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Alabama jumps Cincy to No. 2; OU falls to 12th

NEW YORK (AP) — Alabama jumped Cincinnati to No. 2 behind Georgia in The Associated Press college football poll on Sunday and Oklahoma dropped eight spots to No. 12 after losing for the first time this season.

Georgia is a unanimous No. 1 in the

AP Top 25 presented by Regions Bank for the sixth consecutive week and the Southeastern Conference has the top two teams in the poll for the sixth time this season.

Alabama and Georgia were flipped at Nos. 1 and 2 for five weeks

in September and early October.

The switch from Cincinnati to Alabama at No. 2 was more about the Bearcats than the Crimson Tide, which closed the gap on UC to four points last week.

Alabama took care of business

against overmatched New Mexico State on Saturday. No surprise there.

Cincinnati remained unbeaten after winning at South Florida 45-28 on Friday night. It was the fourth straight week the Bearcats played a team with a losing record.



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Deborah Matthews, a lawyer for Huff's daughter, Catherine Huff Myers, told The Associated Press that Huff died of natural causes in Winchester, Virginia. An obituary released by the Giants said Huff had been diagnosed with dementia in 2013:

Huff always will be remembered as the furious middle linebacker in a 4-3 scheme developed for him by fellow Hall of Famer Tom Landry, his defensive coordinator with New York and later the architect of the Dallas Cowboys' rise to power.

Raised in West Virginia coal mining country, Huff became a two-time All-Pro in a career that spanned 1956-69, regularly crashing into the likes of Jim Brown, Jim Taylor and other bruising running backs.

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Brooke's Madison Platt makes a pass during Sunday's OVAC All-Star Game in St. Clairsville.

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Wheeling Central running back Riley Watkins (29) powers through a pair of Moorefield defenders.

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By CODY NESPOR
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WHEELING — Entering Saturday, Moorefield had not lost to a Class A team all year. All three of the Yellowjackets' losses in the regular season were against Class AA programs, but that changed Saturday afternoon when Wheeling Central defeated Moorefield 35-7 at Wheeling Island Stadium in the first round of the West Virginia playoffs.

The Maroon Knights (8-3) held Moorefield's (7-4) power running game to just 60 yards on 34 carries and forced three turnovers on their way to victory.

"I'm really proud of how hard our kids played," Central coach Mike Young said. "That's a very physical team, they're definitely a good football team. I'm awful proud of our kids, it's just a great win today."

The Knights started hot, as their first play from scrimmage was a play-action pass that quarterback Payton Hildebrand completed to Jayvon Miller for a 51-yard touchdown. Hildebrand made his first playoff start in place of an injured Michael Toepfer and completed 4-of-11 passes for 94 yards with one touchdown and an interception.

"I'm proud of how he handled the pressure of stepping in for Michael and doing a tremendous job," Young said of his signal-caller. "He's been doing the back and forth all year and both are doing a heck of a job of keeping our kids together. We always say next man up, and that's exactly what Payton did."

Central found a lot of success on offense running wildcat plays with playmaker Lorenzo Ferrera at quarterback. A 20-yard run by Ferrera at the end of the first quarter set up Cole O'Neil for a

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No. 16 Titans Stun Top-Seed Cameron

By CODY TOMER
Sports Writer

CAMERON — Cameron will certainly remember the day it played the Titans.

No. 16 Gilmer County stunned top-seeded Cameron on Saturday in the opening round of the West Virginia Class A playoffs as the Titans secured a 19-14 victory inside Dragon Stadium.

Gilmer coach Thomas Cogar admits that the team got lost coming into town before the game but once they arrived, the Titans came to play.

"We actually got here late because we got lost coming in," Cogar said. "We didn't even have time to talk. We just laced them up and came at them."

Cameron held tightly to a 14-13 lead early in the fourth quarter but a 41-yard connection be-

tween Gilmer quarterback Ean Hamrick and Cole Cogar in double coverage set the Titans up in enemy territory. A personal foul on the Dragons, which was a theme of the game, moved Gilmer even closer.

Hamrick found Garrett Butler for an 8-yard TD to give the Titans a 19-14 edge with 7:39 to play.

Cole Cogar came up big on defense, as well, ending the final two Cameron possessions with interceptions to help deliver the monster upset.

"I'm just feeling raw emotion," Coach Cogar said. "I'm so proud of these guys. They battled every snap, they played together and they got it done."

