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Running down a dream

Stevenson, Daniels look to carry their teams to state titles



HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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Third time's a charm for Starkville running back Jay Stevenson

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Last season, senior Jay Stevenson was dominating Midsouth Association of Independent Schools defenses as Heritage Academy's featured running back.

Stevenson, a transfer from Eupora, where he spent his first two seasons, just couldn't be taken down by prep school defenses, but a crucial injury in the Pats' Class 5A playoff semifinal game against Oak Forest Academy (La.) forced him out of the game as Heritage was eliminated.

Despite a great year in Columbus, Stevenson took his talents to Starkville and the Yellow Jackets for his senior year.

Now at his third school in four years, the 6-foot-1-inch back is chasing the one thing he's failed to get in his high school career: a state championship.

"I wanted to get ready for the next level," Stevenson said. "Everything is faster here. There's better competition...I just have to step up and play hard, play my part. Those guys, I congratulated them on how they won their ring. I'm going to step up and try to get mine this year."

His arrival in Starkville was fortuitous, as his presence immediately fills a gap in the Jackets' ground game.

Last season, senior Curtis 'CJ' Willis moved over from defense to the backfield and ran for nearly 900 yards in 10 games, providing the offense a much-needed boost

Now, instead of finding a player to change positions, they found the ideal replacement in Stevenson, a downhill runner with plenty of strength and speed to burn.

"He runs the ball well," head coach Chris Jones said. "He blocks well. I think he's going to be great for us... We're going to play to his strengths, let him do what he does well."

Since transitioning to a new school and a new program, Starkville has welcomed him with open arms, making the adjustment easier.

Eupora to Heritage Academy was a relatively easy transition as both schools have similar school enrollments despite the Patriots being in a bigger class in MAIS.

The move to Starkville was a challenge, however, considering both the size and scope - the school's enroll-



Austin Frayser/Special to the Dispatch
Starkville running back Jay Stevenson, a transfer from Heritage Academy, is embracing the challenge of competing in Class 7A.

ment is more than double Heritage's and it now competes in MHSAA Class 7A.

"It's tougher, but I think I can adjust to it and do work here," Stevenson said. "...My coaches, my teammates, it's all love. It's been love from the jump."

Alongside Stevenson in the backfield will be Courtland Cooper, a duo Jones called one of the best, if not the best, backfields in Mississippi.

The two will be splitting carries during the season, keeping them stronger and fresher as the season wears on.

"Truthfully, Courtland can go anywhere and start," Jones said. "Jay can go anywhere and start, but they're going to share time. For them to be unselfish about it I think is going to make each one of them better."

Stevenson credits former Heritage head coach Lance Pogue for providing him guidance he still relies on - being mentally strong, staying even-keeled and persevering through rough patches.

With the jump in competition this season, some rough patches are to be expected early on, but with a robust resume of success wherever he's gone, Stevenson is looking to end his high school career with a bang.

"I'm feeling great," Stevenson said. "I think this is the year. This is the year they're going to size me up."

West Point's Kahnen Daniels is ready to end his high school career with a state title

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Walking off the turf at M.M. Roberts Stadium in Hattiesburg last December, West Point quarterback/running back Kahnen Daniels was unsatisfied.

After four-straight state championships from 2016-19, the Green Wave fell just short for the third-straight season in a 31-21 loss to Picayune.

For Daniels, it was his second-straight season experiencing such a crushing loss, but that didn't stop the four-star prospect from getting back in the gym for this season.

"I always set the standard for myself," Daniels said. "I always aim high, but it's still the same goal. I'm trying to be able to get a state championship under my belt...It did set a fire in us. I feel like it's driven us more and more to go at it one more time with the guys."

With the offseason came growing anticipation on where the budding superstar would continue his football career at the next level.

He had quite the resume to back up that anticipation, rushing for more than 2,000 yards and 24 touchdowns in his junior season alone. In his West Point career, Daniels has amassed over 3,000 rushing yards and 32 rushing touchdowns.

He finally made his decision known in April, verbally committing to Southeastern Conference powerhouse Florida, a program that has made him feel at home despite his being a year away from stepping in Gainesville as a student.

"They basically treat me like their own already," Daniels said. "They're excited for me to be on campus. I'm excited to get on campus. I'm just waiting on that time."

His focus lately has been solely on West Point, and his decision in April was a calculated one, finishing up with recruiting matters prior to his senior season.

"I always said that when the time came, I was going to choose who I wanted to go play for before the season started so I wouldn't have to deal with it," Daniels said. "It feels great



Austin Frayser/Special to the Dispatch
West Point running back Kahnen Daniels, a Florida commit, has his sights set on a state championship after two straight championship game losses.

knowing that I have a spot and I'm going somewhere that I'll enjoy playing for."

His role on the Green Wave has never been more vital as he is set to chase the same thing that has evaded the program for the last three seasons: a state title.

However, as is the standard with West Point, players play for team success, and no player has been a better example of that than Daniels.

"We're going to be the same no matter what," head coach Chris Chamberless said. "We're a team-first team and our players understand that."

Daniels is excited to get his senior year underway and have it end with hardware in his hands.

"I feel like we'll be able to go out victorious if we just stick together and just keep punching," Daniels said. "...I'm very excited to see what we can do all together...I showed a glimpse last year, but I'm really going to turn it up this year and leave it all out on the field."

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Columbus Falcons

Mississippi High School Activities Association: Class 6A, Region 2; 2022 Record 5-7 (5-2 Class 5A, Region 1)



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Falcons aim to build on last season's playoff push

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Columbus football did something last season they hadn't done in more than a half-decade.

The Falcons, despite starting out 0-4, won five of their last seven games, going 5-2 in district play and 5-6 overall to secure a spot in the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 5A playoffs.

Their playoff residence was a short one, losing to Neshoba Central in the first round, but it gave Columbus newfound confidence and hope for the future.

"The expectation that we have is to continue to build upon what we did last year," head coach



2023 Schedule

- Aug. 25: at Houston
 - Sept. 1: Noxubee County
 - Sept. 8: Louisville
 - Sept. 15: at Lafayette
 - Sept. 22: Ripley
 - Sept. 29: at New Hope
 - Oct. 6: at Callaway
 - Oct. 13: Neshoba Central
 - Oct. 20: at Ridgeland
 - Oct. 27: Vicksburg
 - Nov. 2: at Warren Central
- *All games begin at 7 p.m.

the jump, beginning with the loss of starting quarterback Jaquavion Bankhead in the season opener against Starkville.



Pulphus

That, coupled with failing to score in the first three games of the season, put the Falcons in an immediate hole.

However, the program persevered, and Bankhead is back to full health, ready for his senior season.

"We made it to the first round last season without a quarterback," Pulphus said. "Now, we have Qua back this sea-

son and we're excited to see where we can go with a quarterback."

Offensively, Bankhead will have a number of targets to throw to, including seniors Antonio O'Neal, Antonio Johnson and Isaac Harris.

Those three look to provide stability and consistency with what is expected to be a competitive backfield and running game.

"I feel like last year motivated everyone," Johnson said. "It gave people

a chance. It gave us hope. As Coach Pulphus has said all the time, state champs is what we're aiming for."

Defense was a strength for the Falcons last season, and that unit sees a number of key contributors returning, including senior middle linebacker Quinton Martin, someone whose speed has benefited from playing soccer in the winter.

"I feel like we're hungry," Martin said. "We want more."

Now a 6A school, Columbus has a new district schedule ahead of it, playing Callaway, Neshoba Central, Ridgeland, Vicksburg and Warren Central.

New district opponents plus a tough non-conference slate including Noxubee County, Lafayette and Louisville, will present a challenge for this program, but the Falcons are ready for 2023.

"We're excited every-day waiting for our first game on the 25th against Houston," Johnson said.



Jim Lytle/Dispatch file photo

Columbus High School quarterback Shaun Williams (13) looks for running room during the second quarter of the Falcons' 2022 game against Saltillo. Williams ran for two touchdowns and threw for another in the Falcons' 28-11 win.



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Columbus High School quarterback Shaun Williams (13) throws a pass during the second quarter of the 2022 game against Saltillo. Williams' rushing prowess was massive for the Falcons in their 28-11 win, which clinched a Class 5A playoff spot.



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New Hope Trojans



Mississippi High School Activities Association: Class 5A, Region 1; 2022 Record 4-6 (2-5 Class 5A, Region 1)

New Hope revamped and ready to go after a disappointing 2022 campaign

Trojans hope young roster propels them to first winning season since 2016

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The 2022 season was one of highs and lows for the New Hope Trojans, starting out with a near-perfect script.

A comeback win to open the season at home against rival Caledonia sent the Trojan faithful into a frenzy, but for as incredible a start as New Hope saw, the end was rough.

The Trojans lost six of their last eight games, missing out on the Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 5A playoffs with a 4-6 record.

As the calendar has turned to the 2023 season, there's newfound confidence and optimism throughout the program, and that starts at the top with third-year head coach Seth Stillman.

"We're really excited," Stillman said. "It's going to be a young football team for us, but these guys get after it. I think we have a chance to be special."

