

Warriors Cash In On Mistakes

Defense Scores Four TDs In 56-16 Win

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

Zephyrhills Christian Academy bounced back strong from its first loss of the season two weeks ago with a blowout 56-16 win last Thursday night against Carrollwood Day School.

It was a game that was pretty much over before it really got started with the Warriors jumping out to a 21-0 lead after running only

one offensive play.

The Warriors' bid for an undefeated season ended Oct. 6 with a disappointing 20-14 loss to Victory Christian in Lakeland.

"I don't think we should have lost last week, but the kids came back hungry and they didn't let it beat them," said Warriors head coach Mike Smith. "It's a hard loss and sometimes losing is good for humility. I think it really humbled

the kids.

"Sometimes they can go into games arrogantly and think everyone else is trash. They needed it."

Javan Smith put ZCA on the board at the 9:41 mark of the first quarter with a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown. Less than a minute later, Javion Hanner scored his first of three touchdowns taking a fumble recovery 41 yards for a score.

"We base this team on its defense," said Hanner, who had 112 all-purpose yards. "We don't want to keep our offense on the field and rely on them to have to score all the time. We can do the same on defense."

"I was in the right place at the right time and took it back."

Hanner scored TD number two at the 5:15 left in the first with a 60-yard touchdown run to put the Warriors up 21-0. Before the first quarter came to a close, senior Alonzo Sampson put ZCA up 28-0 on a four-yard run.

The Warriors put a drive together in the second quarter by going 50 yards on eight plays ending with a four-yard plunge by Davarius Jackson to go up 35-0 with 6:15 left

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ZCA running back Javion Hanner eludes a Carrollwood Day tackler on his way to the end zone in the Warriors 56-16 win last Thursday.



Lineman Malik Jones celebrates Javion Hanner's touchdown run during last Thursday night's 56-16 victory against Carrollwood Day.

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ZCA running back Calvin Samuel has nothing but open field in front of him in last Thursday's game. The Warriors are now 7-1 for the year.

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in the first half.

Carrollwood Day got on the board to make it 35-8 before halftime with an eight-play scoring drive of its own going 70 yards before Chris Butash plowed into the end zone from three yards out.

ZCA extended its lead in the third quarter with a pair of interception returns for touchdowns with Hanner getting the first and going 32 yards to pay dirt and

junior Tommy Scott adding another with a 25-yard interception return for a touchdown.

The Warriors extended their lead to 56-9 when Jackson scored from three yards out with 9:00 left in the game.

The Patriots added a final score late in the fourth quarter for the final margin at 56-16.

The Warriors (7-1) are back home Friday night to face Indian Rocks Christian (6-1) with kickoff at 7 p.m.



Warrior quarterback Jacoby Braxton looks to fire downfield in Thursday's action against Carrollwood Day.

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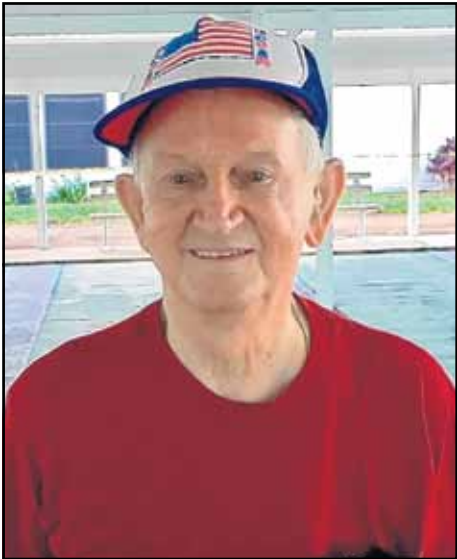
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Moulton/Barnett Win State Championship



Steve Barnett and Chuck Moulton

Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club’s top team, Chuck Moulton and Steve Barnett won the ZSC State Championship for the third time in five years on Oct. 10 and more importantly kept Dave Kudro and Dave Minnich from planting Bradenton’s flag in Zephyrhills. The ‘Daves’ are a great team but Zephyrhills is very proud of their powerhouse duo of Chuck and Steve; it’s rare that they even get beat in a practice match. They only lost two games in the entire tournament.



George Darwin

George Darwin Wins Championship

George Darwin, age 92, and a member of the Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club won the Pro Shuffleboard Championship at Lakeland last Friday. Ten years ago that wouldn’t have surprised anyone because George has always been a top player in Zephyrhills and now he is on top again.



