

Boyd bests Covenant



Boyd's Tyler Pomales shoots over the outstretched hands of Covenant's Jackson Smith. Pomales scored 14 points to help the Broncos to a double-digit victory over the Lions.

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Lady Broncos win local rivalry game

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The Boyd Lady Broncos seized control early to beat county rival Covenant Academy in high school basketball action Saturday at Boyd.

On a night when Boyd celebrated Homecoming by crowning a king and queen, the Lady Broncos played like royalty on the court in earning a 50-25 win.

Alaina Stiles was the top scorer for Boyd with 14 points. She was followed by Kapri Talley with 12.

Covenant's Naina Patel was the game-high scorer with 15. Unfortunately, she didn't get much offensive help from her teammates as the next high scorer for Covenant only netted 4.

Boyd grabbed an early lead as Talley scored 6 points in the opening quarter and Stiles drained a 3-pointer to help the Lady Broncos go up 14-3.

Patel tried to single-handedly keep Covenant Academy close. She scored 8 points in the opening half, but the Lady Lions only scored 9 points as a team. Boyd was ahead 27-9 at the break.

Covenant was never able to get the deficit to single digits in the second half.

BOYD: Stiles 14, Talley 12, Emma Fulks 7, Erica Cantrell 6, Ashley Vandagriff 4, Elianna Morales 3, Anna Jones 3, Savannah English 1

COVENANT: Patel 15, Chloe Hillis 4, Ava Claire Wrather 3, Emma Kate Wrather 1, Sarah Sharpe 1, Erica Clay 1.



Covenant's Emma Kate Wrather tries to get to the rim against the no-nonsense defense of Boyd's Sydney Burger during basketball action Saturday night.

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Registration is underway for the McMinnville Youth Soccer Spring League. The registration fee will be \$40 per player. Players can be registered at the front desk at McMinnville Civic Center or by going to www.mcminnvilleyouthsoccer.com.

A \$5 discount is available for each additional child registered by one family.

WCHS WRESTLING HOMECOMING

Friday's last home match for the Warren County High School wrestling team will serve as a homecoming for the program. Coach Matt Turner invites all alumni and supporters of the program to attend.

WCHS will wrestle LaVergne and Coffee County, while the WCMS team and the local AAU team will also be in action. Matches are set to begin at 6 p.m. at Charlie Dalton Gym.

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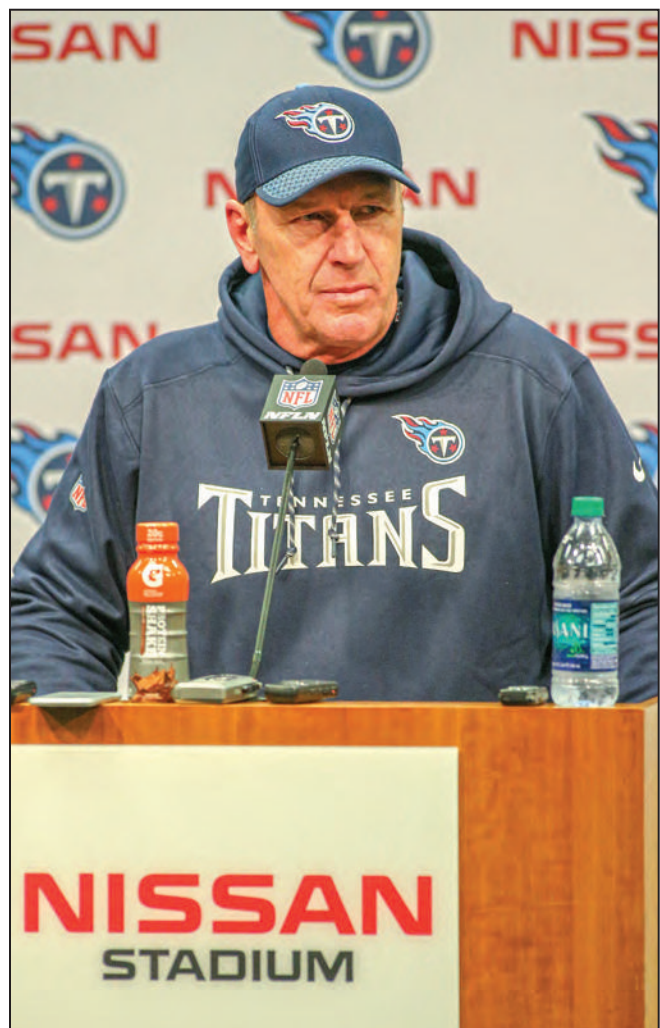
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Lady Broncos leave legacy



