

COLLEGE FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Haynes scampers 68 yards late, lifting Georgia Tech over UNC

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CHAPEL HILL — Jamal Haynes ran for 170 yards and two touchdowns, including a go-ahead 68-yard touchdown in the final minute, as Georgia Tech stunned North Carolina 41-34 on Saturday at Kenan Stadium.

Haynes' second score came with 16 seconds left, just two plays after North Carolina had tied it on a Noah Burnette 26-yard field goal.

"I had a couple coaches telling me, 'Bust one, bust one, it's coming,'" Haynes said. "They had been harping on it all game. 'Calm down, one's going to come.' ... I just saw daylight and hit it."

The Yellow Jackets' read-option offense mustered 505 total yards, including 371 rushing. In addition to Haynes, quarterback Haynes King also had a big day with a season-high 107 yards and two scores on the ground.

North Carolina pulled within 34-31 with 3:27 left on a 1-yard run by Jacoby Criswell, his second touchdown of the day, and Burnette's field goal tied it with 44 seconds remaining. However, as it was all for naught as the Tar Heels — who trailed by as many as 13 points in the second half — saw their defense break down one final time.

**Syracuse 24, North Carolina State 17:** Kyle McCord threw for 346 yards and two touchdowns as visiting Syracuse defeated North Carolina State.

McCord connected on 31-of-42 passes for the Orange, while LeQuint Allen supplemented Syracuse's offensive attack with 119 yards of total offense and a touchdown on 23 touches. The Wolfpack — who suffered back-to-back home losses for the first time since 2019 — were powered by true freshman quarterback C.J. Bailey, who completed 17-of-24 throws for a season-high 329 yards and two touchdowns.



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Georgia Tech running back Jamal Haynes (11) outruns North Carolina defensive back Alijah Huzzie (28) to score the winning touchdown on a long run in the closing seconds of an NCAA college football game on Saturday in Chapel Hill.

Syracuse won the turnover battle 3-0, including a timely third-quarter interception by Justin Barron.

**Clemson 49, Wake Forest 14:** Cade Klubnik passed for three touchdowns and Phil Mafah added two short touchdown runs as No. 10 Clemson rolled past Wake Forest for its fifth straight win.

The Tigers turned a couple of interceptions into touchdowns as they started to pull away with a 28-point second quarter. Klubnik threw for 309 yards and Mafah gained 118 yards on 20 carries.

Wake Forest dropped its fourth consecutive home game. Quarterback Hank Bachmeier was limited to 126 passing yards with a pair of interceptions and two touchdown tosses before he was replaced midway through the third quarter.

**Louisiana 34, Appalachian State 24:** Ben Wooldridge accounted for three touchdowns, Landon Burton recovered a fumbled ball in the end zone in the fourth quarter, and Louisiana beat Appalachian State.

With 13:32 remaining in the game, Louisiana-Lafayette's Justin Agu recovered a fumbled ball and returned it 70 yards to the Appalachian State 7-yard line. On the next play, Bill Davis fumbled the ball and Burton recovered it in the end zone to stretch the Louisiana lead to 27-17.

Wooldridge ran for a 1-yard touchdown with 1:03 to play, sandwiched between a pair of Tyrone Lewis Jr. interceptions, to seal it for Louisiana.

**Western Carolina 30, The Citadel 16:** Cole Gonzales threw for 294 yards and a score, Jalyann Williams rushed for three touch-

downs and Western Carolina welcomed their fans back to E.J. Whitmire Stadium in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene with a win.

The Catamounts beat Wofford at home last Saturday without spectators in the stands because of rescue and recovery efforts taking place around western North Carolina.

The Catamounts debuted a "Prayers for Western Carolina" helmet sticker while also promoting a "Fill the Truck" effort to load the team equipment truck with fan donations of goods.

**North Carolina Central**

**68, Virginia-Lynchburg 0:** Zion Dobson ran for 98 yards and a score to lead five with rushing touchdowns as North Carolina Central rolled to a rout of NCCAA-member Virginia Lynchburg.

