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With Ramsey's commitment, SC will have record 43 major college commitments in SC for this time of year

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Moncks Corner—With **Cross High's** Caden **Ramey's** football commitment to a major college scheduled for September, 8, the state of South Carolina will have a record 43 players (for this point in time) committed to major college football teams from the 2026 class within the state!

The *HSSR* always takes a moment to thank **Mark Grainger**, and the fine folks at *Modern Turf* in Irmo and Rembert for their much- appreciated sponsorship of this monthly recruiting page.

In 2025, there were 40 major college signees from the Palmetto State, by the final national signing day in early February. The *HSSR* does not count any player officially committed to a major college until his name shows up on their official commitment list on the respective school's recruiting web site.

"Caden (6-5,200) is going to commit on September, 8th." said **Shaun Wright**, his high school head coach. "It is my understanding that he is choosing between (**South**) **Carolina**, **East Carolina**, **Virginia Tech** and **Syracuse**.

"South Carolina has offered Caden as a tight end, and last year he led the state of South Carolina in interceptions as our free safety with 14, two off the state record," said Coach Wright. "**Pierson Prioleau** is the safeties coach at **Virginia Tech** and he has been involved with Caden going back nearly two years. Pierson played at Macedonia back in the 1990's.

"Caden is so long an athletic with great leaping ability," said Coach Wright. "We are playing him at both tight ends, and in the secondary this year. He's

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Trust me, this 104- page annual football tabloid did not research itself. It was a team- oriented endeavor. We literally chased down head football coaches at the annual Coaches Clinic in Greenville, in late July, to get football team information forms filled out, and returned to us in same day, real time. Our senior writer, **David Shelton**, and myself, moved from our paid booth in the vending hall, to a table just outside the football meeting room for three straight days!

We thank, and appreciate very much, the head football coaches who took the time to either fill out the information forms at the Coaches Clinic, or to those who responded to our e mails, with the form attached, starting in early summer. Without the co-operation of the head football coaches it would be impossible to have a football issue packed with the information one can read in these 104 pages of content.

Our goal has been to remain positive the vast majority of the time. However, there were 8 to 10 head football coaches who left the rules clinic, (at the conclusion of the clinic) who accepted the team information from being handed to them; promised to return it to us via e mail in a few days, and in all honesty, no information was ever made available to us.

If I were a parent of hard-working football players, or if I was a hard- working football player, and I knew my coach, or the coach of my son, had thrown the *HSSR* team information in the thrash after promising to return it, I would be very upset. If you are a head football coach, and did not respond to one of our many e mails over the summer, or if you just happened to be one of those head coaches who got a form at the clinic, and never returned

(L-R) Senior Writer David Shelton, HSSR Publisher Billy Baker & hssr.com Associate Editor Dennis Brunson, collectively represent 136 years of writing about high school sports in SC!

it to us, please do so at this time to hsreport@aol.com. We would like to have it on file none-the-less.

We would also like to thank our team of professional writers for their extra effort on this issue and their years of writing experience will be noted also. **David Shelton** (39 years), **Dennis Brunson** (42 years), **Gerald Doolittle** (60 years!), **Rob Grant** (25 years), **Roger Lee** (25-plus), **Neill Kirkpatrick** (30 years), and **Worthy Evans** (29 years). Also, a special thanks to our Graphic Designer **Andy Cumbee** for another job well done!

(Might as well throw this 71-year-old road warrior in the mix also. It was my honor to be paid for my first article on the Summerville Green Wave in the local weekly newspaper in 1970. Doing the math, put me down for 55 years!

We need to also thank our Photo Editor **Larry Gamble** and his wife Edith who came to the *HSSR* media day at the University of South Carolina's indoor practice facility in July where he helped shoot nearly 200 pictures of football players and head coaches. Eric Owens came dwn from Rock Hill and helped shoot pictures as well.

Special thanks to USC head football coach **Shane Beamer** and Director of Football Operations **George Wynn** for allowing the *HSSR* to use a centrally located venue, protected from the weather, for our picture shoot.

In closing, the *HSSR* extends best wishes to all the 255 public and private schools in SC who are fielding varsity football team this season. We have not ever counted the number of athletes names that we bold on first mention in each and every issue, but a calculated guess is at least 2,500 prep football players are named in this issue, especially when you factor in all the players mentioned in the region previews.

Should you be an athletic director, Principal, Booster Club President, or just a caring parent reading this issue, it might be an ideal time to call me personally (843-200-9555) and find out how your varsity sports teams, at your school, can become a year- round sponsored school in the 2025-26 school year. A list of sponsored schools can be found on page 71 of this issue.

I was really humbled when a softball parent called me in early June to thank the *HSSR* for our softball coverage. A college made contact with his daughter after reading about the three home runs, she hit in one game! This college coach told the father they read about her rare accomplishment in *"The High School Sports Report."*

When consideration is made for year- round coverage of all your varsity teams for one full year, you should factor in the fact that your teams receive coverage both in print, and also articles are placed on the world wide web at hssr.om. Search engines like Google (and they love free content) pick up our stories without fail and help the *HSSR* sponsored schools get worldwide coverage also!

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Connor Morris will be the placekicker, and Small will handle the punting chores.

Williamsburg will be counting on the development of some younger players as the season progresses to help build depth.

"We have a very line-heavy freshman class," Furse said. "We're excited about them. Were trying to figure out how fast we can bring them along. Those are discussions we have as a coaching staff almost every day. We have a plan, and we hope it's the right one.

"For the younger guys, especially their first year on varsity, it's about how you have to practice every day to make it to the championship game. A lot of that comes from the players who have been there before. They kind of set the tone in practice, and for the young guys it's either sink or swim."

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Registered Nurse, then continue her studies to become a Nurse Practitioner in Dermatology.

She says she loves the online learning experience through NETC. Johnson said, "I feel like it's gotten me a little smarter about the greater challenges of college level classes even though I'm currently taking honors level classes in high school."

Her key to time management with two school schedules, practice, games, and having a social life, she says "pick a day to complete the online class work, that leaves time for high school and sports, which leaves time to fill in with family and friends."

Johnson said her favorite Chesterfield volleyball memory is from her sophomore year. "CHS went to the playoffs in 2023, we were playing really good and we had a great group of seniors mentoring the underclass players. That sticks with me, this year, I'm a senior and I hope to return that favor as a mentor to the younger players on this team."

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pared for what my actual experiences could be once I get to college". When asked if the online experience is difficult to compared to high school work, he said, 'it is good, it's simple and challenging. I can email my teacher with questions, and they are very helpful."

Blount say is enjoying these two online courses, he plans on taking two more NETC next semester and continuing them next year.. Taking these classes, "it will get you credits you need in your first year and you will be better prepared for college."

Taking two college level online classes, plus high school, and football practice is not the challenge he thought it would be. Blount says, "It's important not to be lazy and you get your work done. It also helps that Chesterfield High provides 'tech blocks" and my coaches support me in all the work for my studies."

Blount has a favorite memory from this past football season. "We were playing against Johnsonville in the first game of the season. Head Coach Matt Quinn was in his first year and that game turned out to be our biggest game of the season. Our seniors were instrumental in pulling us together as a team, and it set the tone for the season that put us on a course to make the playoffs. This was memorable because the previous season, we won just two games."

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impact as a receiver, rusher and special teams player. Others hoping to get some touches as a receiver this season include seniors **Josiah Mitchell**, **MJ Respess**, **Jaylin Grant** and **Bam Riley** and junior **Brett Boberg**.

Junior **Caleb Sharo** is a returner at H-back.

On the other side of the ball, senior **Malachi Mitchell** returns to help anchor the defense. He and King will bookend the line. Helping them up front will be Pimentel from both the defensive line and linebacker spots. Senior **Julian Whitfield** and juniors **Jaden Peterson**, **Nathan Windon**, **Tristen Grahm** and **Mario Pringle** will also be in the mix on the line or at the linebacker corps.

Seniors **Stephen Jefferson** and **Jaykwon Simmons** are experienced defensive backs who will anchor the secondary. Others looking to make an impact there are seniors **Devion Frasier** and **Nolan Beatty** and junior **Cole Anderson**.

Senior **Carter Creech** returns with experience at linebacker and as a long snapper. Sophomore **Wyatt Carter** is the only kicker on the roster.

The Swamp Foxes claimed a 29-0 victory over Woodland Aug. 15 during the Dorchester County Showdown jamboree.

Kalisz connected **Campbell** on a 50-yard TD pass. **Whitfield** picked off a pass and returned it 25 yards for a first-and-goal that set up Garner's 2-yard TD run for a 13-0 Swamp Foxes' lead.

In the second and final quarter, Campbell scored on a 34-yard TD run and Carter added his second of three eventual successful extra-point kicks. The defense backed the Wolverines up on their next possession and a bad snap led to three AR defenders pouncing on a ball carrier in the end zone for a safety. The final score of the scrimmage came on a 27-yard TD run by Garner.

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Walker at right tackle.

The Warriors only have four starters back on defense. Their 3-man front will have Cummings at noseguard with Wyatt Locklear and Dial flanking him on either side.

As for the linebackers, Bracey will line up on the outside on the right with **Tripp Hyatt** outside on the left. Kaden **Locklear** and Ethan Moody are covering the middle.

Terry Knight will also be seeing a lot of time at linebacker with a special package in the game plan fjust or him.

The secondary has **Hayden Moody** and Ellis manning the cornerback slots with Easterling and Blackmon the safeties.

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featured running back after a knee injury sidelined him much of last season.

Senior returner **Jayden Alexander** is leading the way for the team's receiving corps.

"Jayden is a speedster and play maker," Holloman said. "Then we get into a bunch of juniors. **Lavoris Lucas** transferred from **Indian Land High** so he has played **5A** ball and demonstrated good speed and play making ability in practice. **Trey Green** is a kid I'm excited about."

Senior guard **Cameron Wren** and senior tackle **MacGregor Tuten** are the main returners leading a young offensive line.

The Panthers should be pretty good in the defensive trenches.

"Defensively I think our line is our strength," Holloman said. "Junior **Jacob Sweet** will definitely lead the charge at defensive tackle. He has started since he was a freshman and has gotten bigger and stronger. He is very physical and kind of sets the tone. Junior **Preston Holliday** is also coming off a really good season."

Junior **David Harper** and senior **Hayden Pressley** are returners with experience on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Junior **Jayden Parrott** is a returning starter leading the linebacker corps. Freshman **Nate Good** and junior **Jude Kelly** have emerged as players who will make contributions there.

The Panthers have an experienced secondary.

"Senior **Graydon Fuller** is a returning starter at corner back and senior **Carson Good** is a returner at safety," Holloman said. "Both those guys are team captains. Sophomore **Michael Williams** will play a lot in the secondary."

The Panthers are wearing **MG** stickers on their helmets this season in honor of **Miller Gardner**, who passed away in the Spring. He is the son of retired **MLB player Brett Gardner** and **Jessica Gardner** and brother of Hunter Gardner.

"It's not surprising that Brett's kids play baseball but they also love football," Holloman said. "Miller was either our water boy or ball boy every Friday so we are dedicating our whole season to him."

The Panthers opened their season with a 47-0 win over **St. Johns Christian Academy**.

Brawner completed 9 of 13 pass attempts for 196 yards and three touchdowns. Gardner completed 2 of 2 pass attempts for 14 yards and scored on a 1-yard touchdown run.

Salego carried eight times for 139 yards and two TDs. Green made two receptions for 89 yards and a TD. Moore had three catches for 40 yards and a TD.

Lucas finished with 81 all-purpose yards and returned a punt for a TD. Alexander finished with 87 all-purpose yards and had a TD catch.

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tary at right tackle.

Defensively, West Florence uses a 3-man front that has **Karon Williamson** at noseguard and Jamie Williamson and Zack Hill at the ends. The linebackers are **Malik Bines**, **Barnabus Paye**, **Romello Patterson** and **Clayton Folse**.

The secondary has **Derrick Austin** and **Ahmad Askew** as cornerbacks, **Chase Anderson** as the free safety and **Matthew Benjamin** as the strong safety.

The Wilson Tigers have already matched their victory total of a year ago when they went 1-9. The new head coach hopes there are more to come.

It was good to get a win and move in the right direction," said Coach Wilson, who was an assistant coach at **Sumter**. "Our kids played extremely hard for four quarters and that's all I can ask for."

For Wilson, **Tristen Howard** is the starting quarterback, while **Caleb Collins** and **Myquan McLaughlin** are the running backs. The wide receivers are **Rashawn Woodberry** and **Taylor Brand** with **Cedrick Bartell** the tight end.

The offensive tackles **are Trevis McCutcheon** on the right side with **Jordan Owens** starting on the left side. The center is **Braedan McBride** with **Ahmad Pagan** the right guard and **Amir Gee** the left guard.

The Tigers are using a 3-man front defensively featuring **Jade Emert**, **Omir Douglas** and **Isaiah Moore**. The linebackers are **Shyheem Henicks**, **Taumaury Echols**, **Jaquan Burgess** and **Jordan Davis**. The secondary has **Brian Wilson II**, **Devon Bowman**, **Zion Mack** and **Jalen Boston**.

Taylor Brand is the punter and **Jaylen Cockfield** is the placekicker.

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Smith. Seniors **Cornelle Rice** and **Chris Ferguson** lead the defensive line that also includes junior **Jah'Mauri Davis** and sophomore **Jehovani Mpumbu**.

With the Camden game in the books, White Knoll heads to another tough team Friday in **Sumter**. These two nonregion games helped and will help the Timberwolves when they reach the stifling competition in Region 4-5A.

"We needed a hard game, and I'm really excited to see where we go from here," Pelham said. "Sumter's a really great team. They're not identical to Camden, but they've got athletes, they've got big guys, they're well-coached under Coach (**Mark**) **Barnes**, and they're tough as nails. So I'm excited to see how much better we can get."

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leader in passing yards and touchdowns early last season, surpassing **Logan Bailey's** 46 touchdown passes and **Roger Pedroni's** 5,466 passing yards.

Stoker passed for 1,173 yards and 11 touchdowns for the Green Wave last year. He battled in practice with sophomore **Tyler Black** for the starting job.

Among the receivers are junior **Connor Finney** and senior **Braydyn Francis**. Francis is also on the basketball team. Seniors **Jessup Boulware** and **Kaedyn Harris** are tight ends.

Seniors **Luke Cromer** and **J.R. Kinard**, a transfer from **Northside Christian**, are among the running backs.

Senior and **Appalachian State** commit **Caden Muskus** returns at offensive tackle, and senior **Mason Hetlinger** returns at center to lead the offensive line. Sophomore **Kemp Tisdale** will play a crucial role on the line as well.

Senior defensive ends **Ethan Lorick** and **Sawyer Condrey** return to lead the defensive line. Junior **Clinton Gentry**, among others, will see significant time along the defensive front.

Senior **A.C. Flora** transfer and **Wofford** commit **Palmer Flake** joins senior outside linebacker **Caleb Davis** and junior **Parker Collins** at linebacker.

In the secondary, senior **Peyton Griffin** returns as cornerback and junior **Charlie Todd** returns at safety.

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Coach Palmer working out with the Warrior team and after that practice we conducted an interview with him about the upcoming season.

"We got a late start in the Spring with the baseball team playing for a state championship so we just finished our 8th practice of the season and we are trying to mesh a lot of things towards a team concept right now," said Coach Palmer from his office at the school. "The kids spent a lot of time in the weight room over the summer and we have been working hard to put everything together. We have two ore practices before we go to the jamboree this Friday night (August, 15) seven more practices before we start the season against Dorchester Academy.

"We are just trying to get better every day in practice and we are trying to figure out what we do well on offense and do it, then hopefully play great defense and special teams behind it," said Coach Palmer.

Against DA QB **Hall Sease** completed 3-of-six passes for 110 yards and two TD's. He also ran for 25 yards on 10 carries. On defense FS Sease was the leading tackler with 11.

WR **Ollie Barnes** caught two passes for 79 yards, one a 31-yard scoring reception from Sease. **Landon Johnson** caught one 31- yard scoring pass from Sease to account for the other Warrior TD. Sease kicked both PAT's. **Brad Hightower** had one run for 21 yards and he also played at LB.

The top tacklers behind Sease were LB **Everett Ulmer** with 11, while LB **Cooper Hiers** had six tackles and a fumble recovery. Four players contributed five tackles each. They were **Barnes**, **Jaxon Tucker**, DL **Eli Mathys**, LB **Brad Hightower**, and **Bryson Riddle**.

Prior to the season starting there were 23 players on the AJA varsity. The projected OL starters were tackles **Walker Terry** and **Tanner Chassereau** along with guards **Coltin Chavis** and Hiers. **Connor Mount** was a candidate to start at center.

Mathys, **Nathan King**, and Terry were slated for DL duty. The spur is **Landon Johnson** with Hightower, Ulmer, and Hiers at LB. **Grayson Hay** is a spur while Tucker, Barnes and Sease are in the secondary. Ulmer is the punter and Sease is the place kicker.

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Rhodes are getting time, as are seniors **Bates Walpole** and **McNair Harrison**.

"We'll be okay. We just have to work through the challenges a little by little," Mapp said. "I believe the game will slow down for us once we get through these early games. The schedule will be different next year."

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by junior **Ahmadre Ricks**, who has been moved inside after playing on the outside last season. Sophomore **Yachin Gamble** is back after starting as a freshman.

The secondary is strong as well. Senior **Da'shan Scriven** is back after coming up with five interceptions last season. Senior **LaDamien Belton** will play fulltime in the secondary this year after sharing running back duties with Wofford. Junior **Ja'Quaylen Dennis-Harriett** is back at safety.

"We've got a good team, a team that can do a lot of things down the road," Nelson said. "If we stay together and work hard, we'll be just fine. I'm excited about them.

"I think we've got the opportunity to do some good things. As long as we continue to play complimentary football and stay healthy. I think we'll be fine."

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NYCH UNDERWOOD	BEAUFORT ACADEMY	513	37	5
NOAH CAFFELL	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	286	39	4
JOSIAH GIBSON	BARNWELL	210	31	2
AMIR CHISOLM	PORTER-GAUD	187	12	3
AMARI VERNER	SENECA	183	28	4
HUNTER O'NEAL	W J KEENAN	183	27	2
JACOB WILEY	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	179	20	3
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ANDREW BOYDEN	JOHN PAUL II	134	21	1
SCOTT TIBBALS	PORTER-GAUD	128	12	2
BRODEN MITCHESON	FORT MILL	127	14	3
ALAN WOLF	JOHN PAUL II	127	10	2
MICHAEL TRAYNUM	BEN LIPPEN	126	8	1
REID MCCOLLUM	HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	122	28	1
QUAY MOBLEY	NORTHWESTERN	118	12	3
ZY ROUSE	STROM THURMOND	111	6	2
C. DEAN	EMERALD	110	12	0
CASON BREWINGTON	EASLEY	106	11	1
JOSH WILLIAMS	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	106	11	2
NIC SHUFORD	BEAUFORT ACADEMY	105	13	0
THADDEUS CZARNECKI	HILTON HEAD	104	12	1
KORDELL HOLLEY	BLUFFTON	100	12	3
JAYDEN PEEPLES	BARNWELL	96	13	2
PEYTON SCHRADER	EASTSIDE	95	5	2
J. COLEMAN	EASLEY	92	17	4
SEAN MITCHELL	MAY RIVER	91	15	1
GAGE TAYLOR	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	85	8	2
AEDAN MCCARTHY	BLUFFTON	83	5	1
RODERICK PURCHA	LORIS	76	3	2
D CAPEHART	DILLON	74	5	2
CAMERON BRIGHT	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	71	13	0
TRE JACKSON	PELION	70	10	2
KYLE MCFARLAND	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	69	9	0
KELYN DURHAM	EASTSIDE	67	8	2
PATRICK BENNETT	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	65	17	2
TRISTAN HECKMAN	PEE DEE ACADEMY	65	17	0
JOSEPH LYONS	CALHOUN ACADEMY	65	2	1
NEHEMIAH BROWN	BARNWELL	64	10	0
DEUCE STEPHENS	LORIS	63	5	2
XAVIER MEANS	NORTHWESTERN	62	10	1
BRADY COTTINGHAM	PELION	61	5	1
JACOBI FULLER	JAMES F. BYRNES	60	12	1
JAMOL HORTON	INDIAN LAND	58	9	0
JONATHAN ECKERT	BEN LIPPEN	58	10	1
JEREMY KENDALL	PINEWOOD PREP	57	6	0
ZION GADDIST	BEN LIPPEN	56	7	0

PASSING

PASSING		YARDS	COMP	ATT	TDS
REID MCCOLLUM	HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	372	33	54	4
JOSIAH COLEMAN	EASLEY	371	23	32	3
NIC SHUFORD	BEAUFORT ACADEMY	267	13	19	3
AEDAN MCCARTHY	BLUFFTON	262	15	19	3
GAVIN THOMA	SENECA	254	12	15	3
HARRIS JANIK	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	240	30	64	2
CAINE ROGERS	JAMES F. BYRNES	237	16	23	1
JAYLEN AUGUSTUS	DARLINGTON	237	12	19	2
MATT KUCIA	INDIAN LAND	217	13	21	2
NOAH THOMAS	BELTON-HONEA PATH	217	7	14	3
DERRICK RANISZEWSKI	HILTON HEAD	216	11	18	3
LOGAN BRAGG	LAURENS	207	20	39	0
PATRICK BENNETT	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	204	8	16	3
SILAS BRAWNER	PINEWOOD PREP	196	9	13	3
QUINN KELLY	FORT MILL	189	19	25	1
K. SAM FONG-TALIA	DILLON	187	15	22	2
ZORI PIERCE	LAMAR	186	10	16	0
BRAYDEN PRICE	NORTH CENTRAL	177	10	18	2
XAVIER MEANS	NORTHWESTERN	162	19	25	0
ALAN MOORE	PELION	138	9	13	2
BRI'SHAUN LEE	STROM THURMOND	135	5	9	3
GAVIN MAGIN	T L HANNA	126	7	13	0
CHRIS COLLIN	SPARTANBURG	116	11	23	0
H. SEASE	ANDREW JACKSON ACAI	110	3	6	2
B. HITE	EMERALD	98	7	10	1
SCOTT TIBBAIS	PORTER GAUD	98	6	11	1
CLAY TEAM	THOMAS SUMTER ACADE	97	10	22	2
NOAH CAFFELL	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	97	2	10	1
ALAN WOLF	JOHN PAUL II	90	3	5	1
QA BRANNON	UNION COUNTY	88	8	17	1
ZAMIRE MOON GERALD	LORIS	86	3	5	3
JAMAURI JOHNSON	W J KEENAN	83	7	16	1
TERENCE SALTER	UNION COUNTY	81	5	13	0
JACE WILLIAMS	THOMAS SUMTER ACADE	80	12	22	0
COLT LAYTON	CALHOUN ACADEMY	80	5	10	0
BEN DAVIS	BEAUFORT ACADEMY	68	2	3	1
HARRIS JANIK	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	59	11	24	0
JAYVON GILMOE	GAFFNEY	57	5	13	0
TRISTAN HECKMAN	PEE DEE ACADEMY	51	2	3	1
KADEN BROWN	LAKEWOOD	50	8	17	0

RECEIVING

RECEIVING		YARDS	RECEPTS	TDS
JACE PAULK	BEAUFORT ACADEMY	179	7	2
JEREMIAH WALTERS	HILTON HEAD	136	5	2
MATTHEW HILLSTOCK	EASLEY	132	9	2
JOSEPH HOUPT	HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	127	8	3
ELIAS MCGEE	SENECA	115	4	1
JAMES SPANN	DARLINGTON	110	4	1
JUJU MORRIS	LAMAR	105	4	0
JAI CHUNIESINGH	PELION	103	6	2
JACKSON STICKEL	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	102	12	2
KYLE MCFARLAND	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	101	5	1
SHAHEED WILLIAMS	STROM THURMOND	100	2	2
CHANIN HARRIS	JAMES F. BYRNES	100	5	1
NOAH CAMPBELL	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	97	2	1
AKEEM SHAW	UNION COUNTY	95	9	1
JAMESON TERRELL	FORT MILL	93	5	1
WEST FREEMAN	PORTER-GAUD	92	2	0
KAMERON VANCE	NORTHWESTERN	90	8	0
TRE GREEN	PINEWOOD PREP	89	2	1
DEVIN FRIPP	BEAUFORT ACADEMY	89	3	1
SEQUEL PATTERSON	INDIAN LAND	81	7	0
O. BARNES	ANDREW JACKSON ACAI	79	2	1
VICTOR JIMENEZ	BLUFFTON	77	2	0
TRENTON LYNCH	SPARTANBURG	74	2	0
ZAYDEN BURCH	NORTH CENTRAL	74	4	1
DAMAJIA CROOKS	LAURENS	74	4	0
ROMAN BENJAMIN	BLUFFTON	73	3	1
JAYDEN ALEXANDER	PINEWOOD PREP	67	4	1
JAYDEN WILLIAMS	LAURENS	67	5	0
KEYVIO FERGUSON	SPARTANBURG	66	1	0
THOMAS GEHM	HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	66	9	1
JAKYRI ANDERSON	BELTON-HONEA PATH	63	2	1
CARNELL WARREN	BLUFFTON	62	3	0
CAIDEN BLASSINGAME	EASLEY	62	4	1
REESE BROWN	EASLEY	61	1	0
SAM PETRAUSCHKE	THOMAS SUMTER ACADE	61	6	0
WILL HUGHES	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	59	10	0
JADON INABINETT	JOHN PAUL II	58	1	1
M.DEBNAM	EASLEY	55	4	0
M J EARL	BELTON-HONEA PATH	55	1	1
BEN DAVIS	BEAUFORT ACADEMY	55	2	1
LARRY REINHARD	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	52	1	1
SONDRELL WORTHY	UNION COUNTY	51	2	
C HILL	EMERALD	50	3	1

TACKLES

TACKLES		TOTAL	SOLO	ASSIST
JACKSON RICHARDSON	HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	22	15	7
BEN BAILEY	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	20	7	13
K BROWN	DILLON	19	3	16
JACOB WILEY	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIAN	16	5	11
KYLE MCFARLAND	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	16	4	12
D. ADAMS	DILLON	15	3	12
ALLEN CHISOLM	PORTER-GAUD	15	13	2
BEANIE BROWN	PORTER-GAUD	15	11	4
DARIUS DIXON	W J KEENAN	14	4	10
LARRY REINHARD	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	14	8	6
GAGE TAYLOR	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	14	4	10
GRANT COATES	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIAN	14	4	10
HAYNE BURDEN	HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	14	9	5
CHRISTIAN CHARLES	DARLINGTON	13	13	0
T. CLOUD	EMERALD	13	5	8
RICARIUS STEPHENS	LAURENS	13	13	0
JAMES ASCHIEMAN	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	13	2	11
CALEB FORBES	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	13	9	4
MALCOLM GORDON	BLUFFTON	12	10	2
C. FOSTER	EMERALD	12	7	5
J. RAMOS-CHAPMAN	EMERALD	12	5	7
AIDAN HAVENS	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	12	3	9
STONE PORTER	BEN LIPPEN	12	4	8
COOPER TAYLOR	CALHOUN ACADEMY	12	6	6
HUCK NEVIN	PORTER-GAUD	12	12	0
LUKE WILEY	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIAN	12	1	11
SAM TATE	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIAN	12	4	8
LOGAN BAKER	HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	12	7	5
ZYON RATCHFORD	GAFFNEY	11	10	1
M. ANDERSON	EMERALD	11	6	5
LOGAN MARTIN	LAURENS	11	11	0
DRAKE PORTER	BEN LIPPEN	11	6	5
NOAH CAMPBELL	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIAN	11	3	8
H. SEASE	ANDREW JACKSON ACAI	11	5	6
K J MILES	BELTON-HONEA PATH	10	3	7
DQ GREEN	LAMAR	10	4	6
NOAH LICHTENBERG	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	10	6	4
JULIAN BUXTON	PORTER-GAUD	10	7	3
KRES LANGHALS	HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	10	6	4
COLVIN LINVILLE	THOMAS SUMTER ACADE	10	3	7
ZACHARY MOULTON	JOHN PAUL II	10	10	0
AYDEN WAGONER	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	10	2	8
HAMILTON HUDSON	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	10	4	6
ANDREW MCCABE	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	10	3	7
KOBE PRESTON	EASLEY	9	3	6
D. BREWER	EMERALD	9	6	3
J. JOHNSON	EMERALD	9	5	4
ALLEN GREEN	BLUFFTON	9	6	3
CHRIS DOYLE	BLUFFTON	9	7	2
CONRAD HAMTPON	W J KEENAN	9	3	6
BEN MORRIS	BEN LIPPEN	9	8	1
HENLEY MATHEWS	PORTER-GAUD	9	5	4
GIBBES ALLEN	PORTER-GAUD	9	6	3

QUARTERBACK SACKS

QUARTERBACK SACKS		SACKS
ANDREW MCCABE	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	1.5
JALEEL TATE	GAFFNEY	1
KENDARIS BAILEY	GAFFNEY	1
T. CLOUD	EMERALD	1
EVAN PATTERSON	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	1
JAMES ASCHLEMAN	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	1
BEN MORRIS	BEN LIPPEN	1
DAVEN BROWN	PORTER-GAUD	1
JOSHUA HUGHES	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	1
JACKSON FIGGINS	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	1
WILL HUGHES	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	1
BEANIE BROWN	PORTER-GAUD	1
JULIAN BUXTON	PORTER-GAUD	1
NOAH CAFFELL	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	1
NOAH CAMPBELL	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIA	1
K. COOPER	EASLEY	1
J. MCALISTER	EASLEY	1
J. BOWMAN	EASLEY	1

INTERCEPTIONS

INTERCEPTIONS		INTERCEP
K. ERBY	EASLEY	1
KAREEM SHAW	GAFFNEY	1
JAYDEN PEEPLES	BARNWELL	1
D. BREWER	EMERALD	1
HAMPTON WHITFIELD	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	1
BEAU RHODES	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	1
BEN DAVIS	BEAUFORT ACADEMY	1
GAGE TAYLOR	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	1
AIDEN DAVIS	PROVIDENCE HOME SCH	1
KHALIL GREEN	DARLINGTON	1
PREVACE BROWN	DARLINGTON	1

PUNTING

PUNTS	SCHOOL	PUNTS	YARDS	AVG	Long
ALAN WOLF	JOHN PAUL II	2	83	41.5	45
L. JOHNSON	ANDREW JACKSON ACAI	1	40	40	40
BANKS FITTS	BEN LIPPEN	2	75	37.5	38
HARRIS JANIK	AUGUSTA CHRISTIAN	4	134	33.5	40
BLAKE MARTIN	GAFFNEY	5	163	32.6	46
E ULMER	ANDREW JACKSON ACAI	2	65	32.5	34
W. WRIGHT	EMERALD	3	97	32.3	39
E. MASSEY	EASLEY	4	121	30.3	40
COLE MCLEOD	NORTHWOOD ACADEMY	2	60	30	30

SCORING

SCORING		POINTS	TDS
J. COLEMAN	EASLEY	24	4
M. HILLSTOCK	EASLEY	12	2
C. BLASSINGAME	EASLEY	6	1
C BREWINGTON	EASLEY	6	1
JOSIAH HILL	GAFFNEY	6	1
BANKS BOUTON	GAFFNEY	6	1
JAIDEN	GAFFNEY	6	1
K. WRIGHT	EMERALD	6	1
C. FOSTER	EMERALD	6	1
B. HITE	EMERALD	6	1
C. HILL	EMERALD	6	1
O. BARNES	ANDREW JACKSON ACAI	6	1
L. JOHNSON	ANDREW JACKSON ACAI	6	1

KICK SCORING

KICK SCORING		POINTS	PAT'S	FG
E. MASSEY	EASLEY	8	8	0
W. WRIGHT	EMERALD	4	4	0
ALESSANDRO SANTANA	GAFFNEY	3	0	1
H. SEASE	ANDREW JACKSON ACAI	2	2	0

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DILLON HIGH SCHOOL

Dillon drops rare season opener vs. Scotland Co.

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Dillon—Sometimes teams regroup more from a loss, even going on to compete for championships, and **Dillon High** head football coach **Kelvin Roller** (42-7) certainly hopes that will the case after the Wildcat's 36-33 loss at **Scotland County** on August, 22.

"Win or lose, you schedule competitive teams like Scotland County to get better and get prepared for the tough teams you have to play in your region, and in the play-offs," said Coach Roller. "The atmosphere for the game, on the road, was also the type environment that prepares your team for some battles to come.

"What I am disappointed about is that we were leading by two touchdowns early in the 4th quarter, got the ball back in good field position, and we just didn't capitalize on our opportunity to put the game away," said Coach Roller. "We need to work on all three phases of the game this week in practice, offense, defense and special teams.

"I can't say enough about the play of **Daniel Capehart** (6-1,195) on both sides of the ball Friday night," said Coach Roller. "He had a long run (59 yards) for a touchdown and on defense he was all over the field making great plays. All I can say is that the colleges are missing out on a great athlete. He deserves a D-! next level opportunity."

Capehart's brother, **Damonte**, is a sixth year DL NFL prospect at **Clemson** this season**,** so the blood line speaks for itself. Against Scotland County Capehart had 8 tackles as a LB and then he rushed for 74 yards on five carries scoring two rushing TD's.

Coach Roller also cited WR **Zay Robertson** for his outstanding play in the season opener. Robertson had two touchdown pass receptions of 67 and 48 yards and he finished the game with 10 catches for 167 yards.

"North Carolina is getting a playmaker in Zay," said Coach Roller. "His route running is exceptional and he uses his point guard ability in basketball to get away from defenders."

Coach Roller also praised the play of freshman QB **Khayel S. Fong-Talia** (6-2, 208) who was named an *Under Armour Next Level All-American* as an 8th grader on the jayvee team, leading the Wildcats to a perfect 8-0 record. "Despite poor pass protection at times, Khayel still managed to complete 15-of-22 passes for 187 yards and two touchdowns," said Coach Roller. "It was his first game ever on the varsity, playing on the road, in a tough environment and I thought he handled the situation very well."

Dillon scored first against Scotland County when freshman **Nibras Harrison** scored on a 37-yard run in the first period and a missed PAT gave Dillon a 6-0 lead. Dillon went up 13-7 later in the first when Robertson hauled in a 61-yard pass from Fong-Talia. This time **Jayden Lester** made the PAT to give Dilon a 13-7 lead.

In the second quarter, Dillon scored twice to take a 27-14 lead into the half. Capehart scored on a four-yard run and Lester's PAT made it 21-14. Then Robertson hauled in a 48-yard touchdown pass from Fong-Talia, late in the second quarter, to put the Wildcats up 27-14 at the break.

Early in the fourth quarter, Capehart got loose on a 59-yard tackle breaking touchdown run and the missed PAT gave Dillon a 33-21 lead.

2025 Dillon Wildcats standouts

However, Scotland County rallied with two late touchdowns to win the game. After the Scots scored with just three minutes left in the game, they recovered an onsides kick, down 33-28 at the time. They scored the winning touchdown with around 10 seconds to go in the game and a two-point conversion gave them a 36-33 come-from-behind win.

This week Dillon will host **Socastee**, and the Braves were scheduled to play **Wando** on Monday night due to the game being postponed last Friday due to poor weather.

"I coached Socastee's head coach **Ben Hampton** when I was an assistant coach at **Coastal Carolina**," said Coach Roller. "He does an excellent job of preparing his teams to play. I have no doubt that he will have his team ready to give us a hard-fought game in our stadium this week."

Other senior prospects on the team, other than Robertson and Capehart, include LB **Keryien Brown** (5-11, 190), OL/DL **Kiele Ponpey** (6-0,270) who is the strongest player on the team, and RB/DB **Domanick Felton** (5-9,170) who has battled back from injuries last season. **Geo Warren** (6-0,175) is a WR/DB with next level potential also.

The prospects in the junior class, starting the season include DB/WR **Kelvion Manning** (6-3, 190),

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the lunch room at Lamar High School and she wanted her son to be a track star in the Olympics which was a noble goal. However, sitting on the hot concrete bleaches at Harry Parone Stadium after "John" had won the 400 for the third year in a row this writer shared a message with his mother that got her to change her mind about her son's real sport.

"Mam, I have talked to your son the past three track seasons, after he won the 400, and I just wanted to share a message with you," were pretty much my exact words. "The message is that he needs to engage in the process of football starting on Monday at Lamar High School. The message is a long NFL career that should him around $80 million dollars, and he will be a first-round draft pick to the NFL coming out of college."

I told her, not to question the message but to HONOR IT! (She did anyway…lol) John and his mother heeded the message on a long car ride home. He became a first-round draft pick out of SC and he played 15 seasons in the NFL earning around $80 million. Now this is one fact that should put us ahead of others in the media business.

(By the way I never spoke to John, or his mother, after that afternoon at the track meet, but if you should see any one of them let them know to give all the glory to God! God uses all of us to share positive messages from time-to-time). Abraham's net worth was recently reported at $26.2 million!!

Freshman **Emari Jones** (6-6,325) was the talk of the Next Level al-American game as he was unblocking able and literally a man among boys. He is on the varsity roster at **Seneca High** this season. Jones is a five star no doubt about it.

Freshman **Khayel Sam Fong-Talia** (6-2,208) is the stating quarterback at **Dillon** High after breaking all passing records on the jayvee team last season that received record crowds. He was 15-of-22 for 187 yards and two passing TD's in his first varsity outing against Scotland County on August, 22. He is a five star no doubt about it.

Rasean Brown is an RB/MLB currently listed as a varsity player at South Pointe. He is a four-star type player still developing.

Taddrick Gibson (511,155) is a freshman DB playing for **Tom Knotts** at **Dutch Fork** and on a 10-man roster he will have to grow into the program. He has four-star potential for sure.

Tracking down former Lexington area middle schooler **Bishop Allen** (CB, 5-11, 160) has been a bit of a challenge. On August, 5th the **Brophy College Prep** School for boys in Phoenix, Arizona reported a late addition player named **Bishop Allen,** who is a CB with the same height and weight. Brophy College Prep is similar to the IMG Academy from Bradenton, Florida but they are affiliated with the Catholic Church. Allen played in the Next Level All-American game as a middle schooler from the Pleasant Hil; Middle School in Lexington, SC. (more details later)

The *HSSR* has long maintained that **Clemson** and **South** Carolina should offer as least five senior football players in the state each and every year. Why? Because the state of South Carolina has averaged just under six NFL draft picks a year from former Palmette State players. Here is a list of those players going back 11 years to the 2013 NFL draft.

The state has produced 76 NFL drafted players since the 2013 draft, for an average of 6.3 players a year. Research indicates that the state of South Carolina is the fourth best state in the nation, per capita & population for NFL talent. This next comment is for our friends at 247 Sports, with many of their scouts living in North Carolia: Start putting more prep players from South Carolina on your list for evaluation! 247 Sports currently has no listed 2029 players from South Carolina. On their prospect list.

We just talked about six of them that were in the Next level all-American game back in December! Enough is enough 247! (Get with the program, South Carolin a is a much better football state than North Caolina. This is one of the reason s why so many of their coaches are coming to coach in South Carolina in record numbers!!)

2024 (9)
Jamaree Caldwell-Newberry High- Oregon-Chargers (86)
Jordan Burch-Hamond-Oregon-(78-Cardinals)
Jaylin Lane-Clover-Va. Tech-(128-Commanders)
Nick Emmanmori-Irmo-SC-(35-Seahawks)
TJ Sanders-Martion-SC- (86-Chargers)
Quincey Riley-AC Flora-Louisville-(131-Saints)
Robbie Ouzts-Rock Hill-Alabama-(175-Seahawks)
Tonka Hemingway-Conway-SC (135-Raiders)
Tyrion Ingram-Dukes-Gaffney-Ga.-((139-Vikings)

2023 (8)
Cam Smith-Westwood
Darius Rush-CE Murray
Zacch Pickens-TL Hanna
Jalin Hyatt-Dutch Fork
Bryon Young-Carvers Bay
Jordan McFadden-Dorman
Dorian Williams—Indian Land
Nick Hampton-Westside

2022 (6)
Marcus McKethan, **Barnwell**
D'Marco Jackson, **Broome (Spartanburg)**
Decobie Durant, **Lamar**
Derion Kendrick, **South Pointe (Rock Hill)**
Channing Tindall, **Spring Valley (Columbia)**
Amare Barno, **Westwood (Blythewood)**

2021 (3)
Tarron Jackson, **Silver Bluff (Aiken)**
Pressley Harvin III, **Sumter**
Shi Smith, **Union County (Union)**

2020 (6)
Bryan Edwards, **Conway**
Tyler Bass, **Dutch Fork (Irmo)**
John Simpson, **Fort Dorchester (North Charleston)**
Javon Kinlaw, **Goose Creek**
Troy Pride Jr., **Greer**
T.J. Brunson, **Richland Northeast (Columbia)**

2019 (5)
Deebo Samuel, **Chapman (Inman)**
JJ Arcega-Whiteside, **Dorman (Roebuck)**
Dennis Daley, **Ridge View (Columbia)**
Hunter Renfrow, **Socastee (Myrtle Beach)**
Christian Miller, Spring Valley (Columbia)

2018 (3)
Darius Leonard, **Lake View**
Mason Rudolph, **Northwestern (Rock Hill)**
Jaleel Scott, **Rock Hill**

2017 (4)
Mike Williams, **Lake Marion (Santee)**
Cordrea Tankersley, Silver Bluff (Aiken)
De'Angelo Henderson, **Summerville**
D.J. Jones, **Wren (Piedmont)**

2016 (7)
Shaq Lawson, **Daniel (Central)**
Charone Peake, Dorman (Roebuck)
Brandon Shell, Goose Creek
B.J. Goodson, Lamar
Temarrick Hemingway, **North Myrtle Beach (Little River)**
Kevin Dodd, **Riverside (Greer)**
Jerell Adams, **Scott's Branch (Summerton)**

2015 (4)
A.J. Cann, **Bamberg-Ehrhardt (Bamberg)**
Clayton Geathers, **Carvers Bay (Hemingway)**
Denzelle Good, **Gaffney**
Edmond Robinson, **St. John's (John's Island)**

2014 (8)
Bashaud Breeland, **Allendale-Fairfax (Fairfax)**
Bruce Ellington, **Berkeley (Moncks Corner)**
Dakota Dozier, **Brookland-Cayce (Cayce)**
Brandon Thomas, Dorman (Roebuck)
Matt Hazel, **North Augusta**
DeMarcus Lawrence, Silver Bluff (Aiken)
Jadeveon Clowney, South Pointe (Rock Hill)
Martavis Bryant, **T.L. Hanna (Anderson)**

2013 (13)
T.J. Johnson, **Aynor**
Devin Taylor, **Beaufort**
Andre Ellington, Berkeley (Moncks Corner)
Justice Cunningham, **Central (Pageland)**
DeAndre Hopkins, Daniel (Central)
Sam Montgomery, **Greenwood**
D.J. Swearinger, Greenwood
Everett Dawkins, **James F. Byrnes (Duncan)**
Marcus Lattimore, James F. Byrnes (Duncan)
Cordarrelle Patterson, Northwestern (Rock Hill)
Jonathan Meeks, Rock Hill
DeVonte Holloman, South Pointe (Rock Hill)
Malliciah Goodman, **West Florence (Florence)**

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They will be using a 4-4 formation.

Only two starters on the offensive side will be part of the starting 11 on defense. One of them is Truesdell. He will be joined in the trenches by **Pete Taylor**, **Braylem Mitchem** and **Kamal Grant**.

The linebackers will be **Gabriel Reyes**, **Noah Gailes** and **Jaden Smith**. The defensive backs are Howell, **Mikah Quille**r and **Keith Jones**.

Jacob Spinks is the placekicker while Wallace is handling the punting.

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through the seventh grade," said Coach Waters. "We are glad he made the decision to come back to our school."

Johnson completed 22-of-321of passes against Star Rock for 380 yards and three touchdowns. "Kevin really good at keeping his feet moving to avoid a pass rush and he is able to keep his eyes down field while he is moving around," said Coach Waters. He is a big-time next level prospect."

It surely helps any quarterback to have a wide receiver like Ayden Hogan (6-1, 170) to throw to. "Ayden is committed to **Tennessee State** and he is as good a receiver as I have coached since **Sincere Brown** played with my former team at First Baptist a few years ago," said Coach Waters. "He runs great routes and is sure handed and he makes yardage after he catches the ball."

Senior **Kevin Ford** (5-11, 171) is the Chargers go to running back. "He is one of the fastest players on our team," said Coach Waters.

The OL is led by senior center **Kaedon Wagner** (6-2, 250). KJ Burroughs (6-3,300) is a LT while soph **Brayden Andy** (6-1,240) is at RT. Junior **Kenny Robbins** (6-1,270) holds down the RG slot and junior **Jacob Harrellson** (6-2, 275) is the LG for Northwood.

Drew Wolfe, and SR **Shooter Medlock** join **Scott Geisel** and Hogan as the top WR's on the team.

On defense junior **Mitchell Lanier** and **Garrett Andy** are the DE's and the DTs are **Hammer White** (5-9,285) and **Tyler Cumbee** (5-10,250). All-state LB Cody McLeary (5-9,190) is back along with LB **Dominque Russell** (5-8-200).

The secondary is led by three- year player FS **MJ Davis** (6-0,165) along with CB's **Jordan Carter** and **Bryce Jenkins**. **Antwan Henderson** is a four- year performer back at FS who was all-state last year. The combo kicker is four- year veteran **Cole McLeod** and he made a 42-yard field goal in a game last year.

It appears that the Northwood Academy versus Hammond game coming in in October will determine if the Chargers can knock the Skyhawks off the off of the SCISA mountain they have owned for decades.

2025 Football Schedules

10/31	MILITARY MAGNET		9/26	GREEN SEA-FLOYDS		9/5	TBA		8/22	AT CHESTERFIELD	
			10/3	AT LATTA		9/12	LEE CENTRAL		8/29	AT ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
	ST. JOHNS	(0-0)	10/10	AT LAKE VIEW		9/19	AT CARVERS BAY		9/5	GEORGETOWN	
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	10/17	AT HEMINGWAY		9/26	AT JOHNSONVILLE		9/12	WACCAMAW	
8/29	AT BISHOP ENGLAND		10/24	JOHNSONVILLE		10/3	LAKE VIEW		9/19	AT LAKE VIEW	
9/5	FIRST BAPTIST					10/10	GREEN SEA-FLOYDS		9/26	HANNAH-PAMPLICO	
9/12	AT NORTH CHARLESTON			GREEN SEA-FLOYDS		10/24	AT LATTA		10/3	HEMINGWAY	
9/19	ACADEMIC MAGNET		(0-0)			10/31	HEMINGWAY		10/17	AT GREEN SEA-FLOYDS	
9/26	AT SCOTTS BRANCH		DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE				10/24	AT CARVERS BAY	
10/3	CROSS		8/22	LORIS			HEMINGWAY	(0-0)	10/31	LATTA	
10/10	AT BETHUNE-BOWMAN		8/29	LAMA		DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE			
10/17	AT BAPTIST HILL		9/5	AT MULLINS		8/22	MULLINS			LAKE VIEW	(0-0)
10/24	MILITARY MAGNET		9/12	AT AYNOR		8/29	ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON		DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
10/31	BRANCHVILLE		9/19	LATTA		9/5	AT SCOTTS BRANCH		8/22	AT MARION	
			9/26	AT CARVERS BAY		9/12	BURKE		8/29	MULLINS	
REGION 6-A			10/10	AT HANNAH-PAMPLICO		9/26	LAKE VIEW		9/5	TBA	
			10/17	JOHNSONVILLE		10/3	AT JOHNSONVILLE		9/12	SCOTTS BRANCH	
	CARVERS BAY	(0-0)	10/24	AT HEMINGWAY		10/10	LATTA		9/19	Johnsonville	
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	10/31	AT LAKE VIEW		10/17	CARVERS BAY		9/26	AT HEMINGWAY	
8/22	AT WACCAMAW					10/24	AT GREEN SEA-FLOYDS		10/3	AT HANNAH-PAMPLICO	
8/29	KINGSTREE			HANNAH-PAMPLICO	(0-0)	10/31	AT HANNAH-PAMPLICO		10/10	CARVERS BAY	
9/5	AT ANDREWS		DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE				10/17	AT LATTA	
9/12	AT GEORGETOWN		8/22	AT HEATHWOOD HALL			Johnsonville	(0-0)	10/24	TBA	
9/19	HANNAH-PAMPLICO		8/29	AT WACCAMAW		DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	11/1	at Green Sea-Floyds	

	LATTA	(0-0)	
DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	
8/22	EAST COLUMBUS, NC		
8/29	Marion		
9/5	AT MCBEE		
9/12	AT MULLINS		
9/19	AT GREEN SEA-FLOYDS		
10/3	CARVERS BAY		
10/10	AT HEMINGWAY		
10/17	LAKE VIEW		
10/24	HANNAH-PAMPLICO		
10/31	AT JOHNSONVILLE		

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we scored two and we got some things we can build on. We kept throwing punches so we'll continue to get better."

The Redhawks ran just 12 plays and gained just 8 net yards by the fifth minute of the second quarter, but managed a score on **Carrington Carter's** touchdown pass to **Angelo Rios** to go into intermission trailing 23-6.

Rios had a 35-yard touchdown run in the third quarter, and Westwood drove the length of the field in the final minute-and-a-half to score on Carter's 11-yard touchdown pass to **Quentin McGill**.

This Friday's action will be another test for the Redhawks and Falcons alike. Westwood hits the road to Sumter to take on **Lakewood** while A.C. Flora plays host to **Chapin** Friday.

River Bluff at Rock Hill

In **Perry Parks's** first game as head coach of **River Bluff**, **Rock Hill** quarterback **Jonah Young** threw for 209 yards and a touchdown and Marvin Randolph rushed for 132 yards and a score in the Bearcats' 31-18 victory at River Bluff.

The Gators got two touchdown passes from **Braden Moore** to **Darius Carter**. Moore was 18-for-46 in passing for 239 yards, and Carter had seven catches for 130 yards.

River Bluff is at **Brookland-Cayce** Friday.

Fairfield Central at Ridge View

Ridge View quarterback **Tre Howard** threw two touchdown passes, one to **Carter Coleman** and another to **Omari Johnson** and ran for a third as the Blazers shut out **Fairfield Central** 40-0.

Ashton Chapman threw a touchdown pass to **Jourdain Mack**, and **Davon Toney** recovered a fumble and returned it for a touchdown.

Fairfield Central, which played for the 2A upper state championship last year, plays host to **Union County**. Ridge View travels to defending 5A Division 2 champion **Northwestern** Friday.

Hammond at Christ Church Episcopal

Skyhawks head coach **Jon Wheeler** has been making efforts at downplaying the expectations on his very young football team. Hammond, which has won eight straight SCISA state championships dating back to 2017and 22 in school history, finds itself this year with a team consisting mostly of juniors and sophomores.

"The focus is on getting better every day." Wheeler said. "We're not going to emphasize competing for a championship a ton, we're just talking about getting better. Every once in a while I'll throw it (the championships) out there to get them motivated, but we don't talk about it otherwise. You can't control when you play for championships, you can't control your opponents."

Noting the Skyhawks' 17-0 road-win shutout of 3A public school **Christ Church Episcopal** Friday night, maybe the team fully understands the next-man-up mentality. **Bubba Alexander** had a 50-yard touchdown run, quarterback **Ben Kiser** threw a touchdown pass to **Jackson Ross**, and **Matthew Bellon** kicked a field goal for the win.

Hammond plays host to **Pinewood Prep** Friday.

