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**F**ootball season of Addison and Hanceville is upon us once again and that means it's time for all our local teams to get back out on the field and under the lights for another year on the gridiron. Some teams like the Fairview Aggies, Meek Tigers and Good Hope Raiders are looking to maintain momentum from last season and take the next step while others like the Bulldogs

of Addison and Hanceville have been working to bounce back this fall and make their postseason returns. Whether you're pulling for the Eagles of Vinemont and Cold Springs, cheering on the Holly Pond Broncos and West Point Warriors or you bleed Black & Gold, there is something inside this year's edition of Football Fanatics to help you prepare for another season with your favorite team.

## Football Fanatics

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# Addison BULLDOGS



## 2023 ADDISON STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 8-3 | HOME RECORD: 4-2 | ROAD RECORD: 4-1 | REGION RECORD: 6-1 | AVERAGED 33 POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 12.1 POINTS PER GAME | OPPONENTS' RECORD: 52-64





# Addison ready to kick off 2024 season



**By: Todd Walker**

**Photos: Nick Griffin**

**ADDISON, Ala.** – Football season is back in Addison and Head Coach David Smothers is entering his 13th season with the Bulldogs. Smothers currently holds a 98-41 record and has led Addison to the playoffs in 11 of the 12 previous seasons but he says he could care less about any personal milestones he could reach this year. His focus is on making sure this year's team is as good as it can be.

"It doesn't mean anything to me. Individual records are just that individual. I am more concerned about our team goals and what our team can achieve together," Smothers said. "We need to win the region. I

want to win the region. We have to go through Hackleburg, and they have basically everybody back. Our schedule is a little tougher, we picked up Decatur Heritage this year, but we get Hackleburg and Decatur Heritage at home."

Addison will be without their two time all-state selection senior quarterback Jed Wilkins this season and Smothers knows it'll be a challenge to replace him on both sides of the ball.

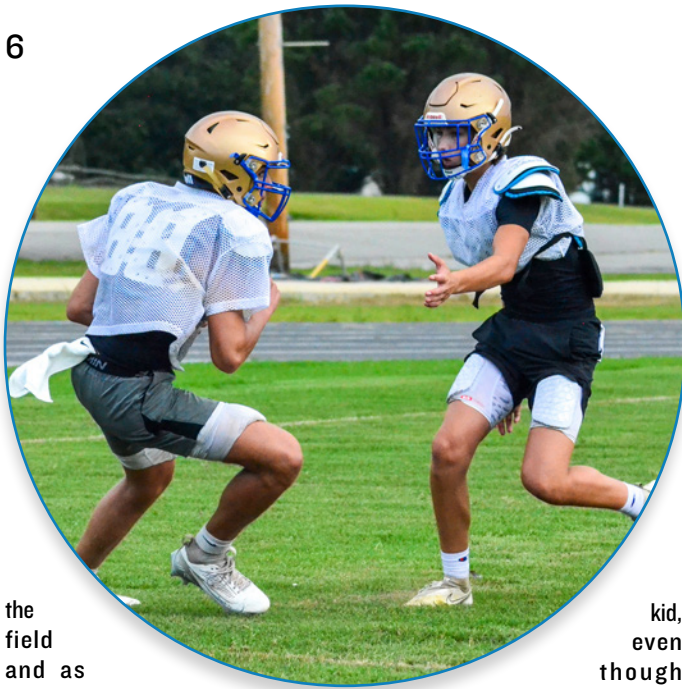
"Losing Jed hurts and I hate it for him because he is a senior and this is his last year to play football. Jed was our leader on »



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the field and as important as he was on offense, to me I will miss him more on defense because he made our calls and got our guys in the right positions. You couldn't ask for a better

kid, even though he probably won't play this year he still shows up for practice, work outs and helps out in every way possible." Smothers says there are three

players vying for the quarterback position in fall camp and they all have experience. Senior Kaden Dyson, sophomore Elijah Roberts and freshman Scout Flynn are in the mix. Smothers believes that whoever doesn't win the quarterback competition will contribute at another position.

"All three players have different strengths and weaknesses. The most important thing about them is that they are all competitors and are good character kids," Smothers said. "The strength of our team is probably our offensive line. We have four out of five starters returning and we have two excellent senior leaders in Bobby Williams and Bradley Willette.

"Those two young men haven't missed a summer workout or meeting and are leading by example. I firmly believe that they will hold their teammates accountable in the effort department as well as keeping them

motivated."

Addison will have some first-year players that were not necessarily starters but played a lot of snaps on offense last season. At running back, senior Jordan Hubbert, junior Trennon Burns and junior Seth Hammack are the returning backs who got significant playing time last year. The wide receiver group will include sophomore Judah Wilkins and Junior Shelton Alexander.

"We have a ton of athletic younger guys, and I can't wait to see how they develop. Those kids will be vastly improved from week one to week five.

"It's going to be fun to watch them grow up on the field," Smothers listed some of the names in the mix for those spots. "In no particular order, Skyler Cleghorn, Zayne Smith, Brye Dollar, Brodie Willingham, Wyatt Anderson, Major Snoddy and Judah Wilkins. The younger guys are »

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just a bunch of scrappers and I love that.”

Coach Smothers is excited about what the Bulldogs have coming back on defense this season and believes they’ll be able to cause some problems for their opponents.

“We are going to be physical and hardnosed as most Addison teams are,” Smothers said.

“I know we will have some growing pains early on due to our youth, but I know we will continue to grow and get better as the season goes on.”

Some players to watch on defense will be linebackers Brodie Willingham and Jordan Hubbert, defensive back Elijah Roberts, Cole Roberts and Kaden Dyson and defensive linemen Bradley Willette, Kasen Hill, Lane Stewart and Tanner Lawrence.

Smothers is happy with the makeup of his team on paper but knows they will have to improve week to week to accomplish their goals.

“Depth is obviously a concern for most teams but especially at this level (IA). You lose a guy and that usually opens up two or three positions since one player goes both ways (offense & defense).”

**Senior Bobby Williams (Three-year starter)**

“I feel that if we as players do what we are supposed to do and listen to the coaches, then we are in store for an amazing season. We have a bunch of guys that want to be out here and have been willing to sacrifice their personal time to become better both on and off the field. I firmly believe that our offensive line will be the cornerstone of our team and our team will be only as good as our line is.”

**Senior Bradley Willette (Four-year starter)**

“We have some young kids out here that want to learn and be better players and that is where me and Bobby (Williams) come in as the old guys on the line. We have to teach them what it takes to be a Bulldog. We plan on having an exceptional year this year and I know that the Coaches will be able to lean on the offensive line to carry us where we

need to go.”

**Senior Jordan Hubbert (Two-year starter)**

“We are going to have to depend on a lot of young players to step up and help us this year. I feel we have a good team, and we have the ability to be a very good team. I know we have all talked and we want to be a very physical team. We want to be the team that no one wants to play because you are just beat up after playing us.”

**Senior Kaden Dyson (Two-year**

**starter)**

“We are going to do everything we can to bring a title back to Addison. It’s been about 20 years since we last won it and it is time to bring the trophy back to where it belongs.

“In order to do that, our veteran players are going to have to set the example for the young guys and show them through hard work and dedication what needs to be done to accomplish that feat.”

The players and coaches all believe that this team, though young, has the potential to accomplish some pretty

big things this year. The schedule is a little tougher than last year, but Addison will have a good chance to finish at least second, behind Hackleburg, in the region. If they can do that, a playoff berth is guaranteed but a long playoff run will depend on how the players improve from week one to the end of the season. It should be a fun year and the players are bristling with confidence. So, when Addison travels to Winston County to kick off the season, looking to snap a three-game losing streak against its archrivals, it should be fun. Roll Addi Roll!

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# ADDISON BULLDOGS



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## TEAM ROSTER

- #1 Tanner Gaither
- #2 Jed Wilkins
- #3 Elijah Roberts
- #5 Jordan Hubbert
- #6 Joey Wilson
- #7 Major Snoddy
- #8 Silas Frazier
- #10 Scout Flynn
- #13 Zayne Smith
- #14 Shelton Alexander
- #15 Cole Rodgers
- #17 Wyatt Anderson

- #18 Trennon Burns
- #21 Dathan Cleghorn
- #23 Judah Wilkins
- #25 Tanner Lawrence
- #28 Seth Hammack
- #30 Skylar Cleghorn
- #34 Kaden Dyson
- #36 Lane Stewart
- #40 Jaxson Williams
- #43 Caleb Gregory
- #44 Michael Lee
- #52 Brodie Willingham

- #54 Briley Denson
- #55 Noah Daffron
- #60 Brye Dollar
- #64 Casen Hill
- #65 Noah Brenton
- #66 Robert Gilmore
- #73 Bobby Williams
- #76 Tucker Hayes
- #78 Bradley Willette
- #88 Joseph Frock

## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 1A, REGION 7

- Aug. 23 - @ Winston County
- Aug. 30 - vs. Decatur Heritage
- Sept. 6 - vs. Shoals Christian\*
- Sept. 13 - @ Cherokee\*
- Sept. 20 - vs. Hackleburg\*
- Sept. 27 - @ Good Hope
- Oct. 4 - @ Waterloo\*
- Oct. 11 - @ Meek\*
- Oct. 18 - vs. Vina\*
- Oct. 25 - vs. Phillips Bear Creek\*



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Bottom to top: Mollie King, Danica Burnett, Maggie Gilliland and Meri Kayte Flynn. Left to right: Hailey Morgan, Savannah Miller, Elina James, Bailey Womack, Arleigh Smothers and Mallory Hayes. Top to bottom: Lacey Hill, Celeste Rice, Emma Henson, Lily Dollar, Jamie Johnson





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## MARCHING BAND

**Band Director:** Garrett McCurley

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**Flutes:** Kinsley Nuss, Miranda Box, Piper Jacques, Ivey Carrillo

**Color Guard:** Cambria Overton, Ivy Gilbreath, Honestee Overton, Sayre Robinson, Desi Lancaster

**Saxophones:** Josie Ayers, Jesse Turner, Sawyer Crooks, McKenzie Naler, Kayleigh Nix

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# Cold Springs EAGLES



## 2023 COLD SPRINGS STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 4-6 | HOME RECORD: 2-3 | ROAD RECORD: 2-3 | REGION RECORD: 1-5 | AVERAGED 23.6 POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 35.7 POINTS PER GAME | OPPONENTS RECORD: 58-52





# Cold Springs ready to hit the field this fall

By: **Sammy Confer**  
Photos: Nick Griffin

**BREMEN, Ala.** — August is here, which means schools is back in session, fall weather is on the way and all of our local football teams are gearing up for yet another season under the lights.

