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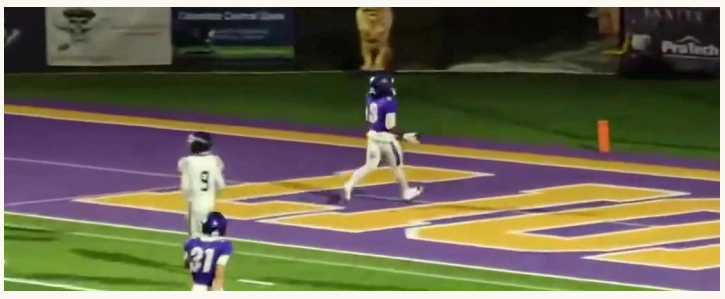
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COLUMBIA CENTRAL 42, SODDY DAISY 0

Lions roll into Round 2 with 42–0 shutout of Soddy Daisy

Three rushing touchdowns, a takeaway and a shutout send the Lions into Round 2



J'Mari Hall carries the ball through the end zone during Central's 42–0 first-round win over Soddy Daisy.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL



A Central runner is brought down during the third quarter Friday.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL

FPSN SPORTS DESK | FPSN-SUPPLIED GAME STATISTICS • POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

COLUMBIA — J'Mari Hall's three rushing touchdowns helped Columbia Central turn two productive middle quarters into a decisive playoff opener. The Lions scored 21 points in both the second and third quarters and shut out Soddy Daisy 42–0 Friday in the Class 5A first round.

Central rushed for 253 yards and six touchdowns on 29 carries, according to Columbia Central game statistics supplied by FPSN. Jackson Parker completed nine of 15 passes for 68 yards with no touchdown passes or interceptions, bringing the Lions' total offense to 321 yards.

Hall carried nine times for 93 yards and three scores. His contribution extended well beyond those runs: seven tackles, a forced fumble, an interception returned eight yards and a 30-yard kickoff return. The supplied game sheet credited him with 131 all-purpose yards.

Ha'son Baugh added 94 yards and a touchdown on nine carries. Dallas King turned just two carries into 46 yards and two touchdowns, then caught four passes for 40 yards. His work on the ground and through the air produced 86 all-purpose yards.

Carson Clanton led Central with 11 tackles. Zane Nash made nine tackles, recorded three sacks, forced a fumble and recovered a fumble. Jamari Brown caught two passes for seven yards and returned an interception 38 yards, giving the Lions another takeaway contribution alongside Hall's pick.

Eli Raymer made four of five extra-point attempts, and Brown supplied a two-point conversion. Central finished scoreless first and fourth quarters without allowing Soddy Daisy a point at any stage. The Lions' official football account described Friday as a second consecutive shutout.

Coach Tra'Darius Goff, speaking with FPSN's Louis Maddox after the game, said offensive and defensive adjustments helped Central finish 42–0. Goff called senior linebacker Zane Nash "the brains of the defense" and said Nash sets the front. "Man, he's a special guy," Goff said.

The Lions host Knoxville Central on Nov. 13, a rematch they have circled since last year's second-round loss. "So it's definitely personal," Goff said. Nash, a senior linebacker who wears No. 40, pointed to film study. "It's all preparation and knowing when I'm gonna have that one-on-one and just taking advantage of the one-on-one," Nash said. On the rematch with Knoxville Central, he said, "Absolutely. It's very personal." ■

COUNTY FINALS

FRIDAY, NOV. 6 • PLAYOFFS

Columbia Central	**42**
Soddy Daisy	**0**
Spring Hill	**16**
Liberty Creek	**14**
East Nashville	**68**
Mt. Pleasant	**0**

CENTRAL GAMEBOOK

	1	2	3	4	F
Soddy Daisy	0	0	0	0	**0**
Central	0	21	21	0	**42**

321 TOTAL YARDS
Rushing: 29 carries, 253 yards, 6 TD
Passing: 68 yards

J'MARI HALL
93 rush yards • 3 TD
7 tackles • FF • INT

ZANE NASH
9 tackles • 3 sacks
Forced fumble • recovery

Columbia Central game statistics supplied by FPSN.

