony James Love, 35, transient, Apopka, battery on officer or firefighter, etc.

Lance Cody Robinson, 25, 134 Virgil St., Apopka, drug equipment-possession and/or use, larceny-retail theft/shoplifting petit theft 1st degree property \$100 or less than \$300 3rd or subsequent offense.

Oshay Desean Sallett, 21, confidential address, Apopka, battery-commit domestic battery by strangulation.

Tatyana Igoreyevna

Sidorenkova, 27, 530 Orange Dr. Apt. 27, Altamonte Springs, drug equipment-possession and/or use, drugs-possession heroin,

Ashley Nicole Thompson, 28, 2907 Sheringham Rd., Orlando, battery-cause bodily harm, burglary with assault or battery, kidnap minor for ransom or reward or shield or hostage, moving traffic violation-drive while license suspended 2nd offense, robbery-carjacking without firearm or weapon.

Zenaida Luisa Tuck, 23, confidential address, Apopka, battery-touch or strike.

High school football playoff brackets to be shown Sunday

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) will hold *Drive to December*, a new high school football playoff bracket reveal program. The one-hour show will be broadcast live on TV 27, Sunday, November 4, at 11 a.m.

TV 27 is an independent television station serving the Central Florida mar-

ket. It can be seen on Spectrum channel 10 or free over the air on channel 27. TV 27 is part of Cox Media Group, which also owns sister station WFTV Channel 9, the ABC affiliate in Orlando.

Drive to December will be hosted by Channel 9 and TV 27 sports anchors Joe Kepner and Christian Bruey. The show

will unveil the playoff brackets for all eight classes in Florida. Additionally, high school football experts from around the state will appear to provide analysis and preview the marquee games.

Following the conclusion of the show, the brackets for 2018 *Drive to December* will be posted on the football page at FH-

SAA.org. The first regional playoff games take place Friday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m.

"We are excited to partner with TV 27 on *Drive to December*," said George Tomy, executive director of FHSAA. "We listened to our member schools and have made this broadcast free for everyone, so we encourage member schools

from across the state to host watch parties in their community as we celebrate the best high school football in America."

"No media entity in Central Florida devotes more resources to high school sports like TV 27, WFTV, and Cox Media Group," said Paul Curran, market vice president for Cox Media Group Orlando.

"We are pleased to extend our award-winning coverage of high school football through our partnership with the FHSAA. The first ever broadcast of the FHSAA selection show will expand the sport's popularity throughout the region. Good luck to all the schools this year and we can't wait for the unveiling of the brackets in December."

New classifications approved for some high school sports

The Florida High School Athletic Association Board of Directors voted 12-3 on Monday, October 29, to approve the classification proposal at its second meeting of the 2018-19 school year.

Endorsed by both the FHSAA Operations Committee (3-1, Oct. 28) and the Athletic Di-

rectors Advisory Committee (9-1, Oct. 17), the new two-year classification cycle begins with the 2019-20 school year.

The board also reduced the classifications in the following sports to six classes plus rural (rural is not affected): baseball, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, softball and girls vol-

leyball.

District tournaments will remain and be seeded by MaxPreps rankings released at the end of the regular season. However, schools are no longer required to play regular-season district contests.

Following district tournaments, the regional playoff brackets for Class 2A-7A (1A ru-

ral playoff structure remains the same) will consist of four regions per class and four districts per region.

District champions now automatically qualify for the playoffs, with the top four seeds in each region being seeded by MaxPreps. Following the top four automatic qualifiers being seed-

ed, teams 5-8 will receive at-large bids via their MaxPreps rankings. Higher seeds would host. All regional MaxPreps rankings will combine schools' regular season and district tournament results.

For updates on the proposal, follow @FHSAA on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat.

Wekiva: Lake Nona often passes the ball more than 40 times a game

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Wekiva and West Orange finished atop the standings with 2-1 records. By virtue of defeating Apopka, Wekiva maintained the top position in the power points standings with 43.55. The loss dropped Apopka to third.

The following has to occur for Apopka to win the championship:

- Lake Nona beats Wekiva
- Apopka defeats Oak Ridge
- Ocoee defeats West Orange
- Boone beats Edgewater

More points would be earned by Apopka if Ocoee and Boone win. The category of victory percentages would be one higher.

Holding seventh place in the power points standings, West Orange is still mathematically alive for a wildcard berth, but with 38.67 points can not win the district championship.

However, only 2.33 points separate second-place Mandarin and Wekiva.

