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## Homestead defeats Dr. Krop to advance in the playoffs - Next up, Miramar



Homestead Senior High School Football Team with their coaches.

By David Volz

The Homestead Senior High School football team continues to march through the playoffs.

The Broncos defeated Dr. Krop 35-12 in the second round of the playoffs and played very well.

Joshua Townsend threw touchdown passes to Cortez Mills and Richard Dandridge. Dandridge caught a pass to score on a conversion. On one creative play, Warren threw a touchdown pass to Javan Robinson.

Next up for the Broncos is Miramar, a team with a 10-1 record. They are coming off a 29-24 win over Southridge. Homestead will host Miramar on Friday, Nov. 25, 7:30 p.m. at Harris Field.

Athletic director Curtis Brown is cautiously optimistic about the upcoming game.

"We will watch game film and study Miramar. This is the time of the year when we have to

leave everything on the field. The coaches are battle tested and we have faced some very good competition. Those games have been lessons for us. Now we have to play like there is no tomorrow. I have great confidence in our coaching staff," said Brown.

He believes it's important for the Bronco players to be well prepared for this game. "Playoff football is not an easy task and everyone is good. Miramar is a very good team and they have done well in the state playoffs," said Brown.

Coach Philip Simpson believes in the Broncos team. "We have good team pulse and there are no conflicts among the players. We have a good environment. Our team has come together, and we have good chemistry," said Simpson.

He is pleased with Townsend's performance at quarterback. Simpson said that Isaac Brown is a

four-star recruit and has received interest from Miami, Florida State, Michigan and other top teams. Cortez Mills is also receiving interest from Florida State, University of Florida and Miami. David Justice is a top prospect with interest from Central Florida and South Florida. Dandridge is planning to play for Temple University

The Broncos have very good defensive players and a strong offensive line. Jameel Carter and Luis Pruneda each play offensive guard

and are very talented linemen.

Townsend believes that with enough work, the Broncos can succeed on the field. "If we put in the work and listen to the coaches we can win," he said.

Mills said, "It is important to be positive and work hard in practice."

The Broncos are 10-2. One of their losses came against Southridge. Simpson believes the team learned from the loss and can do well against Miramar.



The HSHS team is motivated to practice hard and keep on winning.

## Homestead Makos to send three teams to California for national tournament

By David Volz

Three Homestead American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) teams have been selected to participate in the AYSO National Games in Irvine, California from July 24-30, 2023.

This is similar to the World Cup for professional soccer players, and it takes place every four years in a different location.

The Homestead AYSO Region 805 offers recreational level soccer for more than 500 young people age 3-19. The games are played at the Homestead Sports Complex.

The goal is to teach young people the basics of soccer. The AYSO players who are talented and more competitive can play travel



The 12U Boys, 14U & 16U Girls are working hard and excited to represent HOMESTEAD AYSO 805 at Nationals in Irvine, California.

soccer and in Homestead they can try out for the Makos.

This year, the U12 boys, U14 Girls and U16 Girls have been selected to play in the National Games. The teams need to raise money to travel to Irvine.

"For the players on these teams, this will be like playing in the World Cup," said Nelson Ducos, the commissioner for Region 805

15,000 spectators."

The Homestead teams were selected via lottery. The regional commissioner sign the travel teams up for this lottery if they believe the teams are qualified to compete at the national level. Once a team is selected, the regional commissioner must put down a deposit of \$500 per team to hold the slot. Then the

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Lou Hedley is tabbed as a semifinalist for the Ray Guy award. The 6th year, red shirt senior becomes a three time semifinalist.

## Road Not Kind to Traveling Hurricanes

Canes Corner by Bo Healey

ACC powerhouse Clemson's home field is named Memorial Stadium but is known as Death Valley. The Miami Hurricanes were the 40th consecutive visitor to have their dreams of victory die last Saturday in a 40-10 defeat.

The Tigers active home win streak is the nation's longest. UM has the all-time record for consecutive wins with 58 between 1985-1994.

"They've got a really good football team," Mario Cristobal said. "They've been where we've been before. They've built it up. I get it. We'll be there."

The loss dropped Miami to 5-6, for the first time since 2007. The Canes have qualified for a bowl every year since 2008 and now need a home win over Pittsburgh on Saturday at 8:00 to earn a bowl invitation.