Brendan Voce will be going into his third season as head coach of the Cold Springs Eagles. Cold Springs finished with a 4-6 record last season, and coach Voce has got a lot of experience coming back on both sides of the ball. He's proud of the work his team put in during this year's summer program and how the roster has come together for fall camp.

"We've got nine kids returning on offense for us. We've got about eight or nine kids that are returning on defense. We've got a lot of kids returning this season, so we're super excited about that. It's going to be one of the biggest teams that we've had in a long time. In my first year, we had one junior, and this year, we're sitting with seven seniors. We've got about seven juniors. We'll dress in the mid-30s this season, so it's going to be a bigger group for us. We're super excited about that opportunity," Voce said. "I really feel like our summer program has been much better this year than it was last season. I think we had success two years ago. We won a few ball games, and we lost focus of competing. We talked more about winning, and when we did that, I think that really set us back a little bit. This team has put their eye more to we're going to try to compete every Friday night. If you do that, everything else will fall into place. I think we've had a really good summer so far."

The Eagles will open the season on the road against the Hanceville Bulldogs on Aug. 23 and Voce is looking forward to kicking things off against a county rival.

"Playing the county games is something that's special to the kids and to the county to get to play each other. The first game's going to mean a lot to these kids. For the seniors, it'll be their only opportunity to get a county win," Voce said. "I've talked to coach Estes a few times, and I think he's doing a great job over there. It's going to be a very exciting game, and I'm sure they'll be pumped up to get the opportunity to play their first one for him. It's going to be a very big ball game for us."

Senior Matt Williams and junior Trey Bailey are two of the leaders on this year's



team and it's important to them to lead by example and help bring the younger players along.

"We added seven groups into our weight program, so each leader got to step up and show us what to do," Williams said. "Our goal is just to compete."

"Every one of our seniors that we have on the football team have all stepped up a whole lot and showed a whole lot of leadership to every underclassmen, all of the JV kids and middle school kids. Everybody came to workouts, and the seniors showed them how it's done and what they're supposed to do," Bailey said. "Our goals are to compete, get stronger in the weight room, and get closer to God. Coach Voce has encouraged us with a devotion every day in our weightlifting groups, so that's helped us a lot."

All of the spots on the team are open, and coach Voce wants everyone to fight for their job. There are a few changes to the region schedule for Cold Springs this season and Voce is excited to see what his team handles the new challenges. "It's always open. That's what I tell our kids. Every week, you're fighting for your job. I don't care what grade you're in. The kid that steps up is the kid that's going to get the opportunity to play," Voce said. "It's a lot different than what we've had. Travel-wise, it's going to be a lot more comfortable. Our travel's going to be a lot better. I thought we were in a very tough region before. I think the region we're in this time is going to be equally as tough. You've got some really good football teams in it. Coosa Christian comes to mind. They played for the state title last year, but I think it's a region that these kids are excited to have the opportunity to compete in."



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COLD SPRINGS HEAD COACH  
BRENDAN VOCE







# COLD SPRINGS EAGLES



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## TEAM ROSTER

- #2 Tycen Kilgo
- #3 Matt Williams
- #4 Ethan Day
- #5 Cason Alexander
- #6 Brady Phillips
- #7 Clayton Terry
- #8 Blake Phillips
- #9 Mason Gable
- #10 Breydon Hallmon
- #11 Will Jackson
- #12 Ethan Latorre
- #13 Eli Voce

- #14 Eli Moore
- #15 Kase Engler
- #18 Zaxton Tubbs
- #20 Kevin Puckett
- #22 Cooper Johnson
- #24 Tidus Light
- #25 Colt Perdue
- #50 Lathan Shuford
- #51 Evertt Bailey
- #52 Elijah Cole
- #53 Bennett Phillips
- #54 Camden Kilgo

- #56 Jonah Davis
- #58 Conner Hoffman
- #61 Bradley Mosley
- #62 Dru Prevatt
- #65 Coy Thomas
- #68 Justin Stewart
- #69 Eddie Bright
- #72 Trey Bailey
- #75 Sammy Herrington
- #79 Bailey Gann

## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 2A, REGION 6

- Aug. 23 - @ Hanceville
- Aug. 30 - @ Curry
- Sept. 6 - vs. Susan Moore\*
- Sept. 13 - @ Cleveland\*
- Sept. 20 - vs. Winston Co.
- Sept. 27 - vs. Lynn
- Oct. 4 - @ West End Walnut Grove\*
- Oct. 11 - @ Coosa Christian\*
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- Oct. 25 - vs. Falkville\*



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## VARSITY CHEER

From left to right: Nevaeh Litz, Ash'Bie Rhodes, Taylor Phillips, Ayla Kate Huff, Bailey Wilkerson, Analyn Huff, Alaina Herrington, Hali Mavers, Hope Speegle, Hayla Watson, Blakelee Bartlett, Natalie Finch, Addison Kilgo, Ruthy Boggan, Mascot - Aiden Freeman; Not pictured: Kynleigh Cordes





SHELLEY WILLIAMS

## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Zack O'Bryant

**Drum Major:** Addison Raymond

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**Flute:** Abby Stricklin, Natalya Chaver-Figueroa, Angela O'Hair

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# Cullman BEARCATS



## 2023 CULLMAN STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 5-6 | HOME RECORD: 2-3 | ROAD RECORD: 3-3 | REGION RECORD: 2-3 | AVERAGED 23.4 POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 25.6 POINTS PER GAME | OPPONENTS RECORD: 72-51





# Bearcats preparing to kick off 2024 season

By: Nick Griffin

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — It's August, and that means it's just about time to kick things off and get football season underway. All of our local teams have begun their fall camps and at Cullman High School, the Bearcats have been hard at work preparing for their season opener on Aug. 22.

Danny Stiff is entering his second season as the head coach at Cullman and after finishing the regular season 5-5 and earning a postseason berth last year, he's looking forward to seeing what his team can do in year two. Stiff says the familiarity with the returning players has made things easier in the preseason this time around.

"Last year I had been with the kids a lot before we played but you never really know people until you get into a game environment. I've seen a lot of these guys play a lot of football, but it was hard for me not having spring training in pads and kind of waiting to do that now," Stiff said.

"I think the comfort of the players with what we do schematically and the understanding of not only the plays but the reason we run the plays and the concepts behind them I think is a little more advanced than it was last year when everything was new to them.

"So, we've got some guys coming back that understand it a lot better and when your players know it well, they can pull other players aside and they'll ask questions that they won't ask me. When their peers know the right answers that helps everybody along."

Identifying leadership within the team is very important to Stiff and he's been pleased to see several new and returning players step into those roles as the season approaches.

"We have leaders back that were leaders last year as juniors too, like Ben Conway. He was the only guy that was a junior that was a team captain last year and the rest of them were seniors so he already kind of had that

role and then it's about the other guys that will step up.

"Sometimes it happens naturally and sometimes you're forced into leadership roles because of your role as a player on the team. I think of someone like Cooper Ogstad who's a quiet person that doesn't have a lot of confrontation to him but he's going to have to learn lead in his own way because whether he likes it or not, he is a leader of the team," Stiff said.

"So, you just have to remind guys like that that people are watching your actions and watching what you do. It just is that way. Some people step up and are more vocal and then some guys say things in the locker room or other settings, and everyone is different. I think when you have the right environment and atmosphere for guys to be comfortable doing that, you'll have someone rise up every year.

"That part happens kind of naturally »



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CULLMAN HEAD COACH  
DANNY STIFF





and then you have to fill the holes as the head coach and step in when you need to, but you want them to lead the team.”

The Bearcats will have to replace a lot of offensive production from last year’s team but Stiff feels a lot better about that when he sees how much the offensive line has improved and who is returning at skill positions.

“The first group that pops into my head is the offensive line because I can remember the day we started our two hour practices in our first spring last year and seeing them and thinking, ‘holy moly, we’ve got a long way to go.’ That’s a critical position and those guys got so much better between that first day out there and the fall. So now we fast forward a year and we still have four of those guys. We kind of look at them as the rock of the team and I thought about it during spring this year how much better we feel about the offensive line

and how big of a positive it is now. At receiver we lose Wyatt Buchanan, and he was a huge part of the offense and an awesome football player.

“Cooper Ogstad is going to have to step up and he has a lot of experience, and he can do it. He was just kind of behind Wyatt last year in terms of who Tanner (Gaines) was going to look at.

“Cooper made some huge plays in his own right in some clutch situations, so we know he’s got that in him and he’s just going to have handle being the guy and I think he’s ready for that.”

Stiff is excited about some of the new additions to the Bearcat backfield as well.

“We’re determined to have people that can run the football this year, several of them. One guy that has really stood out is Cooper Loftin.

“He’s a big guy, plays baseball and came back out to play football

this year for the first time since ninth grade and he’s a big guy that can move,” Stiff said. “He’s one of the fastest guys on the team and we haven’t seen him in pads yet but with his size and the way he moves I doubt that’s going to be anything I’ll be disappointed with. He’s a really good kid that’s eager to learn and eager to be coached.”

The ‘Cats will be hungry to topple their rivals like Harstelle and Jasper and get back to the playoffs once again but something else Stiff will be looking for this season is the way his team plays. He wants to see consistency and efficiency as the season goes on.

“I want to see the maturity and growth of execution in games. I think if we take all of our kids’ best plays in practice or their best plays in games and we find a way to make those more consistently, I think we’ll be a much better football team,” Stiff said.

“I think that just comes from practice habits and you’ve got to be at the speed and the attention and focus of a game in practice so that when we get out there for a game, it’s not the first time you’ve had to do that.

“That’s where you press every day as a coach to try to get them playing at that speed. I pick on those things everyday so that it makes them practice in more of a game-like environment and they get more comfortable.

“That sounds easy, but it’s very hard. It’s very hard to mentally do that, it’s hard to physically push yourself to do that. We’re just trying to reach that point and want to make people beat us. I want to make somebody beat us without us beating ourselves. Don’t give it to them. That’s been our biggest emphasis that I’ve been thinking about probably every day since last November.”

