

PREP FOOTBALL REPLAY

# Versatile Roadrunners look powerful in 4A

■ No. 5 Ridgeway can strike with passing, running

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It's going to be pick your poison with this year's Ridgeway football team.

The Roadrunners, ranked fifth in The Commercial Appeal's Dandy Dozen and 10th in the state 4A rankings, overcame a slow start to defeat Southwind, 38-8, on Friday.

Quarterback Tyrique Sandusky threw for nearly 300 yards in the opening win over Houston but was off-target against the Jaguars, completing just 6 of 20 passes. No worries. Cameron Stansbury had 145 yards on the ground and scored three touchdowns, Edwin Hendrix added 132 and Shemar Tailbird had 59 on nine carries and a score.

"After last week, I think they were expecting the pass," said Stansbury. "I think we surprised them. Our O-line opened some big holes. We just pounded it and then the passing game opened up."

Sandusky had scoring passes of 42 and 25 yards to Vincent Taylor and also hooked up with Bernard Nelson for a 56-yard gain as Ridgeway (2-0) gained 537 yards after picking up 538 against Houston. The defense — meanwhile — has given up just 18 points.

Class 4A looks very difficult statewide with Knoxville Catholic, Knoxville Fulton, Marshall County, Greeneville and Nashville Pearl-Cohn all very strong. Only two get to Cookeville, and Ridgeway definitely is on that list.

"We've got Craigmont (Friday), then Whitehaven after that, then East in the last game," said Stansbury. "It's a tough schedule ... but we're excited."

**DRAGONS SLAYING**

Two victories. Two shutouts. It's a pretty good time to be playing at Collierville.

The Dragon won their second in a row with a 35-0 victory at Center Hill. It's Collierville's first 2-0 start since 2011 and the first time since 2012 when they have more than one shutout in a season.

Despite the score, head coach Mike O'Neill said it wasn't easy.

"That was the closest 35-0 game that I've ever been a part of," he said. "It seemed like we either scored quick or went three-and-out. Our defense was bend but don't break."

"It's a work in progress. We're playing a talented team (White Station) Friday and there's still a lot to try and improve on. But we're having fun."

**NO DISTRACTIONS**

DeSoto Central lost 36 seniors from last year's team and then lost head coach Matt Wallace on the Monday before the season opener. But instead of making excuses, the Jaguars are 2-0 following Friday's 16-7 victory over a solid White Station team.

"We got the team together and talked about ... not using this as an excuse," said interim coach Shelby Ford of Wallace's resignation, which came after a nude photo of him allegedly surfaced on an adult dating site.

"Nobody expected anything of us anyway, but we're not going to fall apart. We're going to keep working towards our goal."

Defense has been the key; one week after holding Amory to a field goal, the Jaguars held the Spartans scoreless until the third quarter.

"We've done a really good job (of) staying disciplined and not giving up big plays," said Ford, who coached the secondary and special teams last season. "It's hard when you have to go eight or 10 plays to score, and we're forcing teams to do that. We still have a lot of young guys but they're playing really hard and making plays."

**PARIS IN THE RAIN**

Houston High's 133-mile trip to Paris to take on Henry County was a complete washout.

The game was called after the first quarter due to a storm described by one attendee on Twitter as a "pumpkin floater." Mustangs coach Will Hudgens said the teams will try to finish the contest at some point during the season.

"It could affect their playoff seeding," said Hudgens, whose team automatically qualifies for the postseason as part of the 32-team 6A division.

"We could kind of see on the radar that it wasn't going to let up anytime soon and we didn't want our players sitting around



Ridgeway offensive tackle Tyrese Slocum lifts up running back Cameron Stansbury as they celebrate a Stansbury touchdown against Southwind during their road game Friday night. The Roadrunners, No. 5 in The CA's Dandy Dozen, routed the Jaguars 38-8.

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Southwind quarterback Kameron Williams throws the ball away as the play collapses around him, with the charge led by Ridgeway defensive end Cervantes Reed during Friday night's 38-8 Roadrunners win at Southwind.



Ridgeway running back Cameron Stansbury slips out of the grasp of Southwind defensive back Terrance Sanders on Friday night at Southwind.

**THE DANDY DOZEN**

How they fared; this week's opponents

1. **Whitehaven (2-0)** beat Florence (Ala.) 31-20; Friday at Arlington
2. **Cordova (2-0)** beat Craigmont, 39-0; Friday at Bartlett
3. **CBHS (1-1)** lost to St. Louis CBC, 52-17; Friday vs. Fairley
4. **Trezevant (1-1)** lost to Southaven, 27-26; Thursday vs. MLK Prep at Crump
5. **Ridgeway (2-0)** beat Southwind, 38-8; Friday vs. Craigmont at Halle
6. **MUS (2-0)** beat Kingsbury, 45-5; Friday at Olive Branch
7. **Lausanne (1-0)** was idle; Friday vs. St. George's
8. **Covington (2-0)** beat Melrose, 33-26; Friday vs. Bolivar Central
9. **Harding (2-0)** beat Senatobia (Miss.) 17-0; Friday at FACS
10. **St. George's (1-1)** lost to (11) Briarcrest, 37-14; Friday at Lausanne
11. **Briarcrest (2-0)** beat (10) St. George's 37-14; Friday vs. Jackson (Miss.) Prep
12. **East (1-1)** beat ECS, 18-6; Friday vs. Kingsbury at Fairgrounds

in the gym for four hours and then try to get back on the field. We made the decision that if we couldn't play by 9:30 we'd call it.

"It was like in 'Caddyshack' — 'I don't think the heavy stuff will come down for a while.'"