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COLUMBIA CENTRAL / BY THE NUMBERS

Game statistics supplied by FPSN

321	253	6	11
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	RUSHING YARDS	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	CLANTON'S TEAM-HIGH TACKLES



Tra'Darius Goff
COLUMBIA CENTRAL FOOTBALL MEDIA GUIDE

Goff's 30 wins rank sixth at Central

Friday's shutout gave Tra'Darius Goff his 30th win at Columbia Central, the sixth-most victories on the school's all-time coaching list. In just his fourth season, Goff is 30–14 overall and 15–5 in region play, with back-to-back region titles.

Sources: 2024 Lions Media Guide, p. 42, updated with subsequent season results through Nov. 6.

Goff sits six wins behind Ralph Matthews, whose 36 victories rank fifth. The ranking uses the 2024 Lions media guide's coaching table, updated with Goff's subsequent season results through Nov. 6. Back-to-back region titles reflect Central's 4–0 region marks in 2025 and 2026. ■

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NEXT FRIDAY / NOV. 13

Knoxville Central at **Columbia Central**

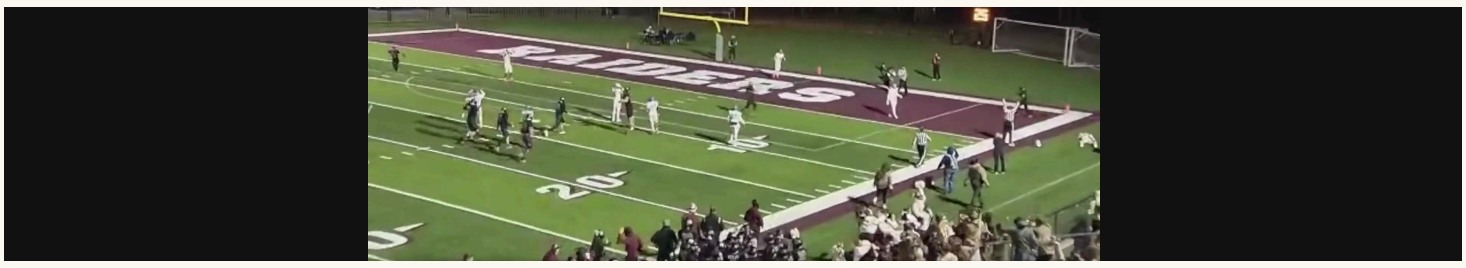
Spring Hill at Lexington

Official TSSAA brackets • kickoff times not listed

SPRING HILL 16, LIBERTY CREEK 14 • CLASS 4A

One more chance. One winning throw.

Gipson-to-Gidcomb turns a late deficit into a second-round berth



Spring Hill and Liberty Creek in the closing seconds of their Nov. 6 playoff game.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL

FPSN SPORTS DESK

FPSN BROADCAST, POSTED GAME LEADERS AND POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

SPRING HILL — Jonah Gipson did the work to keep Spring Hill within reach. Sage Gidcomb delivered the catch that put the Raiders ahead, and Caleel Hardison made the interception that allowed them to stay there.

Gipson's 22-yard touchdown pass to Gidcomb in the closing seconds gave Spring Hill a 16–14 first-round playoff win over Liberty Creek on Friday. The kick was blocked, leaving the outcome a two-point question until Hardison's interception ended Liberty Creek's last chance.

The Raiders reached that finish by recovering from two different deficits. Liberty Creek scored first and led 7–0 before Spring Hill answered with a field goal that made it 7–3 by halftime.

A Gipson rushing touchdown and the extra point put the Raiders ahead 10–7. Liberty Creek went back in front 14–10 in the fourth quarter, setting up another Spring Hill response.

This time, the answer came through the air: a quick throw into the left flat, Gidcomb's finish and a new lead in the closing seconds.

Spring Hill coach Josh Taylor said his players handled the moment. "Our kids, they fought hard, they never gave up, they stayed calm and collected, and they made plays, bro," Taylor said in an FPSN postgame interview with Robert Mackay.