Where New Hope has lost players from its senior class, it returns several experienced underclassmen forced to



2023 Schedule
Aug. 18: at Kosciusko
Aug. 25: at Itawamba Agricultural
Sept. 1: Choctaw County
Sept. 8: OPEN
Sept. 15: at Caledonia
Sept. 22: at Houston
Sept. 29: Columbus High
Oct. 6: Pontotoc
Oct. 13: at Corinth
Oct. 20: Clarksdale
Oct. 27: at Lafayette
Nov. 2: West Point
 *All games begin at 7 p.m.

step into bigger roles last season.

Starting quarterback Hayden Dodson had an injury-riddled 2022, which was tough to maneuver for the offense, but in his place, among other options, stepped up freshman Matthew Bengé.

Now a sophomore with plenty of varsity game experience under his belt, Stillman is entrusting him to lead the offense, one that scored just 15.8 points a game last season.

"We're fortunate enough that Matthew filled in last year when Hayden was injured," Stillman said. "He got a ton of invaluable experience. With him being so young and freshman Juice Tate taking reps, we probably won't make a decision for another few weeks on who will be out there."

Up front, New Hope will have a revamped offensive line led by junior



New Hope running back Ladarius Tate (4) looks for extra yards around Caledonia defenders Wyatt Enger (17) and Jerry Hicks (25) during the second quarter of their 2022 football game in New Hope. Jim Lytle/Dispatch file photo

Lonnie Shinn, the 6-5 tackle who has been putting in work this offseason to put on some muscle and become a more agile blocker.

"I've always been one of the bigger pieces to the team, but moving forward, I've worked to be a better leader, motivating guys harder," Shinn said. "Me starting as a freshman and knowing the young guys we have, I just try to coach them up to build that confidence."

The Trojans will roster roughly a dozen seniors in 2023, less than half the total number of seniors as last season, so the onus is on the junior class to step up.

Defensively, that player is Junior Baskin, a linebacker who missed last season entirely with an ACL injury. Back close to 100 percent as preseason practices continue, Baskin is feeling better than ever with a point to prove as a junior.

"I went through about five months of rehab," Baskin said. "It was really tough watching my team go out and play and not really being able to help as much, but knowing that me getting myself right would help as much as I could was the motivation for me."

The Trojans are set to begin the season Aug. 25 against a familiar foe in Itawamba Agricultural, a program they lost 34-7 last season.

With the page fully turned to 2023, New Hope is ready to flip the script and secure its first winning season since 2016.

"There is no down week in our non-conference schedule, so we're going to be tested early," Stillman said. "I think that's going to help us come district play...We're going to go out and do our best to compete every week. Our goal is to make the playoffs."

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Caledonia Cavaliers



Mississippi High School Activities Association: Class 4A, Region 3; 2022 Record 6-7 (3-2 Class 4A, Region 1)

Kelly's Cavaliers to continue program's upward trajectory

Late-season push has young Caledonia team aiming for fast start

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Upon entrance to the Caledonia football field-house, the first thing in sight is a massive sign with a simple message: "Beat New Hope."

While the Cavaliers have lost five straight to the Trojans, Caledonia has produced some of the best, and more importantly, consistent, football in their history since head coach Michael Kelly took over in 2018.

In 2021, the Trojans finished with an 8-1 regular season record and advanced to the North Half championship game, losing a heartbreaker to Senatobia 34-27.

Last season the Cavaliers rallied back from a 1-5 start to clinch a playoff spot, beating New Albany and Clarksdale before losing to eventual 4A state champions Louisville in the third round. It was a difficult road back to the playoffs, but the team demonstrated tremendous fortitude and focus in the process. Kelly has worked hard to make that a part of his program's culture, and it will be important in 2023 as they look to several young starters to step up.

"We pride ourselves on playing fundamentally sound defense and to do that you have to be sound reading gaps and making tackles," Kelly said.



Colin Damms/Dispatch staff

Cavaliers head coach Michael Kelly (right) oversees blocking drills in preseason football camp. Caledonia advanced to the third round of the class 4A playoffs last season.

"Our coaching staff does a great job teaching and drilling the fundamentals, and that's part of our culture. The details matter, and that's what we're working on this time of year. Don't beat yourself."

The seniors in the team this year are eager to make another trip to the postseason, but while they carry their past achievements with pride they remain focused on the task at hand. That means being their own team, making their own way.

"I know everyone wants to talk about the 2021 team that made it to North Half, everybody wants to compare us to that," senior offensive lineman Judd Shelton said. "But I think right now we have players who can match the speed, stamina, and pure physicality of that team, and if we can get this right we can get right back to where we were. We only go as far as we take ourselves."

The Cavaliers will find a way to run the ball. Their offense utilizes

players at every skill position to manipulate the opposing defense with motion and set up blocking schemes to create gaps. It's a grind from start to finish, cemented by hours of work in practice memorizing reads and rehearsing plays.

Senior linebacker Shep Donald, someone who has started on defense every year of his high school career, sees just that from his offense, and the Cavaliers defense is better for it.

"It certainly helps us on defense, up front or

at defensive back to go against them each day," Donald said after a round of drills calling out plays and reading blocks. "I think here we have some of the most talented skill players we've had, so with everybody shifting, and we've seen some crazy stuff on offense, it really helps us out playing against that every day."

The standards are high for the Cavaliers, which is a credit to the program's success over the last few seasons. Even with the number of sophomores coming into



2023 Schedule

- Aug. 25: at Nettleton
- Sept. 1: Itawamba Agricultural
- Sept. 8: Amory
- Sept. 15: New Hope
- Sept. 22: Aberdeen
- Sept. 29: at Kosciusko
- Oct. 6: OPEN
- Oct. 13: Louisville
- Oct. 20: at Greenwood
- Oct. 26: Houston

*All games begin at 7 p.m.

the fold there is an air of confidence about the team that they're continuing on a trajectory.

"We know the system, I say that with great confidence," Kelly said of his young team. "That's just a result of the culture we've built through junior high and our peewee system. A lot of these young men started in that system, but there's a difference between knowing and executing on Fridays. Now we've got to give them the confidence to do it."

Caledonia's first game is an away trip to Nettleton on Aug. 25. They'll look to start as they mean to go on, and for several starters it is the last ride they will go on as Cavaliers. The goal is the same as always, though, to end the season winning a championship.

"I know it's the last ride, but we've talked about how we want to leave a legacy here," Shelton said ahead of his senior season. "So it hasn't really hit me yet, and I don't want it to until it's that state championship game on December 1. I'll let it hit me then."

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Victory Christian Eagles

Eight-Man Christian Football Association; 2022 Record: 1-6 (1-5 Christian Football Association)



'Our players never quit'

Victory Christian expecting improvement in 2023

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Andrew Pace, Victory Christian's second-year head coach, ended his season the way every coach dreams - soaked and freezing after a post-game cooler bath.

The Eagles closed the season with a victory against Success Unlimited Academy in Montgomery, Alabama, to finish 1-6, and their coach got the coldest shower of his life.

"I told them, if we win and you want to do it, it's fine," Pace said.

While the first six games didn't turn out the way they hoped, Pace was impressed with the way his team competed.

"Even in the losses we had, our team stayed together," Pace said. "They never put their head(s) down."

Like all eight-man squads, depth was an issue for Pace's Eagles, but it's one he mitigates through preparation and hard work.

"...One of the reasons we run at the end of practice, it's not a punishment," Pace said. "...We're a small team, some of (our players) will be playing both ways. And that's why we're doing this running, because it matters in the third and fourth quarter." The Eagles, who open



Victory Christian players warm up before the start of fall camp. The Eagles, who compete in the Christian 8-man Division, open the season Aug. 25 against Unity Christian Academy in Leland.

the season Aug. 25 at Unity Christian Academy in Leland, rely on leadership from upperclassmen, as the team returns four seniors for 2023. One of those seniors, Kayden Barksdale, is confident this season will turn out better than last.

"We've got a great group of guys out here," Barksdale said. "I've got faith in them. We just

stick together as a team, and I've got a feeling we'll go pretty far this year."

Barksdale, who, like most of his teammates, plays offense and defense, is relishing his leadership role on an otherwise young squad.

"I'm the type of person, if I see you telling yourself, 'You can't do it,' I'm right there telling you that you can...because I

believe you can accomplish more if you just keep pushing yourself," Barksdale said.

Senior quarterback/linebacker Hayden Huff said he has noticed a change in this year's squad.

"I think that's what's really good about this team is the attitude," Huff said. "Way better than last year."

Huff said he enjoys having a leadership role, picking his teammates up when they're down, but he prefers to lead by example.

"...My attitude (is) don't quit, no matter what," Huff said. "You get put down, you get hit hard. You gotta get back up. You can't stop. You gotta want it more than everybody else does."



2023 Schedule

Aug. 25: at Unity Christian Academy
Sept. 1: OPEN
Sept. 8: Success Unlimited Academy
Sept. 15: at Jacksonville Christian Academy
Sept. 22: Mississippi Phoenix Sports Academy
Sept. 29: Cornerstone Christian
Oct. 6: at Tabernacle
Oct. 13: at Russell Christian Academy
Oct. 20: Tuscaloosa Christian
 *All games begin at 7 p.m.

