

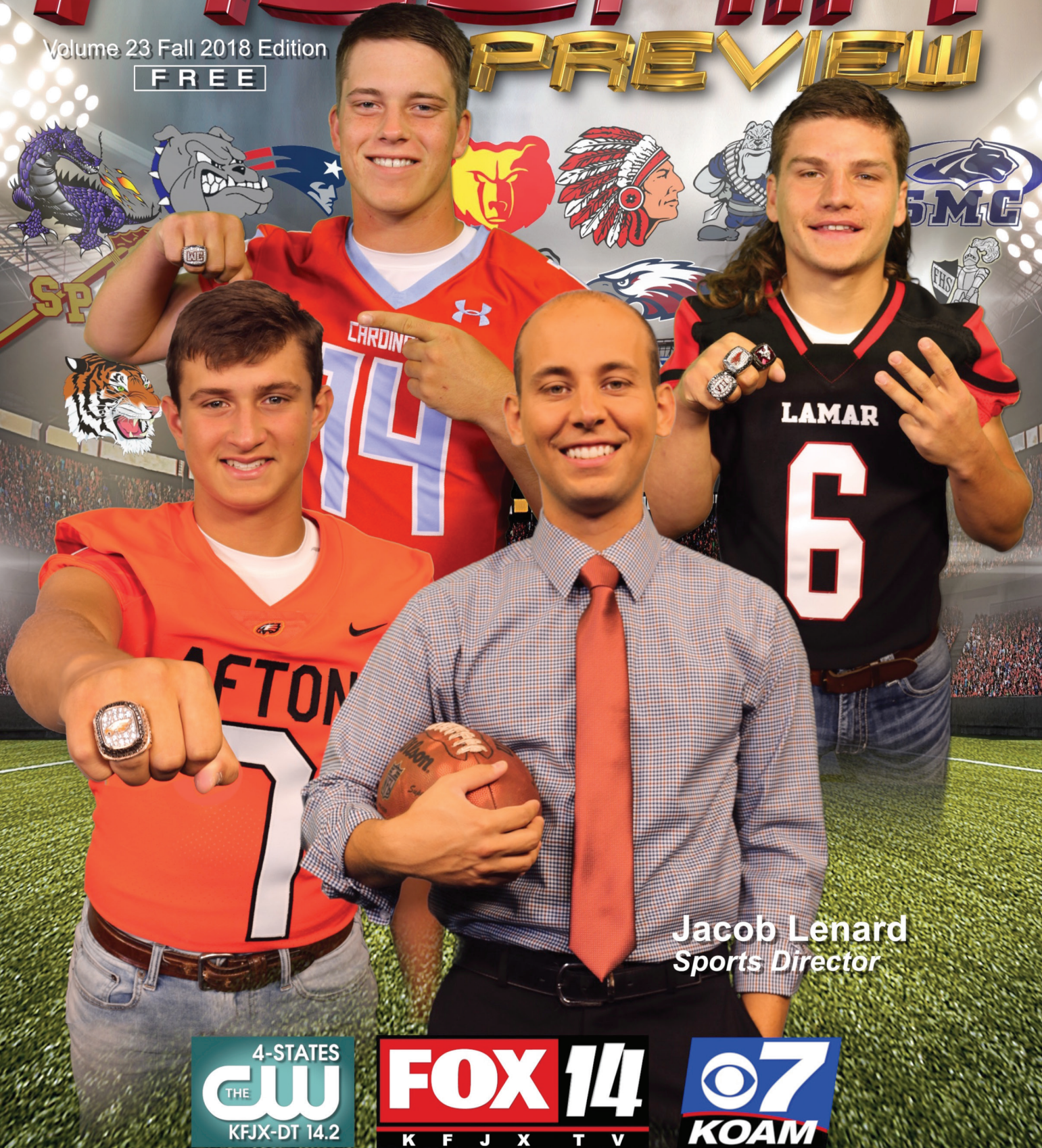
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Welcome Football Fans

Dear Four-State Football Fans,

It's finally time for football! Our annual **PIGSKIN PREVIEW** is turning 23 years old this season. Thanks so much for picking up this year's edition. Inside you'll find previews for 58 high schools, four junior colleges, and two universities. We also review last season, list players to watch, provide schedules and make our predictions.

Before I go any farther, I have to take a moment to recognize a few teams from the Four-State area. We had **THREE** teams from our area win state championships last year. Webb City, Lamar and Afton each brought home state trophies. Congratulations Cardinals, Tigers and Eagles – you made last season one of the most entertaining seasons I've been through since I started covering sports here in the Four-States.

We have some super-talented people who helped us get this thing put together from day one. First, I have to thank the coaches for filling out our forms and getting them back to us in a timely fashion. We also owe the directors of athletics communications at Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern a big thank you for their help with this project and everything they do during the football season. I'm pretty sure I call or text Justin Maskus and Dan Wilkes more than my family from August to December.

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Just like in years past, we'll bring you the best football coverage in the area every Friday night with **PRESS BOX** on FOX14 – the only half-hour high school football highlights show in the area. You can also count on a complete recap during the latter half of the **KOAM NEWS AT TEN** on Friday nights. If you miss anything, be sure to log on to koamtv.com and fox14tv.com for an up-to-the-minute scoreboard throughout the night. Make sure to follow us on Twitter for updates from the field at @[koamfox14sports](https://twitter.com/koamfox14sports), @[_lenard](https://twitter.com/_lenard), and @[andisioteco](https://twitter.com/andisioteco).

On a personal note, this is my fourth year as Sports Director here at KOAM/KFXJ. It really has flown by. I really do love this area, and one of the main reasons why is the people. Coaches, players, fans, viewers and plenty of other people make my job enjoyable. Not everyone loves their job like I do. So, thanks for watching, always helping me out, letting me interrupt practice and for making this place so special.

Lastly, I want to give a big thanks to all the businesses that made a financial investment in supporting four-state football by purchasing an advertisement in this year's magazine. Please be sure to thank them yourself by patronizing these businesses and telling them you appreciate their support of the **PIGSKIN PREVIEW**.

Good luck to all area teams this season. If you see us on the sidelines, don't hesitate to come up and chat. We always love to talk sports. Every. Single. Day. I hope you enjoy this year's edition of the **PIGSKIN PREVIEW**. We look forward to seeing you every Friday.



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2017 Kansas Area League Standings

CNC League

	League		All	
	W	L	W	L
Galena	7	0	10	1
St. Mary's Colgan	4	2	10	3
Columbus	4	2	7	3
Frontenac	4	2	9	4
Baxter Springs	2	4	4	5
Girard	2	4	4	6
Riverton	1	6	1	8
+Southeast	0	4	0	7

Southeast Kansas League

	League		All	
	W	L	W	L
Labette County	5	0	9	2
Fort Scott	4	1	8	3
Chanute	3	2	5	5
Field Kindley	2	3	4	5
Independence	1	4	2	7
++Parsons	0	5	1	8

Three Rivers League

	League		All	
	W	L	W	L
11-man				
Jayhawk-Linn	4	0	8	2
*Yates Center	3	1	3	7
Uniontown	2	2	4	5
+++Oswego	1	3	1	8
Northeast	0	4	0	9

	League		All	
	W	L	W	L
8-man				
St. Paul	3	0	11	2
Marmaton Valley	3	1	6	3
+Pleasanton	3	1	6	4
Crest	2	2	4	5
*Altoona-Midway	1	3	2	7
Chetopa	0	5	0	9

*=Denotes schools not previewed
 +=Now in the Three Rivers League – 11-man Div.
 ++=Playing as an independent in 2018
 +++=Now in the Three Rivers League – 8-man Division

Tri-Valley League

	League		All	
	W	L	W	L
Humboldt	6	1	7	3
*Caney Valley	6	1	8	3
Cherryvale	5	1	7	3
Neodesha	4	3	5	5
*Bluestem	2	4	3	6
Fredonia	2	5	3	6
*Eureka	1	6	3	6
Erie	1	6	2	7

Pioneer League

	League		All	
	W	L	W	L
*Wellsville	5	1	9	2
*Santa Fe Trail	5	1	6	3
*Burlington	5	1	7	4
*Prairie View	3	3	4	6
Iola	2	4	3	6
*Osawatomie	1	5	2	7
*Anderson County	0	6	1	8

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Baxter Springs Lions

CNC League • KSHSAA Class 3A, District 1 • [@Baxter_Lions](#)

School colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Tim Parrish (12-24 – .333, Fifth season)

Years in coaching: 18

Assistant coaches:

Russell Burr, Chris Swartz, Tim Yeargain

Home stadium: Hughes Stadium

2017 Review

Baxter Springs slipped back under .500 last season, finishing 4-5 overall after going 5-4 in 2016. The Lions weren't in many close games. They either blew teams out or got blown one. The one exception was in week eight when Baxter fell on the road to Parsons, 24-21. "Our football team enjoyed every second of their journey last season," head coach Tim Parrish, said. "June to November is not easy, but the team grew closer every day. We had a great group of seniors that helped guide us on our journey." Baxter Springs was kind of in an odd spot last year, with more linemen than they had skill players. "We relied on our big guys," Parrish added. "We even had to convert some linemen to play more of a skilled role. We grinded it out every play, but the lack of team speed caught up with us against the powerhouse teams of the CNC."

Returning Starters

OL/DL Dawson Adams (Sr.)

QB Trey White (Sr.)

WR/DB Koby Stark (Sr.)

WR/DB Jacob Burks (Sr.)

OL/LB Michael Dardenne (Sr.)

OL/LB Salfel Felix (Jr.)

TE/DE Zach Hill (Jr.)

RB/LB Austin Hendrix (Jr.)

RB/LB Gage Piper (So.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Collin Bivins-Hance (Sr.)

OLDL Rudy Sanell (Jr.)

RB/LB Kain McCully (So.)

QB/LB Brayden Barnard (So.)

Key Newcomers

WR/DB Wyatt Buck (Sr.)

TE/DB Clayton Haake (Jr.)

OL/DL Caleb Burks (Jr.)

Offense: Diamond-I

Defense: 4-2-5

Coch Parrish says...

"We will help groom young men to leave our school and be great role models in our community. Our players will know how to be held accountable and compete and do their best in everything they do. If we know what we are doing, and we do it well, there is no reason why we cannot take the players on our team and find 11 players to get the jobs done. Football takes effort. Some kids these days are afraid of putting forth effort. This is not easy. But, football is not for everyone. We will have a new district where every school we play will have more tradition than we do. But, our seniors will not let that stand in their way. They are savvy players that will find a way to get the job done."

2018 Outlook

This season will be kind of the opposite for Baxter Springs, roster-wise. They will have to replace four offensive linemen, but they'll have some nice skill players back, including quarterback Trey White. "We have a senior quarterback in Trey White who will be a three-year starter," Coach Parrish said. "He is a driven leader who will help us be a more balanced team." The Lions are now competing at the 3A level, and playing in a new district. Their district is pretty brutal, with CNC rivals Galena, Columbus and Frontenac, plus a Caney Valley team that won the Tri-Valley last year and Parsons, who beat Baxter Springs last season. "We have to be able to play in the trenches if we hope to have a chance in our new district," added Parrish, "We have to be smart. We have to have confidence in what we are doing and we have to just play the game. We cannot hesitate. We cannot play conservative in our tough conference and district."

2017 Results

9/1	@ Oswego	W, 40-13
9/8	St. Mary's Colgan	L, 15-31
9/15	Galena	L, 6-41
9/22	@ Southeast	W, 48-0
9/29	@ Riverton	W, 47-0
10/6	Northeast	W, 71-12
10/13	@ Columbus	L, 0-41
10/20	@ Parsons	L, 21-24
10/27	Frontenac	L, 22-47

Five-Year Trend

2017: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2016: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2015: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2014: 1-9 (No playoffs)

2013: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Girard
9/7	Riverton
9/14	@ St. Mary's Colgan
9/21	Parsons
9/28	@ Columbus
10/5	@ Galena
10/12	Frontenac
10/19	@ Caney Valley

Projected finish: 4-4



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Chanute Blue Comets

Southeast Kansas League • KSHSAA Class 4A, East District • [@CometAthletics](#)

School colors: Navy Blue & Vegas Gold
Head Coach: Chris Shields (10-18 – .357, Fourth season)
Years in coaching: 21

Assistant coaches: Rusty Emling, Clete Frazell,
 Luke Hall, Trevor Ewert, Kurt Sizemore, Bradley Campbell
Home stadium: Chanute Sports Complex (4,000)

2017 Review

It was another year of improvement for the Chanute Blue Comets. They finished with a winning record in the regular season and made the playoffs for just the second time in five years. The Comets have now increased their win total every year since Chris Shields took over as head coach. "Now it's important that we continue to build on that momentum and take the next step in winning the SEK and getting past the first round of the playoffs," Shields said. Every team goes through some injuries, but Chanute had multiple injuries last season at the most important position on the field. Four different guys took snaps at QB for the team last season. "I thought all four guys did a great job," Shields adds, "The silver lining is that I really like our QB depth heading into this season, as we return three of the guys that played for us last year."

Key Loss

WR/LB Matt Hernandez (Bethel)

Returning Starters

QB/WR/DB Corbett Kimberlin
 (6-0, 175, Sr.) – Second-team All-SEK DB
 WR/DB Lane Harvey
 (6-0, 170 Sr.) – Second-team All-SEK DB
 TE/LB Cooper McMillen
 (6-0, 165, Sr.) – First-team All-SEK TE
 OL/DL Qualin Powell
 (6-3, 220, Sr.) – First-team All-SEK DL
 LB Dalton Misener (5-7, 170, Sr.)

OL Braxton Reed (6-4, 260, Sr.)
 QB Ty Bowman (6-4, 200, Jr.)
 OL Jacob McDonald
 (5-10, 275, Jr.) – First-team All-SEK OL
 LB Tyler Davis (5-10, 165, Jr.)
 DB Briley Peavy (5-10, 160, Jr.)
 K Jacob Adams
 (5-9, 170, Jr.) – First-team All-SEK K
 DL Brayden Dillow (6-1, 180, So.)

Other Impact Players

OL Collin Hutson (6-1, 190, Jr.)
 WR/DB Jaden Costin (5-11, 150, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 3-4

Coach Shields says...

"We learned last season that we are not only improving physically on the field, but growing as a program and building the type of culture that can set us up for sustained success."

2018 Outlook

Chanute has been steadily improving the last few years, and that should continue. Their passing game should be a major strength, as well as the back end of their defense. They'll still need some quality play from the big guys up front. "Our biggest question mark for the upcoming season will be our offensive line play on offense, and our front seven play on defense," Coach Shields said. "We will be undersized on both sides of the ball and we will need players to step up." Chanute will be a fun team to watch and they should challenge the top teams in the league. Don't be surprised if the Comets get back to the playoffs and win their first postseason game in five years.

2017 Results

9/1 @ Iola W, 38-7
 9/8 @ Pittsburg L, 7-54
 9/15 Fort Scott L, 13-34
 9/22 @ Ottawa W, 25-21
 9/29 Augusta L, 14-20
 10/6 Parsons W, 62-34
 10/13 Field Kindley W, 30-28
 10/20 @ Labette County L, 0-36
 10/27 Independence W, 40-20

Playoffs

11/3 @ Fort Scott L, 14-50

Five-Year Trend

2017: 5-5 (First round)
 2016: 3-6 (No playoffs)
 2015: 2-7 (No playoffs)
 2014: 4-5 (No playoffs)
 2013: 8-3 (Second round)

2018 Schedule

8/31 Circle
 9/7 Pittsburg
 9/14 @ Iola
 9/21 @ Ottawa
 9/28 @ Independence
 10/5 Fort Scott
 10/12 @ Field Kindley
 10/19 Labette County

Projected finish: 5-3



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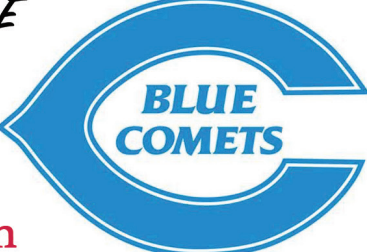
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Cherryvale Chargers

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School colors: Royal Blue & White
Head Coach: Harry Hester (62-36 – .633, 11th season)
Years in coaching: 21

Assistant coaches: David Smedley,
 Aaron Rehmert, Chad Knight, Alex Mese, Drew Charles
Home stadium: Logan Park Stadium (1,600)

2017 Review

Cherryvale had another good year, finishing 7-3 in 2017. It's the fifth consecutive year the Chargers have finished with a winning record. "We let one slip away early at Humboldt, but that loss seemed to focus us for the rest of the Tri-Valley League slate," head coach Harry Hester said. "We played well down the stretch, but too many big plays in the playoff game against Caney Valley couldn't be overcome and cost us a chance to advance in the playoffs." Cherryvale graduated 15 seniors from last year's team.

Key Loss

OL/LB Bryson Bennett (Baker)

Returning Starters

QB/LB Cade Addis (5-11, 189, Sr.) – 1,141 Pass. Yds, 17 TDs, 3 Rush TDs
 SB/S Garrett Novotny (5-6, 138, Sr.) – 204 Rush. Yds., 4 TDs; 1 Rec. TD

Other Impact Players & Newcomers

OL/DL Lucas McPherson (Sr.)	RB/OL/LB Wyatt Raida (Jr.)
RB/DE Wyatt Gillman (Jr.)	WR/TE/DE Jacobi Barnett (Jr.)
OL/DL Cord Dodson (Jr.)	WR/DB Chet Linn (So.)
OL/LB Seth Mahurin (Jr.)	OL/DL Bryce Salle (So.)
QB/WR/DB Gavin Hooper (Jr.)	TE/DB Gage Vigil (So.)
SB/DB/LB Zaine Lantz (Jr.)	SB/DB Devin Sawyer (So.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-3

Coach Hester says...

"We only return two starters from last season. The senior class is low in numbers with only three returning who played last year. The underclassmen have waited for their turn under the Friday night lights and now it is here."

2018 Outlook

There's going to be a lot of "new" for Cherryvale this season. They're moving forward with just two starters returning from last year, and they are now competing in the 2A classification. "We will have to have some kids step up a level at all positions," head coach Harry Hester said. "Defensively, we have plenty of options. Players will be moved around if necessary to get the best 11 on the field." Cherryvale has really bounced back-and-forth the last five years. It's hard to really tell what they're going to look like with so many new faces on the field. The league will be pretty good at the top. "Four TVL teams made the playoffs last year," Hester added. "Caney lost another great group but has younger kids. Humboldt returns the most starters of the top-four finishers and Eureka returns the most starters in the league." It will be tough for Cherryvale to get back to the top of the TVL for the second straight year – but like I said, they'll be playing plenty of guys we've never seen on Friday nights.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Erie.....	W, 49-0
9/8	@ Humboldt.....	L, 8-22
9/15	Eureka.....	W, 47-18
9/22	Fredonia	W, 48-13
9/29	@ Neodesha.....	W, 49-14
10/6	Caney Valley.....	W, 22-16
10/13	@ Galena	L, 8-41
10/20	Riverton	W, 42-0
10/26	Southeast	W, 35-6

Playoffs

10/31	Caney Valley.....	L, 22-55
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Five-Year Trend

2017:	7-3 (First round)
2016:	5-4 (No playoffs)
2015:	8-2 (First round)
2014:	5-4 (No playoffs)
2013:	8-4 (Quarterfinals)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Caney Valley
9/7	Bluestem
9/14	Erie
9/21	@ Belle Plaine
9/28	Fredonia
10/5	@ Douglass
10/12	Neodesha
10/19	@ Eureka

Projected finish: 4-4

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Three Rivers League (Eight-Man) • KSHSAA 8-man Division II, District 1

School colors: Green & Gold

Head Coach: Jaunc Bradshaw (4-21 – .160, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 13

Home stadium: Green Hornets Field (800)

2017 Review

It was a pretty tough year for Chetopa. They finished the season winless, and managed to score just 68 points on the year. "We saw a lot of freshman get playing time due to low numbers and injuries," head coach Jaunc Bradshaw said. "They fought hard and competed to the best of their ability."

Returning Starters

RB/LB Colten Vannata (6-0, 190, Sr.)

OL/DL Eryk Anderson (6-1, 195, Sr.)

RB/LB Gabe Johnson (5-7, 165, Jr.)

OL/DL Braydon Kepner (5-10, 185, So.)

Offense: I-formation

Defense: 3-2/4-2

Coach Bradshaw says...

"We will need to stay healthy as a team so we can keep everyone on the field for practice and game times. Getting stronger with the younger group, along with confidence, will be another big challenge this year."

2018 Outlook

Every football program goes through tough stretches. Chetopa is in one of those right now. Their focus is trying to get kids out for football that want to be there and want to work hard. "I expect us to compete every day to the best of our capabilities," Coach Bradshaw said. "We will get better every day in practice, and we will compete with class and determination every time we step onto the football field. I expect each player to be fully committed and come ready to compete for playing time and want to compete for time on the football field." It's hard to tell when the wins are going to return for Chetopa. They didn't play in a lot of close games last season. "We will see a group of younger kids get a lot of playing time like we did last year," Bradshaw added. "Our fans can expect to see a team that competes at a high level as hard as they can. We will compete with class and represent the Chetopa community proudly."

2017 Results

9/1	Marmaton Valley	L, 0-68
9/8	@ St. Paul	L, 0-48
9/15	@ Altoona-Midway	L, 26-44
9/22	Crest	L, 12-62
9/29	@ Marais des Cygnes Valley ..	L, 0-64
10/6	Lebo	L, 8-54
10/13	@ Pleasanton	L, 0-72
10/20	Waverly	L, 6-66
10/26	Wesleyan Christian	L, 16-66

Five-Year Trend

2017: 0-9 (No playoffs)

2016: 2-6 (No playoffs)

2015: 2-6 (No playoffs)

2014: 10-1 (Quarterfinals)

2013: 7-3 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Oswego
9/14	@ Lebo
9/21	Altoona-Midway
9/28	Southern Coffey County
10/5	@ Crest
10/12	St. Paul
10/19	@ Marmaton Valley

Projected finish: 1-6

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School colors: Red, White & Blue

Head Coach: Brandt Miller (4-5 .444 – Second season)

Years in coaching: 2

Assistant coach: Craig Frazell

Home stadium: CHS Field (500)

2017 Review

The Lancers finished under .500 last season, going 4-5 for the second straight year. “The kids showed great work ethic and never gave up,” said second-year head coach Brandt Miller, who took over from Chuck Mahon just before the start of workouts last fall. “They worked hard at practice and improved throughout the season. The toughest part was finishing games. We were ahead in many games, but faltered at the end and weren’t able to close out games.”

Returning Starters

RB/LB Tate Driskel (6-0, 165, Sr.)

LB Kanon Coberly (6-0, 160, Sr.)

OL Jerriek Jones (6-0, 180, Jr.)

OL Gregory Hardwick (6-0, 180, Jr.)

RB Caleb Nolan (5-8, 155, So.)

Other Impact Players

Tyson Hermreck (6-0, 160, So.)

Kobey Miller (5-10, 160, So.)

Stratton McGhee (5-10, 160, So.)

Offense: N/A **Defense:** N/A

Coach Miller says...

“We will have multiple sophomores that will join the mix to help the team this year. Tyson Hermreck will be asked to play on both sides of the ball. Kobey Miller will join the mix on both sides of the ball. Stratton McGhee showed promise in camp and will help the team as well. Caleb Nolan is a returning starter that played RB and LB. He had a good season and will be contributor this year as well.”

2018 Outlook

This season, Coach Miller will have a fairly young roster to work with as he continues to build the program in his vision. “The biggest change from last year will be our reliance on young players to come in and contribute,” Miller said. “The sophomore class will be counted on to contribute this year, as opposed to experienced seniors contributing last year.” Even though the young guys will be playing major roles this season, the Lancers still have some experienced guys back. Crest has five starters returning from 2017 – two of those guys are RB/LB Tate Driskel and OL Gregory Hardwick.

Miller will look for those guys to be leaders on the field for his young roster. “Those guys are the most vocal players in our program and they have shown leadership qualities,” Miller added. “Our goal is to get better each day in practice and continue to build the program for future success.”