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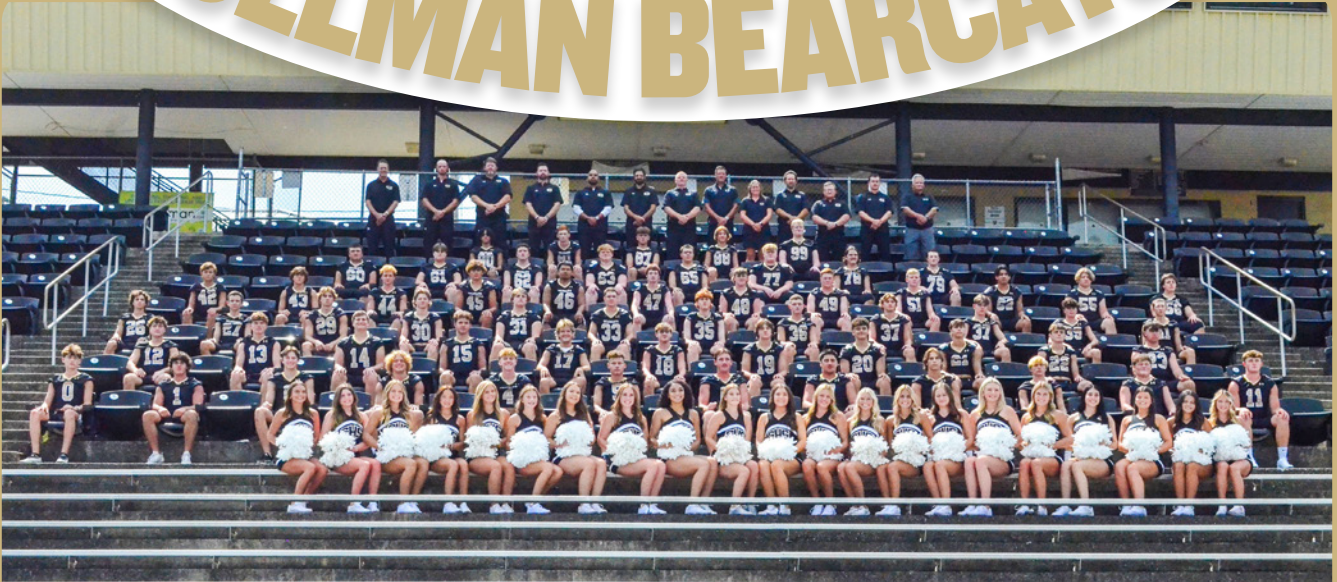
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# CULLMAN BEARCATS



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- #0 Jaxon Stallings
- #1 Rex Chandler
- #2 Hudson Wilhite
- #3 Troy Mann
- #4 Preston Gay
- #5 Chance Hausler
- #6 Cooper Loftin
- #7 Grayson Gay
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- #61 Miles Smith
- #62 Tysen Simms
- #63 Brodie Cobbs
- #65 Wheeler Bates
- #77 Wyatt Tielking
- #78 Rivers Burgess
- #79 Aiden Stewart
- #80 Jayden Kidd
- #81 JD Ellerbee
- #82 Cade Brauer
- #87 Layne Hamilton
- #88 Cooper McSwain
- #94 Tyler Bega
- #99 Brooks Holten

## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 6A, REGION 7

- Aug. 22** - @ Bob Jones
- Aug. 30** - vs. Mortimer Jordan
- Sept. 6** - vs. Athens\*
- Sept. 13** - @ Jasper\*
- Sept. 20** - @ Muscle Shoals\*
- Sept. 27** - @ Brewer
- Oct. 4** - vs. Hartselle\*
- Oct. 11** - vs. Columbia\*
- Oct. 18** - @ Decatur\*
- Oct. 25** - vs. Buckhorn



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Darcy Hall, Brilee Carter, Kylee Brooks, Alayna Alldredge, KaraLynn Kallhoff, Clancy Ayers, Ava Claire Floyd, Blaire Troutman, KayTi Murillo, Rachel Dueland, Emery Peed, Ashlyn Danecker, Kaybri Patterson, Savannah Stone, Addi Dyer, Wakely Bush, Sloan Nobinger, KiAhna Coronado, Logan Schuman, Jada Flanigan, Emma Jacobson; Not pictured Callie Smith





TIMEPIECE TREASURES PHOTOGRAPHY

## MARCHING BAND

**Band Director:** Christopher Smith

**Drum Major:** Leah Hunt

**Flute:** Heather Pendergrass, Anna-C. Henderson, Eileen Russom, Vivian Tran, Mack Rudder, Vesta Howe, Zoey Mcanally, Kateryn Pop, Lena Impastato

**Clarinet:** Isaac Heinze, Jonah Jarrett, Alex Jiang, Jay Lee, Trent Brown, Callie Randall, Tessa Trucks, Evey Greenlee, Aubrey Shaddrix, Madison Carroll, Ash Williams, Claire Heatherly

**Alto Sax:** Anthony Mena, Dallys Jarrett, Layla Scott, Cole Brown, Conner Young, Jaiden Anderson

**Tenor Sax:** Katie Oliver, Sadie Chalkley, Joel Sheffield

**Mellophone:** Grayson Smith, Gabe Eveland, Lane Davis

**Trumpet:** Briley Hung, Lex Payne,

Libby Phillips, John Mark Johnson, Rigo Simon, Reagan Duke, Kaelyn Williams, Blyss Murphree, Evan Cherry, Riley Kate Tucker, Colton Pipes, Maci Carmack, Montgomery Carroll, Dalton Killete, Cullen Bagwell, Quintin Martin, Katelyn Jowers, Brenden Vincent

**Trombone:** Treasure Corley, Izzy Canada, Dylan Hasting, Lucas Sawtelle, Maddie Mickle, Nick Miller, Riley Britton, Jack Phillips, Alayna Carroll, Cailyn Barnes, J.J. Lawrence

**Baritone:** Alex Rodriguez, Lola Phillips, Josh Koch

**Tuba:** Dylan Tisdale, Andrew Rodriguez, Lexi Chadwick, Madisyn Rudder

**Snares:** Lily Howze, Eli Bryant, Jonah Browning, Deytan Ristine

**Tenors:** Rudra Patel, Sophia

Lambert, Jaleigh Busby

**Bass Drum:** Jonathan Roberson, Fernanda Lopez, Arrow Berry, Brodie Lee, Max Townson

**Front ensemble:** Valerie Hill, Cash Woods, Raven Sparks, A.J. Gamble, Jackson Cupp, Zarybeth Flores, Jacob Yu, Grant Beckman, Brayden Hankey, Hayden Hudson, Henry Jennings, Ethan O'Rear, Brian Calloway

**Color Guard:** Lexi McCormick, Ilana Shadrick, Lily Abbott, Emma Potter, Aeris Williams, Aaliyah Brown, Sarah McCauley, Madi Sanchez, Jazmin Conn, Lily Smith, Jordan Smith, Keslyn Earl, Lily Sparks, Jenna Claire Branham, Abril Martinez, Carrigan Sims

**Feature twirler:** Nevaeh Green

**Band Manager:** Elianna Hollis, Nick Calvert



# Fairview AGGIES



## 2023 FAIRVIEW STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 9-2 | HOME RECORD: 5-1 | ROAD RECORD: 4-1 | REGION RECORD: 5-1 | AVERAGED 33 POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 10.6 POINTS PER GAME | OPPONENTS RECORD: 51-68





# Aggies excited to get back on the field in 2024



By: Nick Griffin

FF

I THINK THE BIGGEST THING FOR IS JUST EVERYBODY LEARNING WHAT IT TAKES TO BE SUCCESSFUL ON A FRIDAY NIGHT.

FAIRVIEW HEAD COACH  
GEORGE REDDING

**FAIRVIEW, Ala.** — Football season is nearly upon us once again and in Fairview, that means it's nearly time for the Aggies to hit the field and take another run at the state playoffs. Fairview has punched its ticket to the postseason for five consecutive seasons, but head coach George Redding knows they'll have a host of new challenges to overcome if they want to make it back in 2024. The Aggies have some big contributors returning at key positions as well as some new faces stepping into new roles and Redding has been watching to see how they all fit together throughout the summer and the preseason.

"We've got about five or six guys coming back on both sides of the ball. We have some really good players coming back that we're excited about. We also lost some really good players from last year. You hate losing players to graduation and each year you kind

of have to go back to the drawing board and try to find some new faces that can step into those roles and learn the things that they can do," Redding said. "So, we're really excited about those new faces, and I think the real key for ones who are coming back is to build leadership and chemistry on this team. We have a small senior class, we only have seven seniors this year and we do have 14 juniors, 14 sophomores and 11 freshmen right now. So, the biggest thing for us right now is really focusing on leadership and team chemistry and trying to mesh all the new faces together."

The Aggies will have to prepare for some changes and new faces with some of their regional opponents this season as well.

"We are familiar with a lot of our opponents having been in that same region. We've played Priceville over the years as »





well. The thing is, four of the seven schools in our region have new head coaches so with that being the case, we know we're going to have our work cut out for us because there will be some changes. Even though we feel like we have a good idea on some personnel, we know that for a lot of those teams some of the scheme is going to change and as a staff we'll have to work hard to try and figure that out to give our kids the things that they need to be successful."

Developing leadership has been a priority for Redding and his staff this offseason. He's been proud to see several players embrace those roles and set an example for the younger members of the team.

"I definitely thing we're getting there. That's been the focus of a lot of our conversations. We had a conversation with some of the older guys after one of our summer workouts about how important that is. I think these guys understand that they won't be successful without the guys below them. Just like with some of our other teams in past years, it took these guys helping those older guys. So, the younger guys have got to be able to do their part for us to be

successful, but it takes leadership in order to get there," Redding said. "You don't have to be a senior to be a leader, that's for sure, but the good teams have good senior leadership. We've talked about what's expected of these guys and they understand what it takes to win. They've been part of some really good teams and they've been leaders in the past. I think the transition happens when you've been maybe a second leader or a guy that was saying things from behind because there were others already out in front, and we've had a lot of those on the last couple teams that we've had but now these guys have to be that up front voice and I think that's what we're transitioning to."

One of this year's seniors, Blake Rickard, has seen the team's leadership grow together throughout the offseason and wants to see it continue to build as the season approaches.

"I think at the beginning we probably started out a little slow on leadership but as we played the 7-on-7s and have had more practices I think we're growing together a lot better. We started out slowly but

we're getting there," Rickard said. "It's more about the little things, not just the big things. It's helping someone else when they don't know what to do or just asking someone if they need help and it's things like that that we're piecing together."

