

Ouachita-Ruston contests memorable

Editor's Note: As we wait for sports to resume locally, we'll take a look back at the Top 10 high school football games since 2015. Every week will feature a look back at the top games played amongst our parish teams.



Jake Martin

No. 10 Ouachita vs. Ruston (2018)
Expected.
When many sit around and talk about the best games of all time, there is typically an element of surprise involved. That might involve a sudden change in momentum, a dramatic call that swings the game in the opposite direction or typically an unexpected game-defining play. The key word there is unexpected, but that's not an appropriate adjective to describe the events surrounding Ouachita's clash with Ruston

in 2018.
Nothing mentioned above describes that 2018 clash. Well, the latter happened, but... You know what, let's just start from the beginning.
Ouachita entered this district showdown with a 5-1 record, while Ruston entered with a 3-3 campaign after suffering losses to Acadiana, Longview and West Monroe.
Were the New Orleans Saints too busy to fill an open date, Bearcats? Talk about elite competition, which isn't anything new for Ruston.
You know what else wasn't new? Dramatic finishes involving the Bearcats' district foe, Ouachita.
The previous season featured a back-and-forth battle that ended in a 31-28 Ruston victory after Bearcat defenders jumped on a Ouachita fumble with 43 seconds remaining. And in 2016, Ruston defeated Ouachita, 34-28, so

without belaboring the point: we all knew where Ouachita and Ruston were headed in 2018. I'm happy to say it was better than we ever could've hoped.
I say that as an unbiased observer. I'm sure Ouachita fans could have gone without another last-minute Ruston victory, this one marking the third year in a row.
Let's paint the picture properly, shall we?
After three lead changes in the final six minutes, Ouachita led 20-16 with 2:41 remaining in the contest. Two juggernauts in district were exchanging blows back and forth until Ruston's senior quarterback Eric Outley, who couldn't have weighed more than 160 pounds, took the field with the poise of a true veteran.
"That's the key to having an experienced quarterback," Ruston head coach Jerrod Baugh told me after the game. "We had the ball with three timeouts, and he was

really comfortable. (The two-minute drill) is something we work every Thursday with our kids, and that's what our kids were saying when we got the ball. We actually had more time than what I give them on Thursdays."
Fate set us up for a thrilling finish. Outley was facing a third-and-medium around Ouachita's 27-yard line with less than 30 seconds to play. His Bearcats were down, and he had to make a play. He climbed the pocket and accelerated up the middle before hitting the left sideline before breaking a couple of Ouachita tackles along the sideline en route to crossing the goal line. Ouachita fans sighed, while the Ruston faithful who traveled to Ouachita Parish High School erupted in jubilation.
"We missed a bunch of tackles on that last play," Ouachita head coach Jeff Fitzgerald said after the game. "Those are plays we have to make. You want to win a

game like this; you need to make those plays. They made the plays and we didn't. That's what it boils down to."
That score capped a 23-20 Ruston comeback. Ruston marched 79 yards on seven plays in just under three minutes. It was the ultimate backbreaker after an emotional three-play scoring drive from the Lions.
Trailing Ruston late in the fourth quarter, quarterback Zach Shaw hit receiver C.J. Brown on a 40-yard pass before stud running back Chaunzavia Lewis scored from 10 yards out to put the Lions on top, 20-16, with less than three minutes to play. I can remember the eruption in the student section in the end zone like it was yesterday. The Lions celebrated in unison on the sideline.
Even though we could have predicted the finish like Miss Cleo on the Psychic Readers Network, it didn't make the fourth quarter any less exciting. I can re-

call being on the sideline and thinking, "This is really about to happen again, isn't it?"
I would like to point out that while we certainly remember Outley's play and the huge reception from Brown that led to Ouachita's go-ahead score, there were several standout Lions on defense. Carl Glass and Brendan Hardy totaled five sacks on the night, and Terrence Logwood made the play of the game defensively with an interception in the end zone in the third quarter, which preserved Ouachita's lead.
Like I mentioned last week in the honorable mentions list, though, the Lions needed to make just one more defensive stop to pull off a thrilling victory. And unfortunately for Ouachita, that play never came in the fourth quarter.
Next week involves more heartache for one of our local teams, and a finish you'd have to see in person to believe...

