

# Varsity Huskys win region opener

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There seems to be no stopping the North Port Huskys varsity youth football team.

The Huskys, which

have no weight restrictions, won the Manatee Youth Football League Conference championship last week, and Friday took a convincing 32-0 victory over the Georgia Pride in the first round

of the Southeastern Conference regionals in Ocala. North Port, 10-1 on the season, dominated the entire game.

"Our team played great today, from the beginning to the end," Huskys

head coach Sean Hill said. "They're peaking at the right time and doing everything right. The team we played was a good team."

Quarterback Chris Butler paced the offense

with an outstanding game. He threw for one touchdown — a five-yard pass to Keegan Andrews — and had touchdown runs of 11 and 6 yards. North Port moved the ball well almost all of the game. Andrews scored on a 15-yard run, and Courtney Stewart threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Jovan Howell for the other Huskys score.

"We led at halftime 20-0," Butler said. "Everybody played well. (Philip) Oisitov again recovered a fumble for us on defense."

Besides Oisitov, Eric Hill also recovered a fumble for the Huskys. North Port has allowed only 20 points all season, and has been strong against

both the run and pass.

Teams from all over the Southeast are competing in the regionals. There are eight teams playing in the varsity division.

North Port's mighty mite and junior varsity teams lost hard-fought games. The junior varsity lost to the Lake Mary Dolphins 21-14, and the mighty mites were edged by the Giants 7-6. The mighty mites won the Manatee conference championship, and the junior varsity finished second.

The teams were scheduled to play semifinal and consolation games Saturday. That action and the finals today will be in Tuesday's *Sun*.



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