Redding is excited to have a lot of players returning on the offensive side of the ball this season, but he and his staff are still working to fill some holes on the defensive end.

"I know right out of the gate the noticeable thing is we have both of our running backs back. Our quarterback is back and two of our linemen are back too. We lost a really good lineman from last year but we played multiple linemen last year so we have some guys that might be somewhat new faces this year that are battle tested. The receiver position is where we lost some seniors so we're moving some guys into those roles, and we're excited about seeing what they can do," Redding said. "They've really come on this spring and summer. We got into some competitions this summer and they showed some really good things so we're excited about what those guys can do. Defensively, we

lost some guys at stack linebacker. Cale (Foster) and Eric (Gonzalez) were a tremendous presence when they were out there, and we lost some guys at the safety position too, so we've got some holes that we've got to fill but we've got some guys that we're excited about coming in. Depth is another concern for us so anytime you have new faces and low depth behind that, it can be a problem so it's very important for us to get everybody up to speed."

The Aggies have goals to stack the win column and return to the state playoffs this season, but Redding is proud that no matter what happens under the lights this fall, his team is full of young men that will be successful after football is over.

"I think the biggest thing for is just everybody learning what it takes to be successful on a Friday night," Redding said. "We can't wait until Friday night to figure those things out or we'll be in trouble but I'm excited about this group. I love this group and I think they can do good things. I think they'll do more things than just football, that's the biggest thing for me."

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# FAIRVIEW AGGIES



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## TEAM ROSTER

- #1 Steven Heredia
- #2 Collin Nelson
- #3 Blake Rickard
- #4 Braxton Hester
- #5 Conner Scott
- #6 Cayden Griffin
- #7 Konnor Dunkin
- #8 Ernesto Vazquez
- #9 Omar Cruz
- #10 Alex Cruz
- #11 Dillion Earls
- #14 Jake Harper
- #15 Kolt Redding
- #16 Zayden Cruce
- #17 Westin Tankersley
- #19 Jagger Bailey

- #21 Jace Stevens
- #22 Colby Bentley
- #23 Jordan Ellis
- #24 Hagen Reese
- #26 Carson Jones
- #28 Austin Nayman
- #31 Joseph Harbison
- #34 Jacob Fales
- #35 Kyle Knop
- #42 Alex Garcia
- #50 Weston Allen
- #51 Justin Nayman
- #53 Braxton Brown
- #55 Germaine Gambrell
- #56 Kaleb Carr
- #58 Ethyn Yancy

- #59 Evan Smith
- #62 Braxton Kilpatrick
- #64 Jackson Latham
- #68 Wyatt Smith
- #70 Andrew Latham
- #71 Rogelio Laines
- #72 Conner O'Leary
- #73 Aaron Laines
- #74 Avery Latham
- #75 Matthew Benitez
- #76 Nathaniel Patrick
- #77 Bryce Newton
- #78 Jacob Mayo
- #79 Sebastian Garcia
- #88 Tighe Quinn

## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 5A, REGION 7

- Aug. 23 - vs. Pisgah
- Aug. 30 - @ Springville
- Sept. 6 - vs. West Point\*
- Sept. 13 - @ Ardmore\*
- Sept. 20 - @ Lawrence Co.\*
- Oct. 4 - @ Russellville\*
- Oct. 11 - vs. Priceville\*
- Oct. 18 - vs. Sardis
- Oct. 25 - vs. East Limestone\*
- Nov. 1 - @ Good Hope



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

From left to right: Julie Hallmark, Cadence Daniel, Adria Allen, Kinzey Sizemore, Addison DeLuca, Lona Latham, Cassie Davis, Macee Bentley, Alex Marty, Elleigh Henry, Presli Martin, Savanna Calvert, Emma Henry, Rachel Simmons





SULLIVAN PHOTOGRAPHY

## MARCHING BAND

**Band Director:** Nathan Kilgo

**Drum Major:** Mia Fortner

**Band Manager:** Hernan Garcia

**Alto Saxophone:** Gabby Brooks, Melanie DeLeon, Isabella Garcia, Abel Gomez, Ivan Gomez, John Gwathney, Terry Hunkeapillar, Jacquelyn Mendoza, Ezra Pace, Zach Smalley, Jaci Trivette

**Baritone Saxophone:** Bradin Lancaster

**Baritone:** Elijah Boeckeler

**Clarinet:** Zoei Bledsoe, Halie Blevins, Giselle DeLeon, Addison Heaton, Gaby Huerta, Desi Pruet, Zaydee Zehr

**Bass Clarinet:** Olivia Reyna

**Color Guard** Abby Calloway, Alyssa Casey, Harper Fairbanks, Avery Freeman, Addie Gardner, Misty Gibbons, Alexis James, Sophia Miller, Bella Paulino, Shelby Sims, Shelby Stringer, Karli Trivette, Cloie Watwood

**Flutes:** Samarah Bolzle, Amy Brooks, Ollie Chamblee, Zaylie Guthrie, Axel Hidrogo-Amador, Eleanor Howe, Vicki Hunkeapillar

**Majorette:** Addy Bradford, Alexandria Hurst

**Mellophone:** Avri Bishop, Jamie Ehlman

**Percussion:** Violet Bachelor, Sarah

Burkhalter, Allee Duke, Hernan Garcia, Kimberleigh Huckabee, Tucker Kimbrough, Daxton Lane, David Lopez, Jaxon Lopez, Josalyn Mendoza, Aiden Rutherford, Colton Silguero, Nevaeh Tarvin, Sylar Williams

**Trombone:** Braxton Boyles, Garrett Casey, Colton Jones, Justin Martinez Nelson, Issac Perkins, Blake Reis, Braiden Ryan, Katie Wells

**Trumpet:** Brinna Beshears, Kathleen Brooks, Melissa Hull, Joesph Keck, Abby Moreland, Mordekai Mullet, Daizy Nayman, Jace Ogle, Thomas Ramey, Stephanie Rodriguez, Emily Sanchez, Noah Wells, Anthony Wells

**Tuba:** Owen Harris, Hawk Maze, Asia Salter



# Good Hope RAIDERS



## 2023 GOOD HOPE STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 3-7 | HOME RECORD: 1-4 | ROAD RECORD: 2-3 | REGION RECORD: 2-4 | AVERAGED 23.4  
POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 28.5 POINTS PER GAME | OPPONENTS RECORD: 57-54





# Good Hope preparing to kick things off this fall



**By: Sammy Confer**  
 Photos: Nick Griffin

**GOOD HOPE, Ala.** — Football season is right around the corner, and all of our local teams are gearing up for another season on the gridiron. In Good Hope, Alan Scott will be entering his 10th season as the head coach of the Raiders, and he'll have experience returning on both sides of the ball this year. Scott saw a lot of encouraging things from his team during their spring game and during summer workouts. He's looking forward to seeing their hard work pay off when they kick things off later this month.

"A majority of our offensive and defensive returners were starters last year," Scott said. "The number one thing that we want to do is compete. In the spring game, we played Fyffe and Vinemont in both halves. I thought our guys played really well. It was a good chance for us to play some really good competition. They didn't back down, and from a defensive standpoint, I was really pleased with our effort, intensity, and our tackling. Throughout the summer, we've just tried to get bigger, faster, and stronger, do all of the little things right, and try to help ourselves be ready to compete this fall."

Scott added, "Fyffe has been kind of the standard in high school football for the last 10 years. Coach Benefield and I have been friends for a long time, and we finally got the game together. We got our wires crossed a little bit, so that's why we played them in the spring," Scott said. "We are actually going to play them week 0 for four quarters here to play them for a half. We played them for a quarter, and it was 7-0. Then, we played the JV for a quarter, and it was 7-0, so I thought our guys hung in there with them."

Good Hope will be in a new region this year, and the schedule will present some new challenges for the Raiders. "We've been over there with Oneonta, Cherokee County, and Etowah the last several years, and they did move us west. Dora, Cordova, Curry, Fayette County, Hamilton, Haleyville, and Fultondale stayed in there with us, so it's interesting. Some teams moved up from 3A, and a lot of those teams that are in our region have competed against each other for the past couple of years, so we're kind of the new kid on the block," Scott said. "I »

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**THE NUMBER ONE THING THAT WE WANT TO DO IS COMPETE.**

**GOOD HOPE HEAD COACH  
 ALAN SCOTT**



see a lot of parity in our region. In the offseason, I've really tried to watch a lot of film, any that I can get my hands on from the opponents that we're going to have this fall.

"They're well-coached. The programs all have great histories, so I think it'll be a real dog fight to try to come out of there and get a playoff spot."

One of Good Hope's assistant coaches on staff, Taft Dillashaw, was inducted into the Cullman County Sports Hall of Fame this summer and Scott shared how much Dillashaw has meant to his own football career as both a player and a coach.

"I played Junior High football, around either 1991 or 1992, and Taft was there. He had been there, you know? That wasn't his first year. All I've ever known about Good Hope football, he's been involved in it," Scott said.

"He coached me there. He coached me through high school. He was really hard on me, but I love him. I really do. He was really hard on me, but he was trying to get everything he could out of me.

"When I became a coach, as a young coach, he was a guy I would call. As a defensive coordinator, if it was something I hadn't seen before, he and I would try to figure it out together.

"When I was at Vinemont, there was no team that I wanted to beat more than Taft and Good Hope, but now that I'm at Good Hope, I'm thankful to have been able to work with him for the last 10 years in my role now. He's just a blessing."

Coach Scott has seen the seniors and juniors take on leadership roles during the preseason, and likes the way they younger guys have followed their example.

"It's going good so far. We're trying to stress leadership at Good Hope and have been since I've been there. Each team elects seven young men that they want to represent the team, and Hank Hudson and Tyler Cone will be two of them that will represent the team," Scott said.

"They've done a great job of trying to make sure that these young guys kind of know the ropes, and they are holding the expectations and the standards up, so that they don't slip.

The young guys are following well, too."

Two of the seniors on this year's team, Hank Hudson and Tyler Cone, feel like the team has really bought in to the goals that they are building towards this season and are looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish together.

"When we come to work, we know what we want to do," Cone said. "We all have a goal, and everybody follows along with the leaders, so we want to be good leaders that the young guys look up to. That's what we like to have."

"Coach Scott has done a really good job this summer in teaching us how to be leaders, especially during our two-day camp that we had. I felt like everybody's doing a good job in leading the younger guys, and I think everybody's bought in, and they know what we want to do this year," Hudson said.

