

Cummings 24, Clinton 21

# Fitting ending

## Cummings wins state title on late field goal

By Stephen Schramm  
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WINSTON-SALEM — Before Saturday's state title game, Cummings coach Steve Johnson held up a copy of a Times-News from the Cavaliers' loss in last season's state championship game to Clinton. He told his players they would not come up short this time.

The Cavaliers proved him right, coming from behind to post a 24-21 victory and claim the Class 2-A state title on a 28-yard field goal by Sebastian Olivares with 11 seconds left.

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final. He saved them for this occasion.

"He said he's not going to look at this (this morning)," wide receiver Bryan Manning said. "Then everybody started yelling that they didn't want to see it either. So it was great motivation. I think that made a statement in the locker room."



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See CUMMINGS / Page D2 Cummings head coach Steve Johnson celebrates the victory with Sebastian Olivares and Michael Enzlow, right.

## Cavaliers stick together to emerge on top

WINSTON-SALEM — Cummings senior Michael Enzlow had already gone through the pile of teammates at midfield, celebrating his team's much-anticipated state championship, when something caught his eye.

It was his coach, Steve Johnson, slowly making his way to the field.

"What's Coach Johnson doing over there," Enzlow said. "He needs to come celebrate with us."

So Enzlow and teammate Kevin Faucette trotted over to Johnson, who had been crippled this fall by a disease that left him temporarily paralyzed,



Jeff Wirick

season's Cavaliers, who captured their first state title in a decade with Saturday afternoon's 24-21 victory against Clinton.

There were plenty of chances for this group to splinter apart this season, from losing six

put him on their shoulders and carried him onto the field.

Typical Cummings: The team that won together celebrated together.

And that's the underlying theme for this

games it won on the field to losing its coach. There were plenty of reasons for this group to splinter apart Saturday, too. Clinton's fierce pass rush kept the Cavaliers' passing game grounded, holding a team that averaged 41 points per game to 14 through 3½ quarters.

They got frustrated, for sure. But they stayed together.

"You're going to face a lot of obstacles in life. You just can't let it get you down," Cummings senior Bryan Manning said. "You've got to keep striving, you've got to keep going for your dreams."

The adversities the Cavaliers faced this season seemed to make them stronger. Same with

the deficit they faced Saturday.

Sure, a curious decision by Clinton coach Al Britt — going for it on fourth-and-1 with his team up 21-14, on its own 31-yard line and 2:07 remaining — helped. But the Cavaliers needed to take advantage of that call.

Durrell Mapp stopped Clinton's Jamar Hicks for a 2-yard loss on the play, giving Cummings the ball back. That began an unbelievable series of plays that ultimately ended with the Cavaliers piling on top of each other at midfield.

It's no surprise that Manning, one of the team's best players, played a prominent role in the



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See CAVALIERS / Page D2 Sebastian Olivares celebrates his game-winning kick.

## Triple-threat Hodge paces Wolfpack to win

By Bob Sutton  
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RALEIGH — Julius Hodge added to Reynolds Coliseum history in his first game at the arena.

Hodge became the first North Carolina State player to record a triple-double when the Wolfpack clobbered North Carolina A&T 101-63 on Saturday night.

Hodge scored 10 points, grabbed 12 rebounds and distributed 11 assists in 25 minutes.

"They kept on scoring and I

kept on giving it to them," Hodge said of his teammates. "I wish this could be our homecourt every game."

It was the first regular-season men's game at the coliseum in four seasons as the Wolfpack returned to its campus facility because of a scheduling conflict at the RBC Center. Dubbed a "Heritage Game," former coach Norm Sloan sat on the N.C. State bench in a sports jacket described as loud as the crowd.

A gathering of 7,227 watched Hodge, a sophomore swing-

man, record the 19th triple-double by an Atlantic Coast Conference player. His layup with 5:41 remaining gave him the triple-double. His rebounds and assists were career highs.

"I was really surprised by that (being the first for an N.C. State player)," Wolfpack coach Herb Sendek said. "The triple-double not only reflects an all-around game, but an unselfish game. He got rewarded with a triple-double because he was unselfish."

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## Surprising Heisman



The Associated Press

Southern California's Carson Palmer won the Heisman Trophy. For the story, see Page D6.

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