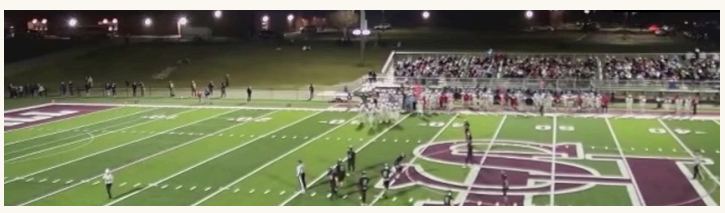
Taylor described a calm, organized final drive and credited Coach Brown and his players' execution, from pass protection and personnel to picking up first downs and spiking the clock. "You practice a two-minute drill and that's how you draw it up at practice, and it went smooth that way versus a really good football team," he said.

Gidcomb, a freshman, said the wait was the hardest part. "I started to get nervous 'cause the clock was slowly ticking down. And then the coaches yelled my name."

"So when I caught that and scored, I don't know, it was just a lot of adrenaline, a lot of pressure, and pure happiness coming through," Gidcomb said. He noted it was his first playoff game as a freshman and his first touchdown of the season.

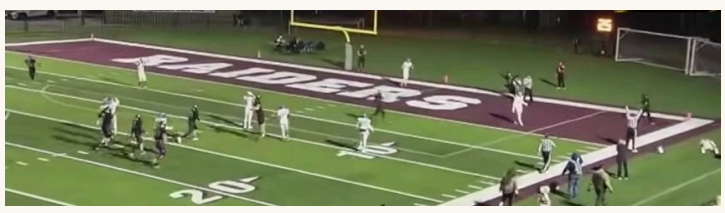
Taylor said film study helped the Raiders prepare for Liberty Creek, and the staff will turn to film again for Lexington, which he called undefeated and the No. 1 seed.

Gipson carried 21 times for 173 yards and a touchdown. He completed 16 of 21 passes for 147 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Posted game leaders also credit Luca Firriolo with five catches for 55 yards. Those leaders are partial, not a complete team box score. Spring Hill travels to Lexington for the second round on Nov. 13, according to the TSSAA bracket. ■



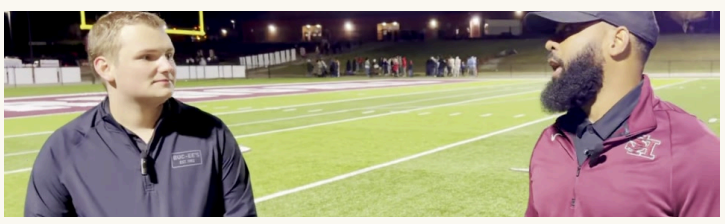
Spring Hill and Liberty Creek during the third quarter Friday.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL



Spring Hill and Liberty Creek in the fourth quarter, with Liberty Creek ahead 14–10.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL



Coach Josh Taylor speaks with FPSN's Robert Mackay after Spring Hill's 16–14 win Friday.

FPSN POSTGAME INTERVIEW



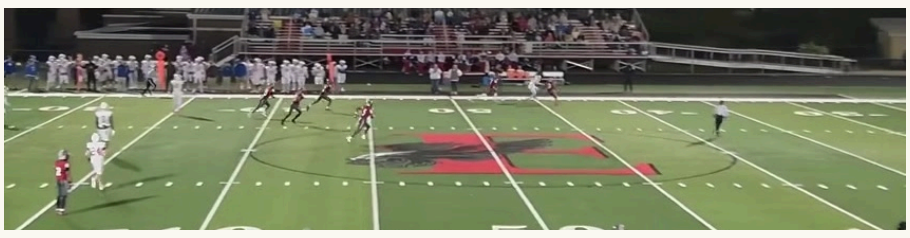
Freshman Sage Gidcomb, who scored the winning touchdown, speaks with FPSN's Robert Mackay after Friday's game.

