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FRIDAY NIGHT PLAYOFFS · DIVISION I NON-SELECT

'If Thibodaux can take care of Thibodaux'

Fresh off their first playoff win in 18 years, Lowell Narcisse and No. 10 Thibodaux take a process-first approach into Friday's rematch at No. 7 Hahnville.

Thibodaux visits Hahnville at 7 p.m. Friday.

> *"You guys can rewrite your own history and create your own destiny."*
> — THIBODAUX COACH LOWELL NARCISSE

FRIDAY · 7 P.M.
No. 10 Thibodaux (8-3) at No. 7 Hahnville (8-3), Boutte · Division I Non-Select second round

THIBODAUX — Lowell Narcisse isn't spending much time worrying about who lines up across from his team.

"The opponent, sometimes I would say, really don't matter," the Thibodaux coach told By-U Sports on Wednesday. "If Thibodaux can take care of Thibodaux, I like our chances against a lot of people."

No. 10 Thibodaux (8-3) visits No. 7 Hahnville (8-3) at 7 p.m. Friday in Boutte in the second round of the Division I Non-Select playoffs. Hahnville won the regular-season meeting 24-20 on Oct. 30.

The Tigers are coming off a 34-21 first-round win over Ouachita Parish, the program's first playoff victory in 18 years. Narcisse said the win showed his players what is possible.

"I always tell our kids, man, your mind is a powerful thing," he said. "And if you can do a good job of being able to control that and putting the right things into your mind and your thoughts, it's crazy what you can accomplish as a human."

That's the message Narcisse wants his players to take from the win. "You guys can rewrite your own history and create your own destiny," he told By-U Sports. "But you just got to want to do it and you got to believe you can do it."

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PREP SOCCER

Braves sweep Ellender in Gray

Girls win 4-0, boys 2-0 in Terrebonne Parish doubleheader

GRAY — H.L. Bourgeois swept rival Ellender on Wednesday night. The Braves girls opened their season with a 4-0 shutout, then the boys blanked Ellender 2-0 for their first win.

The HLB boys are 1-1 after a 3-0 loss at East Ascension on Monday; Ellender's boys also fall to 1-1. The HLB girls host Thibodaux on Friday at 5:30 p.m.

FULL STORY (1, 2) AT BY-USPORTS.COM ›

LSU MEN'S BASKETBALL

No. 25 LSU pulls away from ULM, 79-67

Tigers win second half 43-28 to stay unbeaten

PHOTO: LSU ATHLETICS

BATON ROUGE — No. 25 LSU had to work for it, but the Tigers stayed perfect Wednesday night, pulling away in the second half for a 79-67 win over ULM at the Pete Maravich Assembly Center.

ULM came out firing and led 39-36 at the break after hitting 7 of 15 from 3-point range in the first half. The Warhawks went cold after that, missing all nine of their second-half 3-point tries and shooting 31 percent after halftime. The game had 18 lead changes and 13 ties before LSU built a lead that reached 14.

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NICHOLLS WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Colonels force 27 turnovers in 82-53 rout

Britiya Curtis scores 24 as Nicholls stays perfect at Stopher Gym

PHOTO: NICHOLLS ATHLETICS

THIBODAUX — Nicholls women's basketball turned defense into offense all night Wednesday, forcing 27 turnovers in an 82-53 win over Alcorn State at Stopher Gym.

The Colonels (3-3) piled up 22 steals, scored 32 points off turnovers and outscored the Lady Braves 30-7 on the fast break. Nicholls led 21-15 after one quarter and 41-27 at halftime, then pulled away with a 24-13 third quarter.

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Narcisse: 'You learn more when you lose'

In the first meeting with Hahnville, Narcisse said, the Tigers' red-zone trips came up empty because of "self-inflicted wounds." He said games like this one "come down to eight to 10 plays," and he believes his team grew from the loss. "I'm a big believer in you learn more when you lose," he said.

This week's approach is simple. "Don't focus on the outcome. Focus on the process of what it takes to get the outcome," Narcisse said. "You never win a game out of being emotional. People don't just show up and win."