Clemson managed 447 total yards in the win. Miami had 98, their third lowest total in program history. As you've read here repeatedly, Canes Corner believes a foundation is being built in Coral Gables and Miami Hurricane football will be back on top. Thirteen underclassmen started last weekend and they along with transfers and a top ten recruiting class will be the next building blocks for the program.

Senior TE Will Mallory said postgame, "Guys kept fighting. That's a credit to the culture Coach is building."

Cornerback DJ Ivey added, "Ever since he's gotten here, the culture has been changing constantly. As he keeps pushing us, I feel like the culture will change even more."

Everyone involved in

the program has worked extremely hard this year and is disappointed with the results of their efforts. Let's hope the Canes take the Panthers down Saturday night and are rewarded with a bid to a bowl.

The Men's Basketball team was joined by the Providence Friars, the St Louis Billikens and the Maryland Terrapins up in Uncasville, Connecticut at the Mohegan Sun Arena last weekend. All four teams are likely NCAA tournament participants in March.

The four squads brought identical 3-0 records into the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame Tipoff Tournament.

Miami faced Providence in the opener and played excellent throughout earning a 74-64 win. There was only one lead change as Providence went up four early before the Canes came back and held the lead for the last 30:45.

Norchad Omier led the way with 19 points and 12 rebounds. Isaiah Wong added 18 with 3 boards, assists and steals. Nijel Pack netted 11 and Jordan Miller had 9 and 9.

Maryland prevailed over St Louis and was Sunday's opponent in the championship game. The Terps proved too much for the Canes on Sunday. They were bigger and better. Maryland was 30-50 from the floor including 9-21 from deep and out rebounded Miami 39-20. Although the Canes forced 18 turnovers and kept their own miscues in single digits, Maryland was far the better team and deserved the Championship Trophy with all five starters in double figures. Omier had 14, Miller 18 and Wong who was named to the all

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## Another Local Woman Inducted into Women Divers Hall of Fame

By Charlie Hudson

The annual Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA) show was once again in Orlando November 1-4, 2022 with the induction of new members into the Women Divers Hall of Fame (WDHOF) as a major evening event.

There was extra excitement because three classes were inducted together.

Christy Pattengill-Semmens, Ph.D., Co-Executive Director: Science & Engagement Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) in Key Largo was the third local area woman to be selected. She was part of the 2021 class.

"After three years of pandemic delays, it was so inspiring to join three

classes of new WDHOF members to be inducted earlier this month. I am honored to join such an outstanding group of women, who are pioneers and groundbreakers not only in diving, but in their respective fields. Being involved in diving, citizen science, and ocean education has given me a sense of purpose by contributing to something bigger, and it means so much to be able to celebrate and share this work alongside so many noteworthy women. To help serve the organization as best I can, I currently serve on the WDHOF Board of Trustees."

Dr. Sally Bauer, President and co-founder of the History of Diving Museum in Islamorada, was the first area inductee

in 2011 followed in 2015 by Amy Slate, founder and owner of Amy Slate's Amory Dive Resort in Key Largo.

In addition to sharing avid commitment to marine conservation and a love of diving, the three women exemplify the wide range of background, experience, and expertise found among all members.

As stated on their website, "The members of WDHOF form an elite group that includes the most notable women leaders and innovators in the diving community. There are 250 members in the Hall, hailing from 30 U.S. states and Territories and 22 countries worldwide. New Members are selected on an annual basis.



Anna DeLoach (left) President and Chair, REEF Board of Trustees and well-known videographer, nominated Christy Pattengill-Semmens, Ph.D., for the Women Divers Hall of Fame (WDHOF).

From its inception, WDHOF raised public awareness of women's exceptional contributions. There were seventy-two honorees on WDHOF's inaugural roster in 2000. It was impressive to

watch these elite professionals receive their honors as women who established noteworthy milestones in many diverse fields of diving."

Founded in 1999,

WDHOF's mission statement is two-fold. "Recognize women divers who have made outstanding contributions to the exploration, understanding, safety and

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Bonnie Toth, a WDHOFF 2007 inductee, was busy sharing information about the Women Divers Hall of Fame during the 2022 Diving Equipment and Marketing Association (DEMA) show. Hugh Hudson

**DIVING from 1B** enjoyment of our underwater world; Support the underwater world and its associated careers by promoting opportunities in diving through grants, scholarships, internships, and mentoring as well as a worldwide network of industry contacts.”