Senior Profile

Cloi Cummings Delta Charter

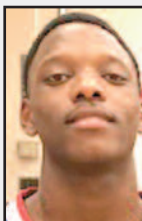
Future plans? Attend Louisiana Tech and study Kinesiology
Most Influential? Cleothis and Zacki Cummings (parents)
Favorite Song? Fly Before You Fall by Cynthia Erivo
Favorite TV show? All-American
Favorite Movie? Black and Blue
Top highlight? Scoring 24 points against Siciy Island this year in honor of Kobe Bryant



Cummings

Jashun Gordon Vidalia

Future plans? Join the Army
Most Influential? Stephanie Bourke (teacher)
Favorite Song? Ruff Way by JayDaYOUNG
Favorite TV show? Martin
Favorite Movie? Like Mike
Top highlight? Scoring 45 points against General Trass this year



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ULM tennis adds two to roster

First-year ULM head tennis coach Jessica Giuggioli has announced the addition of two players to the 2020-21 roster, including graduate transfer Drouse Dzeubou, from Radford University, and incoming freshman Daniela Hernandez, from Caracas, Venezuela.

The 5-foot-10 Dzeubou was a three-time first-team All-Big South selection at Radford where she accounted for 124 total victories, including 64 in singles play and 60 in doubles. She became the first tennis player in program history to earn first-team all-conference honors three times. A native of Turin, Italy, Dzeubou posted a winning record in singles throughout her four-year collegiate career while playing primarily at the No. 1 and 2 positions.

As a junior in 2018-19, she compiled an overall record of 36-15 (.706), going 18-7 in singles and 18-8 in doubles play. Dzeubou went 15-4 (.789) at the No. 2 position. As a sophomore in 2017-18, she produced 39 total wins, including 16 in singles action and 23 in doubles.

Dzeubou played her first three seasons at Radford for Giuggioli.

"I have known 'Dru' for several years, and she's a very talented, aggressive player," Giuggioli said. "Throughout her collegiate career, she has grown as a person and as a player, and I look forward to coaching her again through her senior year."

Dzeubou, who will earn her bachelor's degree in business and economics, plans to pursue a Master of Business Administration at ULM.

The 5-5 Hernandez won the 2019 L1A Sectional and L1 Sectional Glen Head Racquet & Fitness (GHRF) championships for 18-year-old girls. She also advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2019 Empire Cup National Doubles (National L4), played at Cornell University.

A native of Caracas, Venezuela, Hernandez received a full scholarship to attend the John McEnroe Tennis Academy in New York City. She most re-

cently moved to the West Side Tennis Club in Queens, N.Y., to train with Luke Jensen.

As a 16-year-old, Hernandez won the G3 Regional Girls championship in her hometown of Caracas.

She burst onto the scene as a 14-year-old, claiming the National Championship in Valencia,

Venezuela. Hernandez advanced to the doubles final and singles quarterfinals in the COSAT International Tournament in Maracaibo, Venezuela. She won the doubles title and progressed to the singles quarterfinals at the COSAT International Tournament in Lara, Venezuela. Hernandez became doubles champion

and advanced to the singles semifinals at the National II G2 tourney. In addition, she advanced to the doubles final and singles semifinals at the COSAT International Tournament.

"Daniela has a very unique background that has shaped her into the highly motivated player that she is today," Giuggioli said.

ULM signs forward to basketball team

ULM men's basketball has added Clarendon (Texas) College teammates Russell Harrison, a 6-foot-7 forward, and Elijah Gonzales, a 5-10 guard, to its 2020 recruiting class, according to an announcement made by Warhawk head coach Keith Richard.

