

Lower State grid champs

# Trojans a step away from state title



### Emotional finish

Players on the field reflected the emotions of supporters on the sidelines as Green Sea Floyds' varsity football squad won the South Carolina 1A Lower State Championship Friday, and earned a trip to Columbia this week to play for the state crown.

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With a 47-7 storming of the Hemingway Tigers the varsity football squad at Green Sea Floyds High School claimed the Class A Lower State championship on Friday, setting the state for an improbable opportunity to claim the state crown this Friday in Columbia.

Lamar is all that's in the way of the state title for GSF, its record boosted to 10-3 with the latest victory.

Lamar promises to be no slouch, the Silver Fox's season record at 11-1, with hopes that a dozen will do it for 2018.

Kickoff for the state championship 1A game is 5 p.m. at Benedict College in Columbia.

### Score early, & often

Green Sea Floyds set the tone for the contest early Friday night, blowing past Hemingway and into the end zone on their first possession of the night.

From there the Trojans were able to block the Ti-



Looking for daylight, Trojan runner Anwain Graham emerges from a crowd of Hemingway defenders as Green Sea Floyds secured the South Carolina 1A Lower State Championship Friday.

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gers from the end zone for the rest of the first quarter, allowing the squad from Hemingway their only touchdown of the night in the second quarter.

It was all GSF in the second half, the squad faithfully executing the

plan of head coach Donnie Kiefer.

Trojan junior Anwain Graham rushed for 122 yards on 13 carries for the night, eclipsed by sophomore Jaquan Dixon with 260 yards on 21 carries.

GSF's 436 offensive yards

for the night, allowing Hemingway just 75 yards, told the tale of the evening.

It was the second meeting of the season for the Trojans and the Tigers, and the second win for GSF, the first time a 22-21 squeaker on Oct. 19.

# Fall sports awards given at LHS

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Fall sports were celebrated during an annual awards ceremony at Loris High School last week.

Student accomplishments were recognized during the fried chicken dinner.

"Everyone helped with the food, including the trainers and custodial staff," Athletic Director Barry Brooks said. "It was a group effort because we normally don't have a sit down dinner but wanted to do something special for the students and their family."

Brooks also thanked Dr. Mark

F. Pelstring of Southern Medical Associates for being the Loris High School's official doctor for the varsity football team.

"Dr. Pelstring goes to every home and away game and provides free physicals for the players," Brooks said. "He loves football and we are fortunate to be one of just a few teams who has an official sports doctor."

### Awards

Tennis, golf, cross country, volleyball and football awards were given, and include:

• Tennis: Most Improved- Raina Gerald. Team 1<sup>st</sup>- Anna Ander-

son. Coaches Award- Toni Bell. Region Award- Brantlee Gerald.

• Golf: Most Improved- Kenzie McCallum. Team 1<sup>st</sup>- Rylie Saffles. Coaches Award- Chessa Lee. Casey Brown was also honored.

• Cross Country: Team 1<sup>st</sup> and All Region- Ridge Kidder. Team 1<sup>st</sup> ladies- Nancy Sandoval-Blas. Coaches Award- Justin Bandel. Coaches Award ladies- Camron Davis. Most Improved- Gavin Alford. Most Improved ladies- Fabiola Temis.

• JV Volleyball: Most Improved- Madison Suggs. Team 1<sup>st</sup>- Malaysia Clark. Coaches

Award- McCallie Day (not pictured).

• Varsity Volleyball: Coaches Award and Regional Player: Tamara Butler. Best Server and Regional Player- Haven Flesch. Best Player and Regional Player- Ashlyn Buffkin. All Region- Emma Ann Lay.

• JV Football: Coaches Award- Ridge Kidder. Most Improved- Joseph Flesch. Team 1<sup>st</sup> Noah King (not pictured).

• Varsity Football: Coaches Award- Javonte Turrentine. Most Improved- Jahriqie Isaiah. Team 1<sup>st</sup>- Jyheem Myers.



JV Volleyball



Cross Country



Golf



JV Football



Varsity Football



Tennis



Varsity Volleyball

## Twin wins for GSF lady netters

Girls varsity basketball at Green Sea Floyds High chalked up a pair of wins in recent outings.

A road trip to West Columbus gave the Lady Trojans a 57-50 win, followed up by a 57-36 victory at South Columbus.

Jalinda Johnson tallied 28 points at West Columbus, with Laura Black making a 14-point contribution.

At South Columbus Jalinda Johnson was GSF's top scorer with 30 points, 14 more than Caila Turbeville, who led the Lady Stallion scoring at 16.



### FDTC signing

Allison Long has signed a letter of intent to play softball at Florence Darlington Technical College next year. Long is a Loris High senior with a grade point average greater than 4.0, LHS Athletic Director Barry Brooks said. Flanking Long are her parents, Ray and Christy Long, with brother Brandon standing.

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