Catawba Ridge at Chapin

Chapin's home opener did not go so well. **Catawba Ridge** shut out the Eagles 30-0 to hand Chapin its first shutout since 2022. The Eagles head to **A.C. Flora** Friday.

Williston-Elko at Pelion

Pelion built a 35-0 lead on **Williston-Elko** Thursday before the game was called in the second half.

Jai Chuniesing and **Tre Jackson** scored two touchdowns apiece and **Brady Cottingham** also scored a TD.

With the game officially in the books, Panthers' first-year head coach **Cory Helms** picked up his first win.

Pelion travels to **Columbia** Friday.

Mid-Carolina at Swansea

In another game called because of weather, **Swansea** opened up a 49-7 lead on **Mid-Carolina** Thursday before play was stopped in the second half.

Dante Caldwell and **Trace Selfridge** both scored a pair of touchdowns in the Tigers' win. Caldwell finished the night with 104 rushing yards. One of Selfridge's TD runs was a 35-yard scamper, and another came on a 20-yard reception from quarterback **Kendall Wright**. **Daniel Graddick** and **P.J. Larry** had one touchdown apiece.

On defense, Larry had 11 tackles and a sack and **Nick Riley** had two sacks.

Swansea is at **Denmark-Olar** Friday.

Blythewood at Nation Ford

Last year, **Blythewood's** season was marked by near misses. The Bengals went 4-0 in nonregion games, but finished the season 6-5 after dropping four Region 5-5A games and a road playoff loss to **Clover**. Three of those losses by seven points or less.

Going into this year, a revamped Bengals team hit the road to **Nation Ford** and overcame a 27-14 halftime deficit to beat the Falcons 34-27.

Junior quarterback **James Veasey**, who was undefeated the year prior in JV, led the Bengals with two touchdown runs and a touchdown pass to **Ben Hendrix**. **Braden Marye** also had a touchdown run.

Blythewood travels to **Midland Valley** Friday.

Spring Valley snaps losing streak

The **Vikings'** 24-game losing streak, dating back to 2022, is finally in the past.

Placekicker **Grady Tucker** hit a 19-yard field goal in overtime to lift Spring Valley over Richland District Two rival **Richland Northeast** 22-19 and bring home the Sabre and Sword trophy.

The comeback Friday night was improbable. Spring Valley trailed 19-0 early in the third quarter. Tucker kicked a 37-yarder to put the Vikings on the scoreboard. Later, **Bryson Hugee** intercepted a pass and returned it to the 1-yard line. Running back/tight end/defensive back **Dylan Redden** scored the touchdown. **Brent Mills** got the Vikings within a field goal with a 2-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter, and Tucker's 22-yarder with four seconds left tied the game at 19 and sent the game to overtime.

Spring Valley is at **Lower Richland** and RNE plays host to **Crestwood** Friday.

Other games

Lugoff-Elgin's Zach Williams connected with **Shamil Saadiq** twice in the Demons' 28-14 victory over Lower Richland. … **American Leadership Academy** got its first win in school history with a 43-6 victory over **Thornwell**. … **Keenan's Hunter O'Neal** scored two touchdowns in the Raiders' 30-22 win over **Dreher**. … **Newberry** leveled **Union County** 62-14. … **Columbia** beat **C.A. Johnson** 22-16 in overtime. … **Eau Claire** shut out **Ridgeland** 14-0. … **Heathwood Hall** shut out **Hannah-Pamplico** 14-0. … **Airport** fell 37-8 to **May River**.

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last competition-type thing. The kids have been showing up and getting after it. Everyone is excited and everything is going good so far."

Lamar opens its season on the road against **Darlington** on August 22.

Boyd is the only newcomer to the Lamar head coaching staff. **Carlos Burgess** returns as the athletic director, **while Randolph Scott** will be the girls basketball coach and Brian Scott returns as the boys hoops coach. **Adam Fedawa** is set to return as the baseball coach. **Francis Humphrey** will be the boys and girls cross country coach, **Alan Hunter** will handle volleyball, **Shane Brantley** will be the softball coach, **John James** will be in charge of wrestling and Wilks will be the boys golf coach.

Burgess has yet to hire a boys and girls track and field coach.

Lake View Wild Gators

Junior Jalen Clarke

Senior Landon King

Younger Wild Gators aiming to excel in 2025

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Lake View – In some ways, the 2025 version of the **Lake View High** varsity football team may resemble more of a junior varsity team.

The Wild Gators lost a bundle of key players off last year's team and many of the players on the field this fall will be a lot younger and less experienced. But don't think for a minute that this year's team will take a step back. Head coach **Daryl King** realizes there may be a few bumps in the road but the goals remain the same.

"We expect our players to play with effort and get better every week," said King, now in his 17th season as head coach. "As long as the players are playing hard and working every day to improve, we'll be okay. Our goal is to win a state championship."

Lake View opened the 2025 season with a 26-13 win over Marion on Aug. 22. Though far from a perfect outing, it wasn't a bad night for a season opener.

"We know we have some things to overcome, and we made plenty of mistakes, but we saw effort," King said. "We played fast on defense and had a lot of hats on the ball. That's how we have to play, fast. Effort and aggressiveness will make up for a lot."

There are many new faces in new positions this season, none more important than quarterback. The Wild Gators lost three-year starter Kason Herlong to graduation and is turning to senior **Chase Price** this season. Price has been the backup for two years but has not sat idle on the sidelines. The 6-2, 215-pounder was the starting center last season.

"I'm pretty sure that doesn't happen too often but Chase is a good quarterback," King said.

In the win over Marion, Price rushed for 82 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries, and completed 11-of-19 passes for 136 yards and two more touchdowns.

"He looked in control and very comfortable," King said.

The running game will be led by junior **Jalen Clarke** and senior **Landon King**, who gained 104 yards on seven carries in the opening game.

Leading the receiving corps are **Yuri Richardson** and **Anniel Rowland**. Richardson had a 60-yard touchdown catch against Marion.

""The running backs and receivers have been working hard. Some of them are going both ways so we put a lot on them," King said.

A returning starter along the offensive line is senior guard **Farrion Seymore**. Junior **Alonzo Hamilton** is the other guard, while freshman **Riley McCormick** has earned the nod at center. The starting tackles are **Jaden Jones** and **Fin Miller.**

"We had some busts that we need to fix but that group work hard," King said. "The key is we have to execute. We have to block and tackle and attack on every snap. We want some of our younger guys to push the starters in practice because building some depth is very important early on."

Tyree Fore is a senior returning starter at one defensive end while junior **Balin Rice** is the other end. Working inside at nose are senior **Nick McNeil** and junior **Elijah Paradise**.

Returning senior **Landon King** heads up the linebackers. Freshman **Gabe Lee** also plays inside with King. The outside backers are junior **Terrance Alford** and senior **Seth Deese**, a returning starter.

Clarke and senior **Bryce King** are the starting safeties, with Rowland and **JT Atkinson** working at corner.

One area of concern after the first game is penalties. The Wild Gators totaled up 125 yards in penalties.

"We will get that corrected," King said. "Typical first game stuff. Some pre-snap penalties. We lost some yardage on those penalties so we need to clean it up, which we will do. That's why you show it on film and fix it in practice."

Lake View wiil host Mullins in their home opener on Aug. 29, then will have a bye week before taking on Scott's Branch.

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Florence Area Feature Page

SoFlo opens with win over West; Wilson gets win

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Florence – The south side **of Florence** came out victorious and Wilson & Wilson were winners in their first football game together.

Defending AAAA state champion **South Florence High School** came away with a 37-6 triumph over rival **West Florence**, while **Brian Wilson** triumphed in his first game as **Wilson High's** head coach, edging **Conway** 13-9.

"I'm happy for our players and proud of their effort," said South Florence head coach **Drew Marlowe**, who has led the Bruins to three straight state title games, winning two of them. "A team shows its greatest improvement between Week 1 and Week 2. We will need to prove that true this week."

South Florence was scheduled to travel to **Summerville** on August 29.

Messiah Jackson is back at quarterback for the Bruins. **Cameron James** will be the main running back, while **Bruce Thompson** will serve as the H back. Jackson's targets in the 3-wide set are **Jayaun Perkins**, **Semaj Parker** and **Ben Tyner**. The offensive line will have **Josiah Mason** at left tackle, **Myles** Hutson at left guard, **Luke Thayer** at center, **Jerry Jenwright** at right guard and **Ethan Cash** at right tackle.

South Florence runs a 3-man front on defense with **Marquez Mckithen**, Myles Johnson and **Brenden Williams** filling those spots. The outside linebackers are **Terry Gordon** and **Jewel Washington** with **Warnell Prew** and **Willie Kennedy** manning the inside slots. The secondary is made up of **Johnquis Johnson**, **Amare Reaves**, **William Wilson** and **Gerkeim Hall**.

Coy Joyner is the placekicker while Jackson handles the punting.

West Florence was in its first game under the guidance of **Chad Wilkes**. While not happy with the result, Wilkes feels better things are coming for his team.

"We played a great team with more experience who are way ahead of us in all of the operational aspects of the game like special teams, simple assignments, the kind of things that really hurt us," Wilkes said. "I'm happy with how we responded in the second half after they jumped up early, but we are a long way from where we need to be in the execution of the scheme on both sides of the ball. That comes with inexperience, and I'm excited abouts the growth we'll see in this team over the course of the year."

West Florence is working out of a 1-back set on offense and **Jeremiah Bryant** is the starter. The quarterback is **Avery Weaver**. The starting wideouts are **North Willis**, **Corey Patterson** and **Jackson** DuBose when the Knights are in a 3-wide set. **Cooper Creach** the H back and **Caden Taylor** the tight end.

The offensive line has James Tuttle at left tackle, **Jamie Williamson** at left guard, **D'Xavier Simpson** at center, **Matthew Allen** at right guard and **Tayden Single-**

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Florence Christian altering offensive style in '25

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Florence – The **Florence Christian School** football program has a reputation of being a punishing running offense that takes advantage of its physical strength. While the Eagles will still run the ball plenty, it will be a bit more diverse out of necessity this season.

"We know we're not going to be bigger, we know we're not going to be faster," said veteran FCS head coach **Neil Minton**. "We're going to be trying to outnumber people more. We ran a lot of power football in the past, but we just can't line up and do what we want to do naturally.

"We've go5t a good group of kids. I feel good about that. If we can avoid a lot of injuries, it's going to be a fun year. We're not going to blow out a lot of people, but I don't think people are going to blow us out either."

The biggest starter on the offensive line is returning senior left tackle **Parker Watson** at 6 feet, 245 pounds. Sophomore right tackle **Preston Fowler** (6-0, 205) returns as well.

Senior **Wyatt Clark** (5-feet-9-inches, 190) will be the center, senior **Jamison McDaniel** (6-0, 225) will be the left guard, and sophomore **Daley Winburn** (5-10, 165) will be the right guard.

Sophomore **Riley Minton**, the coach's son, will be back at quarterback. completed 48 of 88 passes for 571 yards and five touchdowns.

"I'm proud of him," Coach Minton said of his son, who is the firsts freshman he ever had start at quarterback. "He's developing. Mentally he's past

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Boyd inheriting veteran coaching staff at Lamar

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Lamar – **Tyler Boyd** is the man carrying the title of football head coach at **Lamar High School**. However, he is definitely the newcomer in his return to his alma mater.

Boyd, who was an All-State quarterback for the Silver Foxes while playing for his father, **J.R. Boyd**, has inherited a coaching staff filled with veteran Lamar assistants.

The returning coaches are Rob Joye, **Hayden Wilks**, **Brian Scott**, **Jimmy Woods** and **Allen Poole**. The new assistants are **Javonte Green** and **Antonio Jones**.

"Having a lot of the same coaches, the adjustment has been more so for me than them or the players," said Boyd, who came back to Lamar after two years as the football head coach at **Williamsburg Academy**. "For the older kids, I will be their third head coach in four years, so it will be about me earning their trust. I can understand where they are coming from.

"Me stepping in there with no coaches I brought, I want to keep a lot of the same things they've been doing because it worked well. But I want to bring in my own stuff, but it's a good situation to come into."

Boyd inherits a team that went 9-4 and reached the quarterfinals of the Class A state playoffs under **Stephen Burris**, who departed after two seasons to be the head coach at **Westwood**.

Scott, the former **University of South Carolina** standout wide receiver, will coach wide receivers and defensive backs as will Jones. Wilks will coach the offensive lineman, while Woods will be in charge of the defensive line. Joye will coach wide receivers and linebackers, Poole will coach linebackers, and Green will coach running backs and linebackers.

It's been so far, so good for Boyd.

"Things have been going great," Boyd said of the summer workout. "We went to **Conway** last week, and that was our

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2025 Football Schedules

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	MYRTLE BEACH	
8/29	AT TIMBERLAND	
9/5	MAY RIVER	
9/12	AT LAMAR	
9/19	EAST CLARENDON	
9/26	AT KINGSTREE	
10/3	MULLINS	
10/10	ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
10/17	AT MARION	
10/31	AT MANNING	

MANNING (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CRESTWOOD	
8/29	AT SCOTTS BRANCH	
9/5	LAKE MARION	
9/12	AT RIDGELAND	
9/26	AT EAST CLARENDON	
10/3	KINGSTREE	
10/10	AT MULLINS	
10/17	AT ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
10/24	MARION	
10/31	LAKE CITY	

MARION (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LAKE VIEW	
8/29	AT LATTA	
9/5	WEST FLORENCE	
9/12	DILLON	
9/19	KINGSTREE	
9/26	AT MULLINS	
10/3	ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
10/17	LAKE CITY	
10/24	AT MANNING	
10/31	AT EAST CLARENDON	

MULLINS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT HEMINGWAY	
8/29	AT LAKE VIEW	
9/5	GREEN SEA-FLOYDS	
9/12	LATTA	
9/19	AT ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
9/26	MARION	
10/3	AT LAKE CITY	
10/10	MANNING	
10/17	AT EAST CLARENDON	
10/24	KINGSTREE	

REGION 1-A

ABBEVILLE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
8/29	POWDERSVILLE	
9/5	AT BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	
9/12	NINETY-SIX	
9/19	TBA	
9/26	AT WESTSIDE	
10/3	MCCORMICK	
10/10	CALHOUN FALLS	
10/17	AT WHITMIRE	
10/24	DIXIE	
10/31	AT WARE SHOALS	

CALHOUN FALLS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN	
8/29	AT AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	
9/5	WILLISTON-ELKO	
9/12	TBA	
9/19	AT ANDREWS, NC	
9/26	TBA	
10/3	DIXIE	
10/10	AT ABBEVILLE	
10/17	MCCORMICK	
10/24	WARE SHOALS	
10/31	AT WHITMIRE	

DIXIE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	
8/29	AT FOX CREEK	
9/5	SOUTHSIDE	
9/12	TBA	
9/19	TBA	
9/26	TOWNS COUNTY, GA	
10/3	AT CALHOUN FALLS	
10/10	WHITMIRE	
10/17	AT WARE SHOALS	
10/24	AT ABBEVILLE	
10/31	AT MCCORMICK	

McCORMICK (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT STROM THURMOND	
8/29	AT LINCOLN COUNTY,GA	
9/5	WASHINGTON-WILKES, GA	
9/12	FOX CREEK	
9/19	EDISTO	
10/3	AT ABBEVILLE	
10/10	WARE SHOALS	
10/17	AT CALHOUN FALLS	
10/24	WHITMIRE	
10/31	DIXIE	

WARE SHOALS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BLACKSBURG	
8/29	AT NINETY-SIX	
9/5	LANDRUM	
9/12	AT TOWNS COUNTY, GA	
9/26	AT GREENVILLE HURRICANES	
10/3	WHITMIRE	
10/10	AT MCCORMICK	
10/17	DIXIE	
10/24	AT CALHOUN FALLS	
10/31	ABBEVILLE	

WHITMIRE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BRANCHVILLE	
8/29	SPARTANBURG CHRISTIAN	
9/5	AT MID-CAROLINA	
9/12	AT GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN	
9/26	RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	
10/3	AT WARE SHOALS	
10/10	AT DIXIE	
10/17	ABBEVILLE	
10/24	AT MCCORMICK	
10/31	CALHOUN FALLS	

REGION 2-A

C A JOHNSON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	COLUMBIA	
8/29	AT BRANCHVILLE	
9/5	FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
9/12	AT CHESTERFIELD	
9/19	AT ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	
10/3	LEWISVILLE	
10/10	AT MCBEE	
10/17	GREAT FALLS	
10/24	AT LAMAR	
10/31	AT LEE CENTRAL	

GREAT FALLS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	NORTH CENTRAL	
8/29	CHESTERFIELD	
9/5	AT ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	
9/12	AT COLUMBIA	
9/19	AT BUFORD	
10/3	LEE CENTRAL	
10/10	LAMAR	
10/17	AT C A JOHNSON	
10/24	LEWISVILLE	
10/31	AT MCBEE	

LAMAR (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT DARLINGTON	
8/29	AT GREEN SEA-FLOYDS	
9/5	AT CENTRAL	
9/12	LAKE CITY	
9/19	NORTH CENTRAL	
10/3	MCBEE	
10/10	AT GREAT FALLS	
10/17	AT LEE CENTRAL	
10/24	C A JOHNSON	
10/31	LEWISVILLE	

LEE CENTRAL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	TIMBERLAND	
8/29	BURKE	
9/5	AT CHESTERFIELD	
9/12	AT HANNAH-PAMPLICO	
9/19	HARDEEVILLE	
10/3	AT GREAT FALLS	
10/10	AT LEWISVILLE	
10/17	LAMAR	
10/24	AT MCBEE	
10/31	C A JOHNSON	

LEWISVILLE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CENTRAL	
8/29	HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	
9/5	ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
9/12	AT FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
9/19	AT ANDREW JACKSON	
10/3	AT C A JOHNSON	
10/10	LEE CENTRAL	
10/17	MCBEE	
10/24	AT GREAT FALLS	
10/31	AT LAMAR	

McBEE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	CHERAW	
8/29	AT NORTH CENTRAL	
9/5	LATTA	
9/12	AT BUFORD	
9/19	AT CHESTERFIELD	
10/3	AT LAMAR	
10/10	AT C A JOHNSON	
10/17	AT LEWISVILLE	
10/24	LEE CENTRAL	
10/31	Great Falls	

REGION 3-A

BLACKVILLE-HILDA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT BARNWELL	
8/29	AT EDISTO	
9/5	NINETY-SIX	
9/12	AT SILVER BLUFF	
9/19	DENMARK-OLAR	
10/3	RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	
10/10	AT WAGENER-SALLEY	
10/17	AT CALHOUN COUNTY	
10/24	HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	
10/31	WILLISTON-ELKO	

CALHOUN COUNTY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CROSS	
8/29	AT LAKE MARION	
9/5	EDISTO	
9/12	BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
9/19	BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	
10/3	AT WILLISTON-ELKO	
10/10	AT HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	
10/17	BLACKVILLE-HILDA	
10/24	AT RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	
10/31	WAGENER-SALLEY	

HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	
8/29	AT LEWISVILLE	
9/12	DENMARK-OLAR	
9/26	BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
10/3	WAGENER-SALLEY	
10/10	CALHOUN COUNTY	
10/17	WILLISTON-ELKO	
10/24	AT BLACKVILLE-HILDA	
10/31	AT RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	

RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	DIXIE	
8/29	SALUDA	
9/12	AT AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	
9/19	EAU CLAIRE	
9/26	AT WHITMIRE	
10/3	AT BLACKVILLE-HILDA	
10/10	AT WILLISTON-ELKO	
10/17	AT WAGENER-SALLEY	
10/24	CALHOUN COUNTY	
10/31	HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	

WILLISTON-ELKO (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT PELION	
8/29	BARNWELL	
9/5	AT CALHOUN FALLS	
9/12	EAU CLAIRE	
9/26	FOX CREEK	
10/3	CALHOUN COUNTY	
10/10	RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	
10/17	AT HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	
10/24	AT WAGENER-SALLEY	
10/31	AT BLACKVILLE-HILDA	

REGION 4-A

ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	
8/29	HAMPTON COUNTY	
9/5	GREAT FALLS	
9/12	AT WAGENER-SALLEY	
9/19	C A JOHNSON	
9/26	AT LAKE MARION	
10/10	AT RIDGELAND	
10/17	DENMARK-OLAR	
10/24	AT BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
10/31	HARDEEVILLE	

BAMBERG-EHRHARDT (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT EDISTO	
8/29	BUFORD	
9/5	BARNWELL	
9/12	AT CALHOUN COUNTY	
9/19	WOODLAND	
9/26	AT HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	
10/3	AT HARDEEVILLE	
10/17	RIDGELAND	
10/24	ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	
10/31	AT DENMARK-OLAR	

DENMARK-OLAR (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	WAGENER-SALLEY	
8/29	SWANSEA	
9/5	AT BURKE	
9/12	AT HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	
9/19	AT BLACKVILLE-HILDA	
9/26	AT EDISTO	
10/3	RIDGELAND	
10/10	AT HARDEEVILLE	
10/17	AT ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	
10/31	BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	

HARDEEVILLE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
8/29	WHALE BRANCH	
9/5	EAST CLARENDON	
9/12	AT HILTON HEAD	
9/19	AT LEE CENTRAL	
10/3	BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
10/10	DENMARK-OLAR	
10/24	BRANCHVILLE	
10/31	AT ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	

RIDGELAND (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT EAU CLAIRE	
8/29	AT EAST CLARENDON	
9/5	WHALE BRANCH	
9/12	MANNING	
9/19	AT BURKE	
9/26	HARDEEVILLE	
10/3	AT DENMARK-OLAR	
10/10	ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	
10/17	AT BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
10/24	TBA	
10/31	TBA	

REGION 5-A

BAPTIST HILL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	TBA	
9/5	NORTH CHARLESTON	
9/12	AT ACADEMIC MAGNET	
9/19	BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
9/26	TBA	
10/3	AT MILITARY MAGNET	
10/10	AT BRANCHVILLE	
10/17	ST. JOHNS	
10/24	SCOTTS BRANCH	
10/31	AT CROSS	

BETHUNE-BOWMAN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT WHITMIRE	
8/29	C A JOHNSON	
9/5	AT AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	
9/19	AT SCOTTS BRANCH	
9/26	AT CROSS	
10/3	BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
10/10	BAPTIST HILL	
10/17	MILITARY MAGNET	
10/24	AT HARDEEVILLE	
10/31	AT ST JOHNS	

CROSS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	CALHOUN COUNTY	
8/29	AT NORTH CHARLESTON	
9/5	TIMBERLAND	
9/12	LAKE MARION	
9/19	AT MILITARY MAGNET	
9/26	BRANCHVILLE	
10/3	AT ST. JOHNS	
10/10	SCOTTS BRANCH	
10/24	AT BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
10/31	BAPTIST HILL	

MILITARY MAGNET (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	NORTH CHARLESTON	
8/29	AT ACADEMIC MAGNET	
9/5	TBA	
9/12	AT PHILIP SIMMONS	
9/19	CROSS	
9/26	BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
10/3	BAPTIST HILL	
10/10	TBA	
10/17	AT BRANCHVILLE	
10/24	AT ST. JOHNS	
10/31	AT SCOTTS BRANCH	

SCOTTS BRANCH (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT EAST CLARENDON	
8/29	MANNING	
9/5	HEMINGWAY	
9/12	AT LAKE VIEW	
9/19	BRANCHVILLE	
9/26	ST. JOHNS	
10/10	AT CROSS	
10/17	AT BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
10/24	AT BAPTIST HILL	

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9/26	BLUE RIDGE	
10/10	BLACKSBURG	
10/17	AT CLINTON	
10/24	LIBERTY	
10/31	AT CHESNEE	

LIBERTY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	FOUNTAIN INN	
8/29	AT SOUTHSIDE	
9/5	AT PICKENS	
9/12	PALMETTO	
9/19	WALHALLA	
9/26	AT CRESCENT	
10/3	AT CLINTON	
10/17	CHESNEE	
10/24	AT LANDRUM	
10/31	BLACKSBURG	

REGION 2-AA

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	at Providence Home School	
8/29	at Calhoun Falls	
9/5	at Branchville	
9/12	at Ridge Spring-Monetta	
9/19	TBA	
9/26	TBA	
10/3	AT SALUDA	
10/10	AT STROM THURMOND	
10/17	AT BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	
10/24	AT NINETY-SIX	
10/31	AT PELION	

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	WAGENER-SALLEY	
9/5	ABBEVILLE	
9/12	AT LOWER RICHLAND	
9/19	AT CALHOUN COUNTY	
9/26	AT MID-CAROLINA	
10/3	STROM THURMOND	
10/10	AT NINETY-SIX	
10/17	AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	
10/24	AT PELION	
10/31	SALUDA	

NINETY-SIX (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT EMERALD	
8/29	WARE SHOALS	
9/5	AT BLACKVILLE-HILDA	
9/12	AT ABBEVILLE	
9/19	CRESCENT	
10/3	AT PELION	
10/10	BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	
10/17	AT SALUDA	
10/24	AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	
10/31	STROM THURMOND	

PELION (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	WILLISTON-ELKO	
8/29	AT COLUMBIA	
9/12	AT SWANSEA	
9/19	MID-CAROLINA	
9/26	EAU CLAIRE	
10/3	NINETY-SIX	
10/10	AT SALUDA	
10/17	AT STROM THURMOND	
10/24	BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	
10/31	AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	

SALUDA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	CRESCENT	
8/29	AT RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	
9/12	AT CHESTER	
9/19	SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
9/26	NEWBERRY	
10/3	AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	
10/10	PELION	
10/17	NINETY-SIX	
10/24	AT STROM THURMOND	
10/31	AT BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	

STROM THURMOND (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	MCCORMICK	
8/29	AT SILVER BLUFF	
9/12	AT NORTH AUGUSTA	
9/19	AT EMERALD	
9/26	AT LINCOLN COUNTY, GA	
10/3	AT BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	
10/10	AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	
10/17	PELION	
10/24	SALUDA	
10/31	AT NINETY-SIX	

REGION 3-AA

CHESTER (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT LANCASTER	
8/29	FORT MILL	
9/5	AT CATAWBA RIDGE	
9/12	SALUDA	
9/19	UNION COUNTY	
9/26	AT W J KEENAN	
10/3	EAU CLAIRE	
10/10	FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
10/17	AT COLUMBIA	
10/24	AT MID-CAROLINA	

COLUMBIA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT C A JOHNSON	
8/29	PELION	
9/5	AT NORTH CENTRAL	
9/12	GREAT FALLS	
9/19	WAGENER-SALLEY	
9/26	AT SWANSEA	
10/10	AT MID-CAROLINA	
10/17	CHESTER	
10/24	EAU CLAIRE	
10/31	AT FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	

EAU CLAIRE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	RIDGELAND	
8/29	AT BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
9/5	GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN	
9/12	AT WILLISTON-ELKO	
9/19	AT RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	
9/26	AT PELION	
10/3	AT CHESTER	
10/17	FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
10/24	AT COLUMBIA	
10/31	MID-CAROLINA	

FAIRFIELD CENTRAL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT RIDGE VIEW	
8/29	UNION COUNTY	
9/5	AT C A JOHNSON	
9/12	LEWISVILLE	
9/19	AT NEWBERRY	
9/26	ANDREW JACKSON	
10/3	MID-CAROLINA	
10/10	AT CHESTER	
10/17	AT EAU CLAIRE	
10/31	COLUMBIA	

MID-CAROLINA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT SWANSEA	
8/29	AT NEWBERRY	
9/5	WHITMIRE	
9/12	NORTH CENTRAL	
9/19	AT PELION	
9/26	BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	
10/3	AT FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
10/10	COLUMBIA	
10/24	CHESTER	
10/31	AT EAU CLAIRE	

REGION 4-AA

ANDREW JACKSON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	AT BLUFFTON	
9/5	AT INDIANLAND	
9/12	ANDREWS	
9/19	LEWISVILLE	
9/26	AT FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
10/3	AT CHERAW	
10/10	Chesterfield	
10/17	CENTRAL	
10/24	AT NORTH CENTRAL	
10/31	BUFORD	

BUFORD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	TBA	
8/29	AT BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
9/5	HIGHLAND TECH, NC	
9/12	MCBEE	
9/19	GREAT FALLS	
9/26	AT NORTH CENTRAL	
10/3	CENTRAL	
10/17	AT CHESTERFIELD	
10/24	CHERAW	
10/31	AT ANDREW JACKSON	

CENTRAL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LEWISVILLE	
8/29	AT PARKWOOD, NC	
9/5	LAMAR	
9/12	WEST STANLEY, NC	
9/19	AT BLACKSBURG	
9/26	CHERAW	
10/3	AT BUFORD	
10/17	AT ANDREW JACKSON	
10/24	CHESTERFIELD	
10/31	AT NORTH CENTRAL	

CHERAW (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT MCBEE	
8/29	MARLBORO COUNTY	
9/5	CONWAY	
9/12	AT DARLINGTON	
9/19	RIVER BLUFF	
9/26	AT CENTRAL	
10/3	ANDREW JACKSON	
10/17	NORTH CENTRAL	
10/24	AT BUFORD	
10/31	CHESTERFIELD	

CHESTERFIELD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	JOHNSONVILLE	
8/29	AT GREAT FALLS	
9/5	LEE CENTRAL	
9/12	C A JOHNSON	
9/19	MCBEE	
10/3	NORTH CENTRAL	
10/10	at Andrew Jackson	
10/17	BUFORD	
10/24	AT CENTRAL	
10/31	AT CHERAW	

NORTH CENTRAL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT GREAT FALLS	
8/29	MCBEE	
9/5	COLUMBIA	
9/12	AT MID-CAROLINA	
9/19	AT LAMAR	
9/26	BUFORD	
10/3	AT CHESTERFIELD	
10/17	AT CHERAW	
10/24	ANDREW JACKSON	
10/31	CENTRAL	

REGION 5-AA

BARNWELL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BLACKVILLE-HILDA	
8/29	AT WILLISTON-ELKO	
9/5	AT BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
9/12	AT SOUTH AIKEN	
9/19	SWANSEA	
9/26	SILVER BLUFF	
10/3	LAKE MARION	
10/17	HAMPTON COUNTY	
10/24	AT EDISTO	
10/31	AT WHALE BRANCH	

EDISTO (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
8/29	BLACKVILLE-HILDA	
9/5	AT CALHOUN COUNTY	
9/12	AT ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON	
9/19	AT MCCORMICK	
9/26	DENMARK-OLAR	
10/3	AT HAMPTON COUNTY	
10/10	AT WHALE BRANCH	
10/24	BARNWELL	
10/31	AT LAKE MARION	

HAMPTON COUNTY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT COLLETON COUNTY	
8/29	AT ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	
9/5	SILVER BLUFF	
9/12	BLUFFTON	
9/19	HILTON HEAD	
9/26	AT CHRIST CHURCH	
10/3	EDISTO	
10/10	AT LAKE MARION	
10/17	AT BARNWELL	
10/24	WHALE BRANCH	

LAKE MARION (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT MARLBORO COUNTY	
8/29	CALHOUN COUNTY	
9/5	AT MANNING	
9/12	AT CROSS	
9/19	HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	
9/26	ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	
10/3	AT BARNWELL	
10/10	HAMPTON COUNTY	
10/17	AT WHALE BRANCH	
10/31	AT EDISTO	

WHALE BRANCH (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BLUFFTON	
8/29	HARDEEVILLE	
9/5	AT RIDGELAND	
9/12	AT WOODLAND	
9/19	AT PHILIP SIMMONS	
9/26	BATTERY CREEK	
10/10	EDISTO	
10/17	LAKE MARION	
10/24	AT HAMPTON COUNTY	
10/31	BARNWELL	

REGION 6-AA

ACADEMIC MAGNET (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT PATRICK HENRY ACADEMY	
8/29	MILITARY MAGNET	
9/5	R B STALL	
9/12	BAPTIST HILL	
9/19	AT ST. JOHNS	
10/3	AT ANDREWS	
10/10	TIMBERLAND	
10/17	PHILIP SIMMONS	
10/24	AT WOODLAND	
10/31	AT BURKE	

ANDREWS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	AT GEORGETOWN	
9/5	CARVERS BAY	
9/12	AT ANDREW JACKSON	
9/19	WACCAMAW	
9/26	HANAHAN	
10/3	ACADEMIC MAGNET	
10/10	AT WOODLAND	
10/17	AT TIMBERLAND	
10/24	BURKE	
10/31	AT PHILIP SIMMONS	

BURKE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	LEE CENTRAL	
9/5	DENMARK-OLAR	
9/12	AT HEMINGWAY	
9/19	RIDGELAND	
9/26	TBA	
10/3	TIMBERLAND	
10/10	PHILIP SIMMONS	
10/17	WOODLAND	
10/24	AT ANDREWS	
10/31	ACADEMIC MAGNET	

PHILIP SIMMONS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	HANAHAN	
8/29	AT LUCY BECKHAM	
9/5	AT BEAUFORT	
9/12	BISHOP ENGLAND	
9/19	WHALE BRANCH	
10/3	WOODLAND	
10/10	AT BURKE	
10/17	AT ACADEMIC MAGNET	
10/24	TIMBERLAND	
10/31	ANDREWS	

TIMBERLAND (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT LEE CENTRAL	
8/29	LAKE CITY	
9/5	AT CROSS	
9/12	KINGSTREE	
9/19	AT HANAHAN	
10/3	AT BURKE	
10/10	AT ACADEMIC MAGNET	
10/17	ANDREWS	
10/24	AT PHILIP SIMMONS	
10/31	WOODLAND	

WOODLAND (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	COLLETON COUNTY	
9/5	AT BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
9/12	WHALE BRANCH	
9/19	AT BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	
9/26	AT BISHOP ENGLAND	
10//3	AT PHILIP SIMMONS	
10/10	ANDREWS	
10/17	AT BURKE	
10/24	ACADEMIC MAGNET	
10/31	AT TIMBERLAND	

REGION 7-AA

ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	
8/29	JOHNSONVILLE	
9/5	AT LEWISVILLE	
9/19	MULLINS	
9/26	OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE	
10/3	AT MARION	
10/10	AT LAKE CITY	
10/17	Manning	
10/24	East Clarendon	
10/31	AT KINGSTREE	

EAST CLARENDON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	SCOTTS BRANCH	
8/29	RIDGELAND	
9/5	AT HARDEEVILLE	
9/12	AT LAKEWOOD	
9/19	AT LAKE CITY	
9/26	Manning	
10/10	AT KINGSTREE	
10/17	MULLINS	
10/24	AT ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
10/31	MARION	

KINGSTREE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT GEORGETOWN	
8/29	AT CARVERS BAY	
9/5	CRESTWOOD	
9/12	AT TIMBERLAND	
9/19	AT MARION	
9/26	LAKE CITY	
10/3	AT MANNING	
10/10	EAST CLARENDON	
10/24	AT MULLINS	
10/31	ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	

LAKE CITY (0-0)

Bamberg County Feature Page

Bamberg-Ehrhardt reloading for another run

By Neill Kirkpatrick
Special to the HSSR

Goose Creek – Heading into the 2025 season the Bamberg Ehrhardt Red Raiders are ranked fourth by the HSSR in class A and with 15 starters returning they are again ready to win another region championship along with being one of the favorites in the lower state.

Head coach **Corey Crosby** has his team on a 12-game region winning streak and has averaged 10 wins a year over his three years at the helm of the Red Raider program but it is a new season with high expectations for his veteran squad.

"Our goal is to get to the state championship game," said coach Crosby. "We tell our kids that we don't rebuild, we reload. Every year we have kids that have waited for their chance. Our coaches do a good job of developing young men from 7th grade to where they are at now. A lot of kids are playing the same position since 7th grade. That is one of the keys to our success."

The Red Raiders have seven returning starters on the offensive side of the ball and one player who saw a lot of time last season because of injury. That player is junior quarterback **Brian McMillian** (6'2,185). He led the Red Raiders to a first-round playoff win last season. He is also the starting free safety.

"Brian has done a great job over the summer and we expect big things from him. He is very athletic and gives us another option in the run game," coach Crosby said.

Fortunately for McMillian one of the strengths of the team is the receiving corp. The group is led by returning all-state wide out senior **Marcus Cann** (6'2,195). Last season he had over 1400 total yards averaging over 14 yards every time he touched the ball. He will move to running back this season.

Also back are senior Hback **Darius Walker** (5'11,205), **Charles (Anthony) Williams** (5'11,175), and **Jason Youmans** (6'1,180). Walker also starts at linebacker while Williams is at one of the cornerback positions. Last season Walker had 65 tackles and 19 tackles for loss. He has several schools looking at him.

The newcomer to the receiver room is junior **Jordan Bovain** (6'1,170). He transferred from Hampton County where he had 24 receptions for 489 yards and five touchdowns.

The offensive line has three starters returning in seniors, center **Michael Manigault** (6'0,265) and left guard **Jaden Moody** (6'0,255) and junior right tackle **Simeon Bamberg** (5'11,295). Coach Crosby says Manigault is finally health and he is expecting a big season from him.

Junior left tackle **Pierre Fuller** (6'3,275) and sophomore right guard **Aaden McCormick** (6'1,255) are the newcomers to the O-line but like

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Young Vikings need to learn how to finish in '25

By Neill Kirkpatrick
Special to the HSSR

Goose Creek – The 2024 season was uneven for the Denmark-Olar Vikings in coach **William Raysor's** first year as they started 1-5 with four of the losses coming against playoff teams but the team did not hang their heads instead they regrouped and finished the year 3-2 including a first-round win over Carvers Bay 22-16.

"Beating Carvers Bay was something for us to build off of going into the off season. We took some things from that game and emphasized them in the off season and pre-season," said coach Raysor.

Coach continued, "We have also emphasized to our team is to 'Learn how to finish.' That doesn't just mean the game but come to workouts during the summer to get in shape, learn how to play both sides of the ball because you never know when we are going to need you. We have a foundation built now we just need to get better every week."

The Vikings are young with only seven seniors in the starting lineup, four on offense and three on defense. On offense the seniors are quarterback **Tyberrivs Duncan** (6-5,212), wide receiver **Damarcus Wheeler** (6-4,165), right guard **Rahjaneer Singleton** (6-2,288) and center **Kelvarsis Adams** (5-11, 200). Duncan is in his first year as a starter but coach Raysor says he has a strong arm and can make plays with his feet.

Singleton and Adams are the leaders of the offense and will be leaned on to help bring the young players along and to open holes in the running game.

Right Tackle **Mari Moody** (6-4,230) is the third returning starter along the offensive line. The junior has several schools looking at him.

Five sophomores and a freshman round out the starting lineup. **Nyheem Brimfield** (6-4,230) is one of the sophomores. He had an up and down freshmen year but he is athletic and can play several positions. Coach Raysor says he will see time at tight end, quarterback, wide receiver and running back on offense and defensively

2025 Denmark-Olar football standouts

he will move to linebacker after playing defensive end as a freshman. He was part of the Viking state championship basketball team. He is drawing interest on both gridiron and the court.

Running back **Trevine Felder** (5-5,150), tight end **Dilan Hammonds** (6-5,208), left tackle **Chris Felder** (5-11, 272), and left guard **Blake Brown** (5-9,280) are the rest of the sophomores in the starting lineup. Hammonds also starts on the defensive line.

Freshman **Lamar Greggs** (5-7,143) has cracked the starting line up on both sides of the ball as a wide receiver on offense and as a defensive back. Coach Raysor is excited about Greggs as he has shown out in the pre-season.

The three returning senior starters have all started for at least two years. Nose Tackle **Nick Sapp** (6,300), linebacker **Xavian Walker** (6-1,200), and defensive back **Geontae Staley** (6,163). Sapp is the anchor of the D-line while Staley is a four-year starter.

Junior defensive back **Nyheem Williams** (5-9,145), sophomores defensive line **Cornelius Hammond** (5-9,275), linebackers **Tyon Buckmon** (6-3,180) and **Amani McMillan** (5-7,190) and freshman defensive back **Antonio Williams** (5-7,145) are the rest of the starting defense.

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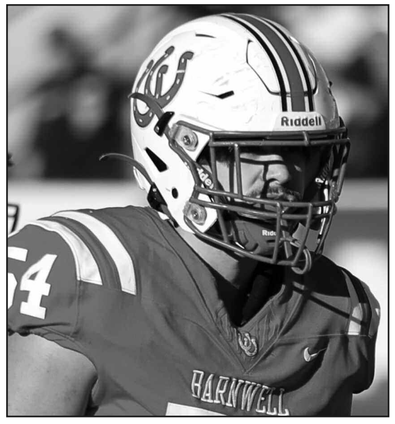

Junior Jalen Clarke

Senior Landon King

Barnwell opens '25 with win over Blackville-Hilda

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Barnwell-Any time you graduate a top flight quarterback like **Cameron Austin** who established new passing records at **Barnwell** over the past three seasons, and play for the AA state title as the Warhorses did last season, you certainly come into the new season wondering and hoping at the same time that the success will continue.

This week Barnwell will travel to **Williston-Elko** for a non-region contest.

The Warhorses passed the test in week zero with a 22-6 win over Blackville Hilda on August, 21st. It was just two years ago that Barnwell was upset by the Hawks. This time a lot of players in new roles stepped up.

Head football coach, an athletic director **Brian Smith** begins his third season at Barnwell High. He cited the outstanding effort and play of numerous players after the season opening victory.

"**Jackson Bedingfield** and **Traven Wilson** played well in the offensive line," said Coach Smith. "We have to continue to improve if we expect to more down the road. I felt like QB Josiah Gibson did a great throw with both throwing and running also.

"I am also very proud of the way we played on defense," said Coach Smith. "I feel like we have to improve on Special teams.

"We have to develop more depth at the running back position to help make our team better because you are only one injury away from problems," said Coach Smith. "Staying healthy is very important."

Quarterback **Josiah Gibson** completed 5-of-6 passes for 40 yards in his first varsity start and he did a good job managing the offense for his first start.

However, the story of the game against Blackville-Hilda was three different running backs pounding out 360 rushing yards on 30 carries which means they averaged 12 yards a carry. You are not going to lose many football games with this kind of rushing totals.

Sophomore running back **Jayden Peeples** led the rushing onslaught with 31 carries for 210 yards and two touchdowns. Senior All-state and all-region running back **Nehemiah Brown** is back this season and ran 10 times for 64 yards against the Hawks, while Gibson had seven carries for 48 yards. **Marcus Jacobs** had one carry for two yards.

The top two receivers for the Warhorses against Blackville-Hilda were junior **Damajhai Devoe** who had four catches for 33 yards. Peeples also had one catch for seven yards.

On defense, Peeples also had one interception and he returned it 41 yards to help set up a touchdown.

When your running backs get 361 net yards of rushing you have to thanks to the offensive line as well. The leader up-front is Bedingfield, a three starter who is now a senior along with Wilson who holds down the center spot. **Carl Hines** is the other guard. The two tackles are **Davison Owens** and **Copeland Owens**.

Last season the Barnwell defense gave up only 180 points all season. Allowing only six pints in the season opener is an indication the defense will be strong once again this season despite graduation losses.

Peebles is playing both ways this season and he had 33 tackles as a DB a year ago. Devoe had around 75 tackles last year from the secondary including a team leading four interceptions. **Henri Creech** (6-2,290) is a returning OLB from last season where he had over 50 tackles.

There are numerous new starters on defense this season. The defensive line consists of **Adrian Saxon**, Hines flips from the offensive line, as does Bedingfield. The other outside linebacker joining Creech is **Marcus Jacobs**. Junior **Torye Pickens** (5-9,180) is an inside linebacker,

The secondary consists of corner back Peeples, corner back **Vincent Gibson**, Devoe and **Caiden Roland** who are twin safeties.

Coach Smith is assisted by defensive line coach **Jon Burdge**, second year defensive coordinator **Isaac Cooper** and receivers coach **Alan LeRoy**. **Cody McCollum** works with the defensive backs, and **Britt Pender** mentors the H-backs.

Barnwell High School Principal **Derek Youngblood** works with the running backs, **Dwayne Garrick** coaches the offensive line, and **Thomas Davis** works with the linebackers.

The athletic trainer is **Rob Roth**.

Coach Smith will also serve as the head coach for the South team in the annual North-South all-star game to be held in Myrtle Beach this December.

After this week's game at Williston-Elko, Barnwell will travel to **South Aiken** n September, 12 before hosting **Swansea** on September, 19. They conclude the month of September with a home game against **Silver Bluff** on September, 26.

