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## Weekly Commodore Update

Gulf Coast State College: Week of December 3-10th

### McGowens' game-winner lifts Gulf Coast to win

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PANAMA CITY -- Davaris McGowens scored on a tough drive to the basket with 28 seconds left to give Gulf Coast State a 55-53 win over Wallace State-Hanceville on Saturday afternoon. McGowens and Elliott Cole each scored 15 points to lead the Commodores, who won their fifth straight game to improve to 8-3 on the season. It was an exciting end to what often was an ugly game, with both teams struggling to generate consistent offense and each managing just 19 points in the first half. "It was a very intense game. (Wallace State) didn't come down to Florida to lose two games," Gulf Coast coach Jay Powell said. "It's a well-respected, proud program and they come out fighting. We really didn't ever play well enough offensively to allow us to build on (the lead). They kept it close all the way, but we won, so I guess it's pretty enough." Gulf Coast threatened to pull away early in the second half with an 11-0 run to take a nine-point lead, with a 3-pointer from Cole followed by three straight buckets from Anton Waters to make it 30-21. A 3 from Cole and a dunk from McGowens following a transition steal by Cole pushed the margin to 49-44 with 3:41 left, but Wallace State answered with a Kylen Butler 3 to get back to within two. A basket by Jacob Barrett off a loose ball under the basket tied the game 50-50, but Cole fired in another 3-pointer on Gulf Coast's next possession with 1:43 remaining. Butler had the answer again, this time banking in a 3-pointer to even the score with 44 seconds on the clock. On the ensuing Gulf Coast possession, the Commodores got the ball into the post to Waters, who was double teamed and passed out to McGowens at the elbow. The 6-foot-6 freshman drove hard to the basket and finished off glass to give his team the lead. Wallace State had one last chance after a missed free throw by Cole with 7.6 seconds left, but Linwood Ruffin missed a contested 3-pointer from the right wing as time expired. Though the offense sputtered at times, it was a strong defensive finish for the Commodores, who got stops on three of the final four Wallace State possessions. "They made a couple of difficult shots but only scored 55 points, which leads me to believe that we did a pretty nice job defensively against them," Powell said. "Offensively we need to finish a little better around the basket and we have to get a player or two other than Elliott Cole to make plays on the perimeter to score buckets. Our defense is a little ahead of the offense, but I think most coaches expect that this time of the year and take it that way." Waters added 14 points for the Commodores, with DeMario Beak scoring seven. Butler finished with 17 to lead Wallace State, while Knox added nine. Gulf Coast will be back in action Friday and Saturday in Marianna with games against Brunswick and Santa Fe.





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## *Swim for Children with Disabilities*

It's that time of the year again! The Commodore Family will be helping with the Annual Swim for Children with Disabilities. It is a great event and the student-athletes always have such a great time with the children. Stay tuned for pictures and more next week!



Gulf Coast women 78 Georgia Highlands 74

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DECATUR -- Gulf Coast trailed by 18 points with 11 minutes remaining before charging back to defeat Georgia Highlands on Saturday in junior college women's basketball.

Leading the Lady Commodores, 8-1, was 6-foot-3 freshman Kristina King with 25 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Rochelle Vasquez had 13 points. "It was a fine comeback," Gulf Coast coach Rooney Scovel said. "Actually we played horrible, but we won."

"We started pressing, made some stops, hit some 3s. It was a great comeback. The kids played their hearts out to do that, so it was good for us. I imagine we'll be in that position again."

Gulf Coast is idle until facing Eastern Florida State on Dec. 12 in Marianna while continuing to fine tune for its Panhandle Conference opener vs. Chipola on Jan. 7.



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