

## INSIDE:

Wrestling is prevalent for the Havelock boys, New Bern boys beat out Havelock boys 65-56 and... Havelock girls hold New Bern girls to 33 points in win.



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## Havelock girls torch New Bern

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HAVELOCK — Down by 3 points with close to 36 seconds left in the game, Bears' Tiffany Brown scored 2 points on a layup, cutting the score to 33-34. Trying to overtake the Rams for the lead, Brown then took the ball into her own hands with 14 seconds left, and went for the sure layup, but was called for traveling.

From that point on, the Bears tried hard to fight back for the lead, but everything seemed to backfire, leading to five Rams points in the final 13 seconds of the game. Havelock's Lace Collins put her team into prime position to win by connecting on her last two free throw attempts, pulling her team ahead 37-33 with eight seconds left in the game. New Bern couldn't find a way

to come back against Havelock as the seconds ticked away in the final period of the game, and each attempt to score fell flat in the 39-33 loss, on Jan. 13. Havelock's leading scorer in the win was Crystal McCaffity with 17 points, while teammate Carrie Lynch had 10. New Bern's Tiffany Brown paced the Bears with a double-double, scoring 17-points and grabbing 14 boards in the game.



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Bears' Tatum Briele is guarded by Rams' Courtney Everette.

## Falls like the last domino

I was beginning to wonder. Certain doubts had been gun to cross my mind. I actually thought it may be worse the second time around. And it was, but only for the Bears.

You can give the glory to Steve Smith or Jake Delhomme, who both played instrumental roles in the 29-21 victory, and there is no doubt in my mind that if either one had gone down with an injury, the game would have been lost.

But like the last domino that falls, everything happens because of cause and effect.

For every action, there is a reaction.

The very first touchdown of the game can be traced back to the beginning of time, but we'll just settle for the snap of the ball.

Smith's trip to the end zone began with the exchange of the football from the center to the quarterback — Delhomme.

Delhomme takes a deep drop, looks for his receiver and then delivers the ball downfield with perfect touch.

Smith catches the ball, runs, stops, avoids the tackler and then accelerates to the end zone for six points.

There are many variables that could have affected the outcome, but we'll only look at the most important one — the amount of time Jake had in the pocket to allow his receiver to get open down the field.

Now towards the end of the season, I was growing skeptical of the offensive line's ability to protect the quarterback, but it was all with just cause — it was definitely something not unjustified.

The prime example of what I'm referring to is the previous game against the Bears in Chicago. The Panthers were unable to run or pass the ball with any type of success against the Bears defense.

The only points that Carolina scored were three from a John Kasay field goal. That's it.

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INDEPENDENT REGISTER / WILLIAM R. TOLER  
New Bern senior forward Claude Shields muscles past Havelock's Nikkio White attempting to score two points on a layup.

## New Bern rolls over Havelock

Bears find themselves trailing in the first period, but overcome for win

BY ERIC VOLIVA  
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HAVELOCK — The New Bern boys' basketball team found itself in the hole by seven points against the Rams with more than 3:30 left in the first period.

But the Bears quickly found their rhythm, and outscored the Rams by 16 points in the second period, taking the 34-21 lead at halftime.

"I thought we played into the sec-

ond quarter well, about the first two minutes or so, but when Bruce [Carter] went out with his second foul, it just let some air out of the balloon, and that's when we lost the game," Havelock head coach Bill Fryczynski said after the 65-56 loss Jan. 13.

The Rams (6-9, 2-5 conference), however, didn't throw in the towel after the disappointing second period. Havelock went on to outscore New Bern (9-7, 6-1) by five points in the second half, trying to whittle away at

the deficit. But it turned out to be too little, too late.

Bears head coach Tod Morgan knew that his team had to shut down Carter and the rest of the Rams' inside game and force them to shoot more from the perimeter if they were going to hold Havelock at bay.

"We were worried about Carter inside. He's been a horse, I know, for them. We wanted to limit his catches, and try to limit their rebounding on

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## No tag-team here

Havelock's Matt Bowman didn't need any help as he defeated South Central's Timmy Cowan 7-4 in the 112 weight class on Jan. 11.

## Havelock boys find defeat at home

Calvin Daniels scores 31 points in Havelock loss

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HAVELOCK — Calvin Daniels, the leading scorer in the state for two consecutive years, stole the show in front of an agitated home crowd, scoring on dunks, layups, jump shots and consistently hitting the 3-pointers in the 52-44 Rams' loss.

