

Sports



Gartrell rushes for 210 yards, 2 touchdowns

Devil shutout Redskins 22-0, host Patriots Fri.

By Johnny Walton

Tevin Gartrell rushed for 210 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Red Devils to a 22-0 win over Bryan County here last Friday night.

The senior halfback had touchdown runs of 68 and 48 yards among his 19 carries. Semaji Jenkins carried four times for 82 yards. As a team, the Devils amassed 307 yards rushing on 37 carries.

Junior QB Trey Huff completed four of seven passes for 53 yards with no interceptions. Those numbers include a 23-yard touchdown pass to Franklin Brown, the leading receiver.

The Red Devils started from their 32 after the opening kickoff. Jenkins ramblled for 45 to the Redskins 15. Jenkins then ran for 14, but a holding flag backed up the home team to the 28. Gartrell scooted down the left side behind a wall of blockers, but another holding penalty set the pigskin on the 27. Two incomplete passes ended the drive on downs at the BC 26.

A strong running attack brought the ball to just inside Devil territory before the Lincoln defense stiffened and forced a punt. From the LC 24, C. J. Zellars scurried for 14. Gartrell's running helped pick up another first down at midfield before a sack ended the drive on the first play of the second quarter. Judson Beggs boomed a punt that

bounced into the end zone 49 yards away.

Three Redskin plays lost a yard, and the Bryan punt dribbled to its 48. Huff handed to Gartrell who headed left, made two cuts to get around the corner, and motored past the defenders. Huff connected with Brown for two points and a 8-0 lead with 9:03 left in the half.

The officials were active Friday night with 17 penalties walked off with the count fairly even between the two teams. A holding flag cost the Redskins a first down on their next possession. Brown returned the punt about 45 yards, but a personal foul helmet-to-helmet infraction started the Devils at their 45. Good runs by Gartrell moved the ball to the GC 31 where the Devils faced 3rd-&-18. Huff scrambled for 15, but a run on fourth down came up a yard short. The half ended two plays later with Lincoln County ahead 8-0.

Bryan County came out throwing in the third quarter with two passes gaining 29 yards. The Devil Defense stopped the quarterback for no gain on 4th-&-1 at the LC 32.

In a near repeat from earlier, Gartrell took the handoff, headed left, turned the corner and outran two defenders to paydirt. One of the defenders knew he was losing the foot race and gave up at the 10. The 68-yard run came with 8:04 left in the third. Cameron Miller booted the PAT for a 15-0 Devil lead.



Red Devils Justin Simmons #18 and Devin Hogan #23 shut down the Redskins running game. (Photos by LCHS yearbook staffer Eliza Treadwell).

A good kickoff return followed by a 29-yard pass gave the visitors a first down at the LC 33. Three plays managed only three yards. A fourth-down pass attempt fell incomplete against Devil Defense triple coverage.

Huff passed to Jack Antonakos

for 24 yards on a good catch-&-run to the BC 34. Jenkins rushed for eight for a first down at the BC 23. The next play saw Huff find Brown five yards from a defender. Brown turned at the two, caught the pigskin, and strolled into the end zone. Miller booted the extra point with less than a minute left in the third. The Devils led 22-0.

Bryan County managed two first downs on their next drive before a sack by Justin Zellars cost the Redskins ten yards and ended their momentum.

Jenkins caught the punt and weaved across the field twice before being tackled about the GC 20. A personal foul helmet-to-helmet flag brought the ball back to the LC 28.

The Devils didn't move the ball, and a fumble on fourth down gave the Redskins the ball on the LC 35.

Ray Adcock intercepted Bryan's first down pass attempt at the 10. Good runs by Gartrell and Jenkins helped move the line of scrimmage to the GC 20 before the drive ended. The Redskins managed one first down before time ran out.

Up Next
The Red Devils, now 1-0, will host Class AA Westside of Augusta this Friday. The Patriots defeated Warren County 17-8 last Friday under new coach Lee Hutto. Coach Hutto previously served as head coach at Warren County in 2006-2008, and at Washington-Wilkes

2009-2010. His teams made the playoffs each of those seasons. Kickoff this Friday is set for 7:30.