2017 Results

9/1	@ Blue Valley-Randolph...	W, 70-34
9/8	Marmaton Valley	L, 0-50
9/15	Waverly	L, 6-52
9/22	@ Chetopa	W, 62-12
9/29	Altoona-Midway	W, 50-6
10/6	@ Greenfield	L, 0-50
10/13	@ Marais des Cygnes Valley...	W, 42-34
10/20	Lebo	L, 44-50
10/26	@ Pleasanton	L, 0-54

Five-Year Trend

2017: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2016: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2015: 6-4 (First round)

2014: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2013: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Hartford
9/7	Burlingame
9/14	@ Maranatha Christian
9/21	St. Paul
9/28	@ Marmaton Valley
10/5	Chetopa
10/12	@ Southern Coffey County
10/19	Altoona-Midway

Projected finish: 4-4






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Columbus Titans

CNC League • KSHSAA Class 3A, District 1

School colors: Scarlet & Gold

Head Coach: Dan Grundy (75-33 – .694, 11th season)

Years in coaching: 17

Assistant coaches: Troy Haraughty,

Blake Burns, Matt Crain, Heath Perry

Home stadium: Cecil Kline Field (2,282)

2017 Review

We had very high expectations for Columbus last season – actually picking them to win the league. They had an experienced roster with good line play and talented skill players. They certainly got off to a hot start, going 5-0 to start the season before they lost a tough one in Week 6 on the road against Galena. Even in that game, they had the ball with a chance to win in the final minute. The Titans finished the regular season 7-2, with their other loss coming on the road against Frontenac. They had a disappointing first-round exit in the playoffs, falling to Burlington by a 22-21 score. “We really came out on fire last year and played very well to start the season,” head coach Dan Grundy said. “The biggest challenge of last season was maintaining that intensity.”

Key Loss

RB/DB Keenan Stanley – Coffeyville CC

Returning Starters

OL Tyler Stice (5-8, 175, Sr.)

WR/S Shawn Robinson

(5-8, 150, Sr.) – 51 Tackles

S Jared Graham (6-1, 160, Sr.) – 3 INTs

LB Tommy Shallenburger

(6-4, 220, Sr.) – 52 Tackles

DB Zach Coble (6-2, 170, Sr.)

DL Caden Soper

(5-10, 175, Sr.) – 33 Tackles, 4 QBS

RB Grayson Walden (5-9, 171, Jr.)

– HM All-CNC RB, 567 Rush. Yds., 6 TDs

OL Bryce Davis (5-11, 260, Jr.)

WR Clay Saporito

(6-2, 160, Jr.) – 9 Rec., 111 Yds.

Other Impact Players

DL Chance Meyer (6-3, 300, Sr.)

DB Patrick Cassidy (5-9, 155, Jr.)

OL Dakota Ray (6-1, 255, Jr.)

OL Alec Young (6-1, 240, Jr.)

DB Matt Robnett (5-6, 125, Jr.)

WR/DB Kaden Crain (5-10, 130, Jr.)

FB/LB Alex Bole (6-0, 180, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Grundy says...

“The biggest change will be replacing our 14 seniors. We have done it before, but last year’s group was a very involved group that did a lot of different things on the field. We cannot let lack of experience be an excuse. Everyone must make it a priority to better themselves each and every day.”

2018 Outlook

It’s going to be a different feel for Columbus this season. A lot of the players who made names for themselves over the last few years are now gone – Sam Eddington, Ridge Smith, Keenan Stanley. The Titans are looking for a new group to step up and be leaders on the field. “All seven of our seniors have played a major role this spring in wanting to be the next leaders of the Titan program,” Grundy said, “They have developed our team goals for the year and are busy encouraging the younger athletes.” Columbus has a couple things going for them. They have a good coach in Grundy, and they like each other. “They are a very close-knit group,” Grundy adds. “Many of them play three sports together and really care about each other.”

2017 Results

9/1	Riverton	W, 48-0
9/8	@ Pawnee, Okla.	W, 20-14
9/15	Girard	W, 54-7
9/22	@ St. Mary’s Colgan	W, 23-8
9/29	Prairie View	W, 47-14
10/6	@ Galena	L, 29-33
10/13	Baxter Springs	W, 41-0
10/20	@ Frontenac	L, 8-20
10/27	Parsons	W, 69-28

Playoffs

11/4	@ Burlington	L, 21-22
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Five-Year Trend

2017: 7-3 (First round)

2016: 8-2 (First round)

2015: 11-1 (Semifinals)

2014: 11-2 (State runner-up)

2013: 8-2 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	St. Mary’s Colgan
9/7	@ Field Kindley
9/14	@ Girard
9/21	Caney Valley
9/28	Baxter Springs
10/5	@ Parsons
10/12	@ Galena
10/19	Frontenac

Projected finish: 5-3



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School colors: Red, Black & White

Head Coach:

Sterling "Doc" Hudson (7-21 – .250, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 32

Assistant coach: Jim Leonard

Home stadium: EHS Field

2017 Review

It was another tough season for the Red Devils, they finished with just two wins and missed the playoffs for the second straight year. "The best part of last season was winning a couple games with kids that we weren't counting on in August," head coach Sterling Hudson said. "The biggest challenge was people not living up to their hype and the absence of seniors that we were counting on being there, and they weren't." You can this for Coach Hudson, he is an honest man who doesn't mince words.

Returning Starters

QB/SS Jaden Gard (6-3, 200, Sr.)
K/P Alexis Hernandez (6-1, 185, Sr.)
RB/DE Jordan Myers (6-3, 180, Sr.)
RB/DE Trent Taylor (6-0, 210, Sr.)
OL/LB Zack Yarnell (5-9, 175, Sr.)
TE/LB Beau Kincaid (5-11, 185, Sr.)
RB/DL John Bettencourt (5-8, 160, Sr.)
OL/DL Gage Jones (6-0, 220, Sr.)
RB/DB Michael Winslow (5-9, 155, Jr.)
RB/DB Tyler Pasquarelli (6-0, 155, So.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Joe Castillo (5-10, 160, Sr.)
RB/DB Tyler Wimp (5-9, 140, Jr.)
WR/DB Lane Taylor (5-6, 120, Jr.)
OL/DL Caype Johnston (6-2, 280, Jr.)
TE/LB Jacob McReynolds (5-11, 170, Jr.)
OL/DL Derick Wallace (6-3, 240, Jr.)
RB/LB Brian Muncy (5-9, 180, So.)

Offense: Veer

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Hudson says...

"Our expectations are really simple. Do your job, be a team and support each other."

2018 Outlook

Erie has some seniors coming back this year with starting experience in important positions. "Our quarterback and offensive line could be very good," Coach Hudson said. The quarterback he is referring to is senior Jaden Gard. "He has been our leader for three years. I believe that if we give him a chance he could be very good. He has to be. This is it," Hudson added. "He is joined by Jordan Myers, Trent Taylor and Zack Yarnell who need to step up. Tyler Pasquarelli has the tools to be very good." Things have been tough for Erie lately. They need to get better in basically every aspect of the game to get back to .500 and make a push for a playoff spot. "We must practice better and stop making excuses," Hudson said. "I have to do a better job as the head coach and communicate better as we prepare."

2017 Results

9/1	Cherryvale	L, 0-49
9/8	Bluestem	L, 30-33
9/15	@ Fredonia	L, 8-28
9/22	Neodesha	L, 14-34
9/29	@ Caney Valley	L, 0-48
10/6	@ Eureka	W, 19-8
10/12	Humboldt	L, 0-38
10/20	Northeast	W, 46-6
10/26	@ Jayhawk-Linn	L, 8-36

Five-Year Trend

2017: 2-7 (No playoffs)
2016: 2-7 (No playoffs)
2015: 3-7 (First round)
2014: 0-9 (No playoffs)
2013: 0-9 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Fredonia
9/7	@ Neodesha
9/14	@ Cherryvale
9/21	Riverton
9/28	@ Humboldt
10/5	Southeast
10/12	@ Jayhawk Linn
10/19	Northeast

Projected finish: 2-6



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School colors: Purple & Gold

Head Coach: Darrin Wegner (8-10 – .444, Third season)

Years in coaching: 21

Assistants: David Harlin, Jake Price, Mike O'Connor, Mark Andrews, Jeremy Nuenschwander, Matt Washburn, Mario Grant

Home stadium: Veterans Memorial Stadium (5,500)

2017 Review

Coffeyville's Field Kindley finished last season 4-5 for the second straight season under head coach Darrin Wegner. "The best part about last season was watching a young team improve, grow up and compete as the season went on," Wegner said. "We only had four seniors last year. We were a young team with little leadership." This was a young roster last season. Field Kindley only had three returning senior starters from 2016. It will be a different story this year.

Key Loss

SB/LB Cody Smith (Sterling)

Returning Starters

WR/DB C.J. Kelley (5-11, 155, Sr.)

– All-SEK Honorable Mention WR

WR/DB Tajhan Thomas (5-10, 150, Sr.)

– First-team All-SEK WR/DB

QB/DB Jaylen Logan (5-6, 140, Sr.)

– First-team All-SEK Off.

OL/DL Brandon Barriger (5-8, 200, Sr.)

– First-team All-SEK OL

OL/DL Titus Woodward (5-10, 210, Sr.)

WR/DB Trey Myrie (6-2, 175, Sr.)

– All-SEK Honorable Mention WR

OL/DL Ethan Samples (5-0, 185, Sr.)

WR Adam Rutherford (5-7, 140, Sr.)

OL/DL Jayden Crawford (6-4, 250, Jr.)

LB Ethan Camp (5-10, 165, So.)

Other Impact Players

OLB Chandler Mason (5-9, 165, Sr.)

RB/LB Brenden Graham (6-0, 180, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Wegner says...

"We feel like we have several dynamic players at the skill positions. Hopefully that will lead to us being explosive on offense. We will also have 14 seniors, which is the most we've had since I took over the program. We will not be as young as we have been in recent seasons. We need to develop more on the offensive and defensive lines, improve kick coverage on special teams and execute better in red-zone situations."

2018 Outlook

Field Kindley has shown improvement in each year under Coach Wegner, and we don't expect that to stop this season. He's working with an experienced roster for basically the first time since he took the job. Wegner will be looking to a couple of his senior standouts to help bring the program along in 2018. "We'll look to Jaylen Logan and Adam Rutherford to be on-field leaders," Coach Wegner says, "We expect Jaylen to run the show on offense, as most senior quarterbacks are expected to do. Adam is a senior wideout and defensive back who knows what it means to pay the price for a program. We expect him to help set the example for our younger players." Wegner has the program at Field Kindley heading the right direction. Fort Scott and Labette County are still hurdles for the Golden Tornado to get to the top of the SEK, and Chanute is a team we think will also be much better. Coffeyville wasn't able to play either Fort Scott or Labette County close in 2017. We believe they'll be able to do that this season. "We need to become more committed to the weight room and be a more physical team," Wegner adds, "Our expectation is to have a winning season, challenge for the SEK league title and make a successful playoff run."

2017 Results

9/1	Great Bend	L, 18-41
9/8	Parsons	W, 48-21
9/15	@ Riverton	W, 61-0
9/22	Circle	W, 35-7
9/29	Galena	L, 7-28
10/6	Fort Scott	L, 21-48
10/13	@ Chanute	L, 28-30
10/20	@ Independence	W, 60-0
10/27	Labette County	L, 8-34

Five-Year Trend

2017:	4-5 (No playoffs)
2016:	4-5 (No playoffs)
2015:	0-9 (No playoffs)
2014:	3-7 (First round)
2013:	12-2 (State runner-up)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Fort Scott
9/7	Columbus
9/14	@ Labette County
9/21	Independence
9/28	@ Mulvane
10/5	Abilene
10/12	Chanute
10/19	@ Christ Prep

Projected finish: 5-3



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1993 11: Prairie View
8: Crest
1994 11: Prairie View
8: Crest
1995 11: Prairie View
8: Crest
1996 11: Central Heights
8: LeRoy
1997 11: Uniontown
8: Crest
1998 11: Uniontown
8: Williamsburg
1999 11: Uniontown, Pomona
8: Crest
2000 11: Jayhawk-Linn
8E: Pleasanton
8W: Madison
2001 11: Central Heights
8E: Crest
8W: Hartford
2002 11: Central Heights,
Uniontown
8: Southern Coffey Co.
2003 11: Jayhawk-Linn, Pomona,
Central Heights
8: Southern Coffey Co.
2004 11: Jayhawk-Linn
8: Southern Coffey Co.
2005 11: Uniontown
8: Southern Coffey Co.

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Fort Scott Tigers

Southeast Kansas League • KSHSAA Class 4A, East District • [@FSHSTigers](#)

School colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Bob Campbell (179-60 – .749, 23rd season)

Years in coaching: 26

Assistants: Bo Graham, Josh Regan, Adam Clements, Curtis Horton, Alvin Metcalf Jr., Josh Messer

Home stadium: Frary Field (3,000)

2017 Review

Fort Scott proved that 3-6 mark in 2016 was an outlier, finishing 8-3 overall, winning a district title and winning a playoff game. "We suffered some key injuries in the middle of the season" Fort Scott head coach Bob Campbell said. "It was difficult at the time, but it provided us with better depth at the end of the season." The Tigers graduated a pretty talented senior class, sending three guys to the college level, – including 2,000-yard rusher Zarek Fewell. "We had a small group of seniors," Campbell added, "but we had some outstanding individuals who will be tough to replace."

Key Losses

RB/DB Zarek Fewell (Garden City CC)

OL/DL Andrew Callahan (Butler CC)

WR/DB Gunnar Brown (MidAmerica Nazarene)

Returning Starters

OL/DL Mason Couch (6-1, 205, Sr.)

– 35 Tackles, 4 TFL, 1 QBS, 2 FF

QB Matt Campbell

(6-5, 210, Sr.) – 500 Rec. Yds., 5 TDs

TE Jarrett Shoemaker

(6-2, 180, Sr.) – Second-team All-SEK TE

LB Alec Michaud

(5-10, 165, Sr.) – 81 Tackles, 1 INT

DB Tyler Gorman

(5-9, 155, Sr.) – 26 Tackles, 8 PBU

LB Treyton Wilson

(6-1, 180, Sr.) – 68 Tackles, 5 FF

DB Dalton Colvin

(5-10, 165, Sr.) – 38 Tackles, 4 PBU

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Aaron Emery

(6-3, 236, Sr.) – 26 Tackles, 1 FF, 1 FR

OL/DL Nick Krebs

(6-1, 175, Sr.) – 38 Tackles, 2 QBS

WR/DB Nick Lawrence (6-5, 170, Sr.) – 6 INTs

TE/LB Korbyn Reyes (5-11, 185, Sr.)

TE/DL Logan Hall (6-2, 185, Sr.)

WR/DB Jacob Zubietta (5-10, 155, Sr.)

OL/DL Tyson Bolden (5-9, 165, Sr.)

WR/DB Jon Daniels (5-10, 150, Sr.)

WR C.J. Horton (6-5, 185, Jr.)

QB/WR/DB Brody Bowles (5-9, 150, Jr.)

Offense: Split-Back Veer

Defense: 4-3

Coach Campbell says...

"We lost four two-year starters along the offensive line as well as a 2,000-yard rusher in Zarek Fewell. We also lost our leading tackler on defense in Derek Bollinger. We will try to be more balanced this season on offense with both run and pass. Our goals are the same each season. Win a conference title, advance in the playoffs and win a state title. Our expectation is for our kids to play hard every Friday night and represent our football program and Fort Scott High School with class."

2018 Outlook

Fort Scott lost some playmakers – there's no doubt about that. They'll look different offensively with the loss of a guy like Zarek Fewell. "We have to continue to improve our depth along the offensive and defense lines," Coach Campbell said. "We will look to throw the ball more with a solid group of backs and receivers on offense." Fort Scott has seven seniors who are returning to starting roles this season. Campbell will rely on those guys to be on-field leaders on Friday nights. "Our senior class is a tight group that brings a lot of experience," added Campbell, "We will look to them to lead our team and provide a great work ethic for our younger players." Fort Scott is a pretty steady program. I suppose that's what happens when you have a good coach around for 25-plus years. They'll be back over .500 and competing in the playoffs.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Parsons.....	W, 56-7
9/8	Independence	W, 56-6
9/15	@ Chanute	W, 34-13
9/22	Pittsburg	L, 19-45
9/29	@ Labette County.....	L, 7-34
10/6	@ Field Kindley	W, 48-21
10/13	Louisburg	W, 42-20
10/20	@ Paola	W, 27-26
10/27	Ottawa	W, 71-34

Playoffs

11/4	Chanute	W, 50-14
11/10	@ DeSoto	L, 13-49

Five-Year Trend

2017: 8-3 (Second round)

2016: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2015: 7-3 (First round)

2014: 9-2 (Second round)

2013: 5-5 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Field Kindley
9/7	@ Paola
9/14	Independence
9/21	@ Pittsburg
9/28	Labette County
10/5	@ Chanute
10/12	@ Bolivar
10/19	Eudora

Projected finish: 5-3





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Fredonia Yellowjackets

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School colors: Black & Gold

Head Coach: Marc Svaty (10-9 – .526, Third season)

Years in coaching: 12

Assistant coaches:

Carl Dinkel, John Boss, Brent Trujillo, Matt Camacho

Home stadium: Pryor Stadium at Gene John Field (1,800)

2017 Review

Fredonia took a little step back last year, but it really wasn't a big surprise. They had lost quite a bit of talent to graduation the year before. The Yellowjackets went 3-6 overall, their first losing record since 2014. "Our 2017 team did not have the record that we had hoped and worked to achieve," head coach Mark Svaty said. It happens – that's high school football.

Returning Starters

DB Hunter Reddick (5-7, 125, Sr.)
RB/DB Isaac Jennings (5-7, 145, Sr.)
WR/LB Jaden Schmidt (5-10, 200, Sr.)
RB/DB Logan Baker (5-8, 155, Sr.)
RB/DB Lorenzo Celani (6-0, 215, Sr.)
RB/DB Owen Blandamer (5-8, 190, Sr.)
OL/LB Jamie Wright (5-11, 175, Sr.)
OL/DL Bryar Hebb (6-0, 300, Sr.)
OL/DL Kaden Ratzlaff (6-2, 300, Sr.)
RB/DB Grayson Coulter (6-1, 165, Jr.)
OL/DL Matt Weilert (5-8, 155, Jr.)
RB/DL Ty Ivey (5-10, 200, Jr.)
TE/LB Nick Hibbard (5-11, 175, Jr.)
RB/LB Buddy Claibourn (5-10, 170, So.)

Offense: Hybrid Bone

Defense: 4-3

Coach Svaty says...

"One thing that last year's team did do was prepare very well to win games. We return and have developed a lot more talent than we had to compete with on the field in 2017. We made the statement at the end of the season that we won on talent in 2016, we prepared and turned the culture of the team and expectations in 2017, it is time to that we follow through and continue to improve with a quality product on Friday nights in 2018."

2018 Outlook

Fredonia lists nine senior starters returning from last season. If that's the case, experience won't be a big problem. "We have some different talent coming through right now than we had in 2016 and 2017. With that being said, we are going to make some changes in schemes and philosophies for our 2018 team," Coach Svaty said. "I am sure that we will do a good job teaching and our kids will do a good job learning and executing our schemes." Like almost every high school team in the country, Fredonia is looking to improve in both the turnover and penalty departments. The Yellowjackets were only able to force seven turnovers last season. "We cannot have critical penalties and plays for lost yards," Svaty adds, "We must keep our offense on schedule to churn out first downs. We also need to be very efficient inside the 20-yard line and come away with scores." Fredonia should be better this season. They'll push for a .500 record and should be much better defensively.

2017 Results

9/1 Labette County L, 6-69
9/8 Douglass W, 34-28
9/15 Erie..... W, 28-8
9/22 @ Cherryvale..... L, 13-48
9/29 @ Bluestem..... W, 55-49^{2OT}
10/6 Humboldt..... L, 7-36
10/13 @ Neodesha..... L, 7-34
10/20 @ Eureka..... L, 26-30
10/26 Caney Valley..... L, 14-49

Five-Year Trend

2017: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2016: 7-3 (First round)
2015: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2014: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2013: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31 @ Erie
9/7 Humboldt
9/14 @ Bluestem
9/21 Eureka
9/28 @ Cherryvale
10/5 Belle Plaine
10/12 Douglass
10/19 @ Neodesha

Projected finish: 4-4



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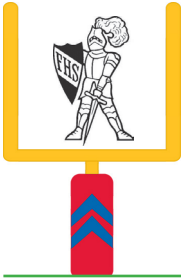
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School colors: Black & White

Head Coach: Mark Smith (47-19 – .712, Seventh season)

Years in coaching: 10

Assistant coaches:

John Palumbo, Bill Sullivan, Brady Hill, Troy Morris

Home stadium: Frontenac Sports Complex

2017 Review

"We hope to learn from our playoff loss last year." – that's what Frontenac head coach Mark Smith said in this publication last season. The Raiders must have learned quite a bit from their disappointing 2016 season finale, because they bounced back in 2017 and made it all the way to the state championship game. "We had a rough start to the season, starting 3-3, but we continued to improve each week," Smith said, "We were playing our best football by the time we got to district games and continued to make a great run to the state championship game." Last year's Frontenac team was a fun one to be around. It was great to see the way they changed from the beginning of the season to the end. You could see their confidence building every week. "We had a lot of inexperience to start the year last year," Smith added, "We had trouble taking care of the ball and were committing too many penalties to start the season. We had to work hard on doing the little things right to fix our problems. When we put it all together, we started to play with a lot of confidence and we played some really good football at the end of the year." Yeah, they did.

Key Losses

OL/DE Cal Strand (Bethel)

| K/T/DT Trey Harris (Coffeyville CC)

Returning Starters

WR/CB Brendan

Ishimura (5-11, 165, Sr.)
– 475 Rec. Yds., 7 TDs, 8 INTs

CB Riley McDaniel (5-9, 145, Sr.)
– 27 Tackles, 2 INTs, 2 TDs

HB/LB Gage Clothier

(5-9, 200, Sr.) – 206 Rush. Yds.,
49 Tackles, 1 QBS, 1 INT

OL/DL Coby Maples (6-4, 235, Sr.)

RB/WS Alex Johnson

(5-11, 175, Jr.) –
212 Rush. Yds.,

2 TDs, 60 Tackles, 5 TFL

Other Impact Players

WR/SS Kade Chastain (5-8, 155, Sr.)

WR/CB Grant Hessong (6-2, 145, Sr.)

WR/LB Brandon Moser (5-11, 165, Sr.)

WR/CB Brant Chance (5-8, 145, Jr.)

QB/CB Jake Beckman (6-0, 155, Jr.)

RB/FS Ryan Raio (5-10, 165, Jr.)

RB/LB Drew Bollinger (5-8, 160, Jr.)

WR/DE Hayden Pile (6-3, 185, Jr.)

OL/DE Caleb Hemby (5-8, 180, Jr.)

QB/CB Kyle Kubler (5-10, 145, Jr.)

OL/DL Buddy Sexton (5-9, 210, Jr.)

OL/DL Kolby Bevins (6-1, 230, Jr.)

TE/DE Kaleb Kroenke (6-4, 180, Jr.)

WR/CB Jake Menghini (6-3, 160, Jr.)

TE/DE Alex Storey (6-1, 200, So.)

Offense: Multiple **Defense:** 4-2-5

Coach Smith says...

"After going to the state championship game in 2017, we are excited for the challenge in 2018. We know that we lost a great group of seniors, and there will be a lot of challenges and adversity at the beginning of the year. We will be young in many places to start the season with many new starters, but we will have many people that have quality varsity experience that expect to win. Our goal every year is to win the CNC and district championships. We always want to be playing our best football toward the end of the year, and make a deep run in the playoffs. Our kids have extremely high goals and we will have to do the little things to win the big games. We want to be playing in late November."

2018 Outlook

Every year for like the last three years I've thought, "Man, how is Frontenac going to replace that graduating class and continue to win games?" Every year that's exactly what they do. They lost a ton of playmakers to graduation and I've learned to not worry about it. Frontenac has some really talented guys back this season, especially on the defensive side. Ishimura, Clothier and McDaniel are three guys that head coach Mark Smith points at to be on-field leader for the Raiders this season. "These players were vital parts of last year's big playoff run and have had success in all sports that they participate in at Frontenac," Smith said, "The other players will look for guidance and leadership from these seniors who know how to win." There will be plenty of new for Frontenac. They'll have entirely new offensive and defensive lines. They'll be playing some new teams and they'll have some players starting for the first time in their careers. However, we've already seen that the Raiders can learn from early season struggles and turn the season into something special. "We have to become better practice players every day," Smith added. "We need to have the mind-set that you have to get better every time you are at practice, in the weight room, in the classroom and in all aspects of life. There are going to be growing pains for some of our young players playing varsity for the first time, but we have to face that adversity head on and as a group to improve and win the tough games during the season."