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8/29	AT PICKENS	
9/5	CHESNEE	
9/12	AT SENECA	
9/19	AT LIBERTY	
10/3	AT CRESCENT	
10/10	PENDLETON	
10/17	BEREA	
10/24	AT WEST-OAK	
10/31	BELTON-HONEA PATH	

West-Oak (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT GREENVILLE HURRICANES	
8/29	TBA	
9/5	SENECA	
9/12	FRANKLIN COUNTY, GA	
9/19	AT LANDRUM	
9/26	AT GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN	
10/3	AT BELTON-HONEA PATH	
10/10	CRESCENT	
10/17	AT PENDLETON	
10/24	WALHALLA	
10/31	TBA	

REGION 2-AAA

CAROLINA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	EASTSIDE	
9/5	AT BEREA	
9/12	FOUNTAIN INN	
9/19	AT SOUTHSIDE	
9/26	AT PENDLETON	
10/3	PALMETTO	
10/10	AT ST. JOSEPH	
10/17	CHRIST CHURCH	
10/24	AT POWDERSVILLE	
10/31	AT SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	

CHRIST CHURCH (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	HAMMOND	
8/29	AT ASHEVILLE SCHOOL	
9/5	RIVERSIDE	
9/19	AT CHAPMAN	
9/26	HAMPTON COUNTY	
10/3	ST. JOSEPH	
10/10	POWDERSVILLE	
10/17	AT CAROLINA	
10/24	SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
10/31	PALMETTO	

PALMETTO (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	WREN	
8/29	AT CRESCENT	
9/5	TRAVELERS REST	
9/12	AT LIBERTY	
9/19	AT BELTON-HONEA PATH	
10/3	AT CAROLINA	
10/10	SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
10/17	POWDERSVILLE	
10/24	ST. JOSEPH	
10/31	AT CHRIST CHURCH	

POWDERSVILLE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	SENECA	
8/29	AT ABBEVILLE	
9/5	WREN	
9/12	AT PENDLETON	
9/19	GETTYS BROOME	
10/3	AT SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
10/10	CHRIST CHURCH	
10/17	AT PALMETTO	
10/24	CAROLINA	
10/31	AT ST. JOSEPH	

SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	ABBEVILLE	
8/29	AT MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	
9/5	AT ANDERSON CAVALIERS	
9/19	AT SALUDA	
9/26	ANDREWS, NC	
10/3	POWDERSVILLE	
10/10	AT PALMETTO	
10/17	AT ST. JOSEPH	
10/24	CHRIST CHURCH	
10/31	CAROLINA	

ST. JOSEPH (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CARDINAL NEWMAN	
8/29	CHAPMAN	
9/5	AT MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	
9/12	PICKENS	
9/19	AT FOUNTAIN INN	
10/3	AT CHRIST CHURCH	
10/10	CAROLINA	
10/17	SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
10/24	AT PALMETTO	
10/31	POWDERSVILLE	

REGION 3-AAA

GETTYS BROOME (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BELTON-HONEA PATH	
8/29	CHESNEE	
9/5	AT SPARTANBURG	
9/12	EMERALD	
9/19	AT POWDERSVILLE	
9/26	AT BLACKSBURG	
10/3	WOODRUFF	
10/10	AT UNION COUNTY	
10/24	MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	
10/31	AT CHAPMAN	

CHAPMAN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	DANIEL	
8/29	AT ST. JOSEPH	
9/5	AT BOILING SPRINGS	
9/12	AT CLINTON	
9/19	CHRIST CHURCH	
9/26	BELTON-HONEA PATH	
10/10	AT MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	
10/17	UNION COUNTY	
10/24	AT WOODRUFF	
10/31	GETTYS BROOME	

MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
8/29	SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
9/5	ST. JOSEPH	
9/12	CRESCENT	
9/19	AT ASHEVILLE SCHOOL	
9/26	TBA	
10/3	UNION COUNTY	
10/10	CHAPMAN	
10/17	AT WOODRUFF	
10/24	AT GETTYS BROOME	
10/31	TBA	

Union County (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	NEWBERRY	
8/29	AT FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
9/5	AT YORK	
9/12	BLACKSBURG	
9/19	AT CHESTER	
9/26	CLINTON	
10/3	AT MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	
10/10	GETTYS BROOME	
10/17	AT CHAPMAN	
10/31	WOODRUFF	

WOODRUFF (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	CLINTON	
8/29	FOUNTAIN INN	
9/5	AT EMERALD	
9/12	AT WOODMONT	
9/19	CHESNEE	
9/26	AT WREN	
10/3	AT GETTYS BROOME	
10/17	MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	
10/24	CHAPMAN	
10/31	AT UNION COUNTY	

REGION 4-AAA

FOX CREEK (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	DIXIE	
9/5	GLENN HILLS, GA	
9/12	AT MCCORMICK	
9/19	AT T.W. JOSEY, GA	
9/26	AT WILLISTON-ELKO	
10/3	ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON	
10/10	NEWBERRY	
10/17	W J KEENAN	
10/24	AT SWANSEA	
10/31	AT SILVER BLUFF	

W.J. KEENAN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT DREHER	
8/29	PENDLETON	
9/5	AT BATTERY CREEK	
9/12	AT BLYTHEWOOD	
9/19	Orangeburg-Wilkinson	
9/26	CHESTER	
10/3	SWANSEA	
10/10	AT SILVER BLUFF	
10/17	AT FOX CREEK	
10/24	NEWBERRY	

NEWBERRY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT UNION COUNTY	
8/29	MID-CAROLINA	
9/5	AT CLINTON	
9/12	CHAPIN	
9/19	FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
9/26	AT SALUDA	
10/3	SILVER BLUFF	
10/10	AT FOX CREEK	
10/24	AT W J KEENAN	
10/31	SWANSEA	

SILVER BLUFF (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	SOUTH AIKEN	
8/29	STROM THURMOND	
9/5	AT HAMPTON COUNTY	
9/12	BLACKVILLE-HILDA	
9/19	LINCOLN COUNTY, GA	
9/26	AT BARNWELL	
10/3	AT NEWBERRY	
10/10	W J KEENAN	
10/17	AT SWANSEA	
10/31	FOX CREEK	

SWANSEA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	MID-CAROLINA	
8/29	AT DENMARK-OLAR	
9/5	AT WAGENER-SALLEY	
9/12	PELION	
9/19	AT BARNWELL	
9/26	COLUMBIA	
10/3	AT W J KEENAN	
10/17	SILVER BLUFF	
10/24	FOX CREEK	
10/31	AT NEWBERRY	

REGION 5-AAA

AYNOR (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AIKEN	
8/29	AT ST. JAMES	
9/5	AT SOCASTEE	
9/12	GREEN SEA-FLOYDS	
9/19	AT CONWAY	
10/3	MARLBORO COUNTY	
10/10	DILLON	
10/17	AT WACCAMAW	
10/24	GEORGETOWN	
10/31	AT LORIS	

DILLON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT SCOTLAND, NC	
8/29	SOCASTEE	
9/5	WILSON	
9/12	AT MARION	
9/19	HARTSVILLE	
10/3	LORIS	
10/10	AT AYNOR	
10/17	AT MARLBORO COUNTY	
10/24	WACCAMAW	
10/31	AT GEORETOWN	

GEORGETOWN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	KINGSTREE	
8/29	ANDREWS	
9/5	AT JOHNSONVILLE	
9/12	CARVERS BAY	
9/26	AT MAY RIVER	
10/3	AT WACCAMAW	
10/10	AT MARLBORO COUNTY	
10/17	LORIS	
10/24	AT AYNOR	
10/31	DILLON	

LORIS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT GREEN SEA-FLOYDS	
8/29	AT CONWAY	
9/5	AT SOUTH COLUMBUS, NC	
9/12	NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	
9/26	SOCASTEE	
10/3	AT DILLON	
10/10	AT WACCAMAW	
10/17	AT GEORGETOWN	
10/24	Marlboro County	
10/31	AYNOR	

MARLBORO COUNTY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LAKE MARION	
8/29	AT CHERAW	
9/5	GRAY COLLEGIATE	
9/12	CONWAY	
9/19	AT NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	
10/3	AT AYNOR	
10/10	GEORGETOWN	
10/17	DILLON	
10/24	AT LORIS	
10/31	AT WACCAMAW	

WACCAMAW (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	CARVERS BAY	
8/29	HANNAH-PAMPLICO	
9/12	AT JOHNSONVILLE	
9/19	AT ANDREWS	
9/26	AT R B STALL	
10/3	Georgetown	
10/10	AT LORIS	
10/17	AYNOR	
10/24	AT DILLON	
10/31	MARLBORO COUNTY	

REGION 6-AAA

BATTERY CREEK (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT HILTON HEAD CHRISTIAN	
8/29	JOHN PAUL II	
9/5	W J KEENAN	
9/12	BETHUNE-BOWMAN	
9/19	AT BEAUFORT	
9/26	AT WHALE BRANCH	
10/3	AT NORTH CHARLESTON	
10/17	AT OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE	
10/24	ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON	
10/31	HANAHAN	

HANAHAN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT PHILIP SIMMONS	
8/29	AT WANDO	
9/5	AT BISHOP ENGLAND	
9/12	LUCY BECKHAM	
9/19	TIMBERLAND	
9/26	AT ANDREWS	
10/3	at Oceanside Collegiate	
10/10	ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON	
10/24	NORTH CHARLESTON	
10/31	AT BATTERY CREEK	

NORTH CHARLESTON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT MILITARY MAGNET	
8/29	CROSS	
9/5	AT BAPTIST HILL	
9/12	ST. JOHNS	
9/19	R B STALL	
9/26	TBA	
10/3	BATTERY CREEK	
10/10	OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE	
10/17	AT ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON	
10/24	AT HANAHAN	
10/31	TBA	

OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	IRMO	
8/29	AT CALVARY DAY	
9/5	SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN	
9/12	AT ASHLEY RIDGE	
9/19	DUTCH FORK	
9/26	AT ATLANTIC COLLEGIATE	
10/3	HANAHAN	
10/10	AT NORTH CHARLESTON	
10/17	Battery Creek	
10/31	AT ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON	

OR'BURG-WILKINSON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	ANDERSON CAVALIERS	
8/29	AT HEMINGWAY	
9/5	AIRPORT	
9/12	EDISTO	
9/19	AT W J KEENAN	
10/3	AT FOX CREEK	
10/10	AT HANAHAN	
10/17	NORTH CHARLESTON	
10/24	AT BATTERY CREEK	
10/31	OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE	

REGION 1-AA

BLACKSBURG (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT WARE SHOALS	
8/29	EAST RUTHERFORD, NC	
9/5	AT CHERRYVILLE, NC	
9/12	AT UNION COUNTY	
9/19	CENTRAL	
9/26	GETTYS BROOME	
10/3	CHESNEE	
10/10	AT LANDRUM	
10/24	CLINTON	
10/31	AT LIBERTY	

CHESNEE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	PENDLETON	
8/29	AT GETTYS BROOME	
9/5	AT WALHALLA	
9/12	R-S CENTRAL, NC	
9/19	AT WOODRUFF	
10/3	AT BLACKSBURG	
10/10	AT CLINTON	
10/17	AT LIBERTY	
10/24	CRESCENT	
10/31	LANDRUM	

CLINTON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT WOODRUFF	
8/29	AT LAURENS	
9/5	NEWBERRY	
9/12	CHAPMAN	
9/19	DANIEL	
9/26	AT UNION COUNTY	
10/3	LIBERTY	
10/10	AT CHESNEE	
10/17	LANDRUM	
10/24	AT BLACKSBURG	

LANDRUM (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT WALHALLA	
8/29	BEREA	
9/5	AT WARE SHOALS	
9/12	POLK COUNTY, NC	
9/19	WEST-OAK	

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10/3 BLUE RIDGE
10/10 AT BEREA
10/17 GREER
10/24 AT PICKENS

TRAVELERS REST (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENTS	SCORE
8/22	AT WADE HAMPTON	
8/29	EMERALD	
9/5	AT PALMETTO	
9/19	AT SENECA	
9/26	GREER	
10/3	PENDLETON	
10/10	AT DANIEL	
10/17	BLUE RIDGE	
10/24	AT BEREA	
10/31	PICKENS	

REGION 3-AAAA

A C FLORA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	WESTWOOD	
8/29	CHAPIN	
9/5	AT SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
9/12	AT LAURENS	
9/19	SOUTH POINTE	
9/26	AT YORK	
10/3	LANCASTER	
10/10	AT RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
10/17	AT DREHER	
10/31	CAMDEN	

CAMDEN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	WHITE KNOLL	
8/29	LUGOFF-ELGIN	
9/5	AT HARTSVILLE	
9/12	AT RIDGE VIEW	
9/19	AT RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
9/26	DREHER	
10/3	SOUTH POINTE	
10/17	AT YORK	
10/24	LANCASTER	
10/31	AT A C FLORA	

DREHER (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	W J KEENAN	
8/29	AT CARDINAL NEWMAN	
9/5	LAKEWOOD	
9/12	AT BISHOP ENGLAND	
9/19	YORK	
9/26	AT CAMDEN	
10/3	RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
10/10	LANCASTER	
10/17	A C FLORA	
10/24	AT SOUTH POINTE	

LANCASTER (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	CHESTER	
8/29	INDIANLAND	
9/5	AT ROCK HILL	
9/12	AT FORT MILL	
9/26	RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
10/3	AT A C FLORA	
10/10	AT DREHER	
10/17	SOUTH POINTE	
10/24	AT CAMDEN	
10/31	YORK	

RICHLAND NORTHEAST (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT SPRING VALLEY	
8/29	AT CRESTWOOD	
9/5	AT WESTWOOD	
9/12	NATION FORD	
9/19	CAMDEN	
9/26	AT LANCASTER	
10/3	DREHER	
10/10	A C FLORA	
10/24	AT YORK	
10/31	AT SOUTH POINTE	

SOUTH POINTE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT HOUGH, NC	
8/29	ROCK HILL	
9/5	BALLANTYNE RIDGE, NC	
9/12	NORTHWESTERN	
9/19	AT AC FLORA	
10/3	AT CAMDEN	
10/10	YORK	
10/17	AT LANCASTER	
10/24	DREHER	
10/31	RICHLAND NORTHEAST	

YORK (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	INDIANLAND	
8/29	AT NATION FORD	
9/5	UNION COUNTY	
9/12	AT CLOVER	
9/19	AT DREHER	
9/26	A C FLORA	
10/10	AT SOUTH POINTE	
10/17	CAMDEN	
10/24	RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
10/31	AT LANCASTER	

REGION 5-AAAA

AIKEN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT AYNOR	
8/29	AIRPORT	
9/5	HILTON HEAD	
9/12	LUGOFF-ELGIN	
9/26	AT GILBERT	
10/3	AT NORTH AUGUSTA	
10/10	BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
10/17	MIDLAND VALLEY	
10/24	GRAY COLLEGIATE	
10/31	AT SOUTH AIKEN	

AIRPORT (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	MAY RIVER	
8/29	AT AIKEN	
9/5	AT ORANGEBURG-WILKINSON	
9/12	AT WESTWOOD	
9/26	SOUTH AIKEN	
10/3	MIDLAND VALLEY	
10/10	GRAY COLLEGIATE	
10/17	AT NORTH AUGUSTA	
10/24	AT GILBERT	
10/31	BROOKLAND-CAYCE	

BROOKLAND-CAYCE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	RIVER BLUFF	
9/5	AT WHITE KNOLL	
9/12	MAY RIVER	
9/19	AT SOUTH AIKEN	
9/26	MIDLAND VALLEY	
10/3	GRAY COLLEGIATE	
10/10	AT AIKEN	
10/17	AT GILBERT	
10/24	NORTH AUGUSTA	
10/31	AT AIRPORT	

Gilbert (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LEXINGTON	
8/29	WILSON	
9/12	AT RIVER BLUFF	
9/19	AT NORTH AUGUSTA	
9/26	AIKEN	
10/3	AT SOUTH AIKEN	
10/10	AT MIDLAND VALLEY	
10/17	BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
10/24	AIRPORT	
10/31	AT GRAY COLLEGIATE	

GRAY COLLEGIATE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	JAMES ISLAND	
9/5	AT MARLBORO COUNTY	
9/12	DUTCH FORK	
9/19	AT MIDLAND VALLEY	
9/26	NORTH AUGUSTA	
10/3	AT BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
10/10	AT AIRPORT	
10/17	SOUTH AIKEN	
10/24	AT AIKEN	
10/31	GILBERT	

MIDLAND VALLEY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT J L MANN	
8/29	BLYTHEWOOD	
9/5	AT LEXINGTON	
9/19	GRAY COLLEGIATE	
9/26	AT BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
10/3	AT AIRPORT	
10/10	GILBERT	
10/17	AT AIKEN	
10/24	SOUTH AIKEN	
10/31	NORTH AUGUSTA	

NORTH AUGUSTA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	THOMSON, GA	
8/29	AT LEXINGTON	
9/5	AT SOUTH AIKEN	
9/12	STROM THURMOND	
9/19	GILBERT	
9/26	AT GRAY COLLEGIATE	
10/3	AIKEN	
10/17	AIRPORT	
10/24	AT BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
10/31	AT MIDLAND VALLEY	

SOUTH AIKEN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT SILVER BLUFF	
8/29	LAKESIDE, GA	
9/5	NORTH AUGUSTA	
9/12	BARNWELL	
9/19	BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
9/26	AT AIRPORT	
10/3	GILBERT	
10/17	AT GRAY COLLEGIATE	
10/24	AT MIDLAND VALLEY	
10/31	AIKEN	

REGION 5-AAAA

CRESTWOOD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	MANNING	
8/29	AT RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
9/5	AT KINGSTREE	
9/12	AT SUMTER	
9/19	AT SOUTH FLORENCE	
9/26	AT LOWER RICHLAND	
10/3	WILSON	
10/10	AT HARTSVILLE	
10/24	DARLINGTON	
10/31	LAKEWOOD	

DARLINGTON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LAMAR	
8/29	AT NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	
9/5	AT LUGOFF-ELGIN	
9/12	CHERAW	
9/19	LOWER RICHLAND	
9/26	AT LAKEWOOD	
10/3	SOUTH FLORENCE	
10/17	HARTSVILLE	
10/24	AT CRESTWOOD	
10/31	AT WILSON	

HARTSVILLE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	AT CAROLINA FOREST	
9/5	CAMDEN	
9/12	ROCK HILL	
9/19	AT DILLON	
9/26	WILSON	
10/3	AT LOWER RICHLAND	
10/10	CRESTWOOD	
10/17	AT DARLINGTON	
10/24	LAKEWOOD	
10/31	AT SOUTH FLORENCE	

LAKEWOOD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	SUMTER	
8/29	WESTWOOD	
9/5	AT DREHER	
9/12	EAST CLARENDON	
9/19	WILSON	
9/26	DARLINGTON	
10/3	AT SOUTH FLORENCE	
10/10	AT SOUTH FLORENCE	
10/17	LOWER RICHLAND	
10/24	AT HARTSVILLE	
10/31	AT CRESTWOOD	

LOWER RICHLAND (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT LUGOFF-ELGIN	
8/29	SPRING VALLEY	
9/5	AT COLLETON COUNTY	
9/12	BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	
9/19	AT DARLINGTON	
9/26	CRESTWOOD	
10/3	HARTSVILLE	
10/10	AT WILSON	
10/17	AT LAKEWOOD	
10/24	SOUTH FLORENCE	

SOUTH FLORENCE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT WEST FLORENCE	
8/29	SUMMERVILLE	
9/5	NORTHWESTERN	
9/12	AT FORT DORCHESTER	
9/19	CRESTWOOD	
10/3	AT DARLINGTON	
10/10	LAKEWOOD	
10/17	AT WILSON	
10/24	AT LOWER RICHLAND	
10/31	HARTSVILLE	

WILSON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CONWAY	
8/29	AT GILBERT	
9/5	AT DILLON	
9/12	WEST FLORENCE	
9/19	AT LAKEWOOD	
9/26	AT HARTSVILLE	
10/3	AT CRESTWOOD	
10/10	LOWER RICHLAND	
10/17	SOUTH FLORENCE	
10/31	DARLINGTON	

REGION 6-AAAA

BEAUFORT (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	FORT DORCHESTER	
8/29	AT GREENWOOD	
9/5	PHILIP SIMMONS	
9/12	AT GOOSE CREEK	
9/19	BATTERY CREEK	
10/3	AT BLUFFTON	
10/10	COLLETON COUNTY	
10/17	AT BISHOP ENGLAND	
10/24	MAY RIVER	
10/31	AT HILTON HEAD	

BISHOP ENGLAND (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	ST. JOHNS	
9/5	HANAHAN	
9/12	DREHER	
9/19	AT PORTER-GAUD	
9/26	WOODLAND	
10/3	AT HILTON HEAD	
10/10	AT MAY RIVER	
10/17	BEAUFORT	
10/24	AT BLUFFTON	
10/31	COLLETON COUNTY	

BLUFFTON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT WHALE BRANCH	
8/29	ANDREW JACKSON	
9/5	SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY	
9/12	AT HAMPTON COUNTY	
9/19	AT LUCY BECKHAM	
9/26	AT HILTON HEAD	
10/3	BEAUFORT	
10/17	AT COLLETON COUNTY	
10/24	BISHOP ENGLAND	
10/31	May River	

COLLETON COUNTY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	HAMPTON COUNTY	
8/29	AT WOODLAND	
9/5	LOWER RICHLAND	
9/12	R B STALL	
9/26	AT STRATFORD	
10/3	AT MAY RIVER	
10/10	AT BEAUFORT	
10/17	BLUFFTON	
10/24	AT HILTON HEAD	
10/31	AT BISHOP ENDLAND	

HILTON HEAD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	R B STALL	
8/29	AT JAMES ISLAND	
9/5	AT AIKEN	
9/12	HARDEEVILLE	
9/19	AT HAMPTON COUNTY	
9/26	BLUFFTON	
10/3	BISHOP ENGLAND	
10/17	AT MAY RIVER	
10/24	AT COLLETON COUNTY	
10/31	BEAUFORT	

MAY RIVER (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT AIRPORT	
8/29	WEST ASHLEY	
9/5	AT LAKE CITY	
9/12	AT BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
9/26	GEORGETOWN	
10/3	COLLETON COUNTY	
10/10	BISHOP ENGLAND	
10/17	HILTON HEAD	
10/24	AT BEAUFORT	
10/31	AT BLUFFTON	

REGION 1-AAA

BELTON-HONEA PATH (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT GETTYS BROOME	
8/29	GREER	
9/5	AT LAURENS	
9/12	WESTSIDE	
9/19	PALMETTO	
9/26	AT CHAPMAN	
10/3	WEST-OAK	
10/17	AT CRESCENT	
10/24	PENDLETON	
10/31	AT WALHALLA	

CRESCENT (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT SALUDA	
8/29	PALMETTO	
9/12	AT MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	
9/19	AT NINETY-SIX	
9/26	LIBERTY	
10/3	WALHALLA	
10/10	AT WEST-OAK	
10/17	BELTON-HONEA PATH	
10/24	AT CHESNEE	
10/31	AT PENDLETON	

PENDLETON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CHESNEE	
8/29	AT W J KEENAN	
9/5	WOODMONT	
9/12	POWDERSVILLE	
9/26	CAROLINA	
10/3	AT TRAVELERS REST	
10/10	AT WALHALLA	
10/17	WEST-OAK	
10/24	AT BELTON-HONEA PATH	
10/31	CRESCENT	

WALHALLA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LANDRUM	

LAURENCE MANNING ACADEMY SWAMPCATS

Laurence Manning begins Noonan era with win

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Manning – The **Laurence Manning Academy** football team picked up a 37-0 victory over **John Paul II** on August 22 at **Billy Chitwood Field** in its first game under the guidance of head coach **Jimmy Noonan**.

So how did the veteran head coach rate the Swampcats' performance?

"We got off to a bit of a slow start, but we finally put some things together," said Noonan, whose team only led 8-0 after one quarter before expanding the advantage to 30-0 at halftime. "Big plays were escaping us, but we continued to play good defense.

"The offense is far from fine-tuned. We had pretty good offensive numbers but we also had over 100 yards in penalties, some where we had points taken off the board. You can't be having that."

Laurence Manning had 465 yards of total offense, 309 coming via the passing game and 156 on the ground. However, there were 95 yards in penalties.

Junior quarterback **Grainger Powell** paced the Swampcat offense, completing 12 of 15 passes, three of them for touchdowns. He accounted for all of the passing yards.

Noonan only has one complaint in regards to Powell.

"He;s the leader of this team, but he's a quiet leader. I wish he was a little more boisterous at times," Noonan said of Powell, who completed 145 of 249 passes for 2,242 yards and 18 touchdowns last season. "He's embraced the offensive philosophy and is showing a lot f consistency inn what we're doing with terminology. His execution of the offense has been good."

Powell spread the wealth, completing passes to five different receiver. Sophomore wide receiver **Scoop Dennis** was his favorite one, connecting with him four times for 121 yards and two touchdowns. He had 37 catches for 478 yards and six touchdowns last season.

Junior tight end **Asher Sanders** had three catches for 44 yards, sophomore wide receiver **Rob Briggs** had two catches for 92 yards and a touchdown, senior wide receiver **Payton Brown** had two catches for 41 yards and senior wide receiver **Zy Dennis** had one catch for 11 yards.

Zy Dennis was the leading rusher thanks to his one run going 50 yards for a score. Sophomore running back **Eli Sandifer** had nine carries for 39 yards while Powell had seven carries for 12 yards. Junior running back **Bryce Grubbs** had a 30-yard run, and junior running back Pierson Gamble had three carries for 23 yards.

Tackle numbers were obviously hard to come by with Laurence Manning shutting down John Paul II with regularity. A trio of linebackers led the way.

Gamble led the way with 6 ½ tackles on four solo stops and five assists. Briggs had five tackles, two tackles for loss and one quarterback sack. Sanders had four tackles, three of them for a loss.

Defensive back Scoop Dennis had an interception he returned for a touchdown, while junior defensive back **Jordyn Hicks** also had an interception. Grubbs had a tackle for loss at linebacker.

Powell is in his second full year as a starter behind center after doing it parttime as a freshman. The starting running backs are Sandifer and Gamble with Scoop Dennis and Brown listed as the wide receivers. Sanders is the regular tight end.

The offensive line has junior **Tristan White** (6-feet-2-inches, 270 pounds) at left tackle, junior **Eli Gamble** (6-1, 170) at right tackle, junior **Bryson Pepper** (5-6, 170) at right guard, sophomore **Cody Taylor** (6-0, 202) at left guard and senior **Kib Newman** (5-11, 207) at center.

The Swampcats obviously don't have a lot of size up front and are a work in progress, according to Noonan.

"It's headed in the right direction," he said. "We've still got a little ways to go. They've got to get where they're playing together better as a unit."

The Swampcats are using a 3-man front on defense. White and Pepper are manning two of the spots with senior **Ray Weston** at the other. Briggs, Sanders and Pierson Gamble are the starting linebackers along with senior **Peyton McGee**.

The Dennis brothers are two of the starters in the secondary. The other two are senior **Shawn Thomas Moore** and junior **Jackson Timmons**.

"We are playing good defense," Noonan said. "We're going to see a lot of strong offenses down the road, so we've got to continue to improve. They've bought into the scheme. We're not the biggest, but we're moving pretty well, running to the football. It feels good early in the season defensively."

Sophomore **Daniel Vargas** will be handling both the placekicking and punting duties.

Laurence Manning dives into SCISA AAAA play by traveling to **Columbia** to face **Heathwood Hall** on August 29. Noonan said the Swampcats need to continue to put forth the same effort.

"We played with heart and we played with enthusiasm," he said. "We played well together, and I was pleased with overall effort. Every coach preaches the same thing, getting off on the right foot. The early success justifies the work they did in the offseason, especially when there was so much change.

"You want the kids to maximize their potential," Noonan added. "You still might have some discord with who the new coach is, and the players are still acquainting themselves with me. I'm still acquainting myself with SCISA. We are able to hold our heads high with the effort that is being given. But there is still plenty for us to work on."

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MANNING HIGH SCHOOL MONARCHS

Manning looks to maintain last year's success

By Dennis Brunson
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Manning – When you lose 27 seniors from a high school football team, let alone a AA school, and some of your top players are among that group, adjustments are going to have to be made. And that's what **Manning** is doing.

The Monarchs didn't get off to the best of starts, falling to **Crestwood** 48-14 in the season opener on August 22 at CHS' new on campus facility, **Knight Stadium**. However, there was no panic in the eyes or voice of **Reggie Kennedy**, the Monarchs' veteran head coach.

"We're not going to see a defensive front like the one we saw tonight," Kennedy said of Crestwood, which is a AAAA school. "That front seven for them was really good. The linebackers can run, they were strong, hit the point of attack real well, had some big bodies on the line. We did a pretty good job of controlling the line of scrimmage for most of the night, though. I feel real good, believe it or not. There's a lot of positives for the first time out."

Manning is trying to find a way to make do without **Ja'Rae Mitchell**, a 2-year starter at quarterback, and big play producer **Jeffery Ceasar**. Ceasar was selected as the Region 7 Player of the Year, and he had a tremendous season on offense, defense and special teams.

As a wide receiver, Ceasar had 39 catches for 530 yards and a 13.6 per-catch average. Six of his

catches went for touchdowns and he also had four catches for 2-point conversions. He had 10 carries for 38 yards and two touchdowns.

As a cornerback, Ceasar had seven interceptions, returning two of them for touchdowns, and 172

return yards. He had 41 tackles, three tackles for a loss, seven pass deflections, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

On special teams, Ceasar averaged 34.1 yards on 14 kickoff returns, taking three of them back for

touchdowns. Ceasar returned four punts for scores, giving him seven TD returns total. He had 309 yards on eight punt returns for a 38.6 average.

Ceasar scored touchdowns five different ways – on a run, on a catch, on an interception, on a punt return and on a kickoff return – to finish with 17 touchdowns.

Lovell Stevenson made his first start at quarterback and connected with wide receiver **CJ Robinson** for a couple of long touchdown passes. Kennedy hopes that is a sign of things to come.

"He didn't hurt us," Kennedy said of Stevenson, who completed 6 of 16 passes for 165 yards and the two TD passes to Robinson, who had three caches for 109 yards. "For his first game at quarterback and the kicking duties (Stevenson is the punter and placekicker), I thought he did a pretty good job. I could rate him a little bit higher I we would have won the game."

Jordyn Thompson will be another receiving target. Manning played the game without its leading rusher on offense and one of its top performers on defense in senior **Jontavious Canty**. The running back/linebacker has a dislocated hip. He will miss at least all of the Monarchs' non-region schedule.

Canty had 97 tackles, two quarterback sacks, a defensive touchdown and 11 ½ tackles for a loss. Canty picked up 769 yards and nine touchdowns on 112 carries.

The Monarchs return six starters on offense and four of them are on the offensive line. Manning has both of its tackles back with **Isaiah Hamilton** return-

Wide Receiver CJ Robinson

ing on the left side and **Jeremiah Dingle** on the right. Hamilton is a 6-foot-4-inch, 275-pound rising junior while Dingle is a 6-2, 275-pound senior.

Ethan Canty returns as the left guard while **Semja Bush-Rankins** will again be the center.

"We're going to work to run the football," Kennedy said. "I thought our offensive line did a pretty good job overall.

Lovon Stevenson, Lovell's brother, moved to running back after Canty's injury. He was having a good game before being ejected from the game in the second quarter for a pair of unsportsmanlike conduct penalties. He had five carries for 37 yards. Lovon as supposed to be the tight end.

Defensively, the Monarchs have five starters returning, but they will be breaking in a lot of new players. Jontavious Canty and his twin brother, **Dontavious Canty**, return at linebacker alongside **Daniel Robinson** and **Ethan Lowder**. **Ethan Morales** and **Meltwan Smith** will be counted on to shore up the defensive front after the loss of Shrine Bowler **Jalynn Coard** and **Tyler Green**.

CJ Robinson and Thompson will again be starting in the secondary.

The Monarchs made it to the lower state championship game and finished with an 11-2 record. They went undefeated at 6-0 in winning the region title. The other teams in the region are **East Clarendon**, **Kingstree**, **Lake City**, **Marion**, **Mullins** and **Atlantic Collegiate Academy**.

Kennedy expects things to be a little bit better when the Monarchs travel down **U.S Highway 301** 10 miles to **Summerton** to face off against fellow **Clarendon County School District** school **Scott's Branch** on August 29

"I did see some bright spots too," he siad. "We got down in the red zone (inside the Crestwood 20-yard line) early twice. One we turned the football over on four downs, then we get it again and we have a mental breakdown, got about 45 yards in penalties. It took us way back. You can't do that against a good football team.

"It's a learning curve and we've just got to work through it. This game is going to make us a better football team."

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2025 SCHSL Football Schedules

SUMTER (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT LAKEWOOD	
8/29	WHITE KNOLL	
9/5	AT MYRTLE BEACH	
9/12	CRESTWOOD	
9/19	SPRING VALLEY	
9/26	AT LUGOFF-ELGIN	
10/3	WEST FLORENCE	
10/17	AT BLYTHEWOOD	
10/24	RIDGE VIEW	
10/31	AT WESTWOOD	

WESTWOOD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT A C FLORA	
8/29	AT LAKEWOOD	
9/5	RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
9/12	AIRPORT	
9/19	AT BLYTHEWOOD	
9/26	RIDGE VIEW	
10/10	AT SPRING VALLEY	
10/17	LUGOFF-ELGIN	
10/24	AT WEST FLORENCE	
10/31	SUMTER	

WEST FLORENCE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	SOUTH FLORENCE	
8/29	MYRTLE BEACH	
9/5	AT MARION	
9/12	AT WILSON	
9/19	AT LUGOFF-ELGIN	
10/3	AT SUMTER	
10/10	BLYTHEWOOD	
10/17	AT RIDGE VIEW	
10/24	WESTWOOD	
10/31	AT SPRING VALLEY	

REGION 6-AAAAA

CAROLINA FOREST (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	HARTSVILLE	
9/5	AT NEW HANOVER, NC	
9/12	AT IRMO	
9/19	ASHLEY RIDGE	
9/26	AT SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	
10/3	SOCASTEE	
10/10	ST. JAMES	
10/17	AT NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	
10/24	MYRTLE BEACH	
10/31	AT CONWAY	

CONWAY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	WILSON	
8/29	LORIS	
9/5	AT CHERAW	
9/12	AT MARLBORO COUNTY	
9/19	AYNOR	
10/3	AT NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	
10/10	MYRTLE BEACH	
10/17	AT ST. JAMES	
10/24	AT SOCASTEE	
10/31	CAROLINA FOREST	

MYRTLE BEACH (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT LAKE CITY	
8/29	AT WEST FLORENCE	
9/5	SUMTER	
9/19	IRMO	
9/26	CANE BAY	
10/3	AT ST. JAMES	
10/10	AT CONWAY	
10/17	SOCASTEE	
10/24	AT CAROLINA FOREST	
10/31	NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	

NORTH MYRTLE BEACH (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT GOOSE CREEK	
8/29	DARLINGTON	
9/5	WEST BRUNSWICK, NC	
9/12	AT LORIS	
9/19	MARLBORO COUNTY	
10/3	CONWAY	
10/10	AT SOCASTEE	
10/17	CAROLINA FOREST	
10/24	ST. JAMES	
10/31	AT MYRTLE BEACH	

SOCASTEE *(0-0)*

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT WANDO	
8/29	AT DILLON	
9/5	AYNOR	
9/12	STRATFORD	
9/26	AT LORIS	
10/3	AT CAROLINA FOREST	
10/10	NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	
10/17	AT MYRTLE BEACH	
10/24	CONWAY	
10/31	ST. JAMES	

ST JAMES(0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	AYNOR	
9/5	AT LUCY BECKHAM	
9/12	AT WANDO	
9/19	JAMES ISLAND	
9/26	BERKELEY	
10/3	MYRTLE BEACH	
10/10	AT CAROLINA FOREST	
10/17	CONWAY	
10/24	AT NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	
10/31	AT SOCASTEE	

REGION 7-AAAAA

BERKELEY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	at ASHLEY RIDGE	
8/29	WINTER PARK, FLA	
9/5	AT SUMMERVILLE	
9/12	WEST ASHLEY	
9/26	AT ST. JAMES	
10/3	AT STRATFORD	
10/10	AT GOOSE CREEK	
10/17	WANDO	
10/24	LUCY BECKHAM	
10/31	CANE BAY	

CANE BAY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	AT ASHLEY RIDGE	
9/5	WEST ASHLEY	
9/12	AT JAMES ISLAND	
9/19	WHITE KNOLL	
9/26	AT MYRTLE BEACH	
10/3	LUCY BECKHAM	
10/10	WANDO	
10/17	AT STRATFORD	
10/24	GOOSE CREEK	
10/31	BERKELEY	

GOOSE CREEK (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	
8/29	AT FORT DORCHESTER	
9/5	JAMES ISLAND	
9/12	BEAUFORT	
9/26	AT SUMMERVILLE	
10/3	AT WANDO	
10/10	BERKELEY	
10/17	AT LUCY BECKHAM	
10/24	AT CANE BAY	
10/31	STRATFORD	

LUCY BECKHAM (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT WEST ASHLEY	
8/29	PHILIP SIMMONS	
9/5	ST.JAMES	
9/12	AT HANAHAN	
9/19	BLUFFTON	
10/3	AT CANE BAY	
10/10	STRATFORD	
10/17	GOOSE CREEK	
10/24	AT BERKELEY	
10/31	WANDO	

STRATFORD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT SUMMERVILLE	
8/29	DANIEL	
9/5	FORT DORCHESTER	
9/12	AT SOCASTEE	
9/26	COLLETON COUNTY	
10/3	BERKELEY	
10/10	AT LUCY BECKHAM	
10/17	CANE BAY	
10/24	AT WANDO	
10/31	AT GOOSE CREEK	

WANDO (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	SOCASTEE	
8/29	AT HANAHAN	
9/5	ASHLEY RIDGE	
9/12	ST. JAMES	
9/19	AT WEST ASHLEY	
10/3	GOOSE CREEK	
10/10	AT CANE BAY	
10/17	AT BERKELEY	
10/24	STRATFORD	
10/31	AT LUCY BECKHAM	

REGION 8-AAAAA

ASHLEY RIDGE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BERKELEY	
8/29	CANE BAY	
9/5	AT WANDO	
9/12	OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE	
9/19	AT CAROLINA FOREST	
10/3	AT FORT DORCHESTER	
10/10	AT R B STALL	
10/17	AT SUMMERVILLE	
10/24	AT JAMES ISLAND	
10/31	AT WEST ASHLEY	

FORT DORCHESTER(0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT BEAUFORT	
8/29	GOOSE CREEK	
9/5	AT STRATFORD	
9/12	SOUTH FLORENCE	
9/26	WHITE KNOLL	
10/3	ASHLEY RIDGE	
10/10	AT WEST ASHLEY	
10/17	AT JAMES ISLAND	
10/24	R B STALL	
10/31	AT SUMMERVILLE	

JAMES ISLAND (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	GRAY COLLEGIATE	
8/29	HILTON HEAD	
9/5	AT GOOSE CREEK	
9/12	CANE BAY	
9/19	AT ST JAMES	
10/3	WEST ASHLEY	
10/10	AT SUMMERVILLE	
10/17	FORT DORCHESTER	
10/24	AT ASHLEY RIDGE	
10/31	AT R B STALL	

R B STALL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT HILTON HEAD	
9/5	AT ACADEMIC MAGNET	
9/12	AT COLLETON COUNTY	
9/19	AT NORTH CHARLESTON	
9/26	WACCAMAW	
10/3	AT SUMMERVILLE	
10/10	ASHLEY RIDGE	
10/17	WEST ASHLEY	
10/24	AT FORT DORCHESTER	
10/31	JAMES ISLAND	

SUMMERVILLE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	STRATFORD	
8/29	AT SOUTH FLORENCE	
9/5	BERKELEY	
9/19	AT CHAPIN	
9/26	GOOSE CREEK	
10/3	R B Stall	
10/10	AT JAMES ISLAND	
10/17	Ashley Ridge	
10/24	AT WEST ASHLEY	
10/31	FORT DORCHESTER	

WEST ASHLEY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LUCY BECKHAM	
8/29	AT MAY RIVER	
9/5	AT CANE BAY	
9/12	AT BERKELEY	
9/19	WANDO	
10/3	AT JAMES ISLAND	
10/10	FORT DORCHESTER	
10/17	AT R B STALL	
10/24	SUMMERVILLE	
10/31	ASHLEY RIDGE	

REGION 1-AAAA

EMERALD(0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	NINETY-SIX	
8/29	AT TRAVELERS REST	
9/5	WOODRUFF	
9/12	AT GETTYS BROOME	
9/19	STROM THURMOND	
10/3	AT WREN	
10/10	AT WESTSIDE	
10/17	SOUTHSIDE	
10/24	FOUNTAIN INN	
10/31	AT LAURENS	

FOUNTAIN INN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT LIBERTY	
8/29	AT WOODRUFF	
9/5	MAULDIN	
9/12	AT CAROLINA	
9/19	ST. JOSEPH	
10/3	LAURENS	
10/10	AT WREN	
10/17	WESTSIDE	
10/24	AT EMERALD	
10/31	SOUTHSIDE	

LAURENS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT HILLCREST	
8/29	CLINTON	
9/5	BELTON-HONEA PATH	
9/12	A C FLORA	
9/26	AT LEXINGTON	
10/3	AT FOUNTAIN INN	
10/10	AT SOUTHSIDE	
10/17	WREN	
10/24	AT WESTSIDE	
10/31	EMERALD	

SOUTHSIDE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT EASTSIDE	
8/29	LIBERTY	
9/5	AT DIXIE	
9/12	AT BEREA	
9/19	CAROLINA	
10/3	WESTSIDE	
10/10	LAURENS	
10/17	AT EMERALD	
10/24	WREN	
10/31	AT FOUNTAIN INN	

WESTSIDE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/23	AT CREEKSIDE, GA	
9/5	T L HANNA	
9/12	AT BELTON-HONEA PATH	
9/19	AT PRINCE AVENUE CHRISTIAN	
9/26	ABBEVILLE	
10/3	AT SOUTHSIDE	
10/10	EMERALD	
10/17	AT FOUNTAIN INN	
10/24	LAURENS	
10/31	AT WREN	

WREN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT PALMETTO	
8/29	EASLEY	
9/5	AT POWDERSVILLE	
9/12	AT T L HANNA	
9/26	WOODRUFF	
10/3	EMERALD	
10/10	FOUNTAIN INN	
10/17	AT LAURENS	
10/24	AT SOUTHSIDE	
10/31	WESTSIDE	

REGION 2-AAAA

BEREA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	AT LANDRUM	
9/5	CAROLINA	
9/12	SOUTHSIDE	
9/19	AT GREER	
9/26	PICKENS	
10/3	AT DANIEL	
10/10	SENECA	
10/17	AT WALHALLA	
10/24	TRAVELERS REST	
10/31	AT BLUE RIDGE	

BLUE RIDGE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	AT WADE HAMPTON	
9/5	POLK COUNTY, NC	
9/12	EASTSIDE	
9/19	AT PICKENS	
9/26	AT LANDRUM	
10/3	AT SENECA	
10/10	GREER	
10/17	AT TRAVELERS REST	
10/24	DANIEL	
10/31	BEREA	

DANIEL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CHAPMAN	
8/29	AT STRATFORD	
9/5	J L MANN	
9/19	AT CLINTON	
9/26	SENECA	
10/3	BEREA	
10/10	PICKENS	
10/17	AT TRAVELERS REST	
10/24	AT BLUE RIDGE	
10/31	AT GREER	

GREER (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BOILING SPRINGS	
8/29	AT BELTON-HONEA PATH	
9/5	AT HILLCREST	
9/12	AT JAMES F. BYRNES	
9/19	BEREA	
9/26	AT TRAVELERS REST	
10/3	PICKENS	
10/10	AT BLUE RIDGE	
10/17	AT SENECA	
10/31	DANIEL	

PICKENS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT EASLEY	
8/29	WALHALLA	
9/5	LIBERTY	
9/12	AT ST. JOSEPH	
9/19	BLUE RIGE	
9/26	AT BEREA	
10/3	AT GREER	
10/17	DANIEL	
10/24	SENECA	
10/31	AT TRAVELERS REST	

SENECA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT POWDERSVILLE	
8/29	WOODMONT	
9/5	AT WEST-OAK	
9/12	WALHALLA	
9/19	TRAVELERS REST	
9/26	AT DANIEL	

2025 SCHSL Football Schedules

REGION 1-AAAAA

EASLEY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	PICKENS	
8/29	AT WREN	
9/5	WADE HAMPTON	
9/19	AT J L MANN	
9/26	AT WOODMONT	
10/3	GREENVILLE	
10/10	AT MAULDIN	
10/17	HILLCREST	
10/24	AT T L HANNA	
10/31	GREENWOOD	

GREENVILLE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	DORMAN	
8/29	AT RIVERSIDE	
9/5	GAFFNEY	
9/19	AT WOODMONT	
9/26	J L MANN	
10/3	AT EASLEY	
10/10	AT GREENWOOD	
10/17	MAULDIN	
10/24	AT HILLCREST	
10/31	T L HANNA	

GREENWOOD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	BEAUFORT	
9/5	AT DORMAN	
9/12	LEXINGTON	
9/19	AT T L HANNA	
9/26	HILLCREST	
10/3	AT MAULDIN	
10/10	GREENVILLE	
10/17	AT WOODMONT	
10/24	J L MANN	
10/31	EASLEY	

Hillcrest (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LAURENS	
8/29	AT CLOVER	
9/5	GREER	
9/19	AT MAULDIN	
9/26	AT GREENWOOD	
10/3	T L HANNA	
10/10	J L MANN	
10/17	AT EASLEY	
10/24	GREENVILLE	
10/31	AT WOODMONT	

J L Mann (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	MIDLAND VALLEY	
8/29	AT GAFFNEY	
9/5	AT DANIEL	
9/19	EASLEY	
9/26	AT GREENVILLE	
10/3	WOODMONT	
10/10	AT HILLCREST	
10/17	T L HANNA	
10/24	AT GREENWOOD	
10/31	MAULDIN	

MAULDIN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT RIVERSIDE	
8/29	BOILING SPRINGS	
9/5	AT FOUNTAIN INN	
9/19	HILLCREST	
9/26	AT T L HANNA	
10/3	GREENWOOD	
10/10	EASLEY	
10/17	AT GREENVILLE	
10/24	WOODMONT	
10/31	AT J L MANN	

T L HANNA (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT JAMES F. BYRNES	
9/5	AT WESTSIDE	
9/12	WREN	
9/19	GREENWOOD	
9/26	MAULDIN	
10/3	AT HILLCREST	
10/10	WOODMONT	
10/17	AT J L MANN	
10/24	EASLEY	
10/31	AT GREENVILLE	

WOODMONT (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/29	AT SENECA	
9/5	AT PENDLETON	
9/12	WOODRUFF	
9/19	GREENVILLE	
9/26	EASLEY	
10/3	AT J L MANN	
10/10	AT T L HANNA	
10/17	GREENWOOD	
10/24	AT MAULDIN	
10/31	HILLCRESS	

REGION 2-AAAAA

BOILING SPRINGS (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT GREER	
8/29	AT MAULDIN	
9/5	CHAPMAN	
9/19	AT GAFFNEY	
9/26	EASTSIDE	
10/3	AT DORMAN	
10/10	WADE HAMPTON	
10/17	SPARTANBURG	
10/24	AT RIVERSIDE	
10/31	JAMES F. BYRNES	

JAMES F. BYRNES (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	T L HANNA	
8/29	IRMO	
9/12	AT GREER	
9/19	WADE HAMPTON	
9/26	DORMAN	
10/3	AT RIVERSIDE	
10/10	AT GAFFNEY	
10/17	EASTSIDE	
10/24	SPARTANBURG	
10/31	AT BOILING SPRINGS	

DORMAN (0-0)

DATE	OPONENTSCORE
8/22	AT GREENVILLE
8/29	GRAYSON, GA
9/5	GREENWOOD
9/19	RIVERSIDE
9/26	AT JAMES F. BYRNES
10/3	BOILING SPRINGS
10/10	AT SPARTANBURG
10/17	AT WADE HAMPTON
10/24	GAFFNEY
10/31	AT EASTSIDE

EASTSIDE(0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	SOUTHSIDE	
8/29	AT CAROLINA	
9/12	AT BLUE RIDGE	
9/19	SPARTANBURG	
9/26	AT BOILING SPRINGS	
10/3	GAFFNEY	
10/10	AT RIVERSIDE	
10/17	AT JAMES F. BYRNES	
10/24	WADE HAMPTON	
10/31	DORMAN	

GAFFNEY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	INDEPENDENCE, NC	
8/29	J L MANN	
9/5	AT GREENVILLE	
9/19	BOILING SPRINGS	
9/26	AT SPARTANBURG	
10/3	AT EASTSIDE	
10/10	JAMES F. BYRNES	
10/17	RIVERSIDE	
10/24	AT DORMAN	
10/31	WADE HAMPTON	

RIVERSIDE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	MAULDIN	
8/29	GREENVILLE	
9/5	AT CHRIST CHURCH	
9/19	AT DORMAN	
9/26	AT WADE HAMPTON	
10/3	JAMES F. BYRNES	
10/10	EASTSIDE	
10/17	AT GAFFNEY	
10/24	BOILING SPRINGS	
10/31	AT SPARTANBURG	

SPARTANBURG (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	NORTHWESTERN	
8/29	AT DUTCH FORK	
9/5	GETTYS BROOME	
9/19	AT EASTSIDE	
9/26	GAFFNEY	
10/3	AT WADE HAMPTON	
10/10	DORMAN	
10/17	AT BOILING SPRINGS	
10/24	AT JAMES F. BYRNES	
10/31	RIVERSIDE	

WADE HAMPTON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	TRAVELERS REST	
8/29	BLUE RIDGE	
9/5	AT EASLEY	
9/19	AT JAMES F. BYRNES	
9/26	RIVERSIDE	
10/3	SPARTANBURG	
10/10	AT BOILING SPRINGS	
10/17	DORMAN	
10/24	AT EASTSIDE	
10/31	AT GAFFNEY	

REGION 3-AAAAA

CATAWBA RIDGE (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CHAPIN	
8/29	EAST GASTON	
9/5	CHESTER	
9/12	AT SPRING VALLEY	
9/19	FORT MILL	
9/26	AT NORTHWESTERN	
10/10	INDIANLAND	
10/17	AT NATION FORD	
10/24	ROCK HILL	
10/31	AT CLOVER	

CLOVER (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CHAMBERS, NC	
8/29	HILLCREST	
9/5	AT PALISADES, NC	
9/12	YORK	
9/19	AT ROCK HILL	
9/26	AT FORT MILL	
10/3	NORTHWESTERN	
10/17	AT INDIANLAND	
10/24	NATION FORD	
10/31	CATAWBA RIDGE	

FORT MILL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BALLANTYNE, NC	
8/29	AT CHESTER	
9/5	AT BLYTHEWOOD	
9/12	LANCASTER	
9/19	AT CATAWBA RIDGE	
9/26	CLOVER	
10/3	AT ROCK HILL	
10/10	AT NORTHWESTERN	
10/24	INDIANLAND	
10/31	NATION FORD	

INDIANLAND (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT YORK	
8/29	AT LANCASTER	
9/5	ANDREW JACKSON	
9/19	AT MARVIN RIDGE, NC	
9/26	ROCK HILL	
10/3	NATION FORD	
10/10	AT CATAWBA RIDGE	
10/17	CLOVER	
10/24	AT FORT MILL	
10/31	AT NORTHWESTERN	

NATION FORD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	BLYTHEWOOD	
8/29	YORK	
9/5	AT RIVER BLUFF	
9/12	AT RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
9/19	NORTHWESTERN	
10/3	AT INDIANLAND	
10/10	ROCK HILL	
10/17	CATAWBA RIDGE	
10/24	AT CLOVER	
10/31	AT FORT MILL	

NORTHWESTERN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT SPARTANBURG	
8/29	RIDGE VIEW	
9/5	AT SOUTH FLORENCE	
9/12	SOUTH POINTE	
9/19	AT NATION FORD	
9/26	CATAWBA RIDGE	
10/3	AT CLOVER	
10/10	FORT MILL	
10/17	AT ROCK HILL	
10/31	INDIANLAND	

ROCK HILL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	RIVER BLUFF	
8/29	AT SOUTH POINTE	
9/5	LANCASTER	
9/12	AT HARTSVILLE	
9/19	CLOVER	
9/26	AT INDIANLAND	
10/3	FORT MILL	
10/10	AT NATION FORD	
10/17	NORTHWESTERN	
10/24	AT CATAWBA RIDGE	

REGION 4-AAAAA

CHAPIN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	CATAWBA RIDGE	
8/29	AT A C FLORA	
9/5	SPRING VALLEY	
9/12	AT NEWBERRY	
9/19	SUMMERVILLE	
10/3	AT DUTCH FORK	
10/10	AT LEXINGTON	
10/17	RIVER BLUFF	
10/24	IRMO	
10/31	AT WHITE KNOLL	

DUTCH FORK (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	TBA	
8/29	SPARTANBURG	
9/5	RIDGE VIEW	
9/12	AT GRAY COLLEGIATE	
9/19	AT OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE	
9/26	TBA	
10/3	CHAPIN	
10/10	AT WHITE KNOLL	
10/17	LEXINGTON	
10/24	RIVER BLUFF	
10/31	AT IRMO	

IRMO (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE	
8/29	AT JAMES F. BYRNES	
9/5	BUTLER, NC	
9/12	CAROLINA FOREST	
9/19	AT MYRTLE BEACH	
10/3	AT LEXINGTON	
10/10	AT RIVER BLUFF	
10/17	WHITE KNOLL	
10/24	AT CHAPIN	
10/31	DUTCH FORK	

LEXINGTON (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT GILBERT	
8/29	NORTH AUGUSTA	
9/5	MIDLAND VALLEY	
9/12	AT GREENWOOD	
9/26	LAURENS	
10/3	IRMO	
10/10	CHAPIN	
10/17	AT DUTCH FORK	
10/24	WHITE KNOLL	
10/31	AT RIVER BLUFF	

RIVER BLUFF (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT ROCK HILL	
8/29	AT BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
9/5	NATION FORD	
9/12	GILBERT	
9/19	AT CHERAW	
10/3	AT WHITE KNOLL	
10/10	IRMO	
10/17	AT CHAPIN	
10/24	AT DUTCH FORK	
10/31	LEXINGTON	

WHITE KNOLL (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT CAMDEN	
8/29	AT SUMTER	
9/5	BROOKLAND-CAYCE	
9/19	AT CANE BAY	
9/26	AT FORT DORCHESTER	
10/3	RIVER BLUFF	
10/10	DUTCH FORK	
10/17	AT IRMO	
10/24	AT LEXINGTON	
10/31	CHAPIN	

REGION 5-AAAAA

BLYTHEWOOD (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	AT NATION FORD	
8/29	AT MIDLAND VALLEY	
9/5	FORT MILL	
9/12	W J KEENAN	
9/19	WESTWOOD	
9/26	AT SPRING VALLEY	
10/3	LUGOFF-ELGIN	
10/10	AT WEST FLORENCE	
10/17	AT SUMTER	
10/31	AT RIDGE VIEW	

LUGOFF-ELGIN (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	LOWER RICHLAND	
8/29	AT CAMDEN	
9/5	DARLINGTON	
9/12	AT AIKEN	
9/19	AT WEST FLORENCE	
9/26	SUMTER	
10/3	AT BLYTHEWOOD	
10/10	RIDGE VIEW	
10/17	AT WESTWOOD	
10/24	SPRING VALLEY	

RIDGE VIEW (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	
8/29	AT NORTHWESTERN	
9/5	AT DUTCH FORK	
9/12	CAMDEN	
9/26	AT WESTWOOD	
10/3	SPRING VALLEY	
10/10	AT LUGOFF-ELGIN	
10/17	WEST FLORENCE	
10/24	AT SUMTER	
10/31	BLYTHEWOOD	

SPRING VALLEY (0-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
8/22	RICHLAND NORTHEAST	
8/29	AT LOWER RICHLAND	
9/5	AT CHAPIN	
9/12	CATAWBA RIDGE	
9/19	AT SUMTER	
9/26	BLYTHEWOOD	
10/3	AT RIDGE VIEW	
10/10	WESTWOOD	
10/24	AT LUGOFF-ELGIN	
10/31	WEST FLORENCE	

East Clarendon looking to overcome early injury

By Dennis Brunson
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Turbeville – The **East Clarendon High School** football team opened its season with an impressive 39-0 home victory over **Scott's Branch** on August 22 at **Shad Hall Field**. However, it came at a high cost.

Takoda Cornelius, the starting quarterback for the past two seasons who was going to be moved around the field this year, broke his leg and suffered a serious ankle injury in the first half. He is out for the remainder of his senior season.

It's a sad situation," said **Larry Cornelius**, the Wolverines' head coach and the father of Takoda. "I feel really bad for him. Unfortunately, that's part of the game. It was tough having to coach the rest of the game with Takoda at the hospital.

"He had lined up at quarterback for one play and threw a touchdown pass to **Crosby Timmons**. The first half was pretty fun up until that point."

East Clarendon is coming off of an 8-4 season in which it reached the second round of the AA state playoffs for the second straight year. With eight starters back on both sides of the ball, expectations were high. Coach Cornelius said that has not changed.

"One kid doesn't define our season," he said. "We're very capable of winning still. It changes some things. He was going to be our gadget guy who any time he touches the ball has a chance to go for a touchdown. We're going to have to play fundamental football to win games."

Sophomore **Gavin White** is the starting quarterback. White completed 8 of 13 passes for 178 yards and two touchdowns.

The Wolverines will be employing a trio of running backs in senior **Tyquan Wilson**, junior **Blease Hardy** and freshman **Skyler Cornelius**, the coach's younger son.

All three were effective against Scott's Branch. Wilson had 11 carries for 51 yards, Hardy had seven carries for 41 yards and a touchdown, and Skyler Cornelius had 37 yards and score on nine carries.

Timmons, a junior, senior **Mike Woods** and freshman **Easton Donlon** are the targets at wide receiver. Sophomore **Jordan Green** had two catches for 77 yards and a touchdown.

Junior **Johnny Boyington** is the tight end.

The Wolverines have all five of their starters back on the offensive line as well as the top two reserves. The line is made up of sophomore **Jesse Floyd** at left tackle, junior **Colten Baker** at center, senior **Xavier Smith** at right guard and junior **Walker Kirby** at right tackle. Junior **Kollin Brown** and freshman Koy **Wright** are splitting time at right guard.

"That's where we're hanging our hat," Coach Cornelius said.

Smith is back to anchor the Wolverines 3-man defensive front at noseguard. Senior **Jaylon Barron** and Floyd are the ends.