Cameron was done in by 13 penalties for 97 yards. Four of those

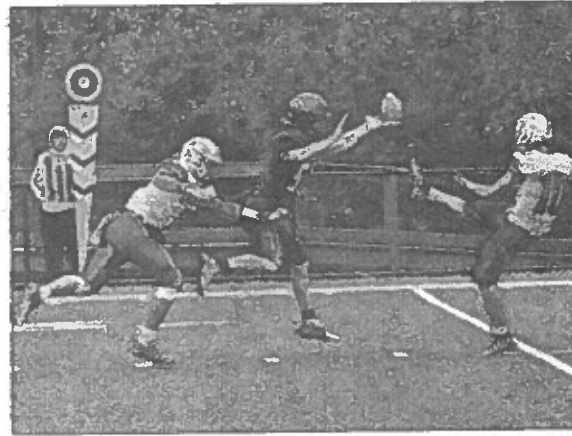


Photo by Bill Ferguson

Cameron's Adam Angel blocks a punt during Saturday's playoff game against No. 16 Gilmer County.

were personal fouls and several were encroachment penalties on third-and-short to keep Gilmer drives alive.

"We said all year long that we are probably the only team that can beat us and we did," Cameron coach Tim Brown said. "Personal fouls, we jumped offside several times. We just didn't execute. When we are focused and disciplined, we are a very good team. When

we don't have focus and discipline, we're not. Hats off to Gilmer. They came to play. Their athletes made plays and we didn't."

After a scoreless first quarter, Cameron struck first. Two fourth-down conversions set up a 4-yard plunge into the end zone by running back Isaac Ball for the 6-0 advantage.

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Chris Klieman said. "Have confidence that you know the plan and can execute the plan, have belief in yourself and each other and then raise the expectation each week."

"This is a big-time win," Klieman added. "because we haven't had a whole lot of success against them."

Skylar Thompson had just 138 yards passing for the Wildcats (7-3, 4-3 Big 12), but the senior made a couple

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A few minutes later, the Mountaineers' VanDarius Cowan hit Thompson with a helmet-to-helmet blow and was ejected.

"The ball was clearly out," Brown said. "I can't explain that."

West Virginia eventually got the ball back, but a personal foul for a chop block forced a

block it, and teammate Marvin Martin picked up the loose ball for a 14-0 lead.

"We kind of doctored up this punt block all week that we thought we could get," Klieman said.

The problems continued for West Virginia when it gambled on fourth-and-6 at the Kansas State 29 near the end of the first quarter; Doege was sacked for a turnover-on-downs. And when the Mountaineers faced

on the field, they tried the field goal and Casey Legg pushed it wide right.

The Wildcats extended their lead to 24-3 early in the second half. Malik Knowles nearly broke the opening kickoff for a TD and Thompson took advantage of the good field position to hit Wheeler for the score.

That's when the Mountaineers got on track for the first time all game.

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gain — improving Kansas State to 12 of 14 on fourth downs this year. Vaughn capped the 63-yard drive with a TD run to put the game away.

"We had not done a great job of stopping those guys," Klieman said of the fourth-down gamble. "I looked at Skylar and said, 'This is yours. What do you like? We need a touch-down. We didn't come here to hang on to win. We came here to win the football game.'"

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After retiring as a player, Huff coached for a year with Washington in 1970. He soon took a job in marketing with Marriott and worked until 1998.

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"Anyone who knew Sam knew what an amazing person he was," Washington owners Dan and Tanya Snyder said. "He was an iconic player and broadcaster for the franchise for over 40 years and was a great friend to our family. He represented the franchise with honor and respect on the field in the booth and was beloved by our fans."

The baby-faced Huff became the second NFL player featured on the cover of Time magazine, appearing on Nov. 30, 1959. Bobby Layne was featured five years earlier.

"The Twentieth Century," a documentary television program hosted by Walter Cronkite on CBS that began in the late 1950s, once broadcast a piece on him entitled "The Violent World of Sam Huff." Huff wore a microphone during practice and an exhibition game for the piece.

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"We couldn't do this last year (due to COVID) but it's nice to just get one more game for the girls I've coached and that we've played against," Ohio coach Annie Cutri of Steubenville said. "It's great to honor them for one more game."

BOYS

A great game came down to the final minutes and was decided by two Dover teammates.

Ohio Offensive Player of the Game Reese Utter tied the match at 2-2

with 4:51 remaining and teammate Ethan Kopp beat the keeper with 1:11 left to secure the victory for the Buckeyes.

"The field was messy with all of the snow but you just put the plays out there and trust them to get those last two goals," Ohio coach Austin Wade of Dover said. "These guys are great and it was a great group of boys."

St. Clairsville's Jesse Brannan delivered Ohio's first goal of the match and also assisted on Utter's netter.

For West Virginia, Oak Glen's Andrew Giambroni collected the first goal and Wheeling Central standout Austin Nestor gave the Mountaineers the lead with 9 minutes to play before Ohio's late-game heroics.