FPSN POSTGAME INTERVIEW

EAST NASHVILLE 68, MT. PLEASANT 0 • CLASS 2A

A hard finish for the Tigers

A downfield completion stands out in a 68–0 first-round loss



Scott found Junior Nelson downfield under pressure.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL • NOV. 6

GAME REVIEW
FPSN Broadcast
Nov. 6, 2026
First-round report

NASHVILLE — East Nashville defeated Mt. Pleasant 68–0 Friday in the Class 2A first round. The Tigers could not match that scoreboard pressure and finished without a point.

The night still produced a downfield moment worth recording. On the FPSN broadcast, Kale Scott found Junior Nelson while under pressure. It was a completion, not a scoring play.

Scott's connection with Nelson stood as a bright spot in a difficult finish. Mt. Pleasant could not turn the play into points, and East Nashville closed the game with the 68–0 result. ■

AREA SCOREBOARD

NOV. 6, 2026 • FIRST ROUND

Columbia Central	**42**
Soddy Daisy	0
Spring Hill	**16**
Liberty Creek	14
East Nashville	**68**
Mt. Pleasant	0
Summertown	**51**
East Robertson	29
Cornersville	**21**
McEwen	20
Wayne County	**27**
Fayetteville	21
Marshall County	**41**
White House	6
Walker Valley	**45**
Lawrence County	7
Riverside	**43**
Hickman County	41 OT
Eagleville	**45**
Perry County	22
Lincoln County	**24**
McMinn County	21

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Spring Hill's winning score and interception were confirmed on the FPSN broadcast. Individual totals follow posted game leaders and the line score. Coach Josh Taylor and freshman Sage Gidcomb spoke with FPSN's Robert Mackay after the game. Mt. Pleasant's finish was reviewed from the FPSN broadcast. Next matchups follow official TSSAA brackets.

COLUMBIA ACADEMY • STATE CROSS COUNTRY • NOV. 5

Twice the runner-up celebration

Bulldogs' boys and girls both finish second at the state championship meet

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SOURCE: COLUMBIA ACADEMY ATHLETICS, NOV. 5

Columbia Academy finished the state cross-country meet with a runner-up double Thursday. Both the boys' and girls' teams placed second, the school's athletics account announced Nov. 5.

The matching finishes give both Bulldog teams a state runner-up result to close their championship-meet report. The school's announcement confirmed the team placements but did not publish individual names, times or point totals. ■

SUMMERTOWN 51, EAST ROBERTSON 29 • CLASS 2A

Eagles move on

A 51–29 first-round victory sends Summertown to MASE

FPSN SPORTS DESK

TSSAA CLASS 2A BRACKET

Summertown opened the Class 2A playoffs with a 51–29 win over East Robertson on Friday. The Eagles built a 22-point margin and earned a second-round assignment.

The TSSAA Class 2A bracket sends Summertown to MASE on Nov. 13. After a first-round victory, the Eagles advance with another postseason trip ahead. ■

NEXT ROUND

FINAL
Summertown 51, East Robertson 29
Class 2A first round

FRIDAY, NOV. 13
Summertown at MASE
Official TSSAA bracket

MARGIN
22 points
Kickoff time not listed

NOV. 6 AREA ROUNDUP

A point here, overtime there

Cornersville needed the narrowest winning margin on the area board, edging McEwen 21–20. Riverside and Hickman County needed overtime before Riverside emerged with a 43–41 win. Those results, alongside Spring Hill's late two-point escape, made a sharp contrast with the round's one-sided finishes.

Marshall County beat White House 41–6, and Walker Valley defeated Lawrence County 45–7. Wayne County advanced past Fayetteville 27–21, Eagleville beat Perry County 45–22, and Lincoln County topped McMinn County 24–21. ■

MAURY COUNTY • SCHOOL NOTEBOOK

Current school reports and announced events

Spring Hill

UNIFIED BOWLING • NOV. 2

The school's athletics account wished Raider Unified Bowling well as the team headed to Lawrenceburg Monday. The notice supplied no opponent or result; the travel report is not treated as a match score.