Narcisse said he's excited just to play another week in the playoffs and is focused on "appreciating the moment you have at hand." "We'll put our hard hat on and go to work on Friday," he said.

FULL STORY AT BY-USPORTS.COM ›

FRIDAY NIGHT PLAYOFFS SECOND ROUND · PER THE LHSAA BRACKETS

No. 15 E.D. White (6-5) at No. 2 Lake Charles College Prep (9-1)

D-II SELECT · 7 P.M. FRI. · COUGAR STADIUM, LAKE CHARLES

The Cardinals started 0-5, then won District 8-4A and opened the playoffs with a 50-point night against Carver Collegiate, scoring 42 or more in every game of a six-game streak. LCCP averages 51.7 points. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 11 Vandebilt Catholic (6-5) vs. No. 6 Patrick Taylor (10-0)

D-II SELECT · 7 P.M. FRI. · HOSS MEMTSAS STADIUM

The Terriers snapped a three-game skid with a 41-10 win over Scotlandville. Patrick Taylor, the home team, outscored opponents 366-118 and hasn't played since Nov. 5. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 14 Independence at No. 3 St. Charles Catholic

D-III SELECT · 7 P.M. FRI. · LAPLACE

The Comets come off a bye after closing with wins over Lutcher (48-24) and at Vandebilt Catholic (21-3). Independence beat Istrouma twice, the second time 48-6. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 11 Haughton (9-2) at No. 6 Destrehan (9-2)

D-I NON-SELECT · 7 P.M. FRI. · DESTREHAN

Nicholls commit Malachi Dabney ran for 165 yards and two touchdowns in a 34-6 opener over East St. John. Haughton survived Parkway 47-46 and has scored 464 points in 11 games. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 10 Iowa (7-3) at No. 7 Lutcher (8-3)

D-II NON-SELECT · 7 P.M. FRI. · LUTCHER

Lutcher rolled past North Vermilion 55-14; its wins include 56-7 at Berwick and 42-40 at Vandebilt Catholic. Iowa has won six straight. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 17 St. Martin's Episcopal (7-4) at No. 1 Riverside Academy (9-1)

D-IV SELECT · 7 P.M. FRI. · RESERVE

A rematch of Riverside's 49-0 win in October. The Rebels' only loss was 33-23 to St. Charles on Oct. 2. St. Martin's won 56-42 at Glenbrook. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

PREP SOCCER · WEDNESDAY BAYOU REGION & RIVER PARISHES

Central Lafourche boys 3, East Ascension 0

The Trojans (2-0) posted their second shutout in three days after Monday's 8-0 opener over Belle Chasse. Next: at Hammond, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 6 p.m. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

Country Day girls 2, Thibodaux 1

The Cajuns spoiled the Tigers' opener. Thibodaux (0-1) hosts Assumption on Thursday at 5 p.m., then visits H.L. Bourgeois on Friday at 5:30 p.m. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

Houma Christian girls 2, Ascension Episcopal 2

The Warriors (1-0-1) and the host Blue Gators (0-0-1) played to a draw in Youngsville. Houma Christian visits Jefferson Rise Charter on Thursday at 6 p.m. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

Lutcher boys 8, Riverside Academy 0

Lutcher (1-0) rolled in its opener; Riverside falls to 0-2. Lutcher plays at Live Oak on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 6 p.m. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

