

Holmes' Bulldogs win with seven second touchdown over Jones CC

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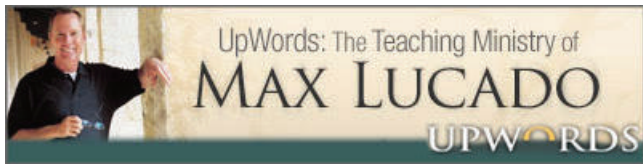
The Holmes Community College Bulldogs used more last second magic on a 34-

yard touchdown reception by Demarcus Johnson from Jesse Wilson with seven seconds to go Thursday night, September 6, as the Bulldogs knocked off No. 8

Jones, 25-23. With the win, the Bulldogs improve to 2-0 on the season. Holmes traveled to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Thursday night, September 13, at Perkinston. The Bulldogs got on the scoreboard first in the first quarter when Connor McKay nailed a 43-yard field goal with 10:24 left in the quarter.



Sophomore quarterback Reggie Hayes looks for running room against Jones Thursday, September 6. The Bulldogs defeated No. 8 Jones, 25-23, to improve to 2-0 on the season. (Photo by Steve Diffey)



The Touch of God

In Scripture Matthew 8:2 is symbolic of the ultimate outcast: infected by a condition he did not seek, rejected by those he knew, avoided by people he did not know, condemned to a future he could not bear. And in the memory of each outcast must have been the day he was forced to face the truth: life would never be the same. The banishing of a leper seems harsh, unnecessary. The Ancient East hasn't been the only culture to isolate their wounded, however. We may not build colonies or cover our mouths in their presence, but we certainly build walls and duck our eyes. And a person needn't have leprosy to feel quarantined. The divorced know this feeling. So do the handicapped. The unemployed have felt it, as have the less educated. Some shun unmarried moms. We keep our distance from the depressed and avoid the terminally ill. We have neighborhoods for immigrants, convalescent homes for the elderly, schools for the simple, centers for the addicted, and prisons for the criminals. The rest simply try to get away from it all. Only God knows how many individuals are living quiet, lonely lives infected by their fear of rejection and their memories of the last time they tried. They choose not to be touched at all rather than risk being hurt again. Some of you have the mas-

ter touch of the Physician himself. You use your hands to pray over the sick and minister to the weak. If you aren't touching them personally, your hands are writing letters, dialing phones, baking pies. You have learned the power of a touch. But others of us tend to forget. Our hearts are good; it's just that our memories are bad. We forget how significant one touch can be. We fear saying the wrong thing or using the wrong tone or acting the wrong way. So rather than do it incorrectly, we do nothing at all. Aren't we glad Jesus didn't make the same mistake? If your fear of doing the wrong thing prevents you from doing anything, keep in mind the perspective of the lepers of the world. They aren't picky. They aren't finicky. They're just lonely. They are yearning for a godly touch. Jesus touched the untouchables of the world. Will you do the same? Read more from *Just Like Jesus*. Listen to UpWords with Max Lucado at OnePlace.com. *UpWords, with Max Lucado is a popular daily Bible devotion. This Max Lucado devotional offers wisdom and insight for applying Biblical truths to the ups and downs of everyday life. Reading daily devotions provides strength and encouragement in your daily walk with Jesus Christ. Used by permission.*

Jones answered with 9:42 left in the quarter on a touchdown run. The extra point put the Bobcats up 7-3. Holmes went back on top with 2:39 left in the first quarter when Gabe Short scored from eight yards out. McKay's extra point put Holmes up 10-7. Jones then answered the score just as the first quarter ended on a touchdown run. The extra point was good, and Jones led 14-10. Holmes picked up the only points in the second quarter when Ervin Mincey tackled the Bobcat quarterback in the endzone for a safety. Jones led 14-12 at half-time. The Bobcats had the only points in the third on a field goal and led 17-12 after three complete. Holmes retook the lead early in the fourth when Reggie Hayes connected with Shaun Walton on a 90-yard pass and catch. The try for two by Vonte Brackett came up short, and Holmes led 18-17 with 10:16 left in the fourth quarter. Jones then scored with 1:26 to play on a touchdown pass. The try for two was no good, and Jones led

23-18. The Bulldogs started their game-winning drive from their own 20 yard line. Dylan Kelly had a run to the Holmes 46 before Jones was called for pass interference on second down which moved the ball to the Jones 41 yard line. Wilson threw a two-yard pass to Kelly to the 34 before Wilson threw a ball into the hands of Johnson in the endzone with :07.2 left in the game. McKay's kick was good, and Holmes led 25-23. Jones moved quickly to the Holmes 40, but on the next play as time was running out Orinthia May sacked the Jones quarterback to run out the clock and preserve the victory for the Bulldogs.

Sept. 14 Players of the Week

H. C. Central	CHCS
Justin Smith	Nathan Taylor
JUNIOR	SENIOR
QUARTERBACK	QUARTERBACK
7 FOR 11 PASSING, 125 YARDS, RAN 8 TIMES FOR 95 YARDS	2 TOUCHDOWNS AND OVER 200 ALL PURPOSE YARDS
Support your local schools	
Sunflower	
"Your Better Value Food Store"	
Highway 12 E.	834-3495 Lexington

“Notice of a Tax Increase and A Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget and Proposed tax Levies for the Town of West”

The Town of West will hold a public hearing on its proposed budget and proposed tax levies for the fiscal year 2018 on September 18, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Town Hall located at 24839 Highway 51 in West, MS.

The Town of West is now operating with projected total budget revenue of \$73,550.68. 28% or \$20,723.44 of such revenue is obtained through ad valorem taxes. For the next fiscal year, the proposed budget has total projected revenue of \$62113.67 of that amount \$22,795.78 or 37%, is proposed to be financed through a total ad valorem tax levy.

For the next fiscal year, the Town of West plans to increase your ad valorem tax millage rate by 10 mills from 34.25 to 37.68 mills. This increase means that you will pay more in ad valorem taxes on you home, automobile tag, utilities, business fixtures and equipment and rental real property.

Any citizen of the Town of West is invited to attend this public hearing on the proposed ad valorem tax increase, and will be allowed to speak for a reasonable amount of time and offer tangible evidence before any vote is taken.