2017 Results

9/1	Girard.....	W, 33-6
9/8	@ Galena.....	L, 21-28
9/14	@ St. Mary's Colgan.....	L, 0-20
9/22	Riverton.....	W, 60-12
9/29	@ J.C. Harmon.....	W, 63-18
10/6	Labette County.....	L, 17-31
10/13	@ Parsons.....	W, 44-0
10/20	Columbus.....	W, 20-8
10/27	@ Baxter Springs.....	W, 47-22

Playoffs

11/3	Girard.....	W, 41-6
11/10	@ Holton.....	W, 55-21
11/17	Hayden (Topeka).....	W, 37-21
11/25	vs. Holcomb (@ Salina).....	L, 20-40

Five-Year Trend

2017:	9-4 (State runner-up)
2016:	10-1 (Second round)
2015:	7-4 (Second round)
2014:	10-1 (Second round)
2013:	6-4 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Richmond, Mo.
9/7	St. Mary's Colgan
9/14	@ Commerce
9/21	Galena
9/28	@ Parsons
10/5	Caney Valley
10/12	@ Baxter Springs
10/19	@ Columbus

Projected finish: 6-2

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Galena Bulldogs

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School colors: Navy Blue & White

Head Coach: Beau Sarwinski (89-32 – .736, 12th season)

Years in coaching: 18

Assistant coaches:

Derik Hunt, J.C. Dawes, Jacoby Martin, Ryan Byrd

Home stadium: Abbey Field (3,500)

2017 Review

Galena was really good last season. The Bulldogs were tough, they could run the ball – they just punched teams in the mouth. GHS won the CNC League title, finishing the regular season with a perfect 10-0 record. If you pay any attention to the CNC, you know what kind of accomplishment it is to not just win the league, but to go undefeated in the league. “The best part of last season was that our kids went through a tough schedule and we continued to get better each week and competed hard all season,” head coach Beau Sarwinski said. “Our kids had a good run through the playoffs. We had a great group of seniors who competed hard for us.” Perhaps most important for the Galena football program is the fact that while they were winning games, they were still able to get younger guys some on-field experience. “The biggest challenge for us was having a big squad and getting them opportunities to play. It was fun, as we were able to get a lot of kids a lot of playing time from freshman, JV and varsity-level games.”

Returning Starters

RB/LB Kooper Lawson (5-8, 190, Sr.) – Second-team All-CNC RB

RB/LB Joseph Helton (5-9, 190, Sr.) – Unanimous first-team All-CNC LB

QB/LB J.C. Shelton (5-9, 180, Sr.) – First-team All-CNC QB

RB Logan Henderson (6-4, 190, Sr.)

WR/DB Blake Booth (6-0, 180, Sr.) – HM All-CNC WR

OL/DL Weston Ward (6-3, 240, Sr.) – HM All-CNC DL

DE Braydon Roberts (5-10, 180, Sr.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Noah Whited (6-0, 200, Sr.)

TE/LB Kasen Russell (5-10, 180, Jr.)

FB/LB Nick Sarwinski (5-11, 190, Jr.)

DB Cameron Jones (5-9, 165, Jr.)

OL/DL Rico Gordon (5-10, 230, Jr.)

OL/DL Dylan Fields (5-11, 200, Jr.)

Offense: Wing-T

Defense: 4-4

Coach Sarwinski says...

“We will need our seniors to lead the way. We have some that have had a lot of Friday night experience, some with not as much. It will be interesting to see who steps up and fills the voids.”

2018 Outlook

One of Galena’s major strengths last season was its line play. The Bulldogs had an experienced group of talented seniors up front. “We are going to have to get better on the offensive and defensive lines,” Sarwinski said, “It’s time for some of our juniors to step up and some sophomores will have to as well.” The good news for the Bulldogs is that they have a lot of their playmakers coming back. J.C. Shelton will return as quarterback, while Kooper Lawson and Joseph Helton are back in the backfield for Galena. The CNC grind is brutal, but year after year Galena competes and produces a bunch of tough kids. They’re always one of the most physical teams in the area. None of that will change this season. “Our goals are the same every year,” adds Sarwinski. “We want to compete for a district championship playoff berth and have a chance to compete for a state championship.”

2017 Results

8/31	St. Mary’s Colgan.....	W, 16-0
9/8	Frontenac	W, 28-21
9/15	@ Baxter Springs	W, 41-6
9/22	@ Girard	W, 41-7
9/29	@ Field Kindley	W, 28-7
10/6	Columbus	W, 33-29
10/13	Cherryvale	W, 41-8
10/20	@ Southeast	W, 57-7
10/26	Riverton	W, 59-7

Playoffs

10/31	Neodesha	W, 66-14
11/4	@ Wellsville	W, 28-6
11/10	Silver Lake	L, 6-13

Five-Year Trend

2017:	11-1 (Quarterfinals)
2016:	8-3 (Second round)
2015:	7-4 (Second round)
2014:	6-5 (Second round)
2013:	8-2 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Riverton
9/7	Girard
9/14	Prairie View
9/21	@ Frontenac
9/28	@ Caney Valley
10/5	Baxter Springs
10/12	Columbus
10/19	@ Parsons

Projected finish: 7-1



Kansas Past League Champions

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Three Rivers League (Continued)

2006 11: Uniontown
8: Marmaton Valley
2007 11: Pleasanton
8: Marmaton Valley
2008 11: Pleasanton
8: Crest
2009 11: Oswego
8: Crest
2010 11: Oswego
8: Crest
2011 11: Uniontown
8: Marmaton Valley
2012 11: Oswego
8: Marmaton Valley

2013 11: Northeast
8: Chetopa
2014 11: Northeast
8: Chetopa
2015 11: Jayhawk-Linn
8: Uniontown
2016 11: Jayhawk-Linn
8: St. Paul
2017 11: Jayhawk-Linn
8: St. Paul

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1981-86. Changed to 11-man &

8-man in 1987. 8-man had East
(8E) and W (8W) champions from
2000-01

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Reformed in 1996)

1996 Fredonia
1997 Eureka
1998 Fredonia
1999 Eureka, Fredonia
2000 Neodesha
2001 Neodesha
2002 Neodesha
2003 Cherryvale

2004 Cherryvale
2005 Caney Valley
2006 Humboldt
2007 Humboldt
2008 Cherryvale
2009 Cherryvale, Caney Valley
2010 Caney Valley
2011 Caney Valley
2012 Caney Valley
2013 Caney Valley
2014 Caney Valley
2015 Cherryvale
2016 Caney Valley
2017 Humboldt, Caney Valley

Pioneer (Founded in 2008)

2008 Anderson County,
Prairie View
2009 Osawatomie
2010 Wellsville
2011 Wellsville
2012 Iola
2013 Wellsville, Iola
2014 Santa Fe Trail
2015 Wellsville
2016 Santa Fe Trail
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Girard Trojans

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School colors: Maroon & Gold

Head Coach: Neal Philpot (4-6 – .400, Second season)

Years in coaching: 14

Assistant coaches:

Jeremiah Hudson, Jeff Leslie, Ben Niggeman

Home stadium: Frank Jameson Field (1,500)

2017 Review

Last year was the first year for the Trojans under head coach Neal Philpot. Girard finished under .500 for the second straight year, but also played in the postseason for the second straight season. “The best part about last year was watching our kids grasp our system and start to develop an understanding of what we are doing,” Coach Philpot said. “The biggest challenge was learning how to win.” To play in the CNC and finish anywhere close to .500 is an accomplishment, especially in your first year as head coach of a program.

Returning Starters

OL/DL Carter Doherty (6-5, 250, Sr.)
 OL/DL Chandler Humble (6-1, 200, Sr.)
 WR/CB Kreed Curran (5-11, 170, Sr.)
 OL/DL Chaise Bryant (6-2, 260, Sr.)
 OL/DL Cole Cuthbertson (6-1, 215, Sr.)
 OL/DL Wade Boatman (6-1, 250, Sr.)
 FS Ty Norris (5-9, 170, Sr.)
 WR/CB Gage Chiartano (5-10, 150, Sr.)
 CB Durbin McReynolds (6-2, 170, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Kohlton Kirby (5-8, 165, Sr.)
 OL/DL Joseph Dixon (6-3, 220, Sr.)
 WR/DB Taylor Bruning (5-7, 150, Sr.)
 WR/DL Dillon Collins (6-1, 150, Sr.)

Key Newcomer

WR/DB Evan Troike (6-1, 180, Sr.)

Offense: Multiple Sets

Defense: 4-3

Coach Philpot says...

“Our goal is to play hard on every play and execute at a higher level. If we can do that, then we will win the games we’re supposed to win, and probably win at least one we aren’t supposed to. That will be a successful season.”

2018 Outlook

Coach Philpot has a nice senior class to work with in year number two. Girard has nine starters returning from last season, including eight who are seniors this year. Seven of those eight are two-way players, “I expect Chandler Humble, Kreed Curran and Carter Doherty to be on-field leaders for us this season,” Philpot said. “They’ll be leaders because of their work ethic. However, we have a large senior class and they all have the ability to lead. One of the team’s biggest strengths will be the big guys up front on both offense and defense. Girard has five seniors back this year who started on both the offensive and defensive lines as juniors. A challenge for the Trojans this season will be changes to the coaching staff. Only one assistant from 2017 returns to the sideline with coach Philpot. “A new staff and a new defense are two of the biggest changes we have this year,” Philpot added, “We’ll be successful if we’re consistent and we execute the little things.”

2017 Results

9/1	@ Frontenac.....	L, 6-33
9/8	Riverton.....	W, 35-0
9/15	@ Columbus.....	L, 7-54
9/22	Galena.....	L, 7-41
9/29	@ St. Mary’s Colgan.....	L, 12-28
10/6	Southeast.....	W, 53-0
10/13	@ Anderson County.....	W, 12-8
10/20	Burlington.....	L, 28-44
10/27	Iola.....	W, 25-0

Playoffs

11/3	@ Frontenac.....	L, 6-41
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Five-Year Trend

2017:	4-6 (First round)
2016:	5-6 (Second round)
2015:	6-4 (First round)
2014:	4-6 (First round)
2013:	3-6 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Baxter Springs
9/7	@ Galena
9/14	Columbus
9/21	@ Burlington
9/28	Anderson County
10/5	Prairie View
10/12	@ Iola
10/19	Osawatomie

Projected finish: 5-3



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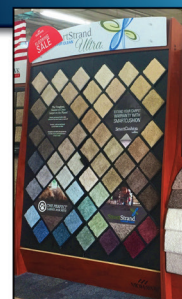


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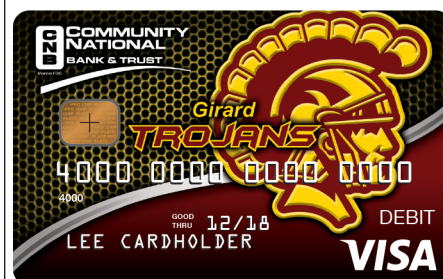
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Humboldt Cubs

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School colors: Black & Orange

Head Coach: Logan Wyrick (15-14 – .517, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 9

Asst. coaches: Dave Taylor, Jason Weilert, Jeremy Weilert

Home stadium:

USD 258 Sports Complex/B&W Employee Field (1,500)

2017 Review

The Cubs made a nice jump last year, posting a 7-3 record for their first winning season since 2013. I think the best part for us was just building on some of the success we had in 2016,” Humboldt head coach Logan Wyrick said. “We were an extremely young team in 2016, and found a way to get a playoff berth. It was good to snag consecutive trips to the playoffs in 2016 and 2017, and we hope to continue to build on that and also our runner-up finish in the Tri-Valley League.” The Cubs battled some injuries last year, including losing their starting quarterback. On the flip side of that, the coaching staff had a chance to get a feel for some other players. “We found some versatility in a few athletes that we’re going to try to take advantage of in the 2018 season,” Wyrick added. “We’re going to be moving some athletes around to some unfamiliar positions to get the best team on the field, so that versatility will be on full display.”

Returning Starters

WR/QB/DB Kyler Allen (5-11, 170, Sr.)

– 450 Pass. Yds, 26 Tackles; All-TVL DB

FB/LB Dagen Goodner (6-1, 205, Sr.)

– 105 Tackles, 10 TFL; 2-time all-state LB

TE Teryn Johnson

(6-1, 200, Sr.) – 65 Rec. Yds., 2 TD

OL/DL Tucker Hurst

(6-3, 205, Sr.) – 39 Tackles, 15 TFL,

5 QBS; all-state, 2-time All-TVL

DL David Watts (6-1, 260, Sr.)

– 66 Tackles, 18 TFL, 2 QBS; All-TVL

DE Caleb Klauman

(6-2, 180, Sr.) – 16 Tackles, 4 TFL, 1 QBS

DB Conor Haviland (6-0, 175, Jr.)

– 2 QBS, 1 INT; All-TVL, all-state

DE Josh Hull (6-5, 225, Jr.)

– 18 Tackles, 5 TFL, 2 QBS

OL Taylor Lassman (6-0, 215, Jr.)

DB Cooper Jaro (5-7, 130, Jr.) – 11 Tackles

Other Impact Players

WR Jackson Aikins (5-8, 140, Jr.)

DB Isiah Coronado (5-10, 145, Jr.)

Offense: Power Spread

Defense: 4-3

Coch Wyrick says...

“Our biggest strengths are the number of starters will have back in key positions, and the number of other key contributors in other spots that we’ll have returning. It’s not every year that you have three all-state performers and five all-league performers returning, especially at a school our size. This will also be my fourth season at Humboldt, so the familiarity the kids have with the program should help a lot. These seniors were the first class of freshmen I had when I got to Humboldt, and I know they want to go out with a bang.”

2018 Outlook

The Cubs are one of those teams that feels like they’re going in the right direction. It doesn’t hurt to have so many talented kids back from a team that went 7-3 last season. While they do have those guys back, depth behind them is a concern for the team moving forward. “We are going to need a lot of unproven athletes to step up in a lot of different roles,” Coach Wyrick said. “We return a lot as far as our overall starting 11 on both sides of the ball, but after that there are a lot of question marks if we run into many injuries like we did in 2017.” Injuries are a part of football, but hopefully the injury bug stays away from Humboldt this time around, because the Cubs have a chance to be really good. There’s going to be quite a few position changes, one of the most notable being at quarterback. Dagen Goodner will likely move from fullback to quarterback. If he can play well, and some of the other position changes work out, this offense should be more dynamic. “We had multiple occasions inside the 5-yard line where we didn’t score last year,” Wyrick adds, “It probably cost us the ball game and district title against Jayhawk-Linn in Week 8 last year.” This Humboldt team has some high expectations, and they should. “We want to win championships and that’s our goal every single year,” Wyrick said. “But we also look at each year realistically and understand the limitations each team might have here at Humboldt. We really hope to build on consecutive trips to the playoffs in 2016 and 2017, and we expect to make more noise than just simply making it into the playoffs like we have in both of those seasons.”

2017 Results

9/1	Bluestem	W, 58-0
9/8	Cherryvale	W, 22-8
9/15	@ Neodesha	W, 18-7
9/22	Caney Valley	L, 8-20
9/29	@ Eureka	W, 50-14
10/6	@ Fredonia	W, 36-7
10/12	@ Erie	W, 38-0
10/20	Jayhawk-Linn	L, 30-34
10/26	@ Northeast	W, 58-0

Playoffs

11/1	@ Wellsville	L, 0-48
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Five-Year Trend

2017:	7-3 (First round)
2016:	4-6 (First round)
2015:	4-5 (No playoffs)
2014:	4-5 (No playoffs)
2013:	8-3 (Second round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Neodesha
9/7	@ Fredonia
9/14	Eureka
9/21	@ Jayhawk Linn
9/28	Erie
10/5	@ Riverton
10/12	@ Northeast
10/19	Southeast

Projected finish: 8-0



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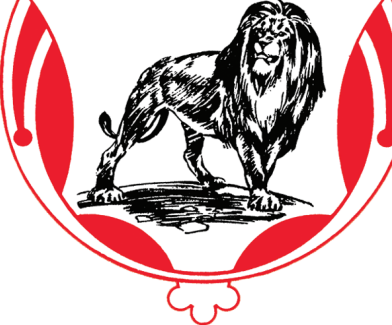


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School Colors: Orange & Black

Head Coach: Carl Boldra (56-71 – .441, 14th season)

Years in coaching: 30

Assistant coaches: Al Speicher, John Mangan,
 Marcus Lanning, Jerry Wilson, Brandon Keibert

Home stadium: Emmott Field at Shulthis Riverside Stadium (2,000)

2017 Review

Independence had one of those seasons you see all the time at the high school level. You go from an experienced group of seniors that wins games to a younger roster looking to grow. After an 8-2 record in 2016, Indy slipped to 2-7 last year, with just two starters returning from the year before. “The best part of last season was that our team competed better as the year went on,” head coach Carl Boldra said. “Young kids got a lot experience. The biggest challenge was not winning when the coaches thought we should have.” High school football programs have peaks and valleys. The Bulldogs have hit both the peak and valley the last two years. Time to start climbing again.

Returning Starters

FS Cody Shicke (5-10, 150, Sr.)
 CB Zedric Daniels (5-10, 165, Sr.)
 OL/DL Trace Smith (6-3, 225, Sr.)
 OL/DL Trevor Rinne (6-0, 195, Jr.)
 RB/LB Amaryon Farley (6-0, 190, Jr.)
 RB Jaden McGrath (5-10, 175, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Boldra says...

“Our expectation is to compete and to improve every down. We don’t want to let things carry over.”

2018 Outlook

The Bulldogs will be better this season. They have more experience returning in 2018, although it’s still not a ton. Coach Boldra lists six returning starters, with just three of those being seniors. “Senior leadership is important, but the underclassmen have to follow their leadership,” Boldra said. Indy will be changing some things up on offense, going to the spread in 2018. “Whoever wins the battle at QB will have to show great leadership,” adds Boldra, “We’re switching our offense and they will have to make big decisions.” Even though last season was a tough one, there is one big takeaway heading into 2018. “Togetherness will be a strength of this team,” Coach Boldra said. “We have a close group that did not like the off-season. They will go out and earn everything they get.”

2017 Results

9/1	Caney Valley.....	L, 12-41
9/8	@ Fort Scott	L, 6-56
9/15	@ Parsons.....	W, 56-50
9/22	@ Basehor-Linwood.....	L, 0-50
9/29	Anderson County	W, 56-14
10/6	@ El Dorado.....	L, 6-55
10/13	@ Labette County.....	L, 0-59
10/20	Field Kindley	L, 0-60
10/27	@ Chanute	L, 20-42

Five-Year Trend

2017: 2-7 (No playoffs)
 2016: 8-2 (First round)
 2015: 7-3 (First round)
 2014: 4-5 (No playoffs)
 2013: 5-6 (Second round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	El Dorado
9/7	@ Labette County
9/14	@ Fort Scott
9/21	@ Field Kindley
9/28	Chanute
10/5	Center (Kansas City, Mo.)
10/12	@ Circle
10/19	Rose Hill

Projected finish: 2-6

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Iola Mustangs

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School Colors: Blue & Gold

Head Coach: David Daugharthy (3-6 – .333, Second season)

Years in coaching: 5

Assistant coaches: Dana Daugharthy,

Cody Hager, Brad Carson, Daniel Vaughn

Home stadium: Municipal Stadium at Riverside Park (2,500)

2017 Review

Last season was the first year for the Mustangs under head coach David Daugharthy. Iola finished 3-6 overall and wasn't able to make back-to-back postseason appearances. "The biggest thing we dealt with was injuries," Coach Daugharthy said. "We lost multiple seniors to injuries, whether it be for the season or for a game. This resulted in playing multiple younger kids who still needed time to develop. They made tremendous strides, but it definitely left us in a bind."

Returning Starters

OL/DL Nic Zimmerman (Sr.) – 22.5 Tackles,

6 TFL; First-team All-Pioneer OL/DL

OL/DL Mat Karr (Sr.) – 22 Tackles,

7.5 TFL; Second-team All-Pioneer DL

WR/S Elijah Luedke (Sr.) – 21.5 Tackles, 1 INT

DB Kane Rogers (Sr.) – 11.5 Tackles, 1 INT

WB/LB Zane Whitney (Jr.) – 35 Tackles, 1 QBS

LB Devan Reiter (Jr.)

– 43.5 Tackles; Second-team All-Pioneer DL

K Peter Venter (Jr.) – First-team All-Pioneer

QB Casen Barker (Jr.)

– 297 Rush. Yds., 3 TDs; 11 Tackles

FB/LB Isaac Badders (So.)

– 495 Rush. Yds., 8 TDs; 42 Tackles

Other Impact Players

WB/LB Karson McGraw (Jr.)

WB/S Dominic Ellis (Jr.)

WB/S Dan Foust (Jr.)

OL/DL Logan Brown (So.)

Key Newcomer

FB/DL Christian Floyd (Jr.)

Offense: Flexbone

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Daugharthy says...

"The best part of last season was the continued growth and development of our players both mentally and physically. We had a strong senior class that had a solid buy-in to the program to attempt to rebrand Iola Football. There were a few good leaders that have paved the way for our younger kids to step in and become leaders now. I think our biggest strengths this year will be our line play. We return two of the best linemen in our league, one of them being an All-State lineman. We have depth at skill positions and we have returning experience. We must establish the running game and we must be able to run our base plays against anyone. Our passing game must take a massive step forward. Defensively we need to be more assignment-sound and technique focused. We had the effort and the physicality was there, but the execution wasn't quite there."

2018 Outlook

Iola lost a few athletic guys, but they're also bringing back some. They have some experienced and talented players up front, which is always nice. They also have guys that have proven to be good on-field leaders. "Nic Zimmerman, Casen Barker, Devan Reiter, Isaac Badders, Zane Whitney, Mat Karr and Elijah Luedke will be our leaders on the field," Coach Daugharthy said. "These guys know what it takes and have shown the leadership already in the offseason in recruiting and getting kids involved. Plus, they have gone out of their way to take ownership of the team, and they have decided what they want and are ready to pursue it whatever the cost." That sounds pretty intense. It's great to see a group of guys take on roles like that with a high school football team. Every team needs that group of leaders. Iola's offense should improve. Daugharthy noted, "We need to be fundamentally sound if we are going to run the Flexbone effectively. We need to go a mile deep, not a mile wide." The Mustangs have some good kids on the roster. They also have good player leadership and a coach that wants to put in the time and effort to be good. They'll get back to competing for a winning record.

2017 Results

9/1	Chanute	L, 7-38
9/8	@ Prairie View	L, 0-21
9/15	Wellsville	L, 13-34
9/22	@ Santa Fe Trail	L, 14-42
9/29	@ Parsons	W, 28-25
10/6	Osawatomie	W, 43-19
10/13	@ Burlington	L, 14-50
10/20	Anderson County	W, 33-12
10/26	@ Girard	L, 0-25

Five-Year Trend

2017:	3-6 (No playoffs)
2016:	4-6 (First round)
2015:	3-6 (No playoffs)
2014:	2-7 (No playoffs)
2013:	5-4 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Parsons
9/7	@ Wellsville
9/14	Chanute
9/21	@ Anderson County
9/28	@ Osawatomie
10/5	Burlington
10/12	Girard
10/19	@ Prairie View

Projected finish: 3-5



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School Colors: Red & Gold

Head Coach: Randy Leach (22-8 – .733, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 32

Assistant coaches:

Clint Johnson, Jason Casner, Joe Wunderly

Home stadium: Hoppes Field (1,200)

2017 Review

Jayhawk-Linn has put together back-to-back impressive seasons. After going 9-1 in 2016, the Jayhawks turned around and won eight more games last season, going 8-2 and making the playoffs for the fourth straight year. They did all that with a fairly inexperienced roster. “The 2016 team was senior heavy,” head coach Randy Leach said, “We had to start untested players, and they responded as we hoped they would.” Leach has only been at Jayhawk-Linn for three years. It’s been a very successful three-year run, and Leach is enjoying it. “My biggest joy of last season involved having the opportunity to spend time with the student-athletes,” Leach added. “Last year’s team was loaded with fine young men.”

Returning Starters

RB/DB Hayden Broyles (6-1, 175, Sr.) – 1030 Rush Yds., First-team All-TRL DB

WR/DB Mason Barrett (6-0, 170, Sr.)

QB/FS Treyton Compton (5-9, 155, Sr.) – First-team All-TRL QB

OG/LB Zach Nickelson (5-10, 195, Sr.) – First-team All-TRL OG/LB

OL/DL Wes Batcheler (6-2, 185, Sr.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Kason Boyd (5-8, 210, Sr.)

OL/DL Hayden Foxworth (5-10, 200, Sr.)

OL/DL Luke Casner (6-0, 200, Sr.)

RB/SS Lane Thompson (5-11, 160, Jr.)

OL/DL Clint Barker (6-2, 300, Jr.)

OL/DL Connor Stults (6-1, 190, Jr.)

RB/LB Kade Kellstadt (5-10, 170, So.)

Key Newcomers

OL/DL Garrett Scott (5-10, 245, So.)

FB/LB Jayson McKinley (6-1, 210, Fr.)

OL/DL Hunter Holt (5-6, 165, Fr.)

Offense: Flexbone

Defense: 4-4

Coach Leach says...

“Our team strengths will be positive attitudes and desire to win. Our goal is to improve each week so that we may continue our success.”

