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## Former South Jones, JCJC star Phillips follows dream to Ole Miss

By James Pugh

In all things, trust the process. Ellisville native Scott Phillips had dreamed of playing football at Ole Miss growing up. Wednesday, on college football's first-ever early signing period, Phillips watched his dream come a step closer. The former South Jones running back, who spent the last two seasons at the JUCO level, signed and faxed his Letter of Intent to Ole Miss and will join the Rebels in January.

"It's always been a dream of mine to play for Ole Miss," said Phillips inside South Jones' media center. "When they came calling, there was no question as to where I was going to go."

The nation's No. 1 JUCO running back, per the 247Sports Composite, was one of 15 players to sign with Ole Miss on Wednesday.

"I'm glad he is staying in-state," said Phillips' former high school head coach Cory Reynolds. "I knew this day would happen; it was just a matter of which one. Mississippi needs good kids like him to stay in-state."

Under-recruited his senior year at South Jones — largely in part to an injury his junior year that kept him sidelined for the majority of the season — Phillips signed with JCJC football in 2016 under its new head coach, Steve Buckley.

"In his junior year at South Jones, Phillips only had 108 carries for 571 yards," said Reynolds. "He had a groin injury and stayed nicked up. He hit the weight room [in the offseason] and worked hard to get back. During his senior year, he ran for nearly 2,000 yards, but the [big] offers didn't come in. There were a couple of small schools that offered him late, but I told him to trust the process."

"Steve Buckley, who I had worked with at Petal, got hired at Jones, and he's worked with

*"Mississippi needs good kids like him to stay in-state."*

Cory Reynolds  
South Jones Head Coach

running backs at Southern Miss and LSU, so he knew how special Scott was. Scott has had two great seasons at JCJC."

"I felt under-rated in the recruiting process [my senior year at South Jones]," Phillips said. "I'm thankful to God that JCJC gave me an opportunity. I went there and did what I had to do. It was at Jones that I got my rankings up."

At Jones, Phillips rushed for 1,070 yards on 187 carries and 13 touchdowns last season. He averaged 107 yards per game and 5.7 yards per carry.

Recruited to Ole Miss under then head coach Hugh Freeze, Phillips maintained his commitment to the university, even after Freeze's unexpected resignation prior to the 2017 season. He even remained committed to the Rebels after the NCAA's Committee of Infractions handed down the university's punishment in regard to its five-year investigation into the program's recruiting violations, which included an extra year bowl ban (2018) and scholarship reductions through 2018-2019.

"I've been a fan of Ole Miss for a long time," said Phillips. "It would have been nice to play under Hugh Freeze, but unfortunately that will not be the case. Coach Luke earned the job, and I've had a great time getting to know him. I think he is a genuine coach, and I'm ready to play for him."

Phillips will be an immediate impact player for the Rebels. He'll help fill the void left by Jordan Wilkins, who finished his senior campaign over the 1,000-yard mark at running back. Wilkins became the first running back at Ole Miss to rush over the mark since 2009.

"Ole Miss is still going through its sanctions, so it's good for Phillips to get in and help them get through that," said Reynolds. "Coach Luke is going to enjoy coaching him."

Phillips received offers and interest from other major D1 schools, including Oklahoma State, UConn, TCU and Miami. Miami offered Phillips a scholarship after his first year at Jones. Phillips declined and held out for an offer to play at Ole Miss.

"Ole Miss wants me to come in and be their guy," Phillips added. "I know, and they know, it doesn't come easy. I have to come and put in the work, but I am looking forward to it."



Scott Phillips makes his senior college choice official, signing with Ole Miss. Photo/James Pugh

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Will is the son of Wes and Cindy Hendry of Louin. He is the grandson of Barbara McDaniel and the late Ken McDaniel of Laurel; Jimmy and Connie Hendry of Bay Springs; and Jean Hendry of Patchuta.

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Berden is a Certified Ophthalmic Executive and was an executive officer in a large multi-location ophthalmology practice in Florida and CEO of a large ophthalmology practice in California.

Berden holds a Bachelor



degree in business/accountancy from Ferris State University in Michigan.

He likes to stay active in his community by serving as a board director for City Opera House and volunteered for Child and Family Services fundraisers, as well as being a former member of the Elks in Michigan and Trinity Rotary in Florida.

Berden and his wife, Lisa, have two adult children, Kayla and Andrew, who live in their home state of Michigan.

