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Covering Kickoff to the Final Out in Clinch County Athletics

Panthers sweep week's slate

By Len Robbins
Publisher

The Clinch County Panthers got three big wins last week, and are now 14-2 overall on the season.

Tuesday in Ocilla, Terrence George's Panthers ripped the Indians, 72-44. Friday at Atkinson County, in a game that was marred by fans brawling at halftime, Clinch pulled out a 46-45 victory with no fans in the stands. Saturday, the Panthers avenged one of their two losses of the season, topping Coffee 61-47 at home.

In Ocilla Tuesday, the Panthers led the Indians 19-18 after one period, then made their move in the second quarter, outscoring the hosts 23-8 to be up 42-26 at intermission. Clinch led by 27, 60-33, going into the final stanza.

Jakyri Posley led Clinch with 22 points, followed by Kamaron Johnson-16, Shane Burns-8, Traviian Miller-7, Tykeem Carter-6, DeMarco Simon-4, Kyiis Mingo-3, A.J. Barr-2, and Jeremiah White-2.

At Atco Friday, the Rebels were hot early, leading 17-8 after one quarter. Clinch came back to take a 27-25 lead into halftime. During intermission, a fight broke out among spectators, which prompted Atkinson County High officials to clear the gymnasium



Clinch's Jakyri Posley goes up high against Atkinson County Friday – Photo by Joy Sumner Photography.

of fans. The second half was played before a mostly-empty gym.

Clinch led 36-32 going into the final quarter, winning by one.

Johnson led Clinch in scoring with 17 points. Other CCHS scorers were: Miller-6, Posley-6,

Mingo-6, Burns-6, Simon-3, and Fred Causey-2.

Earlier in the month, Clinch lost to Class AAAA's Coffee by 18 in Douglas. The Panthers won by 14 at home, leading by double digits the entire second half.

"We weren't as intimidated this time," George said of the difference in the game. "We played a different defense. Went with a zone. Since the first time we played them, we have worked on being more physical."

Clinch led by one, 14-13, after the opening quarter, then 30-25 at half. The Panthers led by 18, 49-31, going into the final quarter.

Posley led the Panthers with 22 points. Other scorers were: Miller-9, Johnson-9, Mingo-5, Causey-5, Simon-3, Burns-2, and Carter-2.

This week, the Panthers will be busy, hosting Pierce County Monday, then travelling to Brooks County Tuesday. Friday, they'll host Charlton County, then host Turner County on Saturday. The following Tuesday (February 3), the CCHS cagers will be at Pierce County. On all of those dates except for the Turner game, the girl varsity will start at 6 p.m., followed by boys play. On Saturday, the girls will start at 5 p.m., followed by the boys at 6:30 p.m.



Clinch County's Kamarion Johnson drives the lane before an empty Atkinson County gymnasium Friday in the second half – Photo by Joy Sumner Photography.

Clinch beats Irwin, falls to Atco, Coffee

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The Clinch County Pantherettes won one region game last week, and lost their two other games.

Casey Daniel's Pantherettes ripped Irwin County on the road Tuesday, 68-46. Friday in Pearson, they lost to the Rebelettes, 57-41. Saturday, they were smothered by Class AAAA's Coffee, 91-18.

In Tuesday's game, the Pantherettes were led by D'marrea Magby's 25 points. Other scorers Tuesday for Clinch were: Makailey Cobb-11, Tara Stevens-10, Journee Johnson-10, Jhinerial Mingo-8, and Takyra Causey-4.

Against Atkinson County Friday, Stevens led Clinch scorers with 12 points, followed by Mingo with 10. Magby had 8, Causey-3, Cobb-2, and Johnson-1.

Scoring wasn't kept for Saturday's game against Coffee.

This week, the Pantherettes (now 6-9 on the season) will be busy, hosting Pierce County Monday, then travelling to Brooks County Tuesday. Friday, they'll host Charlton County, then host Turner County on Saturday. The following Tuesday (February 3), the CCHS cagers will be at Pierce County. On all of those dates except for the Turner game, the girl varsity will start at 6 p.m., followed by boys



Clinch's Takyra Causey dribbles during action at Irwin County – Photo by Joy Sumner Photography.

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