Victory competes as the lone Mississippi representative in the Christian 8-man division - their district-mates are all from Alabama, but does have two in-state non-conference games scheduled against Unity Christian and Mississippi Phoenix Sports Academy (Sept. 22).

"I'm looking to hopefully be more successful with the guys that have the experience now that have returned," Pace said. "And then, hopefully, they'll teach that to the younger guys, so we can...get more than one win this year."

While Barksdale and his teammates are anticipating more wins this season, he also sees the big picture.

"I'm learning life lessons out here, not to quit," Barksdale said. "When it gets tough, keep pushing yourself and try to have Christian character."



Columbus Christian Academy Rams

Midsouth Association of Independent Schools: Eight-Man Football Class 3A, District 1; 2022 Record 5-6 (3-3 Eight-Man Football Class 2A, District 1)



Rams retool with new head coach and young roster

Chemistry the key to success for Columbus Christian

BY COLIN DAMMS
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Football is back at Columbus Christian Academy

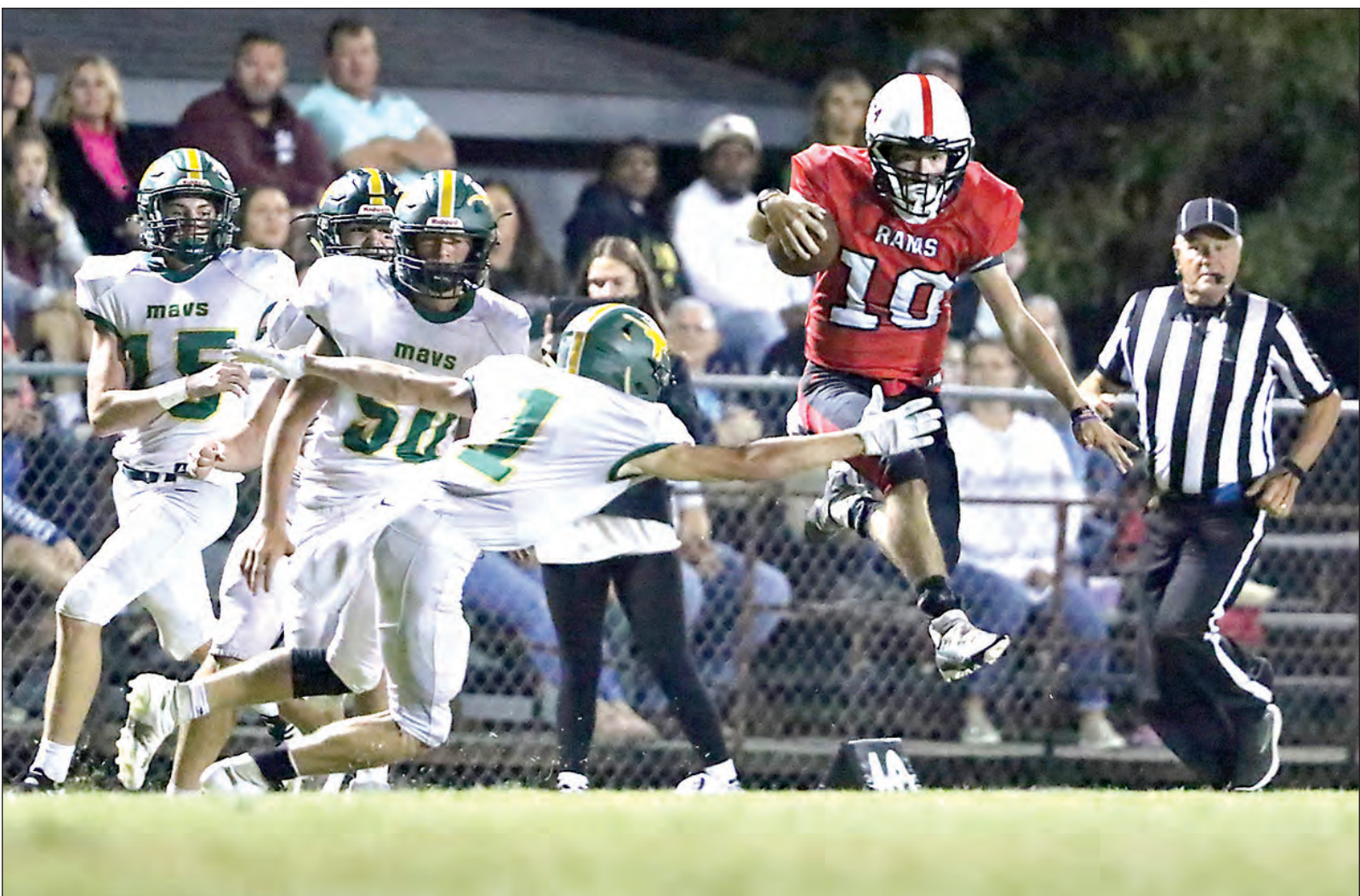
Jeremy Brock served as head coach for the 2022 season but left the program ahead of this summer. CCA once again had to fill the position, but quickly identified and brought in Chris Craven, an experienced MAIS coach formerly of Oak Hill Academy and most recently at Starkville Academy. He is the all-time winningest coach in Raiders history, and will hope to make a similar impact in his time with the Rams.

"They inquired with me. I was happy at Starkville Academy but I prayed about it and it felt like something I was supposed to do," Craven said of taking the job.

Craven takes over a Rams team that went 5-6 in 2022, losing in the first round of the playoffs to Prentiss Academy in a 58-42 shootout.

The current team of mostly underclassmen stands at 18 players total with only three seniors. The rest of the team are freshman or sophomores, which means there may be some mismatches physically against other schools, but it also means the program is ripe for shaping how Craven sees fit.

"When you start out with a younger team you're able to build the program in your vision



Columbus Christian Academy quarterback Garrett Weathers (10) leaps to avoid Manchester Academy defenders Garner Burton (15), Sam Bunch (50) and Jake White (1) during the third quarter of a 2022 game. CCA is entering its second season of 11-man football.

'The brand of football I want to coach is tough.'

Head coach Chris Craven

and set that precedent for the next guys coming through from junior high," Craven said. "The brand of football I want to coach is tough. To be tough, strong, have great character and sportsmanship, but you really have to be tough. You may have a guy who is fast or you may not, but everybody can get tough."

Since joining the program in the summer, Craven has spent his time

with the group trying to build chemistry between the squad and the new coaching staff. The small group has spent the summer improving strength and conditioning to get in shape for the season while getting to know the playbook. Now there are personnel decisions to be made, and the goal is to shape a team that best utilizes the strengths of the small squad.

"With a smaller team, as a smaller school,

sometimes you end up with who is available," Craven said. "There might be a guy playing guard who oughta be a fullback, but that's just the way things are. You take what you have and you figure out the best fit for the team."

Working with a smaller squad means there isn't the same level of competition for spots as there is at a school with a 50-60 player roster, but that isn't what the game is all about. At this level it's about giving players the best opportunity and support system to play the game that they love,

and that's the reason Craven puts the work in.

"You just do your job and work towards finding success," he said of his approach to coaching. "If you work hard sometimes success comes your way, but there's more types of success than winning. There's helping young men grow and what you can do for a school or program, to help build something positive. I feel like I'm someone who can contribute in those areas as well."

The Rams open their season at home against Benton Academy at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 18.



2023 Schedule

Aug. 11: OPEN
Aug. 18: Benton Academy
Aug. 25: at Calhoun Academy
Sept. 1: Oak Hill Academy
Sept. 8: Delta Streets Academy
Sept. 15: at Winona Christian
Sept. 22: at Wayne Academy
Sept. 29: Carroll Academy
Oct. 6: at North Delta
Oct. 13: at Kirk Academy
Oct. 20: Marshall Academy
Oct. 27: OPEN
 *All games begin at 7 p.m.

Heritage Academy Patriots

Midsouth Association of Independent Schools: 11-Man Football Class 5A, District 1; 2022 Record 10-2 (5-0 Class 5A, District 1)

Heritage Academy has renewed expectations under first-year head coach Tobias Smith

Patriots look to continue tradition of excellence

BY ALEX MURPHY
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COLUMBUS — Heritage Academy looked poised to reach another state championship game last season.

Playing Oak Forest Academy (La.) on its own turf in the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools Class 5A semifinals, the Patriots were in control in the first half.

However, an injury to star running back Jay Stevenson sidelined him for the majority of the second half. The No. 1 seed fell just short of a state title game appearance, and lost a lot in the offseason.

Head coach Lance Pogue stepped down, Stevenson transferred to Starkville, and starting quarterback Jack Ketchum stepped aside from football for his senior season.

Through this sweeping change came a constant in new head coach Tobias Smith, who is looking to continue a tradition of excellence and chase hardware.