Both Peter and his wife

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# Bulldogs survive on the road against Red Devils

By James Pugh

Bay Springs was sure of its second half plan: stop Stringer shooting guard Haden Boyd behind the arc. Boyd's first-half three-point shooting spree – which included six total – kept Stringer in a back-and-forth shootout with the Bulldogs.

Bay Springs held Boyd to just one basket behind the arc in the second half and defeated its county rivals Friday night, 77-70, inside Stringer's gymnasium.

"Stringer shot the ball extremely well, especially in the first half," said Bay Springs boys basketball coach Corey Mackey. "We went in at half-time and decided that we had to stop them from shooting a bunch of threes. Our kids accepted the challenge, and we were able to stop them from behind the arc in the second half."

Both teams showered the first half point total with 13 three-point basketballs. Stringer drained nine of the 13 from behind the arc, including six from the hands of Boyd.

Bay Springs led Stringer at the half, 41-40.

The senior guard sank another near the six-minute mark in the third stanza. It was his last from behind the arc on the night.

Anthony Wheaton and Kevin Grimes answered with three-pointers of their own to keep Bay Springs ahead. Wheaton, a sophomore, and Grimes, a junior, lead Bay Springs with 19 points a piece in the rivalry contest.

"That is our normal game as of late," Mackey said. "Kevin is averaging about 24 points a game, and we have other players [such as Wheaton]

who steps up and contributes. Normally we have three guys in double figures."

And so was the case Friday night. Senior guard/forward Austin Sigsworth finished in double digits as well with 16 points. The lead changed hands 20 times in the course of the game. It swapped hands for a final time Friday night midway through the final period when Wheaton drained his fifth and final three-point basket that gave Bay Springs a 65-64 lead.

Mackey said the three-point baskets by his team all night were critical.

"Our three-point shots play a big factor in the game for us tonight," stated Mackey. "I knew with Stringer playing at home that they were going to hit some threes. We just needed to hit a few ourselves to stay in the ballgame and eventually pull it out in the end."

Bay Springs outscored Stringer, 12-6, in the remaining four minutes to deliver Stringer just its third loss thus far.

"We are trying to pull everything together before we head into division play," added Mackey. "It's coming together slowly."

"We need more intensity on defense. We seem to just walk around on defense sometimes, and we don't rebound as we should right now. We're the type of team that steps up when we have too. We need to find a way to do that all the time."

Boyd led Stringer with a game-high 28 points.

Bay Springs improves to 9-1 overall. Stringer falls to 9-3.



**GIRLS ACTION** — Stringer High School's Abby Grace McNeil (5) brings the ball up the court against Bay Springs. Bay Springs used a big second half to beat the Lady Red Devils, 54-27. Photo/James Pugh



Haden Boyd drained 28 points for the Red Devils against Bay Springs. Photo/James Pugh




Stringer's Regan Buckley looks to pass against the Lady Bulldogs. Photo/James Pugh

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# Peace and joy follows when we allow God to guide our decisions

By Dr. Bill Myers

Decisions, decisions! We all face them! What should I do? Which job should I take?



Who will I marry? I'm losing sleep thinking about decisions that need to be made!

Our Heavenly Father speaks to us through His Word, "You have made

known to me the path of life, O Lord; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand" — Psalm 16:11.

Discovering God's will isn't as difficult as we seem to make it. We beat our head against the wall trying to figure God's will for our lives. Have you ever felt like one of those steel balls in a pin ball game, bouncing from post to post trying to score points? That's a scenario of the way we flounder, looking for His will. But God doesn't want to keep us in the dark or in a maze of confusion. Remember, confusion doesn't come from God!

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path" — Psalm 119: 105.

The Holy Spirit is like a giant flashlight that shows us which way to go in the dark. Here's the key: We must turn on the flashlight (God) and use it so we won't stumble. Yes, prayer is like turning on a spiritual flashlight. God will never steer us wrong! He loves and desires for us to be prosperous and successful!

I can personally testify that allowing God to lead and guide me has saved me from making the wrong decisions many times. Sometimes I look back and say, "Thank you, Jesus!"

Friends, when you do His will, you'll discover peace and joy. If you are uncertain of what to do, always remember that there's "peace" with God's will. If you are unsure and have doubts about a decision, I recommend that you stop . . . and don't do! Put the brakes on regarding decision-making. This will keep you from bouncing from post to post in the pin ball game. Wait upon the Lord to speak. We have probably all heard the old saying, "God helps those who help themselves." Friends, that quote is not in the Bible! It's just the opposite of His will for us. He desires for us to lean upon him each step we make. Yes, we must take a step of faith, but that's after we know His will.