"Seeding can not be overlooked though as what we control the most though," Bedesem said. "Now is the time to earn as high a seed as possible. One more victory will secure the number one seed, no ifs, ands or buts. The top four seeds play at home during the first round. However, that number is reduced to two and then one during the next rounds. So, the higher the seed earned the more likely to host the deeper into the tournament. Winning and advancing during the tournament

are of the smallest differences. Not having to adjust the routine because playing at home has just as much of an impact as preparing to execute the details of the play."

An unexpected mess of mistakes provided West Orange with the opening to rally for a victory. The play since the loss has proven the mess of mistakes during the fourth quarter while facing West Orange to be the exception, not the norm and the record is now 8-1.

The Mustangs have won the last three contests by a combined score of 108-6 while limiting mistakes to a handful.

"Since losing, good play has been consistent," Bedesem said. "The impact has been minimized as far as providing an opening for the opponent to score. As much of a cliché, teams advancing deep into the postseason tournament keep the level of play at that high level on consistent basis. The end of the regular season or defeating Apopka so convincingly isn't a reason for the consistency to drop."

The victory over Apopka was by a 35-0 score.

Furthermore, total yardage was 378-111. Apopka was averaging over 350 total yards per contest.

"When playing as well as capable of we are very, very hard to beat and has been said all season as a reminder. Playing as well as capable of is possible when limiting the mistakes. The mistakes being the fewest and farthest

apart all season and the play being the best all season wasn't a coincidence."

Although no longer mathematically alive for the District 7A-5 championship, a wild card berth is still possible. Seventh place is being held by the Lions in the Class 7A-Region 2 power points standings.

Strength vs. strength is expected.

Wekiva's physical, overpowering defense is giving up an average of 9.1 points per, including four shutouts.

By means of a modified for high school West Coast offense and using the spread design, the Lions' offense is proficient and efficient in producing situations where speed and agility is used to the utmost. Over 35 points per contest is being averaged. The quick, short pass fulfills the same role of getting the ball into the hands of a skilled player while moving at full speed and forward as a handoff. Lake Nona uses the variation of the West Coast offense in which a fast pace and the shotgun accompanies most passes are thrown forward as opposed to the edge of the line.

And the concept is taken to the extreme as about 80 percent of the plays are passes, making the function of the rushing game surprising the defenses.

All players with a major role have at least one season of experience as a starter.

A quick and agile release combined with excellent deci-

sion-making according to the situation are the calling cards of quarterback Michael Kern. The perfect quarterback for the Lake Nona version of the West Coast offense because of the profile, Kern is also a Wake Forest commit. Kern is involved in some way and every play begins with the decision of how to use his skill-set. Executing the concept of the short, quick pass over and over is impossible without short drops by the quarterback. Sometimes, no steps are taken by Kern before throwing the ball.

Racking up the yardage through the air and setting new school records is a tradition being carried on by Kern as well. Last season, completion percentage was in the 60s and yardage gained was 2502. Over 2500 yards have been gained by Kern while throwing 33 touchdowns and only six interceptions this season with the finale still remaining. The completion percentage is around 65.

Screens, slants as well as hitches are the specific staple of the attack and everyone is utilized as a receiver. Makai Burris, Ethan Johnson and Dominick Johnson are targeted the most though. There are no official designations for what type of receiver, but Burris functions as the slot receiver, Ethan Johnson as the wide receiver and Dominick Johnson as the tight end.

Thus, even running backs receive passes beyond the edge and function as wide receivers. The next general stage of the design

is gaining most of the yards after catching the ball. Tight ends are used, but not always. All combinations of receivers on each side are employed as well.

Vertical passes are mixed into the rotation of passes about 70 percent of the time and also as the means to surprise the defenses.

When occasionally rushing the ball, two fullbacks and a running back line up. Along with Kern, the shape of the backfield is a diamond.

Compensating for smaller size but possessing speed, the Lions' calling cards on defense are movement and pinching. Out of the 3-4 formation, the location of the defensive ends change and slants are called often. The linebackers are also called upon to support the line, filling the gaps. Cover-four is used exclusively by the secondary.

"We have yet to face a passing heavy offense," Bedesem said. "So, this contest also has value in the sense of a good test for us in preparation for the tournament. Of course, most teams rush the ball more often than the pass. However, there is no guarantees throughout the tournament and we have to be prepared for all contingencies as far as rushing versus passing and learning to cover all of the routes which can be called. Last season, Lake Nona threw an average of 42 passes per contest, which means a fast pace and players who know the system inside and out. Watching the film nothing has changed."

