



Whitefield looks to punctuate playoff spot

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Whitefield Academy will be looking for its third straight win, and more importantly, guarantee itself a spot in the Class A private-school playoffs today when it hosts Darlington.

Whitefield and Darlington are both 6-3, but the Tigers have played a slightly higher strength of schedule. Darlington comes into the game ranked 10th in the power ratings. Whitefield is 16th. A victory over the Tigers could lift the Wolfpack into a home playoff game for Round 1.

“Darlington is a very well coached team that has a solid quarterback and a compact offense and defense to match. They have some kids on that team who are great ball players,” Whitefield Academy coach John Hunter said. “I believe that with the amount of practice we have put in this week and the determination and hard work our boys have displayed this season, we will play one of our best games (tonight) and win.”

The Wolfpack have won six of their last seven games. With a win, the team would post its best regular season mark since 2008, which was also the last time they won a playoff game.

“This week has been a week for us to work on the fundamentals and get back to the basics of football such as blocking, passing, and making sure we will have an efficient amount of run game,” Hunter said. “We want to figure out how to win and make sure that we are playing good football.”