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint." — Isaiah 40:31

Today, as you are faced with decisions to

make, trust His will. Instead of biting your nails, trust His love for you. Trust His Word. He will not lead you astray but will keep you on the right path, if you will believe and have faith in Him to lead you. His decisions for us are always the best!

## Area Happenings .....

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### JANUARY 6

The Children's Magic Show sponsored by Hama-sa Shriners and the Laurel Shrine Club has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 6 at 11:00 a.m. The show will be presented at the Laurel Shrine Club located at 4751 Hwy 15 North, Laurel. For more information, please call 601-433-2282 or 601-323-1609.

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The Smith County Republicans will meet on Monday night, January 8 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chancery Court Building in Raleigh. Everyone is invited to join us!! For more information call 601-725-4544.

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### JANUARY 19

The Kingsmen Quartet will be in concert Friday, January 19 at 7 p.m. at Heritage United Methodist Church, Highway 98 W. at Baracuda Drive in Hattiesburg (Oak Grove). No ticket required. A \$12 donation per person will be requested at the door (no one turned away), and a love offering will be taken during the concert. Proceeds go to support The Kingsmen Quartet and Gospel

Music ministry. Doors open at 6 p.m.; children are always welcome, 10 and under "free" when accompanied by adult. Plan to arrive early for best seats and parking. For directions or information call the church office at 601-261-3371 or 601-297-7922 or go to [www.heritage-umc.org](http://www.heritage-umc.org).

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First Baptist Church of Laurel will host a Precept Upon Precept study of the New Testament Epistle to the Ephesians beginning Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. This 10-week study will be led by Margie Hauenstein. An identical study will begin Monday, February 5 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and will be led by Danny West. For more information, please call Mr. or Mrs. Carey Hauenstein, administrators at 601-428-4393 or 601-498-7909.

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The Direct Support Employee of the Month winners for October 2017 were recently announced at Ellisville State School. Congratulating the winners are (back row, from left to right): Shonda Burre, director of Prentiss Community Homes; Candy Maxey, ESS assistant director; and Edison Satcher, director of Residential Services. Winners for the month are (seated from left to right): Loukindra Nobles, Shubuta; Linda Morgan, Laurel; and Lesia Hawthorne, Prentiss. Not pictured is Jasmine Bobbett, Ellisville.

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## West Jones' Young among group signing senior college football scholarships

By Shawn Wansley  
 JCJC Sports Information Director  
 ELLISVILLE – Jones County Junior College head football coach Steve Buckley was a happy man Wednesday afternoon.

"This is the most exciting part of my job," Buckley said while scanning a list of Bobcats that had signed to play senior college football. "This is more important than winning games and championships.

"It's very special for kids to graduate and have the opportunity to continue to excel academically, as well as athletically. Jones Junior College gives kids a special opportunity to excel. The administration and my staff have done an incredible job of giving the kids the tools to be successful in life."

As of 3 p.m. Wednesday, December 20, 23 Bobcats had signed scholarships on the first day of the early signing period, including three Power 5 signees – running back Scott Phillips (South Jones) to Ole Miss, safety Deontai Williams (Jacksonville, Florida) to Nebraska and wide receiver Harry Ballard (Florissant, Missouri) to Missouri.

"We had three guys sign with Power 5 schools and 12 others went Division I," Buckley said. "That's 15 Division I signees and that is really, really good."

Three Bobcats signed with Alabama-Birmingham, including wide receiver Kendall Parham (Oak Grove) and offensive linemen Andrew Smith (Prentiss) and Colby Ragland (Raymond).

Two inked with the University of South Alabama, including cornerback Travis Reed (Meridian) and defensive tackle Jordan Beaton (Harrison Central).

The Hawthorn twins – quarterback Detrick Hawthorn and defensive back Derric Hawthorn (Collins) – signed with Mississippi College, as did defensive back Tyrek Moody (Petal).

Heading to Central Arkansas will be offensive lineman Dylan Desper (Madison Central) and punter Taylor Wallace (Jackson Prep).

Signing with West Alabama were linebacker Jordyn Bowlin (Starkville) and tight end Chancie Tidwell (Ciinton).