Woods is one of the starters at outside linebacker. The other spot is being shared by junior **Ke'Shaun Porter** and senior **Barnes McConnell**. The inside starters at linebacker are senior **Thomas Fitts** and junior **Shamar Graham**.

The secondary has junior **Picasso Brown** and junior **Braylon Brown** at the cornerback slots. Senior **Wesley Springs** is the free safety and Skyler Cornelius will be the strong safety.

Diego Sanchez is the placekicker and booted a 29-yard field goal against Scott's Branch. "Who knows the last time East Clarendon kicked a field goal," Coach Cornelius said with a laugh.

Scott's Branch hopes to continue to make strides

By Dennis Brunson
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Summerton – With 17 of 22 starters retuning from a team that went 4-7 after going winless the year before, there is a lot of optimism surrounding the **Scott's Branch High School** football team.

2025 Scott's Branch Eagles standouts

Eagles head coach **Patrick Fleming** is in his second season as head coach. He is hoping the program continues to take giant strides.

"Consistency is what we're looking for," Fleming said. "We want to get where we are doing the little things right over and over again. We don't want to get complacent, and we want to be even-keeled throughout the grind of the season. Our goal is to win every play, every quarter, every half, every game."

The Eagles return nine starters on offense led by senior quarterback Jaiven Conyers. He threw for 1,165 yards and 13 touchdowns against just four interceptions.

Fleming said Conyers has made great strides from last season.

"He's making the reads a lot quicker, he's a better leader, stronger, faster," he said. "We're expecting a big year out of him. It's more about muscle memory for him now, which is a good thing."

Junior **Ja'Den Dixon** returns at running back, while senior **Christian Green** and juniors **Nyren Bowman** and **Quintin Jackson** are back at wide receiver. Junior **Danny Ragin** (6-feet-2-inches, 245 pounds) will again be the tight end.

There are three starters back on the offensive line in senior **Tyquan Willams** (5-11, 270) at right tackle, senior **Jamauri Calloway** (5-8 250) at right guard and senior **Jaiden Holiday** (5-10, 300) at center. The newcomers to the line are junior **Zion Starks** (6-0, 265) at left tackle and sophomore Sa'Nye Hilton (5-10, 250) at left guard.

Eight starters are back on defense and six of the 11 starters are 1-way players. The 3-man front is made up of Ragin, Holiday and new senior starter **Leander Smith**. Three of the four linebackers are returnees in Dixon, Bowman and senior **Nazaiah Richardson**. The other linebacker is junior **Jamund Bodger**.

The entire secondary returns in the persons of senior **Montrell Sessions**, Jackson, sophomore **Fra'Jon Bennett** and junior **Majestic Hatcher**.

Fleming believes Scott's Branh will be a good defensive unit as the season progresses.

"Those guys are really learning to play defense," Fleming said. "We want to play defense where wer are making the proper reactions."

Smith will be the punter.

The Eagles open the season with a 39-0 loss to **East Clarendon**, a fellow **Clarendon County**

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SUMMERVILLE GREENWAVE

Green Wave remains talented, but young in spots

By Roger Lee
Special to the HSSR

Summerville – The reigning **5A, Division 1 Lower State Campion** has high aspirations, but Summerville isn't without challenges.

"We are pretty talented, but a little inexperienced at a few spots," said **Summerville** coach **Ian Rafferty**. "I feel ok we; we just need to get more live-game reps. The **Dorchester County Showdown** was our first chance to get those. I liked the way we performed during the jamboree, but I would like to see us not turn the ball over in the red zone."

The Showdown at **McKissick Field** Aug. 15 was capped by a two-quarter scrimmage between the **Fort Dorchester** and Summerville varsity teams. The **Green Wave** had a 21-0 lead with just more than four minutes remaining in the final quarter when officials decided to end play due to security reasons related to an off-field incident.

Summerville moved the ball both on the ground and through the air while limiting Fort Dorchester's offensive production.

Junior running back **Jayvyn Williams** scored on runs of 62 yards and 64 yards and senior running back **Cam Grayson** also had some nice runs. Summerville's other touchdown came when defensive back **Jordan Ravenell** intercepted a pass on Fort Dorchester's first possession and returned it approximately 20 yards into the end zone. Summerville kicker **Nate Beaver** hit three extra-point kicks.

Summerville entered Week 0 of its 2025 campaign with a healthy quarterback competition. Senior **Cooper Kafina**, who was the backup QB last season, got the start during the jamboree and led the team to victory. Senior **Max Stafford**, who transferred from **Florida**, also shows promise behind center.

Whoever wins the role will have good help in the backfield. Williams returns after rushing for more than 2,000 yards last season. Also back is senior **KJ Jenkins**, who was injured half of last season but averages approximately five yards per carry. Grayson will split time with them.

Junior receiver **Jaiden Kelly-Murray** is back and coming off a season that saw him finish with more than 75 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards. He also rushed for more than 200 yards and threw for more than 100 yards. Seniors **ZJ Jenkins** and **Kemori DeWeese** also return with a lot of receiving experience.

Sophomore **Teru Davis** and juniors **Devin Garza** and **Raymeire Simmons** will also lineup as receivers. H-backs **Ethan Woods**, a returning junior, and senior **Jack Burnett** are also likely to get some touches

"We will do a lot with our H-backs," Rafferty said.

Summerville was senior heavy in the trenches on both sides of the ball last year, but does have some lettermen returning to the offensive line. Returning starters **Christian Hewett** and **Jahmarion Lott** are guards. Returning letterman **Cameron Thomas** and **Quinn Cook** are tackles. **Nolan Giet** and **Daniel Krantz** are experienced snappers.

The defensive front was hit harder by graduation.

"We are pretty much all new on the defensive line," Rafferty said. "Now at the linebacker positon we pretty much have everybody back."

Photo by Roger Lee
Jayvyn Williams rushed for more than 2,000 yards as a sophomore last year

Sophomore **Demarcus King** started the last six games as a freshman and will slide from outside linebacker to defensive end. Senior **Malachi Washington**, a transfer from **Goose Creek**, will also play on the end. **Carson Vaughn**, **DJ Hall** and **Peyton Harrison** will all see a lot of action on the defensive interior.

"Those are three big, strong kids who will be rotating inside," Rafferty said.

The group of outside linebackers will be led by junior **Eli Pressley** and senior **Gryson Greenway**. Seniors **Tryee Patton** and **JT Williams** are back to lead the inside linebackers. Sophomore **Jaylen Pryor** played a lot as a freshman and will rotate in and out at different spots.

Ravenell, a transfer from Goose Creek, and seniors **Josiah Taylor** and **John Brown** will man the cornerback position.

Senior **Will Flores** has moved from cornerback to safety. Junior **Ja'kayden Pendergrass**, who played a lot last season, and senior **Jayden Worilds** will also anchor the position group.

Bryce O'Rear is back as long snapper. His brother, **Hayden O'Rear**, is the punter. Beaver is the kicker and backup punter. Summerville has multiple options when it comes to kick returners.

"Our coaching staff returns intact and we have the pieces," Rafferty said. "Most of the players who are stepping into a starting role got to play a little last year, but it wasn't at those critical times. It was when the lead was pretty much in hand so I'm interested to see what they do in those critical situations."

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WINNER	RATE	LOSER	RATE	SPREAD
WREN	217.3	EASLEY	182.7	17
RIVERSIDE	204.2	GREENVILLE	184.5	10
GREENWOOD	210.6	BEAUFORT	174.1	19
HILLCREST	214.1	CLOVER	202.2	6
GAFFNEY	206.6	J L MANN	202.1	2
BOILING SPRINGS	222.1	MAULDIN	178.6	22
T L HANNA	205.8	BYE		
SENECA	217.7	WOODMONT	190.5	14
GRAYSON, GA	220.7	DORMAN	205.5	8
EASTSIDE	199.9	CAROLINA	138.8	31
IRMO	229.9	JAMES F. BYRNES	213.4	9
DUTCH FORK	241.5	SPARTANBURG	222.2	10
BLUE RIDGE	174.3	WADE HAMPTON	165.2	5
CATAWBA RIDGE	211.1	EAST GASTON,NC	199.3	6
FORT MILL	195.9	CHESTER	176.8	10
INDIAN LAND	197.2	LANCASTER	172.9	12
NATION FORD	178.1	YORK	174.9	2
NORTHWESTERN	249.9	RIDGE VIEW	211.9	19
SOUTH POINTE	232.2	ROCK HILL	203.4	15
A C FLORA	195.2	CHAPIN	191.4	2
NORTH AUGUSTA	220.9	LEXINGTON	196.2	13
RIVER BLUFF	197.3	BROOKLAND-CAYCE	173.2	12
SUMTER	238.5	WHITE KNOLL	197.4	21
MIDLAND VALLEY	214.9	BLYTHEWOOD	209.4	3
CAMDEN	203.8	LUGOFF-ELGIN	194.6	5
LOWER RICHLAND	185.7	SPRING VALLEY	176.7	5
WESTWOOD	189.8	LAKEWOOD	151.2	20
MYRTLE BEACH	207.9	WEST FLORENCE	205.6	1
HARTSVILLE	214.7	CAROLINA FOREST	208.9	3
LORIS	203.4	CONWAY	176.1	14
NORTH MYRTLE BEACH	193.8	DARLINGTON	175.8	8
SOCASTEE	192.8	DILLON	186.5	3
ST. JAMES	173.6	AYNOR	155.1	10
BERKELEY	213.2	WINTER PARK, FLA	211.2	1
ASHLEY RIDGE	212.1	CANE BAY	187.5	12
GOOSE CREEK	203.1	FORT DORCHESTER	193.4	5
LUCY BECKHAM	199.2	PHILIP SIMMONS	173.6	13
DANIEL	228.3	STRATFORD	198.2	15
WANDO	198.8	HANAHAN	174.3	13
HILTON HEAD	214.8	JAMES ISLAND	213.9	TOSS
EMERALD	188.7	TRAVELERS REST	168.7	10
FOUNTAIN INN	194.1	WOODRUFF	188.5	3
CLINTON	184.2	LAURENS	162.3	11
LIBERTY	156.9	SOUTHSIDE	151.4	3
WESTSIDE	217.2	BYE		
LANDRUM	171.7	BEREA	157.4	8
BELTON-HONEA PATH	213.5	GREER	188.9	13
PICKENS	174.9	WALHALLA	167.7	4
DREHER	172.7	CARDINAL NEWMAN	110.3	32
CRESTWOOD	192.8	RICHLAND NORTHEAST	174.2	10
AIKEN	161.4	AIRPORT	154.6	3
GILBERT	181.1	WILSON	178.8	1
GRAY COLLEGIATE	201.9	BYE		
LAKESIDE, GA	180.4	SOUTH AIKEN	166.3	7
BISHOP ENGLAND	197.4	ST. JOHNS	90.7	53
BLUFFTON	194.2	ANDREW JACKSON	147.8	23
WOODLAND	167.8	COLLETON COUNTY	163.1	3
CRESCENT	175.4	PALMETTO	166.1	5
W J KEENAN	186.3	PENDLETON	158.2	14
WEST-OAK	143.1	CLEAR DOT CHARTER	100.2	22
CHRIST CHURCH	165.5	ASHEVILLE SCHOOL	143.6	11
ABBEVILLE	195.4	POWDERSVILLE	180.5	7
MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	210.7	SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	157.1	27
ST. JOSEPH	175.1	CHAPMAN	154.1	11
CHESNEE	164.5	GETTYS BROOME	151.1	7
FAIRFIELD COUNTY	191.8	UNION COUNTY	141.9	25
FOX CREEK	168.7	DIXIE	150.9	9
NEWBERRY	198.9	MID-CAROLINA	147.8	26
STROM THURMOND	181.8	SILVER BLUFF	170.3	6
SWANSEA	175.7	DENMARK-OLAR	129.3	24
ANDREWS	164.5	GEORGETOWN	143.6	11
MARLBORO COUNTY	195.6	CHERAW	174.1	11
WACCAMAW	157.3	HANNAH-PAMPLICO	133.3	12
BATTERY CREEK	143.2	JOHN PAUL ll	109.8	17
OCEANSIDE COLLEGIATE	191.2	CALVARY DAY	179.2	6
OR'BURG-WILKINSON	184.7	BYE		
CROSS	183.8	NORTH CHARLESTON	161.6	14
EAST RUTHERFORD, NC	165.7	BLACKSBURG	134.6	16
AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	124.1	CALHOUN FALLS	103.4	11
BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	191.6	WAGENER-SALLEY	136.3	28
NINETY-SIX	151.4	WARE SHOALS	144.3	4

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REGION 1-AAAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
EASLEY	SAM R. HOUSTON	1-9	1
GREENVILLE	STEVE WATSON	32-24	5
GREENWOOD	CHRIS LINER	109-85	17
HILLCREST	BENNETT SWYGERT	18-7	2
J L MANN	BRYCE SMILEY	FIRST YR	
MAULDIN	ANDRE COOK	4-27	3
T L HANNA	JASON TONE - SC	54-13	7
	JASON TONE - GA	24-20	4
WOODMONT	MALCOLM BOYD	FIRST YR	

REGION 2-AAAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
BOILING SPRINGS	MATT REEL	53-36	9
DORMAN	JAKE MORRIS	9-12	2
EASTSIDE	ANDRE WOOLCOCK	37-47	8
GAFFNEY	DONNIE LITTLEJOHN	FIRST YR	
JAMES F. BYRNES	REGGIE SHAW	129-78	18
RIVERSIDE	MATTHEW ROCHESTER	22-22	4
SPARTANBURG	MARK HODGE	130-67	16
WADE HAMPTON	REUBEN WRIGHT	11-40	5

REGION 3-AAAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
CATAWBA RIDGE	ZAC LENDYAK	33-31	6
CLOVER	PERRY WOOLBRIGHT	95-73	15
FORT MILL	ROB MCNEELY	8-56	7
INDIANLAND	ADAM HASTINGS	27-24	5
NATION FORD	JAKE BENTLEY	FIRST YR	
NORTHWESTERN	PAGE WOFFORD	58-15	6
ROCK HILL	LEON BOULWARE	4-7	1

REGION 4-AAAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
CHAPIN	RYAN COLE	6-6	1
DUTCH FORK	TOM KNOTTS	178-28-1	15
IRMO	AARON BRAND	48-23	6
LEXINGTON	STEWART YOUNG	93-38	11
RIVER BLUFF	PERRY PARKS	54-46	9
WHITE KNOLL	NICK PELHAM	30-20	4

REGION 5-AAAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
BLYTHEWOOD	JAMES MARTIN	19-21	4
LUGOFF-ELGIN	JARVIS LITTLEJOHN	19-20	4
RIDGE VIEW	DEREK HOWARD II	48-28	7
SPRING VALLEY	NORMAN WASHINGTON	FIRST YR	
SUMTER	MARK BARNES	98-20	10
WESTWOOD	STEPHEN BURRIS	18-8	2
WEST FLORENCE	CHAD WILKES	62-22	7

REGION 6-AAAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
CAROLINA FOREST	MARC MORRIS	73-53-1	11
CONWAY	JOSH PIERCE	18-66	8
MYRTLE BEACH	MICKEY WILSON	156-47	16
N. MYRTLE BEACH	GREG HILL	8-24	3
SOCASTEE	BEN HAMPTON	16-31	5
ST. JAMES	TOMMY NORWOOD	21-45	7

REGION 7-AAAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
BERKELEY	ERIC LODGE	12-12	2
CANE BAY	RUSSELL ZEHR	63-48	10
GOOSE CREEK	JASON WINSTEAD	40-34	7
LUCY BECKHAM	JAMEL SMITH	20-15	4
STRATFORD	DENNIE MCDANIEL	40-52	9
WANDO	ISAIAH PERRIN	5-6	1

REGION 8-AAAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
ASHLEY RIDGE	ASHLEY HASKINS	64-90	14
FORT DORCHESTER	SHAUN LORENZANO	6-6	1
JAMES ISLAND	JAMAR MCKOY	42-15	5
R B STALL	KEN FREEMAN	0-9	1
SUMMERVILLE	IAN RAFFERTY	45-14	5
WEST ASHLEY	RASHAD GRAHAM	FIRST YR	

REGION 1-AAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
EMERALD	TAD DUBOSE	15-36	5
FOUNTAIN INN	BRETT NICHOLS	9-22	3
LAURENS	GREG PORTER	122-79	17
SOUTHSIDE	A J MILLIS	FIRST YR	
WESTSIDE	BRIAN LANE	143-69	18
WREN	ANTHONY FRATE	40-21	

REGION 2-AAAA	COACH	RECORD	YEARS
BEREA	DREW CHISHOLM	39-57	9
BLUE RIDGE	JOHN BOGGS	50-117	16
DANIEL	CHRIS STONE	10-12	2
GREER	WILL YOUNG	157-95	22
PICKENS	JAMES REYNOLDS	18-34	5
SENECA	DAVID CRANE	60-59	11
	DAVID CRANE	8-32	4
TRAVELERS REST	CHRIS GOODMAN	31-17	4

REGION 3-AAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
A C FLORA	KEN FLOYD	25-12	3
CAMDEN	BRIAN RIMPF	71-30	8
DREHER	TREIGH SULLIVAN	50-67	12
LANCASTER	MARCUS SURRATT	15-41	6
RICHLAND NE	WALTER WILSON	101-94	21
SOUTH POINTE	BOBBY COLLINS	55-53	10
YORK	DEAN BOYD	240-134	31

REGION 4-AAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
AIKEN	STEVE HIBBITTS	63-93	15
AIRPORT	CHRIS NAPIER	FIRST YR	
BROOKLAND-CAYCE	LOUIS CLYBURN	29-64	9
GILBERT	OZZIE EXUME	8-5	1
GRAY COLLEGIATE	DEANGELO BRYANT	38-36	7
MIDLAND VALLEY	BRENT DORN	5-6	1
NORTH AUGUSTA	RICHARD BUSH	25-17	4
SOUTH AIKEN	CHRIS HAMILTON	57-51	10

REGION 5-AAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
CRESTWOOD	ROOSEVELT NELSON	53-60	11
DARLINGTON	JAMIE JOHNSON	6-6	1
HARTSVILLE	JEFF CALABRESE	217-86-1	24
LAKEWOOD	WILLIE OFFORD	5-26	3
LOWER RICHLAND	TAYLOR MARLIN	22-28	5
SOUTH FLORENCE	DREW MARLOWE	50-14	5
WILSON	BRIAN WILSON	FIRST YR	

REGION 6-AAAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
BEAUFORT	BRYCE LYBRAND	43-26	6
BISHOP ENGLAND	LOGAN HALL	9-3	1
BLUFFTON	JOHN HOUPT	31-48	8
COLLETON COUNTY	ADAM KINLOCH	3-18	2
HILTON HEAD	B J PAYNE	68-62	13
MAY RIVER	RICHARD BONNEVILLE	12-10	2

REGION 1-AAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
BELTON-HONEA PATH	RUSSELL BLACKSTON	133-44	14
CRESCENT	SHELDON EVANS	34-39	7
PENDLETON	GRAYSON HOWELL	28-37	6
WALHALLA	BLAKE DYAR	FIRST YR	
WEST-OAK	GLEN PADGETT	9-31	4

REGION 2-AAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
CAROLINA	CHRIS GLOVER	5-25	3
CHRIST CHURCH	QUINN HATFIELD	48-14	5
PALMETTO	RYAN NORTON	8-15	2
POWDERSVILLE	ROBERT MUSTAR	82-66	13
SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN	JONATHAN GESS	187-49	18
ST. JOSEPH	ERIC NASH	5-6	1

REGION 3-AAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
GETTYS BROOME	LYNN FLEMING	125-115	21
CHAPMAN	HARRY CABANISS	51-37	8
MOUNTAIN VIEW PREP	GREY RAMSEY	12-1	1
UNION COUNTY	QUINNON ISOM	2-8	1
WOODRUFF	BRETT SLOAN	48-30	7

REGION 4-AAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
FOX CREEK	LEMUEL LACKEY	108-87	18
W J KEENAN	JARRETT NEELY	8-5	1
NEWBERRY	CEDRICK JETER	17-18	3
SILVER BLUFF	MATT HAYES	2-9	1
SWANSEA	WILLIE FOX	74-38	10

REGION 5-AAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
AYNOR	JASON ALLEN	47-22	7
DILLON	KELVIN ROLLER	42-7	4
GEORGETOWN	TOMMY ADAMS	3-7	1
LORIS	GREY MANCE	28-21	5
MARLBORO COUNTY	CORY JOHNSON	0-9	1
WACCAMAW	AMONDRE JOHNSON	14-32	5

REGION 6-AAA	COACH	RECORD	YR
BATTERY CREEK	TERRANCE ASHE	10-36	5
HANAHAN	MILAN TURNER	125-54	21
NORTH CHARLESTON	ADRIAN GRADY	4-6	1
OCEANSIDE COLL	BRENT LAPRAD	FIRST YR	
OR'BURG-WILKINSON	CHRIS CARTER	58-82	13

REGION 1-AA	COACH	RECORD	YR
BLACKSBURG	JOSH BATCHER	6-24	3
CHESNEE	BRETT CHAPPELL	6-6	1
CLINTON	COREY FOUNTAIN	109-31	11
LANDRUM	MIKE REID	FIRST YR	
LIBERTY	PAUL SUTHERLAND	153-112	24

REGION 2-AA	COACH	RECORD	YR
AMERICAN LEADERSHIP	KEMPER AMICK	109-79	16
BATESBURG-LEESVILLE	GARY ADAMS	46-39	8
NINETY-SIX	MATTHEW BENNETT	11-11	2
PELION	CORY HELMS	16-18	3
SALUDA	GREG WOERNER	FIRST YR	
STROM THURMOND	ANDREW WEBB	40-38	7

REGION 3-AA	COACH	RECORD	YR
CHESTER	VICTOR FLOYD	153-116	23
COLUMBIA	JASON BUSH	27-74	10
EAU CLAIRE	SHAQUILLE HILTON	1-35	4
FAIRFIELD CENTRAL	DEMETRIUS DAVIS	117-52	14
MID CAROLINA	CHRIS ARNOULT	46-66	11

REGION 4-AA	COACH	RECORD	YR
ANDREW JACKSON	TODD SHIGLEY	50-36	8
BUFORD	ED SUSI	63-97	18
CENTRAL	JOHNATHAN EASON	22-26	5
CHERAW	ANDY POOLE	60-42	9
CHESTERFIELD	NICK DIXON	FIRST YR	
NORTH CENTRAL	TYROONE DRAKEFORD	29-50	8

REGION 5-AA	COACH	RECORD	YR
BARNWELL	BRIAN R. SMITH	131-107	21
EDISTO	MARCUS LIVINGSTON	26-42	7
HAMPTON COUNTY	ROBERT HANNA	36-12	4
LAKE MARION	JARVIS DAVIS	16-23	4
WHALE BRANCH	WILLIE WHITE	FIRST YR	

REGION 6-AA	COACH	RECORD	YR
ACADEMIC MAGNET	AUSTIN MILLER	FIRST YR	
ANDREWS	SCOTT DURHAM	86-45	12
BURKE	ANTHONY STERLING	36-103	15
PHILIP SIMMONS	ERIC BENDIG	46-31	7
TIMBERLAND	GREG WRIGHT	32-31	6
WOODLAND	EDDIE FORD	104-43	15

REGION 7-AA	COACH	RECORD	YR
ATLANTIC COLL	ANTOINE RIVENS	2-9	2
EAST CLARENDON	LARRY CORNELIUS	64-92	16
KINGSTREE	BRANDON CANTRELL	FIRST YR	
LAKE CITY	RONNIE BAKER	31-63	10
MANNING	REGGIE KENNEDY	197-148	30
MARION	BRIAN HENNECY	28-15	4
MULLINS	MARC LOWERY	7-4	1

REGION 1-A	COACH	RECORD	YR
ABBEVILLE	JAMIE NICKLES	235-46-1	21
CALHOUN FALLS	ZAK THEUS	5-27	3
DIXIE	MARK SORROW	13-30	4
MCCORMICK	LEROY COLLIER	5-17	2
WARE SHOALS	CHRIS JOHNSON	43-68	11
WHITMIRE	ANDREW CAMPBELL	14-18	3

REGION 2-A	COACH	RECORD	YR
C A JOHNSON	RODNEY BARR	30-54	8
GREAT FALLS	SYVELLE NEWTON	2-8	1
LAMAR	TYLER BOYD	22-3	2
LEE CENTRAL	JUSTIN DANNER	53-72	13
LEWISVILLE	TRENT USHER	35-28	6
MCBEE	ANDY KARCHER	11-11	2

REGION 3-A	COACH	RECORD	YR
BLACKVILLE-HILDA	KEVIN JONES	20-14	3
CALHOUN COUNTY	WAYNE FARMER	160-143	27
HUNTER-KINARD-TYLER	WILLIE FELDER	27-21	5
RIDGE SPRING-MONETTA	JERRY BRANNON	7-16	2
WAGENER-SALLEY	BLAZE GILLESPIE	2-7	1
WILLISTON-ELKO	KENNY LIPSEY	33-46	7

REGION 4-A	COACH	RECORD	YR
ALLENDALE-FAIRFAX	TRAVIS LEWIS	FIRST YR	
BAMBERG-EHRHARDT	COREY CROSBY	38-11	4
DENMARK-OLAR	WILLIAM RAYSOR	4-7	1
HARDEEVILLE	ARTHUR GARDNER	FIRST YR	
RIDGELAND	JAMIE ISSAC	5-5	1

REGION 5-A	COACH	RECORD	YR
BAPTIST HILL	MARION BROWN	108-94	19
BETHUNE-BOWMAN	CODY MCNEAL	4-27	3
BRANCHVILLE	SANDY DUKE	41-32	8
CROSS	SHAUN WRIGHT	95-53	13
MILITARY MAGNET	DERRELL PRINGLE	9-21	3
SCOTTS BRANCH	PATRICK FLEMING	4-7	1
ST. JOHNS	ERIC BROWN	0-10	1

REGION 6-A	COACH	RECORD	YR
CARVERS BAY	MATTHEW RICHARD	30-31	6
GREEN SEA-FLOYDS	PATRICK MARTIN	3-18	2
HANNAH-PAMPLICO	JAMES JOHNSON	46-47	9
HEMINGWAY	MIKE DONALD	0-10	1
JOHNSONVILLE	KEN CRIBB	169-98	23
LAKE VIEW	DARYL KING	150-63	17
LATTA	BRANDON ISEMAN	56-49	10

Patriots football young but hungry this season

By Roger Lee
Special to the HSSR

North Charleston – Fort Dorchester is looking to make a bigger impact in its region and a deeper playoff run this season.

"I like where we are as a staff and as a team, but we need to stay healthy because we don't have a ton of depth," said Fort Dorchester coach **Shaun Lorenzano**, who is entering his second season as the **Patriots'** head coach**.** "Our guys are really open to learning and we are going to be a unit. There aren't a lot of me guys on this team. We are still very physical, but a different team."

Fort Dorchester was once known for deep playoff runs and even won a state championship in 2015. However, the last time the Patriots made the state finals was 2022. The Patriots finished 6-6 last season and 7-4 in 2023.

The team lost some talent from last year, but Lorenzano is excited.

"In general this team is fully aware of where we are," he said. "They are cognizant that being young they need to develop and do it fast. How fast they can grasp things and gain experience during games will dictate how we finish in the region. They have the ability to mature quickly."

Senior **Thomas Adamsky**, a transfer from **New Jersey**, and sophomore **Mesiah Rivers** are competing for the starting quarterback position. Both were impressive during Summer activities.

"I feel good about Thomas making good decisions and his ability to make things happen," Lorenzano said. "Mesiah is more prototypical. He is 6-2, has speed and a cannon for an arm, but is a sophomore."

The coach is also optimistic about his other offensive weapons.

Senior **Kyrome Durant** and junior **Mykell Warthen** are expected to see a lot of action out of the backfield.

"They both sat behind **Ryan Campbell** last year or either one of them could have been a 1,000-yard rusher," Lorenzano said. "Every time I put them in the game they had positive yards."

Junior H-back **Ryan Simmons** is expected to make an impact during his first season of varsity football.

"I think we have one of the best groups of receivers around here," Lorenzano said. "They are all

Running back Mykell Warthen
Photo by Roger Lee

humble, talented and hungry. They will play big roles this year."

Sophomore slot receiver **Derrick Simpson** and wide out **Laurez Matthews** are expected to have a lot of touches. Junior **Caiden Gant** (6-3, 210) and sophomores **Zaire Warren** and **Devin Gates** will also see time at receiver.

The offensive line will be anchored by a pair of senior returning starters. **William Martray** is back at center and **Zyion Rouse** is back at left tackle.

Senior returning starter **Thomas Wamer** and sophomore **Kasamania Milo** will lineup on opposite ends of the defensive line. Sophomore **Reginald Edwards** (6-4, 325) provides good size in the middle of the D line.

"We will have some young guys battling for playing time up front, but that group should really shine," Lorenzano said. "I also like our linebacking corps. Senior **Savon Garrett** is a mainstay who already has a couple of college offers. Senior **Miguel Pearson** has really came into his own with drops and coverages. He was super physical this spring."

Josiah Singleton is one of the new linebackers expected to make an impact.

Amari Dawson, a sophomore transfer from **North Carolina**, and returning senior **Jeff Jefferson** are leading the way for the team's group of cornerbacks. Jefferson started a couple of games last year and was a standout on special teams.

A pair of returning seniors are leading the way for the safeties. **Chaz Mitchell** is a returning starter and **Asauntay Green** saw action off the bench in 2024.

"They are both big kids who can cover well and come down hill well," Lorenzano said.

Wamer and Garrett will again both pull double duty and do the long snapping and senior **Eric Mittag** is back as the team's punter and kicker.

During its Jamboree Aug. 15, Fort Dorchester fell 21-0 to Summerville in a scrimmage cut short due to an off-field incident. On defense, Milo recovered a fumble, Jefferson picked off a Summerville pass and Garrett made a few big tackles.

The team's main offensive highlights came on its final possession. Warthen had runs of 15 yards and 25 yards while Durant broke free for a 37-yard run to move the ball inside the 10. However, after three attempts, the Patriots sat on the 5-yard line when play was suspended.

Swamp Foxes look to be contender in region play

By Roger Lee
Special to the HSSR

Summerville – Ashley Ridge has enough talent to be one of the teams to watch in **5A, Region 8.**

The **Swamp Foxes** will run the same up-tempo offense they have featured the last few years and have some dynamic players on the other side of the ball.

"We will have to play clean and it's going to be important for us to develop some depth, but we have a lot of weapons in our offensive arsenal," said Ashley Ridge interim coach **Ashley Haskins**. "In the box on defense should be a strength for us and our secondary has a lot of experience."

Quarterback **Trevor Kalisz**, running back **Ryan Campbell**, offensive lineman **Cody Peterson** and defensive end/tight end **JT King** are all on the **HSSR's** list of top seniors in the state.

Kalisz returns after passing for more than 5,000 yards and 50 TDs in his first two seasons as the starter. Junior **Mason Crout** is also vying for time at QB.

"Trevor knows the offense as well as some of the coaches and executes well," Haskins said. "We just need him to settle into his skill set and use his many talents. We feel he can play some football after high school."

However, the QB isn't surrounded by the same supporting cast he had last season when the Swamp Foxes finished 8-4 after being eliminated in the second round of the state playoffs.

Photo by Roger Lee
Ashley Ridge QB
Trevor Kalisz

The team does have approximately 20 returning varsity lettermen and approximately 30 seniors on its roster. Plus it picked up some valuable transfer players.

Three of the more talented transfers are seniors King, Campbell and **Malquan Pimentel**. King played for **Pinewood Prep** last season while Campbell and Pimentel transferred from **Fort Dorchester**.

Peterson and **Gabe Ridgeway** are returning starters who will anchor the offensive line. Junior **Zarion Holmes** is also looking to earn a role on the offensive front.

Campbell is a proven running back with good speed and better agility and field vision. Look for his name to be called over the PA system frequently this season. Senior running back **Camren Garner** is a returner who will also play a lot.

Junior **Jagger Spivey** made some big plays for the Swamp Foxes last season and is looking to make an

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Stags football looking to take next step in 2025

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Moncks Corner - It has been a few years since the excitement and anticipation for **Berkeley Hig**h football has been as high as it is in 2025.

Eric Lodge begins his third season as the head coach at Berkeley and is slowly bringing back the type of football that Stags' fans are accustomed to – winning. While Berkeley has been a .500 team in Lodge's first two seasons, the improvement in the program is evident. Now comes the next step.

"Obviously, the expectation Is to be better than we have been before and to advance in the playoffs," Lodge said. "We took some lumps in year one, knowing that we were going to play a lot of young guys. We took a step forward in year two. We were way more competitive in some of the games we lost.

"This is our most experienced group so far, and it is our strongest team. The work in the weight room has transformed this team, We are a lot more physically developed than before. We're hoping to pull it all together and have a great season."

The Stags have the personnel and experience to be a major contender for the AAAAA Division II state championship this season. Starting with the quarterback position where junior **Henry Rivers** is back for his third season as the starter. Rivers has the arm talent and ability to run to put pressure on the opposing defense. Keeping him healthy is a must.

The running backs also bring a lot of experience. **K'Den Foxworth** and **Jessie Brown** were key runners last season. Sophomore **Bryson McGee** is the top returning rusher with more than 600 yards but Lodge indicated McGee will see time at receiver as well this season.

Graduation hit the receiving corps hard with three seniors leaving. Expected to make an impact this season are junior **John Cleveland** and sophomore **Elijah Mitchell**. Cleveland is out from the basketball team and has been impressive while Mitchell is a transfer from James Island.

Anchoring the offensive line is senior tackle **Zion Britt**, a third-year starter. **Caden Freeman**, **Jayden Berkley** and **Kahnir Coleman** also have experience.

Senior Nose Guard Landon Jackson

"Taking care of the little things will be important for us," Lodge said.

Senior nose guard **Landon Jackson** anchors the defensive front, joined by **Jahmir Heyward**, **Aiden President** and **Kyle McKinley**.

There may be no better group of linebackers in the state than Berkeley's three returning seniors, **Gehad Snead, Marcus Henderson** and **Kevin Rivers**. All are third-year starters and highly physical.

Safety **Cam McCue** and corner **DJ Thompson** return in the secondary, along with seniors **Dominic Young** and **Chamberlin Thompson**.

Ryland Curwen gives the Stags a major threat in the kicking game.

Berkeley is set to open the 2025 season on Aug. 22 at Ashley Ridge.

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Cane Bay looks for better start to 2025 season

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Summerville – It's not often that a high school football team can lose their first seven games in a season and still win a region championship. But it happened last season.

Cane Bay went 0-7 heading into their final three games. Despite great effort, the Cobras lost some close games and the season appeared to be a total loss.

But the Cobras never stopped playing. The result was season-ending win over Stratford, Goose Creek and Berkeley, which ended up giving Cane Bay the region 7-AAAAA championship.

"It was such a good lesson for our kids to learn, to never give up," coach **Russell Zehr** said. "The thing is our kids never stopped practicing hard. They showed a lot of character and a lot of heart. The confidence we gained should help us this season."

Zehr, entering his 34th year in coaching and his 15th as head coach, would rather not lose seven games before getting a win in 2025. There is enough talent returning in key positions to be a competitive team. There also are some holes to fill and first-time starters will have to step up.

Senior **Colby LaRocca** gives the Cobras a steady hand at quarterback as a returning starter. Senior running backs **Tyler Meyers** and **Coran Houpe** are veteran varsity players and will anchor the run game, along with junior **Jamar Williams** and **Mayson Samuel**.

"I like our backs and having a senior quarterback certainly helps keep everything moving," Zehr said.

The offensive line has some starters to replace but senior guard **Troy Stevens** is a key returning leader. As the season begins, he will be joined by center **Brayden Ledford**, guard **Jonathan Billman,** and tackles **Wrigley Ross** and J**onathan Williams**. All are seniors but were backups mostly last year.

The tight end will be senior **Rylan Bertram** with **Andrew Wright** and **Irving Correa** working at receiver,

The defensive line was decimated by graduation. Looking to fill the void are senior **Brock Barfield,** juniors **Devin Cobb**s and **Hunter Lawhon**, and sophomore **Jonathan Rose**.

Anchoring the middle are three senior linebackers – **Brody Thacker, Cameron McCoy** and **Nicholas Hinely.** Forming the back end will be **Jamar Blandin, Rodney Carter, Amari Seabrook**, and **Zion Bryant**.

Special teams should be a strength with junior **Aiden Thorn** returning as the placekicker and Blandin excelling in the return game.

Cany Bay opened the 2025 season on Aug. 29 against Ashley Ridge.

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2025 HSSR-SCHSL Div. I Class AAAAA Player of Year- Taj Marchand-James Island
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Div. II Class AAAAA Player of Year- Gavin Gaskins-Berkeley
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Class AAAA Player of Year—Hunter Epps-Airport
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Class AAA Player of the Year— CJ Aubuchon-Southside Christian
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Class AA Player of Year—Tyler Kneece-Batesburg-Leesville
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Class A Player of Year-Aiden Hughes-McBee
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Div. I Class AAAAA Coach of Year—Matt Spivey-James Island
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Div. II Class AAAAA Coach of Year—Landy Cox-Berkeley (Statewide)
2025 HSSR-SCHSL AAAA Coach of Year- Casey Bradwell-Airport High
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Class AAA Coach of Year- Scott Freeman-Southside Christian
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Class AA Coach of Year—Rob Bouknight-Batesburg-Leesville
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Class A Coach of Year—Josh Tiller-McBee

2025 HSSR-SCHSL Div. I Class AAAAA All-State Baseball
Trip Ostergard-James Island
Stow Rogers-James Island
Jake Amman-James Island
Christian Spivey-Lexington
Brandon Cromer-Lexington
Johhny Collins-Blythewood
Macon Leppert-Blythewood
Palmer Hornick-Dorman
Jachin Davis – Stratford
Jarrett Wagner-Stratford
Brady Gold-Wando
Luke Morrison-Boiling Springs
Macon Leppert-Blythewood
Max Whitmer-Wando
Brady Gold-Wando
Boone Miller-Dutch Fork
Ethan Offing-Dutch Fork
Coleman Brown-Dorman
Luke Morrison-Boiling Springs
Liam Robinson-Indian Land
Drew Grimm-Cane Bay
Banks Wickersham-Fort Dorchester
Dawson Siffri-JL Mann
Josh Carlson-JL Mann
Parker Reavis-Carolina Forest

HSSR-SCHSL 2025 Div. II AAAAA All-State Baseball
Hudson Clark-Berkeley
Henry Rivers-Berkeley
Caden Glauber-Catawba Ridge
Bryce Meil-Catawba Ridge
Landon Still-Greenwood
Peter Mershon-Eastside
Cooper Noble-Riverside

Will Craddock-TL Hanna
Seth Manning-TL Hanna
Carter Blankenship-Fort Mill
Jacon Pettit-Fort Mill
Dalton Taylor-Gilbert
CJ Oxendine-North Myrtle Beach
Sawyer Smith-North Myrtle Beach
Landon Steel-Greenwood
Aaron Tolbert-Easley
Hunter Doyle- Lucy Becham
Luke Kessler-St. James
Liam Roberson-Indian Land
Alex Blanchette-Indian Land
Caden Reeves-Chapin
Corbin Todd-Conway

HSSR-SCHSL 2025 AAAA All-State
Reece Mullen-Beaufort
Landon Fowler-Powdersville
Brice Gillette-Airport
Justin Sightler-Airport
Cash Epps-Airport
Jackson Moore-Hartsville
Web Barnes—Hartsville
Jackson Winter-Bishop England
Will Rissmiller-Bishop England
Braydon Passmore-Fountain Inn
Larson Montgomery-York
Dalton Taylor-Gilbert
Carter Harrington-AC Flora
Braydon Robinson-South Florence
Zach Sneed-AC Flora
William Cutshall-Seneca
Joey McGovern-Seneca
Zay Pulley-Laurens
Bennett Edwards-Laurens
Jayden Atkinson-Hartsville
Tyler Scott-Westside
Stephen Platte-South Aiken
Jasean Perry-Daniel
Ian McCray-Daniel
Caden Jones-Travelers Rest
Zechariah Haney-Camden
Tyson Brasington-May River
Tripp Cook-Camden

HSSR-SCHSL 2025 AAA All-State B
Tyler Boleman-Southside Christian
Will Cauthen-Southside Christian
Andrew Palmer-Oceanside Collegiate
Pierce Mullen-Philip Simmons
Hank Tolleson-Chapman
Aiden Suggs-Loris
Bradley Anderson-Fox Creek
Hank Grider-Dillon
Caleb Waters -Fox Creek
Jaret Edwards-Aynor
Hank Grider-Dillon
Hank Tolleson-Chapman
Boyd Maynard-BHP
Jaret Edwards-Aynor
Austin Lavin-Aynor
Tripp Cook-Crescent
Bryce Satterwhite-Newberry
Diego Patrick-Waccamaw
Ayden Clay-Pendleton
Henry Dryden-St. Josephs
Jackson Campbell-St. Josephs
Bo Lowrance-Christ Church
Hudson Sprovero-Hanahan
Will Fountain-Fox Creek
Christian Glasso-Waccamaw
Ashton Moch-Woodruff

HSSR-SCHSL 2025 Class AA All-State Baseball
Tanner Watkins -Batesburg-Leesville
Jack Bouknmight-Batesburg-Leesville
Nolan Clifford-Philip Simmons
Pierce Mullen-Philip Simmons
Titus Poore-Landrum
Sloan Harper-Andrews
Jaxson Baker-Andrews
Kaden Myers-Mid-Carolina
Blayne Edwards-Lake City
Foster Matthews-East Clarendon
Dawson Baird-East Clarendon
Carson Garrick-Liberty
Luke Young-Clinton
Cody Branham-Central of Pageland
Sid Shaw-Saluda
Case Davis -Barnwell
Brayden Michael-Cheraw
Wil Quick-Cheraw
Parker Sutley-Nineyty-Six
Ty Riddlehoover-Ninety-Six
Kaleb Simpkins-Strom Thurmond
Brody Banasjewjcz-Chesterfield
Max Dempsey-Edisto

HSSR-SCHSL 2025 Class A All-State Baseball
Landon Tedder-McBee
Cohen Reid-McBee
Hayden Griggs-McBee
Kason Herlong-Lake View
Chris McGill-Lake View
Chase Price-Lake View
Adam Beiler-Abbeville
Ben Overholt-Abbeville
Weston Stokes-Bamberg Ehrhardt
Weston Stokes-Williston-Elko
Quede Overton-Williston-Elko
Seth Minchew-Latta
BW Berry-Latta
Mason Weatherford
CJ Miller-LLCS
Brandon Hershberger-Dixie
Gavin Reynolds-Lewisville
Elisha Baker-Lewisville
Gavin Starnes-Wagener-Salley
Landon Cribb-Johnsonville
Antonio Hernandez-St. Johns
Brayden Madden-Ware Shoals
Dalton Boyter-Ware Shoals

2025 HSSR All-Rookie Baseball Team
Jacob Riggs-Southside Christian
Manning Tolson-McBee
Silas McFadden-Lewisville
Rome DeRenzo-St. James
Antonio Hernandez-St. Johns
Raylen Hunter-Broome-(Team USA)

HSSR-SCISA 2025 All-State Baseball
HSSR-SCISA 2025 Mr. SCISA Baseball— Slaide Burd-Hilton Head Christian
HSSR-SCISA Career Mr. SCISA Baseball- Tildren "T" Riley-Orangeburg Prep
HSSR-SCISA 2025 AAAA Player of Year— Roman Colella-Hilton Head Christian
HSSR-SCISA 2025 AAA Player of Year—- Jackson Stanyard-Hilton Head Prep
HSSR-SCISA 2025 Co-AA Player of Year- Tyler Gilbert-Lee Academy
HSSR-SCISA 2025 Co-AA Player of Year-Jack Walling-Andrew Jackson Academy
HSSR-SCISA Class A Player of Year-Ashton Soles-Holly Hill Academy
HSSR-SCISA Class Co A Player of Year- Colson Loadholt-Jefferson Davis Academy
HSSR-SCISA 2025 AAAA Coach of Year- Jay Scarbro—Hilton Head Christian
HSSR-SCISA 2025 AAA Coach of Year—Chris Wells-Hilton Head Prep
HSSR-SCISA 2025 AA Coach of Year- Danny Price-Lee Academy
HSSR-SCISA 2025 Class A Coach of Year- Andy Green-Holly Hill Academy

HSSR-SCISA 2025 AAAA All-State
Hayden Brooks-Hilton Head Christ
Chip Hetzel-Hilton Head Christian
David McElveen-Ben Lippen
Sean Lee-Ben Lippen
Mason O'Cain-Ben Lippen
Khaleel Pratt-Augusta Christian
Benson Elmore-Wilson Hall
BJ Balls-Laurence Manning
Peyton Price-Laurence Manning
Colt Babic-Hammond
Jack Croft-Hammond
Max Poulaski-Pinewood Prep
Grady Fuller-Pinewood Prep
Finley Taylor-Pinewood Prep
Nolan Winneck-Camden Military
Sam Teich-Porter-Gaud
Hardt Rowland-Cardinal Newman
Connor Hooks-Cardinal Newman
Gavin Holt-Trinity Collegiate

HSSR-SCISA 2025 AAA All-State
Brandon Espinoza-Hilton Head Prep
Sammy Middleton-Hilton Head Prep
JP Pirkey-Hilton Head Prep
Charlie McCutchen-Orangeburg Prep
Tadd Jameson-Orangeburg Prep
Layton Morris-Williamsburg Acad
Cale Reynolds-Clarendon Hall
Colby Richardson-Pee Dee Academy
Chase Strickland-Calhoun Academy
Crews Felder-Calhoun Academy
Sims Brunson-Patrick Henry
Matthew Chace-Florence Christian
Leland Reed-Greenwood Christian
Matty Lyle-Spartanburg Day

HSSR-SCISA 2025 AA All-State Baseball
Andrew Bowers-Lee Academy
Brayden Davis-Lee Academy
Hayden McClung-Andrew Jackson Academy
Tyler Westbury-Dorchester Academy
Brenner Dantzler-Dorchester Academy
Sam Hatcher-Oakbrook Prep
Lucas Fields—The King Academy
Landon Johnson-Andrew Jackson Academy

HSSR-SCISA 2025 Class A All-State Baseball
Mason Connor-Holly Hill Academy
Johnathan Bonds-Richard Winn
Charlie Bonds-Richard Winn
Turner Burchell-Richard Winn
Owen Martin-Richard Winn
Landon Williams-Jefferson Davis
Elijah Hutto-WW King
Broady Johnson-Wardlaw
Noah Brazill-Holly Hill Academy

HSSR 2025 ALL-STATE SOFTBALL TEAMS

2025 HSSR-SCHSL Softball Superlatives:
2025 HSSR-SCHSL Miss Softball—-Aspen Boulware-Gray Collegiate -2025 Gatorade POY
Career HSSR-SCHSL Miss Softball-Ansley Bennett-Summerville-2 Time Gatorade POY
2025 HSSR-SCHSL AAAAA Div. I Softball Player of Year—Ellanie Yarrell-Byrnes
2025 HSSR-SCHSL AAAAA Div. II Softball Player of Year—-Sarah Rocheleau-Catawba Ridge
2025 HSSR-SCHSL AAAA Softball Player of the Year— Peyton Hendrix-Gray Collegiate
2025 HSSR-SCHSL AAA Softball Player of Year-2024- Maddie Johnson-Aynor
HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Class AA Softball Player of Year—Laiklyn Gaskins-East Clarendon
HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Class A Softball Player of Year—Maddie Berry -Latta
2025 HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Div. I AAAAA Softball Coach of the Year-Brandi Aiken-Byrnes
2025 HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Div. II AAAAA Softball Coach of Year—Mike Mayak-Catawba Ridge
2025 HSSR-SCHSL 2024 AAAA Softball Coach of the Year— Doug Fyre-Gray Collegiate
2025 HSSR-SCHSL 2024 AAA Softball Coach of Year— Tony Mills-Aynor
2025 HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Class AA Softball Coach of Year—Jason Newsome-East Clarendon
2025 HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Class A Softball Coach of Year—Anna Rogers-Latta

HSSR-SCHSL 2025 Class Div. I
AAAAA All-State Softball
Katie Guilliam-Summerville
Abby Driscoll-Summerville
Lilley Ivey-Sumter
Maddie Wiant-Byrnes
Kara Davis -Byrnes
Memorie Melton-Byrnes
Addison Sharpe-TL Hanna
LG Moore-Dutch Fork
Lainey Hall-West Ashley
Sydney Kok-Clover
Rhames Weisinger-Blythewood
Livi Warren-Lexington

HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Class Div. II
AAAAA All-State Softball
Kendra Murray- Catawba Ridge
Mia Kovacs-Catawba Ridge
Laila Landrum-Woodmont
Reese Watson-Berkeley
Raegan Tibbitts-St. James
Sadie Olson-North Myrtle Beach
Jalyn McGee-Easley
Madison Ashmore-Myrtle Beach
Natalie Reagan-Riverside High
Madison Ashmore-Myrtle Beach
Ashlyn Blackstone-White Knoll
Ella Sheorn-Lugoff-Elgin

HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Class AAAA All-State Softball
Carter Shumate-Hartsville
Myah Harvey- Hartsville
Jaysha McCullough-Hartsville
Kaylen Boudreau-Gray Collegiate
Mackenzie Sease-Gray Collegiate
Kalee Anderson-Gray Collegiate
Payton Perry-South Florence
Zoey Miller -Wilson High
Layla Clayton-York
Kayla Johnson-York*Marisa Reyes-York
Ayla Holmes-North Augusta
Addison Miller-Oceanside Collegiate
Haydin Williams-Camden
Anna Grace Fowler-Lakewood
Lanaisa Sanders-Colleton County
Ainsley Minchew-Gilbert
Makenzie Brown-Gilbert
Pressli Reynolds-AC Flora
McKayla Landry-May River
Neely Hartin-Travelers Rest
Ava Belle Lawton-Pickens High
Jordan Kirkus-Westside
Addyson Carlisle-Laurens High
Bryn Chasteen-Daniel
Kylie Kalchthaler-Seneca
Addison Roppelt-May River
Adalyn Johnson-Beaufort
Kylah Johnson-Georgetown

HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Class AAA All-State Softball
Hannah Lewis-Aynor
Alaina Brown-Aynor
Alivia Hess-Aynor
Cierra Grice-Dillon
Emma Jo Evans-BHP
Caitie Black-Loris
Meg Griffin-BHP
Bree Woods-Powdersville
Hannah Andrew-Fox Creek
Addyson Snellings-Fox Creek
Addison Miller-Oceanside Collegiate
Kendall Bass-Oceanside Collegiate
Remy Sheriff-Crescent
Kayleigh Rouse-Crescent
Caroline Davis-Union County
Emily Johnson-Darlington
Anna Grace Lee-Union County
Briar Mros-Hanahan
Cassie Stoltzfus-West Oak
Hannah Durham-Blue Ridge
Ella Kate Fowler-Palmetto
Madison Zayas-Greer

HSSR-SCHSL 2025 Class AA All-State Softball
Bailey Hicks-East Clarendon
Peyton Hanniford-East Clarendon
Miller Martin-Saluda
Jayme Sheaffer-Saluda
Jayden Devore-Barnwell
Laney Grubs-Barnwell
Addyson Davis-Andrews
Tori Smith-Andrews
Dallas LaChance-Woodland
Katey Westbury-Woodland
Caroline Plyer-Buford
Emma Timmons-Buford
Reese Poston-Hampton County
Addison Bittner-North Central
Gabi Riddle-Mid-Carolina
Bixley Koon-Chesnee
Tayte Calvert-Chesnee
McKenzie Melton-North Central
Lawsyn Lowe-Strom Thurmond
Maliyah Williams-Marion
Evie Montgomery-Ninety-Six
Sammetress Smith-Clinton

HSSR-SCHSL 2024 Class A All-State Softball
Katelyn Johnson-Latta
Sarah Owens-Lewisville
Jordyn Miller-Lewisville
Kyleigh Fletcher-Lewisville
Maddie Hutto-Bamberg-Ehrhardt
Kadence Poston-Hannah-Pamplico
Meredith Stone-Hannah-Pamplico
Addison Price-Dixie
Kylee Hooker-Wagener-Salley
Blair Coker-Johnsonville
Holly Scott-Lake View
Kylee Hooker-Wagener-Salley
Ruby Powell-R-S-M
Lily Beasley-McBee
Taylan Irvin-McBee
Ruby Lynn Powell-Ridge Spring-Monetta
Kayla Butler-Blacksburg
Audrey Graham-Abbeville
Cayleigh Looper-Branchville
Abby McManus-Lamar
Sarah Vinson-Ware Shoals
Autmn Gilliam-Whitmire
Lexi Lubbehusen-Palmetto Scholars
Rebecca Gaskins-Lowcountry Leadership
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Wren Gaines-Byrnes
Alexa Miller-Oceanside Collegiate
Hannah Tilley-Woodmont
Kyndal Parker-Crescent
Ella Cate Plyer-Buford
Ellie Yonce-Wardlaw Academy
Zoey Culick-East Clarendon
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2025 HSSR-SCISA Career Miss Softball—Mandy Wells-Clarendon Hall
2025 HSSR-SCISA Co-AAAA Player of Year— Kosinski-Laurence Manning
2025 HSSR-SCISA Co-AAAA Player of Year-Lyza Prickelmeyer-Laurence Manning Academy
2025 HSSR-SCISA AAA Player of Year— Preston Schurlknight-Orangeburg Prep
2025 HSSR-SCISA AA Player of Year—Raley Frye-Carolina Academy
2025 HSSR-SCISA Class A Player of Year—Taylor Wright-Holly Hill Academy
2025 HSSR-SCISA AAAA Coach of Year—Buddy Truett-Laurence Manning
2025 HSSR-SCISA AAA Coach of Year———Will Eskridge-Pee Dee Academy
2025 HSSR-SCISA AA Coach of Year- Scotty Phillips-The Carolina Academy
2025 HSSR-SCISA Class A Coach of Year—Kally Knight-Holly Hill Academy

2025 HSSR-SCISA AAAA All-State Softball
Tori Brandon-Cardinal Newman
Bailey Brown-Augusta Christian
Ali Dorrington-Hammond
Ava Sapp-Hammond
Stephanie Jones-Ben Lippen
Francis Laughlin-Heathwood Hall
Talan Griffin-Wilson Hall
Ashley Rae Hodge-Laurence Manning
Marlee Black-Laurence Manning Academy
Lilly Grace Prybyla-Wilson Hall
Marsha Cate Skey-Wilson Hall
Lauren Majorkiewiz-John Paul II

HSSR-SCISA 2024 AAA All-State Softball
Addison Hasty-Pee Dee Academy
Hannah Lambrecht-Orangeburg Prep
Lauren Ballew-Orangeburg Prep
Jane Walker Yonce-Orangeburg-Prep
Anslea Aaron-Calhoun Academy
Coker Carson-Calhoun Academy
Calli Yount-Clarendon Hall
Skylar Dymond-Clarendon Hall
Maggie Harrington-Clarendon Hall
Sydney Stivender-Colleton Prep
Molly Andrews-Dillon Christian
Abby Ward-Williamsburg Academy
Elizaberh Thompson-Spartanburg Christian

HSSR-SCISA 2024 Class AA All-State Softball
Carly Smith-The Carolina Academy
Ella Ham-The Carolina Academy
Emery McClure-Dorchester Academy
Lily Canaday-Dorchester Academy
Alaysia Hollings-Cross Schools
Savannah Hollings-Cross Schools
Ansley Nesbit-Lee Academy

HSSR-SCISA 2025 Class A All-State Softball
Zoey Livingston-WW King
Claire Massey-WW King
Braylee Burke-Laurens Academy
Carrigan Moore-Andrew Jackson Academy
Kaylee Brabham-Holly Hill Academy
Shelby Hinson-Holly Hill Academy
Kinlee Ray-Jefferson Davis
Brianna McNeil-Wardlaw Academy
Madelyn Roscoe-Marlboro Academy
Kate Leslie-Marlboro Academy

Wolves open regular season with 27-12 victory

By Rob Gantt
Special to The HSSR

ST. STEPHEN - The Timberland Wolves return tons of experienced players for sixth-year coach Greg Wright, who has them on the right trajectory as the curtains open on a new season.