Ross Lacombe

Lacombe Wins Amateur Championship

Also on Oct. 10 in Lakeland, Ross LaCombe of the Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club won the Florida Shuffleboard Association Central District Amateur Championship. He was responsible for the Championship victory by kitchening his opponent on the last shot by his team. He receives five points toward the Masters, which will be played in Zephyrhills next spring.

Stewart Middle School Wraps Up Unbeaten Season

Bulldogs Enjoy Blowout At Home

by Vincent Pensabene

Stewart Middle School did not welcome visiting Centennial with much mercy, thumping the Cyclones 54-0 on Tuesday. The win gave the Bulldogs their 40th consecutive victory and a district championship. Stewart relied solely on its running game as the Bulldogs did not attempt a single pass throughout the

game. Eighth grade quarterback Marc Dortch made a huge impact with four rushing touchdowns and gaining more than 100 yards. The chemistry that Tykeylo Johnson and Dortch have made the team successful, thanks to their backfield play. “He is one of the best quarterbacks I have ever seen, that’s why we have that connection,” said Johnson about his

teammate. “I knew I had to stay focused and continue my work ethic to make sure that [Stewart Middle School] keeps the record,” said Dortch. Johnson had impact on his final middle school game as well with a pick-six of his own in the second quarter. Kamil Mehrab also ran in a touchdown as time expired in the contest.

Sports Briefs

- Football**
- The varsity **Bulldogs** (6-1) travel to play Wesley Chapel (6-2) on Friday at 7:30 p.m.
 - The **JV Bulldogs** (3-3) travel to play Hudson (0-1) tonight at 7 p.m.
 - The **Zephyrhills Christian Academy Warriors** (7-1) host Indian Rocks Christian (6-1) tomorrow at 7 p.m.

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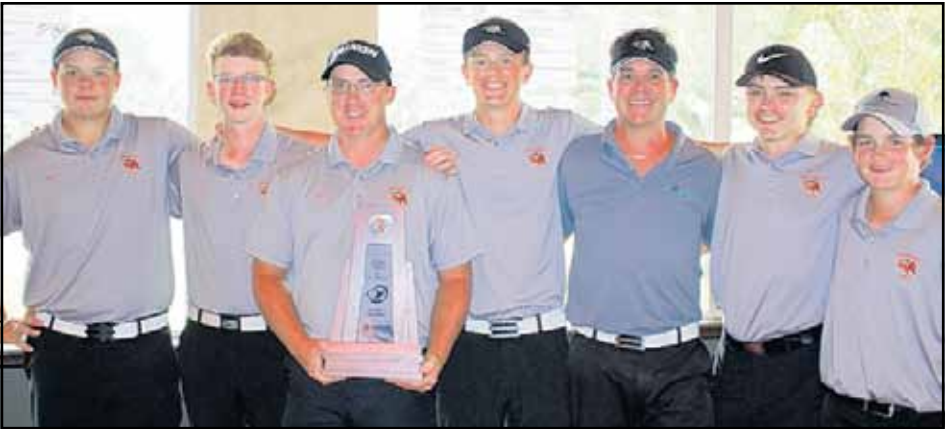
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Members and coaches of the Zephyrhills High School boys golf team with their first place trophy following Tuesday’s district tournament.

Photo by Joe Potter

Boys Golf Takes District Title Bulldogs Win Playoff Against Pasco

by Keri McAlpine and Joe Potter

Zephyrhills and Pasco high schools ended up in a playoff for the 2017 FHSSA Class 2A District 15 golf championship tournament, which the Bulldogs won 23-25.

Zephyrhills hosted the district tournament at Silverado Golf & Country Club on Tuesday following their Sunshine Athletic Conference win on Oct. 9.

Both Zephyrhills and Pasco turned in rounds of 332 during the tournament, leading to the playoff tiebreaker.

“I’m super excited and super proud for the team. I’m very humbled to have been able to coach them ... and it’s been an awesome year,” said coach Shaun

Van Patten.

There are a total of nine students on the ZHS boys golf team but only five participated in the district tournament: Seniors Wyatt Pisarski and Landon Ogilbee, sophomore Roddy Kight, junior Tristan Charter-McCool and freshman Christian Hupp.

Sunlake had a total score of 336 with junior Jordan Sarhaddi shooting 69, the lowest round of the day. Wesley Chapel shot 386 and Land O’Lakes finished with 395.

The Bulldogs will move on to the FHSAA Class 2A Regional Tournament on Monday at Meadow Oaks Golf Course, hosted by Fivay High School.

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PeeWee Team Wins District

Regular Season Ends For ZAL Teams



DJ Pickett makes a move in the ZAL JV game against Fair Oaks on Saturday afternoon at Krusen Field.