Members of Boyd Christian School's 7-8 grade county championship team of 1997-98 were honored 20 years later at Boyd during Homecoming festivities Saturday. Pictured, front row, from left, are Holly Ferrell, Lindsy Mayfield Green, Emily Hancock Hughes, Lindsay Smith Patterson, Megan Patterson Ferrell, Dara Webb Johnson. Back row, coach Jeanne Hagar, Megan Hamblen Taylor, Blaire Smith, Stephanie Edgar Templeton and Kati Sutton Minton.

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After he posted a 9-7 record in back-to-back seasons, the Titans have parted ways with head coach Mike Mularkey.

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Titans part ways with Mularkey

NASHVILLE (AP) — The Tennessee Titans and Mike Mularkey couldn't agree on how to build off the team's first playoff berth since 2008 and become a true NFL contender.

That job will now fall to a new coach.

The Titans split with Mularkey on Monday after he revived a team with the NFL's worst record over two seasons and led them to their first playoff victory in 14 years. The Titans announced the move two days after a 35-14 loss to New England in the AFC divisional round.

"It became evident that we saw different paths to achieve greater success," controlling owner Amy Adams Strunk said.

Mularkey had one year left on his contract and refused to discuss his status Sunday.

But he said he had talked with Strunk and was ready to move "full speed" ahead. Mularkey also defended offensive coordinator Terry Robiskie's play-calling with quarterback Marcus Mariota and said his coaching staff would be back as well.

Strunk said in a statement Monday she talked with Mularkey about extending his contract over the past week since a 22-21 comeback win against Kansas City in the wildcard round. Mularkey is the first coach let go after winning a playoff game since San Francisco fired Steve Mariucci

after the 2002 season.

"It is certainly unfortunate that we couldn't find enough common ground," she said. "I generally believe that continuity is the best path for success, but I also view this as an important moment for our football team as we try to make that next step to sustained success on the field."

General manager Jon Robinson will oversee his first coaching search with the Titans. He was hired two days before Mularkey had the interim title removed in January 2016. The Titans are the seventh NFL team to change coaches since the start of the season.

Robinson said he and Titans president and chief executive officer Steve Underwood told Mularkey on Monday morning they had decided to let him go.

"This boils down to doing what we think is best for the football team moving forward, taking the next step," Robinson said at a news conference.

Robinson said interviews with candidates could be held as early as this week, though the Titans will only confirm a candidate only after an interview is completed. The general manager declined to comment when asked about Patriots offensive coordinator Josh McDaniels, saying he couldn't comment on coaches under contract.

"This is a very attractive job for a lot of candidates," Robinson said. "I look forward to working with whoever the next head coach is. I think that they will see that myself and Amy will be unified with them in our vision for the football team."

Strunk turned to Mularkey in November 2015 when she fired Ken Whisenhunt after 23 games. Mularkey went 2-7 down the stretch as the Titans finished 3-13 to land the No. 1 overall draft pick in 2016. That capped a 5-27 record over 2014 and 2015 that was the worst in the NFL.

Mularkey led the Titans to back-to-back 9-7 records — their first consecutive winning records since 2007-08. He finished with a 21-22 record after a season in which the Titans cost themselves the AFC South title with a three-game skid in December.

In Mularkey's first full season, the Titans led the NFL scoring touchdowns inside the red zone, and they led the Titans while ranking third in rushing offense. Mariota also threw 26 touchdowns with only nine interceptions.

But in Mularkey's second full season, the Titans failed to take advantage of an AFC South in which Andrew Luck did not play for Indianapolis and two-time defending division champ Houston lost rookie quarterback Deshaun Watson to an injury early.