"We've got a good group," said Wright, whose team who opened the regular season with a 27-12 victory Aug. 22 at Lee Central. "They're going to fight. It's Timberland. We're always going to have athletes who are competitive. They want to win. We expect to win. We've just got to get back to the basics and make sure we're locked in for four quarters."

The Wolves finished 8-4 overall and 4-1 in the league in 2024, capping the campaign in the second round of the Class 2A playoffs. The Wolves go to Lake City Friday, Aug. 29, and Cross Friday, Sept. 5.

"We expect to win every game," Wright said. "That's just the standard. We work to win. When you put in the work, that's what you should expect."

Senior **Malyk Goodman** returns at quarterback and has a proven collection of weapons in the arsenal. Goodman threw for 672 yards, ran for 386 yards and accounted for 12 touchdowns as a junior. He rushed for 64 yards and passed for 49 more in the win over Lee Central.

Senior running back **Montez Addison** is a hard runner out of the backfield, topped 400 yards and reached paydirt 12 times in the ground game as a junior. He rushed for 92 yards and scored twice against Lee Central. Fellow running back Antaun Faison rushed for 81 yards and also scored twice against Lee Central.

Sophomore receiver **Jordan Gorham** is rated by recruiting services as one of the top young receivers in the country. Juniors **Carter Hawkins** and **Josh**

Desmond Green

Brown give the Wolves a couple more dynamic playmakers in space. Brown and Gorham combined for 24 catches, 316 yards and three touchdowns in 2024.

Up front, an experienced group is anchored by hulking senior **Desmond Green,** who has committed to the University of Florida. More linemen are senior **Shamarion Bynum**, junior **Derion Jones**, senior **Hunter Edens**, sophomore **Jamari Jenkins** and junior **Joshua Goodman**.

Across the line of scrimmage, Green, Bynum, Jones and senior **Jakairi Kinlaw** form a sizable defensive front. Wright said he's excited to see a group of young, athletic Wolves on the second level learn and grow as the season rolls along. In the secondary, Hawkins was one of the top tacklers on the team in 2024 and led in interceptions.

Hawkins is set to handle kicking duties, while junior **Anthony Huizar** is the punter.

St. John's Christian eyeing a region title in 2025

By Neill Kirkpatrick
Special to the HSSR

Goose Creek – In **Shaun Welch's** first season at the helm of the St. John's Christian's football program he saw his team make the SCISA class AA playoffs after a slow start to the season and with several starters retuning the Cavaliers are looking for big things in 2025.

The Cav's started 1-5 last season with all their losses coming to play of teams including SCISA AA and AAA state champions in Pee Dee Academy and Pinewood Prep, respectively. They rallied to finish the season 3-2 with the playoff berth.

"We have a very well-rounded team this year. Our numbers are small with about 25 players so we must stay healthy, but we're looking for great season," coach Welch.

The Cav's return their version of the three Amigo's in seniors: quarterback **Jacob Glover** (6, 150), running back **Dor Reichley** (5-9,175), and wide receiver **Thomas Hester** (6,170). Glover passed for 1298 yards and 12 touchdowns. This will be his second year in coach Welch's RPO offense.

Reichley is one of the top backs in SCISA. He rushed for over 1500 yards and 17 touchdowns last season which more than double his production as a sophomore. If he continues that trend he could have a special year for the Cavs. He also had 19 receptions for 150 yards and two more scores.

Hester may be the best athlete on the team. In his first year on the football team last season, he led the Cav's in receptions with 48 for 759 yards and eight scores. Defensively, he led the team with three picks and forced a fumble. He averaged a team-high 29.8 ppg during basketball last season and has already scored over 1330 points.

Joining Hester in the receiver room are seniors **Conor Gailey, Aiden McCoy** (5-11,165), and **Tradd Law** (6-1,155). Gailey had six receptions for

Running Back
Dor Reichley

68 yards and a score.

Seniors **Caleb Ware** (5-11, 203) and **Matthew Cummings** will anchor the offensive line.

Defensively, Ware is the quarterback of the defensive at middle linebacker while Cummings is at defensive tackle.

Senior Cannon Towe (6, 185) and sophomores **Quentin Grant, Sam Hoover, Renken Harvey,** and **Easton Feavel** make up the rest of the offensive and defensive lines.

Joining Ware at linebacker are sophomore's **Wyatt Williams** and **Ryder Langdon** (5-9, 145) **.** This trio is the strength of the defense and coach is expecting big things from them.

Senior Isaiah Antley, juniors Logan Colbert and **Seth Henriksen (5-7,145),** and **Joe Hoover** round out the Cav's roster.

The Cav's opened the season against defending SCISA AAA state champions Pinewood Prep and fell 47-0. They will look to get back on the winning track when they host Colleton Prep on the 22nd.

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Hawks eyeing big season on gridiron in 2025

By Rob Gantt
Special to The HSSR

HANAHAN – **Hanahan** was close to posting a stellar mark in 2024, finishing 6-6 with several close setbacks.

Of the Hawks' losses, four were by 2, 4, 7 and 7 points. Hanahan dropped a second-round playoff game at top-seeded Loris, 28-21,in November.

Hawks coach **Milan Turner**, who enters his third season at the helm, believes the 2025 squad was fueled by the close calls during the offseason and put in the work to be ready to finish games this fall.

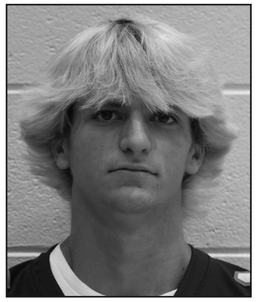
"We constantly preach physicality," Turner said. "That's just how the game is played no matter what system you run. That's what you've got to overcome when you're dealing with 15- and 16-year-olds. It's always about blocking and tackling and execution is always going to be critical."

Turner's team cranks up the new season on the road at Philip Simmons Monday, Aug. 25, before hosting Wando Friday, Aug. 29, and traveling to rival Bishop England Friday, Sept. 5. The Hawks continue non-conference play at home against Lucy Beckham Friday, Sept. 12, and also host Timberland Friday, Sept. 19.

On offense, the Hawks bring back an experienced signal caller in sophomore lefty **Tripp Gallus**. Gallus took over at quarterback during the season as a freshman and finished 92 of 140 for 1,148 yards and nine touchdowns. At 6-5, 200 pounds, Gallus is physical enough to carry the ball 10 to 15 times a game if needed.

In the backfield, junior **Isaiah Snodgrass** is the most experienced player returning. He carried it 43 times for 164 yards in a backup role as a sophomore.

Through the air, senior **Bo Brabham** is the primary target in the passing game. He made 23 grabs for 361 yards and two scores as a junior. Sophomore **Quamell Grant** and junior **Grayson Mathes** are also targets.



Senior Wide Receiver Bo Bradham

All starters up front played substantial varsity snaps in 2024: senior right tackle **Kam Raymond**, sophomore right guard **Donovan Manigault**, senior center **Nick Barrett**, sophomore left guard **Connor Schleizer** and junior right tackle **Brandyn Maduro**.

Across the line of scrimmage, Amara led the Hawks in total tackles with 76 as a junior outside linebacker. Several other Hawks will see substantial action on both sides of the ball, including **Aiden Greenawalt,** Manigault and Maduro in the defensive trenches,

"We don't have a tremendous amount of speed on defene but we've got physicality," Turner said. "It's about eye discipline and technique. We've got to keep the ball in front of us and stop the run. We've got to play as a unit and get 11 hats to the ball. We've got to try to create turnovers."

On special teams, junior **Aram Silverman** is the kicker and junior **Sam Campbell** the punter.

2025 Cross Trojans football standouts

Cross football wants more success in 2025

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Cross – Having established itself as the premier Class A football program in the Lowcountry, the **Cross High** Trojans have their collective sights set on achieving bigger things in 2025.

Cross is looking for more than a region title. After winning the Lower State title last year, reaching the state finals before losing to Abbeville, Cross coach **Shaun Wright** is raising the expectations of his program.

"Certainly when you get as close as we did, only to come up short, it makes you a little more hungry to get that last win," Wright said. "Last year is last year and we can't win this year off of what we did last year. We have good players back and if they bring focus and energy every day, we have a chance to be pretty good."

The Trojans have experience at all levels and some of those returners are third and fourth-year performers. The team's top player is safety/receiver **Caden Ramsey**. The 6-4 senior led the state with 14 interceptions last season and is being heavily recruited as a tight end by power 4 schools.

Back at quarterback is junior **Tyler Harris**, who displayed mature leadership as a sophomore starter. Running back **Mah'ky Green** is a homerun threat out of the backfield and is fully healthy. **Jeremiah Smit**h and **Khalil Levine** are threats in the passing game while **Cornithain Wilson** is another running back of note.

Mike Bennett will be a fourth-year starter on the offensive and defensive lines. **Jailyn Broughton**, **Marquise Pringle, Andrew Hocker, Dakari Presid**ent and **Kerji Polite** also return to work in both trenches.

"Our strength is our offensive and defensive lines but we have to stay healthy," Wright said. "Several will be playing a lot of snaps both ways."

The leading tackler, outside linebacker **William Grant,** is a key returner defensively. **Andrew Mack**, **Jimmy Smith** and **Khalil Levine** form the rest of the linebacking corps. **Jakari Wright** and Corinthian Wilson join Ramsey and Green in the secondary.

Cross opened the 2025 season against Calhoun County on Aug 22.

"Regardless of who we play, we have to stay focused on doing the little things at a high level," Wright said. "Abbeville showed us our weaknesses. One was bodies. I think we went into the championship game with 27 players and they had that many seniors. We need to try to develop some depth but our numbers are what they are. We will do the best with what we've got."

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Marlboro County football looking to the future

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Bennettsville – The 2024 football season ended in disaster for the **Marlboro County** Bulldogs. After rolling to a 7-0 start, a report of ineligible players changed the entire complexion of the season.

Due to several players being ruled ineligible, the Bulldogs were forced to forfeit wins. The end result was a 1-9 record and the team missed the state playoffs.

The criticism by fans, coaches and media put the program in a bad light. But head **coach Cory Johnson** didn't run and hide. The administration accepted their errors and the focus turned to 2025.

With all eyes on them, it's a safe bet that those in charge at Marlboro County have crossed the t's and dotted the I's. Now the 2025 Bulldogs can focus on winning again. They did that in the season opener, whipping Lake Marion, 56-6.

Johnson won big at his previous coaching stops in North Carolina so there is no reason to think the coach will win at Marlboro County.

The 2025 Bulldogs are much younger than 2024 with only a handful of seniors in the starting lineup. The roster is junior and sophomore heavy but quite athletic and talented.

One of those sophomore starters is at quarterback where **Tre Blakeney** moves into the starting lineup. Senior **Troy Hailey** is one of the primary running backs, along with junior **Rayce Stone.**

Senior wing back **Tremayne Ashford** is a returning starter to the offense. **Sophomore Mikyl Littles** lines up as the top receiver and senior **Anthony McQueen** starts at tight end.

Along the offensive line are five underclassmen but two returning starters. Back as starters are **junior Zirell McIver Barker** at left tackle and junior right tackle **Dymiek Covington**.

Sophomore **Hayden Haywo**od is the starting center with junior **Jamari Taylor** at left guard and junior **Cameron Jackson** at right guard.

Senior **Lee Best** returns as the placekicker and punter.

Underclassmen play a key role on defense as well. The starting front consists of juniors **Jaden Ashe, Patrick Williams and Kaiden Walton,** a returning starter.

Junior **Myjae McCoy** is , as is outside senior backer **James Mclean**. Junior **Jamorie Williams** and junior T**ehvin Easterling** are the other starting linebackers.

Forming the secondary are senior returning at linebacker returner **Marion Ray,** junior returner **Layton Chavis** and sophomore **Cleon Ray**, and junior **Laquincy Leach.**

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Red Foxes hoping to make another title run in '25

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Hartsville – It seems as if the **Hartsville High** football team routinely wins 10 games per season. Count on the Red Foxes being a major part of the chase for the AAAA state title.

Head coach **Jeff Calabrese** says his 2025 team is certainly capable of competing with any team on their schedule. On paper, every team looks good. Performance is the key and Calabrese knows that fact.

"We have some good players just like most teams," said Calabrese, who has 190 wins at Hartsville and 218 wins overall. "We have to go out and play to our potential. We're not good enough to just walk out there and win. We've got some young guys on the field and they need experience. That's what it's all about, experience."

One position that needs to grow with experience is at quarterback. Sophomore **Ford Wallace** looks the part at 6-3, 195-pounds. But, he has not played a lot of varsity quarterback.

"No doubt he has talent and tools, but he hasn't been in big-time situations. He's not mature as a starting quarterback. That will come the more he plays. He's our guy though. I think he's going to be fine."

Two more sophomores at the skill positions will be running back **Trace Hillian** and receiver **CJ Hickmon**. They are joined by seniors **Kylif Miller** (running back) and receiver **Tristian Spann.**

Seniors that will start on the offensive line include left tackle **Aaden Starnes** and right guard **Jose Segura-Luna**. Juniors **Fred Turner** (left guard), **Crayton McKnight** (center) and **Pat Rhoad (**right tackle). Senior **Dorian Mason** will start at the H-back.

Seven underclassmen will start on defense. Senior starters will be tackle **Ezra Brockenberry**, end **Chris Price,** linebacker **Bose Liddie**, and defensive back **TJ Grant**.

Junior **JaQUan Samuel** will start at tackle and junior **Jamyan Scipio-Bishop** will start at defensive end. On the second level are starters **Davaris James, Sincere Dubose**, and **Kayson Daws**on. Juniors **Rod Cranford** and **Ziyon Mason** are starting in the secondary.

Junior **Levi Henry** will also work on the front and junior **Reggie Smith** will work in the secondary.

"The big thing is we have to tackle," Calabrese said. "We need to get them on the field and gain some experience. We have talent but experience matters a lot. Blocking on offense and tackling on defense. We have to focus on those things."

Hartsville opens the season on Aug. 29 against Carolina Forest.

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BHP's Blackston anxious for football season in '25

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Honea Path – After playing for the AAA state championship last season, **Belton-Honea Path High School** football head coach **Russell Blackston** is all keyed up to see what awaits the Bears in the 2025 campaign.

"Our summer has gone well," said Blackston, who guided BHP to a 13-2 overall record. "I'm really anxious to see where we're at. We must get better these last two weeks before we start (fall practice) on July 31."

Blackston will be assisted by **John Ballenger**, **Dalton Mclain**, **Chris Rogers**, **Chris Strickland**, **Josh Wade**, **Cody O'Brien**, **Shamad Jordan** and **Chris Donovan**.

Jody LeCroy is returning as the Belton-Honea Path athletic director. He made a trio of new hires for the upcoming school year.

Paige Knotts will be the new volleyball coach, **Max Bolden** is the new girls basketball head coach.

Chad Roper returns as the baseball coach as does state-championship-winning **Jarad Jennings** for softball. **Meredith Hitch** is coaching girls tennis, **Andrew Reeves** boys tennis, **Tessa Gambrell** girls golf, Rogers boys golf, **Stephanie Colley-Hughes** cheer, **Sam Patterson** boys and girls cross country, **Russ Tyst** boys basketball, Strickland wrestling, **Blair Streifel** girls soccer and **Shamad Lomax** boys and girls track and field.

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2025 Kingstree Blazers football standouts

Kingstree opens new era under Cantrell with win

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Kingstree – **Brandon Cantrell** has waited several years as an assistant football coach to finally get an opportunity to be a head coach. Cantrell is in his first year in charge of **Kingstree High School**.

He got off to a good start in his first game, going on the road to beat **Georgetown** 24-23 on August 22.

"I feel really good about the summer we had," said Cantrell, who was the quarterbacks coach at Fort **Dorchester** before coming to Kingstree. "I'm excited about the kids and their effort. We've held them accountable all summer with their attendance, and we carried that over into practice.

"The buy-in for a first-year guy that wasn't in the school last year is tough. I thought the attendance we had spoke volumes about the kids."

Cantrell takes over a team that went 5-7 last season and reached the second round of the AA state playoffs. While the Blazers were a run-heavy team under former head coach **Brian Smith**, Cantrell plans to diversify what they do offensively.

However, with a running back like senior **Tyleek Dukes** returning, you've still got to be true to the ground game. Dukes rushed for 1,798 yards and 21 touchdowns.

"I got to watch film from last year on Tyleek," Cantrell said. "The offense will be a little different. I'm not a 3-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust offensive coordinator, but I do like to run the football. I think that establishes the dominance and fixates the tempo and pace of the game.

"We're going to run the ball, but we'll definitely use Tyleek as a weapon in different areas of the field."

Senior **Travis Bennett** will be the other starting running back, and Cantrell plans to get the ball in his hands as well.

Junior **Randy McFadden** will be in his first year starting at quarterback.

"He didn't get to play a whole lot last year, but he throws the ball well and he is a smart kid," Cantrell said. "I'm trying to get him to see the field the way I see it with his experience. We're just going to try and teach him where to put the ball.

"We're not going to ask a lot out of him. We've got some god running backs in the backfield to help support him back there. When we do throw the ball it will be to get it to guys in space who can help us win the ball games. We just want him to settle down, play his game and try not to do too much."

The wide receivers will be seniors Romello McFadden, **Bryson Epps** and **Jeirhond Blue**. Senior **BJ Washington** will be the tight end.

Kingstree will be inexperienced on the offensive front with just two returning starters. Sophomore **Maurice Burgess** will start at left tackle. The rest of the line will be sophomore left guard **Lazarus Moyd**, returning senior center **Ethan Carraway**, returning senior right guard Adeigeon Archie and senior right tackle **DeMario McCormick-Major**.

The Blazers will be using five defensive backs on a regular basis. **Maleek Dukes** and Washington will be the strong safeties, while Tyleek Dukes, Epps and Blue will be the cornerbacks. Bennett, Romello McFadden and **Mark Pickard-Williams** will be the linebackers.

Terrell Keels will be the noseguard, while Burgess and **Malik Green** will line up on either side of him at the tackles.

"We have to play a lot of the same guys both ways," Cantrell said. "Our strength on defense will be our secondary. The defense has come along. I think we'll be strong. We'll need it to carry us for the first couple of weeks of the season while we get through our bumps and bruises with the offense.

"If I ever became head coach I wanted to slant and be able to bring people from different parts of the field, and we've been doing that. I think the kids are excited about it."

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Brown is the top returning starter in the secondary.

Others working along the line include **Torian Henry, Tony Forrest** and **Rob Gran**t. The defensive line was James Island's strength last season but was hit hard by graduation.

Omari Jenkins and **Harper Woods** join Bowers at linebacker. Rounding out the secondary are **Sam McKelvey, Deuce Prioleau and Kyedan Edwards**.

""We have some new guys on defense but we feel like they will be a strong unit for us," McKoy said. "Our defensive coordinator (Horatio Blades) is one of the best in the business. That group will be ready to play."

McKoy feels Summerville is the favorite in region 8-AAAAA but he says the Trojans can be in the mix.

"I think where we are as a program now, we feel like we can compete with any team on the schedule," he said. "We have work ahead of us. We need for some guys who are first-time starters to step up and be consistent players. I believe this team will show up ready to play."

Stratford is a squad to reckon with in lowcountry

By Rob Gantt
Special to The HSSR

GOOSE CREEK - Stratford High School has experience and talent in its corner as the curtains come up on the football season.

The Knights have next-level players at quarterback, running back and wide receiver and the entire offensive line has substantial experience. Senior quarterback **Jachin Davis**, the Region 7-5A offensive player of the year in 2024, has committed to Liberty. He accounted for more than 2,500 total yards and 26 touchdowns as a junior.

"He makes everybody better around him, and he's one of our hardest working kids," Stratford coach **Dennie McDaniel** said of Davis.

Slippery senior running back **Meliq McGowan**, a transfer from rival Goose Creek, was the region's player of the year as a sophomore. Physical senior receiver **JQ Crosby** earned college offers this summer. McGowan missed some time with injury as a junior but had more than 1,900 total yards rushing and receiving as a sophomore for the Gators. Crosby topped 700 yards receiving as a junior and earned all-region honors for the Knights.

Returning lettermen **Jayden Lee,** a junior, and **Shawn Harris**, a senior, combined for 22 receptions and 344 yards in 2024. Junior **Malachi Breland** is in the mix at running back.

All five starters on the line are seniors, led by returning all-region selection **TJ Bryant**.

Ben Jordan, **Jameson Pelham**, **Antonio Gantt** and **Jaxson Squires** give the Knights more knowhow in the trenches.

Across the line of scrimmage, McDaniel said the Knights will rely on their speed and quickness to disrupt opposing offenses.

"Our speed is going to be the key on defense," McDaniel said. "We're undersized but we've got a lot of quickness up front… I feel we have a chance to match up with most everybody on our schedule. I think it can be a really good unit."

Quarterback Jachin Davis

Defensively, senior outside linebacker **Amir McKnight** is the top tackler returning. Senior linebacker **Mason Morris** and senior defensive back **Trenton Fordham** made over 40 stops as juniors.

On special teams, juniors **Renzo Gorritti** and **Elliott Parrott** are in line to handle kicking and punting duties.

The Knights open the season with a pair of road trips, first to Summerville, Monday, Aug. 25, and then to Daniel Friday, Aug. 29. They open their home slate Friday, Sept. 5, versus Fort Dorchester. Stratford heads to Socastee Friday, Sept. 12.

Gators going to battle with fresh faces in 2025

By Rob Gantt
Special to The HSSR

GOOSE CREEK – The **Goose Creek Gators** will go to battle this fall with a young squad on the gridiron.

The Gators lost a lot of talent to graduation and transfers. However, GCHS coach Jason Winstead and Gators assistants are going to coach hard as always.

"It's like I told them, we're not changing our expectations," Winstead said. "We realize what we're up against. We realize the age of a lot of our kids. We're going to have a lot of ninth- and 10th-graders out there, but we've told them we're going to coach them like we always coach. We expect to win. We're going to try to win the region. We've got to get better. If we can see improvement, you never know what can happen."

While there are some returning lettermen who received significant playing time coming back, the bulk of the main contributors are going to be new to Friday night football. Those kids, though, did perform well at sub-varsity levels. The B-Team and junior varsity squads were 17-1 over the past two seasons.

Goose Creek opens up the 2025 slate Monday, Aug. 25, at home versus North Myrtle Beach and goes to Fort Dorchester Friday, Aug. 29. The Gators return home for a Friday, Sept. 5, contest against James Island.

Freshman **Ty'Vai Deas** is set to start the season at quarterback and both main running backs are underclassmen, too. Sophomore **Sincere Lewis** is "a name you need to know" in the backfield and freshman **Tyler Holmes** will also get some totes. Targets in the passing game are sophomore **Jay Judge,** sophomore **Zayvon Grant**, senior **William Mantey** and senior **Travis White.**

Quarterback Ty'Vai Deas

Up front, the guards are juniors **Jared McNeil** and **Ettiene Reynolds**. The tackles are junior **Jameson O'Hearn** and sophomore **Jadon Pringle Jackson**. Junior **Blain Boulanger** is at center.

"I like the guys we have there. They just haven't played a lot on Friday night," Winstead said of the offensive line group.

On the other side of the ball, seniors **Braedyn Reeves** and **Cameron Campbell** saw significant time in there as juniors. Junior **Elijah Mack** looks like he can be a good player up front, too.

On the second level, junior **Cannan Williams** and sophomore **Hayden Denmark** are cornerstone types and senior **DeShaun Green i**s an older player at linebacker.

In the secondary, Winstead said there are several players in the mix: sophomore **Quentin Wright,** senior **Gabriel Christopher**, junior **Christian Brown**, freshman **Guy Simmons** and junior **Chaunn Sumpter.**

On special teams, junior **Braxton Carlson i**s set to handle kicking and punting duties.

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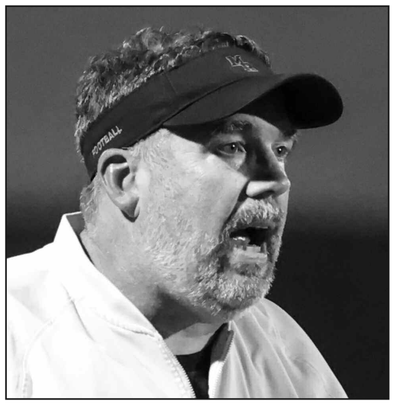

Head Coach Richard Bonneville

Andrew Johnson

Sharks pound out 385 rushing yards in 37-8 victory over Airport in season opener

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Bluffton—The Slot T offense is alive and well at **May River High** for the 2025 season, and so is the team's continued success, as the Sharks dominated **Airport** 37-8 win in week zero.

On the bus ride to **Airport High** last week, to start the 2025 football season, head coach **Richard Bonneville** wondered to himself how all the graduation losses from last year's break through 9-3 team might hurt the Shark's chances to keep the winning ways alive.

"Honesty, we had had three scrimmages against really good teams like **Ashley Ridge** and **Hampton County** and then **Wilson High** totally dominated us in a jamboree," said Coach Bonneville. "As a coaching staff we were concerned. We had three starters back on offense and three players on defense who had started some during last season so we were on our way for our first game of the season loaded down with a lot of first- time starters. We had no idea what type team we were about to see play their first game of the season."

To make worse, none of the officials had ever worked a game against the complex schemes one sees executed out of the slot T. "It is legal for our wing backs to run backwards" said Coach Bonneville. "I sensed we might have procedure penalties after my talk with the officials in the pre-game meeting."

Despite being flagged 20 times, mainly for what was perceived as procedure issues, May River survived the officiating, and a one- hour lightning delay, to rack up 385 rushing yards on 44 carries producing four rushing touchdowns.

The Sharks were led on the ground by senior running back **Andrew Johnson** (6-1,185) who had 139 yards on 15 carries scoring two rushing touchdowns on the night. May River quarterback **Luc Trent** threw only one pass all game but it was a 14-yard touchdown reception to Johnson.

Senior running back **Sean Mitchell** (6-1, 185) also had a good night gaining 91 yards on 15 carries and he also added two rushing touchdowns. Junior fullback Tracy Cooper (5-7,160) added 90 yards on 8 carries and Tran chipped in with 41 yards on four carries after not running the ball much in the three prior scrimmages.

"I am very proud of how our offense moves the ball, despite the penalties that could have hurt our momentum," said Coach Bonneville. "However, our defense was lights out and I got to tell you, we had a new sophomore starter named **Michael Poole** (6-3, 185) play the game of his life. He was on our jayvee last year and on the opening kick-off to them to start the game he made a jaw stopping tackle that set the tone for our defense the rest of the game.

"Before this season is over his name is going to appear on a ton of college recruiting lists trust me," said Coach Bonneville. "He is a side-to -side linebacker who just has a gift for knowing where the ball is going."

Cooper had 13 tackles, two TFL, and two sacks on the night against Airport. Other defenders on the tackle index were junior LB **Mason Campbell** (6-0,175) with six tackles and senior OLB **Devin Ryan** had six tackles and two sacks. Senior DL **Zavier Polite** (6-3,175), ILB **Brayden Harris** (5-9,170), senior DL **Charlie Crace**, and SAF **Jackson Miller** (6-1, 175) all had four tackles for the Sharks.

Other defensive starters for May River against Airport included **Elijah Yeager** (5-10,285) at nose guard, and sophomore DB **Ryan Paylor** made his first varsity start in the secondary. Sophomore **Falco Kelly** (6-3, 245) started in the DL as well. LB **Henry Santiz** (6-0,175) missed the game with an injury but he is expected back real soon.

Other key contributors on defense include sophomore **Justin Head** (5-10,165) who is a boundary corner back. Junior **Mason Sweigart** (5-10,155) is a CB and **Ethan Seabrook** (6-0,165) is also a CB.

"Six out of seven of our offensive linemen had not started in a varsity football game until this past game," said Coach Bonneville. "Our junior strong tackle is Ethan Hames (6-5,285) and he will be a big-time recruit as well before the season is over. He is a road grader once the ball is snapped."

Another offensive lineman contributing include: Senior SG **Cam Jordan** (6-0,225), junior OG **Jayden Page** (6-0,240), junior OT **Leo Naser** (6-3,255), junior C **Jacob Dosher** (6-2, 245), and senior OL Seran **Zadroga** (6-1, 235). The swing man is senior **Chris Beckman** (6-3, 170).

In the slot T offense, which is very popular in the state of Texas, you have to get use to different terminology. "We just put this offense in last year and we are much more comfortable with it the more we run it," said Coach Bonneville. "In practice we will work against five or six different defensive schemes because opponents you so may strategies in trying to stop the slot T. It helped us win 9 games last year.

"In the slot T average athletes can get involved and if they execute correctly, you can be a lot of a team with superior talent," said Coach Bonneville. "We play some teams who don't have a clue how to stop the Slot T. We are the only team running this type of complex offense in the state as far as we know."

May River has continued to practice at 6 a.m. in the morning Monday through Thursday throughout the season starting with the very first day of practice. "We don't worry about afternoon thunder storms, or temperatures at 100 degrees," said Coach Bonneville. "Our players love the 6 a.m. practices and we think it gives us a discipline and focus some teams we play don't have.

"Our team is loaded up with sophomores and juniors," said Coach Bonneville. "Our goal is to win at least six games with so many young players on the term this season. But watch out for the next two years when these players become juniors and seniors. We are building something special with this group this season.

"our scheme we run we keep us competitive," said Coach Bonneville. "The longer we tun it the more comfortable we get with it."

May River's place kicker is senior **Hudson Tanner** and the place kicker is senior **Erik Robertello** who made **4**-of-4 on PAT's against Airport.

May River will play **West Ashley** this week. West Ashley's game with **Lucy Beckham** was cancelled due to bad weather in week zero and the game will not be made up.

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The Spartanburg Day Griffins athletic program is on the move with varsity football coming in 2026

The Griffins discuss strategy

From B-Team to new JV program, Griffins just one year away from fielding varsity team

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Spartanburg—In 2026, Spartanburg Day will complete a three -year plan to grow from a "B" team football program into a competitive varsity football program by 2026, and head coach **Patrick Moffitt** has been very busy over the past year working towards those goals and objectives.

"Our goals are to continue to grow as a team and build a competitive atmosphere within the program," said Coach Moffitt. "We have a lot of guys who are new to football, so putting them in situations where they can learn the game and build their football IQ is a major objective.

"We are building for the future and they understand that everything they do every day is going to help them get to where we want to be once we are a varsity program next season," said Coach Moffitt. "Our realistic goals are to continue to develop in the fundamentals of the game and have a good understanding of what we are doing and why we are doing it."

This season, Spartanburg Day is growing into a junior varsity football program. There are currently 16 players on the junior varsity while the middle school team has 18 players.

The junior varsity team consists of 8th grade quarterback **Rutledge Wall**, 9th grade running back **Bennett Johnson**, and 9th grade wide receivers **Charles Wilson**, **Tyler Fernandez**, and **Camden Teal**. Wall was a speedy free safety on the "B" last year who had 12 tackles including two TF. **Johnson** had seven carries on the "B" team and he made a great memory by completing his only pass for a 76-yard touchdown.

The sophomore tight end is **Heath Boyd**. The tackles in the offensive line are sophomore **Cale Willoughby** and freshman **Nick Querin** while the guards are 8th grader **Charlie Birch** and 8th grader **Lawson Robinson**. The center is 8th grader **Sammy Crain**.

The junior varsity defense is comprised of defensive ends sophomore **Gibbs Montgomery** and 8th grader **Colton Lyle**. The defensive tackles are 8th grader **Lawson Robinson** and **Querin** flips from offense at the other tackle spot. On the "B" team last year Querin also started at defensive end where he had 21 tackles and five TFL.

The linebacking corps is made up by Wilson who flips from offense along with sophomore **Heath Boyd** and Birch who flips from offense.

The secondary has 9th grade DB **Bennett Johnson** moving up from the "B" team**.**

Johnson was a starting 8th grade running back who contributed 163 net yards on 35 carries with three touchdowns on the "B" team last season.

Ben Visk, 9th grader **Tyler Fernanders**, and 9th grader **Camden Teel** on patrol in the back of the defense. Last year on the "B" team **Fernanders** was an 8th grade starting corner back who had 17 tackles and one TF. **Teel** was also among the top two wide receivers on the "B" team last year where he seven passes for 99 yards, including a touchdown.

The team captain coming into the 2025 season is **Charlie Birch**. "He is a model of consistency and shows up each day ready to work and gives maximum effort in everything he does," said Coach Moffitt. "He is always doing what is best for the team and makes others around him better, with the way he leads by example and carries out his responsibilities."

Birch was a right tackle on the "B" team last year. Birch also flipped to defensive end on the "B" team where he had 10 tackles including one TFL.

As a "B" team program last year, the Griffins defeated **Southside Christian** once and St. Joseph's twice during the season. They lost once to Southside Christian and twice to **Christ Church**.

"In our first loss to Christ Church the final score was 44-24, and in the final game of the season against them, we lost 68-36, and I felt like we improved with every practice and every game," recalled Coach Moffitt.

Head Coach Patrick Moffitt

Coach Moffitt was surprised with how much the community, and school supported the "B" team last season and he hopes the enthusiasm continues for the junior varsity football program. "We averaged between 300 and 500 fans a game," said Coach Moffitt. "The upper high school students at Spartanburg Day came to all our home games and cheered us on. You could certainly tell there was a lot of interest and support for football at our school."

Coach Moffitt came to the Spartanburg Day School from the **St. Andrews School** in Delaware. When Coach Moffitt took over the program at the St. Andrews School, in 2015, the school had only 21 varsity players, and they had not made the playoffs in a number of years. When he left the program, after the 2023 season, to come to Spartanburg Day, his team had 49 players, and they were consistently in the play-offs.

Coach Moffitt was a college quarterback at **Williams College** in Massachusetts where he graduated in 2011. During his four-year career the Ephs were 20-4. After his senior season he won the ***Golden Helmet Award*** in New England for all Div. II and III players in the region.

Coach Moffitt is very excited about his challenge of building the Spartanburg Day School football program from the ground-up. "I am not sure about the exact year, but the Spartanburg Day School last had a football program in the early 1980's," said Coach Moffitt. "We were not exactly sure what to expect in our first season bringing football back to the school.'

Coach Moffitt is assisted on the junior varsity by **Chris Cormier**, **Andrew Vaught**, **Justin Crain.**

The team's first three games of the season will be away against **St. Joseph's Catholic** on August, 28, The Griffins will travel to compete against the **Greenville Hurricanes** on September 5th and then they play game three of the season at home against **Christ Church** on September, 11.

The success of the "B" team in 2024 established a solid foundation for the expansion, one level up, to the current junior varsity team this season. The goal of having a varsity football program at Spartanburg Day is just one year away and Coach Moffitt is looking forward to embracing present challenges and the ones that lie ahead.

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GAFFNEY HIGH SCHOOL INDIANS

Gaffney focused on fundamentals after loss in opener

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Gaffney—Nothing in the world would have made **Donnie Littlejohn** prouder then to have won his first game at home, as the new head coach of the Gaffney Indians, in the '25 season opener against Independence of Charlotte last week.

2025 Gaffney Indians football standouts

After-all he was now the head coach at his alma mater, where he was once a star offensive lineman before going on to star at **Furman**, and he had spent the last two decades as the offensive coordinator for the Indians before being named the new coach following Dan Jone's retirement after last season.

That first victory will have to wait at least a week as Gaffney lost to Independence High of Charlotte, 27-21 on August, 22 in a game that could have gone either way.

"We found out that we still have things to clean up on offense, defense and special teams in our loss to Independence," said Coach Littlejohn, a day after the loss. "We had three good scrimmages against **Greer**, **Greenwood** and **Dutch Fork** to get prepared for the season.

"We need a strong week of practice this week working on fundamentals of offense, defense and special teams, to get ready to play JL Mann this week," said Coach Littlejohn. "Our former defensive coordinator **Bryce Smiley** is the new head coach at Mann. Coach Smiley knows a lot about us and we know a lot about what style of defense we have to prepare for this week. It will be a challenging game and we need a good week of practice to get ready to play much better this week."

One matter of great concern to Coach Littlejohn was the Gaffney special teams punt unit giving up a 70- yard return for a touchdown with three minutes to go in the game that broke a 21-21 tie to give Independence a hard-fought six- point win. "Our goal is not to have that happen to us again this season, said Coach Littlejohn. "We will certainly work on covering punts better this week in practice."

Against Independence Gaffney led 14-7 after the first period. RB **Jaiden McDowell** capped off a six play 62-yard drive with a 9-yard touchdown run with 6:29 left in the opening period and **Alessandra Santana's** PAT tied the score at 7.

Later in the first period, Gaffney took a 14-7 lead when quarterback Banks Bouton scored on a three-yard run with 5:23 left in the opening period. Santana added the PAT to make it 14-7.

Then with three minutes to go in the second quarter Bouton tossed a 27- yard scoring pass to Josiah Hill and the PAT tied the score at 21 all at the half. Gaffney would not score again in the game.

"The real disappointment last week was our offense being shut-out in the second half after we scored 21 points in the first half," said Coach Littlejohn. "Our top running back **Jaiden McDowell** got injured in the third quarter and did not return to the game. We will not know the extent of his injury until he goes to the doctor on Monday.

"We have to get our passing game going," said Coach Littlejohn. "Right now, our two quarterbacks, **Jayvon Gilmore** and **Banks Bouton** are sharing equal reps in practice."

Against Independence, Gilmore was 5-of-13 for 57 yards while Bouton was 2-of-5 for 43 yards. Gilmore is a four-star rated quarterback committed to **Arkansas**. Bouton passed for over 2,500 yards last year at **Greenville** High and he transferred to Gaffney after last season.

Hill was the leading receiver for Gaffney in the game with four catches for 42 yards and one TD. McDowell, who is committed to **Mercer**, rushed for 17 yards on five carries before getting hurt. McDowell also caught three passes for 24 yards. Brady Smith and Shun'derious Roges each had one catch each.

For the game the stout Independence defense limited Gaffney to just 53 net yards rushing on 21 carries and they allowed Gaffney quarterbacks to complete only 7-of-18 passes for 100 yards.

The Gaffney defense was led by senior **East Carolina** LB commitment **Zyon Ratchford** who had 10 solo tackles and one assist. Highly regarded DB **Zion Dawkins** had seven tackles DB **Adreyan Monroe** had 8 tackles, and LB **Ty McGil** chipped with five tackles. **Jeronte Kimbrough** was next on the tackle index with four stops along with DL **Jaleel Tate** who also had had four tackles. Tate and **Kendaris Bailey** had one sack each.

"If we lose McDowell for a few games, we have confidence in our number two running back **Dominic Odom** (5-11, 195," said Coach Littlejohn. "We will put him in the fold at either H-back or tailback.

"Independence loaded up the box against us because we ran the ball very well in our three scrimmages in the pre-season," said Coach Littlejohn. "Getting our passing game going should help our running game because it might loosen up the defenses, we face some."

Coach Littlejohn cited the play of LT **Scotland Dover** and RT **TJ Brooks** for their above average play in the offensive line versus Independence, along with starting center **Cam Shippy**. Dover is a pledge to **Appalachian State**.

"We are looking forward to a great week of preparation and to work on being a more fundamentally sound football team, in all three phases of the game by this Friday night," said Coach Littlejohn. "We are capable of playing much better and hopefully we will."

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NETC Student Athletes of the Month

Chesterfield's Kathryn Johnson

Chesterfield — Kathryn Johnson is a senior at **Chesterfield High,** where she earned all-region honors the past two seasons on the volleyball team plus the last four years all region honors with her club volleyball team. In her junior season at Chesterfield, she earned MVP honors and posted the Most Kills, Most Aces, and noted as Perfect Passer. She is looking forward to the start of her senior year volleyball season.

Volleyball is her favorite sport and she started playing in the 6th Grade. While she says volleyball is passion, she admits she "likes to play golf for fun."

In the classroom she carries a 3.8 GPA and she has a strong desire to play volleyball at the next level.

While uncommitted to any school, she has talked to Mars Hill, Mt. Olive, and has visits planned for Coker and Wingate. The latter, she has already applied for admission.

For all her athletic and academic accomplishments, Johnson has been chosen the ***NETC Female Student Athlete of the Month."***

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Kathryn Johnson

The NETC is currently offering over 44 online dual credit courses for the 2025-26 school year to students in the three counties they serve.

Johnson started taking NETC classes as a freshman and is currently enrolled in two dual credit online courses this semester. Courses she already completed include Spanish 101 and 102, Economics 101, Government, and Medical Terminology to name a few. She plans to take two more class next semester.

Johnson's goal for college is majoring in Nursing and graduating as a

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Chesterfield's Marquan Blount

Chesterfield — Marquan Blount is a junior and two-sport athlete at **Chesterfield High,** where he is a three-year started on the football team. Plus, he is a member of the Track & Field team to help stay physically fit for the next football season. He is currently enrolled in his first semester of online classes with NETC.

On the football field, when he was a sophomore, he used his size, strength, and agility to outmaneuver his opponents that resulted in 2-3 pancakes a game. In his track and field efforts, his personal best for Discus is 84 meters and 35 meters for Shot Put.

Going into his junior year, he's looking to continue that strong performance on the football field and hopefully this will be his breakout season. Currently, his top three schools to play football for, after high school, are the University of North Carolina, Coastal Carolina, and the University of South Carolina.

In the classroom he carries a 3.856 GPA and he has a strong desire to play football at the next level.

For all his athletic and academic accomplishments, Blount has been chosen the ***NETC Male Student Athlete of the Month."***

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Marquan Blount

The NETC currently offering over 44 online dual credit courses for the 2024-25 school year to students in the three counties they serve.

Blount says he is "currently enrolled in his first two dual credit online courses offered by the NETC." They are Spanish 101 and Theater Arts. 2

Blount say he initially plans on majoring in Business in college.

When ask about the transition to taking online courses through the NETC, Blount says "I am getting pre-

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CHRIST CHURCH
Cavaliers

2025 Christ Church Cavaliers football

Cavs eyeing region title in second year at AAA

By Neill Kirkpatrick
Special to the HSSR

Goose Creek – The Cavaliers first year in AAA last season was a successful one as they finished second in region 2 AAA with a 4-1 record, they won their first-round home playoff game and finished with a winning record at 6-5 but it also was an adjustment period for the program.

Head coach **Quinn Hatfield** said the biggest different heading into this season was, "Is the experience we gained as coaches and players. We've been here and know what to expect. We had to make some adjustments in the off-season with our speed and strength training and testing. We changed our approach to how we practice, build depth, and work on the little things"

"We are excited for another season and we expect to compete at a high level this year. We have a challenging non-Region schedule that will test us and help us be battled tested when the key region games roll around," said coach Hatfield. "Our goals: Win the Opener, dominate our Area, Beat the Rival, Win the Region, and win the 3A State Championship."

The Cavaliers have some solid returning players but will also have to replace three offensive linemen, all their linebackers and a two-year starter at quarterback.

Junior **Judd Windham** (6-4,210) will be taking over at quarterback. He is a talented player who played linebacker last season where he has 35 tackles, a team high two picks and two forced fumbles. He will give the offense another option in the run this year. In limited last season he went 15-29 for 166 yards and a score.

Fortunately for Windham three of the team's top offensive weapons return in wide receivers **Jude Hall** (6-4,205) and **Hayes Lyman** (5-10, 175) and running back **Michael Martin** (5-10,185).

Hall, a senior, is a returning all-state selection and is one of the top receivers and players in the state. He is currently ranked 20th by the HSSR. He has 81 career receptions for 1333 yards and 14 touchdowns. He has committed to Memphis after being offered from Boston College, Central Michigan, Charlotte, and Cincinnati.

Lyman came on strong last year after one of the top wide outs in the state Jackson Repp was injured. The junior had 29 catches for 339 yards and tied for a team high with five touchdown receptions last season.

As a freshman last season Martin led the Cav's in rushing with 676 yards and eight touchdowns. He also showed he can be a threat in the passing game as he 12 catches for 100 yards. He got better as the year went on and he has gotten bigger, stronger, and faster heading into the 2025 season. He already has offers from Syracuse, Wake Forest, and Rhode Island.

Senior left guard **Rody Barnett** (6-3,270) and junior center **Alex Drake** (5-10, 245) are returning starters on the offensive line. Barnett has offers from Davidson, The Citadel and North Greenville.

Also returning is senior tight end **Reid Hipp** (6-4,215). He also is the starting defensive end.

He had 11 catches last season for 149 yards and on defense he had 20 tackles to go with five QB hurries.

Senior wide receiver Jude Hall

New starters for the Cav's are senior right tackle **Brady Cisson** (6,220), junior right guard **Vic Sandres** (6-3,265) and sophomores wide receiver **Hampton Shields** (5-11,175) and left tackle **Nehemiah Lomax** (6-2,225).

Defensively, the Cav's return six starters with four of them being the strength of the defense, on the defensive line. Joining Hipp on the defensive front will be Barnett, senior **George Michael Stathakis** (5-11,205) and junior **Will Childers** (5-11, 215). Childers had 29 tackles last season while Stathakis had a team high six quarterback pressures.

"The play of the defensive line was a big reason for the turn around last season. The stopped the run and that made us a better defense," said coach Hatfield. "We also improved in number of missed tackles as the season went on last year. We've worked in the off-season to be better at tackling in the early games of the season. We're always making slight tweaks to what we do defensively and how we attack."

The other two returners are in the defensive backfield seniors **Ant Atkins** (6-1,180) and **John Waldrop** (5-10,170). Atkins is ranked 49th by the HSSR. He is the top returning tackler with 51 and he tied for a team high 7 passes defended. He has committed to the United States Naval Academy.

The linebacking corps are all first-year starters in juniors **Banks Horton** (6-1,215), **Jake Bradberry** (5-10,190), and **Blake Floral** (6-1,185). Coach Hatfield said all this group needs is experience as they are a talented trio.

Senior **Gus de Brux** (6, 170) will start at free safety.

Special Teams are Waldrop at punter, **Ryan Von Wyl** at kicker, and Windham at kicker. Von Wyl as 23-27 on extra points and 2-3 on field goals while Windham is the teams main kick off specialist and averaged 51.3 yards on kick offs with 11 touch backs.

The Cav's fell in their season opener to 22x SCISA State champion Hammond 17-0 and will travel to Anderson to take on the Anderson Cavaliers next Friday.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS ACADEMY Raiders

Reitenour believes Raiders will be improved

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Blackville – Jefferson Davis Academy lost a load of talented football players to graduation from last year's squad that went 11-2 and lost in the semifinals of the SCISA 8-man state playoffs after winning the title in 2023. That, however, doesn't deter Raiders head coach **Anthony Reitenour** from believing his squad can be right back in the mix for a title come November.

"This team is as good as any team I've coached since I've been here," said Reitenour, who is off to a 1-1 start in his fourth season. "We're still figuring out the right formula, the best fits at every position. With guys who have transferred in or have come up from the junior varsity, we've got a lot of guys who are new to the system on varsity. There have been plenty of growing pains but I'm seeing progression.