No matter how the Rams, guided by head coach Bill Fryczynski, tried to counter Daniels' attack, they were always left exposed in some area.

To start the second half, Daniels burned the Rams' defense for a tremendous dunk that shook the gym and left fans in awe, while bringing

the Pam Pack within four points by the score of 27-23.

Daniels seemed to catch fire in the second half, scoring 19 of his 31 points, while becoming the main focus of his teams' offense.

Fryczynski knew Daniels was a threat going into the game, but felt that his team could handle him by not doing anything too flashy.

"Looking at this game back last week, I thought maybe I should have something special for [Daniels], because I know he's good, but then I thought, no we'll just go with what we usually do, and try to adjust [as we go]," Fryczynski said, "But, we should've had something special for him."

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Havelock's Bruce Carter rebounds the ball over a Washington defender.

6 Pack	Pittsburgh @ Denver NFL AFC (Jan. 22)	Denver @ San Antonio NBA (Jan. 22)	Charlotte @ Houston NBA (Jan. 25)	N.Y. Islanders @ Carolina NHL (Jan. 19)	Montreal @ Vancouver NHL (Jan. 21)	Carolina @ Seattle NFL NFC (Jan. 22)
Eric Voliva Record: 30-18	Broncos	Spurs	Bobcats	Hurricanes	Canadiens	Panthers
William Toler Record: 26-22	Steelers	Spurs	Bobcats	Hurricanes	Canucks	Panthers
Corey Friedman Record: 32-16	Broncos	Spurs	Bobcats	Islanders	Canadiens	Seahawks

# Sports Scores

All scores and standings are current as of Wednesday, Jan. 16.

## NFL Scores

### Wild Card

WL Record	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Final Score
Carolina (12-5)	0	10	7	6	23
N.Y. Giants (11-6)	0	0	0	0	0
Washington (11-6)	14	3	0	0	17
Tampa Bay (11-6)	0	3	7	0	10
Jacksonville (12-5)	3	0	0	0	3
New England (11-6)	3	17	10	7	37
Pittsburgh (12-5)	0	14	14	3	31
Cincinnati (11-6)	10	7	0	0	17

### Divisional Playoffs

WL Record	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Final Score
Washington (11-7)	0	3	0	7	10
Seattle (14-3)	0	7	7	6	20
Pittsburgh (13-5)	14	0	7	0	21
Indianapolis (14-3)	0	3	0	15	18
New England (11-7)	0	3	3	7	13
Denver (14-3)	0	10	7	10	27
Carolina (13-5)	7	9	7	6	29
Chicago (11-5)	0	7	7	7	21

## NBA Scores

WL Record	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter	Final Score
Hornets (18-19)	25	41	22	19	107
Bobcats (11-27)	25	20	24	23	92
Timberwolves (18-17)	25	27	22	22	96
Knicks (13-23)	23	24	18	25	90
Sixers (18-19)	24	21	17	14	76
Wizards (17-19)	31	16	35	22	104
Rockets (12-24)	21	18	26	18	83
Hawks (10-26)	20	29	22	23	94
Nuggets (20-19)	22	21	34	20	97
Bulls (15-22)	31	22	23	18	94
Pacers (20-16)	19	24	22	27	92
Nets (20-15)	31	27	19	20	97
Celtics (14-23)	22	18	25	19	84
Pistons (30-5)	15	26	32	21	94

## NHL Standings

Atlantic		Central	
Philadelphia (28-10-7)	N.Y. Rangers (25-13-7)	Detroit (30-12-3)	Nashville (28-12-5)
New Jersey (22-18-5)	N.Y. Islanders (19-23-2)	Chicago (15-25-5)	Columbus (15-28-2)
Pittsburgh (11-25-9)		St. Louis (10-28-5)	
Northeast		Northwest	
Ottawa (30-10-3)	Buffalo (28-13-3)	Calgary (26-14-5)	Vancouver (25-15-5)
Toronto (24-17-3)	Montreal (20-16-6)	Colorado (26-17-3)	Edmonton (24-16-5)
Boston (16-21-7)		Minnesota (20-20-4)	
Southeast		Pacific	
Carolina (30-10-4)	Atlanta (22-18-6)	Dallas (30-12-2)	Los Angeles (28-17-2)
Tampa Bay (22-19-3)	Florida (18-22-7)	Anaheim (19-16-8)	Phoenix (22-21-2)
Washington (14-24-5)		San Jose (20-17-5)	