Champ: Wekiva offense was balanced with 193 yards rush, 183 pass

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The junior signal caller hit just 6-of-14 passes, but most were for big yardage, averaging more than 30 yards per completion as he threw for 183 yards. He also made the most of his six completions as he had three touchdown passes, the longest was to Terrence Moore, a 79-yarder on the second play of the fourth quarter that gave the Mustangs a 28-0 lead.

"He really stepped up," Bedesem said about Preston. "I got on him a couple of times. He missed some receivers. He shook it off and he didn't get fazed by it. He came back and made a lot of big plays for us."

As a team, the Mustangs ran for 193 yards, 108 on 19 carries by Supreme Richardson.

"We're not flashy. We're not going to run four wides at you. We're going to run the ball at you to

set up play-action game. I thought they executed the game plan perfectly," Bedesem said.

Preston's cutback run of 52 yards in the first quarter set up a 7-yard touchdown pass he threw to Malik Tolbert to give the Mustangs a 6-0 lead midway through the first period.

With Richardson banging out yardage on the ground and Preston hitting a pass or two, the Mustangs scored twice in the second period to take a 21-0 advantage. Preston's 22-yard pass to Malcolm Green upped Wekiva's lead to 13-0. Then, just two minutes before halftime, the Mustangs took control on Preston's one-yard touchdown run. He hit Jalen Williams for the 2-point conversion.

Preston's scoring run was set up by his 23-yard scramble as the Mustangs faced third-and-goal from the 24-yard line.

Wekiva's defense,

meanwhile, was shutting down the Apopka offense, not allowing the Blue Darters a first down until less than a minute remained in the second period. For the game, Apopka had just four first downs.

For Apopka, it was a nightmare of a game as it is the first time that a Rick Darlington-coached team faced the wrong end of a running clock once the Mustangs hit the 35-point mark in the fourth period.

"First time I remember (a running clock). And a shutout. To them. It's a trifecta of horribleness. It's embarrassing," Darlington said. "They're pretty good and when you don't block them, it makes them even better."

Apopka's single-wing offense usually confounds opponents, but Wekiva has faced it many times.

"They're very good on defense. Everyone knows that. They're not just very good on defense against us.

They're good on defense every week, but the familiarity with defending us every year is definitely good for them," Darlington said.

Even though the Mustangs were dominating the entire game, Wekiva put the game on ice with two scores in the first three minutes of the fourth quarter.

Preston's 79-yard pass to Moore moved the score to 28-0 and as Apopka had its deepest penetration into Wekiva territory after a 49-yard pass from Jackson Darlington to Akeem Brown, Wekiva's Brandon Hill turned the tables, picking off a Darlington pass intended for tight end Fred Young and returning it 97 yards for a touchdown and a 35-0 lead with 9:22 left in the fourth.

"We got lucky at the end," Bedesem said. "They were getting ready to score, but we got a pick six with a great play on the ball. They're a great team. We

played really well tonight.

"Like I told the guys, if we don't turn the ball over, we've got a defense that can win a lot of football games. Just don't turn it over and we'll be in everything."

Although it was a huge win for the Mustangs, it was just one game. "Celebrate this week, but we've got to come back Monday and keep working," Bedesem said. "This is just another victory for us and we've got to finish it off next week for the regular season, then the playoffs start.

"It's another stepping-stone. When I first got here, Wekiva had never beaten Apopka. Last year was the first time. So now we're trying to get to their level and you've got to win games like this and win districts, and hopefully some playoff wins and even further. We're just hopefully at the tipping point of where we can go."

	Apopka	Wekiva
First downs	4	10
Rushes-yds	24-40	32-193
Passing yds	70	183
Com-Att-Int	3-15-1	6-14-0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-yds	5-40	8-75

Apopka	0	0	0	0	-	0
Wekiva	6	15	0	14	-	35

W-Tolbert 7 pass from Preston (kick blocked), 5:05 1st; W-Green 22 pass from Preston (Wilson kick), 7:52 2nd; W-Preston 1 run (J. Williams pass from Preston), 1:59 2nd; W-Moore 79 pass from Preston (Wilson kick), 11:07 4th; W-Hill 97 interception return (Wilson kick), 9:22 4th.