2018 Outlook

Jayhawk-Linn has been on a roll the last two seasons, and we don’t expect that to stop in 2018. They have some talented guys back from last season, including a 1,000-yard rusher in Hayden Broyles and a quarterback in Treyton Compton that was named first-team All-Three Rivers League last season. “Team speed and experience will be the biggest change from last year’s team,” head coach Randy Leach said. Despite having a more experienced group returning, Leach expects every player – even the younger ones – to step up and be leaders on the field this season. “I believe leadership is the responsibility of all team members,” Leach added. “Regardless of experience, we are all forced into situations that require us to lead.”

2017 Results

9/1	Neodesha	W, 28-26
9/8	@ Uniontown	W, 36-0
9/15	@ Oswego	W, 48-6
9/22	Yates Center	W, 42-6
9/29	@ Pleasant Ridge	W, 38-22
10/6	Drexel	L, 20-22
10/13	Northeast	W, 44-8
10/20	@ Humboldt	W, 34-30
10/26	Erie	W, 36-8

Playoffs

10/31	Osage City	L, 14-48
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Five-Year Trend

2017: 8-2 (First round)

2016: 9-1 (First round)

2015: 5-5 (First round)

2014: 3-7 (First round)

2013: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Yates Center
9/7	Uniontown
9/14	@ Pleasanton
9/21	Humboldt
9/28	Southeast
10/5	@ Northeast
10/12	Erie
10/19	@ Riverton

Projected finish: 7-1





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School Colors: Red & Gold

Head Coach: Sean Price (17-13 – .567, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 25

Assistant coaches: Bradley Argabright,

Davey Brown, Mike Hayward, Joe Paige, Joe Royer

Home stadium: Lucas Field

2017 Review

Labette County continued to make strides under head coach Sean Price last season. They finished the year 9-2 overall, won the SEK League title, a district title and won their first playoff game in 17 years. "Seeing how our team came together and played so well as a unit was the best part of last season," coach Price said, "Great kids make for great seasons and we had a team full of high-character kids." Here are just a few highlights from last season – The Grizzlies drilled Fort Scott, 34-7; they topped Frontenac, 31-17 (Frontenac would go on to play for the 4A-Division II state title); and finally their 34-7 win over Paola in the first round of the postseason. Labette County had plenty of talented kids on the roster, including four who are going on to play in college.

Key Losses

RB T.J. Mayhue (Benedictine)
LB Tate Phillips (Southwestern)

DB KeShaun Anderson (Coffeyville CC)
WR Owyn Back (Ottawa)

Returning Starters

QB Easton Dean (6-7, 225, Sr.) – All-State,
First-team All-SEK, 2,028 Pass Yds.

WR Kale Irwin

(5-10, 188, Sr.) – 462 Rec. Yds., 7 TDs

OT Tyler Brock (6-1, 240, Sr.)

OG Parker Boring (6-0, 220, Sr.)

HB Riley Sorrell (5-10, 200, Sr.)

CB Caleb Hentzen

(5-8, 160, Sr.) – First-team All-SEK, 3 INTs

DE Clayton Moore (6-3, 200, Sr.)

LB Zach McCarty (6-1, 190, Sr.)

– Second-team All-SEK, 60 Tackles

C Jared Huebner (5-8, 180, Sr.)

FS Ethan Jameson

(6-3, 150, Jr.) – 3 INTs, 64 Tackles

DE Caleb Haggard (6-3, 235, Jr.)

– HM All-State, 78 Tackles, 18 TFL

SS Trent Brock (5-10, 165, So.) – 44 Tackles

Other Impact Players

TE/H-Back Anthony Lee (6-0, 180, Sr.)

FS Tucker Shadley (6-0, 150, Sr.)

LB Logan Simmons (5-10, 170, Sr.)

WR Nathan Smith (6-4, 170, Jr.)

WR Kainen Campmier (5-6, 140, Jr.)

LB Brayden Lewis (5-10, 180, Jr.)

OT Evan Baima (6-0, 170, Jr.)

OT Zach Stalford (6-2, 210, Jr.)

Offense: Spread – Air Raid

Defense: Multiple

Coach Price says...

"We lost some great leaders and our depth could be an issue this year. We have a great nucleus returning from last year's team. We are stronger than last year and our kids know we are close to being back to that level, if not better."

2018 Outlook

It feels like Labette County is in a good spot right now. Sure, the Grizzlies did lose some playmakers to graduation, but they have more on the way, "Developing depth this summer is key for us," Coach Price said, "We have some great young players coming into program who are going to be big-time players for us." There's no time to ease into the season for the Grizzlies. Right off the bat in week one they'll face former SEK-rival Pittsburg. They'll need great leadership from their seniors, which Price expects. "Easton Dean, Kale Irwin, Zach McCarty, Clayton Moore, Jared Huebner and Caleb Hentzen will be our on-field leaders," Price said. "They were voted our team leaders. It's a great group of young men who understand team comes first. We are a family and these kids lead us on and off the field." When asked about goals for this season after such a successful run last year, coach Price simply said, "Our goal is to go 1-0 each week and see where that takes us." I wouldn't call myself a football expert, but if the Grizzlies are able to go 1-0 each week, I think they'll be in a good position at the end of the season.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Fredonia.....	W, 69-6
9/8	Andale.....	L, 0-39
9/15	@ Osawatomie.....	W, 49-0
9/22	Parsons.....	W, 71-0
9/29	Fort Scott.....	W, 34-7
10/6	@ Frontenac.....	W, 31-17
10/13	Independence.....	W, 59-0
10/20	Chanute.....	W, 36-0
10/27	@ Field Kindley.....	W, 34-8

Playoffs

11/3	Paola.....	W, 34-7
11/10	@ Bishop Miege.....	L, 23-69

Five-Year Trend

2017:	9-2 (Second round)
2016:	5-5 (First round)
2015:	3-6 (No playoffs)
2014:	2-7 (No playoffs)
2013:	3-6 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Pittsburg
9/7	Independence
9/14	Field Kindley
9/21	Winfield
9/28	@ Fort Scott
10/5	@ Wellington
10/12	Ulysses
10/19	@ Chanute

Projected finish: 6-2



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Marmaton Valley Wildcats

Three Rivers League (Eight-Man) • KSHSAA 8-man Division II, District 1 • [@MarmatonV](#)

School Colors: Orange & Black

Head Coach: Gavin Cole (11-7 – .611, Third season)

Years in coaching: 4

Assistant coaches:

Derek Scharff, Garret Ericson

Home stadium: Wildcats Stadium

2017 Review

Gavin Cole has been the head coach at Marmaton Valley for two years. In those two years he has led the Wildcats to an 11-7 overall record and back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 2012. “The best part about last season was watching our athletes compete and improve week to week,” Cole said. “Our kids gave everything they had and played extremely hard every night. We were a very close group last year, so being able to strap on that helmet and represent our school (and) community nine times was something we took very seriously and enjoyed having the opportunity to do.” Marmaton Valley graduated a talented group, but they played some younger guys last year, which will only help them moving forward.

Returning Starters

OG/DE Isaac Heskett (6-0, 255, Sr.) – 2 Rush. TDs, 19 Tackles, 2 QBS

RB/LB Caiden Elliot (5-11, 185, Sr.) – 302 Rush. Yds., 5 TDs; 22 Tackles, 1 INT

LB William Lowder (5-10, 175, So.) – 47 Tackles, 1 QBS

Other Impact Players

QB/DB Gage Griffith

(6-0, 155, Sr.) – 2 Rush. TDs; 1 INT

OG/DE Ty Scharff (6-1, 175, Jr.)

OL/DL Bo Knavel (5-10, 215, Jr.)

TE/LB Collin Dudley (6-0, 160, Jr.)

TE/DB Anthony Bottini (5-9, 145, Jr.)

RB/LB Wesley Lowder (5-8, 150, So.)

Key Newcomers

OL/DL Nate McAloon (5-11, 250, Jr.)

OL/DL Braden Allison (6-0, 260, Jr.)

TE/LB Curtis Harris (So.)

Offense: Multiple **Defense:** 3-3

Coach Cole says...

“I anticipate that we will be a well-disciplined team who will not hurt ourselves with costly turnovers or penalties. We should be a pretty well-balanced team as we continue to improve in the passing game. Our bread and butter, and probably our greatest strength offensively will be our offensive line, where we should have good size and strength and hopefully be able to open up running room for our talented backfield. Defensively, our strength should be our physicality. Shedding blocks, pursuing the football and gang tackling. I am also optimistic that we will be tough against the pass with a pair of new defensive backs.”

2018 Outlook

Marmaton Valley graduated a big senior class, so there will be quite a few new faces on the field for them this fall. Coach Cole only lists two senior starters returning this year in Isaac Heskett and Caiden Elliot. Cole will lean on those guys, and a couple other older players to help the younger guys along. “Caiden, Isaac and Gage Griffith have all three been in this program for a long time and have played for me since they were in junior high,” Cole said. “They understand my expectations as a coach, and all three are good athletes and students with good leadership qualities.” We haven’t seen some of these players the Wildcats will have on the field this season, but Cole has. He’s coached the juniors and seniors since they were in junior high, and knows what they can do. “I’m confident that familiarity and time that we have put in will help us continue to be a successful program,” coach Cole added. We have no reason to argue with a coach who knows his players better than anyone and has shown he knows how to win games.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Chetopa	W, 68-0
9/8	@ Crest	W, 50-0
9/15	Greenfield	L, 20-58
9/22	Altoona-Midway	W, 56-0
9/29	Sedan	W, 36-28
10/6	@ Madison	W, 46-6
10/13	St. Paul	L, 26-74
10/20	West Elk	L, 28-62
10/27	@ Southern Coffey Co.	W, 68-22

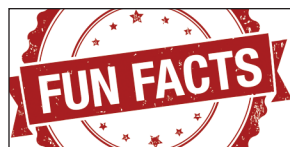
Five-Year Trend

2017:	6-3 (No playoffs)
2016:	5-4 (No playoffs)
2015:	4-5 (No playoffs)
2014:	2-7 (No playoffs)
2013:	1-8 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	West Elk
9/7	Oswego
9/14	@ Sedan
9/21	@ Southern Coffey County
9/28	Crest
10/5	@ St. Paul
10/12	@ Altoona-Midway
10/19	Chetopa

Projected finish: 6-2



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Kansas Past State Champions

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Class 3A (Continued)

2013 Silver Lake
 2014 Rossville
 2015 Rossville
 2016 Rossville
 2017 Sabetha

Class 2A (Known as 2-1A when combined with 1A, 1985-2017)

1969 Sacred Heart
 1970 Prairie View
 1971 Stockton
 1972 Meade
 1973 Moundridge
 1974 Sacred Heart
 1975 Beloit
 1976 Beloit
 1977 Beloit
 1978 Moundridge
 1979 Hanover
 1980 Meade
 1981 Victoria
 1982 Sterling
 1983 Stanton County
 1984 Colgan
 1985 Victoria
 1986 St. Paul
 1987 Stockton
 1988 Victoria
 1989 Atwood
 1990 Atwood
 1991 Atwood
 1992 Stockton
 1993 Stockton
 1994 Frontenac
 1995 Stockton

1996 Frankfort
 1997 Claflin
 1998 Claflin
 1999 Claflin
 2000 St. Mary's-Colgan
 2001 St. Mary's-Colgan
 2002 St. Mary's-Colgan
 2003 St. Mary's-Colgan
 2004 Smith Center
 2005 Smith Center
 2006 Smith Center
 2007 Smith Center
 2008 Smith Center
 2009 Centralia
 2010 Meade
 2011 Centralia/Wetmore
 2012 Meade
 2013 Centralia/Wetmore
 2014 Olpe
 2015 Phillipsburg
 2016 Troy
 2017 Smith Centwr

Class 1A (Combined with 2A in 1985, will return in 2018)

1969 Clifton
 1970 Little River
 1971 Little River
 1972 Burlingame
 1973 Quinter
 1974 Colgan
 1975 Colgan
 1976 Ashland
 1977 Clyde
 1978 Protection
 1979 Hutchinson Trinity
 1980 Ashland
 1981 Little River/Window

1982 Sterling
 1983 Frankfort
 1984 Madison
 1985-2017
 Combined with 2A

8-man Div. I (Known as 8-man, 1969-82)

1969 Nashville-Zenda
 1970 Scandia
 1971 Scandia
 1972 Scandia
 1973 Rolla
 1974 Lewis
 1975 Luray
 1976 Bogue
 1977 Sharon
 1978 Moscow
 1979 West Smith County
 1980 Minneola
 1981 Denton-Midway
 1982 Denton-Midway
 1983 Bushton-
 Quivira Heights
 1984 Denton-Midway
 1985 Coldwater
 1986 Northern Valley
 1987 Denton-Midway
 1988 Denton-Midway
 1989 Ell-Saline
 1990 Northern Valley
 1991 Wallace County
 1992 Quinter
 1993 Pretty Prairie
 1994 Coldwater
 1995 Coldwater
 1996 Little River
 1997 Centre
 1998 Greeley County

1999 Little River
 2000 St. Paul
 2001 Jetmore
 2002 St. Paul
 2003 Jetmore
 2004 Victoria
 2005 South Barber
 2006 Waverly
 2007 Macksville
 2008 Baileyville B & B
 2009 Quinter
 2010 Madison/Hamilton
 2011 Centralia/Wetmore
 2012 Ness City
 2013 Osborne
 2014 Central Plains
 2015 Spearville
 2016 Osborne
 2017 Hoxie

8-man Div. II (Created in 1983)

1983 Protection
 1984 Ingalls
 1985 Denton-Midway
 1986 Denton-Midway
 1987 Northern Valley
 1988 Attica
 1989 Hanston
 1990 Hanston
 1991 Claflin
 1992 Claflin
 1993 Axtell
 1994 West Smith County
 1995 Sylvan Grove
 1996 Rolla
 1997 Sylvan Grove
 1998 Sylvan Grove
 1999 Hanston

2000 Denton-Midway
 2001 Hanston
 2002 Hanston
 2003 Hope
 2004 Hanston
 2005 Waverly
 2006 Victoria
 2007 Wallace County
 2008 Hanover
 2009 Hanover

2010 Baileyville-B & B
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Neodesha Bluestreaks

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School Colors: Blue & White

Head Coach: John Black (49-31 – .613, Eighth season)

Years in coaching: 27

Assistant coaches:

Jeff Piatt, Dave Gillett, Chris Hinshaw, Hunter Keith

Home stadium: NHS Field

2017 Review

The Bluestreaks finished the regular season with a 5-4 record and made the playoffs for the third time in four years. Unfortunately for Neodesha, the 'Streaks ran into Galena in the first round of the postseason, a game they lost 66-14. Nobody wants to face CNC League teams in the playoffs. "We were young and small last year," head coach John Black said. "These young men have grown up and developed over the year. I look for big things from this team."

Returning Starters

RB/DB Randall McKinnis (5-9, 195, Sr.)
 WR/DB John Wallace (5-11, 170, Sr.)
 QB/RB/LB Blaze Grimes (6-3, 215, Sr.)
 OL/DL Levi Frasier (5-10, 210, Sr.)
 OL/DL Jon Newland (5-10, 190, Sr.)
 RB/DB Bryan Adams (5-10, 180, Sr.)
 OL/DE Swade Scott (6-0, 200, Jr.)
 WR Toby Curtis (6-0, 165, Jr.)
 TE/LB Kaiden Fuller (6-1, 180, Jr.)
 LB Mayson Ellis (5-10, 210, Jr.)
 LB Phoenix Carpenter (5-9, 190, So.)

Other Impact Players

RB/LB Peyton Garcia (5-9, 170, Sr.)
 TE/DL Gatlin Barkus (6-3, 200, Sr.)
 OL/DL Drake Anderson (6-1, 235, Sr.)
 OL/DL Evan Strange (5-10, 200, Jr.)
 OL/DL Chris Aldrich (6-0, 220, Jr.)
 QB/DB John Black (5-11, 155, Jr.)
 QB/DB Seth Strange (5-10, 150, So.)

Key Newcomer

OL/DL Cody Bilyeu (6-2, 230, Fr.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: 4-3

Coach Black says...

"We should be in every ball game this year. We will need to throw the ball better than we have and I believe we will be hard to defend against. We will play together as a team and as a family. We will have class at everything we do."

2018 Outlook

This roster has more experience than it did last year, with six two-way starters returning for their senior year. "Most of these seniors are good leaders," Coach Black said. "I expect Blaze Grimes to step up and be more of a vocal leader this year. Another player who is not a senior that will step up this year is Swade Scott." Neodesha will be better this season, and they weren't terrible last year. They'll be right back above .500. "Our goal is to improve every day," Black added. "We want to finish the year at our best."

2017 Results

9/1 @ Jayhawk-Linn.....L, 26-28
 9/8 Oswego.....W, 38-6
 9/15 Humboldt.....L, 7-18
 9/22 @ Erie.....W, 34-14
 9/29 Cherryvale.....L, 14-49
 10/6 @ Bluestem.....W, 60-18
 10/13 Fredonia.....W, 34-7
 10/20 @ Caney Valley.....L, 7-47
 10/26 Eureka.....W, 54-28

Playoffs

11/3 @ Galena.....L, 14-66

Five-Year Trend

2017: 5-5 (First round)
 2016: 5-4 (No playoffs)
 2015: 9-2 (Second round)
 2014: 7-3 (First round)
 2013: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31 @ Humboldt
 9/7 Erie
 9/14 Caney Valley
 9/21 @ Douglass
 9/28 @ Belle Plaine
 10/5 Eureka
 10/12 @ Cherryvale
 10/19 Fredonia

Projected finish: 5-3





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Northeast Vikings

Three Rivers League (11-Man) • KSHSAA Class 2A, District 1 • [@NortheastUSD246](#)

School Colors: Burgundy & White

Head Coach: Phil Hobbs (18-73 – .198, 11th season)

Years in coaching: 24

Assistant coaches:

Tommy Leftwich, Joey McDowell, Chase Cleland

Home stadium: Samuel J. Nicoletti Field

2017 Review

Things have been about as tough as they can be the last two years for the Northeast Vikings. The Vikings finished last season 0-9, making it the second straight year they finished with a winless record. "Youth and lack of varsity experience were two of our biggest challenges last season," said head coach Phil Hobbs, "We started several freshmen in key spots, including two on the offensive line and at quarterback. We asked many sophomores to step into new roles and different positions for the betterment of the team." There's good and bad news to having to many young guys on the field. The good news is that there's no substitute for real, in-game experience. The bad news is that sometimes, you're not going to win a lot of games.

Returning Starters

TE/DE Kadin Dugan (6-2, 190, Sr.)
 RB/LB Thomas Cronister (5-9, 180, Sr.)
 OL/DL Kalin Griffin (5-10, 175, Jr.)
 OL/LB Hunter Jackson (5-10, 180, Jr.)
 – HM All-Three Rivers LB
 RB/DB Josh Dickey (5-9, 165, Jr.)
 OL/DL Keatyn O'Dell (6-1, 185, Jr.)
 RB/DB Daniel Balk (5-8, 155, Jr.)

QB/DB Kenneth Atchison (5-10, 145, Jr.)
 WR/DB Jasper Atchison (5-10, 145, Jr.)
 QB/DB Karter Dugan (5-10, 165, So.)
 – HM All-Three Rivers QB
 QB/DB Cole Richard (5-10, 150, So.)
 OL/DL Gage Cronister (5-10, 220, So.)
 OL/DL Zach Cronister (5-11, 220, So.)

Key Newcomers

RB/DB Zach Kichler (5-9, 165, Jr.)
 RB/DB Eric Smith (5-8, 145, Fr.)
 OL/DL Jeremy Dickey (5-9, 150, Fr.)

Offense: Flexbone

Defense: 3-4

Coach Hobbs says...

"Defensively we need to attack the football better – we gave up too many yards after initial contact, or missed our assignment entirely. Offensively, we will be making some modifications to what we have done in previous seasons to better suit our personnel. We had a great winter. All of our linemen took part in our after-school strength program and competed in several powerlifting meets. Our progress in strength and speed will be a big part of our success."

2018 Outlook

This team has taken its lumps lately, but there's reason for a little optimism. They had a lot of guys on the field last year learning how to play at the varsity level. Those guys are back, and it's time to learn how to win at the varsity level. "Almost every returning player saw a significant amount of playing time in 2017," said coach Hobbs, "Many of our freshman embraced the challenge of playing at the varsity level and finished the season with valuable experience." Hobbs will be looking for a lot of those guys to step up both as players and as leaders, especially QB Karter Dugan. "He will have full control of our offense," Hobbs said of Dugan, "His teammates have a lot of confidence in his leadership and play." There's a lot of new for Northeast this season. New classification, new district and new schedule – we'll see if they can roll with the changes and get back in the win column.

2017 Results

9/1 Liberal, Mo..... L, 0-53
 9/8 @ Yates Center L, 14-20
 9/15 Uniontown L, 30-38^{3OT}
 9/22 @ Belle Plaine L, 0-68
 9/29 Oswego L, 28-34
 10/6 @ Baxter Springs L, 12-71
 10/13 @ Jayhawk-Linn L, 8-44
 10/20 @ Erie L, 6-46
 10/26 Humboldt L, 0-58

Five-Year Trend

2017: 0-9 (No playoffs)
 2016: 0-9 (No playoffs)
 2015: 3-6 (No playoffs)
 2014: 6-4 (First round)
 2013: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31 @ Pleasanton
 9/7 Yates Center
 9/14 @ Uniontown
 9/21 @ Southeast
 9/28 Riverton
 10/5 Jayhawk Linn
 10/12 Humboldt
 10/19 @ Erie

Projected finish: 1-7

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Oswego Indians

Three Rivers League (8-Man) • KSHSAA 8-man Division 1, District 1 • [@Oswego504](#)

School Colors: Red & White
Head Coach: Matt Fowler (First season)
Years in coaching: 10

Assistant coaches: Steve McBrien,
 J.D. Walker, Jeff Schreppel, Lance Smith
Home stadium: Arrowhead Stadium

2017 Review

Last season was a tough one for Oswego. The Indians finished the year with just one win, which game in Week 5 on the road against Northeast, a team that finished the year winless. The 2017 campaign was also the last for Justin Hurley as the head football coach at Oswego -- he is now at Highland Park High School in Topeka. In his two years with Oswego Hurley collected a 4-15 overall record. Matt Fowler is taking over the head coaching duties for the Indians for 2018.

Returning Starters

RB/LB Ethan Evans (5-8, 170, Sr.)
 OL/DL Dathan Gray (6-0, 235, Sr.)
 DB Trenton Thomas (5-6, 135, Sr.)
 RB/DB Jace Wilson (5-9, 155 Jr.)
 OL/DL Chris Goddard (5-10, 215, Jr.)
 OL/DL Will Daniels (6-4, 220, Jr.)
 RB/DB Lance Teal (5-10, 150, So.)
 RB/LB Chase Evans (5-10, 165, So.)
 TE/LB Isaac Elliot (6-2, 190, So.)
 OL/LB Mayson Mills (5-8, 160, So.)
 OL/DL Tristan Gray (5-8, 220, So.)
 TE/DB Isac Elkins (5-10, 150, So.)

Offense: Single wing

Defense: 3-2

Coach Fowler says...

"I took the job in Oswego to get closer to my parents. I want my children to be around their grandparents more and Spearville was a long ways away. I also love 8-man football and the fact that Oswego is transitioning to 8-man was a huge draw for me."

2018 Outlook

This will be a different year for Oswego. They have a new head coach, and they're switching to the 8-man game. "How quickly we can get comfortable in 8-man football and with new schemes will be key to our success in 2018," Coach Fowler said. "We must have a great summer in the weight room and do our best to manage factors that we can control." Fowler has a long list of returning starters, but just three who are seniors. This will be a young team with plenty of room to grow throughout the year. "We want to play hard-nosed, physical football," Fowler added. "We want to improve every day and make our community proud by playing hard and playing with class."