"Before the games, we like to listen to music, get a little pumped up. Normally, right after that, all of the coaches will give us a pre-game speech about the scheme, then coach Scott will get us fired up. Then, we'll say a quick prayer, and we'll go out and play the game."

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# GOOD HOPE RAIDERS



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## TEAM ROSTER

- #0 Carter Rutherford
- #1 Mason Drake
- #2 Callahan Lindsey
- #3 Cody Stevens
- #4 Parker Johnson
- #5 Tyler Cone
- #6 Tyler Byrd
- #7 Brayden Cooper
- #8 Ayden Black
- #10 Landon Bagwell
- #11 Tucker Keef
- #12 Caleb Boles
- #13 Tucker Malin
- #14 Ayden Young
- #15 Web Buchanan
- #16 Jacob Pruet
- #17 Myles Johnson
- #18 Hank Hudson
- #19 Ross Clark
- #20 Matthew Sims

- #21 Karson Hollis
- #22 Kayden Collins
- #23 Kane Burditus
- #24 Mason McDonald
- #25 Ryker Hancock
- #26 Michael Manning
- #27 Hunter Miller
- #28 Braxton Bennett
- #29 Ryder Hogan
- #30 Chance Brock
- #31 Isaac Victorio
- #32 Asher Sellers
- #33 Tucker Screws
- #35 Bradley Russell
- #36 Nathaniel Sasnette
- #37 Jobe Pruet
- #44 Jonathan Pitts
- #51 Brayden Cofer
- #53 Titus Montgomery
- #54 Isaiah Owen

- #55 Larry Martinez
- #57 Triston McMullen
- #58 Brooks Black
- #59 Gabe Owen
- #60 Jaden Hogan
- #62 Noah May
- #64 Skyler Williamson
- #65 Eli Drake
- #70 Grant Gibbs
- #71 Jathan Smith
- #75 Tristan Grund
- #76 Asa Williams
- #77 Eason Putman
- #79 Eli Kicker
- #81 Chris Ralph
- #82 Sauli Martin
- #98 Chase Prewett
- #99 Robert Rodriguez

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 4A, REGION 5

- Aug. 30 - @ West Point
- Sept. 6 - vs. Fultondale\*
- Sept. 13 - @ Haleyville\*
- Sept. 20 - @ Cordova\*
- Sept. 27 - vs. Addison
- Oct. 4 - @ Curry\*
- Oct. 11 - vs. Hamilton\*
- Oct. 18 - @ Fayette County\*
- Oct. 25 - vs. Dora\*
- Nov. 1 - vs. Fairview



\*REGION GAME







LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY

## MARCHING BAND

**Band Director:** Thomas Hargrave

**Drum Major:** Fulton Easterwood

**Alto Sax:** Aliyah Hallmark,  
Zoey Canady, Leatha  
Roat, Toby Wynn

**Clarinet:** Adriana Garner,  
Alianna Overton, Adrianna  
Darby, Brooklyn Barton,  
Angie Covarrubias, Braxton  
Isbell, Rayanna Rusk

**Color Guard:** Lacey Wright,  
Olivia Grund, Samantha  
Camper, Hailey Roat, Lexi

Briscoe, Audrina Bagwell,  
Kassidy Aycock, Makayla  
Lopez, Rachel Jackson,  
Veronica Enriguez

**Flute:** Karly Lynn, Allison  
Day, Adrian Greenlee,  
Brinleigh Baker

**Front Ensemble:** Briana  
Bibiano, Xander Fowler,  
Kaley Hartwig, Jose Lopez

**Trumpet:** Christin Mathis,  
Mason Baker, Axel Cortes,

Noah Martin, Jacob  
Willingham, Mahala Denson,  
Alexis Lemoine-Mize

**Baritone:** Xander Williams,  
Jahzlin Martinez

**Dance Line:** Emma White,  
Lena Elliott, Mary Grace  
Dickey, Haley Ballard, Olivia  
Clemons, Madilyn Ryder

**Percussion:** Greyson Gamble,  
Fuller Williams, Kaysen  
Bates, Logan Howse, Jase

Gibbs, Nate Denham

**Trombone:** Reina Rodriguez,  
Damian Fowler

**Tuba:** Benjamin Schulker,  
Parker Jett

**Mellophone:** Cameron  
Brooks, Bryant Shelton

**Bari Sax:** Peyton German

**Majorette:** Jillian Zapka

## VARSITY CHEER

Bottom row: (left to right): Cori Stevens, Decia McClure, Kylee Broadley, Makenzie Fowler, Peyton Seckfort, Olivia Calvert; Second row: Mckenzie McDonald, Lauren Falls, Maycie Nolen; Third row: Cahaba Falls, Aby Black, Aubrey Gable, Makayla Leusby, Emma Loggins, Sammie Johns, Madie Green; Top row: Anna Gossett, Lakyn Burgess, Paizlee Armstrong



LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY



# Hanceville BULLDOGS



## 2023 HANCEVILLE STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 4-6 | HOME RECORD: 2-3 | ROAD RECORD: 2-3 | REGION RECORD: 1-5 | AVERAGED 19.3 POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 30.5 POINTS PER GAME





# Hanceville gearing up for 2024 season



By: Nick Griffin



ONE THING I PREACH TO THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN IS TO BE A TOUGH, STRONG PERSON YOU HAVE TO GO THROUGH AND DO TOUGH THINGS, SO WE'VE TRIED TO EMBED THAT IN EVERYTHING THAT WE DO.

HANCEVILLE HEAD COACH  
LEVI ESTES

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — Fall has arrived, meaning students are returning to school, the leaves will begin falling soon and football season is right around the corner. In Hanceville, Levi Estes is preparing to kick off his first season as head coach of the Bulldogs and he's proud of the way his team worked throughout the offseason to prepare for the upcoming year.

"Right now, I can say we have a bunch of young men who are extremely hard working. They're giving us everything they've got every day and we've put them through some pretty tough activities.

"One thing I preach to them over and over again is to be a tough, strong person you have to go through and do tough things, so we've tried to embed that in everything that we do," Estes said.

"We try to create competition in practice so that we have that competitive edge when

we get into a game on Friday night. We want to carry everything that we do in our summer offseason program into the new football season."

Estes spent some time coaching in Tennessee before arriving at Hanceville and he says it has been a bit of an adjustment for him as he becomes familiar with the differences in Alabama's

"One thing that's been a big transition moving from state to state has been all the rules that you have to learn about what you can do.

"When I was in Tennessee, we had two scrimmages and a jamboree before we even played our first game," Estes said.

"Alabama allows you that one jamboree and I kind of like that better than playing in the spring because it gives you a little better idea of what you have coming into the »



season.”

The line of scrimmage should be an area where Hanceville has some experience on the field this fall, and Estes is looking forward to seeing that group gel together. He knows a strong group up front will help the Bulldog skill players shine too.

“I like to talk about linemen first because I was a lineman in college. Up front we’ve got three guys that are returning that played a lot last year offensively and I’m very excited about that. Finding the two players to fill those last two spots has been huge.

“We’ve got about five guys up for those two spots and it’s been good to watch that competition grow at practice and in the weight room. Hunter Black is our returning quarterback and I’m excited to see the growth he’s made in the offseason and to see how he adapts to the things that have changed for us offensively,” Estes said.

“A spot where I think we’ll have a lot of competition is at running back. We’ve got Marquies Lieth returning and he played a lot of running back last year and we also have a rising sophomore, Zavier Malcom, who is pushing him every day.

“Both of those guys are extremely good athletes, so it’s been a good competition watching those guys get after each other in the backfield and push each other every day.”

The Bulldogs are making some adjustments on the defensive side of the ball this season and Estes is excited to see how his guys fit into their new roles.

“Defensively, I’m excited about the changes that we’ve made. We’re changing to an odd front from an even front that they used last year and just seeing those guys accept those roles has been great.

“Eli Akin was the County Lineman of the Year last year and we’ve kind of challenged him by moving him to linebacker this year. We challenged him to see if he could take a new step in a different role and still compete at a high level and I think he’s done a great job there doing some things that are a little bit out of his comfort zone,” Estes

said.

“That’s something we preach on a lot; you don’t want to be comfortable. If you’re comfortable, you’re not growing, and I firmly believe that. You’ve got to step out of your comfort zone, step out of the box so that you can grow and the people around you can grow.

“So, I’m extremely excited to see what comes when we finally put the shoulder pads on.”

The Bulldogs won’t have as many players on the roster as some of their opponents this fall but Estes likes the makeup of his team and knows they’ll play hard for one another once they’re under the lights.

“We have nine seniors this year and I think every one of them has a chance to be a contributor in some way.

“One thing that I look at in a captain is that it doesn’t necessarily have to be a senior.

“I look for someone who is there every day, does the right things, doesn’t skip any reps and leads sometimes vocally, but a lot of the time silently. Leading by their actions and doing the right things,” Estes said.

“We’re pretty small in numbers, we have about 30 kids on the roster right now, but I think that we’ve got 30 kids that are ready to go to battle together.