"I like where we are, and there are a lot of things to improve on. I feel like 8-man is pretty wide open this year. There is no clearcut, dominant program. It should be a good, competitive year, and I think we can be in those talks at the end of the year as much as anybody else."

Jefferson Davis is having to replace its entire offensive backfield in quarterback **Colson Loadholt** and running backs **Nasir Void** and **James Grubbs**. Loadholt rushed for 769 yards and 15 touchdowns on 83 carries while completing 14 of 37 passes for 374 yards and six scores. Grubbs rushed for 1,120 yards and 11 touchdowns on 150 carries, while Void rushed or 1079 yards and 15 touchdowns on 132 carries. That's 43 rushing touchdowns and 32 yards shy of 3,000 that need to be replaced.

The Raiders opened the season with a 38-8 loss to **Providence Athletic Club**, a home school team out of the **Columbia** area, on August 15. They bounced back with a 52-6 triumph over **Cross Schools** on August 22.

Senior **Dalton Nix** is the starting quarterback. He threw just three passes last season, but completed all of them for 29 yards and a score. Nix rushed for 197 yards and two touchdowns on 20 carries.

Reitenour hopes Nix can step up and take control of the position this year.

"I think he had first-game jitters against PAC, but he bounced back and had a good week of practice and played well against Cross," Reitenour said. "There are things he needs to improve on and fix. We need him to step up and be the man. He wants it, he works hard, and he wants to step up and do it. Hopefully it will lead somewhere."

As for running back, newcomer **Gregory Lihan** was listed as the starter. However, he suffered a dislocated elbow against Cross Schools and will likely miss a few games. Lihan ran for three touchdowns in the contest.

Despite that, Reitenour feels good about the running back room. **Keegan Fanning** stepped up and had a strong game against Cross Schools. Others who will be getting carries are **Judson Bowers**, **Jake Harrington**, **Nolan Craig** and .

"Considering we lost the entire backfield from last year, I feel pretty good about where we are," Reitenour said. "I try to keep a good stable of running backs."

Ray will also see time at wide receiver along with junior **Reece Still**, whom Reitenour calls the best athlete on the team. Offensively, Still had a team high seven receptions for 209 yards and two scores last season, and he also ran for three TDs.

"We've got to find a way to get him the ball," Reitenour said of Still. "He's the most athletic playmaker I have. I need him touchdown the ball eight to 10 times a game. I think he only touched it three times against Cross. He's the guy this year, and we need him stepping up big time. I've got to find creative ways to get the ball in his hands for sure."

Senior **Landon Williams** – no longer **Little Landon** following the graduation of **Big Landon Williams** — is the starting tight end. Two of the three offensive linemen return in left tackle **Fischer Robinson** and center **Bryson Livingston**. The right tackle is Davison Owens.

Defensively, Still and Craig are the only two returning starters. Still will start in the secondary after . coming up with six interceptions, 25 tackles and three fumble recoveries last season. Craig had 49 tackles, five tackles for loss and a quarterback sack.

Connor Sandifer had a big game at end against Cross Schools, and Owens is also seeing time at end. The noseguard is **Stanse Youngblood**. Harrington and Bowers are the linebackers, and Fanning and **Leighton Lihan** are the other defensive backs.

Reitenour hopes the players who have been a part of the program for the past three years will help set the stage with the newcomers.

"We've got a lot of players who have played with very good football players the last three years," he said. "They know the system. This is still assignment football. It's a case of knowing what to do and doing their jobs.

"We did a little bit better (against Cross). I feel like we have all the parts we need. We have all the tools, we just have to figure out how to use them all. We have the bodies we need to have a successful defense, we just fine-tune it."

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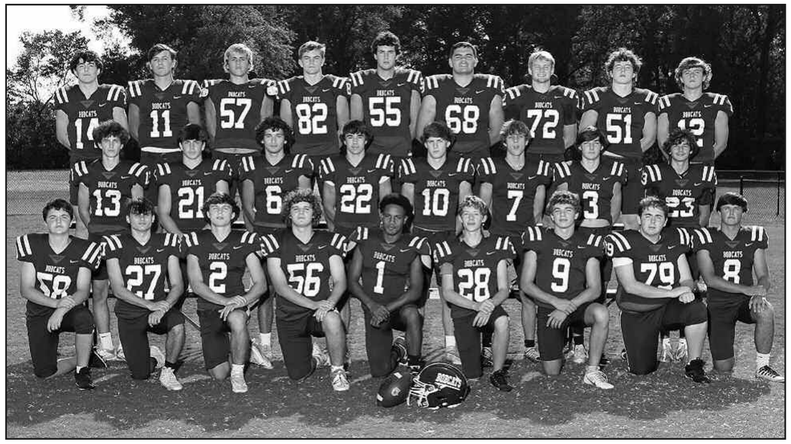

2025 Carolina Academy Bobcats football

Carolina Academy out to 1-1 start so far in 2025

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Lake City – The first two games of the 2025 season was a mixed bag for the **Carolina Academy** Bobcats.

Carolina Academy opened the season on Aug. 15 with a win over Thomas Sumter Academy. Thy followed that opener against Beaufort Academy, dropping a 41-28 decision to a team many feel can be a state title contender in SCISA Class A.

The Bobcats hope to also be a title contender so playing a good team early can help them make adjustments, according to head coach **David Rankin**. The two teams met in the playoffs last season with Beaufort winning that contest as well.

"It was a good game," Rankin said of the game this season. "We had it cut to 33-28 with about five minutes to go and they scored a late touchdown. They're a good team and I think we're a good team. It just didn't go our way this time."

Rankin feels his team is still working out the bugs and likes the way his team is responding.

"We had a good camp," he said. "We've made some progress. I think we're playing physical and doing some things well. We just have to keep improving. We have to get more consistent, especially on defense. We'll work at it."

An early concern is the number of players being asked to play on both sides of the ball. That is made tougher by the hot and humid weather of the early season. Rankin says the coaching staff is working daily to build some depth.

"I think we have nine going both ways. At a small school that's not unusual but we would like to see a few more ready to contribute some as we go along," the coach said.

Offensively, the Bobcats are directed by junior quarterback **Walker McCutcheon**. Rankin feels his quarterback had a solid outing against Beaufort and likes his consistency.

Running back **Luke Cook** scored two touchdowns in the loss to Beaufort and looks solid in the ground game. **Chandler Prosser** and **Carson Hanna** will also get some carries this season.

Working at receiver are **Cole Tanner, Tanner Floyd** and **Ryker Rhodes** . Rankin feels good about his pass-catchers.

Tackles **Ryan Cox** and **Dawson Daniel** are both new starters along the offensive line. **John Cumbee** is playing guard, along with **Charlie Teal.** The center position is shared early by **Kyle Cox** and **Luis Vargas**.

Working on the defensive line are Cox, Teal and **AJ McDougal**, Linebackers include Dawson Daniel, John Cumbee, Hanna, and Prosser.

Henry Campbell starts in the secondary, along with Tanner Floyd, Rhodes and Cole Tanner.

"We gotta stay healthy as possible but we want to play fast and hard," Rankin said. "It's a physical game and you get nicked up some. Hopefully we keep the guys healthy and playing all season."

Carolina had a bye week on Sept. 5 and returns to action on Sept. 12 against Dillon Christian. The hope is to better last year's 5-5 record and compete well in a tough region that includes Dorchester Academy, Williamsburg Academy and Lee Academy.

Lake City excited to see what awaits in 2025

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Lake City – **Jamison Estep** is excited to see what is awaiting him in the 2025 football season.

"We're excited," said the **Lake City High School** head coach. "We know what we have, we know what we don't have. That's kind of what the exciting part is. It's like a kid on Christmas morning."

With just four starters back on defense and six on offense, it could be a mixed bag in the early going. The AA Panthers opened their season against AAAAA **Myrtle Beach** on August 22 and dropped a 43-18 road decision.

Senior quarterback **Amari Hanna** passed for 150 yards and a touchdown and also ran for a touchdown. A 3-year starter, Hanna is the leader of LCHS, according to Estep.

"That's the engine that drives the car for us," Estep said of Hanna, whom he made his starting quarterback when he took over the football team on an interim basis after a major automobile accident sidelined then head coach **Ronnie Baker**. "We're going to go how Amari goes this year. Third year as a starter, he's got full command, He's allowed to give his input into the game plan this year, what he likes, what he doesn't like, from what he sees. He's essentially a coach on the field for us."

Four of the other starters are on the offensive line in senior **Antonio Singletary**, senior **Tyler Williams**, senior **Makhi Nero** and sophomore **Fredrick Gibbs**. The newcomer to the line is sophomore, who has a lot of potential, according to Estep.

"The expectations for them are a lot higher than some of the others on the team just because they've been in the program longer and they know what it takes, know what it feels like," Estep said of his veteran linemen.

While young defensively, Estep is excited about what could be.

"We're going to be very young," he said. "We'll be starting five freshmen and sophomores, so there will be bumps in the road, a lot of learning to do, but I think what this unit can turn into is very special."

The Panthers went 4-7 a year ago and lost several games in excruciating fashion. So what do they need to do to flip the script this season?

"They've got to buy into the little things bcause that's what cost us last year in the tight games," Estep said. "At the end of the game, if we don't make those mistakes, we're hanging a banner for being region champs.

The mental focus, the mental details, the small things. I think that's what will put us over."

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Williamsburg Academy STALLIONS

Williamsburg looking for another state crown

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.om Associate Editor

Kingstree – Getting to a state championship game has become the expectation for the **Williamsburg Academy** football program. After all, the Stallions have played for a state title the past four seasons.

However, they've only one of those games, that coming in 2022 for the SCISA AA state crown. The goal for Williamsburg in 2025 is to hoist that championship trophy again, according to senior quarterback **Micah Balder**.

"The past two years we've lost state, so this year we're just trying not to lose state," said Balder, whose team lost to Thomas **Heyward Academy** in last year's SCISA Class A title game. "We've got the experience of playing in the state championship game, but we don't have the experience of winning it. I guess that's the overall goal. I guess they've got to learn winning is a whole lot better than losing."

Williamsburg will be under the leadership of its third head coach in four years. **Don Shelley** led the Stallions to the first two title games, while **Tyler Boyd** took them to the last two. When Boyd left for **Lamar High School**, in stepped **Will Furse**.

Furse, who came to Williamsburg after one year at **Lee Academy**, likes what he has seen.

"Things are coming together," said Furse, who led **Laurence Manning Academy** to a pair of SCISA AAAA title games while its head coach. "Things are trucking right along. I like our team spirit. We have a lot of football players, so I'm excited."

The Stallions return eight starters on offense, the most important being Balder. He completed 64 of 119 passes for 1,072 yards and 14 touchdowns against just four interceptions. He also led the team in rushing with 822 yards and 10 touchdowns on 137 carries.

"He's a really good leader, our guys look up to him," Furse said of Balder. "Everybody likes him, and he's calm and collected. He understands what we're trying to do on offense. I can talk for hours about the things he brings to our team. He's very competitive, and he's very athletic. We're very fortunate to have someone like him at quarterback."

Having come up in a system with Boyd calling the plays, Balder has had to make some adjustments in regards to terminology and such. However, he feels good about things.

"We were kind of questioning it, but everything has turned out great so far," said Balder, who led Williamsburg against **Thomas Sumter Academy** in its season opener on August 22. "I think we've put in every single play that we want so far. As we get closer to the season I think we'll be alright and we'll be just as good as we were last year.

"I think my confidence is there. I can always improve my skill set. I trust in my receivers more this year than I did last year. I feel really good about our running backs, so if I'm not playing my best, we've got the running backs to fall back on."

Junior **Grant Small** returns at running back after rushing for 709 yards and eight touchdowns on 104 carries. The other running back will be senior **Eli Brown**.

Senior **Jay Kellahan** returns as one of the starting wide receivers. The other starter will be junior **Hall Dukes**. Junior **Michael Ard** and junior Charlie Caulder will both see plenty of time at tight end. Caulder had 13 catches for 252 yards and three touchdowns.

Williamsburg returns two starters on the offensive line in senior right guard **James Elmore** and junior right tackle **Marlin** Morris. Junior **Mason Cribb** will start at left tackle, junior Sammy Tomlinson at left guard and sophomore **Henderson Livingston** at center.

Furse is happy with the development of the offensive line thus far.

"We're coming along," Furse said. "We're definitely getting better every day. (Assistant) Coach **(Ken) Kellahan** and (assistant) **Britton Morris** are coaching the offensive line, and they're doing a really good job. We're only going to get better from here."

Just like on offense, the Stallions return eight starters on defense. That includes all four linebackers in their 3-4 look.

The linebackers are Small, Caulder, Ard and Kellahan. Ard had 54 tackles and six tackles for loss, Caulder had 41 tackles and 10 tackles for loss, and Small had 27 tackles and two tackles for loss.

Marlin Morris and senior **Connor Morris** return as starters up front. Connor had 36 tackles and six tackles for loss, while Marlin had 28 tackles and one tackle for loss. Tomlinson will be the other starter.

Returning starters in the secondary will be Balder and sophomore **Gamble Wilson**. Dukes and sophomore **Lane Patrick** will be the other starters.

"I feel really good about the defense," Furse said. "We've performed really well in the scrimmages, and defensively there hasn't been as much change. We still need to continue to improve there."

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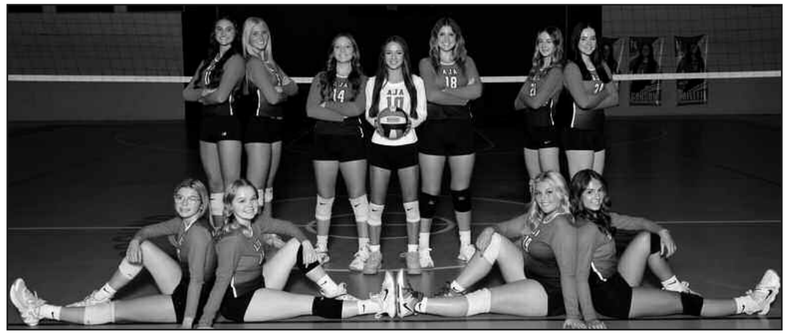

2025 Andrew Jackson Academy volleyball

AJA volleyball teams are both unbeaten early

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Ehrhardt—In his second season as the varsity head coach of the **Andrew Jackson Academy** volleyball team, head coach **Zach Bolton** helped lead the Lady Warriors to making school history with the team's first volleyball region ever.

After their first games of the 2025 regular season the team is 5-0, and counting tournament games they are 8-1. Odds are they will win their second straight region title.

One major event that has helped the team develop their volleyball skills in their participation the past two summers at the Wofford College volleyball camp. "It is a very good volleyball camp, and besides honing fundamental skills I feel like going to the camp creates a special bond with the girls on the team," said Coach Bolton. "Of the 15 teams at the camp we ended up tied for second place in the matches we played against various teams."

So far this season, both the varsity Lady Warriors and the junior varsity team, head coached by **Carmen Mixon,** have defeated **Clarendon Hall**, **Dorchester Academy** twice, **Holly Hill Academy**, and **Jefferson Davis Academy**.

In a recent tournament hosted by **Pelion High,** the varsity claimed wins over **Thornwell**, **Wagener-Salley**, **Batesburg-Leesville**, and they lost in the championship game to **Laurens Academy**.

Junior **McKinnley Beard** (5-11) earned all-region and all-state honors last year, and she leads the team as an outside hitter with five kills per set and she is also averaging two serving aces per set. tops . Junior Libero **Ginny Ott** (transfer from **Branchville**) leads the team digs and sophomore outside hitter **Harlo Sease** is averaging two kills per set.

Junior **Bella Carrigg** is a setter averaging 8 assists per set along with two aces per set. **Carrigan Moore**, a solid catching/center field prospect in softball, is a middle blocker leading the team with 9 blocks on the season. Right side hitter junior **Kinslie Carson** is next in blocks with three.

Coach Boltin says he considers the team has 8 starters from the 10 varsity players on the team. Junior **Izzie Brandt** starts on the back row and she is a DS and junior **Mary Gray Hiers** is a starting middle hitter. The other two players on the team are junior DS **Delanie Bessinger** and the only senior is DS **Alex Johnson**.

Beard, Moore, Brandt, Carrigg, Ott, and Sease are year-round club volleyball players. Moore also plays with the *Carolina Elite* softball team in the summer.

Coach Boltin is assisted by **Carmen Mixson** and former AJA all-state player **Abby Sease**.

Both the varsity and jayvee trams have upcoming matches with **Clarendon Hall** (8-25), **Patrick Henry** (8-26) and **Curtis Baptist** on 8-28.

Coach Mixon is both the head jayvee and B team coach and she is assisted by **Brittany Mixon**.

The "B" team recently ended Dorchester Academy's two end undefeated streak.

The jayvee consists of 16 players. They include: Soph OH **Peighton Jones**, a club player, **Adelyn Westberry** is soph front row, while 9th grade club player **Amiah McClung** is the starting setter. **Naia Tuten** is the soph Libero, soph **Madison Lyons** starts on the back row, while soph **Abby Ayer** is an OH.

The first two players off the bench are usually 9th grade setter **Harper Bessinger**, and 8th grade DS **Adalyn Crosby**. **Kiley O'Herien** is 9th grade DS, and 9th grade twins **Brianna** and **Abbagail** Jacques play back row and OH respectively. **Brystal Westberry** is 8th grade on back row, along with 8 grader **Addison Shirey**. The remaining players are 7th grade MB **Jesslyn Ellis**, 9th grade DS **Lydia Soto**, and 8th grade MB Lynsey Stanfield.

AJA football focused on improvement early on

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Ehrhardt—There will always be growing issues when an 8-man football program, rich in tradition, transitions into an 11-man program but if anyone will work hard to get the Andrew Jackson Academy football program up and growing as an 11-man team it is new head coach and athletic director **Andy Palmer**.

Coach Palmer begins his 34th year in coaching so coming to AJA to help elevate the football program certainly is not his first rodeo. His coaching debut with the Warriors was spoiled in week zero with a 55-14 loss to the Raiders.

After the DA game, Coach Palmer told the HSSR, "We are in the process of working on a culture change and we have to work hard to get better," said Coach Palmer. "At this point, we are just trying to win one play at a time. We'll evaluate the good and the bad from the DA film and move forward to get ready to play Orangeburg Prep."

Just prior to the season starting the *HSSR* observed

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Marion football team is extremely young in '25

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Marion – There's young, then there's the **Marion High School** football team.

The Swamp Foxes have just three seniors starting on the offensive unit and no – that's zip, zero, nada – seniors starting on defense.

"It's just where we are right now," said Marion Head coach **Brian Hennecy**, whose team is coming off of a 1-9 season from a year ago. "We lost 19 seniors two years ago (a group that won four straight region titles and played for a AA state title) and 12 from last year.

"We've got 12 seniors this year, but only four of them are contributing a lot. Most of our talent is among the sophomore and junior classes so that's how we're going."

There is one freshman starting on offense, and he happens to be the quarterback, **Jayden Nowlin**.

"He's a great athlete, good size (6-foot-1-inch), and he passes the ball pretty well," Hennecy said. "He was our middle school quarterback last year, so we decided to go with him. We're trying to develop him."

Nowlin made his varsity debut on August 21 in a 26-13 loss to Lake View.

"He did some good things, and he did some bad things, but they're correctable," Hennecy said.

That's the way Hennecy felt about his team as a whole in its performance against Lake View.

"We had some mistakes, but they were all correctable mistakes," he said. "Offensively, we've got to get better running the spread. It was 14-13 in the third quarter then we had a couple o defensive breakdowns."

One of the seniors, **Jeremiah Eaddy**, will line up at running back along with sophomore **Kameryn Davis**. The wide receivers are sophomore **Jacorie Brown** and sophomore **Da'Shawn Davis**. The tight end is junior **Amauri Green**.

The other two seniors start on the offensive line. They are right tackle **Norvell Finklea** and left guard **Diego Herrera**. Sophomore **Kendrick Brown** is the left tackle, sophomore **Marcus White** is the right guard, and sophomore **Ka'Monntey Kirton** is the center.

The good news for Marion is that it only has two players going both ways. Kendrick Brown is starting on the defensive line, and Davis is lining up at linebacker.

The other defensive linemen are junior **Derrion Baccour**, sophomore **Kaleb Moore** and junior **William Self**. Joining Davis at linebacker are sophomore **Jaylin Reed** and sophomore **Benjamin Watford**.

The secondary is made up of freshman Jhy'Yonn Hammonds, sophomore **Alexander Roberts**, junior **Tyler Nelson** and sophomore **Malachi Graham**.

Sophomore Carter Shelley will be the placekicker and freshman **Robert Wynns** will handle the punting duties.

"We're better than we were last year," Hennecy said. "We've improved a lot, mainly because of the experience we gained. The kids have gotten bigger, faster stronger and are learning the game. They're a year older."

The Swamp Foxes are playing a beast of a nonconference schedule. After Lake View, they take on **Latta**, AAAAA Division II **West Florence** and AAA power **Dillon**.

"This should make us better for our region (7)," Hennecy said. "We've got to get better. It makes us better when we have to prepare to play good teams. Playing good teams nly make you better."

"Weve just got to get better each day."

Mullins hopes to continue improvment this fall

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Mullins – The **Mullins High School** football team made a drastic turn for the positive last season. After going winless in **Marc Lowery's** first year as head coach, the Auctioneers put together a 7-4 season last year.

That has the players carrying an air of confidence heading into the 2025 season, which doesn't bother Lowery. However, he wants the Auctioneers to take a step back and consider everything.

"Yes," was Lowery's response when asked if the team believed in itself. "That is a good thing, but at the same time we have to understand that we haven't done anything yet and need to put the work in and focus on all the little things that help make a team successful."

The Auctioneers, who open their season on August 29 against **Lake View**, won all four of its nonregion games but went just 3-3 in Region 7-AA. That was good for fifth place and a berth in the state playoffs. They lost to **Philip Simmons** in the first round.

Senior **KaNazzion Bethea** is back at quarterback. He threw for 1,284 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Lowery hopes to see an even better Bethea this year.

"He made all-region in 2023 and 2024, but he still has not played to the level that we know he can," Lowery said. "He has put in a lot of work this offseason to get better at all aspects of the QB position. If he does a better job taking what the defense gives him, there is no telling how good he could be.

"He was also the team's leading rusher last season. He should end the season as one of the best QBs in the state."

Mullins has four key players back for Bethea's targets in senior **Ayntwain Crawford**, senior tight end **Braden Hughes**, senior **Amir Lee** and senior **Justin Reaves**.

"This is our most experienced group," Lowery said. "We have four returning starters that bring a lot of speed and size. All play basketball and all have started the past two years."

Junior **Keith Bridgett** will also be part of the receiving corps.

The Auctioneers are having to replace four starters on the offensive line. Junior **Jyrell Pee** is the only returning starter, but this will be his third season as a starter. Lowery sees good things, but he knows the line has to prove itself on the field.

"We do like the OL's progress at this time, yet it is still an unknown as to how good they can be," the third-year head coach said. "If they can gel early and play consistently, there is no telling how far this group can go."

The Auctioneers will have a different look defensively. They will be operating out of a 3-4 formation this year.

"We moved to a 3-4 defense to take advantage of our skill positions and to get more athletes on the field," Lowery said. "If we play assignment football and do our jobs, we could have a very talented group."

Mullins will be inexperienced on the defensive line as well. However, it will have a massive anchor at noseguard in 6-foor-3-inch, 305-pounds **DeAndre Stackhouse**.

With the formation change, Crawford and Hughes went from ends to outside linebackers. **Andre Littlejohn** and **Nathan Peracki** will return to the middle spots. The secondary will include senior **Terrion Grant**, senior **Deyon Ford** and junior **Da'Kari Worley**.

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Panthers football aiming to stay in the mix in '25

By Roger Lee
Special to the HSSR

Summerville – Pinewood Prep reached the mountain top last season so the trick now is to not fall off.

The **Panthers** went 10-2 in 2024 and captured the SCISA 3A Football Championship, the school's first in the sport. Pinewood won its region the past two seasons so it looks to remain in the mix for its division, but is replacing some of the key players who helped the Panthers become a force.

"Our practices have been very competitive," said Pinewood coach **DeVonte Holloman**, who is entering his third season with the team. "We did well early in the season, but we want to keep integrating some new pieces. We are a fairly young team but we have a lot of young kids I'm really excited about."

The varsity squad only has 11 seniors.

Asa Windham, who averaged more than 1,000 passing yards per season during his four years as a Panthers' quarterback, has joined the **Methodist University Football** program so Pinewood doesn't have as much experience behind center.

Junior **Silas Brawner**, a **Summerville** transfer, has won the starting QB role.

Photo by Roger Lee
Silas Brawner has won the starting QB job

Junior **Hunter Gardner** is working out as the backup QB. Senior **Will Watson** also has QB experience.

"Will is a special athlete committed to **Wofford** for baseball," Holloman said. "He can easily play QB if we need him to. In the past he kept getting hurt when he played there so he will focus on being a free safety. We will also put him at receiver some. If he wanted to I think he could play football at the next level."

Junior **Grayson Salego** starts the season as the team's

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Porter Gaud off to good start under new head coach

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Charleston – If game one is any indication of the type of season awaits the **Porter-Gaud** Cyclones, fans need to buckle up.

Despite heavy graduation losses and with a new head coach, the Cyclones opened the 2025 season with a 46-21 win over **Hilton Head Christian** on Aug. 15. New coach **Matt Neighbors** came away impressed with his team's level of execution.

"We really played excited and we were ready," Neighbors said. "It was a good way to start the season against a good football team. But, it's one game. We want to be playing in game 13."

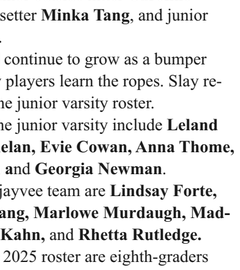
The Cyclones, in fact, did reach the AAAA SCISA state finals before losing a close game to Hammond School. Many of the players who played key roles on last year's team have since graduated. In starting roles now are guys who were mostly backups last season.

"They're hungry. They want to set their own legacy," Neighbors said. "They played like they were anxious for their chance and it was a good night,"

The Cyclones unveiled a tremendous rushing attack in the opener. Porter-Gaud was primarily a strong rushing team last season and offensive coordinator **Josh Harpe** is still ringing that bell.

The Cyclones rushed for more than 450 yards in the opener with **Jackson Shealy** gaining 321 yards on 30 carries in his first-ever start. **Amir Chisolm** added 100 yards on the ground and is one of several two-way performers.

The strength this season lies on the offensive line.



Jackson Shealy

Haze Marchant is a fourth-year starter and is the leader. **Hugh Matthews** and **Alex Stieglic** also return with significant experience.

"We are going to be able to throw it some but when we need to run behind those guys we will certainly do that," Neighbors said.

Taking over at quarterback is first-year starter **Scott Tibbals**. **Wilson Yarborough** will be a key receiver.

Defensively, the Cyclones had several solid performances in the opener. **Beanie Brown, Huck Nevin** and Marchant each totaled seven tackles. Brown is a freshman defensive end and Nevin is a safety.

Junior **Julian Buxton** is another starting linebacker, as is **Allen Chisolm**. **Kaden Pryor** works in the secondary, as does **Amir Chisolm**.

The Cyclones played First Baptist on Aug. 22. Neighbors is looking for daily improvement from his team.

"Still plenty to clean up. We're not where we want to be just yet," he said. "As long as they keep a good attitude and continue to work, we're going to alright."

Slay begins 41st season as Ashley Hall coach

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Charleston – The volleyball program at **Ashley Hall School** continues to be very relevant in SCISA as coach F**ranny Slay** begins her 41st as head coach.

Slay, with more than 850 career wins and 12 state championships, has another competitive squad in 2025. And this young team, along with a junior varsity program, is set up for future success.

The 2025 roster has only three seniors but the youth on the team is talented. The Panthers began the season in a tournament in Rock Hill, posting a 2-2 record and a third-place finish in their bracket.

"We are looking forward to an exciting season," commented Slay.

The team leader is senior setter **Charlotte Strickland**, who will go down as one of the all-time great players in Ashley Hall history, Strickland is in her fifth varsity season as a starter and has more 2,600 assists in her career. She also has accumulated 218 aces, 831 digs and 201 kills in her career.

Strickland is one of the three seniors on the team. She is joined by Libero **Diane Street** and outside hitter **Maclane Applegate**.

However, Strickland is the only senior that starts. Other returning starters include outside hitter **Liza Hood** and junior Libero/defensive specialist **Amelia Finnegan**.

Those who also see time in the starting rotation include junior middle hitter **Samantha Miller**, eighth-grade setter **Avery Ryan**, freshman middle **Ava Payton**, freshman outside **Isabella Smith** and junior middle **Aubrey Lee**.

Rounding out the 2025 roster are junior middle **Caroline Perkins**, junior outside hitter **Caroline Copenhaver**, junior setter **Minka Tang**, and junior libero **Felice Killian**.

The program will continue to grow as a bumper crop of junior varsity players learn the ropes. Slay reports 15 players on the junior varsity roster.

Sophomores on the junior varsity include **Leland Elliott, Carolyn Whelan, Evie Cowan, Anna Thome, Madison Middleton and Georgia Newman**.

Freshmen on the jayvee team are **Lindsay Forte, Bee Dollens, Mila Tang, Marlowe Murdaugh, Maddrey Moore, Claire Kahn,** and **Rhetta Rutledge.**

Rounding out the 2025 roster are eighth-graders **Eliza Broad** and **Avery Ellis**.

Danya Amer and **Haley Van Poppel** serve as assistant coaches on both teams.

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Dillon Christian opens with 35-12 loss to FCS

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Dillon – The season didn't begin for the **Dillon Christian School** football team in the way new head coach Chris Alphin had hoped. The Warriors dropped a 35-12 decision to **Florence Christian School** on August 22. However, he saw more than enough to have him excited about what could be on the horizon.

"We're still having those early-year penalties," Alphin said. "We've got to work on that and become more disciplined. After we settled in, I thought we played pretty well. At halftime we made some good adjustments. There were times where we got a little stagnant and didn't finish drives and missed putting points on the board. We're just going to have to work to keep on getting better."

DCS has six starters back on offense from last season's 2-6-1 club. It is having to find a new quarterback and is doing so with a pair o sophomores in **Jordan Blackmon** and **Gray Easterling**. Both of them played a good bit against FCS.

"I feel like we have a true dual threat with either of them," Alphin said. "Between the two, Jordan has the better legs. What impressed me is I think we threw the ball better with the both of them than we did a any timelast year. We didn't run the ball that well, but Florence Christian probably had a lot to do with that. If we can keep throwing like we did and improve the running game, we'll be satisfied as a coaching staff."

The running back in Dillon Christian's 1-back set will be senior **Reese Bracey**. The wide receivers are senior Zack **Ellis**, senior **Hayden Moody** and sophomore **Blake Hunt**. The tight end is senior **Wyatt Locklear**.

The offensive line is made up of senior **Braxton Cummings** at left tackle, **TJ Alford** at left guard, freshman **Eli McColl** at center, senior **Lincoln Dial** at right guard and **John Paul**

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First Baptist football learning on the go in 2025

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

James Island – Kevin Mapp knew the challenges ahead when he accepted the opportunity to be the head football coach at **First Baptist.**

The biggest challenge was numbers. The coach did not inherit a lot of experienced players. So Mapp worked the hallways and talked to athletes that were playing just one sport. He essentially recruited the student body.

Mapp was able create interest from other athletes, increasing the numbers to about two dozen. But, many of those new additions were new to football.

The results early on have been predictable. The Hurricanes opened the 2025 season with losses to much stronger programs, Ben Lippen and Porter-Gaud. Game three on Aug. 29 is against AAAA state contender Northwood Academy.

"The schedule early certainly didn't help us out, but that's football," Mapp said. "We're just taking things slowly and really trying to teach the game. We have several guys who have never played football, never made a tackle. We have some decent athletes but experience is something we have to get on the go. We're just focusing on learning and improving and the guys have been great. The effort has been great so far."

The Hurricanes have a few players on the field that have played in the past. Along the offensive and defensive lines are returners **Gus Clarke, Will Miller** and **Caleb Wright**. Junior **Demarcus Vinson**, a transfer from James Island, has made a solid impact as well.

Sophomore **Jack Norris** is a capable quarterback with experience. **Ka'bion Asbury** is the top threat at receiver and **Henry Cline**, a senior newcomer, has shown to be a threat offensively. **Watts Tisdale** is working at receiver and defensive back and **Tyler Suggs** is working in the rotation along the trenches.

Sophomore **Lemarion Harding** and freshman **Tyler**

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Lee football looking to get back on track in 2025

By Dennis Brunson
Hssr.com Associate Editor

Bishopville – Lee Academy is hoping the 2024 football season was just an anomaly.

The Cavaliers went 3-7-1 last season after posting an 89-26 record over the nine previous seasons. That included playing for a state championship on six occasions, including the four most recent seasons.

Getting things back on the right path was a topic of conversation leading up to the season.

"It has come up quite a bit," said new head coach **Justin Logan**, who took over after **Will Furse** left for **Williamsburg Academy** after one season. "I don't think our record was indicative of how good a football team we were. Anything that could go wrong, did. Injuries, turnovers. Everything just seemed to work against us.

"We're going to play the players we have and see what happens. We've got to win the second half of games and finish ball games."

Things didn't get off to the best start as Lee fell to **Spartanburg Christiani Academy** 34-14 in its season opener on August 15. After a bye week, it was scheduled to play Dillon Christiani School on August 29.

Sophomore **Brayden Davis** will return at quarterback and senior **Andrew Bowers** will be back at running back. The other running back will be junior **Landon Olsen** with the wide receivers senior **Paxton Greene** and senior **Cain June**. The tight end will be sophomore **Luke McCathery**.

The offensive line will have senior **Luke Richardson** at right tackle, senior **Grant Hawkins** at left tackle, senior **Hampton Layton** at left guard, sophomore **Carter Berenzen** at right guard and senior **Collins Drayton** at center.

"The offensive line has been fluid as we try to find the right combination," Logan said. "We're having to work other guys in, so it's been a challenge."

The defense returns eight starters and will have Berenzen and Richardson starting up front along with junior **Gavin Makela**. The four linebackers will include Layton, senior **Tucker Boyce**, Olson and sophomore **Tyler Gilbert**.

The secondary is made up of Davis, newcomer **Cary Privette**, Bowers and June.

Tucker Rodgers will handle the placekicking duties and Davis will do the punting.

Logan was an assistant to Furse last season after one season as the head coach at Clarendon Hall in 2022, posting a 6-5 record. Prior to that, he was a longtime assistant to former head coach **David Rankin**.

"It's been a little bit of adjustment, mixing some things a little," Logan said. " Most of the guys, we've coached together before, and (former standout quarterback) **Bryce (Barrett)** was a welcomed addition. There's a core of respect among the coaches. We're on the same page, coaching the same things, that the players are hearing the same thing from multiple coaches."

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Inexperienced Pee Dee Academy wins '25 opener

By Dennis Brunson
Hssr.com Associate Editor

Mullins – With only two starters back at the same position on offense and just five on defense from a 12-0 team that won the SCISA AA football state title, one would think the sledding might be a little tough for **Pee Dee Academy**, especially early in the season. No one knows what the rest o the year holds for the Golden Eagles, but they got off to a good start.

PDA traveled to **Darlington** on August 22 and came away with a 14-12 victory over AAA **Trinity Collegiate School**.

"I was very happy with how our team came out and competed from start to finish against a strong AAA opponent on the road," said head coach **Jonathan King**, who has led Pee Dee to a state title two of the last three seasons. "It was very encouraging to see a lot of young guys get their opportunity on the field and step up in big moments for us."

The Eagles are having to replace standout quarterback **Colby Richardson**, who is now playing baseball for **Coastal Carolina**. Senior **Tristan Heckman**, who started at running back last year, is the signal caller.

The other two returning starters are on the offensive line in the person of seniors **Chandler James** and **Cole Pursley**. Junior **Gavin McGill** has another spot locked down, while senior **Judd Hayes**, junior **Holden Lane**, sophomore **Caiden Elliott** and freshman **Cadyn Price** are battling for the other two slots.

A **pair of juniors are at running back in Judson Martin and Walker Trussell. The wide receivers are junior Miles Wiggins** and sophomore **Jesse Smith**, while the tight end is senior **Gage Elliott**.

On defense, PDA will have four new starters across the front. They are McGill, junior **Brayden Lewis**, Gage Elliott and freshman **Hammer Watson**.

Martin and James return as starters at linebacker. Trussell and sophomore **Tristan Rabon** are competing for the other spot.

Heckman, Wiggins and senior **Ryan Small** are starting again in the secondary. The newcomer is Smith.

Freshman Rivers Tucker and Trussell are competing for the punting job. Rivers is battling for the placekicking slot along with senior **Jacob Freeman**.

While young and inexperienced, King likes what he's seen of the 2025 edition of Pee Dee football.

"We had a great summer of workouts and a strong preseason camp, so to see that pay off for us in Week 1 was awesome," King said. "I love this team and our chemistry. We have lots of work still to do at practice as we build for the region slate later in the season, but we have the pieces of the puzzle to get plugged into the right places."

2025 Andrews Yellow Jackets standouts

Andrews has eye on a region championship in '25

By Neill Kirkpatrick
Special to the HSSR

Goose Creek – Since **Scott Durham** and his staff arrived at Andrews the Yellowjacket have been perennial AA play off participant so heading into the 2025 season the goals and expectations remain the same win the region and make a deep run in the playoffs.

Last season the Yellowjackets moved to region 6AA and finished the season 6-5/2-3. They started the season 4-0 beating four playoff teams before a few injuries crept in during region play. Also, the Yellowjackets lost some close games that were the difference in getting a home playoff game.

Coach Durham on the close games last season, "Hopefully, it gives us a better idea of how important the little things are in close games, and how one play can change the course of an entire season."

"Heading into the season our strengths are at running back and the defensive line," said coach. "We expect to compete for the region championship.

The Yellowjackets have two of the top players in the state in running back **AJ Lee** (5-10,190) and defensive linemen/ Tight End **Chris Stewart** (6-4,230). Both were named to the AA all state team last season. Lee had over 1800 total yards last season and a team high 18 touchdowns and 118 total points. He has over 2700 career rushing yards and is poised to have a big senior year. At media day he told the HSSR that his goal is to rush for over 2000 yards.

Stewart has committed to Western Michigan after posting 93 tackles, 31.5 tackles for loss, 13.5 sacks, four pass break ups and two forced fumbles last season. He also had four receptions and a touchdown. He is quick off the edge and causes havoc in the backfield. He and Lee a very underrated except to their opponents.

Joining Lee in the backfield will be returning starter at the other running back position will be junior **Dutch Stafford** (5-8,150) and junior quarterback **Avery Durham** (6-4, 180). Stafford rushed for 515 yards and five scores. He runs tough between the tackles and is a solid blocker.

Durham saw limited action last season and completed 17 of 34 for 215 yards and two touchdowns. In the playoff game against East Clarendon, he was 8-14 for 111 yards and both of his touchdown tosses.

Both wideouts senior **Kayden Dorsey** (5-10,170) and junior **Colby Marlowe** (5-10,160) are returning. Dorsey had a team high 10 receptions for 262 yards while Marlowe had six receptions for 112 yards.

The offensive returns three starter in seniors left tackle **Madison Smith** (5-11,250), center **Riley Jordan** (6-1 , 255), and right tackle **Da'Viyon McNair** (6-3,320). McNair is drawing interest from several schools.

Joining them on the offensive line will be senior left guard **Damian Estrada** (5-11, 250).

The defensive line will see freshman **Javon Bessellieu** (6-2,190) join Stewart, McNair, and Jordan.

Seniors **Levi Marlowe** (5-10,190) and **Lavon Brown** (6, 200) are returning starters at linebackers. Last season they combined for 90 tackle.

The secondary is led seniors **Jeronde Johnson** (5-9,150) and Dorsey, who are returning starters. Junior **Garvin Gary** (6,150) will be joining them.

The Andrews opens the season on the road at area rival Georgetown on August 29th. The Yellowjackets have owned the series of late as they have won seven in a row.

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2025 Central Eagles football standouts

Central football teams playing with a purpose

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Pageland – The **Central High School** football team will be taking the field every week this fall with a greater purpose than just wins and losses.

Sean Davis.

A standout senior defensive back, Davis was killed in a random shooting at the **Watermelon Festival** in **Pageland** in July.

"He was one of the greatest kids," Eagles head coach **Jonathan Eason** said of Davis, an All-Region selection from a year ago who would have been a 4-year starter and was being recruited by **North Carolina A&T** and **Fayetteville State** among others. "He was the heart and soul of this team. The guys really rallied around him. This season is going to be to for Sean. They really want to represent him well.

"He's a great kid who ended up being in the wrong place at the wrong time. We're going to do everything we can to honor him this year."

"We're trying to come back together as a team since we lost one of our leaders," said junior quarterback **Dwayne Louallen Jr.** "We're coming back with a better mindset and come together as a team to win a championship."

Central was coming into the season with grand aspirations; now it has just a little bit more drive. The Eagles, who opened the season with a 12-0 win over **Lewisville** on August 22, returned nine starters on offense and seven on defense from last year's squad that went 10-3 and reached the third round of the AA state playoffs.

Louallen will be in his third season behind center. Louallen completed 115 of 204 passes for 1,417 yards and 10 touchdowns while rushing for 519 yards and six touchdowns on 105 carries.

Lining up behind him will be senior running backs **Ashten Wilson** and **Aiden Short**. Wilson led in rushing with 858 yards and seven touchdowns on 123 carries. He caught 17 passes for 167 yards to finish with 1,025 yards of total offense. Short rushed for 723 yards and seven touchdowns on 121 carries and caught 13 passes for 258 yards and three more scores to finish with 981 total yards.

Senior **Taveon Moore** returns at wide receiver and will be joined by junior **Darin Gaines**. The tight end again will be junior **Cody Branham**.

The Eagles return four of five starters on the offensive line. Standout junior left tackle **Brandon Streater** (6-foot-4-inches, 260 pounds) is back along with senior right tackle **Jared Moore** (6-1, 200), senior right guard **Jordan Caldwell** (6-2, 250) and senior center **Brandon Rollins** (6-0, 250). Senior **Dom Deese** (6-1, 285) is the new left guard.

Central has two of its three defensive linemen returning in senior Eric Maddox and senior **Isaiah Tyson**. Sophomore **Tahir Wise** is the newcomer. Senior **MJ Allen** and junior **Zee Allen** return at linebacker. MJ Allen led in tackles with 80 to go with three tackles for loss, one quarterback sack and one interception.

The other linebacker will be senior **Jakari Holloman**, who transferred from **McBee**. He is being recruited by North Carolina A&T and Fayetteville State as well.

The secondary is led by Moore, who had eight interceptions last season. Senior **Devin Kewolewski** returns, and juniors **Aiden Welch** and **Dylan Tomberlin** will man the other spots.

Senior **Lawson Hicks** will handle all of the kicking duties.

"We've got a lot of pieces," Eason said. "I think our seniors are great leaders."

Myrtle Beach looking to improve on 2024 mark

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Myrtle Beach – The **Myrtle Beach** Seahawks football program had a successful move from one of the toughest AAAA regions into Class AAAAA in 2024, creating high expectations for 2025.

Last season produced a 6-5 overall record and 4-1 mark in region 6-AAAAA. The lone region loss came to Carolina Forest. Myrtle Beach lost to White Knoll in their playoff game.

The Seahawks have been a model of consistency under head coach **Mickey Wilson**. The coach, entering his 17th season at the helm, has guided the program to 16 winning seasons and three state championships (2010, 2013, 2018).

Myrtle Beach has averaged 10 wins per season and has won 10 or more games nine times during Wilson's tenure as head coach. The only losing campaign came during the 2022 season but the Seahawks bounced back to post a 9-3 record in 2023, losing to Irmo in the second-round of the AAAA state playoffs.

When the SC High School League realigned schools in the spring of 2024, it created a larger AAAAA classification. Class AAAAA grew from 42 schools to 54 and that move pushed Myrtle Beach into the state's largest classification.

The move up to AAAAA also ended the highly competitive region 6-AAAA. Myrtle Beach will now participate in a region with fellow Horry County schools North Myrtle Beach, St. James, Carolina Forest, Socastee an5d Conway. The region has been dubbed "the beach region,"

The 2025 Seahawks opened their season with an impressive 43-18 win over **Lake City**. The Seahawks return some key pieces at the skill positions on offense but are working to find a consistent unit along the offensive front

Senior **Tanner Gaddy** is getting his shot to lead to offensive after serving as a backup for two years. Gaddy was solid in the opener, throwing for about 250 yards after a slow start.

Senior running back **Antonio Brown**, also a linebacker, had two touchdowns in the opener. Senior running back **Michael Cohen** also had a productive night offensively.

Gaddy's favorite targets in the passing game will be **Jon Kelly, JJ Brown, Amare Brown** and **Tyree Cauthen**.

Players included among those working to form a solid offensive line include **Zack Kontos, Blake Coffey Cam Fisher, Austin Scratcher, Sachin Sharma and Nathan Arroyo**.

Elijah Williams is a key returner on the defensive line and **Malachi Gethers** returns at defensive end. **Jayden Pyatt** has experience at nose guard. **Anton Bryant** and **Eli Reed** have experience in the secondary.

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Holly Hill Academy set for new season, new coach

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Holly Hill – The **Holly Hill Academy** football team will have a new head coach for the 2025 season. But, not really new.

Former assistant **Stradford Hydrick** has moved up to the top spot, making the transition for the coaches and players much easier to adjust to.

"We're pretty much all on the same page," Hydrick says. "We are doing a few things differently but for the most part we are the same. The kids have been great. We're working hard on having a successful season and we have a lot of work to do."

The Raiders have had plenty of success over the recent years, winning three state eight-man titles and coming very close to more the last two seasons. Holly Hill Academy kicked off the 2025 campaign against Cathedral Academy on Aug. 22.

Hydrick offers this assessment of the team heading out of the preseason.

"The preseason has been pretty good overall," he said. "We've got some new guys on the field, made a few changes. I feel like this will be a team that gets better over time. We may not look great early on but we have the makings of a good, competitive team."

The Raiders have a new quarterback this fall but that has changed since practice started. **Parker Kizer**, a running back last season, entered camp as the quarterback but is best suited at running back. Sophomore **Jake Kirven** will start the season under center.

Kizer will be the top back in the running game with sophomore **Jaxon Jones** also figuring into the mix. **Tyler Green** will be a versatile performer, working at fullback, tight end and linebacker. Senior **Steven Murray** will line up at receiver. Kizer can move to the slot with **Collin Stafford** and **Kobe Sweatman** will be a tight end.

New AD / Football Coach Stradford Hydrick

Along the offensive line will be **Mason Driggers, Shade Snyder, Caleb Bell** and **Ryan Brown**, along with the tight ends.

Many of the same players will have significant roles defensively as well. **Jason Iller** will start as a linebacker. Driggers and Snyder will work along the front. **JP McGriff** is in the secondary while Green can play safety of linebacker.

"We have to be creative with how we use them and how we rotate guys in to stay fresh," Hydrick said, "The good thing is we have some kids who can handle what we ask of them."

Clarendon Hall looks to continue to improve

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Summerton – All things considered, **Shane Wallace's** first game as the football head coach at **Clarendon Hall** went pretty well. The Saints didn't come away with a victory, but they held up against **Spartanburg Christian Academy** in a 27-12 home loss on August 22.

Clarendon Hall is coming off of a 0-10 season in which it scored just 42 points. It was taking on a team in the Warriors who not only had a game under their belts, but an impressive victory at that, 34-14 over perennial SCISA Class A power **Lee Academy**.

Still, Wallace isn't quite sure what to make of all of it.

"I have mixed emotions," said Wallace, who has previously coached in **Texas**, **Alabama** and **North Carolina**. "I feel like I failed them, that I didn't have them quite prepared. That was a tough team we played. Those boys were tough. One of my biggest problems is the fact I'm not used to **South Carolina** (SCISA) ball. I've had people telling me how well we played them and they beat Lee.

"I was proud of our kids. We didn't quit. We played hard for four quarters. We had the opportunities to score several times, but we just couldn't do it."

Wallace said the final score was a bit deceiving as one of Spartanburg Christian's touchdowns was an interception return for a score.

Wallace had no complaints about the Saints' offensive performance.

"I thought our offense did well," he said. "I thought our running backs did well. We do have to get in front of the defenders and block them a little bit better."

Senior **Graham Lee** is starting at quarterback while the running backs are senior **Grayson Elliott** and senior **Bryce Yates**. Senior Josh Hodge and sophomore **Joey Hatchell** at the wide receivers while junior **Cole Richburg** is the tight end.

Wallace wsa happy with the performance of Lee and how he carried himself.

"Graham did well controling the offense," Wallace said. "He hit receivers several times with one dropped in the end zone on a fourth-down play. He stepped up and took control of the offense. He never lost his cool or got a negative attitude. He went back out to the receiver who dropped the ball and talked to him. He stepped up and led really well."

The offensive line has senior **Tommylei Atkinson** at left tackle and junior **Jake Roberson** at right tackle. The other starters are all sophomores in left guard **Wyatt Simpson**, right guard **Fisher Horton** and center **Devam Patel**.

A lot of the same names appear n the defensive side of the ball as well. Clarendon Hall is operating out of a 4-man front. Filling those spots are Simpson, senior **Jacob Morris**, Atkinson and Richburg.

The linebackers are Yates, junior **Zander White** and Hodge. The secondary is made up of Hatchell, Elliott, senior **Thomas Shorter** and sophomore **Bobby Singleton**.

Wallace said the Saints must become more fundamentally sound to continue to improve.

"Defensively, we made the tackles but we were giving up too many yards," he said. "We've got to improve on playing downhill more.

"Blocking and tackling is our weakness right now. Most of our players are sophomores. I thought my sophomores did good, but going forward they're going to have to continue to move forward. They're working hard, they want it as bad as I do. I think we're going to turn it around."

Richburg will be handling the placekicking and punting duties.

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Hammond not focused on championship in 2025

By WORTHY EVANS
Special to the HSSR

Columbia - The **Hammond** football roster looks a lot different than it did in previous seasons, and with that difference comes a different outlook on how the team will come together.

Gone are more than 30 seniors and many starters on both sides of the football. In their place are 22 juniors, 20 sophomores, and only nine seniors

"We're inexperienced," said head coach **Jon Wheeler**, in his fourth season as head coach. "We're junior-heavy, but we've had a good summer for the most part. The guys are committed."

The experience quotient is unavoidable for the Skyhawks, who have won 22 state football championships, including eight straight state crowns since 2017. Without much senior leadership, talk of making another run for a state title subsides in the wake of having every player get to know their role on the team and strive to improve at that role every day.

"It comes with the territory, and I'm going to fight like heck to keep it more on the latter," Wheeler said. "Don't let anybody who's not with us from day to day tell you where you need to be. The focus is on getting better every day. We're not going to emphasize competing for a championship a ton, we're just talking about getting better. Every once in a while I'll throw it (the championships) out there to get them motivated, but we don't talk about it otherwise. You can't control when you play for championships, you can't control your opponents."

Wheeler, who is deeply embedded in the Hammond culture since his days as an assistant to head coach **Erik Kimrey**, has an experienced staff that includes Athletic Director and offensive line coach **Jeff Barnes**, defensive coordinator **Hamp Smith** and offensive coordinator **Rick Reetz**. These coaches all have the understanding that the 2025 Skyhawks need experience and need to learn how to fight through adversity.