## NFL Standings

### Postseason Standings

NFC North		AFC North	
Chicago (11-6)	Minnesota (9-7)	Pittsburgh (13-5)	Cincinnati (11-6)
Detroit (5-11)	Green Bay (4-12)	Baltimore (6-10)	Cleveland (6-10)
NFC South		AFC South	
Carolina (13-5)	Tampa Bay (11-6)	Indianapolis (14-3)	Jacksonville (12-5)
Atlanta (8-8)	New Orleans (3-13)	Tennessee (4-12)	Houston (2-14)
NFC East		AFC East	
N.Y. Giants (11-6)	Washington (11-7)	New England (11-7)	Miami (9-7)
Dallas (9-7)	Philadelphia (6-10)	Buffalo (5-11)	N.Y. Jets (4-12)
NFC West		AFC West	
Seattle (14-3)	St. Louis (6-10)	Denver (14-3)	Kansas City (10-6)
Arizona (5-11)	San Francisco (4-12)	San Diego (10-6)	Oakland (4-12)

## NBA Standings

Atlantic	
New Jersey (20-15)	Philadelphia (18-19)
Boston (14-23)	New York (13-23)
Toronto (13-24)	
Central	
Detroit (30-5)	Cleveland (20-15)
Indiana (20-16)	Milwaukee (19-17)
Chicago (15-22)	
Southeast	
Miami (23-16)	Washington (17-19)
Orlando (13-22)	Charlotte (11-27)
Atlanta (10-26)	

Pacific	
Phoenix (24-12)	L.A. Clippers (20-14)
L.A. Lakers (21-17)	Golden State (18-19)
Sacramento (15-21)	
Southwest	
San Antonio (29-9)	Dallas (28-10)
Memphis (23-13)	New Orleans (18-19)
Houston (12-24)	
Northwest	
Minnesota (18-17)	Denver (20-19)
Utah (19-19)	Seattle (15-23)
Portland (13-24)	

## Offensive line shows dominance

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Chicago's defense had made a living in Carolina's backfield accosting Delhomme, sacking him eight times and forcing two ill-timed interceptions, which Chicago turned into 10 points — the margin of victory for the Bears.

But this go-around was much different. The Panthers offensive line turned in a grade-A performance, man-handling the league's No.1 scoring defense, opening holes for Panthers running backs to run for 123 yards, and Delhomme to throw for more than 300 yards and three touchdowns, while only giving up one sack.

Like I said, for every action, there is a reaction.

The action was the Panthers offensive line blocking better than any combination of Pro-Bowlers I've seen this season. And doing all of this against a vaunted defense once compared to the world-renowned 1985 Monsters of the Midway — but not anymore.

Mike Wahle proved that he didn't just get voted to the Pro Bowl on past achievements and name alone, while the rest of the line made strong statements for a trip to Hawaii next year.

On the defensive side of the ball, the tough and rugged play of the entire unit kept Chicago's receivers on edge wondering where the next devastating hit would come from.

All week long I kept hearing different people say that they wouldn't be surprised if the final score was 3-0.

Weren't they surprised?

On that note, yes I was!

I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I was one of the majority, expecting nothing more than a physical, low-scoring slug-fest — neither team showing any spark of offensive life.

But then again, not even John Madden saw it coming.

Or did he?

That, boys and girls, is the question of the century.

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## Bears' boys win out in Havelock

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the offensive end," Morgan said. "But, they've got a couple guys that can really hit it [from the perimeter]."

Havelock's Stephen Gonzalez connected on five 3-pointers in three periods, for 15 of his game-leading 21 points.

New Bern's Generra Taylor led all Bears scorers with 20 points, while teammate Claude Shields was second with 16.

"We got off to a good

start, that was important for us. We Played well against their zone in the first half, shared the ball well, made a lot of inside-out offensive passes, which is good offense, and i thought our defense played pretty good as well," Morgan said, talking about his teams performance. "Obviously [basketball] is a game of runs, and they made their runs in the third quarter, but we were able to have some poise there, and play well at the end."

## Havelock falls to Washington 52-44 in thrilling come from behind win

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But the Rams did attempt to adjust to Daniels in the second half, trying to at least keep someone near him for every play, but in the end, it wasn't enough.

"What did they have, 50 points? [Daniels] had 31 of them. We tried to adjust at halftime to where he was going — we played that match-up zone and we tried to shadow him. I told the kids we wanted to double him up on the wings if he gets it, but we

just didn't do it," Fryczynski said.

Not that Havelock was lacking its own big plays on offense.