PREP SOCCER SCOREBOARD

EVERY FINAL WE POSTED WEDNESDAY · LHSAA

WEDNESDAY · BOYS			
Central Lafourche	3	East Ascension	0
H.L. Bourgeois	2	Ellender	0
Lutcher	8	Riverside Academy	0
Acadiana Renaissance	8	Westgate	0
WEDNESDAY · GIRLS			
H.L. Bourgeois	4	Ellender	0
Country Day	2	Thibodaux	1
Houma Christian	2	Ascension Episcopal	2
Acadiana Renaissance	10	Erath	0
Livonia	7	Opelousas	0
Sam Houston	4	Cecilia	0
TUESDAY · BOYS			
Vandebilt Catholic	5	South Terrebonne	2
Morgan City	2	Terrebonne	1
Covenant Christian	5	De La Salle	0
Acadiana	4	New Iberia	1
Lafayette	2	Beau Chene	1
Benjamin Franklin	3	Hahnville	0
Mandeville	4	Destrehan	0
Alexandria	5	St. Thomas More	0
Barbe	4	Teurlings Catholic	1
TUESDAY · GIRLS			
St. Charles Catholic	8	Belle Chasse	0
New Iberia	8	Lafayette Renaissance	0
Covenant Christian	5	Bonnabel	0
Terrebonne	4	Morgan City	3
Vandebilt Catholic	2	The Willow School	0
David Thibodaux	1	Episcopal of Acadiana	0
Prairieville	5	Destrehan	0
MONDAY · BOYS			
Central Lafourche	8	Belle Chasse	0
South Terrebonne	8	Riverside Academy	0
East Ascension	3	H.L. Bourgeois	0
Ellender	2	Thibodaux	0
St. Martinville	2	Bolton	1
MONDAY · GIRLS			
David Thibodaux	9	Lafayette Renaissance	0
Bolton	5	St. Martinville	0

Winner listed first. Tuesday and Monday finals were recapped in our 12:13 a.m. Wednesday posts; full recaps for every game are on by-usports.com.

By-U *Beat* ACADIANA

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FRIDAY NIGHT PLAYOFFS 16 ACADIANA GAMES · 7 P.M. FRIDAY UNLESS NOTED · PER THE LHSAA BRACKETS

No. 17 Country Day (7-4) at No. 1 Notre Dame (10-0)

D-III SELECT · GARDINER MEMORIAL STADIUM, CROWLEY

Notre Dame's perfect season included 22-21 over Catholic-New Iberia and 24-21 over Cecilia. Country Day won 35-28 at Pope John Paul II. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 15 Lakeshore (7-4) at No. 2 Westgate (9-0)

D-II NON-SELECT · NEW IBERIA

The unbeaten Tigers allowed more than 12 points only twice. Lakeshore has won four straight, including a 51-13 opener over South Lafourche. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 15 Episcopal (8-3) at No. 2 Lafayette Christian (8-2)

D-III SELECT · LAFAYETTE

The Knights closed the regular season with five straight wins. Baton Rouge's Episcopal beat St. Thomas Aquinas 40-18. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 13 Vidalia (9-2) at No. 4 Kaplan (8-2)

D-III NON-SELECT · KAPLAN

The Pirates come off a bye after four straight wins to end the regular season. Vidalia has won five straight. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 11 Sterlington (8-3) at No. 6 Opelousas (9-2)

D-II NON-SELECT · OPELOUSAS

Opelousas opened with a 51-22 win over Brusly. Sterlington rolled past Beau Chene 62-12. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 12 Carencro (6-5) at No. 5 Lafayette Renaissance (7-3)

D-II SELECT · LAFAYETTE

All-Lafayette Parish. Carencro beat The Willow School 72-14; Lafayette Renaissance beat Teurlings 32-27 and Thibodaux 26-8. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 14 Cecilia (8-3) at No. 3 Eunice (10-0)

D-II NON-SELECT · EUNICE

Cecilia beat Northwood 48-35 and has scored 42 or more eight times. Eunice ran the table, including 35-33 over Church Point. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 10 Lafayette at No. 7 Catholic-Baton Rouge

D-I SELECT · MEMORIAL STADIUM, BATON ROUGE

The Mighty Lions blanked L.W. Higgins 27-0 and ride a four-game win streak. Catholic has won six straight. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 20 Teurlings Catholic vs. No. 4 John F. Kennedy

D-II SELECT · 3:30 P.M. · PAN AMERICAN STADIUM

The Rebels (2-7 in the regular season) won 21-14 at No. 13 Tioga. Kennedy, the home team, went 8-1. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 10 Catholic-New Iberia (7-4) vs. No. 7 De La Salle (5-4)

D-III SELECT · PAN AMERICAN STADIUM

The Panthers beat Beekman Charter 49-8. De La Salle, the home team, has won five straight after an 0-4 start. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 9 Loreauville (8-3) at No. 8 Church Point (7-3)