Led by Coach Isaac Fontenot-Amedee, Clarendon College posted its best record in school history, finishing the 2019-20 season at 29-3, winning both the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (14-2) and NJCAA Region V Championships while qualifying for its first-ever appearance in the NJCAA National Tournament before COVID-19 forced cancellation.

"Russell is a natural scorer, who gets the ball in the basket in a variety of ways," Richard said. "Elijah is a true point guard, who makes everyone around him better. We have a need for both of

them, and we're really excited that they are joining our program."

Harrison, who earned first-team NJCAA Division I All-America honors as a sophomore, is ranked among the nation's Top 10 prospects (No. 7) by JucoRecruiting.com. He also was named WJCAC Newcomer of the Year and Player of the Year as well as NJCAA Region V Player of the Year.

Harrison, who led the Bulldogs in both scoring (18.3 points per game) and rebounding (8.2 pg.) last season, scored in double figures in 27 of 30 starts, including 13 20-point games. He averaged 19.2 points and 8.9 rebounds per game in conference games. Harrison collected double-figure rebounds in 13 games, recording 12 double-doubles. He shot 47 percent (190-404) from the field, including 42 percent (77-185) from

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Re: Safe Drinking Water Act: Notice of Violation/Public Notification of Non-Compliance Disinfectants/Disinfection By-Products Rule (TTHMs) MCL Violation Community Water System
Town Of Clayton Water System
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April 22, 2020

The Town Of Clayton Water System is currently in violation of the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for total trihalomethanes as set forth by the State [Part XII of the Louisiana State Sanitary Code (LAC 51:121)] and the Federal Primary Drinking Water Regulations (40 CFR Part 141).

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) set drinking water standards and requires the disinfection of drinking water. Where disinfection is used in the treatment of drinking water, disinfectants combine with naturally occurring organic and inorganic matter present in water to form chemicals called disinfection byproducts (DBPs). EPA and LDH set standards for controlling the levels of disinfectants and DBPs in drinking water, including trihalomethanes (THMs) and haloacetic acid (HAAs). Some people who drink water containing THMs in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

In December 1998, EPA set enforceable drinking water standards for TTHMs at 80 parts per billion (ppb) and/or HAA5 at 60 parts per billion (ppb) to reduce the risk of cancer or other adverse health effects. Compliance with the TTHMs and HAA5 standard for public water systems serving less than 10,000 individuals initially became effective and enforceable on January 1, 2004. Compliance with

the TTHMs standard is determined by calculating a locational running annual average (LRAA) of quarterly TTHMs sample results. Compliance calculations performed for the first quarter of 2020 show that the system's current TTHMs LRAA is 124 ppb at DBP01- 154 CARTER; Thus, the system is currently in violation of the TTHMs standard.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. EPA and LDH do not consider this violation to have any serious adverse health effects on human health as a result of short-term exposure; however, continued long-term exposure to THMs and HAA5 levels above the standard (e.g., 20 years of exposure) has the potential to have serious adverse effects on human health.

This information has been given to our operator (JCP) who will be taking care of this matter by working the State. If you need more information, please contact Town of Clayton at (318) 757-8540.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids for the following will be received by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, Procurement Section, 1201 Capitol Access Road, 4th Floor, East Wing Room S-447, Headquarters Administration Building, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, Telephone number (225)379-1444 on date(s) shown below, until 10:00 A.M. No bids will be accepted after this hour. At 10:00 A.M. of the same day and date, they will be publicly opened and read in Headquarters Administration

Building, 4th Floor, East Wing S-447. Evidence of authority to submit the bid shall be required in accordance with R.S. 38:2212 (A)(1)(c) and/or R.S. 39:1594 (C)(2)(D).

BIDS TO BE OPENED: **May 7, 2020**

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SHAWN WILSON, Ph.D.
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JULIE KENNISON, CPPB
DOTD PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

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