Mario Lucas hit a 3-pointer from the half-court line to end the third period, bringing the Rams within two points of the lead, 39-37.

Washington head coach Jason Smith felt like Havelock was a good team, and would be able to speed up the game's tempo, while baiting his team into a shootout. But

that's not what he wanted his team to do.

"Havelock came out with a good game plan, and it's always tough coming down here to play. They got on us early, but we just managed to keep our composure and work our way back on them," Smith said, "When teams play a good hard-nosed zone, you have to slow the game down and take your time, and grind it down."

Havelock kept the game close, pulling to within 1 point

with 5:15 left in the game, until Nikkio White was unable to connect on two free throws, and after that, Washington went on a 10-2 run, pulling away for the final score, 52-44.

White and Andrew Taylor were in double figures for the Rams with 12 and 10 points respectively, while teammates Stephen Gonzalez and Bruce Carter were tied with eight.

Calvin Daniels was the only Washington player in double digits with 31.

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# NFL Top Performers

### NFL Divisional Playoffs

	Quarterback	Pts.	Running back #1	Pts.	Running back #2	Pts.	Wide Receiver	Pts.	Defense	Pts.	Total Pts.
Voliva - 692 pts	J. Delhomme	30	T. Jones	11	W. Parker	6	S. Smith	34	Broncos	9	90
Friedman - 558 pts	T. Brady	26	S. Alexander	0	E. James	13	D. Branch	18	Panthers	10	67
Toler - 583 pts	B. Roethlisberger	15	J. Bettis	10	M. Anderson	19	M. Harrison	5	Steelers	11	60
Consensus	T. Brady	26	S. Alexander	0	E. James	13	S. Smith	34	Panthers	10	83

A look ahead at some of the fantasy match-ups for the NFL Divisional Championships.

**Jake Delhomme** has been on fire the last three games, and has thrown for 622 yards, 6 touchdowns and only 1 interception in that span. His career postseason QB rating is more than 120.

**Mike Anderson** is the key to the Broncos ground game. He rushed for 2 touchdowns in Denver's win over the Patriots. Expect him to get the ball often in an attempt to control the pace of the game against Pittsburgh.

**Nick Goings** will take over the reins to Carolina's ground game since Deshaun Foster was injured with a broken ankle in Chicago. Carolina will stay true to its ground game, and will feed Goings often to control the clock.

**Steve Smith** may be the league's most explosive player, and should have at least received one vote for the NFL's MVP, but expect the Panthers' best wideout to take the game into his own hands against Seattle.

The **Broncos' Defense** faced the team that nobody wanted to face in the playoffs, the Patriots, and forced them out of the playoffs. Denver intercepted Brady twice and held their ground game under 100 yards.

These are random quotes that have been overheard or sent in by sports fans. Opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Independent Register.

"Wednesday's game proved why Vince Young was the REAL Heisman Trophy winner. Best player, he is."

"They came, they saw, they kicked some ass. The Panthers have yet to trail a team in the playoffs. But I hope I haven't spoken too soon."

"I guess the Reggie Bush race is over. Now we know who's got the first overall pick in the draft, and if the Texans don't take him, they'll be screwing up again."

"The Tar Heels finally dropped a conference game, and to the Miami Hurricanes of all teams. UNC is a great team, but maybe they've been exposed. The starters are solid, and will be spectacular, but it's each man's first year as a starter, they can't be expected to play perfectly."

# Make The Call

"I'll say it again, "How about them Carolina Hurricanes?"

"The Patriots were the team that nobody wanted to face in the playoffs, but I guess Denver wasn't paying attention. They stomped New England like a dead mule, and I'm proud of my boys. Go Broncos."

"Wait, wait. So now the

Clippers are the best L.A. team? Ahead of the Lakers? When did I fall asleep?"

"I hate to say it, but I'm actually surprised that the Panthers beat Chicago."

"This definitely won't be a traditional Super Bowl. The two teams that are going to represent the NFC are good, but neither of them are teams that conjure up great mo-

ments in NFL history. But then again, every team has to start somewhere. This is the road to making those moments."

"You know, I've said it before and I'll say it again. What's up with those referees? Even with the instant replay, they still make the wrong call. It makes me wonder if some of them aren't making some big money by making some bogus calls and fixing the games. Because who do they have to answer to? Not the government, that's

for sure. It's all an entertainment business, and it's all about making money. Sometimes I think coaches should openly call them out."

### Quote Of The Week

"They stomped New England like a dead mule."

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