2017 Results

9/1 Baxter Springs..... L, 13-40
 9/8 @ Neodesha..... L, 6-38
 9/15 Jayhawk-Linn..... L, 6-48
 9/22 Archie L, 14-51
 9/29 @ Northeast W, 34-28
 10/7 @ Valley Heights L, 0-48
 10/13 Uniontown..... L, 18-34
 10/20 @ St. Mary's Colgan..... L, 6-63
 10/27 @ Yates Center L, 18-20
(Played 11-man schedule in 2017)

Five-Year Trend

2017: 1-8 (No playoffs)
 2016: 3-7 (First round)
 2015: 1-8 (No playoffs)
 2014: 4-4 (No playoffs)
 2013: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31 @ Chetopa
 9/7 @ Marmaton Valley
 9/14 Altoona-Midway
 9/21 Sedan
 9/28 @ West Elk
 10/5 Central-Burden
 10/12 Cedar Vale
 10/19 @ Flinthills

Projected finish: 2-6



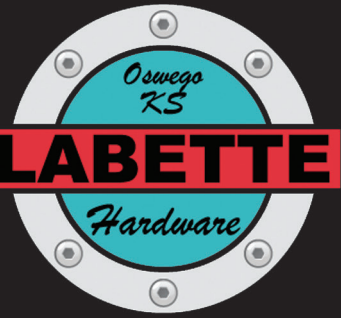
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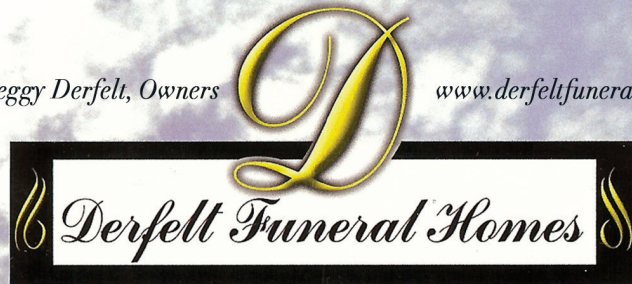


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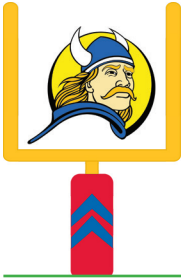


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Parsons Vikings

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School Colors: Blue & Gold
Head Coach: Kurt Friess (First season)
Years in coaching: 15

Asst. coaches: Deonta Wade, Chris Beard, Don Barcus, Brad Woodworth, Rob Barcus, Jaron Dixon, Jeff Schibi
Home stadium: Marvel Park Stadium (2,000)

2017 Review

Parsons continued to struggle last season, finishing with just one win for the second straight year. The team's lone win came in week eight at home against Baxter Springs. 2017 was the one and only season for the Vikings under head coach Travis Hurley. Hurley is now the head coach at Stockton High School in Missouri. Kurt Friess is taking over head coaching duties for Parsons in 2018. "I believe the biggest challenge of last season was trying to compete with a very young and inexperienced football team," Friess says, "Parsons has been the only 4A-DII school in the SEK for several years. It's very difficult to compete with schools that have enrollments so much larger than yours." Starting in 2018, Parsons will be competing at the Class 3A level and won't play an SEK League schedule.

Key Loss

K/P Cody Stephens (Benedictine)

Returning Starters

WR/LB Patch Loadholtz (6-0, 180, Sr.) - Hon. mention All-State	WR/DB Davonte Yates (6-2, 175, Sr.) - Hon. mention All-SEK WR
DB Daquan Johnson (6-0, 160, Jr.) - Hon. mention All-State DB	DL Noah Caven (5-7, 140, Sr.) - Hon. mention All-SEK DL
RB/LB Joel Schibi (6-0, 175, Sr.) - Second-team All-SEK LB	WR/DB Zeke Lyons (6-0, 160, Jr.) - Hon. mention All-SEK DB
QB/LB Gage Friess (5-11, 180, Sr.) - Hon. mention All-SEK QB	OL Baxter Finley (6-2, 190, Jr.) - Hon. mention All-SEK OL

Other Impact Players

WR/LB Andrew Farris (6-0, 170, Sr.)	OL/DL Ricky Ellis (6-0, 190, So.)	RB/LB Yusef Kindrick (5-10, 160, So.)
TE/DL Noah Ryan (6-2, 180, Jr.)	OL/LB Logan Duroni (6-0, 170, So.)	QB/LB Ethan Houk (6-0, 170, So.)
QB/WR/DB Tanner Barcus (5-8, 150, So.)	WR/LB Christian Lindsey (6-0, 170, So.)	WR/LB Julius Smith-Reece (6-0, 170, So.)
	WR/LB Matt Ray (5-10, 140, So.)	

Key Newcomers

OL/DL Rodney Welch (6-0, 240, Sr.)	WR/DB Dariq Williams (5-11, 170, Jr.)
WR/DB Anthony Posner (5-10, 149, Jr.)	OL/LB Cooper Woodworth (5-10, 210, So.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-2-5

Coch Friess says...

"I took the position at Parsons High School because I believe we can build a successful football program in my hometown. I hope to build a program that rewards hard-working, tough-minded high school football players. I think our team's strengths will be our overall team speed and a large number of student-athletes with not only varsity football experience but winning habits developed on the basketball court (PHS placed fourth at state last season), baseball diamond (the Vikings finished third at state last spring) and a regional track championship team this past spring. Parsons is the only public school in the state of Kansas to have had that much success last year."

2018 Outlook

Hopefully this program can find some stability at head coach with Kurt Friess. He's coming in at a good time, with experienced seniors and a talented group of underclassmen. "While they will be learning a new system, our players have impressed me with their work ethic and ability to learn our new system," Coach Friess said. "For our team to be successful we will have to be unselfish, disciplined and most of all mentally tough." Parsons has nine seniors returning to starting roles, including QB/LB Gage Friess and WR/LB Patch Loadholtz. Coach Friess will rely upon those guys to be on-field leaders for the Vikings this season. "Patch and Gage are two of our hardest workers in the weight room and on the practice field," Coach Friess says. We think Parsons will be better - they have some athletic and experienced players. Their schedule is still tough, especially towards the end of the season, but we have no doubt 2018 will be better for the Vikings. "My expectations for our team this season begins and ends with getting better every day," Coach Friess added. "I expect every player to approach every drill with the mindset of getting better. If we can develop this type of growth mindset, we will have a chance to have a successful season."

2017 Results

9/1	Fort Scott.....	L, 7-56
9/8	@ Field Kindley	L, 21-48
9/15	Independence	L, 50-56
9/22	@ Labette County.....	L, 0-71
9/29	Iola	L, 25-28
10/6	@ Chanute	L, 43-62
10/13	Frontenac	L, 0-44
10/20	Baxter Springs.....	W, 24-21
10/27	@ Columbus.....	L, 28-63

Five-Year Trend

2017:	1-8 (No playoffs)
2016:	1-8 (No playoffs)
2015:	3-6 (No playoffs)
2014:	0-9 (No playoffs)
2013:	0-9 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Iola
9/7	@ Anderson County
9/14	Osawatomie
9/21	@ Baxter Springs
9/28	Frontenac
10/5	Columbus
10/12	@ Caney Valley
10/19	Galena

Projected finish: 2-6

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Pittsburg Purple Dragons

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School Colors: Purple & White

Head Coach: Tom Nickelson (48-21 – .696, Eighth season)

Years in coaching: 22

Asst. coaches: Ben Bernhardt, Leroy O'Bray, Matt Butler,

Trevor Elliott, Jeff Johnson, Matt Vaughn, Andrew Brennon, A.J. Terry

Home stadium: Hutchinson Field (5,000)

2017 Review

This program has been one of the most successful programs we have in the Four-State Area over the last few years. Last year, the Purple Dragons finished 8-3 and made the state quarterfinals for the third time in five years. "The team chemistry we had last season was amazing," said head coach Tom Nickelson, who is entering his eighth year at Pittsburg High, "We had 20 seniors that only cared about doing what they could to help this team succeed. Every one of them set the tone for our underclassmen to follow." It was fun year to be around the Dragons. They played some games against perennial state contenders in Missouri (Harrisonville, Webb City and Carl Junction), and ended up beating defending state champion Harrisonville right off the bat in Week 1. Their offense was fun – their defense was good. Pittsburg football is in a good place right now.

Key Losses

LB Chase Johnson (6-0, 178, Sr.)

OL Daniel Eichenberger (6-2, 215, Sr.)

Returning Starters

OL Brayden Letterman
(6-2, 230, Sr.)

WR Dylan White (6-1, 178, Sr.)

WR Zach Sutton (6-2, 200, Sr.)

WR/DB Brett Wiemers (6-1, 165, Sr.)

RB Brandis Evans (5-10, 195, Sr.)

LB Jerek Butcher (6-0, 220, Sr.)

LB Dylan Jordan (6-3, 208, Sr.)

FS Joel Kafka (6-1, 180, Sr.)

DE Peyton Steele (6-3, 220, Sr.)

DT Bentley Boekhout (6-3, 220, Sr.)

OL Sam Herring (5-11, 220, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

DT Shay Mahnken (5-9, 210, Jr.)

RB/LB Sam Roark (6-0, 185, Jr.)

RB Brett Freeman (5-7, 155, Sr.)

RB/DB Bren Brinegar (5-10, 165, Sr.)

DT Will Comeau (5-11, 295, Sr.)

QB/DB Ty Roark (6-0, 175, Sr.)

OL/DL Will Holland (6-2, 205, Sr.)

OL/DL Austin Edwards (5-9, 250, Sr.)

LB Ben Blessent (5-10, 180, Sr.)

WR/DB Drew Hobbs (5-9, 145, Sr.)

Offense: Flexbone

Defense: 4-3

Coach Nickelson says...

"We will have to have several younger players that haven't had much Friday night experience step into major roles. Gaining Friday night speed and intensity throughout camps and practices will be key. Having our team play for each other and for their community and putting team goals ahead of personal accomplishments – if we are able to do that, we will be very successful."



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2018 Outlook

They did lose a big senior class, but the Purple Dragons have some talented guys returning this season, including wide receiver Dylan White. White was a favorite of quarterback Chase Curtis last season, hauling in 33 passes for 690 yards and 10 touchdowns. As Coach Nickelson mentioned, there's going to be a lot of new players on the field for Pittsburg this year. They are now also competing in Class 4A, and have a bunch of different teams on their schedule. The Dragons will only face two opponents in 2018 that were on last year's schedule. "It will take a lot of preparation to become familiar with so many new opponents we've never played before," Nickelson said. We think playing those new foes can be a good thing. Getting more looks at different things can only help prepare you for the playoffs, where you see teams you normally don't play. Pittsburg is pretty much as reliable as it gets for high school football in the Four-States. They have a great coach, great community support, good numbers and good athletes. The faces on the field change, but lately, the results have been the same. We expect Pittsburg to keep it going in 2018. They've shown they can compete with some of the best in Class 5A – we'll see what they can do against some of the best in Class 4A. "Our goal is to maximize the potential of every player," Nickelson added. "We want to put them in the best situations to make them and the team successful."

2017 Results

9/1	Harrisonville	W, 37-21
9/8	Chanute	W, 54-7
9/15	@ Webb City	L, 13-34
9/22	@ Fort Scott	W, 45-19
9/29	@ Andover Central	W, 12-7
10/6	Carl Junction	L, 17-37
10/13	Bonner Springs	W, 39-29
10/20	@ Wichita North	W, 55-8

Playoffs

10/27	KC-Washington	W, 47-8
11/3	KC-Turner	W, 61-6
11/10	@ St. Thomas Aquinas	L, 21-42

Five-Year Trend

2017:	8-3 (Quarterfinals)
2016:	5-4 (First round)
2015:	9-2 (Second round)
2014:	9-2 (Second round)
2013:	6-3 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Labette County
9/7	@ Chanute
9/14	Blue Valley North
9/21	Fort Scott
9/29	@ Ulysses
10/5	Mill Valley
10/12	@ Olathe East
10/19	DeSoto

Projected finish: 6-2

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Pleasanton Blu-Jays

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School Colors: Blue & White

Head Coach: Dustin Johnson (11-17 – .393, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 12

Assistant coaches: Dillon Roberts,

Jason Toms, Seth Gabbert, B.J. Skipper

Home stadium: Blu-Jay Nation Stadium (2,000)

2017 Review

Pleasanton finished last season 6-4 and made the playoffs for the first time in 12 years. They had a pretty experienced roster after just losing one senior from the 2016 team. "It was a goal of ours to get back in the tournament after so long," head coach Dustin Johnson said. "Everyone worked hard in the summer and it carried over to the season." Pleasanton was close to .500 in 2016, finishing 4-5. It was nice to see the Jays get over that hump and have some success last year after finishing with a total of two wins in 2014 and 2015, combined. "I think dealing with real expectations for the first time with this group was the biggest challenge," Johnson added. "It was full of highs and lows, but it was the most rewarding season of my career."

Returning Starters

QB/LB Kaden McKee (5-11, 170, Sr.) – 1,500 Pass. Yds., 22 TDs; 600 Rush Yds., 8 TDs

WR/S Ben Hockmen (6-1, 180, Sr.) – 480 Rec. Yds., 8 TDs

TE/DE Austin Ralle (6-2, 190, Sr.) – 200 Rec. Yds.

OT/NG Turner Dent (6-0, 180, Sr.) – 60 Tackles, 12 QBS

C/LB Jeb Ralle (5-11, 180, Sr.) – 45 Tackles

WR/DB Kasen McKee (5-8, 140, Jr.) – 780 Rec. Yds., 16 TDs

RB/LB Tim Anderson (5-10, 150, So.) – 200 Rush. Yds.; 40 Tackles

Other Impact Players

WR/LB Cole Cunningham (5-11, 165, Jr.)

TE/LB Eli Brandt (6-0, 165, Jr.)

OL/DL Chandler Peters (6-0, 180, Jr.)

WR/DB Xavier Harrington (5-9, 145, Jr.)

OL/DL Aden Dumcum (6-0, 245, So.)

WR/DB Levi Allen (5-9, 150, So.)

Key Newcomers

WR/DB/K Wesley Self (6-0, 160, Jr.)

OL/DL Coleman Kelley

Offense: Air Raid/RPO

Defense: Multiple

Coach Johnson says...

"Our goals are to win the league, win the district and get back to the playoffs. We always talk about no matter what happens, good or bad, we will always row the boat forward and move on to the next play because we can't control the past, but we can influence the future with relentless effort."

2018 Outlook

There's going to be some changes for Pleasanton this season. They'll have some new players playing in important positions, and they're moving from the 8-man game to 11-man. One thing that will stay the same is their quarterback. Kaden McKee returns to his starting role as a senior, after throwing for 1,500 yards and 22 touchdowns last season. "Kaden has taken every single snap for us since his freshman year," Coach Johnson said. "We'll look to him for on-field leadership. He commands the huddle and the line of scrimmage with our up-tempo pace." McKee also gets back some of his favorite targets from last season. Kasen McKee returns after picking up 780 yards and 16 touchdowns as a receiver his sophomore year. Also, 6-foot-1 wideout Ben Hockmen returns for his senior year, coming off a season in which he had 480 yards and eight scores. "Our overall team speed will be one of our strengths," Johnson added. "We have a stable of receivers that are seasoned and disciplined, and they get off the ball every down regardless of what's called. Our defense should be able to fly to the ball."

2016 Results

9/1 St. Paul L, 8-32

9/15 Marais de Cygnes Valley... W, 54-8

9/19 @ Osceola..... W, 38-26

9/22 @ Lebo..... W, 60-14

9/29 @ Wichita Warriors..... L, 42-64

10/6 @ Waverly..... L, 28-44

10/13 Chetopa..... W, 72-0

10/20 @ Altoona-Midway..... W, 56-0

10/26 Crest..... W, 54-0

Playoffs

11/3 @ Central Christian..... L, 34-66

(Played 8-man schedule in 2017)

Five-Year Trend

2017: 6-4 (First round)

2016: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2015: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2014: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2013: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31 Northeast

9/7 @ Southeast

9/14 Jayhawk Linn

9/21 Bluestem

9/28 @ Osceola (8-man)

10/5 Uniontown

10/12 @ St. Mary's Colgan

10/19 @ Yates Center

Projected finish: 4-4

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School Colors: Royal Blue & Vegas Gold
Head Coach: Johnny Mallatt (14-15 – .483, Fourth season)
Years in coaching: 46

Assistant coaches: Danny Weaver,
Adam Babcock, Kyle Dannelley, Blake Arehart
Home stadium: Wyatt P. Laughlin Field

2017 Review

Last season was the first back at the helm of the Rams for head coach Johnny Mallatt since the 1980s. They struggled a little bit, finishing 1-8 – their only win coming against Southeast in Week 7. Riverton was shutout five times in 2017, and if you take out the 32 points in the Rams' win against Southeast, they only managed 25 points in their other eight games. There is some good news though! Riverton improved the number of kids out for football, going from 16 in 2016 to 25 last year. They also got a lot of guys some on-field experience. "Even though our record does not show it, we did improve as a team each week," Coach Mallatt said. "We played a lot of freshmen and sophomores who had to grow up very fast. We hope that the experience they gained last year will carry over this year. We are trying to make football important again at Riverton High School."

Key Loss

RB Jarrett Ebner (Fort Scott CC)

Returning Starters

WR/DB Tyler Larison (6-1, 175, Sr.)
RB/LB Ethan Shawver (5-7, 185, Jr.)
RB/DL Gavin Gilmore (6-0, 210, Jr.)

OL/LB Patrick McLaughlin (5-10, 175, Jr.)
OL/DL Brandon Nielson (5-10, 230, Jr.)
OL/DL Trevor Parsons (6-2, 225, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Michael Keltner (6-0, 185, Sr.)
WR/DB Austin Wald (5-7, 130, Jr.)
WR/DB Elijah Mestas (5-9, 145, Jr.)
OL/DL Levi Ewen (5-8, 190, Jr.)
TE/DE Carter Brown (6-2, 180, Jr.)

QB/LB Dominack Rooks (5-9, 200, So.)
RB/DB Will Shawver (5-10, 145, So.)
RB/DB Calyb Allen (5-7, 140, So.)
OL/DL Austin Anderson (5-10, 160, So.)

Key Newcomers

QB/DB Bryce Johnson (6-3, 180, Jr.)
RB/LB Walker Mallatt (5-11, 155, So.)

OL/DL Titan Grieshaber (5-9, 185, So.)
RB/LB Brayden Stewart (5-9, 160, So.)

Offense: Wing-T

Defense: 4-4

Coach Mallatt says...

"We are headed in the right direction. We learned that we had to grow up fast. Turning a program around takes hard work and dedication, something that we are getting better at. We are not quite there yet."

2018 Outlook

It's tough to turn a program around, especially in the league that Riverton is in. You can drastically improve from one year to the next and it won't show up in your record playing in the CNC. The Rams aren't off to a bad start though. Their numbers appear to be improving and they have a coach that cares about building a program instead of just a team. They'll be young once again this season, but with slightly more experience. "Our maturity level will be better," Coach Mallatt said. "Those freshmen starters will be one year older and wiser. Our sophomore starters will now be upper classmen where they will be expected to perform at a higher level. Right now we only have two seniors on our preseason roster, so our juniors will need to play like seniors for us to be successful." Riverton will be better this season. They play in a different district and their schedule is a very different (only two CNC League opponents due to the new district format). The wins may not come as quickly as they would like, but that's just where this program stands in its rebuild. "To be the best we need the best athletes available at Riverton High School," Mallatt added.

2017 Results

9/1 @ Columbus..... L, 0-48
9/8 @ Girard..... L, 0-35
9/15 Field Kindley..... L, 0-61
9/22 @ Frontenac..... L, 12-60
9/29 Baxter Springs..... L, 0-47
10/6 St. Mary's Colgan..... L, 6-49
10/13 Southeast..... W, 32-12
10/20 @ Cherryvale..... L, 0-42
10/26 @ Galena..... L, 7-59

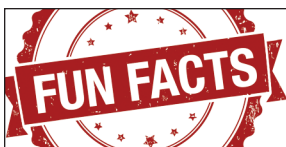
Five-Year Trend

2017: 1-8 (No playoffs)
2016: 2-8 (First round)
2015: 2-7 (No playoffs)
2014: 5-5 (First round)
2013: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31 Galena
9/7 @ Baxter Springs
9/14 Lighthouse Christian
9/21 @ Erie
9/28 @ Northeast
10/5 Humboldt
10/12 @ Southeast
10/19 Jayhawk-Linn

Projected finish: 2-6



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School Colors: Blue & White

Head Coach: Shawn Seematter (10-3 – .769 – Second season)

Years in coaching: 6

Assistant coaches:

Brad Snow, Stu Jeck, Clint Heffern

Home stadium: Hutchinson Field (5,000)

2017 Review

Not a bad start for Shawn Seematter at St. Mary's Colgan, huh? In his first year as the head coach for the Panthers, Seematter led the team to a 10-3 overall record and a runner-up finish in the Class 2-1A playoffs. It wasn't easy. "We lost our senior quarterback six plays into the season, then lost our starting fullback later in the first game," Seematter said. "On top of that, we had a starting defensive lineman hurt to begin the year. Moving people around and fitting people into different roles so early with a new system and new coaching staff was difficult, but our kids overcame it and responded extremely well." This team was a lot of fun to be around, especially in the postseason. They overcame fourth-quarter deficits in the playoffs against Centralia and Olpe, and made their run to the state championship by playing traditional Colgan football.

Key Loss

RB/LB Max Wilson (Pittsburg State)

Returning Starters

OL/DL Garrett Bolinger (5-11, 230, Sr.)

RB/DE Matthew Lomshek (6-0, 205, Sr.)

RB/LB Cal Marquardt (5-7, 150, Sr.)

OL/LB Luke Orender (5-10, 185, Sr.)

QB/LB Cade Simmons (5-10, 190 Sr.)

Other Impact Players

RB/LB Kash Marietta (5-9, 150, Sr.)

DL John Goetting (6-2, 205, Jr.)

LB Derek VanBecelaere (5-9, 185, Jr.)

OL/DL Colin O'Brien (5-11, 190 Jr.)

WR/DB Andrew Lomshek (5-10, 170, Jr.)

Offense: Option

OL Evan Ward (5-10, 190, Sr.)

DB Conor Price (5-10, 180, Sr.)

DL Garrett Evans (5-9, 195, Jr.)

RB/DL Domenic Bevilacqua (5-10, 225, Jr.)

RB/DB Blaise Dawson (6-0, 170, So.)

OL/DL Taylor Torrance (6-0, 215, So.)

WR/LB Kannon Keller (6-0, 185, So.)

Defense: 4-4

Coach Seematter says...

"Senior leadership will be our greatest strength, as we return a group that has been a part of a lot of wins the last three years. They all have a year in the system and will be looked upon to replace a great group of graduating seniors. We will need a great off-season in the weight room and on the field continuing to learn the new system and working to get better."

2018 Outlook

This SMC team lost a lot of talented players, but also is bringing back a lot of talented guys.

That's basically the case every year for the Panthers. Overall this season, Colgan has nine starters returning, including seven who will be playing as seniors. "We'll rely on those seniors as on-field leaders," Coach Seematter said. "They all played meaningful minutes last year as juniors. This upcoming class has played in a sub-state championship game and a state championship game. They have played in huge playoff games and know what it takes to compete at a high level." SMC's schedule is interesting. The Panthers start with a bang... well, two bangs. They'll go on the road to face Columbus and Frontenac in their first two games. They'll follow that up with a home date against Baxter Springs, then another meeting on the road with Centralia, a team that had a fourth-quarter lead against Colgan in the playoffs last year. A tough schedule is nothing new for SMC. The Panthers play against bigger schools in the regular season and it almost always pays off when November rolls around. This team looks like it's ready to continue doing Colgan things – like winning.

2017 Results

8/31	@ Galena	L, 0-16
9/8	@ Baxter Springs	W, 31-15
9/14	Frontenac	W, 20-0
9/22	Columbus	L, 8-23
9/29	Girard	W, 28-12
10/6	@ Riverton	W, 49-6
10/13	@ Yates Center	W, 42-0
10/20	Oswego	W, 63-3
10/27	Uniontown	W, 57-8

Playoffs

11/3	Lyndon (@ Pitt State)	W, 48-6
11/10	@ Centralia	W, 25-18
11/17	Olpe	W, 15-12
11/25	vs. Smith Center (@ Hays)	L, 7-43

Five-Year Trend

2017:	10-3 (State runner-up)
2016:	8-4 (Semifinals)
2015:	9-3 (Quarterfinals)
2014:	9-3 (Quarterfinals)
2013:	9-3 (Quarterfinals)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Columbus
9/7	@ Frontenac
9/13	Baxter Springs
9/21	@ Centralia
9/28	vs. Abilene (@ Towanda)
10/4	Yates Center
10/12	Pleasanton
10/19	@ Uniontown

Projected finish: 7-1

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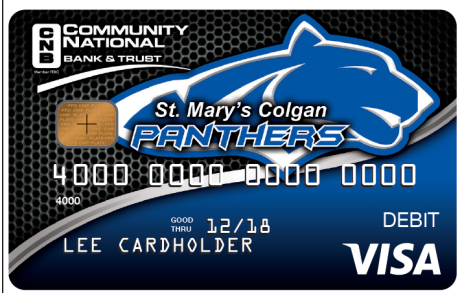


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St. Paul Indians

Three Rivers League (Eight-Man) • KSHSAA 8-man Division II, District 1

School Colors: Maroon & Gold

Head Coach: Keith Wiatrak (29-13 – .690, Fifth season)

Years in coaching: 20

Assistant coach: Randy Stoneking

Home stadium: Miles Field

2017 Review

We thought it was going to be tough for St. Paul to top the season they had in 2016 – we were wrong. The Indians were fantastic last season, finishing with an 11-2 record and a state runner-up trophy. “The best part about last season was being able to pull everything together to make a run in the playoffs toward a state championship,” Coach Wiatrak said. “The eight seniors were only freshmen when I took over as head coach, so we went through all the growing pains together getting to the state championship game.” It was an unbelievable run for St. Paul, and although they fell one win short of the ultimate prize, 2017 can only be categorized as a massive success. “Even though we did not bring home a state championship,” Wiatrak added, “the obstacles we had to overcome to get there were lifelong teachable moments.”