"It's been great so far," Smith said. "I have so many guys with a lot of experience that I can go to them if I have questions. They're a great support system to have around me as a young coach...I like what we got. We're young. We're replacing a lot of starters on both sides of the ball,



2023 Schedule
 Aug. 11: Hartfield Academy
 Aug. 18: Winston Academy
 Aug. 25: OPEN
 Sept. 1: at Biggersville
 Sept. 8: Pillow Academy
 Sept. 15: at Leake Academy
 Sept. 22: Lamar
 Oct. 6: at Coosa Christian
 Oct. 13: at Magnolia Heights
 Oct. 20: Bayou Academy
 *All games begin at 7 p.m.

but the guys we're replacing them with, they work hard so you can never count us out."

This new-look Patriots roster will have many familiar faces playing bigger roles, none more so than this season's expected starter under center, Thompson Regimbal.

Regimbal was Ketchum's backup last season, getting important reps as a sophomore that prepared him for this new role.

So far this preseason, Smith has been impressed with what he's seen out of the incoming junior.

"I think we have a great quarterback situation," Smith said. "He's a leader, he's smart and he's tough. As long as the guys keep following him, he's done a good job of leading them."

Success is the name of the game for the Pats, having lost no more than three games per season since 2016, amassing a 73-15 overall record during that time.



Heritage Academy defenders Lane Goodman (1) and Luke Fisher (21) tackle Lamar School running back Austin Acton (2) during the first quarter of their 2022 football game in Columbus. The Patriots opened the 2022 season with a 45-16 win over the Raiders.

'Last season still leaves a bitter taste in our mouths, so we're going into things a lot harder this season.'

Heritage senior Noah Madden

That success is built from a strong offense and stout defense, both of which were some of the best in MAIS. Offensively, Heritage averaged 36.2 points a game and

defensively, it allowed 20.5 PPG.

"We want to go into this season hoping to go farther," senior Noah Madden said. "Last season still leaves a bitter

taste in our mouths, so we're going into things a lot harder this season."

What this season has that the 2022 season didn't is the opportunity for payback, a revenge tour that has brewed since Oak Forest celebrated on C.L. Mitchell Field some nine months ago.

That game left a sour taste in the mouths of the Patriots, and this season

is the time to run it back for the quest to win a fifth state title in school history and third since 2019.

"I feel good about the team this season," Madden said. "There's a lot of hard workers. We're small as usual, but we're always more conditioned than any other team and that's how I like it...I think we just have to go out there and give it our best shot."



Heritage Academy receiver Trey Naugher (23) catches a pass for a touchdown over three Oak Forest Academy defenders during the third quarter of Friday's MAIS Class 5A semifinal in Columbus. The Patriots fell 45-33 to the Yellow Jackets, ending their 2022 season.

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West Lowndes Panthers



Mississippi High School Activities Association: Class 1A, Region 4; 2022 Record 8-4 (5-2 Class 1A, Region 3)

'Bully Ball'

West Lowndes looks to impose its will in new-look 1A

BY PHILIP POE
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There just may be a new king in MHSAA Class 1A.

The West Lowndes Panthers, coming off of two-straight playoff losses to Bay Springs, no longer have to worry about the team who twice denied them a trip to the North State championship.

Bay Springs is now in Class 2A, and West Lowndes head coach Anthony King sees an opportunity.

"Bay Springs was a monster," King told The Dispatch. "But I wanted to play Bay Springs because I know they're the best team. Losing to them told us a lot - we've got to get stronger. You've got to get more depth and you've got to play fundamental football."

King knows depth is key at this level of football. Second halves often come down to a numbers game - most 1A teams are forced to use two-way players, leaving starters little time for rest during the game.

"We try to use our size and our depth," King said. "We can rotate different guys on the lines so they don't have to go both ways. It should be a benefit."

The Panthers, who finished 8-4 in 2022, including a 5-2 mark in district play, return a dynamic set of upperclassmen at key



Philip Poe/Dispatch staff

West Lowndes defensive coordinator MC Miller looks on as the Panthers work on offense. West Lowndes brings high expectations into a new-look class 1A.

spots on both sides of the ball. Senior running back-slash-safety Gary Brewer said he has one goal in mind for 2023.

"Winning state," Brewer said.

While Brewer takes a more vocal approach with his teammates, do-everything junior Kam Evans prefers to lead by example, focusing on underclassmen hoping to contribute to the Panthers' recent run of success.

"I really say, 'Watch how I do it,' so I can encourage them and they can do it," said Evans, who plays running back, quarterback, and line-

backer. "You have to have an understanding (of what's going on.)"

"I'm a team player. I want to encourage everybody and make them play their best."

As always, West Lowndes has a gauntlet of a non-district schedule ahead of them, with games scheduled against 3A Aberdeen (Sept. 1) and 4A's Byhalia (Sept. 29) and North Pontotoc (Oct. 6.) King said these games provide his team with valuable experiences that pay off as the calendar flips to November.

"They teach us how to play 'playoff ball'...We

know we're going to try to keep the clock moving and play solid defense. Give ourselves a chance in the second half. And that's playoff ball."

King emphasizes a team-over-self approach, and physical style of play that should serve them well come playoff time.

"Second halves should belong to us," King said. "We pride ourselves on playing 'bully ball'...You're going to see a physical team."

The Panthers open their season Aug. 25 at French Camp Academy and their home opener is scheduled for Sept. 1

against Aberdeen. As for expectations, King's are high for his team.

"We want to pride ourselves on getting number one in the district so we can get the number one seed and host a home playoff game."

"We definitely have the talent. We've got to make sure the guys are dedicated and disciplined... we need our guys to stay mature, stay focused and get there."

While Brewer has his sights set on a trip to state in late November, he's also taking time to enjoy his senior season.

"You only get one



2023 Schedule

- Aug. 28: at French Camp
- Sept. 1: Aberdeen
- Sept. 8: Biggersville
- Sept. 15: OPEN
- Sept. 22: at Baldwin
- Sept. 29: Byhalia
- Oct. 6: North Pontotoc
- Oct. 13: at Vardaman
- Oct. 20: Okolona
- Oct. 26: at Smithville

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chance to play high school football, so when it's over, it's over," he said.



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West Lowndes linebacker Dekambi Evans Smart returns an interception against Lumberton. West Lowndes won the 2022 matchup 46-20 to advance to a second-round matchup at Bay Springs.

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Starkville Yellow Jackets



Mississippi High School Activities Association: Class 7A, Region 2; 2022 Record 12-3 (4-3 Class 6A, Region 2)

The feat to repeat: Starkville football looks for state title No. 8

BY ALEX MURPHY
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STARKVILLE — The scene in Hattiesburg last December was one Starkville High School football will never forget.

A six-year state championship drought ended as the Yellow Jackets became the first No. 4 seed to win a Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 6A state title, going from 0-3 in district play to a season-ending eight-game winning streak.

Starkville reached the summit of Mississippi high school football in 2022, but the pressure is already on for the program to repeat in 2023.

Under a new classification, the Jackets look to etch their name as the first 7A school to take home hardware in 2023.

“At the end of the day, it’s a completely new season with a new set of challenges,” head coach Chris Jones said. “We can’t reminisce too much about the past seasons. It’s all about this season, getting better and making sure that we’re better than we were last year.”

It was a perfect storm of success last season, a well-oiled machine of an offense combined with a stout defense.

Scattered about were a number of Division I prospects, especially amongst the senior class, but a number of those prospects return this season.

Back again is starting quarterback Trey Petty, one of the most electric du-



2023 Schedule

- Aug. 25: Noxubee County
 - Sept. 1: at West Point
 - Sept. 8: at Meridian
 - Sept. 15: at Louisville
 - Sept. 22: Oxford
 - Sept. 29: Greenwood
 - Oct. 6: at Germantown
 - Oct. 13: Clinton
 - Oct. 20: OPEN
 - Oct. 27: Madison Central
 - Nov. 2: at Tupelo
- *All games begin at 7 p.m.

al-threat QBs in the state, entering his senior season after verbally committing to Illinois this summer.

“I’m locked in,” Petty said. “I’m done with the recruiting side of things pretty much...I know a lot more than I did last year as a quarterback, so I feel like I can control the offense better than I did last year and make smart decisions.”

He, alongside four-star wide receiver and Mississippi State commit Braylon Burnside, are the highlights of an offense that scored more than 34 points per game last season.

Petty accounted for 46 total touchdowns and more than 3,500 yards of total offense for the Jackets while Burnside caught 75 passes for more than 1,150 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior.

The star power isn’t limited to those two, as Starkville picked up Heritage Academy transfer Jay Stevenson, an incoming



Starkville’s Jaylon York carries the football during a 2022 game against Grenada. The Yellow Jackets beat Southaven 38-12 in their Class 6A playoff opener.

senior who recorded numerous multi-TD games on the ground for the Pats as a junior, tearing up the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools.

“It was love from the jump with the coaches and everyone,” Stevenson said. “I’m a people person. It doesn’t matter where I go...Everything is going well here. I’m loving it...I just have to step up and play hard, play my part.”