Center Melvin Hollins (Forest Hill) signed with Jackson State, while defensive back Jalon Scott (Perry Central) signed with Stetson University in DeLand, Florida.

Defensive tackle De'Shondrick Foxworth (East Marion) signed with the University of Buffalo, while defensive end Brandon Young (West Jones) signed with Arkansas-Monticello and defensive lineman Semaj Thomas (Fort Worth, Texas) inked with Southeastern Louisiana.

Offensive lineman Cal Bakker (Vanceville) signed with Southwestern Oklahoma State University, wide receiver Diondre Champaigne (Labson, South Carolina) inked with Georgia State and offensive lineman Nick Vines (Oak Grove) signed with East Tennessee State.

Buckley added that four or five more Bobcats could sign over the next several days.

## Baseball hitting camp set for January 22-25 at JCJC's Community Bank Park

Jones County Junior College baseball will host a "Hitting Under the Lights Camp" for players in grades 7-12 from Jan. 22-25 at Community Bank Park.

The camp will be from 6:00 - 7:15 each evening. Camp cost is \$100 per player with the camp limited to the first 40 players that register.

Each night, campers will receive hitting instructions from current JCJC players and coaches. Three of the four days will be hitting on the field, while the other night will be done in the

cages.

Go to [jccathletics.com](http://jccathletics.com), click on "Baseball" and click on "Hitting Camp." Fill out the registration form and medical waiver and send along with a check payable to Bobcat Dugout Club to: Chris Kirtland, Head Baseball Coach, Jones County Junior College, 900 South Court St., Ellisville, MS 39437.

For more information, contact assistant coach Ladd Rhodes at [ladd.rhodes@jcc.edu](mailto:ladd.rhodes@jcc.edu) or call 228-297-7703.

## Seminoles down Eagles in Independence Bowl

Southern Miss closed out its 2017 football season with a 42-13 setback to Florida State on Wednesday, December 27. Below are some key notes about the game.

### OFFENSIVE NOTES

\* Kwadra Griggs scored from 5-yards out on the Golden Eagles' first drive of the contest. It was his third rushing touchdown of the season.

\* Ito Smith ended the day with 92 rushing yards and finished the regular season with 1,415, which was the fourth best total in a season at the school. He also finished his storied collegiate career with 4,538 rushing yards.

\* In addition, Smith completed his final game with 190 all-purpose yards, getting at least 100 in 28 in his final 31 games. As the school's all-time leader in all-purpose yards, Smith collected 6,534.

\* Allenzae Stagers finished his Golden Eagle

career 2-of-4 passing when he hit quarterback Kwadra Griggs for his first career reception of 18 yards. Stagers ended his career 65 passing yards.

\* Korey Robertson, who caught a pass for his 26th consecutive game, registered his 12th touchdown reception of the season, putting him tied for third on the school's single-season TD reception total. He collected 76 catches and 1,106 receiving yards for the season.

\* It was the fourth-straight game and seventh time overall the Golden Eagles did not allow a sack in a game in 2017.

### DEFENSIVE NOTES

\* The 2.0 tackles for loss were the fewest of the season for the Golden Eagles.

\* Tarvarius Moore finished his Golden Eagle tenure with a career-high 14 tackles in the contest.



Sylvay Bay Academy students not only wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year but they also spread some much needed joy to the Happy Healthy Pet Adoption Shelter in Bay Springs. Vallery Temple and Tena Smith, teachers at SBA, challenged their 8th and 9th grade students to donate items to the shelter for their special project this year. The event was a huge success with numerous towels, leashes, collars, bottles of bleach as well as money being delivered to the shelter this Christmas season. Top: 8th grade students; bottom: 9th grade students. Photo/Submitted



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# Mississippi State escapes Southern Miss after furious rally, 70-64

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JACKSON, Miss. -- Southern Miss took the lead after a nine-point, second-half deficit, but Mississippi State regained the lead with five minutes to go and held on for a 70-64 win on Saturday night, December 23, inside the Mississippi Coliseum.

Cortez Edwards led the way with 22 points, including 19 in the second half on 8-of-11 shooting. Kevin Holland also had three triples on the night, continuing his stellar pace on the season.

Southern Miss (7-6) trailed 45-36 with 13:46 to play, but Tim Rowe's jumper with 10:56 remaining capped off a 9-0 run that gave Southern Miss its first lead since the opening minutes. Five lead changes, includ-

ing a 54-50 advantage, transpired before back-to-back three-pointers put Mississippi State ahead for good at 56-54 with 4:52 remaining.

