

AFTER 8 YEARS, THE STREAK IS OVER!!!!

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The Alma Bryant Hurricanes defeated their arch-rival Theodore Bobcats 24-21 in double overtime. The win was the first for the Canes over Theodore since 1999. The Hurricanes are now 4-5 on the year, and finish 3-4 in region play. The loss for the Bobcats prevents them from not only winning the region title, but also means they will not host a first round playoff game. Following a blocked Bobcat field goal attempt to start the second overtime period, Jake Switzer drilled a 27-yard kick to lift the Hurricanes to victory. The Bryant defense and special team units carried the Canes for most of the evening. A blocked punt in the second quarter, recovered by George Wilkinson in the end zone, resulted in the first touchdown of the game for Bryant. Tashan Woods interception in the third quarter set up a one yard touchdown run by Eddie Jones. After Theodore took the lead in the first overtime period, Lim Windham made a tremendous catch in the back of the end zone to tie the game up. The Hurricane defense was led by the eleven tackles of Larry Lumpkin. D.D. Smith, Donald Malone, and George Wilkinson each had eight tackles. Tashan Woods had 5 tackles. Aaron Odom has 4 tackles, a sack, and a fumble recovery. Ricky LaForce was 3-7 for 26 yards and a touchdown to lead the Canes on offense. Eddie Jones added 26 yards rushing. Lim Windham caught 2 passes for 29 yards. Bryant travels to Foley on Thursday night to take on the Lions.

RANDOM THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS:

- Words can not describe what this win means to the players, coaches, and the community.
- How sweet is it that Theodore loses a game, a region title, and a home playoff game in the same night?
- Jake Switzer you have nerves of steel, sir.
- Have you ever witnessed a game where the winning team was out gained by over 200 yards, ran less than half the plays the opposing team ran, had 14 less first downs, and still won? I know I have not. So here is to getting to see history Friday night.
- It was good to get to talk to former Hurricane head coach and current Bobcat secondary coach Eric Collier. With his blessing a year ago, I began writing these articles. This in turn led to the starting of the Hurricane Radio Network. I will always be thankful to Eric for this. With that said it was still nice to his team come up short on Friday.
- Speaking of former Cane coaches, we will see another Hurricane coaching alum on Thursday. Foley head man Todd Watson, the defensive coordinator for Bryant in 1998, will stand across the sidelines from Coach Cottrell.
- Due to some wacky tie-breaker rules, Foley will need a non-region victory over the Canes on Thursday to clinch first place in Region 2. Foley is currently in a three way tie with Daphne and McGill-Toolen. The Hurricanes have a chance to play spoiler in consecutive weeks because of this. A Bryant victory could cost the Lions the region, as well as a home playoff game.

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