D-III NON-SELECT · CHURCH POINT

Two Acadiana teams that rolled in Round 1: Loreauville beat North Webster 41-8, and Church Point beat Kinder 42-8. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 11 Oak Grove at No. 6 Jeanerette

D-IV NON-SELECT · JEANERETTE

The Tigers (8-1 in the regular season) haven't allowed a point in two games, including 58-0 over West St. John. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 25 Delcambre (6-5) at No. 9 Grand Lake (7-3)

D-IV NON-SELECT · GRAND LAKE

Delcambre edged No. 8 South Plaquemines 19-18 on the road to snap a five-game skid. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 16 West St. Mary (6-5) at No. 1 East Feliciana (9-1)

D-IV NON-SELECT · EAST FELICIANA

West St. Mary beat Franklin 24-13 for its second win over Franklin in two weeks. East Feliciana has won nine straight. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 10 Westminster Christian (8-3) vs. No. 7 Westminster Christian-Lafayette (9-1)

D-IV SELECT · AT ACADIANA RENAISSANCE

The Opelousas school has won eight straight, including 47-14 over Covenant Christian. WCA-Lafayette's only loss was 26-19 at Jeanerette. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

No. 12 Ascension Episcopal (7-3) vs. No. 5 St. Mary's (9-1)

D-IV SELECT · HARRY TURPIN STADIUM, NATCHITOCHES

The Blue Gators haven't allowed a point in four straight games. St. Mary's is the home team. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

PREP SOCCER · WEDNESDAY ACADIANA

Acadiana Renaissance boys 8, Westgate 0

The Eagles opened with a District 5-II road win. ARCA hosts Acadiana on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at 7 p.m. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

Acadiana Renaissance girls 10, Erath 0

A big night for ARCA. The Eagles (1-0) host David Thibodaux on Monday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

Livonia girls 7, Opelousas 0

Opelousas (0-1) returns home Saturday at 11 a.m. for a crosstown match with Opelousas Catholic. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

Sam Houston girls 4, Cecilia 0

Cecilia opened its season 0-1 on the road in Moss Bluff. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

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LSU

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Clark, Dioubate lead Tigers past ULM

Skyy Clark led LSU with 17 points, hitting three 3-pointers and all four of his free throws. Mo Dioubate went 7-of-8 from the field for 16 points with eight rebounds and three steals.

Abdi Bashir Jr. added 14 off the bench, RJ Luis Jr. had 11 points and nine rebounds, and Michael Ruzic pulled down nine boards. Donovan Dent dished out 10 assists. LSU went 22-of-27 at the line, won the rebounding battle 41-35 and got 33 bench points. Phillip Tillman scored 21 for ULM (2-6).

LSU (5-0) hosts Queens at noon Saturday, moved up to avoid a conflict with football's 2:30 p.m. kickoff at Tennessee.

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BY THE NUMBERS: 5-0

LSU MEN THROUGH FIVE GAMES · FROM LSU'S OFFICIAL BOX SCORES

88.4	**Points per game** for No. 25 LSU, while holding opponents to 61.0.
45-9	**Donovan Dent** assists to turnovers. He leads the team at 14.4 points a game.
42.2%	**Abdi Bashir Jr.** from 3 (19 of 45), scoring 14.2 a game.
72.2%	**Michael Ruzic** shooting (26 of 36) with a team-best 43 rebounds.
58.5%	**Mo Dioubate** shooting (24 of 41), averaging 11.8 points.

FULL STORY AT BY-USPORTS.COM ›

LSU FOOTBALL

Kiffin returns to Knoxville; Vols banged up

Lane Kiffin, Tennessee's coach for one season in 2009, said his return "didn't even cross my mind" as he broke down film. LSU (6-4, 3-4 SEC) has lost two straight, most recently 22-21 to Texas, and fell out of the CFP Top 25 on Tuesday night.

No. 9 Tennessee (8-2, 5-2) is hurting: QB George MacIntyre left last week's win at Texas A&M with a knee injury, and leading receiver Mike Matthews and sack leader Tyree Weathersby are out for the season. Kickoff is 2:30 p.m. CT Saturday on ABC.