Bonnie Toth, a 2007 inductee, fell in love with scuba diving in 1979 in California. She was at the WDHOFF booth at the DEMA show and emphasized the scope of their financial support to individuals.

“We give around \$70,000 per year in about 40 scholarships and grants. Our mentoring program is important, too. The sky is the limit for women who are going into everything from marine sciences to videography.”

According to their website, they have awarded over half a million dollars to 471 individuals and the 2023 awardees will be announced February 2023,

with the awards made in March. The summary is: “Seventeen scholarships/fellowships/internships are offered this year in marine conservation (basic or applied research), marine biology, underwater archaeology, seagrass and coral rehabilitation, sea turtle conservation, extreme environment physiology, and journalism/ graphic arts/photography/videography. They are intended to support independent research, field work, and conservation/rehabilitation activities, as specified in the descriptions.

Twenty-one training grants are offered this year. Training grants provide funding for diving and diving-related underwater training.”

Fifteen of the training grants are for basic, advance, and disabled diving and the other six are specialty grants. Some of the scholarships and grants are reserved for women only and some of those

designated for younger women. In their outreach to echo Toth’s phrase of, “The sky’s the limit,” one example is a training grant for Hardhat Dive Training (commercial diving).

To learn more go to <https://www.wdhof.org/>; Email: [info@wdhof.org](mailto:info@wdhof.org); or find them on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Pattengill-Semmens enthusiastically embraces the increasing number of women who enter different sectors of the marine field.

“Women continue to accomplish amazing things in both marine science and diving, like uncovering new discoveries, visiting unexplored places, and inspiring others. REEF’s goal is to encourage and empower the public to become involved in ocean conservation and citizen science in order to expand ocean literacy and make a difference for our blue planet. It’s an honor to have been with REEF since its early days as an intern just out of undergraduate studies, and now I serve as Co-Executive Director. In this role, and as a WDHOFF Member, I look forward to furthering the important work to support future generations of women divers and diverse individuals to become environmental stewards.”

To learn about REEF, go to [www.REEF.org](http://www.REEF.org); email: [reefhq@REEF.org](mailto:reefhq@REEF.org); visit their headquarters at 98300 Overseas Hwy, Key Largo; Phone: (305) 852-0030.

**Still Time to Register for Islamorada’s Half Marathon, 10k, 5k and Beach N’ Beer Mile**

Distance runners and visitors who relish a challenge in the Florida Keys’ mild temperatures can participate in Islamorada’s annual Half Marathon, 10k, Rumrunner Run 5k and Beach N’ Beer Mile scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10-11.

Spaces remain for runners of all ages and skill levels to register for the subtropical road race, whether they’re bucket-list competitors or newbies.

The Rumrunner Run 5k is to begin at 8 a.m. Saturday with a start and finish at Islamorada’s Postcard Inn Beach Resort & Marina, mile marker 84 ocean-side. Runners will head over and back across the Whale Harbor Bridge. In addition to a finisher medal, participants are to receive a free rumrunner from the Holiday Isle Tiki Bar.

The popular Beach N’ Beer Mile kicks off at noon Saturday at Postcard Inn. Runners must consume four beers over a 1-mile course, with a start and finish line on the peninsula of Bimini Row surrounded by the ocean on all sides. Organizers said the best time to beat for this challenge is seven minutes.

Sunday’s main half-marathon and 10k events also are headquartered at Postcard Inn and take place from 7 a.m. to noon. Starting with a sunrise over Whale Harbor Bridge, the scenic course has runners heading south toward Indian Key, turning and heading back north with a finish at Postcard Inn.

Awards await the top three finishers in all races, as do age group awards for the 5k, 10k and half-marathon.

Online registration fee is \$110 per person for the half-marathon, \$75 per person for the 10k, \$55 for the 5k and \$45 per person for the Beer Mile. Event information: [islamoradahalfmarathon.com](http://islamoradahalfmarathon.com)

**CANES from 1B** tournament team had 22 for the runner-ups. Miami plays Rutgers at home on Nov. 30th in the ACC-Big 10 Challenge before opening ACC play at Louisville on 12/4.