Hammond returns only three offensive starters, linemen **Jaliyl Jaminson**, **Jauris Shaw**, and **Walter Cason**. Rising senior **Daylin Haltiwanger** transferred to **Orangeburg-Wilkinson** in the offseason. Quarterbacks **Ben Kiser**, **Cade Amell**, and **Bryson Patterson** will complete for playing time,

On defense will be linemen **John Stokes** and **Ben Winkler**. **Bubba Alexander** and **Jackson Ross** will be linebackers, and **Jordan Boston** will be anywhere in the secondary, whether as a safety or a cornerback.

The season is loaded with opportunities for the young Skyhawks to gain experience, including road trips to 2024 state championship opponent **Porter-Gaud** Sept. 5, **Hilton Head Christian** Sept. 19, and 2023 state championship opponent **Laurence Manning** Oct. 3.

The team's first test was a road trip to the upstate to take on **Christ Church Episcopal** Friday night. Hammond shut out the Cavaliers 17-0 Friday.

"I'm excited about this one because it's great prep for the boys, where it doesn't count in the long run as far as seeding," Wheeler said two days before the game. "This is a really great opportunity for us and a couple of other games. Going up on I-26, that is great prep for when we hit the road and take on top programs when we get to league play."

Wheeler added that his expectations for the team are for them to buckle up and leave everything on the field.

"That's what I'm excited about," he said. "We get out the jitters and the wide eyes and let's get it over with, and you find out you didn't die, you're still alive."

Of course, with a team this young and the players knowing they're in a program that is expected to win championships, pressure will build inside them, Wheeler said. That's why he and the coaching staff are doing what they can to keep them focused and keep them learning.

"It's the natural pressure they put on themselves," Wheeler explained. "A lot of them have brothers who won multiple championships. But I tell them that we don't have to prove anything to anybody. We just have to get better. Don't worry about all the outside talk. It doesn't mean anything. It would be like me showing up to someone's law firm and telling them how to run it."

Wilson Hall gets off to a fast start this season

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Sumter – There are plenty of hoops that have to be jumped through to accomplish it, but the players for the **Wilson Hall** football team know what they want to do this season: win the SCISA AAA state championship.

Those who have played for the Barons the past two seasons know what it takes to get there. They've played in the last two state title games. They just haven't been able to seal the deal.

"They want to get there and win it," said WH head coach **Adam Jarecki**, whose squad lost to **Pinewood Prep** 23-21 in last year's title game. "We can't lose sight of the big picture. Those games have let us know what it takes to get there. The guys understand that now. What we do in practice, what we do away from practice. It gives validity to what we need to do."

Wilson Hall, which went 11-2 last season, opened the 2025 campaign with a 42-14 road win over Orangeburg Prep on August 22.

"I thought we executed pretty well, especially in the first half," Jarecki said. "Offensively we scored on every possession up until it was 35-0.'

Senior **Ford Wilder** is running the Barons' flexbone offense from the quarterback position this year after being the top flanker target for the departed **Owen Meyers** last season. Being behind center isn't new to Wilder as he stepped in for Meyers when he was out with an injury last season.

"He had some nice reads in our packages," Jarecki said. "It's not new to Ford by any means. He's a good athlete, a great athlete for us."

Leading rusher **Milling Galloway** and **Ben McLaurin** are back as the running backs. The seniors are joined in the backfield by sophomore fullback **Cameron Wilsey**.

Galloway rushed for 777 yards and eight touchdowns, McLaurin had 511 yards and six scores, and Wilsey had 391 yards and one TD.

The wide receivers are seniors as well, **Cooper Hill** and **Benson Elmore**.

There are two seniors and three juniors on the offensive line. The seniors are center **Banks Smith** and right guard **Andrew Howle**. The juniors are **Braelin Lewis** at left tackle, **Reese Wilson** at right tackle and at left guard.

Wilson Hall operates out of a 4-man front defensively. There are three seniors in **Walker Wilson**, Howle and **Miquel Wagner** and one junior in **Wyatt Meyers**.

McLaurin and Gilley are back at linebacker with senior **Henry Jones** joining the trio. Three seniors are starting in the secondary in Hill, **Harris Naylor** and **Matthew Beamer**. Junior **John Land** is the other starter.

The Barons are having to replace standout placekicker/punter **Jackson Bonser**. Sophomore **Shep Vincent** will be kicking extra points and sophomore **Neamiah Dinkins** will be the punter.

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New look Chiefs going to battle with new faces

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Little River – The roster for the **North Myrtle Beach** football team looks a lot different in 2025 after the program lost 26 players to graduation.

In addition to a lot of new faces on the field, the Chiefs will have a new look schematically on both sides of the ball this fall. Head coach **Greg Hill** hired former Aynor and West Florence head coach **Jody Jenerette** as his offensive coordinator, which should lead to a more physical running game. The Chiefs also have changed to 3-4 look defensively, replacing the 4-3 alignment.

"Yeah we have a lot of change but I really think we're going to have a competitive team once we get going," Hill said. "The kids have responded well. We have a lot of guys out there as first-time starters so they'll be learning on the go. But I think the players are comfortable with the changes we made. We'll find out soon enough."

North Myrtle Beach's season-opening game at Goose Creek, scheduled for Aug. 22, was moved to Aug. 25 due to poor weather in the Charleston area, forcing Hill to wait a little longer to see how his new crop will perform.

"My feeling is we have made a lot of progress but I know it has to be an ongoing process from week to week," the coach said.

A big change at quarterback is among the personnel changes. **Will McNeeley**, a junior, is taking over the reins to the offense after playing on the defensive line last season. The 6-2, 225-pounder is a physical runner but also a solid passer.

"He was our backup last year but we needed to get him on the field so he played defense," Hill said. "He's a good quarterback. He makes his reads, can throw the ball. He will be fine."

Three seniors will start on the offensive line with **Thomas Moss** and **Luke Porter** playing guard, and **Nigel Vereen** at center. The tackles will be juniors **Tanner Morrison** and **Mike Jezierski**. Junior **Colin Vreeland** will be a backup all across the line.

"Size-wise we're not as big but this group is a lot quicker," Hill said.

Juniors **Jayden Wilson** and **Jonathan Evans** will be the primary running backs to start the season. Senior **Asa Parker** is the starting H-back, while the top receivers will be **Reo Stevenson, Parker Stevenson** and **Mason Walton**. Also seeing time will be **Jaden Chestnut, Matthew Sudjer** and **Jimmy McCullough**.

Head Football Coach Greg Hill

Hill feels the defense will be "very solid" in the box defensively. Working at defensive end are junior **Dustin Clement** and seniors **Keith Allison** and **Luke Porter. Daylen Bennett** starts at nose with **Kaedyn Smith** getting work as well. Vereen also will see time at end.

McCullough is a starting outside backer, backed up by **Derek Robison**. Senior **Mike Cavallini** starts at middle linebacker, backed up by senior **Asa Parke**r. Junior **Jonathan Evans** starts at will with **LaMontae Smith** seeing time as well.

Seniors **Jahsan Grace** and **Ny'Ray Hannah** are the starting corners. The team's top defender is senior safety **Bricey Gore** while junior **Jasaun Bellamy** is the free safety. **Colin Ariza, Jaden Chestnut, Bannon Hill** and Jerrell Bellamy also will see work on the back end.

In all, the Chiefs are replacing 18 starters and 86 percent of their rushing yards offensively. They also must replace 62 percent of their tackles.

"We're gonna give a lot of guys an opportunity to step up. It's up to them to take the chance and run with it," Hill said.

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being a sophomore quarterback. We're running a different offense than in the past. Mentally he helps the other kids, putting us in the right plays, making the right reads. He's a leader, and he's 20 pounds bigger."

He will be joined in the backfield again by junior Andrew Miller and senior **Josh** Davis. Miller ran for 924 yards and eight scores, while Davis had 591 yards and seven TDs for FCS, which went 6-5.

Senior **Brooks Poston** is a returning starter at wide receiver. The other wide receiver will be senior **Landon Feagin**, and the tight end will be sophomore **Braiden Berry**.

Florence Christian returns six starters on defense as well. Junior **Hayden Schwab** is the lone returning defensive line. He will be joined up front by senior **Pierce Boykin**, junior **Jayce Johnson** and senior **Hayden Johnson**. None of them are starting on the offensive front.

Winburn and sophomore **Sullivan Hardy** are returning starters at linebacker and will be joined by Berry. The secondary will have Poston, Davis and Miller back as starters. The other DB will be sophomore **Sawyer Godbold**.

Poston will handle the kicking duties.

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coach said they have just been waiting for their turn.

Junior **Charles Breland** (5'10,160) is back to handle the kicking and punting chores.

Defensively, the strength is in the team's linebackers as three of four starters return. Joining Walker at linebacker is returning all-state linebacker **Jalen McGraw** (6'2,210) and junior **Darian Sease** (5'10,185). McGraw had 96 tackles and an eye popping 34 tackles for loss to go with 12 sacks. He has committed to Gardner-Webb University.

Rakeem Walker (6'2,195), a junior, will start at the fourth linebacker position.

Senior nose tackle **Darren Carter** (6'4,305) is the lone returning starter on the defensive line. He will be joined by first year starters in junior defensive ends **Keegan Daff** (6'0,245) and **Zaire Washington** (6'4,205).

Christopher Washington (6'2,200) will start at strong safety after transferring to Bamberg Ehrhardt in the spring.

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Flashes are back and ready to contend in '25

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Johnsonville – As a head football coach, **Johnsonville High's Ken Cribb** is known for having solid teams that can contend for championships.

Johnsonville slipped a little last season, finishing with a 5-7 record overall. Teams on the 2024 schedule that return on the 2025 schedule should expect some payback.

That payback started in the week zero season-opening game against Chesterfield. Last season, Chesterfield got the best of the Flashes, recording the win. This time around, Johnsonville carried out the revenge with a 34-20 win/ Johnsonville led the contest 34-0 heading into the fourth quarter.

During the summer, Cribb commented about how his team seemed extra focused on improving this season.

"This group is working hard in the weight room and that seem committed to being better than we were last season," he said. "We have some good leaders in this group, and we need that because we lost some good leaders."

Johnsonville looked the part of a Class A title contender in the opener. Offensively, the Flashes had success through the air and on the ground. Defensively, the first teamers basically pitched a shutout and played fast and physical.

The offense returns quarterback **Larkin Powell**, who started last season and grew in confidence during the offseason. Powell threw a pair of touchdown passes in the season – opening win. He passed for 419 yards all of last season.

The running game will be solid with the return of **Jay McFadden** and **Zaghe Davis**. Davis is an explosive threat but has battled injuries in the last two years. He turned in an 80-yard rushing performance with a touchdown in the first game. Davis gained 319 yards last season.

Wide receivers **Takhari Ross** and **Jamere Ross** are big-time playmakers as well. Jamere had a 47-yard touchdown reception and a 47-yard touchdown run in the first game. He rushed for nearly 500 yards last season. Tahkari had two interceptions from his spot in the secondary.

Rondrell Livingston will be a factor at receiver as well, catching a 74-yard touchdown pass from Powell.

Athletic Director / Head Football Coach Ken Cribb

Dylan Smith is the starting tight end. Starting tackles are **Jason Brigham** and **Mykal Hanna**. The guards are **Daniel Ortiz** and **Brayden Baxley** while the center **KC Davis**.

Taking on the placekicking and punting duties will be **Jake Squires.**

Many of the offensive starters also see considerable time defensively. Davis and both Tahkari and Jamere Ross start in the secondary. **Skylar Montgomery** also starts and had two interceptions in the opener. Montgomery was Johnsonville's top receiver last season, snagging 16 catches for 294 yards.

Working along the defensive front are McFadden and Smith at the ends, with **Parker Baxley** and **Zy'Kel Cooper** at tackle. Starting linebackers include **Bricen Howell, Brice Ellison** and Livingston. Howell is considered a key leader on the defense.

Johnsonville went 24-5 in 2022 and 2023, playing for the state title twice. If they stay healthy, the Flashes are sure to be a strong contender once again.

The Flashes play Atlantic Collegiate Academy on Aug. 29, followed by games against Georgetown and Waccamaw. They open region 5-A play against Lake View on Sept. 19.

Johnsonville's bye week is not until Oct. 2. They also are off Oct. 9 unless they add a game.

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along with TE/LB **Keshawn Ray** (6-0,200), and DB **Rontae McClam** (5-11, 170).

The sophomore class is loaded with potential next level players led by LT **Jasper McIntyre.** His father and grandfather played at Wofford and South Carolina respectively. The other top sophomores, still developing, include DL **Jaylen Bacote**, RT **Dylan Grimsley** and WR **JJ Campbell.** Then in the freshman class, Fong-Talia is already getting recruiting interest from **Georgia**, **Florida**, **USC**, **Clemson** and **BYU.** Freshman athlete **Nibras Harrison** (5-10,165-4,5) is also a skilled athlete (WR/QB) with a bright future.

A few other hard-working starters on the team include RB **Noah Singletary**, LG **Antonio Purnell**, and RG **David Martin. Don Rogers** and **Jamir Washington** are developing in the DL along with **Lucas Butler.** .Tristen is a starting LB and **Jo Jo McAlister** and **Kawari Allen** have found roles in the secondary**.**

Top to bottom, this is best group of athletes on the Dillon football team since the Wildcats last state championship in 2017.

Camden looking to make another run for crown

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Camden – It took a couple of days to get the task done, but the **Camden High School** football team opened the 2025 season with a 20-7 victory over **White Knoll**.

The game was played over two days in **Lexington**, the first half on Thursday, August 21, and the second half on Friday, August 22. The game was originally scheduled for the 22nd but was moved up a day because of the threat of inclement weather. Lightning stopped the game on Thursday and it was finished on Friday.

"We were excited to get a win in the Week Zero game," said Bulldogs head coach **Brian Rimpf**. "That was one of the few top 25 matchups in Week Zero. White Knoll has had a lot of success over the last couple of years, so to win that game coming out of preseason is great."

Rimpf was pleased with Camden's performance. The Bulldogs were replacing about half of their starters on either side of the football from last year's 9-4 team that advanced to the third round of the AAAA state playoffs.

"You wonder how you're going to perform when you get to the first game, wonder how you'll do," Rimpf said. "I was really pleased with the defense against a very productive White Knoll team. We caused four turnovers on Thursday.

"Offensively, we've got a lot of new pieces who we got to touch the ball. You want to get those guys in live action and see what they can do."

Junior **Greyson Rimpf**, the coach's son, is the quarterback after sharing the role with graduated **Wyatt Thompson** last year. Rinpf played in seven games last season, completing 70 of 105 passes for 853 yards and six touchdowns.

Senior **Navier Boykin** returns at running back. He will have sophomore **Bernard Green** lining up beside him in the backfield. Boykin ran for 519 yards and 12 touchdowns.

After an outstanding junior season, **Tylin Drakeford** is back at wide receiver. He caught 56 passes for 938 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Junior Isaiah Smith is the other wideout, and junior **Will Haunert** is the tight end.

The Bulldogs have good size across the offensive front. The left tackle is sophomore Tyler Atkinson (6-feet-4-inches, 250 pounds), **Ryan Lawson** (6-2, 270) is the right tackle, junior **Worth Thomasson** (6-1, 300) is the center, senior **Zerangelo Kershaw** (6-21, 280) is the right guard and senior **Trayvion Alston** (6-1, 270) is the left guard.

Camden has a quartet of seniors starting on its 4-man defensive front. They are **Dontrell Wilson**, **Angelo Keshaw**, **Tyler Edwards** and **Thomas Bishop**. Wilson is coming off of a big junior year in which he had 20 tackles for loss and eight quarterback sacks among his 64 total tackles.

The linebacking corps is led by senior **Evan Presbot**, a returning starter. The other two are junior **Jaden Manning** and sophomore **Lavay Penny**. The secondary has three seniors starting in **Kavon Edwards**, **Khamrim Holman** and **Denari Halley**. Junior **Hayden Williams** is the other starter.

Junior **Sawyer Smith** is the placekicker while Haunert will handle the punting chores.

Camden has been ultra successful during Rimpf's tenure. He doesn't anticipate that changing this season.

"We've got an established program," Rimpf said. "In fact, this is the best 6-year run in Camden history. "We just need to stay focused. We have a lot of experience and we need to focus on playing well each week. We have all the key ingredients, key pieces to have a successful team. We know we have the talent to have a really good season."

2025 Carvers Bay Bears football standouts

Carvers Bay starts out with a win; Kingstree up next

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Hemingway—One year later the **Carvers Bay** Bears defeated **Waccamaw** 14-12 in the 2025 season opener to begin the season on a positive note, after losing to the same team 34-0 a year ago.

This week the Bears will host **Kingstree,** a 24-23 winner over Georgetown in week zero. "They will come in here all fired up getting their new coach (**Brandon Cantwell**) his first win as a head coach," said Coach Richard. "They have a real good running back. We expect them to pass the ball a little more with the new coach. It should be a great game."

Against Waccamaw, quarterback **Chris Simmons** scored both of the Bear's touchdowns; one on a two-yard sneak in the first quarter. He broke away for a 50-yard touchdown scamper in the third period to account for his tram's second score.

Zyon Guiles, an OL who has committed to play at South Carolina made both PAT's. "Not only did Zyon have at least six pancakes during the game when he drove his man all the way to the sideline, he was 2-for-2 on PAT kicks for us and those two PAT's were the difference in the game," said head coach **Matthew Richard**.

Carvers Bay only threw one pass against Waccamaw. "Our strategy was to keep the ball on the ground and eat the clock as much as we could," said Coach Richard.

The work horse running back for the Bears was **Bernard Heyward** who rushed for 146 yards on 26 carries. "He had a real good game running the ball and he follows his blocking very well," said Coach Richard.

Simmons had 10 carries for around 77 yards.

Coach Richards cited the play of defensive lineman **Jasius Davis** (6-2, 265) on defense against Waccamaw. "Davis was a man among boy's with at least six tackles for losses against Waccamaw," said Coach Richards. "He was out top tackler by far."

JaQuan Hannah played some at LB but moved to the edge as the Bears crowded the box against Waccamaw. "Jaquan was like our "X" defender so we pressed him more to the edge and the inside but he can also do a job at outside linebacker for us also," said Coach Richards.

Coaches Richards felt like the Bears defensive front won the battle of the trenches against Waccamaw. Two other DL who start are **Ky'Jaen Moore** (6-2, 200) and **X'Zavier Stafford** (6-0,310).

Coach Richards was also pleased with the play of center **Tristan Diggs** (6-2, 265) who also flips to the defensive front. Other starters in the OL include LT **Robert Miller**, Guiles at RT, **Javion Palmer** (6-0,268) at LG and **Jakai Cohen** (6-3, 270) is the starting RG.

Dominque Walker is also an RB with Jaden McFadden and **Jofiah Waterman** starting at WR. Hannah is a two-way player at TE.

Several other players on defense include SS **Kenard Heyward**, along with Walker who flips to LB and junior **Sammy Milton** (6-0,195) a starting LB. Baseball prospect **Clark Jones** is the team's excellent punter.

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Mid-game delay in season opener proves helpful

By WORTHY EVANS
Special to the HSSR

Lexington - The season opening football game for **White Knoll** lent the Timberwolves a sort of lucky break.

The Thursday-scheduled game between White Knoll and **Camden** ended up being postponed at halftime because of weather conditions. The teams finished the second half Friday, with the Bulldogs winning 20-7.

While the game went down as a loss for the Timberwolves, Head Coach **Nick Pelham** said the 24-hour delay enabled his team to fix some first-half mistakes, including four costly turnovers that allowed Camden to take a 13-0 lead at intermission.

"We talked about how lucky we were," Pelham said about coming back to the game. "because very few times in life do you make a mistake when you're doing something, and you get a retry the next day. You get a day to take a breath, see what you did wrong, reassess, change some things and go do it better. I'm glad we got that."

The Timberwolves returned and managed to put together a 66-yard scoring drive capped with a 4-yard **Jhais McKeever** touchdown run. That score closed the gap to 13-7. Camden put together two long clock-eating drives, one of which resulted in **Greyson Rimpf's** 8-yard TD run, but White Knoll's play and effort was much cleaner than the first half, Pelham said.

"Last night we had some communication errors, bouncing calls across the field, on offense and on defense. We had some alignment issues, just some of those little things," he said. "Tonight was much more crisp. I'm very proud of how we handled it, and how Camden handled it. They had a long two drives, they came back and played really hard, that was awesome for us to see a team respond to us with physicality. It's going to do nothing but make us better."

The Timberwolves, who went 8-6 and reached the fourth round of the 5A Division 2 playoffs last year, lost quarterback **Landon Sharpe** and several other key seniors. Pelham said they will be missed, but he has a good feeling about his returning seniors, quiet leadership, and strong-in-practice players on the team.

"Our best players are our practice players," Pelham explained. "When you have that, like in '23 when we had our best team here, that's what I'm really excited about. Our best players are really practicing hard to bring everybody else with them. It really makes for some improvements."

McKiever, a junior, succeeds Sharpe at quarterback. Senior **J.P. Pryor** and juniors **Colin Ware** and **J.J. Keith** are starting receivers, and senior **Chris Mitchum** and junior **Kirkland Day** are tight ends. Starting at running back is junior **Tiyon Fanning**. The offensive front includes seniors **Jaeden Johnson**, **John Quesada**, **Isaiah Vidal**, and **Jaylen Gates**, and sophomore **Braydon Weston**.

Caleb Geronomi, who has been used on offense as well as defense, returns to lead the secondary as cornerback. Joining **Geronomi** in the backfield are juniors **James Smith** and **Marquise Winn**, and sophomore **Xzayviaun Chew**. Linebackers include senior **Josue Esiki**, and juniors **Jeremy Cokley**, **Keaton Bennett**, and **James**

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Chapin looks to compete in tough region in 2025

By WORTHY EVANS
Special to the HSSR

Chapin - In head coach **Ryan Cole's** first year as head coach of **Chapin**, the Eagles had a tough time in Region 4-5A, with their only win coming against **White Knoll**. That particular game saw Chapin overcome a 21-7 deficit to win 35-34. Both teams scored four touchdowns in the final minute and 20 seconds.

Region 4, with 5A Division 1 champion **Dutch Fork**, 5A Division 2 upper state champion **Irmo**, **River Bluff**, **Lexington**, and the Timberwolves, remains as stout as ever.

"I tell our players that our region is going to tell us how good we stand in the state," Cole said. "It's a great opportunity to have great competition and see where we stand."

The nonregion opponents stand out as well, Cole added. Chapin opened the season with a 30-0 loss to **Catawba Ridge**, will play a senior-laden team at **A.C. Flora**, and make a short trip to 3A power **Newberry** before playing host to 5A Division 1 state runner-up **Summerville** Sept. 19.

As with many teams in the Midlands, The Eagles will dig into the season with only a couple of scrimmages under their belts—rainy weather and lightning put the damper on several scrimmages and jamborees.

Knowing that, Cole said he expects some miscues in the first game, but also expects the leadership on the team can get to work fixing whatever mistake crops up.

"That time we missed in just getting to a game-like situation where we can smooth things out is

"I have high expectations for the program, but I know the first game is going to be a little bit sloppy. I'm going to be patient with the players to get things cleaned up."

Chapin lost as many as 37 seniors from last year, but on the upside, 39 seniors dot the roster this year, many of whom played key roles on the team that went 6-6 and reached the second round of the 5A Division 2 playoffs in 2024.

Senior quarterback **Jay Stoker**, a transfer from **Easley** is likely to be the starting job to replace record-holding **Brady Albro**. Albro became Chapin's all-time

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2025 Northwood Academy football standouts

Northwood Academy focused on state title run

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Summerville—With 9 new transfer football players this season, the **Northwood Academy** team, head coached by **Johnny Waters**, should have an opportunity to be very competitive in their game with **Hammond** coming up in October.

The Chargers recent game with **Pinewood Prep** was rained out and it will be played at a later date. The Chargers are now preparing to play at **First Baptist** this week, the school Coach Waters had success at before he came to Northwood a few years ago.

Northwood Academy has played one game already and it resulted in a 42-14 win over **Star Rock,** a school from Georgia**.**

Kevin Johnson, (6-1,185) is a former starting quarterback at **Fort Dorchester**, is now with the Chargers. "Kevin went to Northwood Academy

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Hannah-Pamplico looking to reload on gridiron

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Pamplico – The 2024 **Hannah-Pamplico** overcame injuries to key players and rallied to a 9-3 record. The Raiders lost in the third-round of the Class A state playoffs to Cross by five points.

The 2025 Raiders will need to show the same kind of determination and grit as the program is replacing key personnel that have graduated.

Coach **Trey Woodberry** has been in rebuilding situations before. But the Raiders prefer to see this season as reloading.

Hannah-Pamplico has about a dozen players returning to the 2025 roster but will need some new faces to step into key roles. Woodberry is counting on leadership from the older, more experienced players.

One of those veterans that will see an increased role is senior **Chris Eldridge**, who had more than 60 tackles as a linebacker last season. This fall, Eldridge will be asked to be the primary ball-carrier on offense. He is aiming to replace former 1,000-yard rusher **Jamarcus Williams.** When Williams tore his ACL last season, Eldridge stepped in and carried the load, gaining more than 300 yards.

Another key replacement is at quarterback. Junior **De'Auje Baccus** will move over from cornerback and take the reins of the offense. Baccus is replacing three-year starter **Wade Poston**.

Several players with experience return along the offensive and defensive lines. Among those trench warriors are **Khisaun Brown, Dewey Kimbrough, Davis Kimbrough** and **Aviary Lyerly**,

Davis Kimbrough plays outside linebacker and is the leading returning tackler with more than 90 total hits last season.

Dylan Smith will work at corner and receiver while two key returners in the secondary are **Jonah Poston** and **Velle Woodberry**. Both had more than 50 tackles last season.

Senior **Keimonte Wilson** is a returning leader at linebacker and junior **Landon Fennell** is a receiver/cornerback that should help.

"We have a lot of new starters and moved some kids around, but they've been in the program," Woodberry said in a preseason interview. "We have good kids. They will step up and work hard to compete."

The Raiders lost their season opener to Heathwood Hall, 14-0, and will look to get on track against Waccamaw on Aug. 29. The comes an off week in the schedule before a Sept. 12 game against Lee Central.

Batesburg-Leesville looking for another big season

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Batesburg-Leesville – The **Batesburg-Leesville High School** football team didn't play a game on August 22, which was Week Zero. Well, at least not an official game.

The Panthers did play host to a live scrimmage against **Woodland**, like them a AA school. B-L came away with a 49-0 triumph.

"It wasn't a real game, but you wouldn't know that by the people that were there," said Batesburg-Leesville head coach **Greg Lawson**. "We sold tickets, we had vendors there. It was a real game except it didn't go down in the record books."

That starts on August 29 for the Panthers when they play host to **Wagener-Salley**. The anticipation around B-L is high as it had an undefeated regular season a year ago on the way to a 12-1 record that ended with a loss to eventual AA state champion **Clinton** in the third round of the state playoffs.

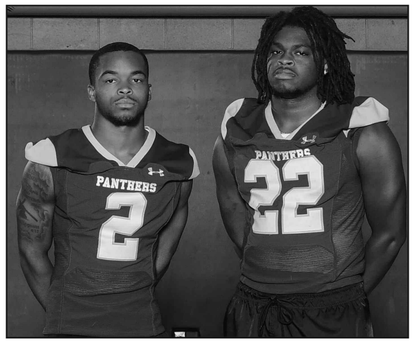
Batesburg-Leesville returns seven starters on offense and six on defense. One of the missing starters on offense though is graduated quarterback **Tanner Watkins**.

Junior **Reese Boinke** and sophomore **Trey Smith** have been engaged in a battle for the job. Lawson said it is one that will carry over into the start of the season.

"They played about the same number of reps against Woodland, and no one is standing out about the other one right now," Lawson said. "We're just going to see which one steps ahead. Both are pretty even right now. If one of them is not getting the job done then we'll get the other one in there."

The Panthers do have two dynamic playmakers back in senior running back **Amadre Wooden** and senior athlete **KD Whitt**.

Wooden rushed for 2,138 yards and 26 touchdowns on 248 carries. He also caught four passes for 88 yards. Whitt was a threat whenever the ball was in his hands. He had 27 catches for 475 yards and 10 touchdowns, carried the ball 12 times for 132 yards and four TDs, returned two kickoffs for touchdowns and one punt for a touchdown.



KD Whitt *Amadre Wooden*

"I told Amadre he's not going to sneak on anybody this season. They will all know who 22 is," Lawson said. "The first thing they're going to do is trying and stop you. He's going to have to be patient, but he's going to have the chance to do something that not a lot of people get to do: become their school's leading rusher. He's about 1,500 yards shy.

"KD, he's just a great athlete. You can line him up in the slot and throw it to him in the flat or you can throw it to him down field. He makes people miss. He's one of the weapons the other teams wish they had."

The other wide receivers starting with Whitt are senior **Jeremiah Merritt** and senior Jayden Milhouse. **Tyler Kneece**, a standout baseball player for B-L's state championship baseball team, came out for football in his senior year. He is gong to see time at tight end.

The Panthers are having to replace three offensive linemen. The two returning starters are on the left side in senior tackle **Preston Smith** and senior guard **Moises Gonzales**.

Junior **DeMarcus West** is the right tackle, junior **Cam Jay** the right guard and sophomore **James Sawyer** the center.

Three of the four defensive linemen are returning starters. They are senior Travis Gates, senior JaQuan Corley and senior Tyler Walton. The other D line starter is junior Robert Matthews.

Senior **Jack Bouknight** is the only returning starter at linebacker. The other linebackers are junior **Bryan Hartley** and Milhouse. Senior **Drew Centella** is a returning starter in the secondary along with Whitt The other defensive backs are senior **Nesean Stewart** and Merritt. .

Smith will be handling the placekicking and punting.

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Dolphins hope to build on 2024 improvement

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Hilton Head – After winning a modest three games in 2024, things appear headed in the right direction for the **Hilton Head Prep** football program.

Three wins may not seem like a success but the Dolphins ended a 25-game losing streak last season. The 3-7 record gives Hilton Head Prep a 3-31 record over the last three seasons.

Doug McFadden begins his second season at the school with hopes of even more improvement this fall. It will be difficult, however to win a lot of games with a roster of 21 players.

"We have no depth and most of our guys are going both ways so it's tough, especially this early with the heat and humidity," McFadden said. "I definitely feel like this team is better overall but we need to see it translate to the field. We've had a good preseason but we're still growing. My hope is that we can improve each day in practice. I think we can compete."

Hilton Head Prep opened this season with losses to Beaufort Academy (36-0) and St. Andrews of Georgia (28-14). McFadden has seen his team wear down in the second half of both games.

The strength of the team this season is the offensive line. Four starters are back from last year's team. The top lineman is senior **Tyler Britschge**, who will play on both lines. Also returning along the front are **Cole Mustard**, **Paulie Smith**, and **Danny Guy**.

Wyatt Harmer returns as the starting quarterback. **Davis Cargill** and **Kaden Jackson** are working at running back while **Brody Hausher** plays in the slot and plays strong safety on defense.

Oliver Barricks also sees time at receiver and in the secondary. Harmer is the free safety on defense. Jackson, a transfer, is playing linebacker on defense. **Tristan Mauracher** also plays defense **and Finnian Rooney** and **Ramsey Stanyard** are seeing time in the secondary.

"A lot of guys play offense, defense and special teams and that's hard to do in August," McFadden said. "Hopefully when the weather cools some we will be okay. But with our numbers, there's not a lot that we can do."

Young Hilton Head Christian learning as they go

By Dennis Brunson
Hssr.com Associate Editor

Bluffton – The **Hilton Head Christian Academy** had two games under its belt before some teams played their first contest. It was a mixed bag for the Eagles.

HHCA, consistently one of the top programs in SCISA AAA, opened the season with a 46-21 loss to SCISA AAAA **Porter-Gaud** on August 15 before rebounding with a 36-20 triumph over SCHSL AAA **Battery Creek High School** on August 22.

Veteran Hilton Head Christian head coach **Ron Peduzzi** said his young team is still on a learning curve.

"We only have 32 guys on the team (seven seniors), but as things are going on we're starting to learn what we need to do to rise to our legacy, the level we expect here at HHCA," said Peduzzi, who has led the Eagles to three state championships. "Every practice is very important as I tell them you can go to the batting cage every day to work on your hitting in baseball or go to the basketball court to work on your shooting. The only way to get better in football is to practice together.

"It has to be a full, united effort, every play with max repetition, so the more repetition we get the better."

When it comes to offense for Hilton Head Christian, it begins and ends with the quarterback. There are other tools he may use, but the football is in his hands the vast majority of the time.

For the second straight year, it's senior **Reid McCollum**. While the 6-foot-4-inch, 215-pound McCollum is committed to **Navy** as a linebacker. He is an outstanding signal caller.

He completed 183 of 305 passes for 2,443 yards and 21 touchdowns while rushing for 845 yards and 16 touchdowns on 154 carries.

Junior **Joey Houpt** returns at wide receiver after being McCollum's favorite target. Houpt had 65 catches for 784 yards and five touchdowns.

Junior **Mo Fields** is the other wide receiver, while sophomore **Sam Strum** is the tight end.

McCollum completed 33 of 54 passes for 372 yars and four touchdowns in the two games while rushing for 123 yards and another score. Houpt had eight catches for 127 yards and three touchdowns. However, the top receiver to that point was senior wide receiver **Thomas Gehm** with nine catches for 66 yards and a score

Lining up at running back are junior **Kres Langhals** and senior **Hudson Baker**.

The offensive line is made up of four sophomores and one senior. They are sophomore **Owen Musser** (6-1, 185) at left tackle, sophomore **Josh Koepke** (6-2, 235) at right tackle, senior **Mason Feaster** (6-3, 285) at left guard, sophomore **Caleb Altizer** (5-10, 190) at center and sophomore **Austin Marshall** (6-0, 200) at right tackle.

Hilton Head Christian uses a 3-5-3 look on defense. Down front are Musser and Altizer along with sophomore **Wayne Borden**.

The linebackers are junior **Jackson Richardson**, McCollum, freshman **Hudon Factor**, sophomore Logan Baker and senior **Finn Ussery**.

Strum starts in the secondary along with sophomore **Keyvon Aiken** and senior **Tommy Chen**.

The Eagles are having to replace standout placekicker and punter **Ian Kelly**, who is now kicking at **Charlotte**. Junior **Travis Pittman** is the placekicker and Houpt is doing the punting.

"We need to continue to work at practice, continue to work at learning our positions, learning the game situations," Peduzzi said. "We need to take every single person's effort and as a team take it to a higher level."

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Vikings open 2025 football season with a bang

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Latta – There's obviously still a very, very – very – long way to go, but **Brandon Iseman** is more than pleased at how the 2025 season began for his **Latta High School** football team.

The Vikings rolled to an easy 42-8 victory over East Columbus from **Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina** on August 22.

"I'm happy for the kids," said Brandon Iseman, who began his 10th season as head coach with the triumph. "It shows that all the hard work they did in the summer and fall paid off.

\"There are things that we need to clean up, that we need to improve on, but I think overall we executed vert well. We protected the football and got turnovers on defense. I'm happy with the kids."

Latta has five starters back on defense and six on offense from last season's 5-6 squad. The Vikings finished 4-2 in Region 6-Class A, good for third place. They lost to **Baptist Hill** in the first round of the state playoffs.

LHS will have a new starting quarterback in **Kyle Huggins**. He is a freshman.

"Honestly he's probably the very first pure quarterback we've had in a very long time," Iseman said. He's going to drop back and throw the football. He's not an athlete back there playing quarterback. He plays with confidence, and he's controlling the offense and the huddle. I've been impressed with him so far."

The running backs will be **Xy'Mri Bethea** and **Fischer Richardson**. **Jayden Alford** will be the lone wide receiver as Latta utilizes two tight ends. They will be **Dustin Parker** and **Mason Weatherford**.

There are three starters returning on the offensive line in left tackle **Logan Byrd**, left guard **Zack Page** and right tackle **Javonte Kollock**. The newcomers to the O line are **Jackson Horne** at right guard and **Nate Barrentine** at center.

Several of the offensive starters will be pulling double duty on defense. Page will be on the line while Bethea will start at linebacker and Alford in the secondary.

The rest of the 4-man front will include **Noah Alford**, **Anthony Williams** and **Zamarion Monroe**. The other three linebackers are **Rion Gurley**, **Gavin Aubin** and **Crishawn Kollock**.

Joe'Maurie Galloway will start in the secondary along with **Hayden Bullard**.

The placekicker is **Irangebea Johnson** and Jayden Alford will do the punting.

Iseman hopes opening the season with a dominating performance will carry over the rest of the way.

"We talk all the time getting over the hump," he said. "We've just seemed to come up short so many times. We want them to be going into a football game not hoping to win but expecting to win, that we know that we're as good as anybody."

Lackey sees chance to take step forward in '25

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

North Augusta – As **Lemuel Lackey** prepares for his fifth season as the football head coach at **Fox Creek High School**, he is feeling good about where his team stands.

"I'm like everybody else at the start o the year and you're excited about the things you could accomplish," said Lackey, whose Predators open their season on August 29 at home against **Dixie**. "But really you've got a few more seasoned kids who know what you're doing and what you want from them. Hopefully that consistency will be carried throughout the year."

FCHS will have six starters back on offense rom last year's 4-6 team. One of those starting spots is not the quarterback. **Nate Owens** and **Brandon Wallace** have been battling or the job, and it is one that will continue into the season.

"They've both worked extremely hard," Lackey said. "One of them (Owens) is a young man who has been with me for three years and has done everything we've asked him to do. The other brings a different tangible. He just hasn't been in a system. They're two great competitors."

When asked what the tangible is for Wallace, Lackey said, "He's a super athlete and he can spin the ball."

Bryson Crawford will be one of the starting running backs and like Wallace, he is a transfer. **Jackson Couamin** is the other starting running back. The wide receivers are **Manny Abro** and **Riley Howell** with **Garrison Williams** the tight end.

Four of Fox Creek's returning starters are along the offensive line. The returnees are **Tommie Tucker** at left tackle, **Braden Vasquez** at right tackle, **John Truesdell** at left guard and **Alec Beck** at right guard.

The newcomer to the starting five is center **Trenton Beck**, the brother of Alec.

Lackey believes the offense has the opportunity to be much better than it was a year ago.

"I believe our skill kids are a little better," he said. "I think they are better on the perimeter. We worked much harder over the summer to get some things done. We just need to tidy it up and we'll make some plays fit together in the offense."

. The Predators return five starters on defense.

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Chesterfield begins new era under Nick Dixon

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Chesterfield – Chesterfield's new head football coach **Nick Dixon** played football for the Rams and is a graduate of the school.

On Aug. 22, Dixon began his tenure as the head coach as his Rams hosted Johnsonville in the season opener. The coach went into his first game a little nervous. Not so much because of the game but more so about his team would play.

"I just want our guys to play hard and with a passion for the game," Dixon said. "We have a lot of games ahead of us so my goal is that we get better each week. If we do, we'll be ready for region play. We have a lot to work on but these guys are giving us effort. It was a good preseason camp."

Dixon says pre-snap penalties have been an issue early as have penalties during the play. He feels those can be easily corrected with a stronger mental game.

The Rams have strong senior leadership at quarterback where **Bryce Adams** is a third-year starter.

"He's solid," Dixon said. "He knows what to do and he can keep everyone focused."

Two freshmen, **Greg Rushing** and **Zymir Bennett**, are getting a lot of reps at running back. Junior **Emari Welch** will be a key receiver. **Wallace Herring**, who will see time on defense, also will be a receiver.

Will Evans will see time along both lines. **Maquan Blount** and **Donnie Guinn** are starters along the offensive line.

Three key defensive leaders are safety **Mark Moton**, end **Derrick Lockhart**, and inside linebacker **Sincere Hubbard**. **Jayden Wallace** is a key pass rusher at end, Sophomore **Levi Jones** is a two-way lineman. Joining Moton in the secondary are **Justin Gaskins, JJ Johnson** and **Brandyn Melton**.

"I'm pleased with where we are right now," Dixon said. "The players are buying into the process so we're getting better as we go. We are pretty young in some spots and those guys just need experience, Hopefully as they play more we will limit the mistakes and a team no one wants to play."

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Brooks Smith era begins for Orangeburg Prep

Bt Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Orangeburg – Orangeburg Preparatory School has a new head coach for its football program in **Brooks Smith**. Outside of the change in job title, that's about the only thing new in regards to Smith.

Smith is a graduate of the school and has been teaching and coaching at the school for the past several years. He moved into the top spot after serving as the offensive coordinator for **Don Shelley**, who retired after two seasons in his second tenure at the school.

"There really hasn't been much that has changed," Smith said. "Offensively, we're keeping things pretty much the same in the transition to what we're doing. We will have some people getting more rep(etition)s.

"We've got a pretty good coaching staff in place. They've all been doing this for a pretty long time."

Smith takes over a team that went 5-6 last season, losing to defending AA state runner-up **Bethesda Academy** in the first round of the SCISA AA state playoffs. Heading into the season, which began on August 22 with a 42-14 home loss to defending AAA state runner-up **Wilson Hall**, Smith was pleased with the Indians'preseason preparations.

"I've been very pleased with the effort," he said. "The hustle and the effort has been there. We were still learning to grasp a new defensive system. When they learn where to be, they'll run it faster. Still, we've come a long way.

"We've been talking about sticking together," Smith added. "We've preached accountability to our players, how they need to hold themselves accountable. Once we do that, I think we'll be a pretty tough out for anybody."

Orangeburg Prep has a **Football Bowl Subdivision** commitment returning in wide receiver/defensive back **Tilden "T" Riley**. The 6-foot-5-inch senior had a breakout season last year and started garnering a number of offers. He recently committed to **Power 4 Conference** school **Vanderbilt** of the **Southeastern Conference**.

Smith said one of the big offseason goals for the coaching staff was to make use of Riley in a way that helps the entire offensive unit.

"Obviously we know we want to get the football in his hands as much as possible," Smith said of Riley, who had 44 catches for 788 yards and 13 touchdowns. "We know his strengths and abilities. We're working on our run game where they help each other. We've got two starters back."

Those starters are senior **J'Syri Parker** and senior **Ger'maurey Robinson**. Parker was the leading rusher with 475 yards and eight touchdowns on 97 carries.

The Indians will have a new quarterback as sophomore **Cholly Williams** takes over for the graduated **Walt Mims**. Smith is pleased with the progress that Williams has made.

"He has a really good grasp of the offense and what we're trying to do," Smith said of Williams, who will have junior **Max Judy** as his other starting wide receiver and junior **Marshall Livingston** at

Tight End / Athlete
Tilden Riley

tight end. "We're pleased, but he still is a sophomore who is in his first year on the varsity.

"He's a headsy guy who can make something out of nothing, turn a negative into a positive. He's a smart kid who makes sure everybody gets in the right spot. He's a very quick learner."

Orangeburg Prep does have experience back on the offensive line with four returning starters. They are senior left tackle **Stevein Sonny** (6-0, 280 pounds), senior right tackle **Jonathan Marcellana** (5-10, 205), senior right guard **James Williams** (5-10, 180) and junior center **Thomas Fanning** (6-1, 255). The only newcomer to the line is senior left guard **Mac Strickland** (6-0, 200).

"We've been coming along pretty well on the offensive line," Smith said. "We've got some freshmen and sophomores who are going to be in there getting reps as backups. We're hoping to have a healthy offensive line where we can control the game with our run game."

While the Indians have seven returning starters on offense, they don't have nearly as much experience on the defensive side of the ball with just two starters back. They are James Williams and Robinson, both of whom are starting at linebacker.

The other two linebackers are Strickland and junior **Blake Inabinet**. Sonny and Marcellana will be joined on the defensive front by junior **Parker Gray**. Joining Riley in the secondary will be Cholly Williams, Judy and sophomore **Council Burroughs**.

Smith said Orangeburg Prep will be changing up its approach as to what it does defensively.

"We're still going to be working out of a 3-4 scheme," he said. "The way we call it will be a bit different. Some of the things we do coverage-wise will be a little different. When healthy our secondary is very good. The safeties are good athletes. The linebacker corps is pretty solid. We've just got to make sure they stay healthy. On the defensive line we're breaking in some new people."

Cholly Williams will be the placekicker while Marcellana will handle the punting duties.

Orangeburg Prep will again be part of the 6-team Region 2. The Indians finished third last season with a 3-2 record behind undefeated **Calhoun Academy** and 4-1 **Greenwood Christian School**. The other members of the region are **Spartanburg Christian Academy**, **Thomas Sumter Academy** and **Clarendon Hall**.

The Indians' other non-region games are at **Andrew Jackson Academy** on August 29, at defending Class A state champion **Thomas Heyward Academy** on September 5, at **Northside Christian Academy** on October 10 and at **Patrick Henry Academy** on October 24.

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Wardlaw hopes to be competitive this season

By: Gerald Doolittle

Johnston, S.C.-Coach **Mark Rodgers** has perhaps his most challenging time as a high school football coach as he must figure out how to replace 4228 offensive yards and 405 tackles from his 2024 team.

Rodgers has to find a quarterback to replace **Colt Bailey** who had 3376 total yards for 47 touchdowns. Also, gone is **Jackson Smoak** who had 322 receiving yards for 7 touchdowns and **Michael Martin** who had 393 receiving yards for 4 touchdowns.

Lost from the 2024 defense is **Aiden Rodgers** who led the team with 104 tackles. Smoak followed with 95. **Josh Bussey** and Martin followed with 89 and 66.

Coach Rodgers currently has 13 players on his 2025 roster that only has two seniors **Sam Coughenour** and **Brody Johnson**.

The big anchor for the 2025 team will be his seven juniors **Evan Bryan, Jake Winn, Chandler Thorne, Kale Henderson, Randall Thompson, Thomas Procter and Cooper Davis.**

Rounding out his roster will be **Camden Bracco (fr), Andrew Balbag (fr), Jon Rodgers (so) and Harry Patel (fr).**

Coach Rodgers will be in his 14th season as Wardlaw's head coach. He brings a 103-45 record into the 2025 season. He has coached the Patriots into 11 playoffs winning titles in 2012, 2016 and 2017. The Patriots were the 2013 runners-up to W.W. King.

W.W. King football hoping to see breakout year

By: Gerald Doolittle

Batesburg-Leesville, S.C.- The **W.W. King Academy Knights** coached by **Brian Kneece** is hoping for a very competitive football season in **SCISA 8-Man** football.

Kneece takes over the head coaching from **Zach Matthews** who coached 2013-2024. Matthews coached the Knights to the 2013 Championship.

Coach Kneece is being blessed with a 25- man roster. This is the largest turnout in twenty years. "We are excited for this upcoming season,said Kneece. "We are thankful the Lord has blessed us with another year. The players have put a lot of work in the weight room to prepare for the 2025 season."

Elijah Hutto (jr) will be the quarterback this season. He will have an army of guys rushing the football for touchdowns. The four leaders in the rushing game will be **Ty Doolittle** (jr), **Joseph Morse** (so), **Jacob Bussey** (fr) and **Jacob Clamp** (jr).

The rushing game will rely on the offensive line to open up the running lanes for the running backs. The offensive line will be anchored by **Wyatt Burbank** (sr), **Smith Kirby** (sr) and **Josh Oswald** (so).

The top targets for Hutto in the passing game will be **Dallas Hill** (sr), **Luke Harvey** (jr) and **Landell Anderson** (jr).

Most of the offensive line will also be on the defensive line. **Casen Buzhardt** (jr) will also be an impact on defense.

Rounding out the Knights roster is **Jackson Hutto (fr), Bubba Buzhardt (so), Colton Black (jr), Isaiah Doolittle (fr), Tucker McGinty (fr), Evan Collum (so), Drayton Wannamaker (fr), Colby Buzhardt (so), Brady Goff (fr), Blake Raber (fr), Greyson Rikard (so), Miles Atkins (fr) and Kai Hoover (so).**

Most of the freshmen on the roster played under Kneece on the middle school teams that were very competitive at that level.

Laurens Academy striving to get better in 2025

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Laurens – A year ago at this time, the **Larens Academy** football team was coming into the season off of a 4-8 campaign. Things are different this year after the Crusaders went 9-4 and played for the SCISA 8-man state championship in 2024.

That has LA head coach **Jolly Doolittle** and his staff being vigilant in reminding the players not to lose sight of what got them there.

"We've been preaching from Day 1 that preparation is the separation," Doolittle said. "We've got guys that returned who enjoyed getting there, and they want all that again. The goal every day is to get better. If we do that, the performance will take care of itself."

Laurens, which opened the season with a what Doolittle called a "weird" 30-14 win over **Newberry Academy**, has several key performers back. Junior **Ethan Collins** is back for his third year starting at quarterback.

"I can't say enough good things about that kid," Doolittle said of Collins, who completed 159 of 222 passes for 1,893 yards and 18 touchdowns while rushing for 277 yards and three more TDs.

Junior **Caleb Hardy** returns at running back. He caught 83 passes for 751 yards and seven TDs while rushing for 488 yards and nine TDs on 66 carries.

"He's one of those guys who makes us go," Doolittle said of Hardy. :He's a3-year starter and is as solid as they get. He's pivotal to the success on every play."

Sophomore **Mason Cooper** will take over the other tailback slot after rushing for 441 yards and two TDs in a parttime role.

The tight ends are freshman **Riley Whittaker** and senior **Nathan Bell**. They combine with senior center **John** Walters and tackles **Garrison Vaughan** and **Jeb Walters** to lead the way.

The 6-foot-4-inch, 300-pound Vaughan is a monster on both sides of the ball. He played 15 snaps on offense against Newberry and had eight knockdown blocks. He led the defense with 125 tackles last season, including an amazing 44 ½ tackles. He had 7 ½ quarterback sacks, caused six fumbles and recovered three fumbles.

"I think he's the best lineman in 8-man football," Doolittle said.

Vaughan and John Walters are the tackles on defense. Whittaker and freshman **Eli Gossett** are the outside linebackers with Hardy and Bell roaming on the inside. Cooper and freshman **Elias Littleton** are the defensive backs.

Doolittle believes the best is yet to come for the Crusaders.

"There's just a lot of areas on the team where we can and will get better at," he said. We're always chasing for our best. I don't believe it was our best against Newberry. I do believe can get better."

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Abbeville football reloads after graduation losses

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Abbeville – It is unusual for a Class A football program to have 27 seniors on the roster but the 2024 **Abbeville** Panthers used a large senior class to win the Class A state championship.

The title was the ninth under head coach **Jamie Nickles** and that 2024 team will long be remembered for its dominance through the season.

But, as Nickles says, last year is history and his focus is on the2025 season. The number of seniors is down. The team is less experienced overall. Despite a season-opening blowout of Southside Christian on Aug. 22, Nickles says there is work to be done.

"Oh yeah, we have a long way to go," said Nickles, the winningest coach in school history. "I wa really pleased with the effort of our players and at times we executed pretty well. We're maybe a little behind with our fundamentals but we can fix that. The weather didn't allow us the proper time for practice so we're learning on the go now. We had eight sophomores on the field in our first game. We're a much younger team overall."

Nickles says in some cases where seniors are starting, those seniors were backups last year. They are learning how to be starters this fall.

One position with a new starter is at quarterback where **Jaden Baylor** takes the reins. Baylor is one of the top athletes in the school but is learning the position.

"He did a good job for the most part (In the opener)," Nickles said. "He will get better with experience."

Darius Riley is the top returner at running back and had a good opening game, scoring on touchdown runs of 71 and 67 yards. Abbeville topped 400 rushing yards in the 42-0 win.

Mi'Darius Burton and **Jamerson Williams** also will be factors in the running game.