Key Loss

OL/DL Anthony Albertini (Pittsburg State)

Returning Starters

FB/LB Collin Carlson (6-1, 190, Sr.)

RB/LB Keaton Kennedy (5-7, 165, Sr.)

RB/DB Adam Albertini (5-6, 170, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

TE/DE Kenny Haney (6-2, 180, Sr.)

OL/DL Easton Dent (6-0, 190, Jr.)

OL/DL Gib Carter (5-6, 190, Jr.)

OL/DL Chandler Bradshaw (6-1, 175, Jr.)

OL/DL Chase Bradshaw (6-1, 175, Jr.)

Offense: I-Spread

Defense: 3-2

Coach Wiatrak says...

We had five seniors on our offensive line last year, two who received all-state honors, and our QB was a senior – also all-state. We will have to replace their leadership. This will be, by far, our biggest change for the upcoming season.”

2018 Outlook

St. Paul will have to replace some really good players for the second consecutive season. Not only that, but this is a team that will lack experience. “It will be hard to improve from last year because we had great leadership, weight room attendance, academics and strong practices,” Coach Wiatrak said. “We need to continue setting the standard. As a coach, I feel I always need to improve and get better every year.” Among many changes for St. Paul this season, they’re making the switch from 8 Man-Division I to 8-Man Division II, meaning they’ll see some teams they don’t normally prepare for. Like they have the last two years, the Indians will have to find a new group of guys to step and be leaders, and also overcome a lack of size. “What we lack in size we will make up in speed in athleticism,” Coach Wiatrak noted. “We want to win our league, finish in the top two in our district and get into the playoffs – where anything can happen.”

2017 Results

9/1	@ Pleasanton	W, 32-8
9/8	Chetopa	W, 48-0
9/15	Frankfort	W, 48-0
9/22	@ Axtell	W, 64-36
9/29	Madison	W, 54-8
10/6	West Elk	L, 22-36
10/13	@ Marmaton Valley	W, 74-26
10/20	Southern Coffey Co.	W, 52-6
10/26	@ Sedan	W, 37-18

Playoffs

11/3	@ Central Burden	W, 56-6
11/10	Osbourne	W, 35-24
11/17	Burlingame	W, 43-34
11/25	vs. Hoxie (@ Newton)	L, 14-54

Five-Year Trend

2017:	11-2 (State runner-up)
2016:	9-2 (Quarterfinals)
2015:	6-3 (No playoffs)
2014:	3-6 (No playoffs)
2013:	1-7 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Sedan
9/7	Wichita Life Prep
9/14	@ West Elk
9/21	@ Crest
9/28	@ Altoona-Midway
10/5	Marmaton Valley
10/12	@ Chetopa
10/19	Southern Coffey County

Projected finish: 6-2



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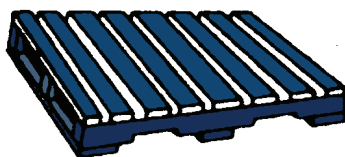
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Southeast Lancers

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School Colors: Columbia Blue & White
Head Coach: Jerrad Hansen (3-31 – .088, Fifth season)
Years in coaching: 11

Assistant coaches:
Nick Cheney, David Dainty
Home stadium: Lancer Field

2017 Review

Southeast is in a serious rough patch right now. They had to play some young guys last year and finished winless for the third consecutive season. “We had to stay positive and keep improving all year long,” head coach Jerrad Hansen said. “The best part was learning to compete at all levels of the program. We had a lot of athletes get some great experience as we prepare to go into a new league this year and compete.” The league change will be a big-time relief for the Lancers. The CNC League is one of the toughest in the state. They’ll be competing against schools more comparable in size this season by making the full move to the Three Rivers League.

Returning Starters

QB/DB Brett Malle (Sr.)
RB/LB Jaret Brumback (Sr.)
OL/DL Noah Newcomb (Sr.)
QB/LB Bryce Peterson (Jr.)
RB/LB Jakob Tavenaro (Jr.)
WR/DB Garrett Evans (Jr.)
WR/DB Reece Jacobs (Jr.)
OL/DL Gage Opplotnik (Jr.)
OL/DL Blaise Prewitt (Jr.)
OL/DL Dan Cheney (Jr.)
OL/DL Carter Westervelt (Jr.)
RB/LB Zaden Hendricks (So.)
OL/DL Micah Uber (So.)
OL/OL Ty Cummins (So.)

Offense: Multiple
Defense: 6-2 Stack Monster

Coach Hansen says...

“We are going into a new conference where we are not the smallest school anymore. With that I expect that we will play with a lot more confidence. We will need to improve on our aggressiveness and execution on both sides of the football.”

2018 Outlook

In life you learn to “play the hand you’ve been given the best you can.” We’re just not sure there was anything Southeast could have done with the hand of being in the CNC League. The move to a new league is absolutely necessary. The Lancers will now be competing with schools on their level, which is a win for everybody. On top of that, they’re bringing back some guys that have spent some time on a varsity field. “We will have some upper-classmen that have had a lot of varsity experience,” coach Hansen says, “I expect that to allow us to compete at a high level.” As for specific guys he will be looking at for on-field leadership, Hansen points to two of his seniors. “Brett Malle is our leader in the backfield and helps to calm everyone down with a level head and great physical play on both sides of the ball,” Hansen added. “Noah Newcomb is a four-year starter up front and is looked up to by all of the other lineman.” We’re actually excited to watch Southeast this season. They have some athletic kids and a feeling that they’re on an even playing field with the teams on their schedule.

2017 Results

9/1 Uniontown..... L, 12-16
9/15 Sarcoxie..... L, 12-69
9/22 Baxter Springs..... L, 0-48
10/6 @ Girard..... L, 0-53
10/13 @ Riverton..... L, 12-32
10/20 Galena..... L, 7-57
10/26 @ Cherryvale..... L, 6-35

Five-Year Trend

2017: 0-7 (No playoffs)
2016: 0-9 (No playoffs)
2015: 0-9 (No playoffs)
2014: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2013: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31 @ Uniontown
9/7 Pleasanton
9/14 Yates Center
9/21 Northeast
9/28 @ Jayhawk Linn
10/5 @ Erie
10/12 Riverton
10/19 @ Humboldt

Projected finish: 2-6



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Uniontown Eagles

Three Rivers League (11-Man) • KSHSAA Class 1A, District 1 • [@UniontownUSD235](#)

School Colors: Black & Orange

Head Coach: Jeremy Neville (4-5 – .444 – Second season)

Years in coaching: 13

Assistant coaches:

Clint Johnson, Josh Hartman, Jean Cook

Home stadium: UHS Field (1,200)

2017 Review

Last season was the first for the Eagles under head coach Jeremy Neville. The team finished under .500, but it was easily a successful year after finishing 2-7 in 2016. “We found some of our passion for football again,” coach Neville said. “Our players, coaches and community are excited about what is to come. We were able to compete in the 11-man game and win a few games despite some very challenging circumstances. There are a lot of improvements to be made, but we are looking forward to the challenges this season.”

Returning Starters

RB/DE Hayden Miller (6-1, 177, Sr.) – All-TRL Honorable Mention DE

OL/DL Nick Hathaway (6-0, 191, Sr.) – First-team All-TRL DL

RB/LB Andrew Reed (5-11, 171, Jr.) – all-state Honorable Mention, First-team All-TRL RB/LB

QB/DB Ty Davidson (5-7, 138, Jr.) – First-team All-TRL QB/DB

OL/DL Kolby Martinez (6-0, 296, Jr.)

DB Jake Harvey (6-0, 139, So.)

DB Drew Perry (5-6, 112, So.)

OL Zach Franklin (6-1, 146, So.)

OL Ryan Harper (5-7, 148, So.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Izayah Houk (5-10, 134 Sr.)

WR/DB Matthew Morgan (6-2, 153, Sr.)

OL/DL Clay Sutterby (6-3, 210, So.)

TE/DE Hunter Schaaf (5-11, 172, So.)

TE/LB Logan Geiger (6-0, 140 So.)

OL/DL Dawson Bolinger (5-9, 170, So)

Offense: Wishbone/Multiple

Defense: 5-3 Monster

Coach Neville says...

“We will need to build depth in our program. Also, we will need some guys to step up and become offensive threats to give us more balance. We really need to improve in every facet of the game.”

2018 Outlook

Uniontown has found a little stability. The Eagles are in the 11-man game for the third straight year, and they have their head coach back from the previous season. Some of the changes to this year’s team are actually positive ones. “Hopefully the biggest change is our numbers,” Coach Neville said. “We really anticipate playing an 11-man JV schedule for the first time since 2011. Developing depth and competition in our program would be a very exciting change.” We like where Uniontown is heading. They have some talented guys back, they’re building some depth and they have a coach that wants to build this thing the right way. “Developing productive students and mature young men is our expectation. We have many of the same players coming back from last season, so we should continue to progress mentally and physically,” Neville added. “We would like to play up to our full potential and hope that translates to more wins. Our goals every season are to win a league championship, make the playoffs and win a state championship.” Buy Uniontown football stock while you can still get a good price.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Southeast.....	W, 16-12
9/8	Jayhawk-Linn.....	L, 0-36
9/15	@ Northeast.....	W, 38-30 ^{2OT}
9/22	vs. Christ Prep (@ Olathe Northwest)...	L, 12-49
9/29	Olpe.....	L, 0-55
10/6	Maranatha Christian....	W, 34-26
10/13	@ Oswego.....	W, 34-18
10/20	Yates Center.....	L, 22-24
10/27	@ St. Mary’s Colgan.....	L, 8-57

Five-Year Trend

2017: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2016: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2015: 9-1 (First round)

2014: 6-4 (First round)

2013: 6-3 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Southeast
9/7	@ Jayhawk Linn
9/14	Northeast
9/21	@ Lyndon
9/28	Olpe
10/5	@ Pleasanton
10/12	@ Yates Center
10/19	St. Mary’s Colgan

Projected finish: 3-5

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School Colors: Red & Black

Head Coach: Craig Weldy (5-5 – .500, Second season)

Years in coaching: 18

Assistant coaches: Phillip Montgomery,
Gabe Fris, Waylon Doty, Billy Merideth

Home stadium: AHS Field

2017 Review

Last year was a rollercoaster for Aurora. They finished 5-5, improving from their 2-8 record in 2016. We honestly still don't know what to think about Aurora's 2017 season. The Houn' Dawgs played Lamar closer than a lot of teams. They only lost by one to a Seneca team that finished the regular season 8-1. They drilled Mount Vernon by 19 in Week 7, only to turn around and lose to them by 12 in the first round of districts. Then Mount Vernon went on to play in the state title game, which was another twist. In the end, we think Aurora was better than their 5-5 record will show. "Last year was another transition year for our football program," said head coach Craig Weldy, who is entering his second season with the Houn' Dawgs. "I was hired as the third head coach in the last four years, but it wasn't a big change for our players because I had coached them all in junior high so they knew me and my expectations and they were familiar with the offense."

Key Loss

RB/DB Clayton Dunning (Pittsburg State)

Returning Starters

TE Kaden Clark (6-3, 210 Sr.) – Second-team All-Big 8

RB Logan Lauffer (5-10, 175, Sr.) – 407 Rush. Yds., 6 TDs; 424 Rec. Yds., 3 TDs

OL/DE Colson Husmann (6-2, 195, Sr.)

RB/WR/DB Isaac Martinez (6-0, 180, Sr.) – 60 Tackles, 4 INTs

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Clayton Cordova (6-4, 275, Jr.)

WB/FS Dylan Clayton (5-9, 165, Jr.)

Offense: Flexbone/Wing-T

Defense: 4-4

Coach Weldy says...

"It is a transition year for our program going into what is now the Big Eight East Division. New opponents will create new rivalries along with the crossover games with traditional rivals from the Big Eight West. We aren't going to be a team with a lot of size not unlike last year's team, so we will rely on quickness, speed and great conditioning to help us be in a position to win games, especially in the fourth quarter. As always, every Friday night's contest will be a huge challenge. Southwest Missouri high school football has and is steeped in great traditions, tough competition and great pride. It's an honor to get to be a part of these young men's lives and to watch them grow into men."

2018 Outlook

Aurora will be more experienced on both sides of the ball this year. They bring eight starters back on both sides of the ball. "We will have more team quickness," coach Weldy said of his offense, "With one year under our belt running our offense, I believe we will improve on the execution of our plays in the run and passing game." On the other side of the ball, Aurora will have a new defensive coordinator this year in Gabe Fris, who comes over from Willow Springs. Fris will have two corners, three linebackers and three defensive linemen returning from last year's team to work with in his first year at Aurora. "Like last year, we will rely on quickness and speed to defend the line of scrimmage," Weldy added. Their schedule is going to be a little different with how the Big 8 has changed. They'll still face rivals like Lamar, Cassville, Mount Vernon and East Newton, other than that their league schedule will feature teams that used to make up the Central Ozark Conference's Small Division. It will be fun to see Aurora compete with some new schools, and see if they can back above .500 for the first time since 2015.

2017 Results

8/18	@ Mountain Grove	L, 19-46
8/25	@ Liberty (Mountain View)	W, 28-21
9/1	Lamar	L, 6-30
9/8	@ East Newton	W, 52-25
9/15	@ Monett	W, 46-10
9/22	Seneca	L, 14-15
9/29	Mount Vernon	W, 33-14
10/6	@ Cassville	L, 13-34
10/13	McDonald County	W, 42-32

Playoffs

10/20	Mount Vernon	L, 18-30
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Five-Year Trend

2017: 5-5 (First round)

2016: 2-8 (First round)

2015: 9-5 (Semifinals)

2014: 6-5 (Second round)

2013: 6-6 (Third round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	Cassville
8/31	@ East Newton
9/7	Lamar
9/14	@ Logan Rogersville
9/21	Mount Vernon
9/28	@ Springfield Catholic
10/5	Hollister
10/12	@ Marshfield
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Projected finish: 5-4



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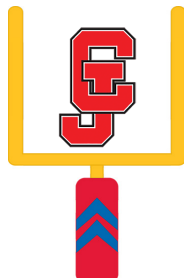


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Head Coach: Doug Buckmaster
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Years in coaching: 27
Assistants: Tobin Schultz, Brenden Gubera,
 Adam Merrell, Aaron Fowler, Jake Stevenson,

 Randy Heatherly, Steve Patterson, Donovan
 Harns, Joey Dankelson, Greyson Broce
Home stadium: Bulldog Stadium (3,500)

2017 Review

Carl Junction has become one of the most reliable teams in the area since Doug Buckmaster took over the program. The Bulldogs are 49-10 in five seasons under Buckmaster and have played for a district title in four of those five years. Last season, they finished 10-2, making it the third time in five years they've finished with double-digit wins. They were really good all around. Of course you hear a lot about their offense because they have one of the best running backs in the state, but C.J.'s defense was also really good in 2017. They only gave up 20-plus points once in the regular season, and allowed just a single touchdown each week from Week 4 to Week 7. "The best part of last year was being able to improve on the success we had in our first year in the COC Large," Coach Buckmaster said. "A lot of naysayers out there said it could not be repeated, yet our players proved them wrong."

Key Losses

 DE Zeke Wall (Pittsburg State)
 WR Aaron Ludders (Northeastern State)
 LB Levi Duley (Missouri Southern)

 OG Taylor Howard (Washington-St. Louis)
 LT Duncan Stamps (Missouri S&T)

Returning Starters

 QB Joe Kennedy (6-0, 190, Sr.)
 RB/LB Ray'Quion Weston (5-11, 200, Sr.)
 WR/DB Kobe Maxwell (5-9, 180, Sr.)
 RT Matt Hosp (6-0, 235, Sr.)
 DB Colton Kennedy (6-0, 175, Sr.)
 DB Tyler White (6-0, 175, Sr.)

 LB Blake Thomas (6-1, 180, Sr.)
 LB Tyler Varner (5-10, 180, Sr.)
 DE Tyler Huffman (6-3, 240, Sr.)
 RG Cooper Cook (6-0, 245, Jr.)
 DB Teagan Armentrout (6-0, 160, Jr.)
 LB Isiac Shields (5-11, 175, Jr.)

Offense: One-Back Spread

Defense: 3-4

Coach Buckmaster says...

"Our biggest challenge is the quality of opponent we face week-in and week-out in our conference. We must prepare and play well to win in this league. Fans will see another team that competes, plays hard, plays fast and makes plays. We expect to win every time we tee it up."

2018 Outlook

This year's Carl Junction team has some nice talent coming back. They have five guys back on offense and nine back from a defensive unit that was really good in 2017. Of course, we have to talk about senior running back Ray'Quion Weston. He's one of the best football players we have in this area. However, an off-season ACL injury will keep him out of action this fall. Last season as a junior, he ran for nearly 1,500 yards, had nearly 500 receiving yards and scored 28 touchdowns. Returning elsewhere on offense for Carl Junction is senior starting quarterback Joe Kennedy – a first-team All-COC selection at the position as a junior last season. He'll be the starter, but will be pushed by sophomore Alex Baker according to head coach Doug Buckmaster. "Alex will start as a wide receiver, but will also compete for the QB position with Joe," Buckmaster said. "Joe is a very athletic, dual-threat quarterback. Alex would be the starting QB for 90-percent of the schools in the Four-State area. He threw for 26 touchdowns for an undefeated freshman team a year ago. It's a great problem to have at the QB position." We feel like a broken record, because every year we say, "We can't wait to watch how the COC unfolds." It's just a really good league. On top of facing Webb City and Carthage, Joplin is now on CJ's schedule after the Eagles joined the league this offseason. It's going to be fun. It's always fun – and Carl Junction is still going to be good. "It will be difficult to replace the leadership we lost from the 2017 class," Buckmaster added. "The 2018 senior class is very talented athletically, but at times are somewhat high-maintenance. We will see how well they progress in leadership roles and taking care of business on and off the field."

2017 Results

 8/18 @ Webb City L, 12-27
 8/25 @ Republic W, 39-0
 9/1 Ozark W, 35-14
 9/8 @ Neosho W, 35-7
 9/15 @ Branson W, 34-7
 9/22 Carthage W, 49-7
 9/29 Willard W, 42-7
 10/6 @ Pittsburg W, 37-17
 10/13 Nixa W, 34-0

Playoffs

 10/20 McDonald County W, 49-13
 10/27 West Plains W, 28-7
 11/3 @ Webb City L, 21-42

Five-Year Trend

 2017: 10-2 (Third round)
 2016: 9-3 (Third round)
 2015: 9-2 (Second round)
 2014: 11-1 (Third round)
 2013: 10-2 (Third round)

2018 Schedule

 8/24 @ Webb City
 8/31 Carthage
 9/7 @ Republic
 9/14 Willard
 9/21 @ Ozark
 9/28 Nixa
 10/5 @ Neosho
 10/12 Branson
 10/17 @ Joplin

Projected finish: 7-2




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School Colors: Royal Blue & White
Head Coach: Jon Guidie
 (110-40 – .733, 14th season)

Years in coaching: 26
Assistants: Chris Edwards, Cody Hilburn,
 Gage Tiller, Flint Whitehead, Nathan Morris,

Ricky Nichols, Austin Grotts,
 Zack Cooley, Scott Matthews
Home stadium: Haffner Stadium (3,818)

2017 Review

Carthage has now won four consecutive district titles and has been in the final four in Class 5 two out of the last three years. They didn't have a close game in the playoffs until falling to Staley in the semifinals. Staley would go on to win the Class 5 state championship. Carthage finished the season 9-4 overall. "The best part of last season was watching the team grow," head coach Jon Guidie said. "After two early losses they battled back to win a fourth straight district championship. We learned that depth and staying healthy are huge keys to making a playoff run."

Key Loss

WR Arkell Smith (Central Missouri)

Returning Starters

QB Zeke Sappington

(6-2, 200, Sr.) – 2,129 Pass. Yds.,
 18 TDs; 550 Rush. Yds., 7 TDs

WR/DB Jayden Morgan (6-0, 165, Sr.)

– 409 Rec. Yds, 3 TDs; 59 Tackles, 4 INTs

TE/DE Mason Bryant

(6-2, 210, Sr.) – 81 Tackles

TE/LB Colton Winder

(6-3, 225, Sr.) – 140 Tackles (team high)

OL/DT Andrew Raney (6-3, 330, Sr.)

OL Zak English (5-11, 205, Sr.)

OL/DT Oscar Campa (6'2, 240, Jr.) – 47 Tackles

LB Blake Schrader

(5-11, 155, Sr.) – 99 Tackles, 1 INT

Other Impact Players

DB Bryce Pugh (5-11, 165, Sr.)

WR/DB Tucker Downing (5-11, 165, Sr.)

OL Jacob Miller (5-11, 235, Sr.)

DT Josue Gonzalez (5-9, 225, Sr.)

OL/DL Enrique Camarena-Bryant (5-9, 300, Sr.)

DE Alex Martini (6-7, 220, Jr.)

WR/DB Truelyn Kendrick (5-10, 165, Jr.)

LB Bobby Kendrick (5-11, 180, Jr.)

RB Tyler Mueller (5-10, 170, Jr.)

WR/DB Taris Jackson (6-2, 175, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-3

Coach Guidie says...

"We may not have the superstar players like we did last year, like Arkell Smith and Dillon Lancaster. We have a good group of seniors who are high character, hard-working players that we will rely very heavily on. We expect our players to play hard and compete each day, each week. We expect them to keep their head down, have great attitudes and strive to get better on a daily basis."

2018 Outlook

Carthage is one of those schools that has great tradition, great culture and a great coach. Coach Guidie is right when he says this team may not have the "star" players that they did last year, but they do have their starting quarterback returning in Zeke Sappington, and he's one of the best in the league. "Having a returning starting QB with Zeke is always a plus," Guidie said. "He is bigger, faster, stronger and had a good summer. He has a great grasp of our offense this year." While Carthage does have their quarterback returning, their defensive side of the ball returns some experienced guys as well. Carthage has nine players back in 2018 with starting experience on that side of the ball. The bottom line is the new-look Central Ozark Conference is absolutely brutal. Webb City. Carl Junction. Carthage. This season, a rising Joplin team joins the mix. It's going to be so much fun for us to cover the entire league. Carthage may have lost some well-known guys, but I'll always plan on them being competitive every week and winning a lot of games. They've been one of the safest bets in the four-state area for years.