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## TEAM ROSTER

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| #2 Hunter Black    | #17 Dylan Lazzaro   | #55 Henry Malagon     |
| #3 Irvin Macedo    | #21 Cody Belcher    | #56 Jacob Keith       |
| #4 Jaylon Flanigan | #22 Javus Leusby    | #58 Kingsley Brown    |
| #5 Marquies Leeth  | #24 Zavier Malcom   | #60 Cannon Cyree      |
| #6 Lakeyvion Dark  | #26 JT Jones        | #64 Luke Brown        |
| #7 Ashton Hurst    | #27 Rylee Woods     | #65 Mauricio Regalado |
| #8 Drake Bentley   | #29 Jermiah Stoves  | #70 Eli Johnson       |
| #12 Peyton Twilley | #50 Maliki Fletcher | #72 Isaiah Mariano    |
| #13 Brodie Brenner | #52 Eli Akin        | #74 Brody Butts       |

## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 3A, REGION 5

- Aug. 23** - vs. Cold Springs
- Aug. 30** - @ Holly Pond
- Sept. 6** - @ Gordo
- Sept. 13** - @ Carbon Hill\*
- Sept. 20** - vs. Oakman\*
- Oct. 4** - @ Vinemont\*
- Oct. 11** - vs. Midfield\*
- Oct. 18** - @ Winfield\*
- Oct. 25** - vs. Phil Campbell\*
- Nov. 1** - vs. Oak Grove



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Seated from left to right: Kaelyn Lamer, Sophie Flanigan, Samee Edwards, Mia McGriff, Keely Wood, Millie Brown, Allie Sharp, Kyndall Hamilton, Haylee Nethery, Audrey Boyd, Kenzie Hall, Kinsley Wright, Peyton Cox, Kerrigon Moore, Kynzlee Farr, Ava Ward





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## MARCHING BAND

**Band Director: Jesse James**

**Drum Major:** Jonathan Rodriguez

**Flute:** Jacoby Williams, Katy Ratliff, Abigail Bates, Makinlee Hurter

**Clarinet:** Emily Davis, Riley Williams, Madison Pigg, Morgan Carter, Sharlyn Gonzalez, Elizabeth Zuniga, Rosalee Campbell

**Saxophone:** Eder Andablo, Charlotte Little, Kayleigh Jones, Audrey Graham, Kenlee Bradford, Alex Arledge

**Mellophone:** Sean Crosby, Brett Watson, Greyson Whitfield

**Trumpet:** Jonathan Tarvin, Celeste Hamby, Avery Denney, Georgia Garcia, Brooklyn Sharp, Dalton Howard, Alex Rodriguez, Adon Graves, Dylan Meyers, Kenzie Gallagher

**Baritone:** Aaron Lopez, Liam Tello, Logan Johnson, Giovanni Robles, Shane Phillips, Gabriel Borjon, David Able, Dylan Pugh

**Tuba:** Tyler Lambert, Alexis Wright, Brayden Johnson, Malachi Stisher

**Snare:** Karson Buckelew, Jase Gray, Tristan Curley

**Tenors:** David Amador, Issac Graves

**Bass:** George Lara, Andi Mattox, Eli Burney, Evan Murphy, Brian Recher

**Cymbals:** Xavier Bennefield

**Front Ensemble:** Emma Peaslee, Ayden Grant, Isaiah Sharp, Aaron Bales

**Color Guard:** Brody Woodruff, Breanna Watson, Alana Bice, Kaitlyn Sexton, Laikyn Rodehaver, Aspen Henderson, Brooklyn Phillips, Ily Bear

**Majorettes:** Miley Bales, Callie Aker, Zadey Brown, Adalyn Sharp



# Holly Pond BRONCOS



## 2023 HOLLY POND STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 2-8 | HOME RECORD: 1-4 | ROAD RECORD: 1-4 | REGION RECORD: 2-4 | AVERAGED 21.7  
POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 37.8 POINTS PER GAME





# Holly Pond preparing to kick off 2024 season



By: Nick Griffin

**HOLLY POND, Ala.** — Football season is fast approaching for all our local teams and in Holly Pond, the Broncos have been hard at work getting ready to kick things off at the end of August. Will McDaniel is preparing for his first season as head coach of the Broncos, and he credited the seniors for leading the way this offseason. Holly Pond will have some strong competition on their new 3A schedule this fall, and McDaniel believes the work his seniors put in this offseason will be invaluable when the lights come on.



“With our schedule in 3A we’re going to have Fyffe, Geraldine and Sylvania in our region as kind of the top three you look at and I think the rest of the region is potentially wide open,” McDaniel said.

“I’m the fourth head coach in four years for this group going back to middle school, they’ve had six different head coaches in six years.

“We’ve got 10 seniors in this group and all 10 have been there all summer long. We’ve got some incentives and goals in place for making those summer workouts and I’m proud of all 10 of those seniors for being there all summer.”

McDaniel was impressed with the determination his team showed throughout the offseason and preseason programs. The Broncos won’t have as many names on their roster as some of their opponents this fall but McDaniel is confident that his guys will be ready to compete.

“It’s extremely valuable. The week before the Fourth of July, we started our five day a week training and we went to Danville for an OTA practice and what we were able to do and how advanced we were on just our fourth day was good.

“We came back after the Fourth and went to Point Mallard for an FCA 7-on-7 and we’re a play away from winning the small division championship and you just kind of shrug your shoulders because they just take

on everything,” McDaniel said.

“We put a lot on them, physically and mentally, and they can handle it because of all the different offenses they’ve played in. From 9 a.m. to about 4 p.m. that day at Point Mallard we played seven games, and it was hot. During that seventh game you’re just kind of wondering ‘How did we get to this point.’ We don’t have a huge roster, but these guys have taken on ownership of learning and have been amazing at coming to work.”

Despite having a smaller roster than some, McDaniel feels really good about the Broncos’ depth on the line of scrimmage. They’re still looking for players to step up at some of the skill positions but when you’re solid up front, it makes everything easier for the rest of the players on the field.

“We have a ton of depth in our offensive and defensive lines, which you would not think with us being a smaller 3A program that we would have that, but we do.

“We have some ninth graders that will probably be able to play at the varsity level so that helps too,” McDaniel said.

“We don’t have nearly as much depth at the skill positions. I think we took 11 to Point Mallard that day and you look around and most everyone else has 20 or 25 kids. I »

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would say we have a lot of quality; we don't have a lot of quantity. They've played a lot of football but depth-wise we have a lot more up front."

Coaching changes have been nothing new at Holly Pond over the last few years and that much turnover can make it more difficult for players to become comfortable in their roles.

But, after watching them work this summer, McDaniel is excited to see how much his team can continue to grow once they kick things off.

"It says way more about them than anything that I'm doing. They've had all this turnover and all these different coaches and they're still coming back and working hard to represent Holly Pond and do it the right way.

"Having those 10 seniors makes my job and our coaches' jobs a lot easier," McDaniel said.

"They've been through a lot

of adversity and perseverance is kind of who they are. Football is a hard game so it's not easy to always

want to come back for me, especially having gone through what they've been through, but they've worked

hard all summer. We've enjoyed it and we're looking forward to this season."

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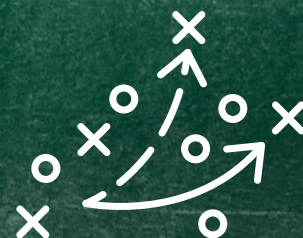
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**#5** Kohl Horton  
**#7** Sawyer Jordan  
**#10** Jack Sims  
**#11** Brody Howard  
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**#15** Sawyer Olinger  
**#16** Ethan Yahn  
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**#67** Brayden Ivey  
**#68** Braxton Yarbrough  
**#70** Conner Cothren  
**#74** Kyrian Grazer  
**#77** Xander Grazer  
**#79** Weston Barnette  
**#80** Jesse Daniel  
**#85** Cade Allbright

## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 3A, REGION 8

**Aug. 23** - vs. Appalachian  
**Aug. 30** - vs. Hanceville  
**Sept. 6** - @ Sylvania\*  
**Sept. 13** - vs. Brindlee Mtn.\*  
**Sept. 20** - @ Geraldine\*  
**Oct. 4** - vs. Whitesburg Christian\*  
**Oct. 11** - @ Asbury\*  
**Oct. 18** - @ Fyffe\*  
**Oct. 25** - vs. Collinsville\*  
**Nov. 1** - @ Cleveland



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

First row: (left to right): first row: Bellah Carr, Dixie Watson, Cira Thrift, Taylin Clemmons, Blakely Baggett, Sarah Grace Brown, Ava Claire Foust, Erin Hibbert, Georgia Whitehead, Kiley Crenshaw, Makenzy Bolin, Dailynne Nelson; Second row (left to right): Ryli Norris (mascot), Samantha Simmons, Adalynn Tapscott, Presli Carr, Bella Foust, Tayvin Faulkner, Anna Nash, Briana Vela, Bryanna Holloway, Kalli Ham, Ariona Norris, Lillian Horton, Jaycie Pitts; Not pictured: Madison Lamoureux; Coach: Michelle Boulahanis





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## MARCHING BAND

**Band Director:** Steven Porter

**Drum Major:** Silas Reynolds

**Flute:** Alison Laporte

**Clarinet:** Ella Barksdale (Woodwinds Section Leader), Payton Briscoe, Cainen Bennett

**Saxophone:** Noah Collier, Rua Ringlin, Xavier Bentley

**Trumpet:** Westin O’Ryan (Section Leader), Autumn Stanton, Skylar Sansing, Zandor Parker, Lily Lindsay, Ethan Camp, Seth Wigginton, Brayden Ritter, Kabrie Bennett

**Trombone/Baritone:** Jenna Raymond, Aeron Pierce, Kaitlyn O’Rear

**Tuba:** Jordan Pierce (Low Brass

Section Leader), Donovan Holmes

**Drumline:** Dakoda Wooten (Section Leader), McKenna Briscoe, Taten Brown, Alex Bentley, Noah Davis, Erika Drummond

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# Meek TIGERS



## 2023 MEEK STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 6-5 | HOME RECORD: 3-2 | ROAD RECORD: 3-3 | REGION RECORD: 5-2 | AVERAGED 29.1 POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 20.8 POINTS PER GAME





# Tigers hungry for postseason return in 2024



**By: Nick Griffin**

**ARLEY, Ala.** — Football season is fast approaching and at Meek High School, Head Coach Daniel Evans and the Tigers are preparing to kick things off at the end of August. Evans will be heading into his second season as the head coach of the Tigers and after helping lead Meek to a 6-5 record and a playoff berth last year, he feels even more comfortable in his role as year two gets underway.

“Having a better idea of how my role changes from being an assistant coach to being a head coach has slowed things down for me so that definitely helps with the day-to-day stuff. You still have a lot of stuff to prepare and prep and organize and have to make sure everything is the way it’s supposed to be so that takes a lot of work,” Evans said. “It takes a lot of effort and these kids put a lot of effort in so it’s our job as coaches to

make sure we’re doing the same thing. It has slowed down a little bit but at the end of the day, August is August, and there’s always a lot to do.”

Evans was very pleased with his team’s focus and effort during the offseason and is excited to see the habits they created in workouts carry over to the football field.

“I would say our culture is the best that it’s been in a few years, and that’s no disrespect to the guys that came before, but these guys have been around me and they kind of get that workman’s attitude. I don’t like to just rest on being good athletes or gifted, we work. I think it’s important for them to work and they picked up on that pretty early,” Evans said. “I’ve also got a couple of guys that have played four years for myself and Coach (Houston) Powell when he was here, so it’s been pretty easy for these kids to »



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understand what we're trying to do, and they've worked their butts off since January to do what they need to do. Now we're getting to a point where they can reap the rewards. I've had to turn the lights on from my phone a couple times because I've had kids up there working at 7:30-8:00 at night and they call me and ask if I can turn the lights on for an hour so they can get some work in. So, these kids are ready to go."