Story and photos by Dave Walters

The Zephyrhills Athletic Association PeeWee team wrapped up its perfect regular season to claim the district title with a decisive 21-6 win Saturday against Fair Oaks at Krusen Field.

“Wow, undefeated,” said PeeWee squad coach Jimmy Campbell. “I believed we could do it from the beginning. I knew we had the team to do it together.”

Paced by the running of Tristan Lennon, the PeeWee squad secured the win, the only divisional victory ZAL would get against Fair Oaks.

“Tristan is more than a beast,” Campbell said. “He could play on another level right now, but he’s still too young. He does so much for this team. All of these kids contribute and that’s why we win.”

There were district titles on the line in the Flag and Mighty Mite divisions, but Fair Oaks came away with the crowns.

The Flag squad fell 19-0 and the Mighty



Here comes the Bulldawgs. The Zephyrhills Athletic League Mighty Mite squad runs out onto the field for Saturday’s game against the Fair Oaks Rattlers.

Mites were edged 6-0. The JV squad was defeated 49-6. ZAL teams could face Fair Oaks again in two weeks in the playoffs.

“We [have] played bigger kids before and this was the same thing where we start slow,” said Mighty Mite coach Mike Johnson. “They didn’t get up and fight. They stayed down. We played horrible and they only beat us 6-0.”

In the Flag squad loss, Fair Oaks was a much bigger team, dwarfing the ZAL

players.

“It was one of them games we needed to lose,” Flag coach Dave Giles. “We needed that loss. We needed a reality and it’s perfect timing heading into the playoffs. They showed us playoff caliber football. Now we know.”

This was ZAL “Pink Out” game where teams wore pink uniforms. Some players had pink hair, pink mouthpieces, cleats and tape promoting breast cancer awareness.



The Bulldawgs Flag team looks intense as they rock the pink for breast cancer awareness.



A championship formation: The Zephyrhills Athletic League PeeWee Bulldawgs squad captured a district title on Saturday with a 21-6 victory over the Fair Oaks Rattlers.

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East Pasco ‘Dreamers’ Find Support

Farmworkers Group, University Step Forward

Story and photo by **Emily Kochanski**

The termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) is currently one of the most controversial issues in the United States. These ‘Dreamers’ are undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States and about 690,000 of them are currently protected under the DACA program. Under DACA, these young adults, now mostly in their 20s or 30s, have been able to obtain driver’s licenses, enroll in college and legally secure jobs, where they also pay income taxes.

President Barack Obama created DACA through an executive order five years ago after Congress failed to act on the issue. President Donald Trump scrapped the program and told Congress it had six months to come up with a legal solution for those affected. The Dreamers now face an uncertain future and the threat of deportation back to a country they likely didn’t know long enough to call home.

Farmworkers Self-Help, located in Dade City, advocates for the rights of DACA recipients, just as Saint Leo University supports the further education of its student Dreamers.

Saint Leo President William J. Lennox sent out an email to the student body in early September detailing the university’s desire to stand with its DACA recipients. In late 2016, Lennox was also one of many higher education leaders to sign a document, in conjunction with the Conference of Catholic Bishops, supporting the continuing education for DACA youths. “When [President Trump] came out and mentioned that he was doing away with the executive order, I felt [SLU] had to come out and say that we firmly believe that we ought to continue educating the DACA students,” said Lennox.

Saint Leo is home to a number of students, and possibly staff, who fall under DACA’s support, but the university does not hire staff or admit enroll students based on whether or not they receive DACA’s aid. “We do not track, and I think that that’s the right thing to do,” Lennox said. “I would rather not know. I would rather let these students be students, and staff be staff. Because that’s the way that most of them would want it.” As a Catholic university, Saint Leo aims to provide equal opportunities for higher education for all of its students, regardless of nationality, gender or sexual orientation.

Farmworkers Self-Help, a non-profit organization established in 1982, also strives to assist members of Dade City’s Latino American community. “We educate, advocate, and organize,” said Margarita Romo, the founder of Farmworkers. “I believe that education is key, and so we try to make available everything needed to educate our community.”