Culleoka

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER • NOV. 9

Culleoka Athletics announced a Powder Puff fundraiser Monday at 6 p.m. CST in Culleoka Main Gym. Admission is $5 benefiting high school cheerleaders; concessions support basketball and cheer. This is an event notice, not a game result.

Columbia Academy / Battle Creek

MIDDLE SCHOOL • NOV. 6

CA Athletics announced that its Middle School Bulldogs would host Battle Creek Friday night. No final was verified. Santa Fe's two confirmed middle school boys' wins and Spring Hill's Nov. 6 result are on 4A.

COUNTY COVERAGE: Central, Spring Hill and Mt. Pleasant football — 1A–2A. Columbia Academy state cross country — above. Santa Fe middle school boys — 4A. Saturday's preseason basketball showcase — 5A. No additional current-week result was verified for Hampshire or Zion Christian; Battle Creek's announced CA fixture is noted above. Unconfirmed reports remain open, not evidence of inactivity.

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CA cross country and school notebook: official athletics posts dated Nov. 2–6. Summertown 51–29 and the area finals follow the verified scoreboard. Next matchup: TSSAA Class 2A bracket.

THE STATBOOK / MIDDLE SCHOOL LEDGER

SUNDAY, NOV. 8, 2026

NOVEMBER 6 PLAYOFFS

The numbers behind the wins

Reported individual production from Central's shutout and Spring Hill's late escape.

COLUMBIA CENTRAL

42–0 vs. Soddy Daisy

QUARTERS: CENTRAL 0 / 21 / 21 / 0 • SD 0 / 0 / 0 / 0

Player	Reported production
J'Mari Hall	9 carries, 93 yards, 3 TD 7 tackles, FF, INT (8 return yards) 1 KR, 30 yards; 131 all-purpose
Ha'son Baugh	9 carries, 94 yards, TD
Dallas King	2 carries, 46 yards, 2 TD 4 catches, 40 yards 86 all-purpose yards
Jackson Parker	9/15 passing, 68 yards 0 TD, 0 INT
Carson Clanton	Team-high 11 tackles
Zane Nash	9 tackles, 3 sacks Forced fumble, fumble recovery

Columbia Central game statistics supplied by FPSN. Team: 29 rushes, 253 yards, 6 TD; 321 total yards. Selected individual lines.

SPRING HILL

16–14 vs. Liberty Creek

QUARTERS: SH 0 / 3 / 7 / 6 • LC 0 / 7 / 0 / 7

Player	Reported production
Jonah Gipson	21 carries, 173 yards, TD 16/21 passing, 147 yards 1 TD, 1 INT
Luca Firriolo	5 catches, 55 yards Posted receiving leader
Sage Gidcomb	22-yard winning TD reception
Caleel Hardison	Late interception sealed victory

Posted game-page leaders (Gipson, Firriolo) and line score. The winning touchdown and interception were confirmed on the FPSN broadcast. Posted leaders are partial, not a complete team box score.

SPRING HILL / SCORING SEQUENCE

Score	Play
Liberty Creek 7–0	Liberty Creek scores first.
Liberty Creek 7–3	Spring Hill field goal before halftime.
Spring Hill 10–7	Gipson rushing touchdown and extra point.
Liberty Creek 14–10	Liberty Creek touchdown in the fourth quarter.
Spring Hill 16–14	Gidcomb 22-yard pass from Gipson; kick blocked. Hardison's interception followed.

Sequence follows the posted quarter scores. The winning touchdown and interception were confirmed on the FPSN broadcast.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL • NOV. 4 & 6

Santa Fe puts two wins on the board

NOV. 4 / Santa Fe 40, Linden 29

NOV. 6 / Santa Fe 43, Spring Hill Middle 19

Santa Fe's middle school boys put two wins on the weekly board, beating Linden 40–29 on the road Nov. 4 and Spring Hill Middle 43–19 on Nov. 6. Santa Fe School Athletics reported both scores; the program's Hudl recaps establish the game dates.