After losing a number of top defensive players to graduation, including Eric Thomas Jr. and Nyjadus Roberts-Holloway, the Jackets will rely on a younger nucleus, with Jermar McCarter and Parker Simpson among the

expected leaders of the bunch.

Jones continues to preach the same mentality he brought with him since arriving in Starkville seven years ago – getting better every day and working for the day – as the dawn of a new era and a chance to make new history has arrived.

“I know that’s hard to say since we did win a state championship, but we just have to take it one day at a time,” Jones said. “We need to make sure we’re focusing on getting better every day. I feel like if we do that, we have a really good chance to finish the same way we did last year.”



Starkville quarterback Trey Petty runs with the football during a 2022 home game against Grenada. Petty threw the winning touchdown pass with 57 seconds left as the Yellow Jackets beat the Chargers 21-14, helping clinch a Class 6A playoff spot.

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Starkville Academy Volunteers



Midsouth Association of Independent Schools: 11-Man Football Class 5A, District 1; 2022 Record 4-6 (2-2 Class 5A, District 1)

'The formula is there'

Starkville Academy ready to exorcise first-round demons in 2023

BY ALEX MURPHY
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When the game got close in 2022, Starkville Academy football struggled to finish the job.

Despite going 7-5 overall, the Volunteers were 1-4 in games decided by 10 points or less, the lone win coming against Lamar School in their season opener.

The Vols squeaked into the Midsouth Association of Independent Schools Class 5A playoffs after an 0-2 start in district play, winning the final three games for a 3-2 record, but that hot streak to end the regular season was wiped away at the hands of Leake Academy.

Starkville Academy bowed out in the first round, blown out 41-7 at home at the hands of the Rebels, but the Vols have no intention of experiencing deja vu in 2023.

"The formula is there," head coach Chase Nicholson said. "We know what we need to do every day. We're trying to come out here, be better at football, be better at life, be better men. The formula is there for them. The emphasis is that we're going to be more physical than we've ever been."

Physicality is something that benefitted Starkville Academy defensively in 2022, where



'How can we be a team that in the fourth quarter wants to and will beat on people.'

Head coach Chase Nicholson

they allowed 18.7 points per game, second only to Magnolia Academy among district opponents.

The Vols allowed 25 or more points in just two games and scored 25 or more points in six games.

However, where physicality will come into play is in close games, undoubtedly a point of em-

phasis coming into the season.

"I think our emphasis since the start of the spring is how we can become more physical," Nicholson said. "How can we be a team that in the fourth quarter wants to and will beat on people."

This reloaded team will have familiar faces playing different roles, from starting quarter-

back Briggs Bennett, who's expected to play some secondary, to Creed Pierce, who's transitioning back to wide receiver from defensive end.

Pierce will be an important presence in the receivers room, which has experienced significant turnover for 2023.

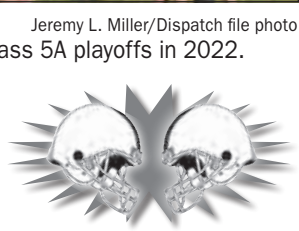
"We lost our three big wide-outs from last season and they needed someone to step up," Pierce said. "They picked me to be that guy. ... It's been a lot more running for sure, but I'll be switching back-and-

forth from defensive line to wide receiver this season."

There's great familiarity at the position between Pierce and Bennett, two guys who have played together for a while, creating chemistry that will be crucial for the Vols' offense in 2023.

Like in 2022, Starkville Academy opens up against Lamar School, this time at home as this program is ready to compete for a district title.

"I'm fired up," Pierce said. "I can't wait."



2023 Schedule

- Aug. 11: Lamar Academy
 - Aug. 17: at Escambia Academy
 - Aug. 25: at Leake Academy
 - Sept. 1: at Carrollton Academy
 - Sept. 8: at Bayou Academy
 - Sept. 15: Hartfield Academy
 - Sept. 22: Pillow Academy
 - Sept. 29: OPEN
 - Oct. 6: at Jackson Academy
 - Oct. 13: Heritage Academy
 - Oct. 20: at Magnolia Heights
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Oak Hill Academy Raiders



Midsouth Association of Independent Schools: 11-Man Football Class 4A, District 1; 2022 Record 4-6 (2-2 11-Man Football, Class 4A, District 1)

'We just got to learn how to finish'

Oak Hill focusing on fourth quarters in 2023

BY JUSTIN FROMMER
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The biggest takeaway from Oak Hill Academy's 2022 football season was its need to finish out games.

Of the Raiders' six losses, two were by one score in games they led heading into the fourth quarter. Had those games – Oak Hill's season-opener against East Rankin and mid-season game against Lee – turned out differently, the Raiders' 4-6 campaign could have become their first winning season since 2017.

"We lost three or four games in the fourth quarter," Oak Hill head coach Bill Rosenthal said. "We just got to learn how to finish and win those games and when the game is on the line, find a way to win."

When his team kicks off the 2023 season against Marshall on Aug. 25, Rosenthal believes his players will be more ready to do that because of experience and depth at key positions.

"We are trying to find someone to fill the gap at running back," Rosenthal said. "But we got more depth at offensive line to give those guys more rest, so when the fourth quarter comes, they have more gas to finish out (games)."

Among those returners up front are Seth Cunningham, Elliot



Oak Hill Academy quarterback Ash Cullum runs for extra yardage in pre-season practice. The senior rushed for a touchdown and threw for two more in a victory against Marshall Academy in the 2022 regular-season finale.



2023 Schedule

Aug. 18: at Central Holmes
Aug. 25: Marshall
Sept. 1: at Columbus Christian
Sept. 8: Washington School
Sept. 15: Rossville
Sept. 22: at Delta Streets
Sept. 29: Winston
Oct. 6: at Kirk
Oct. 13: East Rankin
Oct. 20: at Lee
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Shaw and Chip Ballard. The Raiders also return starting quarterback Noah Brand to lead an offense that averaged more than 26 points per

game last season.

The biggest challenge this fall, Rosenthal said, is his players gaining chemistry after shuffling around some positions, like Will McBrayer, who has moved from center to defensive line to boost that side of the ball.

By the end of the season, Rosenthal hopes these changes help the Raiders take the next leap in development.

"We got to control the football," Rosenthal said. "We can't have crucial penalties and can't turn the ball over. We got to be more physical on defense, and again, make plays in the fourth quarter."



Oak Hill Academy football players gather around coach Bill Rosenthal after their 20-14 win over Marshall Academy in West Point. The 2022 win earned the Raiders their first district title since 1990.



Hebron Christian Eagles



Midsouth Association of Independent Schools: Eight-Man Football Class 1A, District 1; 2022 Record 0-10 (0-4 Eight-Man Football)

New coach signals new era at Hebron Christian

New coach Nate Carr has new-look Eagles aiming in the right direction

BY JUSTIN FROMMER
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Coming off a winless 2022 season, Hebron Christian begins this fall with a new head coach and new sense of optimism.

Nate Carr, the school's athletic director, is now in charge of a program that hasn't had a winning season dating back to 2015, according to Maxpreps. A winning season is far from Carr's mind, however. He cares more about just taking a small step in the right direction.

"The expectations this year are to turn it around," Carr said. "Win a game, a couple of games and go from there. Just turn the program and culture around."

Carr said he hopes the new energy he is injecting into the program under his watch can begin that progress, starting with the Eagles' first game against Sharkey Issaquena on Aug. 18.

"We have done a bunch of summer activities and passing camps," Carr said. "Training, playing other schools in six-on-sixes and had a steady workout schedule (this offseason). The players are excited for that change."

Carr said Hebron Christian's biggest dif-



Hebron Christian Academy runs the ball during a 2022 game against Calhoun Academy. The Eagles, who haven't had a winning season since 2015, are led by first-year head coach Nate Carr.

ference-makers this season could come in the passing game, with Stephen Raines and Jacob Potter at tight end and wideout receiver, along with freshman running back Gavin Moore.

"They are gonna help our season now and in the future," Carr said.

Starting with goal No. 1: just scoring some more points.

"If you aren't able to score, you won't be very winnable," Carr said. "We look to do that more. Also, just being able to come together as a team. It needs to be improved upon, just coming and working together."



2023 Schedule

Aug. 18: at Sharkey Issaquena Academy
Aug. 25: Northeast Baptist
Sept. 1: Kemper Academy
Sept. 8: at West Memphis Christian
Sept. 15: OPEN
Sept. 22: Lee Academy
Sept. 29: at Calhoun Academy
Oct. 6: at Delta Academy
Oct. 13: at Marvell Academy
Oct. 20: Humphreys Academy
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Hebron Christian School defender Gavin Horn (33) dives for a tackle against Columbus Christian Academy during the first quarter of their 2022 game in Steens. Hebron Christian begins the season Aug. 18 against Sharkey Issaquena Academy.



West Point Green Wave



Mississippi High School Activities Association: Class 5A, Region 1; 2022 Record 11-3 (7-0 Class 5A, Region 1)



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West Point High School football coach Chris Chambless, center, talks to his team at the close of practice at the school.