Looking at results for other Region 8-A Public schools, Social Circle whipped Providence Christian 21-0, Towns County lost to Ar-

muchee 31-14, Commerce lost to 7-AAAA Pickens 37-8, and Greene County lost to King's Ridge Christian 27-15. Washington-Wilkes game against Hancock Central was rescheduled for Sept. 24 due to Bulldog uniform issues.



Red Devil running game racks up 307 yards against Bryan County. (Photo by John Stone)



Varsity cheerleaders (l-r) Demetric Hill, Ava McGill McWhorter, and Emma Grace Cliatt keep the fans fired up!



Red Devils RJ Crite #6, Emmanuel McCord #20, Franklin Brown #9, Heath Creswell #3, Cam Winfrey #77, and Donald Owens #65 hold Redskins to just 95 yards total offense.

Baseball's Best Can the Braves repeat 1995?

By LAMAR GARRARD
Baseball historian



"Realistically I knew I was doing really well as far as pitch count being down. I knew it was probably low." Atlanta pitcher, Max Fried on his complete game shutout.

Watching the Braves and their winning surge of the last few games has been enjoyable and a relief to many fans that are pulling for them to repeat their 1995 World Series Championship.

It has been over one hundred years since Augusta native and Braves manager, George Stallings led the 1914 team to the ultimate baseball prize by sweeping the Philadelphia Athletics in 4 games. It did not occur again until the 1957 Braves surprised the N. Y. Yankees with a 4 to 3 series victory to take only their 2nd crown in team history. Way back in 1995 the peach state team ousted the Cleveland Indians in 6 games propelled by the steady pitching of Avery, Glavine and Maddux to give the Braves only their 3rd World Series title in the team's history. Tom Glavine was the series MVP winning 2 games.

Hungry for another championship, fans have been refreshed lately watching the Braves turn up the heat and win games with good pitching, solid hitting and timely defense.

The recent two game battle against New York may have been a

preview of the teams who may face each other in the fall classic. Atlanta and New York came into the contest each with a 9 game winning streak while Atlanta had won their last 16 out of 18 games. Even though the Braves lost both games, playing so tough against a formidable opponent had to give them confidence that they have what it takes to play with the best in the game.

The next few games will go along way in seeing how successful they are in big games. Atlanta with have to face San Francisco who is red hot and also the Dodgers who definitely show no mercy against the Bravos. As I write this, the team is in first place in their division and out front by 5.5 games.

Bright spots are popping up all over the place in Braves land. Austin Riley is currently leading the team in hitting at a .301 clip while slugging 27 homers. His 3rd base defense lately has equalled at times the play of greats like Chipper Jones and Brooks Robinson. Freeman has 27 round trippers with a steady average of .296. Swanson has been a defensive wizard and his bat timely while slamming 25 homers. Albies at 2nd base is often Mr. Clutch at the plate and on the base paths has stolen 16 bags.

Charlie Morton, Max Fried and Drew Smyly have accounted



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for over 30 wins with Will Smith chalking up 28 saves. All these good things have happened without the help of super star outfielder Ronald Acuna whose foot injury has him out for the season.

The highlight for me was watching Max Fried pitch a 3 to 0 complete game shutout of the Baltimore Orioles a few games ago. He did this while throwing only 90 pitches. Baltimore extended their losing streak to 16 straight games. Complete games are rare and it was nice to see our Braves pitcher excel in what may be a good sign of better things to come at World Series time in 2021. Keep your fingers crossed!

	LC	BC
First Downs	12	8
Rushing	37-307	31-66
Passing	4-7-53-0	5-10-29-1
Punting	1-49	4-31
Penalties	9-75	8-54
Fumbles/Lost	2-0	0-0



LCHS Lady Devils softball season in full swing

The Lincoln County High School Lady Devils softball team includes (sitting, l-r) Teaira Jones, Eliza Treadwell, Sadie Danner, Braylynn Derryberry, Makaylynn Bowling, Anajah Norman, (kneeling) India Wright, Jordyn Hilton, Elizabeth Edmunds, Autumn Drock, Cayden Glaze, Shamiyah Johnson, Carly Carruth, (standing) Coach Josi Asi, Coach Donald Wheeler, Shernorah Bussey, Syriah Hogan, Destiny Barksdale, Annaleigh Griffith, Kiyasha Green, and Coach Wint Cook. (Photo by Michelle Ashe Photography).