One of the position groups that Evans is most excited about is the defensive line. He believes the Tigers will have as good a defensive front as they'll see all season and he's looking forward to watching them terrorize opposing offenses this fall.

"Our defensive line is going to be as good if not better than pretty much everybody in IA North and I know what that sounds like but I'm not going to apologize for it. We're really strong up there and we're

also very seasoned. They're pretty athletic and that group uses their hands well so they're going to be an issue for a lot of people. We kind of saw that during II-on-II during the summer. So that group is going to be really good and another thing for us is we probably have more team speed than I think I've had at this school in the four years I've been here," Evans said.

"We're going to have a lot of guys competing for skill jobs like wide receivers, DBs and positions like that. On the offensive line we've got some young guys that have worked their butts off that are pushing some of these older guys for positions, which is good. I don't want kids to think they can be complacent. I always tell them that they have to compete, and everything is up for grabs all the time, so you've got to make sure that you're doing what you're supposed to be doing. Those kids going into 10th grade took the weight room

very seriously and they're going to start pushing some of these older guys for starting jobs pretty quick."

The Tigers have big goals this season and are hungry to return to the postseason. Evans has big expectations for his team on the field this season but something else that means a lot to him is that his team enjoys playing the game. The Tigers also have all three of their Winston County Rivals on the schedule this year and Evans knows those games will mean a lot to his players and the community.

"I just want us to compete every week and enjoy the game. I think it's real easy to get caught up in wins and losses and forget how fun this game is. For 10 or 12 of my guys this is it. Obviously, there are opportunities to play in college, but that stuff is not guaranteed. They've got 10 regular season games and that's all that's guaranteed so I just want them to have fun and enjoy being around

each other and enjoy the greatness that is high school football," Evans said.

"You don't experience anything else like it for the rest of your life. I'm not saying it's better than anything else, but it is its own unique thing and once you get done playing this game, you just don't really find anything sports-wise that compares to all the preparation just to play one game on a Friday night with so much energy and intensity.

"On top of all that we've got every county school on the schedule for the first time in a while, so it'll be nice to travel around to a couple places and have some teams from around here come to us. We go to Lynn and then Winston County and Addison will come to us so we get to play the county schools and those games are extremely important to me and to Winston County in general so that's something I'm looking forward to."

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**#25** Jordan Phillips  
**#27** Aiden Vines  
**#28** Carson Davenport  
**#33** Macgrath Miller  
**#34** Reese Guthrie  
**#50** Cameron Grace

**#51** Nick Miller  
**#52** Lucas Rector  
**#54** Caleb Mansco  
**#55** Xaviar Massey  
**#58** Taylen Daniel  
**#62** Ben Cochran  
**#65** Tyler Manley  
**#68** Aiden Benson  
**#70** Jacob Barnes  
**#76** Liam Brown

## VARSITY CHEER

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## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 1A, REGION 7

**Aug. 23** - @ Lynn  
**Aug. 30** - vs. Winston County  
**Sept. 6** - @ Hackleburg\*  
**Sept. 13** - @ Phillips Bear Creek\*  
**Sept. 20** - @ Waterloo\*  
**Oct. 4** - vs. Shoals Christian\*  
**Oct. 11** - vs. Addison\*  
**Oct. 18** - vs. Cherokee\*  
**Oct. 25** - @ Vina\*  
**Nov. 1** - vs. Carbon Hill



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## MARCHING BAND

From top, left to right:  
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 Upshaw, Brantley  
 Wright, Kristen Johnson,  
 Zaylee Shehan, JL  
 Mashburn, Josh  
 Infantino, Jesse Vines,  
 Jaina Farley, Blake  
 Owens, Aaron Greig,  
 Niyan Shehan, Johnny  
 Farley, Grayson Latham,  
 Daffnie Infantino, Vallyn  
 Frith, Carrolaine Baker,  
 Amy Farmer, Jack Pierce,  
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# Vinemont EAGLES



## 2023 VINEMONT STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 4-7 | HOME RECORD: 2-3 | ROAD RECORD: 2-4 | REGION RECORD: 3-3 | AVERAGED 23.1  
POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 28.2 POINTS PER GAME





# Vinemont ready to hit the field this fall

By: Sammy Confer

Photos: Nick Griffin

**VINEMONT, Ala.** — August is here, school is back in session and that means football season is just around the corner. All of our local teams are gearing up for another season on the gridiron and in Vinemont, the Eagles are preparing to make another trip to the postseason.

Head coach Stephen Robinson will be coaching his eighth season at Vinemont and after helping lead the Eagles to the state playoffs a season ago, he and his team are anxious to get back there in 2024. Vinemont will have several key players back on both sides of the ball and having 18 seniors on the team will be a big help this season.

"We've got quite a few back on both sides of the ball. The biggest thing that will definitely help us out this year is that we have 18 seniors, and that is going to be huge for a program that's our size in 3A. That's a huge benefit," Robinson said. "We've got our quarterback back. We've got some experience back in Kayden (Henderson) and Rylan (McRae). Rylan's on the offensive line, and Kayden's done a lot of things for us, primarily at running back and linebacker. That's going to be a big help, just having some experience. We've also got some guys that have come back out that have played their whole life. They have come out, and I think, they've really kind of given us a boost in a lot of areas that is going to be beneficial."

Robinson was proud of his team's performance in their spring game against Good Hope and Fyffe and talked about some of the challenges that will come with their new region this season.

"It's good to measure yourself against those guys, because honestly, Fyffe has been and will be again this year, the measuring stick for football. They moved up to 3A this year. Good Hope is always good. Coach Scott always has a good scheme for what we do offensively. It's good for our coaches. It's good for our kids, and I was proud of them, because they knew going in, what Fyffe is," Robinson said. "Fyffe's a very good program, but they didn't back down. We showed a lot of resilience and got after them a little bit. It was a good spring. The summer has been good. We're looking forward to the season," Robinson said. "I think our region is a little different this year. We've got Gordo and Winfield. They are two really good teams, but after that, I feel like you're going to have a lot of games that are going to go into the fourth

quarter. Our schedule's a little different than it has been the last few years. It's going to look a little different, traveling-wise, than we've been used to. I feel like it's more even, maybe, than they have been in the past. The two teams that we don't have a lot of knowledge as far as past opponents is Phil Campbell and Gordo. We've been in a region with the other teams ever since I've been the coach. We've got some knowledge of how they do things."

Robinson talked about some position groups where the Eagles will be experienced this season and some others where he's anticipating competition during fall camp.

"The good thing about having a lot of kids out is that we're trying to do a little more one-way guys, so fitting that puzzle piece together is the key. We may have a little different look at some positions than what some have been used to, and we may not. It's still early, but we're trying to do more one-way, if we can. We've got a lot of competition right now," Robinson said. "We've got some new guys that you all have never seen in a football uniform before, because they've never played. Some of them are very explosive and have been a huge help. We've got one on the offensive line that's going to be a benefit to us. We've got one that we're not sure where he fits in yet, but he's explosive. Rush (Sandlin) is our quarterback and has been for the last three years, so that's huge, having that experience coming back. Kayden's the kind of guy that you ask him to do whatever, and he'll do it. Someone asked Rylan where he played, and he said wherever they put me. On our offensive line, they can interchange. We've got five or six guys that can play three different positions on the offensive line. We've got a couple of other guys that are back who took a year off. One of them started as a freshman a few years ago, so he's going to be a freshman a few years ago, so he's going to be back. Tight end is going to be a strong position for us. I feel like our offensive line is going to be really good. They're super experienced. For the first time in a long time, we won't have any ninth or 10th graders. I would like for those guys to play, but it's always better when you have all seniors and a junior or two up there. There's a lot of competition right now."

Robinson has seen this new group of seniors take on leadership roles this offseason and they are setting great examples for the younger players on the team. He's looking forward to seeing »



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what they can accomplish this season as a close-knit group.

“As far as leadership roles go, you don’t have to be a senior to be a leader. They have been leaders on our team for years now. They’re three-year, if not four-year, starters. They’ve kind of had that role for a while, but I feel like this group of seniors is probably closer, a closer-knit group,” Robinson said.

“They really enjoy being around each other, and I’ve coached Kayden and Rush since they were in first, second grade. It’s been really good to see that. I’m going to be kind of sad to see them go. I’m sad to see every group go, but when you’ve got a history with guys for that long, it’s a little different, and it hits a little different. I really feel like these guys are a little more of one.”

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# VINEMONT EAGLES



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## TEAM ROSTER

- |                     |                      |                        |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| #1 Rush Sandlin     | #23 Hayden Puckett   | #63 Rylan Mcrae        |
| #2 Josh Rhodes      | #24 Chase Blair      | #64 Kaden Speegle      |
| #3 Samuel Pierce    | #25 Dakota Turner    | #65 Noah Shedd         |
| #4 Brandon Johnson  | #28 Tucker Robinson  | #67 Elijah Burgess     |
| #5 Chris Hart       | #31 Noah Bailey      | #68 Owen Rust          |
| #6 Aaron Salgado    | #33 Dalton Bryan     | #70 Dakota Miller      |
| #7 Kayden Henderson | #35 Brett Aaron      | #72 Colby Stewart      |
| #8 Chris Knight     | #42 John Kline       | #73 Cade Jankowski     |
| #9 Chad Reynolds    | #44 Trent Mims       | #75 Kane Twilley       |
| #10 Jake Hale       | #45 Bradley Johnson  | #76 Jon Edward Bridges |
| #11 Charles Harris  | #51 Alex Jackson     | #77 Alex Romero        |
| #12 Gabriel Herrera | #52 Nic Jankowski    | #78 Owen Mckinney      |
| #14 Thrower Sandlin | #54 Roman Romero     | #79 Emmett Hudson      |
| #15 Jhace Cornelius | #55 Brett Aaron      | #80 Lukas Ming         |
| #16 Jonny Valerio   | #56 Cole Aaron       | #84 Rodney Cundiff     |
| #18 Brody Rodriguez | #60 Preston Hanners  | #85 Yojan Patino       |
| #20 Hayden Robinson | #61 Levi Burch       |                        |
| #22 Malachi Adams   | #62 Anthony Barillas |                        |

## SCHEDULE

### CLASS 3A, REGION 5

- Aug. 23 - vs. Falkville
- Aug. 30 - @ Southeastern
- Sept. 6 - @ Phil Campbell\*
- Sept. 13 - @ Midfield\*
- Sept. 20 - vs. Carbon Hill\*
- Sept. 27 - @ West End Walnut Grove
- Oct. 4 - vs. Hanceville\*
- Oct. 11 - vs. Gordo\*
- Oct. 18 - @ Oakman\*
- Oct. 25 - vs. Winfield\*