Green Wave eager to end three-year state title game losing skid

BY ALEX MURPHY
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The third time wasn't a charm for West Point football in its quest for a record 12th state championship.

In a tough-fought Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 5A state title game in Hattiesburg last December, the Green Wave came up short in a 31-21 loss against Picayune.

Rather than dwell on the past after coming up short in the title game for a third-successive season, West Point went back to the drawing board and the practice field to get itself ready for a 2023 season they are determined to end in championship No. 12.

"We know we have a tough road ahead of us, but we're up for the challenge," head coach Chris Chambless said. "We have a tough non-district schedule coming up. Everyone we're playing either played in the state championship game or North Half title game."

Among those non-district opponents include MHSAA Class 6A state

2023 Schedule
 Aug. 25: at Louisville
 Sept. 1: Starkville High
 Sept. 8: Noxubee County
 Sept. 15: Neshoba Central
 Sept. 22: OPEN
 Sept. 29: at Tupelo
 Oct. 6: Corinth
 Oct. 12: at Clarksdale
 Oct. 20: Lafayette
 Oct. 27: Pontotoc
 Nov. 2: at New Hope
 *All games begin at 7 p.m.

champion Starkville, who is now in 7A, Class 4A champion Louisville and Class 3A runner-up Noxubee County, all three of which the Green Wave played in 2022.

West Point's run-heavy offense will take center stage once again, led by a familiar face in senior quarterback/running back Kahnen Daniels.

The Florida commit ran for 2,027 yards and 24 rushing touchdowns in 2022, solidifying himself as one of the best all-around 2024 prospects in Mississippi.

"This offseason, I was working on my routes off

the jump and my catching ability, just trying to get faster and stronger," Daniels said.

Alongside him will be seniors Quinterion Tillman-Evans, who recorded more than 1,500 yards of total offense and 18 total touchdowns, and Keimon Ewing, who ran for 319 yards and a touchdown as a junior, averaging 7.6 yards per carry.

Those three alone accounted for more than 3,500 rushing yards, nearly 1,000 passing yards, 35 rushing touchdowns and 10 passing touchdowns.

"The team goal is always to take it one game at a time and make it to a state championship," Daniels said. "We did lose some offensive lineman last year, but I still feel like we're going to be dominant offensively. ... We're still going to find a way to win."

Winning is in the DNA of this program, having won 17-straight district games dating back to 2020 and six district titles over the last seven years.

In that span, West Point is 47-2 in district play and 90-12 overall, setting the standard for itself and oth-

er programs throughout the state.

The title-winning formula is undoubtedly there, and the energy has been

there since the spring. All that's left is to get the season underway against Louisville on Aug. 25.

"Excitement level is

always at an all-time high every day for us," Chambless said. "You have to bring your energy every day."

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West Point running back Kahnen Daniels carries the football during a 2022 home game against Columbus. The Green Wave jumped out to a quick start in order to bury their opponent.



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Region 4: Okolona, Smithville, Vardaman, West Lowndes

Region 5: Leland, McEvans, Simmons, South Delta, West Bolivar District, West Tallahatchie

Region 6: Ethel Attendance Center, French Camp, McAdams Attendance Center, Nanih Waiya Attendance Center, Noxapater Attendance Center, Velma Jackson

Region 7: Leake County, Mount Olive Attendance Center, Stringer Attendance Center, Taylorsville Attendance Center

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Region 1: East Union Attendance Center, Hamilton, Hatley, Walnut Attendance Center

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Region 7: Amite County, Bogue Chitto, Loyd Star, West Lincoln, Wilkinson County

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Region 1: Amory, Itawamba Agricultural, Ripley, Shannon, Tishomingo County

Region 2: Byhalia, New Albany, North Pontotoc, Senatobia, South Pontotoc

Region 3: Caledonia, Greenwood, Houston, Kosciusko, Louisville

Region 4: Choctaw Central, Leake Central, Newton County, Northeast Lauderdale, West Lauderdale

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Region 1: Clarksdale, Corinth, Lafayette, New Hope, Pontotoc, West Point

Region 2: Canton Public, Cleveland Central, Gentry,

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Region 3: Brookhaven, Florence, Natchez, North Pike, Provine, South Jones

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Region 1: Center Hill, Grenada, Lake Cormorant, Olive Branch, Salltillo, South Panola

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Region 1: Desoto Central, Hernando, Horn Lake, Lewisburg, Oxford, Southaven

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Region 3: Brandon, Meridian, Northwest Rankin, Oak Grove, Pearl, Petal

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Eight-Man Football

CLASS 1A

District 1: Calhoun Academy, Hebron Christian, Kemper Academy, Lee Academy (Ark.), Marvell Academy (Ark.)

District 2: Briarfield Academy (La.), Claiborne School (La.), Sharkey-Issaquena, Tallulah Academy (La.), Union Christian (La.)

District 3: Central School (La.), Franklin Academy (La.), NE Baptist School (La.), Riverdale Academy (La.), Tensas Academy (La.), Wilkinson Christian

CLASS 2A

District 1: Delta Academy, Desoto School (Ark.), Tunica Academy, West Memphis Christian

District 2: Deer Creek, Humphreys Academy, Newton County Academy, North Sunflower

District 3: Hillcrest Christian, Park Place, Porter's Chapel, Prairie View Academy (La.)

District 4: Ben's Ford Christian (La.), Christian Collegiate, Discovery Christian, Prentiss Christian

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CLASS 3A

District 1: Carroll Academy, Columbus Christian, Kirk Academy, Marshall Academy, North Dela, Winona Christian

District 2: Benton Academy, Canton Academy, Central Holmes, Indianola Academy, Sylva-Bay Academy

District 3: Greenville Christian, Greenville St. Joseph, Manchester Academy, Riverfield Academy (La.)

CLASS 4A

District 1: Delta Streets Academy, Lee Academy, Oak Hill Academy, Rossville Academy (Tenn.), Washington School

District 2: Central Hinds, Clinton Christian, St. Aloysius, Tri-County Academy, Winston Academy

District 3: Amite School, Bowling Green School (La.), Centreville Academy, Columbia Academy, Wayne Academy

CLASS 5A

District 1: Bayou Academy, Heritage Academy, Magnolia Heights, Pillow Academy, Starkville Academy

District 2: Copiah Academy, East Rankin, Lamar School, Leake Academy, Simpson Academy

District 3: Adams Christian, Brookhaven Academy, Cathedral, Oak Forest Academy (La.), Parklane Academy, Stillman Institute (La.)

CLASS 6A

District 1: Hartfield Academy, Jackson Academy, Jackson Prep, Madison St. Joseph, MRA, PCS

2023 WEEK-BY-WEEK SCHEDULES

Friday, August 11

7 p.m.: Heritage Academy vs. Hartfield Academy
7 p.m.: Starkville Academy vs. Lamar

Thursday, August 17

7 p.m.: Starkville Academy at Escambia Academy

Friday, August 18

7 p.m.: Columbus Christian Academy vs. Benton Academy
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian at Sharkey Issaquena Academy
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy vs. Winston Academy
7 p.m.: New Hope at Kosciusko
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy at Central Holmes

Friday, August 25

7 p.m.: Caledonia at Nettleton
7 p.m.: Columbus Christian Academy at Calhoun Academy
7 p.m.: Columbus High at Houston
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian vs. Northeast Baptist
7 p.m.: New Hope at Itawamba Agricultural
7 p.m.: Noxubee County at Starkville High
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy vs. Marshall
7 p.m.: Starkville Academy vs. Leake Academy
7 p.m.: Victory Christian at Unity Christian Academy
7 p.m.: West Lowndes at French Camp
7 p.m.: West Point at Louisville

Friday, September 1

7 p.m.: Caledonia vs. Itawamba Agricultural
7 p.m.: Columbus Christian Academy vs. Oak Hill Academy
7 p.m.: Columbus High vs. Noxubee County
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian vs. Kemper Academy
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy at Biggersville
7 p.m.: New Hope vs. Choctaw County
7 p.m.: Noxubee County at Columbus High
7 p.m.: Starkville Academy at Carrollton Academy
7 p.m.: Starkville High at West Point
7 p.m.: West Lowndes vs. Aberdeen

Friday, September 8

7 p.m.: Caledonia vs. Amory
7 p.m.: Columbus Christian Academy vs. Delta Streets Academy
7 p.m.: Columbus High vs. Louisville
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian at West Memphis Christian (Ark.)
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy vs. Pillow Academy
7 p.m.: Noxubee County vs. West Point
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy vs. Washington School
7 p.m.: Starkville Academy at Bayou Academy
7 p.m.: Starkville High at Meridian
7 p.m.: Victory Christian vs. Success Unlimited Academy (Ala.)
7 p.m.: West Lowndes vs. Biggersville

Friday, September 15

7 p.m.: Caledonia vs. New Hope
7 p.m.: Columbus Christian at Winona Christian
7 p.m.: Columbus High at Lafayette
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy at Leake Academy
7 p.m.: Noxubee County vs. Shannon
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy vs. Rossville
7 p.m.: Starkville Academy vs. Hartfield Academy
7 p.m.: Starkville High at Louisville
7 p.m.: Victory Christian at Jacksonville Christian Academy (Ala.)
7 p.m.: West Point vs. Neshoba Central