Individual statistics
 Rushing: Apopka-Brown 15-28; Darlington 4-15; Young 1-4; Team 1-(-3); C. Williams 3-(-4). Wekiva-Richardson 19-108; Preston 9-74, 1TD; Edgerton 3-8; Wilson 1-3.
 Passing: Apopka-Darlington 3-15-1, 70. Wekiva-Preston 6-14-0, 183, 3TD.
 Receiving: Apopka-Brown 2-62; Young 1-8. Wekiva-Moore 2-111, 1TD; Tolbert 2-39, 1TD; Green 1-22, 1TD; J. Williams 1-11.
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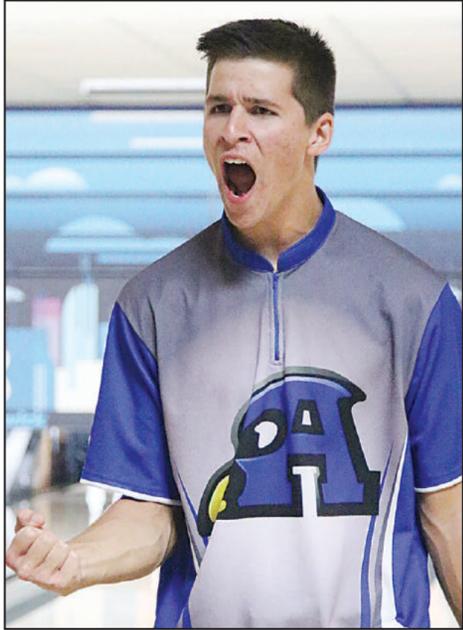
Darters take bowling district title again



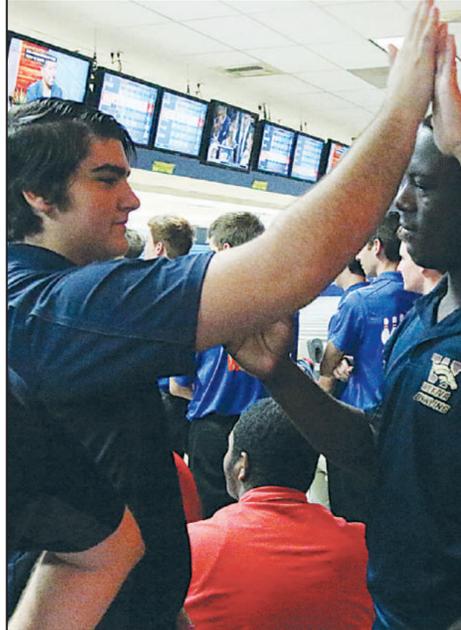
Members of the Blue Darters bowling team raise the district trophy in the air on Tuesday afternoon, October 30.



Adam Chase is lifted by teammate Diego Pulice after the Darters won first place in their district. Teammate Josh Kennedy joins the celebration.



Andrew Gayetsky rejoices after a frame on Tuesday, October 30, as Apopka went on to claim the title.



Wekiva's Joseph Scarlotta high fives a teammate during Tuesday morning's district tournament.



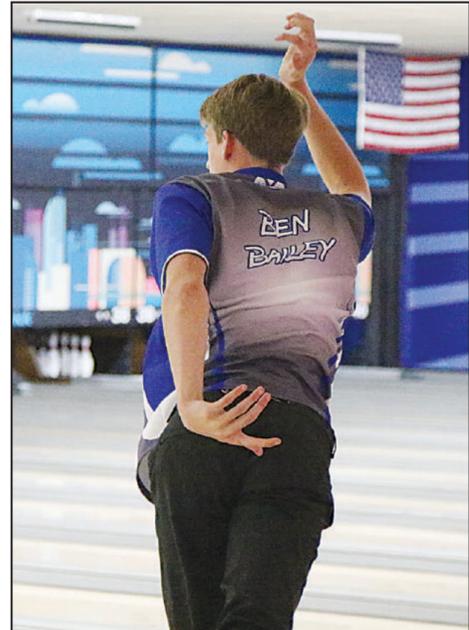
Diego Pulice celebrates a strike during Apopka's run to claim the district.



After the last frame of the day Adam Chase finds himself hoisted into the air by Diego Pulice.



