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1 Peter 5:10

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No. 11 Bulldogs win season opener, 49-14

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Awful weather in the first half from the remnants of Hurricane Harvey didn't stop the Holmes Community College Bulldogs' offensive production as Holmes held a commanding 21-0 lead at halftime lead over East Central Community College.

The Bulldogs then added 28 more points to win the non-division game 49-14 here Thursday night in the season opener.

The Bulldogs will travel to Summit on Thursday night to play Southwest Mississippi Community College at 7 p.m. Holmes finished the game with 494 total yards, 457 yards on the ground and 37 in the air.

The Warriors finished with 353 total yards, 201 on the ground and 152 in the air.

The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard with 8:12 when sophomore running back

Cameryn Brent scored from five yards out. Freshman kicker Connor McKay's extra point was good, and the Bulldogs led 7-0.

The Bulldogs increased their lead to 14-0 with 7:08 left in the second quarter after a 13 yard run from sophomore running back Sanchez Berry. McKay's kick was good. Freshman quarterback Jesse Wilson's one yard run with 1:11 to play before halftime put the Bulldogs up 21-0 after McKay's kick was good.

Brent picked up his second touchdown of the night with 11:11 to play in the third quarter. McKay's kick was good to make the score 28-0.

The Warriors then got on the scoreboard with 9:16 to go in the third quarter when Quentin Gibson found Kevontaye Caston on a 24 yard touchdown pass. Zach Engell's extra point made the

score 28-7.

The Bulldogs answered right back when sophomore quarterback Josh Dodd scored from five yards out. McKay's extra point made it 35-7 with 6:08 to play in the third.

Later in the third quarter, Dodd broke loose on a 54 yard touchdown run to put the Bulldogs up 42-7.

The Warriors then scored with 24 seconds left in the third quarter when Gibson scored from a yard out. Engell's kick was good, and Holmes led 42-14.

The Bulldogs' final score came with 8:05 left to play in the game when Wilson scored from 10 yards out. McKay's kick was good, and the scoring ended at 49-14.

Brent finished the game with 157 yards on 19 carries while Dodd had 121 yards on 12 carries. Wilson had 11 carries for 67 yards.

Growers expect record corn harvest for 2017

Mississippi producers are optimistic that the remnants of Hurricane Harvey that moved through the state in late August were not enough to stop corn harvests from reaching a new record.

As of Aug. 27, the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated 51 percent of the corn crop was harvested. Growers had a few more days to tackle remaining acres before rains came through the state. USDA estimated that 78 percent of the crop was in good or excellent shape.

Erick Larson, grain specialist with the Mississippi State University Extension Service, said many early yields exceeded 200 bushels an acre, with dryland acreage producing at almost the same rate as irrigated acres.

The state's record average

yield was 185 bushels set in 2014.

"Even though corn acreage is down over 25 percent from recent years, the yields are much higher than normal," Larson said. "Based on the reports I'm getting and the MSU plots we're harvesting, the yields are well above anything we've ever harvested before."

Larson said the yields are the result of a better planting season than normal, followed by relatively dry conditions in April and May that allowed the roots to become well established.

Cool nights in June benefitted pollination, as did frequent rains that coincided with the crop's highest water usage.

Larson said growers in the Delta had the majority of their corn harvested before the hurricane system moved through.

Alex Deason, Extension agent in Sunflower County, said most of the county's corn crop was harvested by the end of August.

"We're having a bumper crop, and producers

have been real pleased with yields," Deason said. "It's been hard to differentiate between dryland and irrigated corn."

Deason said some producers used minimal irrigation, while others never had to turn the water on.

Hurricane Harvey brought heavy rains to the north Delta and along the Tennessee line. Much of the corn left in the field is in that area, making it vulnerable to wet conditions and wind.

Charlie Stokes, Extension agent in Monroe County, said corn harvest was not as far along as it was in the Delta because it got a slower start.

"Because we're farther north, we're the last place in the state to get planted," Stokes said. "We didn't get started on harvest until about Aug. 21 because growers were letting it dry in the field until it reached 15 percent moisture."

The bumper yields will help offset corn prices, which are down just slightly from a year ago.

Brian Williams, Extension agricultural economist, said Greenville corn is trading for around \$3.33 a bushel, with December corn futures sell-



The 38th Annual Big Black River Festival is set for this Saturday beginning at 7 a.m. with the registration for the 5k/1-Mile Fun Run in front of the Baptist church. The festival is set to continue throughout the day until 3 p.m. The high temperature for Saturday is 84, with sunny skies and only 54% humidity. Pictured above, vendors completed their set ups and booths for the 2015 BBRF. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

ing for \$3.45. A year ago, December corn futures were trading for about \$3.60 a bushel.

Yields across the Corn Belt have varied widely, and the state's high yields have not affected prices.

"Mississippi's production isn't large enough to move the markets more than a penny or two on a national scale, but one thing we could see is changes in our local basis," Williams said. "As our local supply of corn increases, that could weaken prices at the local grain elevator, but even then, it likely won't be by more than a few cents per bushel."

A barking good bake sale



Members and organizers of the Jennifer Sterling Brown Animal Rescue of Holmes County held their first fundraiser on Friday, September 7 on the Lexington Court Square. The organization is geared toward the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of wayward dogs and cats in the county. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

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Holmes County 7-Day Forecast for SEPTEMBER 7 - 13 as reported on THE WEATHER CHANNEL

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