2017 Results

8/18	Ozark.....	L, 20-26
8/25	@ Webb City	L, 7-28
9/1	@ Branson.....	W, 42-7
9/8	Central (Springfield)	W, 64-0
9/15	Willard.....	W, 48-12
9/22	@ Carl Junction.....	L, 7-49
9/29	@ Nixa.....	W, 46-14
10/6	Republic	W, 48-7
10/13	Neosho	W, 45-25

Playoffs

10/27	Neosho	W, 19-0
11/3	Willard.....	W, 56-13
11/10	Battle.....	W, 28-7
11/18	@ Staley	L, 13-54

Five-Year Trend

2017:	9-4 (Semifinals)
2016:	10-2 (Quarterfinals)
2015:	11-2 (Semifinals)
2014:	8-4 (Third round)
2013:	6-5 (Second round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	Nixa
8/31	@ Carl Junction
9/7	Joplin
9/14	@ Neosho
9/21	@ Webb City
9/28	Branson
10/5	Willard
10/12	@ Republic
10/19	Ozark

Projected finish: 6-3





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2018 Predictions

Kansas

Baxter Springs	4-4
Chanute	5-3
Cherryvale	4-4
Chetopa	1-6
Columbus	5-3
Crest	4-4
Erie	2-6
Field Kindley	5-3
Fort Scott	5-3
Fredonia	4-4
Frontenac	6-2
Galena	7-1
Girard	5-3
Humboldt	8-0
Independence	2-6
Iola	3-5
Jayhawk-Linn	7-1
Labette County	6-2
Marmaton Valley	6-2
Neodesha	5-3
Northeast	1-7
Oswego	2-6

Parsons	2-6
Pittsburg	6-2
Pleasanton	4-4
Riverton	2-6
St. Mary's Colgan	7-1
St. Paul	6-2
Southeast	2-6
Uniontown	3-5

Missouri

Aurora	5-4
Carl Junction	7-2
Carthage	6-3
Cassville	6-3
Diamond	1-8
East Newton	0-9
El Dorado Springs	6-3
Jasper	4-5
Joplin	7-2
Lamar	9-0
Liberal	4-5
McDonald County	6-3
Monett	4-5
Mount Vernon	5-4

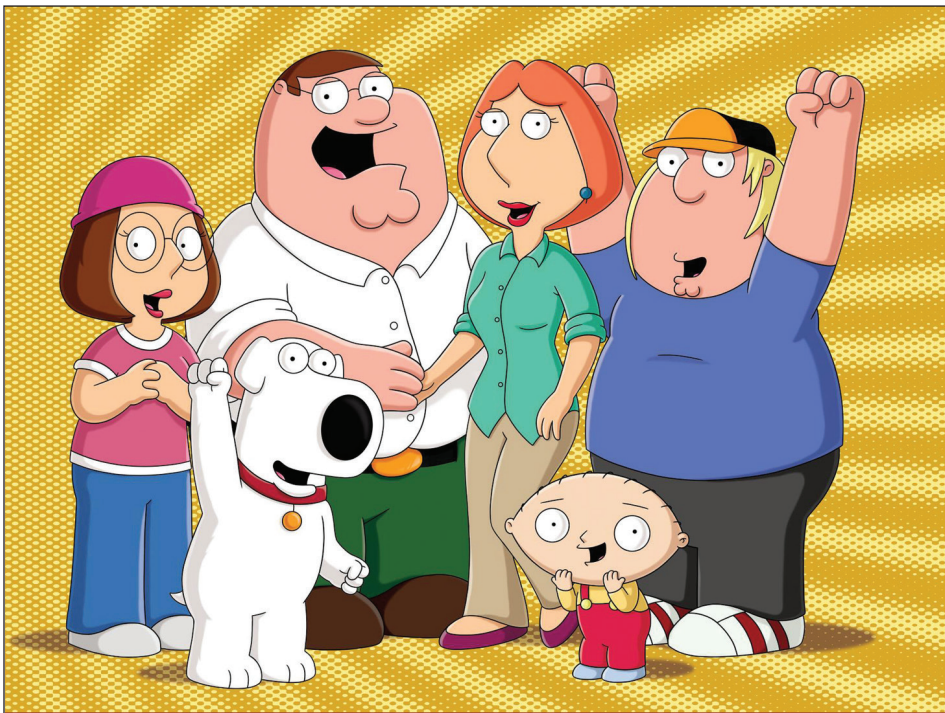
Neosho	3-6
Nevada	3-6
Sarcoxie	4-5
Seneca	7-2
Webb City	9-0

Oklahoma

Afton	5-5
Commerce	8-2
Fairland	4-6
Grove	3-7
Jay	7-3
Miami	3-7
Quapaw	2-8
Welch	4-6
Wyandotte	5-5

Colleges

Coffeyville CC	4-7
Fort Scott CC	5-5
Independence CC	8-2
Northeastern Oklahoma A&M	6-3
Missouri Southern	1-10
Pittsburg State	9-2



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2018 NFL Schedule

(Games grouped by start times and listed alphabetically by visiting team, Central Times listed, subject to change)

WEEK 1	
Thu, Sep 6	Atlanta @ Philadelphia 7:20 p.m.
Sun, Sep 9	Buffalo @ Baltimore Noon
	Cincinnati @ Indianapolis Noon
	Houston @ New England Noon
	Jacksonville @ N.Y. Giants Noon
	Pittsburgh @ Cleveland Noon
	San Francisco @ Minnesota Noon
	Tampa Bay @ New Orleans Noon
	Tennessee @ Miami Noon
	Kansas City @ L.A. Chargers 3:05 p.m.
	Dallas @ Carolina 3:25 p.m.
	Seattle @ Denver 3:25 p.m.
	Washington @ Arizona 3:25 p.m.
	Chicago @ Green Bay 8:20 p.m.
Mon, Sep 10	N.Y. Jets @ Detroit 6:10 p.m.
	L.A. Rams @ Oakland 9:20 p.m.
WEEK 2	
Thu, Sep 13	Baltimore @ Cincinnati 7:20 p.m.
Sun, Sep 16	Carolina @ Atlanta Noon
	Cleveland @ New Orleans Noon
	Houston @ Tennessee Noon
	Indianapolis @ Washington Noon
	Kansas City @ Pittsburgh Noon
	L.A. Chargers @ Buffalo Noon
	Miami @ N.Y. Jets Noon
	Minnesota @ Green Bay Noon
	Philadelphia @ Tampa Bay Noon
	Arizona @ L.A. Rams 3:05 p.m.
	Detroit @ San Francisco 3:25 p.m.
	New England @ Jacksonville 3:25 p.m.
	Oakland @ Denver 3:25 p.m.
	N.Y. Giants @ Dallas 7:20 p.m.
Mon, Sep 17	Seattle @ Chicago 7:15 p.m.
WEEK 3	
Thu, Sep 20	N.Y. Jets @ Cleveland 7:20 p.m.
Sun, Sep 23	Buffalo @ Minnesota Noon
	Cincinnati @ Carolina Noon
	Denver @ Baltimore Noon
	Green Bay @ Washington Noon
	Indianapolis @ Philadelphia Noon
	New Orleans @ Atlanta Noon
	N.Y. Giants @ Houston Noon

	Oakland @ Miami Noon
	San Francisco @ Kansas City Noon
	Tennessee @ Jacksonville Noon
	L.A. Chargers @ L.A. Rams 3:05 p.m.
	Chicago @ Arizona 3:25 p.m.
	Dallas @ Seattle 3:25 p.m.
	New England @ Detroit 7:20 p.m.
Mon, Sep 24	Pittsburgh @ Tampa Bay 7:15 p.m.
WEEK 4	
Thu, Sep 27	Minnesota @ L.A. Rams 7:20 p.m.
Sun, Sep 30	Buffalo @ Green Bay Noon
	Cincinnati @ Atlanta Noon
	Detroit @ Dallas Noon
	Houston @ Indianapolis Noon
	Miami @ New England Noon
	N.Y. Jets @ Jacksonville Noon
	Philadelphia @ Tennessee Noon
	Tampa Bay @ Chicago Noon
	Cleveland @ Oakland 3:05 p.m.
	Seattle @ Arizona 3:05 p.m.
	New Orleans @ N.Y. Giants 3:25 p.m.
	San Francisco @ L.A. Chargers 3:25 p.m.
	Baltimore @ Pittsburgh 7:20 p.m.
Mon, Oct 1	Kansas City @ Denver 7:15 p.m.
Bye: Carolina, Washington	
Thu, Oct 4	Indianapolis @ New England 7:20 p.m.
Sun, Oct 7	Atlanta @ Pittsburgh Noon
	Baltimore @ Cleveland Noon
	Denver @ N.Y. Jets Noon
	Green Bay @ Detroit Noon
	Jacksonville @ Kansas City Noon
	Miami @ Cincinnati Noon
	N.Y. Giants @ Carolina Noon
	Tennessee @ Buffalo Noon
	Oakland @ L.A. Chargers 3:05 p.m.
	Arizona @ San Francisco 3:25 p.m.
	L.A. Rams @ Seattle 3:25 p.m.
	Minnesota @ Philadelphia 3:25 p.m.
	Dallas @ Houston 7:20 p.m.
Mon, Oct 8	Washington @ New Orleans 7:15 p.m.
Bye: Chicago, Tampa Bay	

WEEK 6	
Thu, Oct 11	Philadelphia @ N.Y. Giants 7:20 p.m.
Sun, Oct 14	Arizona @ Minnesota Noon
	Buffalo @ Houston Noon
	Carolina @ Washington Noon
	Chicago @ Miami Noon
	Indianapolis @ N.Y. Jets Noon
	L.A. Chargers @ Cleveland Noon
	Pittsburgh @ Cincinnati Noon
	Seattle vs. Oakland Noon
	@ London, England Noon
	Tampa Bay @ Atlanta Noon
	L.A. Rams @ Denver 3:05 p.m.
	Baltimore @ Tennessee 3:25 p.m.
	Jacksonville @ Dallas 3:25 p.m.
	Kansas City @ New England 7:20 p.m.
Mon, Oct 15	San Francisco @ Green Bay 7:15 p.m.
Bye: Detroit, New Orleans	
WEEK 7	
Thu, Oct 18	Denver @ Arizona 7:20 p.m.
Sun, Oct 21	Tennessee vs. L.A. Chargers 8:30 a.m.
	@ London, England 8:30 a.m.
	Buffalo @ Indianapolis Noon
	Carolina @ Philadelphia Noon
	Cincinnati @ Kansas City Noon
	Cleveland @ Tampa Bay Noon
	Detroit @ Miami Noon
	Houston @ Jacksonville Noon
	Minnesota @ N.Y. Jets Noon
	New England @ Chicago Noon
	New Orleans @ Baltimore 3:05 p.m.
	Dallas @ Washington 3:25 p.m.
	L.A. Rams @ San Francisco 7:20 p.m.
Mon, Oct 22	N.Y. Giants @ Atlanta 7:15 p.m.
Bye: Green Bay, Oakland, Pittsburgh, Seattle	
WEEK 8	
Thu, Oct 25	Miami @ Houston 7:20 p.m.
Sun, Oct 28	Philadelphia @ Jacksonville 8:30 a.m.
	@ London, England 8:30 a.m.
	Baltimore @ Carolina Noon
	Cleveland @ Pittsburgh Noon
	Denver @ Kansas City Noon
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Tampa Bay @ Cincinnati	Noon
Washington @ N.Y. Giants	Noon
Indianapolis @ Oakland	3:05 p.m.
Green Bay @ L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.
San Francisco @ Arizona	3:25 p.m.
New Orleans @ Minnesota	7:20 p.m.
Mon, Oct 29 New England @ Buffalo	7:15 p.m.

Bye: Atlanta, Dallas, L.A. Chargers, Tennessee

WEEK 9

Thu, Nov 1 Oakland @ San Francisco	7:20 p.m.
Sun, Nov 4 Atlanta @ Washington	Noon
Chicago @ Buffalo	Noon
Detroit @ Minnesota	Noon
Kansas City @ Cleveland	Noon
N.Y. Jets @ Miami	Noon
Pittsburgh @ Baltimore	Noon
Tampa Bay @ Carolina	Noon
Houston @ Denver	Noon
L.A. Chargers @ Seattle	3:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams @ New Orleans	3:25 p.m.
Green Bay @ New England	7:20 p.m.

Mon, Nov 5 Tennessee @ Dallas 7:15 p.m.
Bye: Arizona, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, N.Y. Giants, Philadelphia

WEEK 10

Thu, Nov 8 Carolina @ Pittsburgh	7:20 p.m.
Sun, Nov 11 Arizona @ Kansas City	Noon
Atlanta @ Cleveland	Noon
Buffalo @ N.Y. Jets	Noon
Detroit @ Chicago	Noon
Jacksonville @ Indianapolis	Noon
Miami @ Green Bay	Noon
New England @ Tennessee	Noon
New Orleans @ Cincinnati	Noon
Washington @ Tampa Bay	Noon
L.A. Chargers @ Oakland	3:05 p.m.
Seattle @ L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.
Dallas @ Philadelphia	7:20 p.m.

Mon, Nov 12 N.Y. Giants @ San Francisco 7:15 p.m.
Bye: Baltimore, Denver, Houston, Minnesota

WEEK 11

Thu, Nov 15 Green Bay @ Seattle	7:20 p.m.
Sun, Nov 18 Carolina @ Detroit	Noon
Cincinnati @ Baltimore	Noon
Dallas @ Atlanta	Noon
Houston @ Washington	Noon
Minnesota @ Chicago	Noon
Philadelphia @ New Orleans	Noon
Tampa Bay @ N.Y. Giants	Noon
Tennessee @ Indianapolis	Noon
Denver @ L.A. Chargers	3:05 p.m.
Oakland @ Arizona	3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh @ Jacksonville	7:20 p.m.

Mon, Nov 19 Kansas City vs. L.A. Rams	
@ Mexico City, Mexico	7:15 p.m.

Bye: Buffalo, Cleveland, Miami, New England, N.Y. Jets, San Francisco

WEEK 12

Thu, Nov 22 Chicago @ Detroit	11:30 a.m.
Washington @ Dallas	3:30 p.m.
Atlanta @ New Orleans	7:20 p.m.
Sun, Nov 25 Cleveland @ Cincinnati	Noon
Jacksonville @ Buffalo	Noon
Miami @ Indianapolis	Noon
New England @ N.Y. Jets	Noon
N.Y. Giants @ Philadelphia	Noon
Oakland @ Baltimore	Noon
San Francisco @ Tampa Bay	Noon
Seattle @ Carolina	Noon
Arizona @ L.A. Chargers	3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh @ Denver	3:25 p.m.
Green Bay @ Minnesota	7:20 p.m.

Mon, Nov 26 Tennessee @ Houston 7:15 p.m.
Bye: Kansas City, L.A. Rams

WEEK 13

Thu, Nov 29 New Orleans @ Dallas	7:20 p.m.
Sun Dec 2 Arizona @ Green Bay	Noon
Baltimore @ Atlanta	Noon
Buffalo @ Miami	Noon
Carolina @ Tampa Bay	Noon
Chicago @ N.Y. Giants	Noon
Cleveland @ Houston	Noon
Denver @ Cincinnati	Noon
Indianapolis @ Jacksonville	Noon
L.A. Chargers @ Pittsburgh	Noon
L.A. Rams @ Detroit	Noon
Kansas City @ Oakland	3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Jets @ Tennessee	3:05 p.m.
Minnesota @ New England	3:25 p.m.
San Francisco @ Seattle	7:20 p.m.
Washington @ Philadelphia	7:15 p.m.

Mon, Dec 3

WEEK 14

Thu, Dec 6 Jacksonville @ Tennessee	7:20 p.m.
Sun, Dec 9 Atlanta @ Green Bay	Noon
Baltimore @ Kansas City	Noon
Carolina @ Cleveland	Noon
Indianapolis @ Houston	Noon
L.A. Rams @ Chicago	Noon
New England @ Miami	Noon
New Orleans @ Tampa Bay	Noon
N.Y. Giants @ Washington	Noon
N.Y. Jets @ Buffalo	Noon
Cincinnati @ L.A. Chargers	3:05 p.m.
Denver @ San Francisco	3:05 p.m.
Detroit @ Arizona	3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia @ Dallas	3:25 p.m.
Pittsburgh @ Oakland	7:20 p.m.

Mon, Dec 10 Minnesota @ Seattle	7:15 p.m.
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WEEK 15

Thu, Dec 13 L.A. Chargers @ Kansas City	7:20 p.m.
Sat, Dec 15 Cleveland @ Denver	3:30 p.m.
Houston @ N.Y. Jets	3:30 p.m.
Sun, Dec 16 Arizona @ Atlanta	Noon
Dallas @ Indianapolis	Noon
Detroit @ Buffalo	Noon
Green Bay @ Chicago	Noon
Miami @ Minnesota	Noon
Oakland @ Cincinnati	Noon
Tampa Bay @ Baltimore	Noon
Tennessee @ N.Y. Giants	Noon
Washington @ Jacksonville	Noon
Seattle @ San Francisco	3:05 p.m.
New England @ Pittsburgh	3:25 p.m.
Philadelphia @ L.A. Rams	7:20 p.m.
Mon, Dec 17 New Orleans @ Carolina	7:15 p.m.

WEEK 16

Sun, Dec 23 Atlanta @ Carolina	Noon
Buffalo @ New England	Noon
Cincinnati @ Cleveland	Noon
Green Bay @ N.Y. Jets	Noon
Houston @ Philadelphia	Noon
Jacksonville @ Miami	Noon
Minnesota @ Detroit	Noon
N.Y. Giants @ Indianapolis	Noon
Tampa Bay @ Dallas	Noon
Washington @ Tennessee	Noon
Baltimore @ L.A. Chargers	3:05 p.m.
Chicago @ San Francisco	3:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams @ Arizona	3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh @ New Orleans	3:25 p.m.
Kansas City @ Seattle	7:20 p.m.
Mon, Dec 24 Denver @ Oakland	7:15 p.m.

WEEK 17

Sun, Dec 30 Atlanta @ Tampa Bay	Noon
Carolina @ New Orleans	Noon
Chicago @ Minnesota	Noon
Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh	Noon
Cleveland @ Baltimore	Noon
Dallas @ N.Y. Giants	Noon
Detroit @ Green Bay	Noon
Indianapolis @ Tennessee	Noon
Jacksonville @ Houston	Noon
Miami @ Buffalo	Noon
N.Y. Jets @ New England	Noon
Oakland @ Kansas City	Noon
Philadelphia @ Washington	Noon
Arizona @ Seattle	3:25 p.m.
L.A. Chargers @ Denver	3:25 p.m.
San Francisco @ L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.

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10/28	DENVER @ KANSAS CITY - NOON
11/4	KANSAS CITY @ CLEVELAND - NOON
11/11	TBD - NOON TBD - 3:25 PM
11/18	DENVER @ LA CHARGERS - 3:05 PM
11/22	CHICAGO @ DETROIT - 11:30 AM
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12/9	BALTIMORE @ KANSAS CITY - NOON
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9/9	noon - San Francisco @ Minnesota	11/8	7:20pm - Carolina @ Pittsburgh
	3:25pm - Dallas @ Carolina	11/11	noon - Arizona @ Kansas City
9/16	3:05pm - Arizona @ LA Rams	11/15	7:20pm - Green Bay @ Seattle
9/23	noon - San Francisco @ Kansas City	11/18	noon - Dallas @ Atlanta
	3:25pm - Dallas @ Seattle		3:25pm - TBD
9/27	7:20pm - Minnesota @ LA Rams	11/22	7:20pm - Washington @ Dallas
9/30	noon - Detroit @ Dallas	11/2	3:05pm - Arizona @ LA Chargers 7:20pm
10/4	7:20pm - Indianapolis @ New England	11/29	noon - LA Rams @ Detroit
10/7	noon - Green Bay @ Detroit	12/2	3:25pm - Minnesota @ New England
	3:25pm - Minnesota @ Philadelphia	12/6	7:20pm - Jacksonville @ Tennessee
10/11	7:20pm - Philadelphia @ NY Giants	12/9	noon - Atlanta @ Green Bay
10/14	3:05pm - LA Rams @ Denver		3:25pm - Philadelphia @ Dallas
10/18	7:20pm - Denver @ Arizona	12/13	7:20pm - LA Chargers @ Kansas City
10/21	3:05pm - New Orleans @ Baltimore	12/16	noon - Dallas @ Indianapolis
10/25	7:20pm - Miami @ Houston	12/23	noon - Tampa Bay @ Dallas
10/28	noon - Washington @ NY Giants	12/30	noon - Dallas @ NY Giants
	3:25pm - Green Bay @ LA Rams		3:25pm - TBD
11/1	7:20pm - Oakland @ San Francisco		
11/4	noon - Detroit @ Minnesota		
	3:25pm - LA Rams @ New Orleans		

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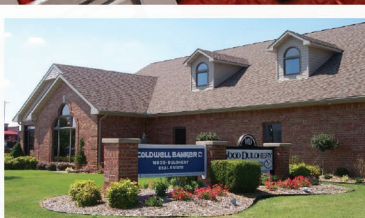
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2017 Missouri Area Conference Standings & 2018 Conference Alignments

Big 8 Conference

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Lamar	7	0	14	0
Seneca	6	1	9	2
Cassville	4	3	7	4
Aurora	4	3	5	5
Mount Vernon	3	4	10	5
McDonald County	3	4	5	5
Monett	1	6	3	7
East Newton	0	7	0	10

Spring River Valley Conference

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
*+Pierce City	6	0	11	1
+Sarcoixie	5	1	9	2
*+Lockwood	4	2	11	3
++Liberal	3	3	7	3
++Jasper	2	4	3	7
*+Miller	1	5	3	7
+Diamond	0	6	0	10

Ozark Conference

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
+++Joplin	8	1	8	2
*Camdenton	7	2	8	3
*West Plains	7	2	8	3
*Lebanon	6	3	8	4
*Glendale	5	4	5	5
*Hillcrest	5	4	5	5
*Rolla	4	5	7	5
*Kickapoo	2	7	2	8
*Parkview	1	8	1	9
*Waynesville	0	9	0	10

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 into East & West Divisions for 2018-19.

Central Ozark Conference

	Division		All	
	W	L	W	L
Large Division				
Webb City	8	0	15	0
Carl Junction	7	1	10	2
Carthage	5	3	9	4
*Ozark	4	4	7	5
*Willard	4	4	7	5
*Nixa	4	4	5	5
*Branson	2	6	4	7
*Republic	2	6	2	8
Neosho	0	8	2	9

West Central Conference

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
*Smith-Cotton	6	0	9	1
*Center	4	2	10	3
*Warrensburg	4	2	5	5
++++Nevada	3	3	5	6
*St. Pius X	3	3	5	6
*Clinton	1	5	2	8
*St. Michael the Archangel	0	6	1	8

2018 Conference Alignments

Big 8 Conference

East Division	West Division
Aurora	Cassville
*Hollister	East Newton
*Logan-Rogersville	Lamar
*Marshfield	McDonald County
Mount Vernon	Monett
*Springfield Catholic	Nevada
*Reeds Spring	Seneca

Central Ozark Conference

*Branson	*Nixa
Carl Junction	*Ozark
Carthage	*Republic
Joplin	*Willard
Neosho	Webb City

Ozark Mountain Conference

*Buffalo
*Butler
*Cole Camp
El Dorado Springs
*Sherwood
*Warsaw

Southwest Conference

*Ash Grove
Diamond
*Lockwood
*Marionville
*Miller
*Pierce City
*Pleasant Hope
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Western Missouri (WEMO) Conference

*Adrian
*Appleton City
*Archie
*Cass-Midway
*Drexel
Jasper
*Lakeland
Liberal
*Osceola
*Rich Hill

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Cassville Wildcats

Big 8 Conference-West Division • MSHSAA Class 3, District 6 • [@CassvilleAD](#) & [@CassvilleFB](#)

School Colors: Black & Gold

Head Coach: Lance Parnell (32-23 – .582, Sixth season)

Years in coaching: 23

Assistant coaches: Clay Weldy, Robbie Artherton,

Josh Schmitt, Mark Elliott, Ben Glidewell, Derrion Donson

Home stadium: Wildcat Stadium (1,675)

2017 Review

Cassville has now put together back-to-back winning seasons, after going 7-4 last year. The Wildcats have finished above .500 in four of their five seasons under head coach Lance Parnell. They just can't seem to get over the hump of the second round of the postseason. In each of the team's last five years they've won their first-round district playoff game, and lost in round two. Last season, it was a 42-7 home loss to Reeds Spring that ended the Wildcats' year.

Returning Starters

DE Zack Burton (6-3, 245, Sr.) – Second-team all-region, Second-team all-district

DE Evan Kessinger (6-1, 220, Sr.) – Honorable mention all-region

QB/P Shannon Haney (5-10, 165, Sr.) – Second-team all-district QB, Second-team all-region P

RB Anthony Tolbert (6-2, 175, Sr.) – Honorable mention All-Big 8, Second-team all-region

TE Austin Sanders (6-1, 215, Sr.) – Second-team all-region

LB Jonny Medina (5-10, 180, Jr.) – Honorable mention all-region

WR D.J. White (6-0, 180, Jr.) – First-team All-Big 8, Second-team all-region

Other Impact Players

DT Ty Ellis (6-1, 305, Sr.)

WR Blake Gordon (5-5, 155, Sr.)

T Colter West (6-3, 195, Sr.)

OL Brandon Annecharico (5-10, 175, Jr.)

WR/DB Jesse Anthonysz (5-10, 165, Jr.)

WB/DB Deven Bates (5-9, 150, Jr.)

OL/DL Nate Boley (5-10, 205, Jr.)

OL/DL Xain Gray (5-10, 260, Jr.)

OL/DL Jacob Hall (5-8, 220, Jr.)

WR/DB Kade Hayward (5-8, 145, Jr.)

RB/LB Jacob Housekeeper (5-9, 160, Jr.)

RB/LB Carson Jacobson (5-10, 155, Jr.)

OL/DL George Luna (5-10, 165, Jr.)

WR/DB Dane Martin (6-0, 175, Jr.)

OL/LB Jacob Olbertz (5-11, 175, Jr.)

TE/DE Andrew Prier (6-1, 185, Jr.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: 4-3

Coach Parnell says...

"We are very excited about this season. We return several players that have quality experience over the last couple of years. We will have some important holes to fill on both sides of the ball. Our senior leadership was very good last season. How we fill that role this year will be key to our success. Each week in our conference is a key match-up. You must be ready to play each and every week. I see the Big 8, as a whole, being much better this season."

2018 Outlook

This year's Cassville team has plenty of experience. They are bringing back nine starters on offense and seven on defense. "I believe we will be better up front this year," coach Parnell said of his defensive group, "Returning two corners in the secondary will be a big plus." The Wildcats will push for their third straight winning season in 2018. They have the talent and the experience in the right places to do it, and this could be the year they win that elusive second playoff game.