The LadyCanes also went 1-1 for the week. Florida Atlantic was 1-0 when they showed up at the Watsco Center but left with their heads hung low after a 75-42 trouncing. Miami now 4-0 was led by freshman forward Lazaria Spearman who had her first collegiate double-double with 15 points and 10 boards. Sophomore guard Lashae Dwyer was 7-8 from the floor for 14 and senior guard Karla Erjavac added 11 including 3-4 from beyond the arc.

On Sunday, Nov. 20th the LadyCanes were up in Chicago, Destiny Harden’s hometown, to face the DePaul Blue Demons.

Miami was 4-0 and DePaul 1-2 going into the contest but it wasn’t the visitors day. DePaul shot 60% in Q1, 56.3% in Q2, 64.3% in Q3 and 50% in the final game.

Miami was not bad but could not keep up with the hosts 40 minute long red hot shooting.

Spearman had 19, Harden 18, Ja’Leah Williams 14 and Haley Cavinder 11 in the losing effort.

The LadyCanes faced Loyola of Chicago on Tuesday, Nov. 22nd but an early holiday week SDNL deadline will push that story until next week’s column.

On Friday, Nov. 25th at 3:00 the LadyCanes play North Carolina A&T in the Miami Thanksgiving Tournament at the Watsco Center.

Arkansas Pine-Bluff and Columbia play at 1:00. On Sunday, the winners play at 2:00. The third place game is at noon.

**Happy Thanksgiving All and Go Canes!**

**SOCCER from 1B** travel teams hold tryouts to select their players.

“The three teams are now practicing three days a week and doing extensive fundraising,” said Ducos. “Each team must raise about \$35,000. We are going to local festivals to sell drinks and fruit cups and we will do car washes. We will host a small soccer tournament to raise money.”

Ducos believes the Homestead AYSO is a good program for young people.

“The philosophy of the soccer program is to allow everyone to succeed in their own way. Everyone plays. This means everyone plays, regardless experience, must play half the game. We are open to all young people, and we want it to be fun for everyone. Many players make life-long friendships,” said Ducos. “It is a great way for young people to learn about soccer and to build a community. Our community is everything to us and we want to give these kids an opportunity to succeed on an off the field.”

The players are encouraged to volunteer by helping to set up and take down the goals, volunteering as referees or providing drinks to the referees.



**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
CITY OF FLORIDA CITY**

All residents, property owners and other interested parties are hereby notified of a City Commission meeting for consideration of Second and Final Reading of the Ordinances referenced below on Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:30 PM. The meeting will be held in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 404 West Palm Drive, Florida City, Florida.

**ORDINANCE NO: 22-07**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FLORIDA CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SMALL SCALE LAND USE AMENDMENT FROM THE COMMERCIAL LAND USE CATEGORY TO THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE CATEGORY AND A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM THE C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT FOR THE 8.5-ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF OUTLETS DRIVE APPROXIMATELY 660 FEET NORTH OF EAST PALM DRIVE; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**ORDINANCE NO: 22-08**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FLORIDA CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM THE EU-M ESTATE USE MODIFIED (COUNTY) TO THE RS-4 RESIDENTIAL SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICT (CITY) FOR THE 4.8-ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF WEST LUCY STREET APPROXIMATELY 660 FEET WEST OF REDLAND ROAD; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**ORDINANCE NO: 22-09**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FLORIDA CITY, FLORIDA, APPROVING A SMALL SCALE LAND USE AMENDMENT FROM THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL LAND USE CATEGORY TO THE COMMUNITY MIXED USE LAND USE CATEGORY AND A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM THE RD-1 RESIDENTIAL DUPLEX DISTRICT TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) DISTRICT FOR THE 4.8-ACRE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 639-751 WEST LUCY STREET; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

Anyone desiring to appeal any decision of the City Commission must arrange for a verbatim record of the proceedings, including testimony and evidence upon which any appeal may be issued (F.S. 286.0105). The ordinances may be inspected by the public at the Clerk’s Office- City Hall, 404 West Palm Drive, Florida City, FL during regular business hours. The Office may also be contacted for information regarding these proceedings. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, all disabled persons desiring to participate in these proceedings and needing special accommodations to do so because of that disability should contact the City Clerk at 305-247-8221.

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