"This team can be a good basketball team," head coach Doc Sadler said. "But I'm not gonna be satisfied with playing people close. That's not who I am and that's not who I want my team to be. We were down six and had an 11-point turnaround in the second half, and just let it get away. Give them credit, they made some plays. I'm disappointed. I felt like we should have won this basketball game."

The Golden Eagles had held Mississippi State without a field goal for 5:15 until a jumper tied the game at 10 with 11:34 left in

the half. Southern Miss also got within 27-24 after two Eddie Davis III free-throws and a short fadeaway by Cortez Edwards, but MSU responded with seven consecutive points for a 34-24 lead in the final 1:30 of the half.

It eventually became a 36-27 lead at half-time.

"I thought we were more aggressive in the second half," Sadler said. "That's the message I'm trying to get to my team. You can't get to the free-throw line just 12 times and expect to win. We shot 26 three-pointers. That's not who we are. If it sounds like I'm disappointed, it's because I am. This basketball team had a good chance to win tonight, and I wish we had come away with a few more plays."

The Bulldogs (11-1) made five of their six free-throws in the final 41 seconds to keep the Golden Eagles at bay.

Both teams are now gearing up for their conference schedules.

### NOTABLE

-Cortez Edwards tied a season-high with four steals.

-Five of Edwards' seven-career 20-point games have come this season.

-Tyree Griffin had five assists, the 19th time he's done that in his career.

-The 44 field goal attempts by Mississippi State were a season-low for Southern Miss.

-This was the second installment of a four-game series between the teams in Jackson.



Tyree Griffin (5), Quindary Witherspoon (11) Photos/James Pugh



Dominic Magee (0), Lamar Peters (1)



Lamar Peters (1)



Cortez Edwards (1), Quindary Witherspoon (11)



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# 3 tips for cooking up a healthy new year

*(Family Features)* After a holiday season filled with indulgent food and limited time for exercise, there's no time like the New Year to adopt some new, healthy habits.

These additional tips can help you get a healthy start to the New Year:

**Change up your routine.** Start by making a few lifestyle changes, such as maintaining a healthier diet or increasing your exercise regimen. Maybe you'd like to shed a few pounds or tone up before the weather gets warmer. Changing up your eating (and drinking) habits can be the first step on the path to success.

**Start at the tap.** Make sure your healthy eating habits include cooking with the best-tasting water possible. You may be surprised to know that the water coming from your faucet may contain unwanted contaminants such as lead and mercury. That means you could be washing your fruits and vegetables or making soups and smoothies with water that contains impurities. Contrary to what some people may think, boiling water does not completely remove certain contaminants like lead from water.

"Drinking water daily is an important component to staying healthy, as water keeps you hydrated, aids in digestion and transports vitamins and other nutrients. I prefer drinking filtered water to make sure I avoid potentially unwanted contaminants," said Keri Glassman, a registered dietitian, nutritionist and PUR spokesperson. "I recommend installing a faucet filtration system that won't break the bank, such as the PUR Advanced Faucet Filtration System, for a superior, on-demand solution for clean, healthy and great-tasting water right from the



tap."

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**Create healthy, hearty recipes.** There are plenty of delicious and nutritious recipes that can help fuel your body all year long. For example, this hearty soup is full of tasty, powerful ingredients like protein-rich chicken sausage; nutrient-dense kale and butternut squash, which are excellent sources of fiber; plus vitamins and minerals. Garlic, onions and cloves add a kick of antioxidants and flavor.

### White Bean Soup with Spicy Chorizo

*Recipe courtesy of Keri Glassman*

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 1

- 4 cups kale, chopped
- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled and cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 can (14 ounces) cannellini beans, drained

- 2 cups PUR filtered water, plus additional for rinsing
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 links precooked chicken sausage, diced
- 3 1/2 cups low-sodium chicken broth
- salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

1. Rinse kale, squash and cannellini beans in filtered water. Set aside.

2. In pot over medium heat, heat oil. Add onion and garlic, stirring frequently until softened, about 5 minutes. Add sausage and saute 2 minutes, or until warmed through and slightly browned.

3. Add squash, kale, broth and 2 cups filtered water. Cook, partially covered, 15-20 minutes, or until squash is softened.

4. Reduce heat to low. Add beans and gently simmer uncovered 3 minutes. Season with salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste, before serving.

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