Friday, September 22

7 p.m.: Caledonia vs. Aberdeen
7 p.m.: Columbus Christian Academy at Wayne Academy
7 p.m.: Columbus High vs. Ripley
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian vs. Lee Academy
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy vs. Lamar
7 p.m.: New Hope at Houston
7 p.m.: Noxubee County vs. Louisville
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy at Delta Streets
7 p.m.: Starkville Academy vs. Pillow Academy
7 p.m.: Starkville High vs. Oxford
7 p.m.: Victory Christian vs. Mississippi Phoenix Sports Academy
7 p.m.: West Lowndes at Baldwin

Friday, September 29

7 p.m.: Caledonia at Kosciusko
7 p.m.: Columbus Christian Academy vs. Carroll Academy
7 p.m.: Columbus High at New Hope
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian at Calhoun Academy
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy at Coosa Christian (Ala.)
7 p.m.: Noxubee County vs. Itawamba Agricultural
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy vs. Winston
7 p.m.: Starkville High vs. Greenwood
7 p.m.: Victory Christian vs. Cornerstone Christian
7 p.m.: West Lowndes vs. Byhalia
7 p.m.: West Point at Tupelo

Friday, October 6

7 p.m.: Columbus Christian at North Delta
7 p.m.: Columbus High at Callaway
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian at Delta Academy
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy at Magnolia Heights
7 p.m.: New Hope vs. Pontotoc
7 p.m.: Noxubee County at Kemper County
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy at Kirk
7 p.m.: Starkville Academy at Jackson Academy
7 p.m.: Starkville High at Germantown (Miss.)
7 p.m.: Victory Christian at Tabernacle (Ala.)
7 p.m.: West Lowndes vs. North Pontotoc
7 p.m.: West Point vs. Corinth

Thursday, October 12

7 p.m.: West Point at Clarksdale

Friday, October 13

7 p.m.: Caledonia vs. Louisville
7 p.m.: Columbus Christian Academy at Kirk Academy
7 p.m.: Columbus High vs. Neshoba Central
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian at Marvell Academy
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy at Starkville Academy
7 p.m.: New Hope at Corinth
7 p.m.: Noxubee County vs. Enterprise
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy vs. East Rankin
7 p.m.: Starkville High vs. Clinton
7 p.m.: Victory Christian at Russell Christian Academy
7 p.m.: West Lowndes at Vardaman

Friday, October 20

7 p.m.: Caledonia at Greenwood
7 p.m.: Columbus Christian Academy vs. Marshall Academy
7 p.m.: Columbus High at Ridgeland
7 p.m.: Hebron Christian vs. Humphreys Academy
7 p.m.: Heritage Academy vs. Bayou Academy
7 p.m.: New Hope vs. Clarksdale
7 p.m.: Noxubee County at Southeast Lauderdale
7 p.m.: Oak Hill Academy at Lee
7 p.m.: Starkville Academy at Magnolia Heights
7 p.m.: Victory Christian vs. Tuscaloosa Christian (Ala.)
7 p.m.: West Lowndes vs. Okolona
7 p.m.: West Point vs. Lafayette

Thursday, October 26

7 p.m.: Caledonia vs. Houston
7 p.m.: West Lowndes at Smithville

Friday, October 27

7 p.m.: Columbus High vs. Vicksburg
7 p.m.: New Hope at Lafayette
7 p.m.: Noxubee County vs. McLaurin
7 p.m.: Starkville High vs. Madison Central
7 p.m.: West Point vs. Pontotoc

Thursday, November 2

7 p.m.: Columbus High at Warren Central
7 p.m.: New Hope vs. West Point
7 p.m.: Starkville High at Tupelo

2022 AREA TEAM STANDINGS

MHSAA CLASS 1A, REGION 3

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
Hamilton	7-0	12-1	526	270
West Lowndes	5-2	8-4	380	291
Sebastopol	4-3	7-5	308	300
Vardaman	4-3	7-5	339	289
Ethel	3-4	6-5	380	383
French Camp	3-4	4-7	286	349
Noxapater	2-5	4-6	246	259
Leake	0-7	0-10	138	458

MHSAA CLASS 3A, REGION 4

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
Amory	4-0	12-2	558	197
Noxubee County	3-1	10-5	562	336
Aberdeen	2-2	7-4	330	228
Nettleton	1-3	6-5	304	333
Hatley	0-4	2-8	115	423

MHSAA CLASS 4A, REGION 1

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
Itawamba Agricultural	5-0	12-1	510	158
Shannon	3-2	7-5	342	304
Caledonia	3-2	6-7	284	246
Corinth	3-2	5-6	230	228
Tishomingo County	1-4	2-8	163	400
Mooreville	0-5	0-10	94	430

MSHAA CLASS 5A, REGION 1

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
West Point	7-0	11-3	488	231
Lafayette	6-1	7-5	401	288
Columbus	5-2	5-7	134	278
Cleveland Central	3-4	5-7	299	354
Lake Cormorant	3-4	4-7	199	218
New Hope	2-5	4-6	158	225
Salttillo	2-5	3-8	151	363
Greenville	0-7	0-10	97	339

MSHAA CLASS 6A, REGION 2

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
Tupelo	7-0	13-1	491	104
Madison Central	5-2	8-4	368	248
Clinton	5-2	7-5	335	283
Starkville	4-3	12-3	251	290
Germantown	3-4	5-6	202	275
Oxford	3-4	5-5	284	299
Grenada	1-6	5-6	200	185
Murrah	0-7	0-11	145	450

MAIS CLASS 1A, DISTRICT 1

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
Lee Academy (Ark.)	5-0	13-1	599	312
Desoto School (Ark.)	3-2	10-5	600	384
Delta Academy	2-2	6-6	344	377
West Memphis Christian (Ark.)	1-3	3-8	266	429
Hebron Christian	0-4	0-10	72	471

MAIS CLASS 2A, DISTRICT 1

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
Tunica Academy	6-0	13-0	670	235
North Sunflower Academy	5-1	10-2	574	218
Manchester Academy	4-2	9-3	488	252
Columbus Christian Academy	3-3	5-6	389	428
Calhoun Academy	2-4	4-7	262	456
Humphreys Academy	1-5	3-7	274	407
Marvell Academy (Ark.)	0-6	0-10	144	423

MAIS CLASS 4A, DISTRICT 1

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
Lee Academy (Miss.)	4-0	7-4	336	192
Marshall Academy	3-1	7-4	310	228
Oak Hill Academy	2-2	4-6	265	278
North Delta School	1-3	3-7	165	301
Kirk Academy	0-4	1-9	134	403

MAIS CLASS 5A, DISTRICT 1

SCHOOL NAME	REGION W-L	OVERALL W-L	PF	PA
Heritage Academy	5-0	10-2	434	246
Magnolia Heights School	3-1	6-4	250	169
Pillow Academy	2-3	6-6	310	293
Starkville Academy	2-2	4-6	265	278
Bayou Academy	1-4	4-7	179	257
Washington School	0-4	2-7	143	252

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Noxubee County Tigers

Mississippi High School Activities Association: Class 3A, Region 5;
2022 Record 10-5 (3-1 Class 3A, Region 4)

Tigers ready to pounce on sixth state championship

Noxubee County focusing on finishing after title game defeat

BY ALEX MURPHY
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MACON – Simply put, last season’s Mississippi High School Activities Association Class 3A state title game between Noxubee County and Raleigh was the game of the season in the state.

Ole Miss commit and four-star standout Sun-tarine Perkins shined for Raleigh, running for more than 300 yards and four touchdowns, but the Tigers never quit.

Behind quarterback Kamario Taylor and wide receiver Anthony Little Jr., Noxubee County held its own and then some, but a few too many mistakes cost them in an eventual 55-52 loss.

That loss has stuck with Noxubee County since last December and has made the Tigers hungrier than ever to add a sixth state title since 2002 to their trophy case. “Everything has been building off of that game,” head coach Teddy Young said. “The biggest thing that we’ve been preaching is finishing: learning how to finish quarters, learning how to finish every play, every drive.”

Taylor put himself on the map in Hattiesburg during that game, throwing for five touchdowns and subsequently receiving an offer from South-

ern Miss later that night. An injury sidelined the junior for two months last season, but that didn’t stop him from putting the program on his back on the way to a state title game.

Knowing that teams are now looking more closely than ever at the 6-foot-5-inch prospect has provided that extra motivation to show out.

“It’s inspiring knowing that folks are coming out to watch me play, but also coming out to watch my teammates,” Taylor said. “We’re bringing all of the eyes out here, so people have the chance to see someone else ball out there too.”

This season, however, is not a showcase for college scouts; it’s a revenge tour for the Tigers, who were one bad pass away from a potential state championship.

It’s been the driving force of motivation throughout the offseason and a point of emphasis in whatever this team does.

“That’s the culture here,” Young said. “We always preach, ‘State championship,’ but to be that close, that’s been our motivation. It’s lit a fire under us.”