Aaron Boyd and Dee Brown are the top receiving threats while **Qualon Wardlaw** starts at tight end.

Cole Driggers is a returning starter at left tackle. Guard **Kamyron Jones** and **James Chrisley** have experience as well. **Antavion Jordan** and **Carson Harrison** round out the offensive line.

"That group executed better but its still a work in progress," Nickles said.

Nickles felt the defense played with a physical mindset in the opener. Playing with effort can overcome mistakes.

Getting work along the defensive front are **Jay Ford, Kendall Cole, Tre Jackson, Xzavier Walton, Jayden Tinch and Braylon Calhoun.**

At linebacker are **Collins Brown, Zack Jordan and Jamere Killingsworth. Jayden Baylor, Jordan Moss Javarion Dixon** and **Corey Calhoun** are working in the secondary.

Parker Henderson is the team's placekicker while **Jacob Vasquez** is the punter.

"We have a chance to be a really competitive football team," Nickles said, "We have to keep working and improving. We'll see how it goes."

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Emerald defeats Ninety-Six to get 2025 started

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

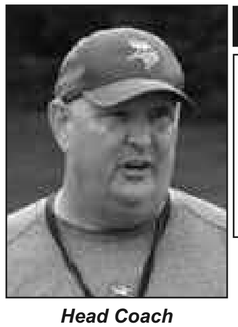
Greenwood—The **Emerald Vikings** had things rocking at **Frank Hill Stadium** on August, 22 when they defeated visiting **Ninety-Six** 28-0, as head coach **Tad Dubose** begins his sixth season as the head football coach with an impressive shut-out victory.

"I thought our first half execution on both offense and defense was as good a first half as we've played since I have been the head coach at Emerald," said Coach Dubose. "Frank Hill Stadium was loud and our tam seemed to feed off the great fan support. Wins in competitive football can sometimes be few and far between so we celebrated this win a bunch after the game and even into Saturday.

"However, we now have to get focused on getting ready to play on the road at **Travelers Rest** this week," said Coach Dubose. "They beat **Wade Hampton** 13-10 on Friday night and their new head coach (Chris Goodman) came over from **St Joseph's** and they have gone from a Wing-T type of an offense to the spread, and they like to throw the football."

Any time your defense shuts out a team you have to cite a player, or two and junior DL **Marquise Anderson** (5-10,210) played like a bull in a China shop last week as he was virtually unblock able all game. Anderson had six solo tackles and five assists, including five TFL.

"Marquise is not all that big, but he has a high motor and he is a very special player for us," said Coach Dubose. "He is so fast and quick off the ball and he creates a problem for offensive linemen. I know that we can't block him in practice so we do enjoy him not being able to be blocked in a game also."



Head Coach Tad Dubose

Another key defensive stopper in the season opener was linebacker **Christian Foster.** "**Anderson College** came to see him play against Ninety-Six and they called back on Saturday morning and made him an offer so we are all excited for him," said Coach Dubose. (Foster had seven tackles and five assists in the win and he rushed for 27 yards on four carries and scored a rushing TD.)

"I thought everybody up-front played well on defense," said Coach Dubose. "**Jerimiah Johnson** and **AJ White** played well up-front also."

Foster is joined in the linebacking corps by senior **Jalon Dunlap** (5-11, 204), senior **Jerimiah Ramos-Chapman** (5-11, 200), senior **Tyrell Wesley** and senior **Karson Wright** (5-8,170). In the back end you have senior **DJ Clark**, **Zario Chambers**, and **Edmond Jennings.** Ramos-Chapman had a great night on defense as well with five solo and seven assists for a total of 12 tackles. Niney-

Against Ninety-Six, the offense was led RB **Chris Gaines** who gained 110 yards on 12 carries and three-sport stand-out sophomore QB **Beau Hite,** completed 7-of-10 passes for 98 yards and one TD. Hite added 32 yards rushing on four carries plus a rushing TD. Wright, who flipped from defense, had four carries for 15 yards including a three-yard TD run. Junior WR .**Camelle Hill** caught three passe for 49 yards including a TD reception for around 40 yards.

The OL consist of tackles **Derrick Pinckney** and **Isai Delcid-Castillo** and guards **Tyler Moss** and **Messiah Simpkins**. The center is **John Michael Hames**. **Coleman Marino** is a WR while **RyKevius Logan** is a TE. **Wamer Wright** is a combo kicker but Hite can punt also.

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Hurricanes set to battle for region 5-AA crown

By Neill Kirkpatrick
Special to the HSSR

Goose Creek - In just two years the Hampton County Hurricanes have established themselves as one of the teams to beat in the lower state as they have advanced into at least the second round of the class AA playoffs reaching the lower state championship game in their first year 2023.

They enter the 2025 season with several talented players returning on both sides of the ball with goal of winning a region title and making a deep run in the playoffs.

"We are excited about this group of seniors and excited to be in year three of the program. We have been fortunate to win a lot of games in years one and two and hope we can continue to push towards being one of the best 2A programs in the state, said head coach **Rob Hanna**.

Coach continued, "We return the majority of our skill players and they are a talented group. This group is a tough-minded bunch that has bought into the process and they work to get better each day."

Offensively, the Hurricanes return five starters including one of the top athletes in class AA in **Jaylen Singletary**. He was named to the class AA all state team as a running back last year after being named all state as a defensive back in 2023. He rushed for 1129 yards averaging over 10 yards a carry. He scored a team-high 17 touchdowns last season. He also starts in the secondary which is a team strength with four returning starters.

Senior **Tarell Grant** moves from wideout to quarterback. Coach Hanna says he bring a different skill set to the position with ability to move the ball with his legs as well as with his arm. He also a returning starter in the secondary where he had a team high 10 passes defended.

Also returning starters are senior wide out **Desmond Mathis**, junior left tackle **Charles "CJ" Williams**, and sophomore left guard **Cleavon Maxwell**. All three will also see time on the defensive side of the ball with Mathis in the secondary, Williams on the defensive line and Maxwell at linebacker.

Senior **Nasir Morris** will man the other running back position, junior **Ja'shon Williams** will be at tight end and sophomore **Jamar Housey** will man the other wide out position.

The offensive line will have three new starters in senior center **Hunter Lawson**, junior right tackle **Ty'Quavian Jones** and sophomore right guard **Jayden Frazier**.

Senior **Tyler Davis** is a returning all-state (6-1,182) after picking off four passes and having 30 tackles safety. Senior **Jazmir Goines** is back along the defensive line and at linebacker senior

Malik Terry. Terry was second on the team in tackles with 64 and solo tackles with 50.

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Patrick Henry should have "solid" football team

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Estill – The **Patrick Henry Academy** football team lost one of the best players in program history in **Mikell Tucker Mathis**. That, however, doesn't deter head coach **Joe Gray Peeples** from being excited about this year's edition of the Patriots.

"We're going to be a pretty solid team this year," said Peeples, who is in his fourth year.

After winning the Class A state title in 2023with an 11-2 record, Patrick Henry was just 4-7 a year ago. Two of those loses came by six points or less, meaning it could have flipped the script on the season.

Mathis was the quarterback an he rushed for 1,230 yards and 20 touchdowns and passed for 912 yards and 12 more scores. As a linebacker on defense, Mathis had 115 tackles and was selected as the Region 2-Class A Defensive Player of the Year.

Senior **Rylin Brunson** will move into the quarterback role this season and will start at linebacker. Brunson had 708 yards of total offense last season to go with 34 tackles.

Senior **Jacob Corley** will be back at both wide receiver and linebacker. Corley had 22 catches for 330 yards and had 70 tackles

"He is highly productive on both sides of the ball," Peeples said.

Another senior , **Daivon Glover**, returns as well as a wide receiver and defensive back.

"He's one of the best cover corners in our league," Peeples said. "He's also a good wide receiver that needs more touches this year."

Senior **Tray Adkins** is back as a defensive end and wide receiver. "He's a really good pass rusher with great instincts, Peeples said.

Junior **Luke Sobey** returns at linebacker after finishing last season with 90 tackles. He is the team's leading returning tackler.

"He's a hard-nosed player with the ability to get to the football," Peeples said.

Sobey will line up at running back on offense.

Peeples is hoping senior **Diego Santana** will be able to play a bigger role at running back, wide receiver and cornerback after being limited by injuries last season.

Junior **Jay Bishop** (6-feet-3-inches, 285 pounds) and junior **Dru Williams** will be back as part of the offensive line.

"For both it was the first year to start on the line last year," Peeples said. ""They should improve and be solid players this year."

Others who will play roles for Patrick Henry are Mason Edward, Daniel Berg, Kai Sobey and Gaige Roberts.

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Thomas Heyward football looks to get healthy fast

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Ridgeland – Thomas Heyward's football roster is relatively small, less than two dozen bodies. So injuries can be devastating.

First-year head coach **Daniel Bryan** went into the first game of the 2025 season against Bethesda Academy with only 15 available players. Fortunately, bad weather and flooding forced the game to be postponed.

"We have like seven guys injured," Bryan said. "We will be getting a few back soon and gradually we hope they all can play. It's very difficult to even practice right now. We're making the most of it. With a full roster this team is pretty good. Hopefully in our region games we will have everyone."

One healthy player is the team's best player, running back **Tony O'Banner**, who has more than 3,000 career rushing yards. O'Banner gives the offense explosive potential from anywhere on the field,

Freshman **Grayson Hymon** is working as the starting quarterback and has shown good potential in the preseason. A rotation at receiver includes **Hunter Disbrow, Jace Bessingler, Josh Gibson, Owen Polazzo, Drew Wilks and Brennan Cribb.** Gibson is the No.1 pass-catcher and a key offensive weapon. He also anchors the defensive secondary.

Working along the front are **Ben Gibson, Mackie Bowers, Brycer Daily, Nolan Smith and Dawson Drew**, Another veteran lineman is **Dodge Peeples**, a senior trying to return from injury.

Peeples also is a key returning linebacker. **Ben Gibson, Hunter Disbrow**, Bowers and Polazzo also play linebacker, Most of the offensive lineman also rotate along the defensive line and the receivers rotate in the secondary.

"We have good players when they are healthy," Bryan said. "We have to get through these first few weeks and try to get some guys back. We can be a really good team at our level. But it's iron man football for us."

The Rebels are set to play Colleton Prep on Aug. 29.

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Beaufort looks to rebound after poor 2024 season

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Beaufort – Sometimes a record can be deceiving. **Beaufort High's** 2-9 2024 season would fall into that category.

The Eagles were in several close games that ended in defeat last season. Mistakes in the fourth quarter cost Beaufort in more than one loss and the Eagles lost twice by one score.

Head coach **Bryce Lybrand** is hoping to get the program back to its winning ways this fall. Prior to last season, Beaufort had won 37 games since 2020, including two appearances in the state championship game and a state title in 2022.

"We had a few opportunities to win games that we just let slip away in the fourth quarter," Lybrand said. "We couldn't finish games, We gave up some big plays that cost us. Even in our playoff loss to Hartsville, we were tied heading into the fourth quarter. I think the guys that are coming back want to atone for last year. We're not a two-win program."

Beaufort opened the season on Aug. 22 against Fort Dorchester, followed by a game at Greenwood, a top AAAAA team and Lybrand's alma mater.

The coach has seen positive signs during the preseason but says his team just needs more practice and game time to improve,

"We have some experience in a few spots but not a lot of depth. We need to stay healthy," he said.

"We also have some inexperience that we need to manage. We need to help them grow up. If we can get better each week, we think we can be ready to challenge in the region."

The 2025 Eagles are led by three returning seniors. Offensive lineman **Kenshon Speaks** is a fourth-year starter and the team's best lineman. Senior **Chad Brown** returns at one defensive end and senior **Jaden Simmons** returns at the other end. Simmons was a starter as a freshman and sophomore but missed last season due to an injury.

"Leadership is an area we need to improve and we think those three guys can step up and hold everyone accountable," Lybrand said.

Senior **Anthony Kahler** will be a first-time starter at quarterback this fall. Senior **Jamarion Jackson** has moved from receiver to running back. **K'Mari Mizzell** and **Tylek Isom** will also get carries in the run game.

Working at receiver are **Qualeek** Isnar and **Keandre Jenkin**s.

Lybrand feels the offensive line can be a strength. Joining Speaks are returning starters **K'yell Moultrie, Jaden Priester** and **Andrae Ellison**. Working at center are **Draven Bannister** and **Ethan Kelch**.

Joining Brown and Simmons on defense are lineman **Everett Scandlen**, linebacker **James Thomas,** end/linebacker **Colton Freeman** with the receivers covering the secondary.

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Trojans football looking to take the next step

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

James Island – The **James Island** football program has emerged as one of the more consistent in South Carolina and head coach **Jamar McKoy** hopes 2025 can be their best season yet.

The Trojans are 33-6 over the last three seasons under McKoy, who enters his sixth season at the school. Last season, their first in Division I of Class AAAAA resulted in a 10-3 record. The coach reports there are holes to fill but likes the chemistry and competitive nature of the 2025 Trojans.

"It's a good group that works hard every day," the coach said. "Some of these guys are veteran players and we'll have some new faces out there but it has come together nicely over the summer."

A key returner offensively is senior quarterback **Connor Dantzler,** who showed great progress over the course of last season. Dantzler threw for more than 1,500 yards last season.

Quarterback Connor Dantzler

The running back position lacks experience but the offensive line should be a strength with the return of tackle **Israel "Shank" Harris, Demontrei Cooper** and **Jimmy Jones**. **Dallyce Richardson** and **Kadyn Vincent** round out the unit up front.

Among the favored targets in the passing game are sophomore **Raphaeil Puiu**, sophomore **Jordan Kendrick** and senior **James Hurteau**. Senior **Malachi Washington** enters the season as the top running back.

"We need to find some consistency in the run game but we should be able to move the ball through the air until we develop," McKoy said.

Dawson Wilson returns at defensive end and **Bryson Bowers** is a returning linebacker. **Jaseyvion**

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Saluda opens Greg Woerner era with victory

By Dennis Brunson
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Saluda – The **Greg Woerner** era for **Saluda High School** football got off to a rousing start. The Tigers defeated **Crescent** 28-6 on August 22 in Woerner's first game as head coach.

"It's football and you have to go out and work hard, and that's what our guys did," said Woerner, who was the offensive coordinator last season under **Stewart Young**, who is now the head coach at **Lexington.** "Our guys really played well. We spent the summer and fall trying to point them in the right direction and they did really well.

"Crescent is a good team and they made it hard on us. It took us a while to finally break it open. The defense bowed its back and had a great game. It made some big plays and had a lot of interceptions."

Woerner takes over a team that went 9-2 last season and has eight starters back on offense. Four of those returnees are on the offensive line in All-Region 2-AA left tackle **Bryan Gomez**, sophomore right tackle **LJ Sanders**, right guard Walt Cannon and senior center **Sid Shaw**. The newcomer is left guard **Zayden Couch**.

"They've been playing football together a long time," Woerner said. "They know how to communicate with one another and they're strong."

After seeing moments at quarterback the past couple of seasons, senior **Brayden Williams** is firmly entrenched in the spot this year. Williams had 93 rushes for 614 yards and 10 touchdowns last season and caught seven passes for 177 yards and two more scores. He completed 19 of 36 passes for 415 yards and three touchdowns.

"He's owned that position over the offseason," Woerner said of Williams. He's grown in that position, and he's done a great job of leading the team for us."

Junior **Tristan Daniels** is the starter in the 1-back set, but Jaylen Bledsoe will be getting his share of carries as well.

"Tristan had a monster first half, running for a touchdown and gong up to make a catch or a touchdown," Woerner said. "Tristan is a really physical downhill type runner. Not too many guys are going to bring him down 1-on-1. He wants to be in there. He's upset when he's not. He has great instinctive hands to catch the ball. Hopefully we'll be able to get the ball to him and open the game up.",

The wide receivers are **Cooper Gantt**, senior **CJ Springs** and **Mekhi Linton**. The tight end is junior Jahmeer **Myers**.

Saluda operates out of a 3-man front on defense with junior **Grant Gentry**, **Ethan Graham** and **Monty Holmes** filling those spots. The linebackers are Sandy Springs, Zeb Penny, junior Jayden Myers, Devin Dunn and Bledsoe. CJ Springs is a returning defensive back standout. The other two in the secondary are sophomore **Darryl Hill** and **Jakaile Stevens**.

"They're a fast defense, flying around to the ball," Woerner said. "They have a short memory. If they mae a mistake, they move on to he the next play. They're making plays."

Ericson Vasquez is the placekicker and Daniels will do the punting.

Woerner said the Tigers just need to continue to grind.

"It's just staying together, buying in and being one unified team," he said. "We need to take pride in doing things the right way. If we do that, it will be a very successful season for us."

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Crestwood boasts lots of young talent in 2025

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

Sumter – The **Crestwood High School** football team had an outstanding freshman last season in **Jayden Martin**, who split time between quarterback and wide receiver.

Martin is obviously back, and the Knights have another highly anticipated freshman to join him this season in freshman running back **Brayden Boults**.

Boults already had five **Football Bowl Subdivision** offers to his credit before playing his first high school game.

Boults had an impressive debut, carrying the football 10 times for 106 yards and two touchdowns in the Knights' 48-14 triumph over **Manning** on August 22 in their first game at their on-campus facility, **Knights Stadium**.

Boults had touchdown runs of 42 and nine yards, respectively.

"He's a special player," Crestwood head coach **Roosevelt Nelson** said of Boults. "He can score from anywhere on the field when he touches the ball."

Between Boults, Martin, sophomore quarterback **Marek Yates** and junior running back **Calvin Wofford**, the Knights have plenty of options on offense. Yates completed 9 of 13 passes for 181 yards and three touchdowns in his varsity debut. Martin finished with five catches for 117 yards and three scores. while Wofford had 11 carries for 78 yards and a touchdown.

"We've got a lot of options in all three phases, in running backs and receivers," Nelson said. "Marek Yates' first time starting a varsity game, he was phenomenal. The quarterback play has definitely taken a big jump in the past couple of weeks."

Crestwood hopes that continues to translate into success as the season progresses. The Knights went 5-6 a year ago, losing in the first round of the AAAA state playoffs. They are part of Region 5 with defending state champion **South Florence** and perennial power **Hartsville**.

Senior **Mekhi Calhoun** and senior **Kameron Edwards** are two other wide receivers Yates will be eyeing throughout the season.

The offensive line is led by senior **Aiden Mack**, a 3-year starter. He is one of two starters returning up front along with junior **Ty'Shon Tate**. Other key performers along the front are senior **Mckahi Tindal**, sophomore **Jarius Haney** and junior **Kyson Rigby**.

"That's kind of what we see on a daily basis," Nelson said of the O line's strong performance against Manning. "They come out and are working hard. They're a group that has a lot of upside. They are working hard to become one unit."

The Knights have a lot of experience on the defensive side of the football, returning eight starters.

They are stout with the front seven, starting in the trenches with the likes of junior noseguard **Jordan Carter**, senior Mikah Pressley and junior **Peyton Bradshaw-Grant**. The linebacking corps is led

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2025 Gray Collegiate football standouts

Gray Collegiate football is locked in on this fall

By WORTHY EVANS
Staff Writer

Gray Collegiate Academy's 2024 season was, to put it bluntly, a disappointment.

Because of a player ineligibility issue, the team was banned from the postseason and forfeited all seven of its wins in the War Eagles' first year competing in the 4A classification.

The message about last year that Gray leadership and second-year head coach **De'Angelo Bryant** have for this years football team?

Forget about it.

"I think that anytime you have something of that nature in the program, you have to put it behind you," Bryant said. "It's not our main thought. This is a new season, a new year, we have new opponents for our team to teach them about the legacy at Gray. We're going to move forward and play some great football."

There's no worry if Gray can turn the corner this season. The War Eagles lost just 13 seniors from last year and have 18 seniors on this year's team.

"A handful of those guys are third-year starters and they're experienced champions," Bryant said. "This senior class is a very strong class. They're a great group of guys, and that helps when you have kids who have the opportunity to play at the next level on your team now."

Quarterback **Tyler Waller** (1,038 passing yards, 11 touchdowns; 419 rushing yards, 4 TDs) is one of those 3-year starters. Backing him up is sophomore **Xavier Wright**, whom Bryant said has a lot of potential.

Gray has two breakout running backs, senior **Nate Dixon**, who backed up 1,000-yard rusher **D.J. Montgomery** last year and averaged seven yards a carry, and junior and **Gilbert** transfer **Trevon Williamson**.

"He's been very productive in his career," Bryant said of **Williamson**, the son of former South Carolina receiver **Troy Williamson**.

The receiver corps Bryant considers is the most talented in the state. Senior **Hiszari Gantt** leads the group.

"He's a speedster," Bryant said of Gantt, who had 29 catches for 318 yards and two touchdowns last year. "He can get deep on you really fast, and he can make you miss in a phone booth."

Kaleb Barry, who had 15 catches for 266 yards and five scores, is another top receiver who finished the season scoring touchdowns in five out of the last six games. Junior **Corey Gleaton**, who had a couple of catches for 26 yards last year, will more than likely get many more targets this year. Another son of Troy Williamson, junior **Royce Williamson**, is what Bryant considers a Swiss Army Knife, a player who can run any route, line up as a running back, and do whatever is needed on any given down.

Gray's losses from last year affected the offensive and defensive lines the most.

Senior and 3-year starter **Jack Armstrong** returns to anchor both lines. On the defensive line, Bryant felt the loss of four top linemen, three of whom signed to play in college.

"That speaks to the talent level we lost, but (senior) **Dawson Peake** was in the rotation last year and (senior) **Kaleb Holmes** as well, and another player I really like but who is really raw is (sophomore) **Carson Cartwright**, a 6-3, 255 interior guy who I really like. His better days of football are ahead of him."

Gray opened the season at **James Island** Monday, a game that was rescheduled in lieu of weather conditions Friday.

"There's no better way you can start a season than with a team like James Island," Bryant said. "We understand we have some weaknesses, and they do to, but we don't have much time to play around. Every game is big competition and we're excited about that and the challenge that it presents to us. Coach (**Jamar**) **McCoy** does a great job with his team and I'm looking forward to it."

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LaPrad confident about 2025 Landsharks football

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Mt. Pleasant – After more than a dozen years as an assistant preparing himself to be a head coach, **Brent LaPrad** is getting his opportunity.

Not only is LaPrad taking over the program at **Oceanside Collegiate Academy**, he is inheriting a program that has won three consecutive state championships. He is the former defensive coordinator so he knows all the expectations.

"Nobody wants to win more than I do," says LaPrad. "I'm excited for our players. To win four straight state championships is pretty special."

Last season began with a crushing loss to Irmo, followed be the resignation of head coach **Chad Wilkes** three days later. Yet, while far from perfect, the Landsharks rolled to their third consecutive state championship under interim head coach **John Patterson**. With the hiring of LaPrad, the program remains stable.

Potentially, despite some losses in personnel, the Landsharks could be better in 2025. Returning for his third varsity season is junior quarterback **Aiden Manavian**, who threw for more than 3,400 yards last season. Manavian has been the quarterback on two straight state title teams.

While most of the receiving corps graduated, OCA does return explosive **Terance Johnson**, who had nearly 700 receiving yards. Johnson also can play running back, joined by returner **James O'-Connor**, who gained nearly 600 yards last season. Junior **JaJa Borveau** is a new addition to the running game,

Transfers filled the void at receiver with **Anthony Williams** (Fort Dorchester), **Ethan Ranew** (West Ashley) and **Cooper Webb** (Philip Simmons).

Senior **Mike Jones**, a Wofford commit, anchors the offensive line as a fourth-year starter. **Lamarion Thompson** brings experience as a transfer from Fort Dorchester. Seniors **Luke Crady** and **JB Crady** will start at center and guard with **Grant Castello**, a junior, returning at the other tackle.

"We expect the offensive line to be a strength," LaPrad said. "Lot of playing experience there."

Jones, senior **Sawyer Arnold**, senior **Joey Harriot** and junior **Jaxson Bean** will lead the defensive linemen. All are returning starters but the linebackers are all new. Look for seniors **Bo Parsons** and **Rhys Meredith** to join sophomore **Tyler Stafford** at linebacker.

Michael Strickler is the lone returning starter at in the secondary but **Cole Gaspar**, **Titus Gillia**m and **Jordan Wright** are ready to step in.

Jackson Summey gives the Landsharks a major threat in the kicking game.

OCA opened the season against Irmo on Aug. 22.

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2025 Dorchester Academy football captains

So goes the offensive line, so go Raiders football

By Dennis Brunson
hssr.com Associate Editor

St. George – The **Dorchester Academy** football team is returning five starters on offense from last season's 8-3 squad. The only problem with that is just one of those starters is on the offensive line.

"If you'd asked me in early July or late June how we're going to be I would have said, 'If we can block we'll be good, if we can't block we'll be pretty bad,' " said Raiders head coach **Michael Nelson**, whose team opened its season on August 22 against **Andrew Jackson Academy**. "I really think we're ahead of the curve, which is encouraging. We have decent size, but we're young and inexperienced. We're way ahead of where I thought even though we're not where we want to be."

The lone returning starter on the offensive line is sophomore right tackle **Jae Carn** (6-feet-2-inches, 280 pounds). The left tackle is sophomore **Clayton Zeigler**, the left guard is junior **Will Quattlebaum** and the right guard is freshman **Matthew Byron**.

Battling for the center position is junior **Jack Whetsell** and senior **Kaden Turbeville**.

If the blocking comes through, DA has several returning skill players capable of taking advantage of it. Senior **John Quattlebaum** is back at quarterback with senior **John Whetsell** returning at running back. Whetsell ran for 1,752 yards and 15 touchdowns while Quattlebaum threw for 1,105 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Sophomore **Reed Almers** is back after rushing for 332 yards. Senior tight end **Abe Shuler** caught 24 passes for 446 yards and three TDs, while junior wide receiver **Noah Risher** had 19 catches for 269 yards and one score.

Senior **Landon Holly** will be the other wide receiver.

Nelson likes the talent he has at the skill positions on offense.

"We've got a couple of guys who can catch the football and we can get to when teams put eight in the box to stop the run," he said. "We feel like we can get them in man to man on the outside and win some 1-on-1s.

"That will help John even more. I've got a lot of guys who will contribute on the offensive side that are pretty athletic guys."

Dorchester returns four starters on defense. The 4-man defensive front will include senior **Bradley Sievert**, Carn, Byron and John Whetsell. The linebacker corps will be made up of sophomore **Warren Judy**, Almers and Shuler. The secondary will have Holly, Risher, John Quattlebaum and sophomore **Graham Varnadoe**.

Nelson said it is a necessity that the Raiders stay as healthy as possible.

"Our roster is not as deep as it was last year," Nelson said. "We've got just 23 guys, but we're deep talent-wise. Of that number, 21 of them can play. So I think the key to success for us is our ability to stay healthy."

Palmetto Christian back in SCISA 8-Man division

By Neill Kirkpatrick
Special to the HSSR

Goose Creek – The 2024 season for Palmetto Christian was as chaotic as it gets as they started the year preparing to play 11-man football until injuries derailed the season so head coach **David Moore** and athletic director **Dale Hoover** went to work to try and salvage the season.

They did just that as they put together a seven-game season of 8-man football and the Eagles responded by going 4-3 with a young line up.

"First thanks goes out to Coach Dale Hoover, our AD who worked tirelessly to get us games to even play. Then to be able to win with three seniors and rest sophomore speaks a lot about these players. As you know, winning helps to solve a lot of problems but this year we have more games to play," said coach Moore.

The Eagles will be back in SCISA 8-man league this season. They were in the 8-man league before from 2018-2021 and complied a record of 29-13 including the best record in school history as they went 10-1 in 2020.

The Eagles enter the season with a junior heavy roster that gained valuable experience last season so they look to continue to build and establish the foundation for the program.

"My exception for this year are for us to grow as a team, to continue to build a strong foundation and a good Christian culture. We also want to improve on our record," coach Moore said. "I got hired so late in the summer it was in catch up mode all season but I've have had a year to train and get to know the players better. I got big help from Coach **Christian Ensminger** the middle school coach."

The Eagles return their second leading rusher from last in junior running back **Eli Beville** (5-7, 150). He rushed for 572 yards while averaging a team high 10.4 yards a carry and he tied for the team lead in touchdowns with six. He also scored a receiving touchdown.

Junior **Jake Johnson** (5-7, 145) will be taking over the reins at quarterback. In limited action last season, he rushed for 68 yards and two scores. He is also a key figure in the Eagles secondary.

Another junior **Caden Beville** (5-8,150) heads up the receiving corps as well as the secondary. He tied for the team lead in receptions with four which all went for a team high four touchdown grabs. He will be joined by **Tyler Creech** and senior **Landon Provost** (6,185). Provost will on the defensive line and handle the kicking duties.

The offensive line is anchored by juniors **Drayton Moore** and **Graham Kincaid** (6-1,250). Kincaid will also play on the defensive line.

Sam Horton (DL), **David Barnes** (LB), and **Jacob Hurley** (DB) will round out the defensive side of the ball.

The Eagles will open up the season on 8-29 when the host 8-man power Holly Hill Academy.

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Woodland prepares for battle with Colleton Co.

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Dorchester—Woodland did not start the regular season in week zero, but they were preparing for the start of their season against **Colleton County** this week by having a knock-down drag out physical scrimmage against **Batesburg-Leesville** last Friday night.

Coach Ford is starting year six as the head coach at Woodland High. He has 27 years of total coaching experience and he is a graduate of **Bamberg-Ehrhardt** High School.

"We found out in our scrimmage against Batesburg-Leesville that we have a lot of growing up to do," said head coach **Eddie Ford**. "We were not following our schemes very well at all. Batesburg has a really good football team.

"We also played **Ashley Ridge** in the Dorchester County Jamboree, so we probably scrimmaged against the best two running backs in the state, against the Wooden kid at Batesburg and **Ryan Campbell** at Ashley Ridge," said Coach Ford. "They were two physical scrimmages and it should have prepared us when we start the season with Colleton County this week.

"We also competed in a three-way scrimmage against **Hilton Head**, **Saluda** and **Silver Bluff** to get better prepared for the season," said Coach Ford. "Our goals are to compete for a region title find a way to get past the second round of the play-offs. We have avoided injuries in the pre-season and I feel like we have the potential to have an outstanding season."

Woodland was 7-4 last season.

Woodland's top senior leader is TE/OLB **Jaemin Pinkney** (6-5,220) who committed to South Florida over the summer. "Jaemin has been a good senior leader for us all summer and on defense he is a great pass rusher and run stopper," said Coach Ford. "He is still growing and he could be 240 pounds early in his college career at South Florida."

Pinkey had 87 tackles, seven sacks, and 11 TFL as a junior when he was named all-state and all-region.

On offense, junior **Jervaze Salley** (6-1,200) returns with experience at quarterback. Last year he passed for 1,380 yards and tossed 14 touchdowns. "Jervase is a dual threat quarterback with a very strong passing arm," said Coach Ford. "We need a good passing attack to balance out our running game."

Kam Howell (5-9,180) is a sophomore running back who rushed for 348 yards and two touchdowns last season. He will be joined in the back field by junior **George Perry** (5-10,161). Perry is considered as the top junior on the Wolverines team. Fullback **Dorian Britt** is a returning starter from last season when he rushed for 471 yards and five touchdowns.

Sophomore **Terrence Rasberry** (5-8,155) will lead the receiving group. Pinkey will hold down the TE slot.

The leader in the offensive line is three year returning starter RT **Tyreon Summerson** (6-2, 300). He is receiving recruiting interest form The Citadel, Charleston Southern, and Mercer at this time. "Tyreon has good feet and good arm extension and will make someone a good lineman at the next level," said Coach Ford.

The other offensive line starters include LT **Sam Gadson** (6-1,225) along with LG **Owen Messex** (5-11, 280). The RG is junior **Kolby Doctor** (5-10,305) and the center is sophomore **Jordan Ford** (5-10,290).

The defense is anchored by Pinkney at OLB. He is joined in the linebacking starting group by junior Chandler Fogle (5-11,205) who had 71 tackles as a sophomore. Senior **Isaiah Barnes** 5-10, 170) steps up to play the other linebacker.

The defensive front is led by senor **Donovan Miles** (6-2, 235) who earned all-state honors in '24 with 71 tackles, seven TFL and 11 TFL. "He has really played well in all three of our scrimmages and he is a three-year starter for us," said Coach Ford. "It is a mystery to me why he isn't being recruited more heavily."

Miles is joined up-front by DL junior **Landon Baker** (5-10,215) and junior DL **Lakye White** (5-10,230) a returning starter who had 67 tackles a year ago.

The secondary is patrolled by two returning starters; DB **Lavonte Furray** (5-7,155) who had 45 tackles, three picks and defensive TD last season along with returner Perry who flips from offense. Perry had 55 tackles and five interceptions last year along with one defensive TD. The two newcomers to the back of the defense are junior **Duke Williams** (5-9,160) and senor **Jamarcus Amaker** (5-9,165).

Jamon Brown recently transferred back to Woodland from Summerville. He is sitting out four games and will be able to play in early October. "He was a good player for us when he played here two years ago," said Coach Ford. "He will paly DB and could also help us some on offense."

The team' place combo kicker will be sophomore **Gibson Kepley**, a returner from last season.

One newcomer who is competing hard for playing time is junior FS/WR **Duke Williams** (5-10,160).

"We currently have only one player going both ways," said Coach Ford. "We also have lots of experience returning on defense."

After hosting Colleton County this week, Woodland will travel to **Bethune-Bowman** on September, 5th before hosting **Whale Branch** on September, 12. Then they have back-to-back road games with **Bamberg-Ehrhardt** on the 19th and then they close out the month of September with an away game at **Bishop England** on the 25th.

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Colleton County expects improvement in 2025

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Walterboro – Colleton County football coach **Adam Kinloch** is not in the business of predicting outcomes of high school games.

Kinloch knows as well as anyone what a few injuries can do to a team over the course of the season. The coach is not willing to predict how many games the Cougars will win in 2025. He does, however, the team is improved. Colleton County went 1-10 last season.

"We will definitely be better, more competitive," said Kinloch, now in his third season at the helm. "I know we are stronger because of what I have seen in the weigtroom. We are more experienced. We will several third-year starters on the field and nothing can replace experience. We know the challenges ahead but we feel we are better prepared than we have been the last two seasons."

The Cougars have mixed and matched the lineup over the first two years but Kinloch says things are more settled. The players know what to expect.

Offensively, Kinloch says junior **Galil Frazier** has won the starting nod at quarterback but he won't hesitant to make a change if needed. The top returning rusher is senior **Kenari Koger**.

The receiving corps has a lot of experience, led by juniors **Keandre Allen** and tight end **Mason Owens**. Senior **Rodney Wilder** also returns with experience.

Three starters, all in the middle, return along the offensive line. **Jayden Hudson** is the senior center while senior **Quentin Holmes** and junior **Chase Jones** are the guards. Working at tackle are senior **Ronald Robison** and junior **Melvin Ancrum**.

District Athletic Director Dr. Chris Myers

"I feel like the offensive line is one of our strengths," said Kinloch. "Have to stay healthy."

Junior **Nick Jones** will handle the kicking duties.

Defensively, **Calvin Brown** and **Ziar Holmes** are returning starters up front. Senior **Harlon Lee** will step in as a starting end.

A lot of experience returns at linebacker with returning starters **Jykell Jenkins** (junior), **O'Keefe Martin** (sophomore) and **Jaquez Martin** (senior).

The secondary does not have a firm set rotation as the staff seeks the best four combination. Two projected starters are **Rodney Wilder** and **Dayrall Washington**.

"We definitely want to win more. We want these kids to get rewarded for their hard work," Kinloch said. "Our confidence level is much better with the experience we have gained. Wins are hard to come by. Our region is going to be very competitive across the board. We want to compete with every team we play. If we can games into the fourth quarter with a chance, I think we are in position to win some of those games.

Colleton County opened the season on Aug. 22 against Hampton County.

Colleton Prep opens up 2025 season at 1-1

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

Walterboro – The early part of the 2025 season has been a mixed bag for the **Colleton Prep** football team.

The Warhawks opened the season with a 31-22 loss to John Paul II on Aug. 15. They got into the win column the following week, posting an impressive 66-24 win over St. John's Christian.

Head coach **Greg Langdale** feels his team is doing what is necessary to be a threat in the SCISA Class A playoffs in November.

"That's always the goal, to win a state championship," Langdale said. 'You work every day to improve and you hope you improve every Friday night. If you do, you have a chance. That's our goal."

If they can stay healthy, the Warhawks will certainly be in the conversation. Langdale says the offensive line has only one returning starter so that area needs to improve from week to week. Most of the linemen work both ways as well.

"We're young on defense as well so we need to just improve as we go," Langdale said.

The coach thought the defense showed improvement from the first game to the second game but still allowed some points.

"We played well and we got some early breaks with turnovers that kind of allowed us to build a lead," he said.

The offense is directed by junior **Cale Owens**, a returning starter who also started a few games in his freshman year.

The primary ball-carrier is **Tanner Wolf**, a senior. Working at receiver are **Hartman Fisk, Charlie Walker** and junior **Thomas Corbett**.

Athletic Director Greg Langdale

The lone returner on the offensive line is senior **Steven Crosby**. Other starters include **Fripp Smoak, Austin Murdaugh, Aden Willis** and **Tyler Riesner**.

Senior **Grayson Catterton** is in the rotation along both lines.

"We have some work to do to find consistency up front," Langdale. "There were better in game two so I hope we continue to improve."

IN addition to the two-way players, others working on defense include **Caden Kinard** and Brayden Hiers. Linebackers **Ben Cain** and **Everett Teague** and **Trey Ferguson** form a solid group at the second level.

"I really feel like there is not a team on our schedule that we can't beat. At the same time, there's not a team that can't beat us. It's a matter of being focused every Friday night. We show up and play to our potential, we have a chance to win."

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Seawell's Midlands Feature Page

Week Zero football results and such in the Midlands

By Worthy Evans
Special to the HSSR

Columbia - In spite of delays and postponements because of lightning and thunderstorms in the area last week, Midlands football teams kicked off the 2025 season in the truest fashion—games that may not have been sensational but offered a lot of game experience.

Besides postponed games recapped below, **Gray Collegiate's** game at **James Island** was postponed for Monday. Defending 5A Division 1 champion **Dutch Fork**, which opens the season against **Spartanburg** Friday, had an open date, as did **Batesburg-Leesville**, which opens the season at home against **Wagener-Salley**.

Camden at White Knoll

One of the standout games of the week was the battle between **Camden** and **White Knoll**. The Timberwolves beat Camden 21-14 in the season opener last year at the Bulldogs' Zemp Stadium. On Thursday—and Friday—the game played out at White Knoll's field emblazoned with "The Bank" at midfield to acknowledge the town of Red Bank. At the finish, Camden clinched a 20-7 win.

"I'm really proud of the guys for fighting against a really good team," Camden head coach **Brian Rimpf** said. "This is a great program Pelham's got. This was a hard-fought game last year and it was the same kind of ending except they scored at the end to win. I'm proud of the guys for coming back this year and getting it done for us."

White Knoll head coach **Nick Pelham**, not concerned about the loss, was beaming because he saw his players respond well to Camden's toughness, and play better in the second half.

"I really love playing Camden. I hope we can keep it going," Pelham said. "They're really well-coached, they're really tough, they hit, they've got really good talent. We've had two great games with them. Coach Rimpf is an awesome coach and awesome guy, their assistants are great. I hope we can continue this."

The Bulldogs scored two touchdowns—quarterback **Grayson Rimpf** running from one yard out and a Rimpf-to-**Bernard Green** touchdown pass 26 seconds before the half—to take a 13-0 lead on the Timberwolves at intermission. White Knoll turned over the ball four times in the first two quarters.

The game was called during halftime because of lightning in the area.

Play resumed Friday at 7 p.m. As the game continued, it was obvious that both teams had learned from their mistakes 24 hours earlier.

White Knoll didn't lose the football, firstly. The Timberwolves got on the scoreboard following a 66-yard drive capped with quarterback **Jhais McKeever's** 4-yard touchdown run with 48 seconds left in the third quarter.

After that score, Camden sustained two clock-burning drives, one of which resulted in a second Rimpf touchdown run, this time from eight yards out with 1:24 left. White Knoll took over and drove to midfield, but turned the ball over on downs.

Bulldogs running back **Navier Boykin** rushed 15 times for 66 yards in the second half to power those drives.

The game fell into the loss column for the Timberwolves, but Pelham said he felt great about the action he saw, especially in the growth of the team overnight that was demonstrated in Friday's portion of the game.

"We talked about how lucky we were," Pelham said about coming back to the game. "because very few times in life do you make a mistake when you're doing something, and you get a retry the next day. You get a day to take a breath, see what you did wrong, reassess, change some things and go do it better. I'm glad we got that."

White Knoll travels to **Sumter** and Camden plays host to **Lugoff-Elgin** Friday.

Lexington at Gilbert

Just as the Camden-White Knoll game was suspended till Friday night, so too was **Lexington's** rivalry game at **Gilbert**.

The Wildcats led 16-7 with 15 seconds left in the third quarter when play was suspended because of lightning in the area. The game resumed Friday and Lexington finished with a 23-7 win over the Indians.

It was **Stewart Young's** first win as Lexington's head coach.

Wildcats quarterback **Easton Crocker** under center in relief of starter **Evan Geiger**, scored two touchdowns. Both quarterbacks split time throughout the game as true starter **Avery Coyle** is expected to sit out several weeks because of an injury.

Midlands Football Top Ten - Week 0

1. Dutch Fork (0-0)
2. Irmo (1-0)
3. Ridge View (1-0)
4. Camden (1-0)
5. River Bluff (0-1)
6. AC Flora (1-0)
7. Batesburg-Leesville (0-0)
8. Lexington (1-0)
9. White Knoll (0-1)
10. Hammond (1-0)

Crocker was 7-for-8 in passing for 63 yards, and running back **Markel Byrd** finished the night with 100 yards rushing.

Wynn Meetze had Gilbert's only score before play was suspended. He finished the night with 96 rushing yards.

Lexington's home opener Friday is against **North Augusta**. Gilbert plays host to **Wilson**.

Irmo at Oceanside

Irmo traveled to Charleston Friday to face 3A state champion **Oceanside Collegiate** at **The Citadel's Johnson Hagood Stadium**.

After the loss of passing and running quarterback **A.J. Brand**, the Yellow Jackets showed they can still move the football and score. Quarterback **Tre Dopson** threw three touchdown passes to **Demarion Arrington**, **Jaiden Bryant** had a touchdown run, and **Maleek Miller** returned a fumble for a TD as Irmo got past the Land Sharks 35-28.

Irmo hits I-26 again Friday, this time heading up to Spartanburg to take on **James F. Byrnes**.

Westwood at Flora

A.C. Flora won their home opener against **Westwood** 30-19, with a 30-minute lightning delay at halftime not interfering much with the flow of the game. Falcons quarterback **Roper Wentzky** was 17-for-28 in passing for 229 yards and three touchdowns, **Blake Betette** had a 13-yard touchdown run and **Grant Hill** made a 27-yard field goal.

On paper those numbers would have made any other coach nod his head in approval. Fourth-year head Falcons coach **Ken Floyd** looked behind the numbers and saw what could have been. Tops on his mind were some unsportsmanlike calls—which caused one A.C. Flora player to be ejected in the first half—as well as mistakes that disrupted the offensive flow of the game.

"I didn't think we did well at all offensively. We can't sustain drives right now and that's been a hallmark of our offenses through the years," Floyd said. "I thought Roper was off tonight. The offensive line is physically dominating but they just killed themselves with (false start) penalties and discipline. We were just getting in our own way. We shot ourselves in the foot all night long and it's really frustrating."

First year Westwood head coach **Stephen Burris**, who lead 1A **Lamar** to back-to-back region titles and long playoff runs in 2023 and 2024, inherits a team that is full of experienced players that showed that in spite of the loss, they were capable of listening and getting better.

"Our kids hung in there and kept competing, and that's what I wanted to see. I told them at halftime, we're going to learn a lot about our football team in the second half. They could have scored about four more touchdowns on us, but

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1. Desmond Green-Timberland-OL-6-5,333-Florida
2. Tony O'Banner-Thomas Heyward- RB-Ath-6-1,215
3. J'zavien Currence-South Pointe-DB-6-3, 205-S. Carolina
4. Jayvon Gilmore-Gaffney—QB-6-5,200- Arkansas
5. Zyon Guiles-Carvers Bay-OL-6-4,295-South Carolina
6. Jaylen McGill-Mountain View Prep RB-5-11,190
7. Zay Robertson-Dillon-WR-6-0,165 (4.4)-North Carolina
8. Kentavion Anderson-Dorman-FS-6-2,181-Clemson
9. Carnell Warren-Bluffton-WR-6-4,196-North Carolina
10. Anthony Baxter-South Pointe-OL-6-3,330-S. Carolina
11. Sequel Patterson- Indian Land-WR-6-0,165-S. Carolina
12. Jamel Howze-Newberry-TE-6-3,215-South Carolina
13. Michael Boulware-Gray Collegiate-MLB-6-2,205- STUD
14. Julian Walker-Dutch Fork-DE-6-6,220- Michigan
15. Scotland Dover-Gaffney-OL 6-5,305-App State
16. Jaiden McDowell-Gaffney-RB-5-10,165-Mercer
17. Malcolm Gaston-North Augusta-OL-6-5, 330
18. Tamarion Watkins-DB-N'western-6-4, 200-Texas A&M
19. Jeremiah Favorite-Boiling Springs-CB-5-10,170-Michigan St.
20. Jude Hall-Christ Church-WR-6-3,185-Memphis
21. Caden Ramsey-Cross-WR-FS-6-5,200-Ga. Tech/SC Offer
22. Somad Eaddy-Riverside-Ath.-6-0,165-Wake Forest
23. Jayden Boyd-Fairfield Central-WR/DB-Duke
24. Kelton Smith-Gaffney-DT-6-5,290-East Carolina
25. Tre Aiken-Clinton-OL-6-4,265-NC State
26. Tilden "T" Riley-Orangeburg Prep-TE-6-5,203-Vandy
27. Tristian Lewis-Greenwood-QB/DB-6-4,200-SC
28. Trevor Kalisz-Ashley Ridge-QB-5-11, 215
29. Jachin Davis-Stratford-QB-6-1,185-Liberty
30. Amiri Acker-Crescent-WR-6-2,185-Liberty
31. Trey Burke-Spartanburg-QB-6-3,205-East Carolina
32. Caden Muskus-Chapin-OL-6-5,280-App. State
33. Chris Doyle- Bluffton-DL-6-1,29—App State
34. Jordyn Best-Ridge View-DB-5-11,180-NC State
35. Jordan Avinger-Orangeburg-Wilkinson-LB-6-3,222-
36. Jaemin Pinckney-Woodland-WR-6-5,217-S Florida
37. Zyon Ratchford-Gaffney-LB-6-4, 200-East Carolina
38. Kadarus Hainsworth-Mountain View Prep-WR-6-1,161-Charlotte
39. JT King-Pinewood Prep-DE/TE-6-4,240
40. Nyterrious Greer-Harrison-Crescent-WR-FS-6-0,170
41. Sawyer Arnold-Oceanside Collegiate-DE-6-4,220-App State
42. Romello Patterson-West Florence-LB-6-3,224-Coastal
43. Kaleb Simpkins-Strom Thirmond-DB-6-1,175-offer-Wake
44. Reid McCollum-Hilton Head-LB-6-4,215-Navy
45. Walker Kelly-TL Hanna-TE-6-5,220-Wofford
46. Ryan Campbell-Ashley Ridge-RB-5-9,182
47. Anthony Atkins II-Christ Church-Ath-6-1,180-Navy
48. Daniel Capeheart-Dillon-OLB-RB-6-1, 200-
49. Will Love-Spartanburg-PK-6-2,205-Va. Tech
50. Garrison Vaughn-Laurens Academy-OL/DL- 6-4,251
51. Kam Vance-Northwestern-WR-5-8,170-Lafayette
52. Terry Radford-Chester-DE-6-1-230
53. Bryson More-Irmo-OL-6-2,305-CSU
54. Bryson Connor-Indian land-DB-5-10,180-Hampton
55. Jarrell Turner-Richland Northeast-WR-6-0,185-Charlotte
56. Keriyon Brown-Dillon-LB-5-11,210-
57. Amandre Wooden—Batesburg-Leesville-RB-5-11,205
58. Ethan Offing-Dutch Fork-QB-5—,182-
59. Cameron McMillon-South Pointe-QB-6-2, 187
60. Gray Patterson-Fort Mill-OLB-6-3,210-Charlotte

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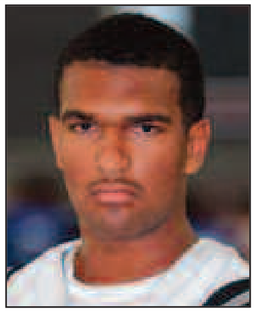
Gaffney's Scotland Dover



Gray Collegiate's Michael Boulware

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just a great athlete with a strong work ethic."

What is likely driving the numbers up is the fact that major colleges can now have 105 total football scholarships, an increase of 20 over the previous cap of 85. The transfer portal does not seem to be hurting the numbers at all in South Carolina, like they have in some states.

To date here is a break-down on the major colleges who have commitments from in-state players and the number they have committed. South Carolina (6), East Carolina (4), Appalachian State (4). Liberty (3), UNC Charlotte (3), Arkansas (2), North Carolina (2), Navy (2), NC State (2), Clemson (1), Florida (1), Michigan (1), Michigan State (1), Duke (1), Texas A & M (1), Memphis (1), Duke (1),Wake Forest (1), Texas A&M (1), Coastal Carolina (1), South Florida (1), Vanderbilt (1), and Virgina Tech (1). These numbers add up to 42 and Ramsey will be 43 on September 8th.

Is it possible for the state of South Carolina to hit the all- time magic number of "50" on or before the final National Signing Day in February? Possibly. The *HSSR* believes that our number two rated 2026 prospect, RB/OLB **Tony O'Banner** (6-1,210) will sign with **Liberty** before the process ends. The HSSR maintains our belief that **North Augusta** OL **Malcolm Gaston** (6-5,330) will choose **Georgia** over **Virginia Tech** in the near future. These two athletes will push the major college commitments/signees to 45.

Andrews High head coach **Scott Durham** has told the *HSSR* that his 2026 DE/TE **Chris Stewart** (6-4,215) is a private major college commitment to **Western Michigan,** but his name has not appeared on their football web site yet.

Stewart had 93 tackles with an incredible 31.5 TFL including 13.5 sacks, four PBU and two forced fumbles. His stats alone should draw more recruiting evaluations. Is Western Michigan trying to hide the next **JJ Watt**?

It would be a huge feather in the cap of the status of prep football in South Carolina if "we" could have 50 players sign on to major college football from the 2026 class in South Carolina.

Back in January, the *HSSR* was the first news source in South Carolina to make it known to the nation (google picked up on this story and put it at the top of their rankings for stories from SC) that six rising freshmen from South Carolina were chosen to play in the Under Armour Next Level all-American game played in Orlando, Florida in late December.

The *HSSR* has researched where five of the six now play high school football, and we wanted to share this information with you. We always laugh at other media sources when they came to be "first in line" in discovering talented players in South Carolina as if you a reward for having that big of an ego. Bottom line, the *HSSR* went to see **Marcus Lattimore** play as a middle schooler, became close friends with his mother "Glenda" and we were spot on in our accuracy forecasting where such a great athlete was headed very early in a highly competitive process.

It was no big deal that we were the first to discover Lattimore, or that we literally talked **John Abraham,** and his mother into letting him finally play football his senior year at Lamar High School! His Mom worked in

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