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The WVSSAC high school football playoffs concluded on Saturday night, marking the end of another season of blowout scores and hundreds of student transfers.

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This season marked the second since House Bill 2820 was passed by the state legislature, allowing students to transfer schools without losing a year of eligibility.

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During this postseason, playoff games averaged a margin of victory of 30 points. Last year, the margin was 24 points on average.

Del. Dana Ferrell (R-Kanawha) is urging the state legislature to revisit this amendment, to restore competitive balance in the game.

“Kids are going to come and graduate, move out of the program. Coaches are there year in, year out, trying to build the program,” Ferrell said. “We’ve given it another year and we’re seeing the same kinds of problems with the transfers and we’re still hearing it from the coaches that we have to look and do something.”

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Dustin Resler is the head coach at South Charleston High School. He took over as head coach last season, the first since the rule was updated. He says this has created new challenges, but that they are just a part of the high school game now.

“It’s something you’ve got to accept. It’s the changing athletic climate. It happens in college now,” Resler said. “Marshall had to drop out of a bowl game because of it. It’s part of the times now. You’ve gotta adjust to the times.”

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Resler says players ultimately have the choice of where they want to go to school, but he would prefer a locker room that is all-in to give them the best chance to win.

“If you’re looking for a way out and we’re down in a game if you’re already looking for a way out, you’ll look for a way out in the game. I would rather have someone who’s ready to fight all four quarters,” Resler said.

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Farrell said he and other delegates plan to discuss the issue at an education committee meeting during the joint session. From there, they hope to draft a bill.