Wheeling Park's Taylor McFarland was named West Virginia's Defensive Player of the Game.

Coach of the Year

Neighoff earned the OVAC Girls Coach of the Year Award after leading the Cadets to the OVAC title.

"It's my second year after taking over the program and we changed a few things," Neighoff said. "The big thing was changing our strength of schedule."

"We picked up some teams that really benefited us in our OVAC preparation. There are a lot of big schools that we played that were very skilled and that made us take our game to another level."

Matt Kopp of Weir took home the boys' honor.

CAMERON

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It took Gilmer one play to respond.

Hamrick dropped back and sent a beauty of a pass sailing right into the hands of Avery Chapman for a 66-yard TD strike. The PAT gave Gilmer a 7-6 edge at halftime.

"That was big for our momentum to answer that score," Coach Cogar said. "Honestly, these guys have done it all year. Hamrick is our leading passer for our school and Cole may have broken the school receiving record here. Those kids have been doing that since they were freshmen and I'm just so proud of them."

The Hamrick to Chapman connection rekindled in the second half as the Titans took advantage of another third-down offside call on Cameron — leading to a 31-yard TD from Hamrick to Chapman to soften the cushion to 13-6 midway through the third.

Late in the stanza, the momentum shifted.

After a brilliant defensive stop by Cameron, Adam Angel broke through the line and blocked a punt to set the Dragons up 5 yards from paydirt.

Quarterback Colson Wichterman cashed in on a 1-yard QB sneak and a 2-point conversion run by Wichterman gave the Dragons a 14-13 edge with 11:57 remaining in the game.

Ball, who did most of his damage on offense, made a huge play on defense on the ensuing drive as he went up for a jump ball and came down with an interception after wrestling it out of the receiver's hands.

However, the Dragons couldn't capitalize and Hamrick found Butler for the game-winning score to shock the state.

"I just told them the truth," Brown said of his postgame speech. "We weren't focused and we weren't disciplined. But these are great kids. We always talk about the next play — be ready for life when bad things happen. Pick yourselves up and go to the next play. I hope they do that. This is tough. I told the kids 'don't blame each other, blame me.' I hope our seniors do well in their next sport and I hope our young guys learned a lot and I hope they learn a lot from this, as well."

Ball led Cameron with 85 yards rushing on 19 carries, while Hamrick threw for 218 yards on 14 of 27 passing. His top target was Chapman who went for 111 yards on four grabs.

James Monroe 32
Trinity 0

Lindside — Class A No. 7 James Monroe held No. 10 Trinity to 30 net yards of total offense downing the Warriors in a first-round playoff game in Lindside.

The host Mavericks bottled the Warriors' ground attack, holding them to minus-38 yards rushing and coming away with four turnovers. Leading James Monroe was QB Layton Dowdy, who carried the ball 21 times for 82 yards and score, tossing two more touchdowns to Cameron Thomas.

East Hardy 45

Meadow Bridge 6

The Class A No. 3 Cougars thrashed the No. 14 Wildcats in the first round of the state playoffs cat fight pouncing for a 26-0 halftime lead en route to a victory.

Miller threw 7-of-10 passes for 165 yards with three touchdowns in addition to adding a team best 74 rushing yards on 13 carries with two more touchdowns.

Iman recorded 16 carries for 64 yards with one touchdown and fumble.

Lang led the Cougars in receiving with four catches for 86 yards plus two touchdowns.

Price was gained 79 yards and one TD.

Class AAA

Jefferson 31

Hurricane 18

S H E N A N D O A H
JUNCTION — Keyshawn Robinson scored a pair of touchdowns 12 apart in the fourth quarter as sixth-seeded Jefferson rallied from behind to win its first-round Class AAA playoff game against No. 11 Hurricane.

Class AA

Fairmont Senior 30

Herbert Hoover 28

Germaine Lewis tackled Herbert Hoover quarterback Dane Hatfield in the end zone for a safety with 2:17 left in the game to break a tie and send No. 16 seed Fairmont Senior to victory over the top-seeded Huskies in a first-round Class AA game at University of Charleston Stadium.

Bluefield 44

Point Pleasant 20

POINT PLEASANT — Amir Hairston rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns, while Ryker Brown added a pair of rushing scores and threw for two more while guiding 14th-seeded Bluefield past third-seeded Point Pleasant in a Class AA opening round contest at OVB Field.

NORTH MARION 64

Grafton 14

After falling behind 7-0 in the first quarter to the 11th-seeded Grafton Bearcats, the No. 6 Huskies rattled off 64 unanswered points.

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