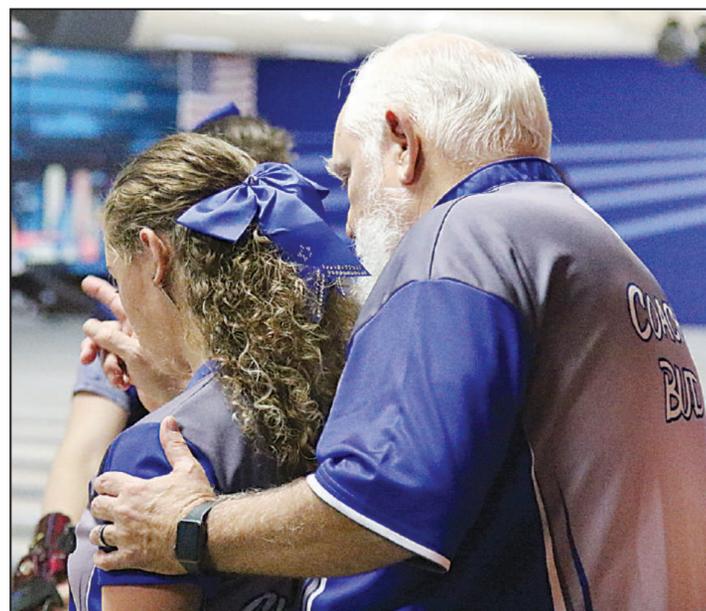
Andrew Gayetsky studies the pins as he contemplates his next ball.



Ben Bailey throws a frame during Tuesday's tournament.



Wekiva Mustangs' Faith Bowman high-fives teammate Megan O'Leary during Tuesday's district tournament.



Coach Bud Endicott gives Breanna Chambers some advice about her next ball during a frame at Tuesday's tournament.

Staff photos by John Peery

Wekiva Mustangs dominate Blue Darters, 35-0



Norell Pollard (l) and Malcolm Green (r) watch Dr. Andre Baptiste toss the coin at the beginning of Friday's game.



Two of the Darters defensive players sandwich Mustangs' quarterback Larry Preston. Wekiva went on to win a not-so-close contest this year against Apopka.



Defensive back Malik Dixon eyes Apopka's Akeem Brown on a Darters' running play.



Apopka head coach Rick Darlington (l) congratulates head coach Rich Bedesem (r) after Friday's matchup.



Norell Pollard manhandles Apopka's Akeem Brown during the game.



Apopka's Curtis Williams (r) and teammate drag Wekiva quarterback Larry Preston to the turf on October 26.



Akeem Brown bolts past a barreling down Teddy Adkins as he looks to stop the rush as Wekiva dominated Friday's contest.



Wide receiver Maikk Tolbert gets behind Apopka's secondary as he catches a pass for Wekiva's first touchdown.



Mustang running back Solomon Edgerton bores into the line as his jersey is stretched as a tackle tries to hold on.

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Europeans who came to America ...  ...often wished for land, gold or freedom.

Newspaper Fun!

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Living in the Colonies



Have you studied Colonial times in school? It is the period of time (1607-1776) during which people from Europe sailed across the sea to America, which then was known to them as the "New World." Some people were looking for things that would make them powerful – land or gold. Others wanted freedom to live and worship as they chose. Of course, Native Americans were already living here. Can you imagine how they must have felt when ships came to their land and strange people built homes and forts on it?

How did Colonial America start? Read these clues to find out:

- Members of the Virginia Company sailed to the New World to claim _____ for England.
- They wanted to make lots of _____ by finding silver or gold, so they quickly landed to start a settlement before other people could.
- They founded the first settlement, called _____, in Virginia.
- Some others who traveled to the New World were called _____. They sailed on a ship called the Mayflower and landed in Plymouth, Massachusetts.
- They came to the New World because they wanted religious _____.
- Most settlers had to grow their own fruits and _____.
- Settlers built _____ to protect against attacks from some native tribes.
- Such attacks could last for weeks or months, trapping settlers inside. When food ran out, many people _____.
- There were few doctors, so many settlers died due to simple _____.
- Eventually the English government placed very heavy _____ on the colonists for tea, food and other goods.

I'm out of here! I heard pigeon is a popular food.

- This was one _____ of the main causes of the _____ Revolutionary War.
- In 1776, the 13 Colonies declared themselves "Free and Independent _____" that no longer were part of Great Britain.

Eek, I'm out of here, too!

At this time, most families had to provide their own food. They grew turnips, pumpkins, potatoes, wheat and corn. They kept pigs, chickens and cows. Men hunted for deer, turkeys or rabbits. Families fished or searched for clams. A pot of stew was kept hot on the fire all week. Some sugar and spices were brought from England, but were still scarce. To keep foods longer, they were dried, smoked, canned, salted and pickled.