While Little Jr. graduated in May, there is plenty of firepower returning offensively.

Running backs Martavius Wicks and Ledareoun Mosley will once again head up the backfield alongside Taylor, and wide receivers Jaylen King, Jadquist Clark and Dequadrion Welch return



2023 Schedule

Aug. 25: at Starkville High
Sept. 1: at Columbus High
Sept. 8: West Point
Sept. 15: Shannon
Sept. 22: Louisville
Sept. 29: Itawamba Agricultural
Oct. 6: at Kemper County
Oct. 13: Enterprise
Oct. 20: at Southeast Lauderdale
Oct. 27: McLaurin
*All games begin at 7 p.m.

for their senior seasons.

There is plenty of quality to be found within the Tigers roster, making them an easy favorite in 3A to return to the state championships.

“We’re returning a lot of starters,” Taylor said. “We’re getting on the younger guys, making them grind harder in practice, in the weight room. We don’t want to go back and lose. It means something to everyone...I’m pretty sure when we go back this year, we’re not going to lose.”

A daunting non-district schedule awaits Noxubee County, facing teams like West Point, Starkville, Louisville and Itawamba Agricultural, but once district play comes around, those games will only make the Tigers stronger in bigger moments.

“This is a new season, new year, new team,” Young said. “We’re just excited to see what this year brings.”



Dispatch file photo

Noxubee County quarterback Lamar Stewart (8) runs the football against Nettleton during their 2022 matchup in Macon. Stewart had three rushing touchdowns in Noxubee County’s 58-21 win.



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Noxubee County junior Dequadrion Welch runs with the football during their 2022 game at Louisville. The Tigers lost to the Wildcats, 21-8.

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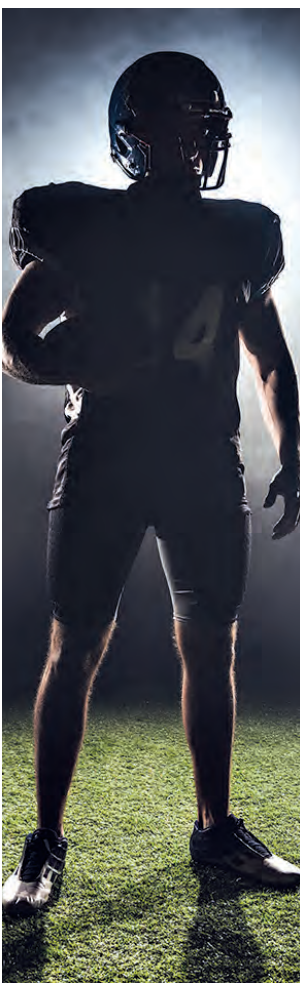
CALEDONIA CAVALIERS



2022 record: 6-7,
3-2 Region 1-4A

Aug. 25: at Nettleton
Sept. 1: Itawamba
Agricultural
Sept. 8: Amory
Sept. 15: New Hope
Sept. 22: Aberdeen
Sept. 29: at Kosciusko
Oct. 6: OPEN
Oct. 13: Louisville
Oct. 20: at Greenwood
Oct. 26: Houston

Area Team Football Schedules



All games begin at 7 p.m.

COLUMBUS CHRISTIAN ACADEMY RAMS



2022 record: 5-6, 3-3 Eight-Man MAIS Class 2A, District 1

Aug. 11: OPEN
Aug. 18: Benton Academy
Aug. 25: at Calhoun Academy
Sept. 1: Oak Hill Academy
Sept. 8: Delta Streets Academy
Sept. 15: at Winona Christian
Sept. 22: at Wayne Academy
Sept. 29: Carroll Academy
Oct. 6: at North Delta
Oct. 13: at Kirk Academy
Oct. 20: Marshall Academy
Oct. 27: OPEN

COLUMBUS FALCONS



2022 record: 5-7,
5-2 Region 1-5A

Aug. 25: at Houston
Sept. 1: Noxubee County
Sept. 8: Louisville
Sept. 15: at Lafayette
Sept. 22: Ripley
Sept. 29: at New Hope
Oct. 6: at Callaway
Oct. 13: Neshoba Central
Oct. 20: at Ridgeland
Oct. 27: Vicksburg
Nov. 2: at Warren Central

HEBRON CHRISTIAN EAGLES



2022 Eight-Man MAIS Class 1A, District 1 0-10, 0-4 Eight Man

Aug. 18: at Sharkey
Issaquena Academy
Aug. 25: Northeast Baptist
Sept. 1: Kemper Academy
Sept. 8: at West Memphis
Christian
Sept. 15: OPEN
Sept. 22: Lee Academy
Sept. 29: at Calhoun Academy
Oct. 6: at Delta Academy
Oct. 13: at Marvell Academy
Oct. 20: Humphreys Academy

HERITAGE ACADEMY PATRIOTS



2022 record: 10-2, 5-0
MAIS District 1-5A

Aug. 11: Hartfield Academy
Aug. 18: Winston Academy
Aug. 25: OPEN
Sept. 1: at Biggersville
Sept. 8: Pillow Academy
Sept. 15: at Leake Academy
Sept. 22: Lamar
Sept. 29: at Coosa Christian
Oct. 6: at Magnolia Heights
Oct. 13: at Starkville Academy
Oct. 20: Bayou Academy

NEW HOPE TROJANS



2022 record: 4-6,
2-5 Region 1-5A

Aug. 11: at Kosciusko
Aug. 25: at Itawamba
Agricultural
Sept. 1: Choctaw County
Sept. 8: OPEN
Sept. 15: at Caledonia
Sept. 22: at Houston
Sept. 29: Columbus High
Oct. 6: Pontotoc
Oct. 13: at Corinth
Oct. 20: Clarksdale
Oct. 27: at Lafayette
Nov. 2: West Point

NOXUBEE COUNTY TIGERS



2022 record: 10-5,
3-1 Region 4-3A

Aug. 25: at Starkville High
Sept. 1: at Columbus High
Sept. 8: West Point
Sept. 15: Shannon
Sept. 22: Louisville
Sept. 29: Itawamba
Agricultural
Oct. 6: at Kemper County
Oct. 13: Enterprise
Oct. 20: at Southeast
Lauderdale
Oct. 27: McLaurin

OAK HILL ACADEMY RAIDERS



2022 record: 4-6, 2-2
MAIS District 1-4A

Aug. 18: at Central Holmes
Aug. 25: Marshall
Sept. 1: at Columbus
Christian
Sept. 8: Washington School
Sept. 15: Rossville
Sept. 22: at Delta Streets
Sept. 29: Winston
Oct. 6: at Kirk
Oct. 13: East Rankin
Oct. 20: at Lee

STARKVILLE ACADEMY VOLUNTEERS



2022 record: 4-6,
2-2 MAIS District 1-5A

Aug. 11: Lamar
Aug. 17: at Escambia
Academy
Aug. 25: at Leake Academy
Sept. 1: at Carrollton Academy
Sept. 8: at Bayou Academy
Sept. 15: Hartfield Academy
Sept. 22: Pillow Academy
Sept. 29: OPEN
Oct. 6: at Jackson Academy
Oct. 13: Heritage Academy
Oct. 20: at Magnolia Heights

STARKVILLE YELLOW JACKETS



2022 record: 12-3,
4-3 Region 2-6A

Aug. 25: Noxubee County
Sept. 1: at West Point
Sept. 8: at Meridian
Sept. 15: at Louisville
Sept. 22: Oxford
Sept. 29: Greenwood
Oct. 6: at Germantown
Oct. 13: Clinton
Oct. 20: OPEN
Oct. 27: Madison Central
Nov. 2: at Tupelo

VICTORY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY EAGLES



2022 record: 1-6, 1-5
Eight-Man Christian Football Association

Aug. 25: at Unity Christian Academy
Sept. 1: OPEN
Sept. 8: Success Unlimited Academy
Sept. 15: at Jacksonville Christian Academy
Sept. 22: Mississippi Phoenix Sports Academy
Sept. 29: Cornerstone Christian
Oct. 6: at Tabernacle
Oct. 13: at Russell Christian Academy
Oct. 20: Tuscaloosa Christian

WEST LOWNDES PANTHERS



2022 record: 8-4,
5-2 Region 3-1A

Aug. 25: at French Camp
Sept. 1: Aberdeen
Sept. 8: Biggersville
Sept. 15: OPEN
Sept. 22: at Baldwyn
Sept. 29: Byhalia
Oct. 6: North Pontotoc
Oct. 13: at Vardaman
Oct. 20: Okolona
Oct. 26: at Smithville

WEST POINT GREEN WAVE



2022 record: 11-3,
7-0 Region 1-5A

Aug. 25: at Louisville
Sept. 1: Starkville High
Sept. 8: at Noxubee County
Sept. 15: Neshoba Central
Sept. 22: OPEN
Sept. 29: at Tupelo
Oct. 6: Corinth
Oct. 12: at Clarksdale
Oct. 20: Lafayette
Oct. 27: Pontotoc
Nov. 2: at New Hope

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