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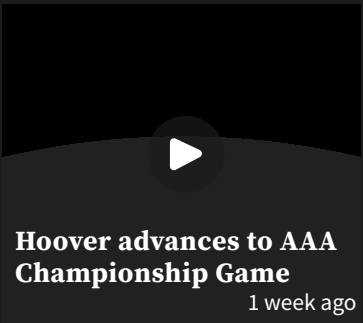
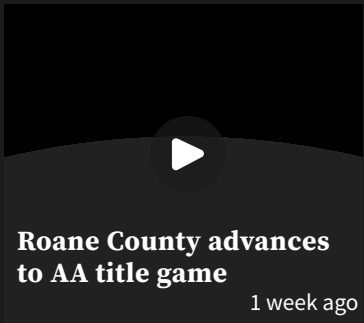
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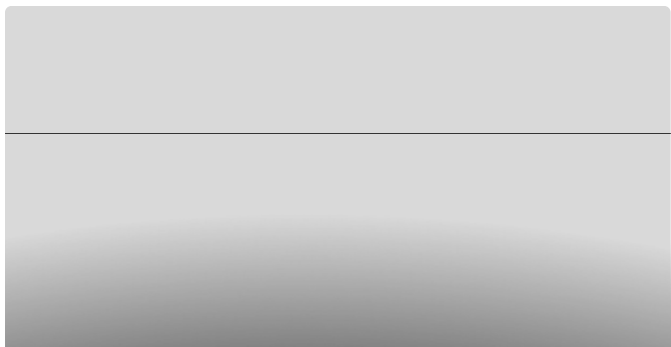
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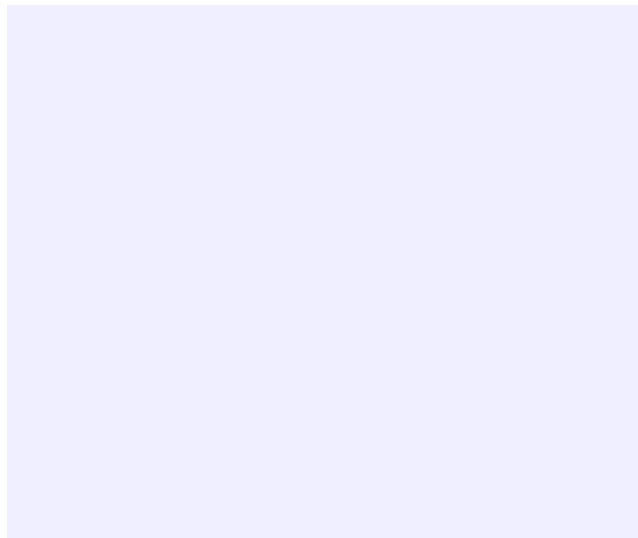
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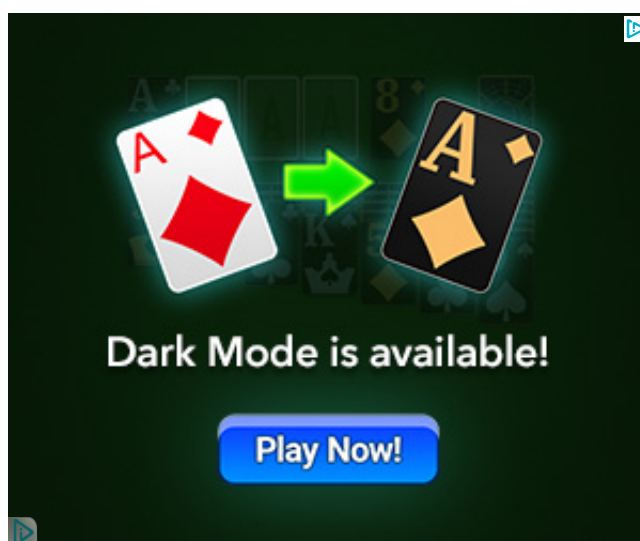
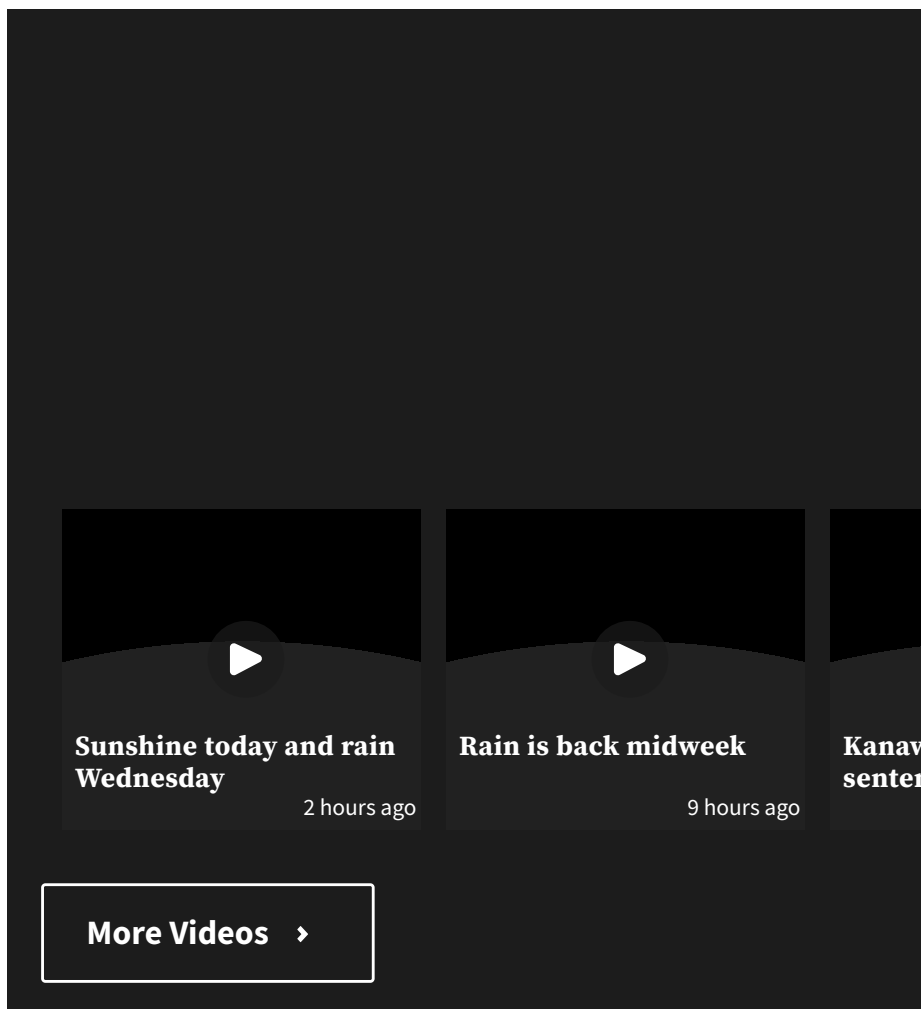
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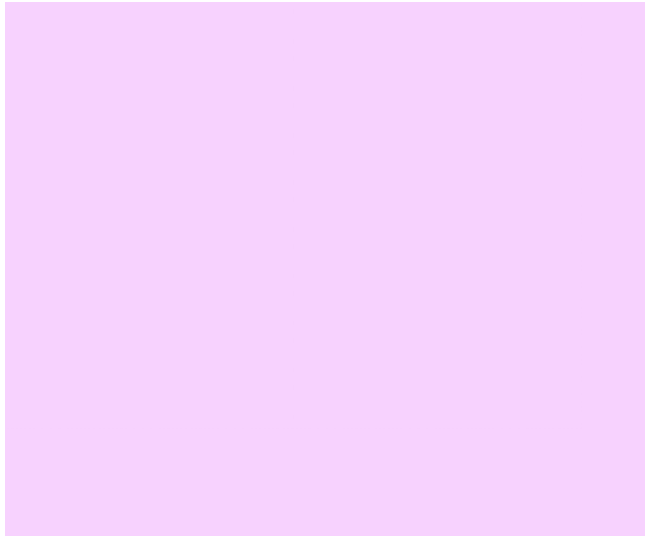


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