

PLAYOFFS

AROUND THE STATE

Bradley wins 1,300th, Newton tops Lowndes

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Macon — Newton coach Ronald Bradley registered his 1,300th career victory with a 62-41 win over Lowndes in the first round of the Class AAAAA playoffs on Thursday.

Newton blew it open when Lowndes went scoreless for a 14-minute span in the middle of the game. Newton was led by Todd Hoskins with 24 points and Jerrell Boswell with 19.

"Everything was going right for us, and everything was going wrong for them," Bradley said. "That's the way you always hope it goes, but sometimes it happens the other way around."

Bradley is the nation's third high school boys basketball coach to reach the 1,300 mark.

SCORES, SCHEDULES

CLASS AAAAA

Thursday's scores

Newton 62, Lowndes 41
Douglass 62, Coffee 56
South Gwinnett 87, S. Cobb 69
Wheeler 82, North Gwinnett 56

Tonight's games

At Macon Coliseum

Tri-Cities vs. Tift Co., 5:30
Stephenson vs. Houston, 8:30

At Georgia Tech

Kennesaw Mtn. vs. Milton, 5:30
Norcross vs. Pope, 8:30

CLASS AAAA

Thursday's scores

Sandy Creek 64, Bainbridge 47
Baldwin 70, Northside-W.R. 59
Columbia 49, St. Pius 26
Tucker 72, Southwest DeKalb 66

Tonight's games

At Columbus Civic Center

Douglas Co. vs. Griffin, 5:30
Lithia Springs vs. Carver, 8:30

At Trade Center, Dalton

Mays vs. Cedar Shoals, 5:30
North Clayton vs. Etowah, 8:30