The first win came by 11 points, and the second by 24. Santa Fe followed its 40-point outing at Linden with 43 against Spring Hill, while allowing fewer points in the second matchup.

The results belong to Santa Fe's middle school boys, not the high school or girls' program. No individual scoring totals were included in the school's report.

Sources: Santa Fe School Athletics' Nov. 6 post; dated Santa Fe MS Boys Basketball Hudl recaps.

Current-week results are confirmed for Santa Fe and Spring Hill Middle above. Columbia Academy announced a Nov. 6 home matchup with Battle Creek, but no final was verified. No additional dated result was confirmed for the other programs listed; this does not mean they were idle.

Whitthorne	E.A. Cox	Spring Hill Middle	Mt. Pleasant Middle	Battle Creek Middle
Santa Fe Unit School	Culleoka Unit School	Hampshire Unit School	Columbia Academy	Zion Christian

HIGH SCHOOL DATES

NOV. 13
Division I football Round 2

NOV. 16–21
Hall of Champions benefit hoops

NOV. 23
Basketball first contest date

Source: TSSAA • Not local middle school fixtures

AREA SECOND ROUND / FRIDAY, NOV. 13

Knoxville Central at **Columbia Central**
Walker Valley at Sevier County
Spring Hill at Lexington
Summertown at MASE
Crockett County at **Marshall County**

Source: official TSSAA Class 5A, 4A and 2A brackets. Kickoff times not listed; no broadcast assignment is implied.

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PRESEASON BASKETBALL

SUNDAY, NOV. 8, 2026

PRESEASON MIDSTATE TIPOFF SHOWCASE • SATURDAY, NOV. 7

Central takes three on its home floor

Lions beat Shelbyville, Antioch and Columbia Academy in a streamed preseason showcase

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FPSN LIVESTREAM SCORE UPDATES AND BROADCAST REVIEW



Columbia Academy attacks the basket during a 55–32 exhibition win over Marshall County.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL



Columbia Academy and Marshall County in the fourth quarter Saturday.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL



Columbia Central and Antioch in the fourth quarter Saturday. Central won 53–52 on a late putback.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL



Columbia Central and Antioch after Central took a 53–52 lead Saturday.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL

COLUMBIA — Columbia Central swept its three reported games Saturday in the Preseason Midstate Tipoff Showcase, beating Shelbyville 47–40, Antioch 53–52 and Columbia Academy 47–40 on its home floor. FPSN streamed the showcase from Central and posted the finals as livestream score updates.

The closest finish came against Antioch. Central trailed 52–51 before a late putback made it 53–52, and Antioch missed a final attempt at the buzzer. Central had also beaten Shelbyville 47–40 earlier in the day.

Columbia Academy split its first two reported games, then met the host in the nightcap. The Bulldogs lost 59–51 to Lewis County, then beat Marshall County 55–32 and closed that game with transition finishes. Central's 47–40 win over Academy completed the showcase slate.

The rest of the day produced two more one-possession games and two wider margins. Lewis County opened with a 58–52 win over Marshall County. West Creek beat Shelbyville 48–28 and later fell 42–41 to Antioch.

These are preseason exhibition results, not regular-season wins or standings. ■

SHOWCASE FINALS

SATURDAY, NOV. 7 • AT COLUMBIA CENTRAL

GAME 1	**Lewis County**	**58**	Marshall County	**52**
GAME 2	**West Creek**	**48**	Shelbyville	**28**
GAME 3	**Lewis County**	**59**	Columbia Academy	**51**
GAME 4	**Antioch**	**42**	West Creek	**41**
GAME 5	**Columbia Central**	**47**	Shelbyville	**40**
GAME 6	**Columbia Academy**	**55**	Marshall County	**32**
GAME 7	**Columbia Central**	**53**	Antioch	**52**
GAME 8	**Columbia Central**	**47**	Columbia Academy	**40**

Finals were posted as FPSN livestream score updates. These are preseason exhibition results.

Scores from the FPSN livestream of the Preseason Midstate Tipoff Showcase on Nov. 7. Score updates displayed as Front Porch Sports Network.

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