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Right (bottom-up): Makenna Howard, Emma Hathway, Claire Johnson, Kylie Fitzgerald, Aubrey Butler, Arabella Harden, Brooklynn Marsh, Maci Payne; Left (bottom-up): Addison Whaley, Ella Payne, Krimson Gingrich, Maggie Payne, Aliyah Rodriguez, Jenny Price, Marley Williams



**VINEMONT EAGLES**



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**MARCHING BAND**

**Band Director:** Skylar King

**Drum Major:** Stormy Campbell (senior)

**Flute:** Lily Hagl

**Saxes:** Destiny Espy (senior), Marley Lamon, Emi Heaton

**Clarinet:** Abigail Wang, Raine Baker, Elisha Garrison, Abigail Doyle

**Tenor Sax:** Kimberlyn Rodriguez

**Bari Sax:** Crystal Paul

**Trumpet:** Anika Oden (senior), Brianna White (senior), Gracie Speakman, Crimson Bowers, Layla Hagl

**Trombone:** Owen Rust, Ty Stevens

**Snare:** Grady Tankersly

**Front/Rhythm:** Eliza Hoffhienz-

synth, Michael Moyers-bass, Noah Daniels – cymbals

**Majorette:** Halli Joiner, Emily Coats, Katie Holmes

**Color Guard:** Shay Johnson, Lily Powell, Makayla Brown, Katelyn Brown, Lily Hock

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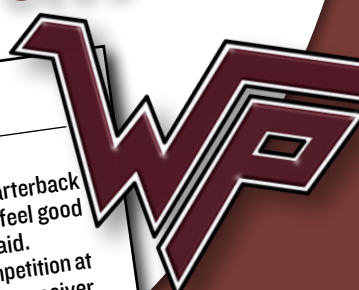


## 2023 WEST POINT STATS & INFO

WIN/LOSS: 5-6 | HOME RECORD: 2-3 | ROAD RECORD: 3-3 | REGION RECORD: 2-4 | AVERAGED 20.5  
POINTS PER GAME | ALLOWED 30.9 POINTS PER GAME



# West Point preparing to hit the field this fall



By: Nick Griffin

**WEST POINT, Ala.** — All of our local teams are getting ready to kick off the upcoming football season and at West Point High School, the Warriors are gearing up for the first season under Head Coach Kevin McCravy. This will be McCravy's first head coaching job but after many years serving as an assistant and an offensive coordinator, he feels prepared to take the reins at West Point.

"For me at the end of the day it's not a lot different. My philosophy is that my job is to set these kids up to be successful. As a head coach now, my job is to set up my assistants to be successful as well, that would probably be the biggest difference," McCravy said.

"There's a little more paperwork and all that but I'm very fortunate to have worked for John Ritter and Jere Adcock and Joey Burch who were all really good with that kind of stuff. I latched onto them to see how they did things, and they all did it the same, so it hasn't been a big learning curve or anything like that."

McCravy was pleased with the work his players put in this offseason and was happy to see the older guys step up into leadership roles and start to take ownership of the team.

"You could tell a lot about their character because of how quickly you could see them step into those roles.

"They brought up a lot of the younger players with them, there's been a lot of buying in and we've probably had 90-95% of the team there for most if not all our workouts," McCravy said.

"So, these older guys have done a great job of understanding what I'm preaching when I talk about being committed and showing character. So, they've done a great job of embracing those roles and bringing the younger guys along with them."

The Warriors will be looking for players to step up in skill positions on offense and linebacker spots on defense during fall camp but McCravy and his staff like the experience they have returning in the offensive backfield and both sides of the line of scrimmage.

"I feel really good about our offensive and

defensive lines. I feel good about quarterback play and running back play and we feel good about the secondary," McCravy said.

"We'll probably have some competition at a few linebacker spots and a couple receiver spots but I've been the most pleased with our offensive and defensive lines for sure."

Returning quarterback Hunter Hensley wants to see the team improve each week throughout this season.

One of his goals is to help the Warriors get back to the playoffs and do what he can to execute every play.

"One of the goals that I have for myself for this season is mainly just to be successful and help the team win. I want to do everything I can to help us execute each play. As far as team goals that I have for us this season I want us to make the playoffs again and go on a better run," Hensley said.

"I feel like getting off the field on third downs is big defensively and mainly on the offensive side we want to score at least three or four times a game.

"The main thing will just be to compete and have everyone doing their job because if everyone does their job we'll be in pretty good shape in each game."

McCravy spent many nights in the stands at West Point games when he was younger and with all the support he's received since arriving as the head coach earlier this year, he's even more excited for his first night on the sidelines.

"I'm excited. This place has a special meaning to me because my whole family went to school here. Even my grandmother went to school at West Point so I can remember going to games back in the 80s and into the 90s until I started playing high school ball myself," McCravy said. "It's kind of like a homecoming so I'm super excited. The community has been very supportive, the parents have been very supportive, the QB Club has been very supportive, the administration has been very supportive, and everyone has been excited so far. So, I'm ready to hit the ground running."

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WEST POINT HEAD COACH  
KEVIN MCCRAVY







# WEST POINT WARRIORS



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

## TEAM ROSTER

- #1 Christopher Skipper
- #2 Rush Lamar
- #3 Ayden Ennis
- #4 Sylar Philyaw
- #5 Noah Bryan
- #7 Carter McAfee
- #8 Brayden Monfort
- #9 Hunter Hensley
- #10 Cesar Rodriguez
- #11 Connor Crawford
- #12 Cooper Howard
- #13 Chance Aldridge
- #14 Logan Campbell
- #15 Skyler Echols
- #16 Breyelee Woodard
- #17 Ray McKenney
- #18 Ian McGuire
- #19 Koltan Franks
- #20 Dawson Smith

- #21 Max Patterson
- #22 Noah Laney
- #23 Jake Wray
- #24 Bryce Overton
- #26 Malachi Meade
- #27 Ollie Howell
- #28 Hayden Lindsey
- #29 Jayden Graveman
- #31 Miles Fairchild
- #32 Weston Tolbert
- #33 Bryant Moon
- #34 Titan Thornton
- #35 Hayden Holloway
- #40 Justice Crawford
- #42 Peyton Crawford
- #43 Jacob Cornelius
- #44 Dawson Phillips
- #45 Wayne Russell
- #47 Dalton Cooper

- #50 Blayne Jones
- #51 Slayde Clayton
- #52 Julio Fuentes
- #53 Malik Howell
- #55 Cayden Eaves
- #56 Mikhail Dujoud
- #57 Nicholas Dujoud
- #58 Dayton Freeman
- #59 Melvin Ventura
- #60 Gabe Dubenezik
- #63 Rylan Turner
- #68 Brody Adams
- #69 Noah Anderson
- #70 Sean Cranford
- #73 Eli Lee
- #74 Nick Lee
- #75 Samuel Stockman
- #78 Isaiah Ortiz

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 5A, REGION 7

- Aug. 23 - vs. Haleyville
- Aug. 30 - vs. Good Hope
- Sept. 6 - @ Fairview\*
- Sept. 13 - vs. Lawrence Co.\*
- Sept. 27 - @ Hayden
- Oct. 4 - vs. Priceville\*
- Oct. 11 - @ East Limestone\*
- Oct. 18 - vs. Russellville\*
- Oct. 25 - @ Ardmore\*
- Nov. 1 - @ Brewer



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Upcoming seniors: Emma Kimbril, Maci-Jo Simpson; Upcoming juniors: Emma Griggs, Audrey Bagwell, Kaci Cordes, Sienna Watrous, Makaila Wylie, Asia Davis, Hanna Smith, Brayden Hand, Taylor Tolbert, Morgan Paris, George Rojas-Genaro, James Bell, Maddie Pinion, Jaylei Needham; Upcoming sophomores: Roxy Orshoski, D.J. Sigala, Harlee Freeman, Bella Jones, Elle Harbison, Eliza Ballew; Upcoming freshman: Layla Franks, Auburn Burtis, Hailyn Duarte, Kadence Ragsdale, Sheree Saint, Emma Thrasher, Audrey Goodlett, Jayla Williams



# WEST POINT WARRIORS



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## MARCHING BAND

**Band Director: Thad Walker**

**Drum Major:** Madeline Carnes

**Flute:** Emmaly Shaddix, Kaesey Yates, Cara Strevel, Haley Love, Rachel Casper, Marlee Freeman, Acacia Payne

**Clarinet:** Dorothy Salter, Haley Pike, Jayda Fulenwider, Tomorrow Simmons, Jeremiah Owens, Peyton Lamb, Abigail Greer, Maci Chastain, Regan Douglas, Haley Hood

**Alto Saxophone:** Jaycob Cook, Angel Hernandez, Brayden Johnson, Jasper McHann, Judy Salter

**Tenor Saxophone:** Dante Beard, Evan Cooper

**Trumpet:** Kayden Klie, Hollie Salter, Reece Hutson, Jaci Moore, Wyatt Mefford, Straightlyn Rusk

**French Horn:** Koltin O'Rear, Trombone: Jaxon Crow, Asa Cornelius, Michael Clark, Lane Shedd, Trae Collier

**Baritone:** Troup Bridges, Christian Sandoval, Derrik Kilgore

**Tuba:** Lawrence Nichols, Mason Fulmer, Collin Cooner, Brenden Espinoza

**Snare:** Madison Billings, Deacon Lindsey, Thatcher Armstrong

**Tenors:** Karstin Doss, Kasen Duke

**Bass:** Alicia Garmon, Greysen Yates, Isaiah Tompsett, Braxton Bryant, Braxton Freeman

**Marimba:** Makenzie Miller

**Vibraphone/Glockenspiel:** Lillian Capps

**Xylophone:** Tara Gillespie

**Rack:** Ivy Haynes

**Synth:** Eli Cook

**Bass Guitar:** Caleb Clark

**Color Guard:** Kaden Brown, Abbi Huckeba, Bella Cooper, Keira Sanders, Kayle Arroyo, Skyline Clay

**Majorettes:** Olivia Curtis, Sierra Cranford, Cara-Grace Ashley, Jacy Guthrie

**Dance Line:** Kayla Brown, Lily Saint, Allie Hill, Kali O'Rear, Kinlee Watson



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