

# Chargers lose in high-scoring game versus Patriots

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ISLE OF WIGHT ACADEMY

J.T. Taylor rushed for 150 yards and three touchdowns in a losing effort as his Isle of Wight Academy Chargers fell to host Portsmouth Christian School 54-35 during high school varsity football action Friday night, Sept. 3.

The junior's rushing total — on 10 carries — was bolstered by scoring jaunts of 44, 35 and 62 yards, bringing his season total to 229 yards in two games, translating to a gaudy 9.5 yards per carry.

The Chargers (0-2) began their season with tough contests against the Patriots and Atlantic Shores Christian School. They have a bye week before hosting King and Queen Central High School at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17, at

William M. Hooper Field. Much like the Seahawks, PCS scored five of the first six times it had possession in the first and second quarters. Stalwart running back Naquiri Rogers rushed for 276 yards, 208 of which came before intermission, and amassed four touchdowns rushing, one receiving and recovered an onside kick.

After IWA won the tip and deferred until the third quarter, PCS's opening drive stalled at its own 29. A resulting punt ceded only four plays to the Chargers, who also punted. Setting up shop at their own 15-yard line, the Patriots needed only seven plays to travel 85 yards, ending with a Rogers 5-yard plunge. A subsequent IWA interception gave PCS the ball at IWA's 33. Rogers scored on the next play from scrim-

mage. The ensuing extra point made it 14-0.

A sizeable return by IWA's Jackson Cofer set the Chargers up at the PCS 44, after which Taylor rambled for a touchdown. Jude Powell's PAT made it 14-7 with 3:56 left in the first period.

The host team needed only two plays on its next drive, which Rogers capped with a 30-yard sprint. IWA's next drive stalled at the PCS 43 and the Patriots were forced to start their next possession from their own 8. No worries, though, for Rogers and company, who rambled 92 yards in 11 plays, including a Rogers 47-yard scamper, to make it 28-7.

After a lengthy kickoff return by Taylor back to the PCS 35, the junior back scored his second touchdown to make it 35-14 at halftime.

Owing to its game-opening coin-flip decision, IWA tightened the contest with a 62-yard Taylor run on its first play from scrimmage to make it 35-20 after a failed PAT attempt.

PCS had the subsequent kickoff return for a touchdown called back because of a penalty and would later have an 18-yard run by Rogers similarly disallowed. The Patriots eventually scored on a 28-yard pass to Rogers with 8:14 left in the third period.

On the next play, Rogers also fell on his team's kickoff attempt after the requisite 10 yards, giving PCS the ball at the IWA 35. Four plays later, the Patriots scored again on a 20-yard pass from quarterback Chase Harsh to Ja'montae Wallace to make the score 48-20.

The IWA passing game

sprang to life in the closing stages of the game. Quarterback Trent Holland found Cofer with a 48-yard catch-and-run to make the score 48-27. PCS would score again on a 20-yard Rogers run, and IWA would return the favor when Holland tossed for 36 yards to Powell. The subsequent 2-point conversion from Holland to Cofer made the score 54-35.

IWA claimed the top six spots in the varsity girls cross country race Thursday, Sept. 2, at Fuqua School.

Hannah Edwards claimed the top spot, completing the 5K course in 20:51. Hailey Whitley finished second at 22:39, Lorraine Upton was third at 22:41, Hannah McClain finished fourth at 23:25, Alex Wilson was fifth at 25:10 and Petra Cutler was sixth

at 26:34.

Reese Upton finished in 29:32.

Pierce Cutler claimed the top place in the varsity boys race at 20:34. John Butler was fourth at 21:49.

Lauren Maust claimed the top prize in the junior varsity girls race with a time of 25:16. IWA's Hannah Whitley finished second at 26:03. Haley Gray finished sixth at 28:30.

IWA was set to compete again Thursday, Sept. 9, at Kenston Forest School.

The Isle of Wight Academy volleyball team claimed a 3-0 win Tuesday, Aug. 31, over Tidewater Academy. The Chargers raced to victory by scores of 25-12, 25-18 and 26-24. The team was set to play Tuesday, Sept. 7, versus Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School and Thursday, Sept. 9, at Banner Christian School.

## IWA girls volleyball team improves to 4-0

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The Isle of Wight Academy girls volleyball team ran its record to 4-0 to start the season with wins this past week against Blessed Sacrament Huguenot School and Banner Christian School.

The Lady Chargers escaped three close games with the Knights, 25-20, 25-20 and 25-17, on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in Jester Gym.

IWA also triumphed over Banner Christian, three games to two, on Thursday, Sept. 9. The team returns to the court with matches Thursday, Sept. 16, at Fuqua School.

The IWA cross country

squad dominated at its meet Sept. 9 versus Kenston Forest School.

Hannah Edwards was the top finisher in the girls varsity race with a time of 19:42 — 19 seconds faster than her time last year on that 3-mile course, shorter than the customary 3.1-mile (5-kilometer) lay-out.

Pierce Cutler was the top boys finisher with a time of 18:49. He and Edwards were among seven IWA runners who set new course and personal records Thursday.

The teams were set to run again Tuesday, Sept. 14, at Banner Christian and Saturday, Sept. 18, at Walsingham Academy.

## DAR promotes Constitution Week — Sept. 17-23

### STAFF REPORTS

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution urges Americans to reflect on the U.S. Constitution during this month's annual observance honoring this foundational document of national governance, a Sept. 9 DAR news release stated.

"There are two documents of paramount importance to American history: the Declaration of Independence, which forged our national identity, and the United States Constitution, which set forth the framework for the federal government that functions to this day," DAR President Gen. Denise Doring VanBuren said. "While Independence Day is a well-recognized and beloved national holiday, fewer people know about Constitution Week,

an annual commemoration of the living document that upholds and protects the freedoms central to our American way of life."

DAR initiated the observance in 1955 when the service organization petitioned the U.S. Congress to dedicate September 17-23 of each year to the commemoration of Constitution Week.

Congress adopted the resolution, and on Aug. 2, 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed it into Public Law #915.

The celebration's goals are threefold: to encourage the study of the historical events that led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787; to remind the public that the Constitution is the basis of America's great heritage and the foundation for its way of life; and to emphasize U.S. citizens' responsibility to protect, de-

fend and preserve the U.S. Constitution.

The Constantia Chapter, which is the local DAR chapter for women in the Franklin and Suffolk areas, is commemorating the 234th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America with a display at the Ruth Camp Campbell Memorial Library in Franklin, and the chapter has also distributed flyers to local businesses, chapter member Patricia Milteer stated.

She noted that at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17, Franklin Baptist Church will join other churches, schools, firehouses, city governments and individuals across the country by participating in Bells Across America. Ringing the bells at 4 p.m. EST in all time zones is encouraged so they are heard simultaneously

from coast to coast.

The Franklin City Council issued a proclamation for Constitution Week at its Aug. 23 meeting, and Milteer stated that Dr. Alan W. Edwards, chairman of the Southampton County Board of Supervisors, presented a proclamation to chapter members Aug. 24, proclaiming the week of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week.

The DAR release stated that the National Society has been the foremost advocate for the awareness, promotion and celebration of Constitution Week. The annual observance provides innumerable opportunities for educational initiatives and community outreach, two mission areas of crucial importance to the National Society. By fostering knowledge of, and appreciation for, the Constitution and the inalienable rights it affords to all Americans, DAR helps