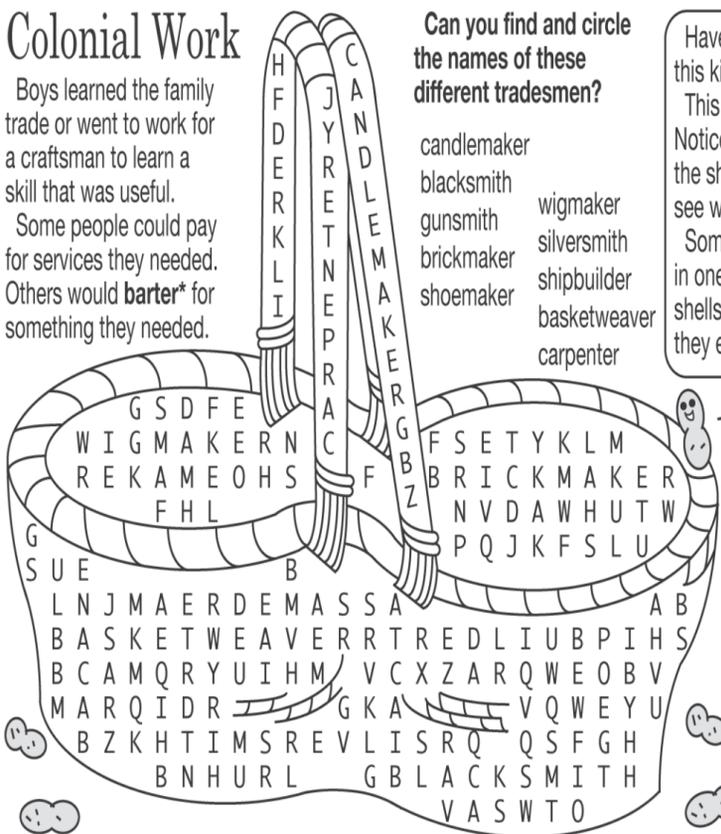
Colonial Work

Boys learned the family trade or went to work for a craftsman to learn a skill that was useful. Some people could pay for services they needed. Others would **barter*** for something they needed.

Can you find and circle the names of these different tradesmen?

- candlemaker
- blacksmith
- gunsmith
- brickmaker
- shoemaker
- wigmaker
- silversmith
- shipbuilder
- basketweaver
- carpenter

Have you ever seen this kind of basket? This is a "peanut basket." Notice my shape and notice the shape of the basket to see why it is called that. Some people put peanuts in one side, then throw the shells into the other side as they eat the peanuts.



* Barter - to trade or bargain services and items without the use of money.

School Time!

Do you think learning was harder in Colonial times or harder now? Read each sentence below and circle "T" if you think it is true and "F" if you think it is false.



In Colonial days:

- Schools were huge, brick buildings with large numbers of teachers and students. T F
- Students had lots of textbooks. T F
- Girls learned math and the family trade. T F
- Boys learned spinning, cooking and nursing. T F
- Students who didn't behave well could be spanked or punished. T F
- Schoolhouses had bathrooms and running water. T F
- The teacher taught different grade levels at the same time. T F

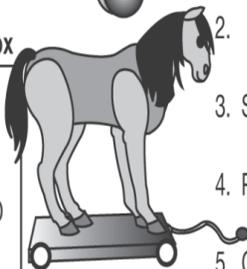
Kids during the Colonial times were expected to work hard to learn the family trade and the many skills needed just to help the family survive. Still, the children found time to skip, jump, swim, race, and play marbles and other games.



What other kinds of fun did children have? To find out, fill in the vowels for each word. Use the vowel box and cross off each vowel as you use it in the blanks.

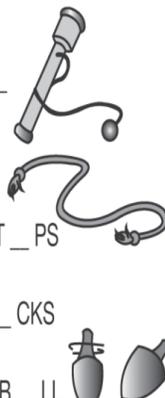
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Wekiva Mustangs topple Apopka Darters 35-0



The Wekiva Mustangs celebrate winning the Mayor's Cup trophy for the second consecutive year over hometown rival Apopka Blue Darters 35-0.



Jackson Darlington leads the Blue Darters onto the field with the American flag on Friday, October 26.



Wekiva defenders work to take down running back Akeem Brown on Friday night.



Apopka's Jackson Darlington releases a pass prior to Mustangs linebacker Teddy Adkins' hit.



Apopka's Curtis Williams tries to drag down Wekiva's quarterback Larry Preston.

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