**IN FRIDAY'S GAMES**

**(1) Whitehaven 31, Florence (Ala.) 20:** Kylan Watkins had two touchdown runs and caught a 73-yard scoring pass from Leslie Mosby to lead the state's No. 3 team. Mizzou commit Aubrey Miller returned an interception 32 yards and Chris Witherspoon closed the scoring with a 33-yard run.

**(2) Cordova 39, Craigmont 0:** Devin Coleman threw touchdowns of 70 yards to Isiah Stinson and 67 to Edward Johnson. Isaiah Norman scored on a 25-yard fumble return as the Wolves (2-0) held the Chiefs (0-2) to minus-12 yards.

**St. Louis CBC 52, (3) CBHS 17:** The Brothers (1-1) lost to the Cadets (2-0) for the third year in a row. Dominick Garrett had a 48-yard touchdown run for CBHS.

**Southaven 27, (4) Trezevant 26:** Tywon Johnson's third touchdown of the game pulled the Bears (1-1) within one late in the fourth quarter before the Chargers stopped a 2-point conversion try to hang on. Clemson commit Cordarran Richardson ran for 198 yards on 21 carries.

**(6) MUS 45, Kingsbury 6:** LSU commit Maurice Hampton picked off two passes, including a 41-yarder returned for a TD, as the Owls (2-0) rolled. Steven Regis threw for two touchdowns and Trey Thomas kicked a 37-

yard field goal, making him 5 of 5 in the first two games.

**(8) Covington 33, Melrose 26:** Ish Jones ran for three second-half touchdowns as the Chargers roared back after trailing 26-13. Kendrick Jones had an 82-yard touchdown kickoff return for the Golden Wildcats and also caught a touchdown pass from Ahdai Page. Michael Malone also had a TD reception and scored on a 10-yard run.

**(9) Harding 17, Senatobia 0:** Calvin Austin scored on a 60-yard punt return while Marquavious Moore ran for 186 yards on 34 carries as the Lions (2-0) blanked a team they lost to 43-13 in 2015.

**(11) Briarcrest 37, (10) St. George's 14:** Jake Powers' three touchdown runs led the Saints (2-0) over the Gryphons (1-1). Charles Elliott (154 yards) scored on a 37-yard run and Jackson Walker and Tyler Badie teamed on a 35-yard catch and run. Briarcrest held St. George's to 129 yards and controlled much of the game after Shon Wooten's 95-yard kickoff returned east the scoring.

**(12) East 18, ECS 6:** The Mustangs (1-1) rebounded from an opening loss to Cordova to defeat the Eagles (0-2).

**Arlington 41, Manassas 8:** The Tigers (2-0) tuned up for next week's game against Whitehaven with a victory. Kenny Walker had scoring runs of 29 and 18 yards and Tate Kolwyck threw scoring passes of 24 and 8 yards to Caleb Nelson as Arlington scored all of its points in the first half.

**Bartlett 56, BTW 0:** Marquavis Weaver ran for 188 yards and

two scores (13 and 37 yards) as the Panthers (2-0) cruised. J.J. Vaden threw a 28-yard pass to Joshua Exom to open the scoring before adding a 19-yard run. Philip Thompson returned the second-half kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown.

**Bolivar Central 52, Gibson County 20:** Drek Lewis ran for 119 yards and three scores, and Jarion Lewis had a 24-yard fumble return for his second defensive touchdown of the year as the Tigers (2-0) tuned up for next week's showdown at Covington.

**FACS 31, Sheffield 8:** Tre Curtis ran for 193 yards and touchdowns of 31, 1 and 18 yards and the Crusaders scored twice on safeties to win their second in a row.

**Fairley 20, H.W. Byars 8:** The Bulldogs picked up their first victory for coach Kevin Patterson. Marcus Fitzgerald had 135 yards on eight carries and scored a touchdown while Chris Jones needed only five carries to get 105. Cassius Sharp also had a touchdown run. Aaron Banks had nine tackles to key a strong defense, helped by Christian Mosley's 25-yard fumble return for a touchdown.

**Fayette-Ware 34, Jackson Southside 21:** Sammie Mitchell returned one of his three interceptions 45 yards for a score and added a 65-yard touchdown run to lead the Wildcats (1-1). Andrew Cole, a 6-5, 296-pound defensive lineman who has committed to Southern Miss, closed the scoring with a 75-yard fumble return.

**Germantown 45, St. Benedict 0:** Miles Guyton had two touchdown runs and a 22-yard pass to Cameron Baker as the Red Devils (1-1) rolled, holding the Eagles (0-2) to zero total yards. Cameron Walker had three touchdown runs.

**Hernando 49, Westwood 0:** Robert Wilcke threw touchdown passes of 50, 10 and 22 yards to O.D. Wooten and scored on a 10-yard run as Hernando opened its season in style.

**Munford 28, Millington 0:** Chaz Hayes had scoring runs of 4, 28 and 10 yards as the Cougars (1-1) won the M'n M Bowl for the second straight season.

**Overton 42, Hillcrest 0:** The Wolverines, 1-9 last season, won their second straight behind three touchdown runs from John Hudson, a 54-yard pick-six by Jadarius Mister and a defense that held the Vikings to 32 yards.

**Raleigh-Egypt 46, MLK Prep 0:** Clifton Tunstall completed 8 of 10 passes for 133 yards and three touchdowns in the first half as the Pharaohs (2-0) built a 40-0 lead at the break.

**Rossville Christian 36, Memphis Nighthawks 14:** Tavaris Moore ran for 302 yards on 20 carries and scored four times (22, 83, 80, 42 yards) as the Wolves improved to 2-0.

**Tipton-Rosemark 14, Greenfield (Tenn.) 12:** Jose Flores' 9-yard run in the fourth quarter gave TRA its first victory of the year. Dawson Feathers also had a TD run.