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CFP Top 25: LSU drops out

LSU (was No. 21), Missouri and Oklahoma State fell out of the committee's third rankings. Next release: Tuesday, Nov. 24. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

NICHOLLS

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Curtis, Bennett power Colonels

Britiya Curtis led the way with 24 points on 7-of-13 shooting, knocking down three 3-pointers and going 7-for-8 at the line. Danielle Bennett added 18 off the bench, Jasmine Matthews scored 16 in 19 minutes, and Laryn Scott went 5-of-6 for 12 points and six rebounds. Anyra Wilson had eight rebounds, seven assists and five steals.

Nicholls shot 48.3 percent and hit 21 of 25 free throws. Jada Morgan scored 17 for Alcorn State (1-2).

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Perfect home mark on the line Saturday

Nicholls (3-0 at home) hosts Tarleton State (2-2) at 1 p.m. at Stopher Gym. All three Colonel losses came on the road. Next: at Louisiana, Tuesday, Nov. 24, 5 p.m.

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Men head to Pensacola

The Colonels (2-3) face Southern Miss at 4 p.m. Saturday and Troy at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Pensacola Invitational after a 76-41 loss at Ole Miss. Doyel Cockrill III scored 10.

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LSU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Two Williamses on Wooden list

Mikaylah Williams (19.4 points a game) and Jada Williams (11.4 points, 6.4 assists) made the Wooden Award Top 50 watch list. No. 9 LSU (5-0) is averaging 115.4 points and hosts FDU at 7 p.m. CT Thursday on SEC Network+, the first meeting between the schools.

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LOUISIANA

San Francisco 77, Louisiana 56

The Dons led 45-20 at the half at the Sobrato Center; UL won the second half 36-32. Isaiah Wilks scored 13. Louisiana (1-3) visits ranked USC at 7 p.m. Central Sunday. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

Women back home Thursday

Louisiana (1-3) hosts Tarleton State at 6 p.m. at the Cajundome (ESPN+) after an 0-3 Texas trip that ended with a 61-60 loss at UTSA. BY-USPORTS.COM ›

LOUISIANA VOLLEYBALL

Three All-Sun Belt picks for the Cajuns

PHOTO: LOUISIANA ATHLETICS

Sarah Schnell (first team), Kennedy Gustafson (second team) and Lolo Lambert (third team) earned All-Sun Belt honors, the most under coach Kristi Gray and the most for Louisiana since 2020.

The Cajuns (16-13, 11-5), the West's No. 3 seed, carry a five-match win streak into Friday's 7 p.m. quarterfinal against App State in Foley, Ala., on ESPN+. They're chasing the program's first Sun Belt tournament title.

A win sends UL to Saturday's 5 p.m. semifinal. The title match is Sunday at 4 p.m., with an NCAA automatic bid on the line.

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WHERE TO WATCH

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THURSDAY

6 p.m.	**Nicholls FB** vs. Southeastern, River Bell Classic · ESPN+
6 p.m.	**Louisiana WBB** vs. Tarleton State · ESPN+
7 p.m.	**LSU WBB** vs. FDU · SEC Network+

FRIDAY

7 p.m.	**Louisiana VB** vs. App State, Sun Belt QF · ESPN+

SATURDAY

Noon	**LSU MBB** vs. Queens · SEC Network+
1 p.m.	**Nicholls WBB** vs. Tarleton State
2 p.m.	**Louisiana FB** vs. Coastal Carolina · ESPN+
2:30 p.m.	**LSU FB** at No. 9 Tennessee · ABC
4 p.m.	**Nicholls MBB** vs. Southern Miss, Pensacola

SUNDAY

2 p.m.	**Nicholls MBB** vs. Troy, Pensacola
7 p.m.	**Louisiana MBB** at No. 18/22 USC

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TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE DAY

LSU visits Neyland Stadium on Saturday for its first trip to Knoxville since 2017. What was the final score of that 2017 game?

ANSWER IN TOMORROW'S BY-U BEAT.

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