Romo is currently trying to prepare local DACA recipients for events to come following the repeal of Obama’s executive order. “It will mean that families are going to be broken. It will mean that families are going to have to make decisions about whether to go or to stay,” Romo said. “I am telling families now that, if you have American children, do not send them back. They are American citizens.” Romo and other members of the organization are vocal advocates for DACA recipients. She and several young DACA Dreamers took a trip to Washington during the summer to share their experiences with members of Congress. “The president alone can’t do anything, and that is



Margarita Romo has a personal history with Saint Leo University. It was there that she received an honorary doctorate, and today she is proudly watching several hard working ‘Dreamers’ earn their degrees from the Catholic school.

why Obama did what he did,” she said. “As much as people want to throw stones at him, he couldn’t do any more than he did. So, he created DACA, and that gave kids life for several years.” Lennox made a similar point regarding Congress and their need to create a permanent solution after DACA’s repeal. “[DACA] gives students all of the benefits they really need to function. If they don’t have it, then they can be deported,” said Lennox. “It’s a critical step that the Congress needs to take at this point in time to help these young people so that they can live here without fear of being deported. I think it’s very important that the legislature takes it on and does the right thing.”

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Donate Shoes And Socks At Tax Collector Offices

The Pasco County Tax Collector’s Office is participating in the second annual new shoes and socks collection campaign to assist local students and families in need. A collaborative effort between Pasco County government and the school district, the “Two Good Soles” campaign is seeking to collect as many new pairs of shoes and socks as possible. The tax collector’s five offices in Pasco County will be collection sites for these donations between now

and October 27, the final day of the collection.

The need for shoes is primarily at the middle and high school level. While the tax collector’s office will accept donations of shoes and socks that are new and unused, the school district reports that the sizes most in need are children’s shoes nine and up and adults five and up. Socks of all sizes are welcome. It is recommended that sneakers, tennis shoes and socks be of a “neutral” color, but all

donations of new items will be accepted.

To make a donation, visit our office at 14236 Sixth St., Room 100, Dade City and leave your donation in the collection box near the door.

Contact Greg Giordano, Assistant Tax Collector at (727) 847-8179 for more information about the “Two Good Soles” shoe and sock drive, or any other charitable giving program offered by the tax collector’s office.

Obituaries

Email Obituaries to
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Joshua ‘Josh’ Allman
ALLMAN, Joshua “Josh”, 26, of Brooksville, passed away on his birthday, Oct. 14, 2017. He was born in Brandon to Buddy Allman and Toni Martin. Joshua was of the Baptist faith and graduated from Wesley Chapel Christian Prep in 2008. He worked for Ten Brink Underground Construction. His father, Buddy Allman, and mother, Toni Martin, survive along with his sister, Marah (Joseph) Allman Riley; girlfriend, Erika Anderson; children, Sophia Allman and Jaice Allman; niece, Morgan Riley; nephews, Peyton Riley and Brayden Riley; aunts, Teresa (Bobby) Borrelli, Tonya Weight, Kayla Gross and Kelsey Hinsz; uncles, Dan Hinsz and Joe Hinsz; grandparents, Henry Cassello and Mary and Elmer Hinsz; and many others, including Angie and Joe Stevens. Calling will be held Oct. 20 from 6-8 p.m. at Whitfield Funeral Home. “This isn’t goodbye, it’s I’ll see you later.”


Thelma ‘Joy’ Coon
COON, Thelma “Joy”, 86, of Zephyrhills and Bridgeport, N.Y., passed away peacefully on Oct. 8, 2017. A Life Remembrance was held at the Country Aire Village Club House in Zephyrhills on Oct. 14. Funeral services will be held in the spring of 2018 in Bridgeport, N.Y. Donations may be made to Gulfside Hospice in Zephyrhills. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

James Leslie Godwin
GODWIN, James Leslie, 67, passed away Oct. 9, 2017. He was born Sept. 1, 1950, in Attapulgus, Ga. His wife, Vickie Godwin, survives along with children, Angel Godwin, Renee Godwin, Jamie Godwin, Lorenda Hoyle and Kimberly Potwin; brothers, George Godwin and Ray Godwin; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Oct. 20 at 12 p.m. at Whitfield Funeral Home.

Bonny Jane Johnson
JOHNSON, Bonny Jane, 68, passed away Oct. 7, 2017. Her husband, Lynn Johnson, survives along with two sons, Eric and Corey Johnson. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Joyce K. Means
MEANS, Joyce K., 67, passed away Oct. 3, 2017. Her two sons, Brian and Michael Merrifield, survive. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

 **Norman Rieger**
RIEGER, Norman, 86, passed away Sept. 2, 2017. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Anna Stoplor and Herman Rieger. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, retiring after 22 years of service. His wife of 36 years, Dolores A. Rieger, survives along with a daughter, Lydia; sons, Kirk and Keith; and stepsons, William, Robert and Stephen; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



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