Walker Harris threw just eight passes in the game but connected on scoring throws twice in the first quarter as the Eagles built a 33-0 lead entering the second quarter.

N.C. Central finished with 326 yards rushing on 34 carries. Aleni Mageo, J'Mari Taylor, Chris Mosley and Quest Powell each rushed for a short-yardage touchdown. Dobson car-

ried 12 times and scored on a 5-yard run that stretched the Eagles' lead to 54-0 with 7:20 left in the third quarter.

**Dayton 16, Davidson 14:** Mason Hackett rushed for 218 yards on 22 carries, Gideon Lampron blocked two field goals and Dayton held off Davidson.

Davidson's final two drives each lasted 12-plus plays, but both ended in missed field goals by Adam Zouagui — the last from 51 yards out with 22 seconds left. Zouagui finished 0 for 4, with three getting blocked.

Mac Grant III also made a big play for the Dayton special teams when he blocked a punt late in the second quarter and scooped it up before being tackled at the 10. Three plays later, Drew VanVleet connected with Jake Coleman from 3 yards out for a 13-0 lead.

**New Hampshire 17, Elon 10:** Logan Tomlinson had a touchdown running and receiving, Duncan Moreland intercepted a pass with 1:12 remaining, and New Hampshire beat Elon.

Elon got to the UNH 30-yard line with two minutes remaining before a fumble moved the ball back to near midfield. Elon quarterback Jack Salopek ran for 3 yards to set up a fourth-and-22 play from near midfield that Moreland intercepted.

Elon forced a three-and-out and used its three timeouts to get the ball back with 40 seconds left. But the New Hampshire defense sacked Salopek on back-to-back plays and Wande Owens made the game-ending tackle on a lateral play.

ACC FOOTBALL

North Carolina's Craft dies from rare lung cancer at 23

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CHAPEL HILL — North Carolina football player Tylee Craft died Saturday morning from a rare form of lung cancer, coach Mack Brown said.

Brown made the announcement in his post-game news conference following the Tar Heels' loss to Georgia Tech. Craft was 23.

"This young man fought so hard for his two-and-a-half years," Brown said. "The doctors told us he outlived what he should've. And he did it with the spirit, he did it with a smile on his face, he didn't miss a meeting, he didn't miss practice, he coached these other incredible young people."

UNC had honored Craft — who was diagnosed with a rare form of lung cancer in March 2022 — during Saturday's football game, which also happened to be the team's annual Cancer Awareness Game. Friends and family members wearing shirts bearing Craft's name and number were recognized during an on-field ceremony.

Wide receiver J.J. Jones wore Craft's jersey with his No. 13 and last name against the Yellow Jackets.

Brown told reporters he didn't learn of Craft's death until after the game, but sensed something had happened after sharing an emotional hug with Craft's mother at the end of the first quarter.



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North Carolina wide receiver Tylee Craft walks in the bench area during the second half of an NCAA college football game against Minnesota on Sept. 16, 2023, in Chapel Hill.

"I think the family feels the love and they'll continue to feel the love," Brown said. "What we've got to do is be strong, and pray for strength for us as leaders, to help these guys on the field and off the field. ... So, more than ever before, I have got to step up and be stronger for them and make sure that I can help them manage the stuff and move forward in their lives."

UNC football also announced Craft's death in a statement posted on social media, followed later by a tribute video to Craft's memory. Additionally, the UNC men's basketball team wore shirts bearing Craft's name and number for its intrasquad scrim-

mage at the Smith Center following the football game and had a pre-scrimmage moment of silence in Craft's honor.

Craft, from Sumter, South Carolina, played in seven games at wide receiver and on special teams as a true freshman in 2020 and four games in 2021 before his diagnosis. Still, he had remained present and close to the program.

"Tylee meant so much to so many and affected us in ways we'll always be thankful for," the football program's statement said. "He was 1-of-1 and, while he won't be with us in body, he'll be watching over us with his endearing smile and endless positivity."

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