2017 Results

8/18	@ Lamar	L, 0-28
8/25	Reeds Spring	W, 39-28
9/1	East Newton	W, 45-7
9/8	@ McDonald County	L, 14-21
9/15	St. James	W, 33-6
9/22	@ Monett	W, 21-0
9/29	Seneca	L, 14-33
10/6	@ Aurora	W, 34-13
10/13	Mount Vernon	W, 27-19

Playoffs

10/20	Hollister	W, 47-0
10/27	Reeds Spring	L, 7-42

Five-Year Trend

2017:	7-4 (Second round)
2016:	8-3 (Second round)
2015:	5-6 (Second round)
2014:	6-5 (Second round)
2013:	6-5 (Second round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	@ Aurora
8/31	Springfield Catholic
9/7	@ Monett
9/14	Seneca
9/21	@ East Newton
9/28	McDonald County
10/5	@ Nevada
10/12	@ Reeds Spring
10/19	Lamar

Projected finish: 6-3



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Diamond Wildcats

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School Colors: Black & Yellow

Head Coach: Mac Whitehead (First season)

Years in coaching: 20

Assistant coaches:

Bill Gray, Clay Kinman, Aaron Riddle, Jonathan Nash

Home stadium: Diamond Stadium (1,500)

2017 Review

The 2017 season was the first and last for the Wildcats under head coach Curtis Horton (now an assistant at Fort Scott HS). The Wildcats went 0-10 and got shut out seven times. Mac Whitehead has taken over the head coaching position at Diamond this offseason. "Right now, our greatest strength is our attitude," Whitehead said. "I believe the kids are working hard and competing every day in the weight room. They are getting better every day."

Returning Starters

OL/DL Owen Gray (6-1, 220, Sr.)

– All-SRVC Honorable Mention OL

OL/DL Justin McGough (6-4, 295, Sr.)

QB/DB Colby Housh (6-1, 150, Sr.)

OL/DL Robert Foersch (5-10, 140, Sr.)

WR/DB Leighton Bridgewater (5-11, 185, Sr.)

RB/LB Chad Stephens (5-10, 165, Sr.)

TE/LB Mason Dardenne (5-9, 190 Sr.)

RB/LB Colbin Brown (5-8, 145, Jr.)

WR/DB Cameron Addington (5-8, 145, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

RB/LB Joey Hobbs (5-11, 200, Sr.)

OL/DL Eli Smith (5-9, 260, Jr.)

OL/DL Michael Burke (6-0, 195, Jr.)

Key Newcomers

QB/DB Hunter Shallenburger (5-9, 160, Fr.)

RB/LB Landon Clement (5-8, 160, Fr.)

TE/LB Isaac Baird (5-9, 165, Fr.)

WR/DB Karl Culbertson (5-9, 150, Fr.)

RB/LB Tucker Macy (5-6, 160, Fr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-3

Coach Whitehead says...

"I'm very excited to be working in Diamond. I have been impressed with the kids' hard work and attitude. The kids understand that we have a great deal of work to do but are excited by the opportunity to compete. I am excited about the leadership our senior players have shown so far this summer."

2018 Outlook

Diamond is trying to build this thing from the bottom up in their first year under Coach Whitehead.

Diamond does have nine starters returning from last year, with seven of those entering their senior year. "We will look to our seniors for on-field leadership," Coach Whitehead said. "They have the experience of both highs and lows to share with our younger guys. I look for them to help us change the direction and the culture of the program for future teams." We have no doubt Diamond will be better this season. A coach coming in with the right attitude about rebuilding a program will make an immediate difference.

2017 Results

8/18 @ Pierce City.....L, 0-52

8/25 Jasper.....L, 40-47^{OT}

9/1 Buffalo.....L, 0-52

9/8 @ Forsyth.....L, 33-48

9/15 Lockwood.....L, 24-49

9/22 @ Sarcoxie.....L, 0-62

9/29 Miller.....L, 0-35

10/6 @ Liberal.....L, 6-47

10/13 @ Archie.....L, 0-35

Playoffs

10/20 @ Ava.....L, 0-47

Five-Year Trend

2017: 0-10 (First round)

2016: 8-3 (Second round)

2015: 7-4 (Second round)

2014: 4-6 (First round)

2013: 4-6 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24 Ash Grove

8/31 @ Pierce City

9/7 @ Lighthouse Christian

9/14 Miller

9/21 Marionville

9/28 Liberal

10/5 @ Pleasant Hope

10/12 @ Sarcoxie

10/19 Lockwood

Projected finish: 1-8



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School Colors: Red, White & Blue

Head Coach: Broc Wolfe (0-10 - .000, Second season)

Years in coaching: 6

Assistant coaches: Braden Ham, Alex Uberroth

Home stadium:

Don Johnson Stadium (2,000)

2017 Review

It was a tough season for East Newton. To be fair, it was the team's first season under head coach Broc Wolfe, and the third straight season they had a new coach. The Patriots finished the season 0-10, making it their second winless season in the last three years. "The best part about last season was watching the players grow and play through a full, hard season of losses and still showing up every day," Wolfe said. "I learned that we need to structure our program differently to help change the culture and mentality of the team. We also need to change some things in our offensive and defensive systems to better fit our kids and the teams we play."

Returning Starters

RB/DB Brett Pendergraft (6-0, 190, Sr.)

TE/LB Jacob Allman (6-0, 190, Sr.)

OL/DL Connor Sweet (6-0, 240, Sr.)

OL/LB Matthew Heatley (5-11, 185, Sr.)

WR/DB Sebastian Stewart (6-0, 185, Sr.)

QB/DB Jeremiah Stewart (5-11, 180, Jr.)

RB/LB Sam Stewart (5-11, 190, Jr.)

WR/DB Austin Brewster (6-0, 180, Jr.)

OL/DL Colten Leech (6-2, 220, Jr.)

OL/DL Drake Steele (6-1, 210, Jr.)

RB/LB Hunter Liveoak (5-10, 200, Jr.)

Other Impact Players & Newcomers

TE/LB Ryan Millet (6-1, 185, Jr.)

WR/DB Toukheng Xiong (5-10, 180, Jr.)

WR/DB Jackson Schriever (6-0, 185, Jr.)

WR/DB Johnathan Hernandez (5-10, 165, Jr.)

RB/LB Cody Branum (5-8 170, Jr.)

RB/LB Noah Brashers (5-8, 175, So.)

OL/LB Ethan Brummett (5-11, 180, So.)

RB/LB Kaden Evey (5-10, 165, So.)

OL/DL Dakota Walters (5-11, 170, So.)

WR/DB Jake Mathis (5-11, 160, Sr.)

WR/DB Dakota Blake (6-0, 170, Sr.)

RB/LB Carson Gortney (5-11, 185, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-4

Coach Wolfe says...

"I think one of our biggest team strengths is our overall team speed on both sides of the ball. I also think one of our biggest strengths is that none of our boys seem to quit, no matter the outcome, and that can make them very tough to play against."

2018 Outlook

One of the most positive things the Patriots have going for them is the fact they have a little stability at the head coaching position. Broc Wolfe is back for his second year with the team. This season

Wolfe has plenty of guys returning, and a few he will look to for on-field leadership to continue to build the program. "Brett Pendergraft is a four-year player and starter who has been through the good and the bad, and should be a big playmaker on both sides of the ball," Wolfe said. "Jeremiah Stewart is another guy we'll look at to be a leader. He ended up being our starting QB the back-end of last year and started all year at cornerback and led the team in interceptions. He should also be a vocal leader on and off the field. Matthew Heatley and Connor Sweet are also two seniors that have played all four years and should be big voices and leaders for us in the trenches." We have no doubt East Newton will be better this season. They know what coach Wolfe expects. They have some experience back. The thing is, they didn't play many teams close last year. They'll be better. We don't know if that will turn into wins, but we don't think they'll be getting shutout six times. "The biggest change from last year will be our positive leadership and increased discipline throughout the program," Wolfe added. "Our goal for the season is to be competitive in every game we play, and play hard until the clock hits zeroes."

2017 Results

8/18	@ Lighthouse Christian	L, 0-40
8/25	Lamar	L, 0-63
9/1	Cassville	L, 7-45
9/8	Aurora	L, 25-52
9/15	@ Seneca	L, 6-36
9/22	@ Mount Vernon	L, 0-54
9/29	El Dorado Springs	L, 0-46
10/6	@ McDonald County	L, 0-54
10/13	Monett	L, 6-41

Playoffs

10/20	@ Seneca	L, 0-48
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Five-Year Trend

2017: 0-10 (First round)

2016: 3-7 (First round)

2015: 0-10 (First round)

2014: 1-9 (First round)

2013: 1-9 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	@ Hollister
8/31	Aurora
9/7	McDonald County
9/14	@ Nevada
9/21	Cassville
9/28	@ Lamar
10/5	Monett
10/12	@ Seneca
10/19	@ Springfield Catholic

Projected finish: 0-9



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School Colors: Black & Red

Head Coach: Derek Scroggins (20-23 – .465, Fifth season)

Years in coaching: 15

Assistant coaches: David Carpenter, Travis Payne,
Robert Jansen, Eddie Long, Jay Martin, Justin Pflug

Home stadium: Bulldog Field (1,000)

2017 Review

It was a season full of close games for El Dorado Springs. Five of the Bulldogs' games were decided by seven or fewer points. EDS lost four of those five, including a 34-29 loss to Versailles in the first round of district playoffs. "I believe that last year's team did a very good job of playing a physical brand of football," head coach Derek Scroggins said. "We came into the season very young, and got better each week." It's easy to say, "their record would have been a lot better had they won those close games." That's true, but it's also true for a lot of high school football teams. El Dorado Springs played some young guys last year, and will have quite a few of those guys back in 2018. That's how you turn those close losses into wins.

Returning Starters

TE/DL Shelby McKinney (6-3, 230, Sr.)

OL/DL Dagan McIntire (6-2, 210 Sr.)

QB/DB Trey Babcock (5-8, 185, Sr.)

RB/LB Tanner Witt (5-10, 190, Sr.)

RB/DL Keilan Jaques (6-0, 210, Sr.)

TE/LB Dylan Gallette (6-0, 200, Sr.)

RB/DB Lance Smith (5-10, 175, Sr.)

RB/DB Cade Whitesell (5-9, 155, Sr.)

OL/DL Bradley McCullick (5-8, 230, Sr.)

OL/DL Cameron Hargrove (5-10, 180, Sr.)

OL/LB Bryson Rader (5-10, 185, Sr.)

OL/DL Kaleb Raff (5-10, 175, Sr.)

OL/DL Jordan Gallette (6-0, 215 Jr.)

QB/DB Brayden Housh (6-1, 175, Jr.)

OL/LB Trey Graves (5-8, 195, So.)

RB/LB Gaven Morgan (5-11, 170, So.)

TE/DL Stephen Painter (6-2, 240, So.)

RB/DB Preston Robison (5-10, 160, So.)

Key Newcomers

WR/DB Donovan Collins (6-5, 180, Sr.)

RB/LB Hunter Boyles (5-10, 160, Jr.)

Offense: Power T

Defense: 4-4

Coach Scroggins says...

"We have a great group of players who have worked hard in the weight room while competing in other sports over the past year. After seeing our kids in camp, our attitude and effort have been incredible and I firmly believe that the sky is the limit to what this group can achieve. We have competition for starting spots and our players are pushing each other to improve on a daily basis. In addition to that, this is the best coaching staff that I have ever been a part of with every coach on staff returning from last year. We will continue to set our expectations high and I believe that our kids will continue to rise to the occasion."

2018 Outlook

This team has a lot of guys returning, including TE/DL Shelby McKinney, who earned all-state and all-district honors last season. "Shelby utilizes his excellent size, speed and strength on both sides of the ball," Coach Scroggins said. "He has turned into a dominant football player." You can see the list for yourself. Both sides of the ball will have experienced players. "Offensively we have strong and aggressive players at each position, added Scroggins. "We return a lot of starters who have worked hard in the offseason and are hungry for success. On defense, our team speed is solid and our aggressiveness is impressive. We have a lot more kids wanting to come up and make a play this year." All signs point to El Dorado Springs getting back over .500 and winning a playoff game for the fourth time in five years. They'll even have a chance to win a conference title, as the Bulldogs leave life as an independent behind for membership in the new Ozark Mountain Conference (with Buffalo, Butler, Cole Camp, Sherwood and Warsaw). I would be surprised if the season turns out differently.

2017 Results

8/18 Stockton W, 50-18

8/25 @ Pembroke Hill..... L, 18-20^{OT}

9/1 Ash Grove L, 20-22

9/8 @ Lafayette County..... L, 6-42

9/15 @ Slater..... W, 51-6

9/23 vs. Herculeum

..... (@ West Plains)..... W, 52-6

9/29 @ East Newton..... W, 46-0

10/6 @ Pierce City..... L, 20-27

10/13 Skyline W, 31-30

Playoffs

10/20 Versailles L, 29-34

Five-Year Trend

2017: 5-5 (First round)

2016: 4-7 (Second round)

2015: 5-6 (Second round)

2014: 6-5 (Second round)

2013: 1-9 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24 Pembroke Hill

8/31 Sherwood

9/7 Buffalo

9/14 @ Cole Camp

9/21 @ Butler

9/28 @ Stockton

10/5 @ Warsaw

10/12 Skyline

10/19 @ Adrian

Projected finish: 6-3



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1968	-	Princeton	Cabool	Perryville	McCluer	-	-
1969	-	Cass-Midway	Aurora	DeLaSalle (Kansas City)	McCluer	-	-
1970	-	Cass-Midway	South Shelby	Chillicothe	St. Louis Univ. High	-	-
1971	-	Tarkio	Monett	Richmond	Rockhurst	-	-
1972	-	University High (Warrensburg)	St. Mary's (Independence)	Chillicothe	*Hazelwood, Southwest (KC)	-	-
1973	-	North Shelby	Priory	Washington	Sumner	-	-
1974	-	Lockwood	MICDS	Boonville	Hickman	-	-
1975	-	Orrick	John Burroughs	Rock Bridge	Parkwood (Joplin)	-	-
1976	-	Cass-Midway	Lexington	Memorial (Joplin)	Jefferson City	-	-
1977	-	Greenfield	Monett	Rock Bridge	Jefferson City	-	-
1978	-	Cass-Midway	Mount Vernon	Chillicothe	Jefferson City	-	-
1979	-	Jasper	Plattsburg	MICDS	Webster Groves	-	-
1980	-	Hardin-Central	*John Burroughs, Lexington	O'Hara	Parkwood (Joplin)	-	-
1981	-	Greenwood	*Valle Catholic, St. Pius X (Kan. City)	Lutheran North	Rockhurst	-	-
1982	-	Cass-Midway	Valle Catholic	Maryville	St. Charles	Sumner	-
1983	-	Chaffee	Valle Catholic	MICDS	Parkwood (Joplin)	Rockhurst	-
1984	-	Rock Port	Knob Noster	Lexington	Helias	Jefferson City	-
1985	-	Rock Port	John Burroughs	MICDS	Chillicothe	Hazelwood Central	-
1986	-	Marceline	Louisiana	MICDS	*Camdenton, Marshall	Rockhurst	-
1987	-	Hardin-Central	Seneca	Berkeley	Camdenton	Rockhurst	-
1988	South Holt	Valle Catholic	Lexington	Lutheran North	Webster Groves	Jefferson City	-
1989	North Nodaway	Valle Catholic	John Burroughs	Lutheran North	Webb City	Hazelwood East	-
1990	Nodaway-Holt	Valle Catholic	Warsaw	Lutheran North	Sumner	Jefferson City	-
1991	Nodaway-Holt	Valle Catholic	John Burroughs	Chillicothe	Sumner	Jefferson City	-
1992	*South Holt, South Nodaway	Valle Catholic	John Burroughs	Ste. Genevieve	Webb City	Blue Springs	-
1993	*North Andrew, South Holt	Milan	Warsaw	St. Francis Borgia	Webb City	Jefferson City	-
1994	Fairfax	Miller	Monroe City	Odessa	Excelsior Springs	Jefferson City	-
1995	Worth County	Valle Catholic	*John Burroughs, Lexington	Seneca	Camdenton	Hazelwood East	-
1996	North Andrew	Cass-Midway	Monroe City	MICDS	Excelsior Springs	Hazelwood Central	-
1997	North Andrew	Salisbury	Springfield Catholic	California	Webb City	Jefferson City	-
1998	Worth County	North Platte	St. Pius X (Kansas City)	Boonville	Helias	Riverview Gardens	-
1999	Mound City	Rich Hill	Lutheran North	Aurora	Camdenton	Mehlville	-
2000	Worth County	Santa Fe	St. Pius X (Kansas City)	Platte County	Webb City	Rockhurst	-

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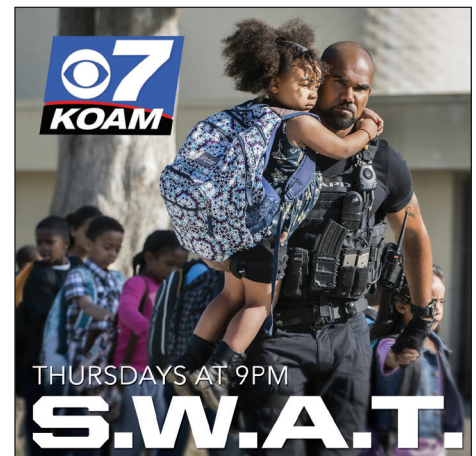
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Jasper Eagles

Western Missouri (WEMO) Conference • MSHSAA Class 1, District 3

School Colors: Orange, Black & White

Head Coach: David Pitts (6-14 – .300, Third season)

Years in coaching: 28

Assistant coaches: Tyler Gripka,

Randy Adams, Chad Carr, Weldon Sconce, Sam Sturgis

Home stadium: Mark Gilbreath Field (1,000)

2017 Review

Jasper finished 3-7 for the second straight season last year also its second year under head coach David Pitts. "Last year our players made strides in many areas," Pitts said. "They started to understand the expectations of a successful football program. We look forward to building on those expectations. We can be a very physical football team. We just need to bring it every game."

Returning Starters

RB Levi Hale (6-3, 222, Sr.) – Second-team All-Spring River Valley Conference

LB Jacob Giurbino (5-6, 150, Sr.)

RB Mason Hatfield (5-9, 165, Sr.) – All-Spring River Valley Conference honorable mention

TE Caleb Brown (6-4, 240 Sr.) – First-team All-Spring River Valley Conference

OL Chris Barker (6-1, 260, Sr.) – Second-team All-Spring River Valley Conference

OL Aden Sisseck (6-1, 225, Sr.)

OL Tate Maneval (6-1, 224, Sr.)

C Jeffery O'Dell (5-7, 156, Jr.)

TE Jayce Talbot (6-4, 230, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

OL Andrew Dunlap (6-3, 220, Sr.)

OL Kolby Rutledge (6-1, 225, Sr.)

WR Dakota Monmaw (6-2, 155, Sr.)

RB Isaac Wingert (5-7, 135 Jr.)

RB Patan Neher (5-7, 160, Jr.)

WR Talon Flenniken (5-8, 155, Jr.)

OL Cameron Crooks (5-8, 165, Jr.)

LB AJ Etchesen (5-7, 190, So.)

RB Bob Hartgrave (5-7, 145, So.)

LB QwenShaun Smith (5-8, 180, Fr.)

Key Newcomer

WR Keagon Spurgeon (5-7, 160, Jr.)

Offense: Double Wing

Defense: 4-4

Coach Pitts says...

"(Fans) will see a team that plays hard for four quarters. We will line up and compete week-in and week-out. Our goal is to improve every week that we play. Offensively, we want to be a team that is a threat to score from anywhere on the field. Defensively, we will put constant pressure on the opponent and force mistakes."

2018 Outlook

This year's Jasper team will have a more experienced roster as they move to the WEMO Conference, with nine returning starters coming back. Four of those guys earned All-Spring River Valley Conference recognition last season. "Chris Barker and Caleb Brown will be our on-field leaders," Coach Pitts said. "They both have been starting since their freshman year. I look for them to lead us both verbally and by example." We are expecting Jasper to push for a .500 record this season. The Eagles have some senior leadership and depth, which are both very important at the high school level. "We want to compete in every ball game," Pitts added. "We will try to improve each week, and hopefully put ourselves in a position to play in the postseason."

2017 Results

8/18	Sarcoxis	L, 7-45
8/25	@ Diamond	W, 47-40 ^{OT}
9/1	Pierce City	L, 0-47
9/8	@ Miller	W, 69-31
9/15	@ Lighthouse Christian	L, 12-58
9/22	Stockton	L, 14-47
9/29	Liberal	L, 21-25
10/6	@ Appleton City	W, 36-18
10/13	Lockwood	L, 6-42

Playoffs

10/20	@ Midway	L, 22-42
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Five-Year Trend

2017:	3-7 (First round)
2016:	3-7 (First round)
2015:	8-2 (Second round)
2014:	9-2 (Third round)
2013:	11-1 (Third round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	Drexel
8/31	@ Rich Hill
9/7	Liberal
9/14	@ Lockwood
9/21	Appleton City
9/28	@ Midway
10/5	Osceola
10/12	Adrian
10/17	@ Archie

Projected finish: 4-5



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Joplin Eagles

Central Ozark Conference • MSHSAA Class 6, District 3 • @JHS_Athletics

School Colors: Cardinal, Silver & Navy
Head Coach: Curtis Jasper (20-10 – .667, Fourth season)
Years in coaching: 19

Assistant coaches: Brandon Taute, Nick Reid, Alan Linden
Home stadium:
Junge Field at Dewey Combs Athletic Complex (4,000)

2017 Review

This team was so much fun to watch last season. They lost some talent from the previous year, but man, they had some young guys that could straight up play. Joplin finished 8-2 overall, but still were not able to get past the first round of the postseason. “The best part of last season was watching the team work to improve and seeing them get better every week,” said head coach Curtis Jasper, who is 20-10 in three full years with the team. “The biggest challenge was our amount of inexperience. We did not return a lot of players from the year before, so getting the experience and growth was a big push.” Perhaps the most important takeaway from last year is the fact that the attitude around Joplin football is starting to change. “Our culture is changing,” Jasper said. “Our players are taking more accountability for themselves and each other.”

Returning Starters

WR James Moman (6-0, 165, Sr.)	DE Even Bernot (6-0, 225, Sr.) – First-team All-Ozark Conf.	WR Zach Westmoreland (6-2, 186, Jr.) – First-team All-Ozark Conf.; Second-team All-State
WR/DB Jake Flowers (6-0, 174, Sr.)	LB Luke Kuehnel (6-1, 193, Sr.) – Second-team All-Ozark Conf.	RB/LB Isaiah Davis (6-1, 205, Jr.)
OL Dylan Wemer (6-2, 250, Sr.) – First-team All-Ozark Conf.	DL Jacob Booe (6-0, 265, Sr.)	K Garrett Landis (5-9, 160, Jr.) – First-team All-Ozark Conf.
OL Maurice Auberry (6-4, 260, Sr.)	LB Nic Lewis (6-0, 185, Sr.)	DE James Boyd (6-2, 190, Jr.)
OL Jaydn Withrow (6-2, 257, Sr.) – Second-team All-Ozark Conf.	DB Da’Ron Morgan (5-10, 145, Sr.)	DB Elijah Eminger (5-10, 160, Jr.) – Second-team All-Ozark Conf.
OL Tyler Smith (6-5, 263, Sr.) – Second-team All-Ozark Conf.	QB Blake Tash (6-1, 170, Jr.) – First-team All-Ozark Conf.	

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Jack Myers (6-1, 225, Sr.)	OL/DL Logan Myers (5-11, 245, Jr.)	DB Jackson Dinger (5-11, 160, Jr.)
DB Keaton Bradley (5-10, 163, Sr.)	WR/DB	LB Holden Ledford (5-9, 165, Jr.)
TE/LB Timmy Smith (6-2, 180, Sr.)	Simeon Barba (5-10, 150, Jr.)	RB/DB
DE Codie Hidalgo (6-0, 195, Sr.)	QB/DB Zech Stayton (5-11, 165, Jr.)	Nathan Glades (5-10, 155, So.)

Offense: Spread Zone

Defense: Multiple, 4-3 Base

Coach Jasper says...

“Our returning experience will be a strength for us this year. We will need to continue working to focus the culture on the good of the whole instead of the individual.”

2018 Outlook

Of all the teams in our area, Joplin may be the one we’re most excited to watch this season. They’re loaded with young and talented players. Every named player in the returning starters continued bringing back thoughts of, “Remember him making plays last year? I remember him making plays!” Also, the Eagles are moving into the Central Ozark Conference, which means they’ll be playing teams like Webb City, Carthage and Carl Junction. The trash talk has been on-going since the end of last season and we can’t wait until this Joplin team gets on the field against some of those teams. Now we don’t want to look past the senior class that this Joplin team has, but their junior class has some real playmakers. As a sophomore last season, Zach Westmoreland was one of the best we had in the area. He racked up 921 receiving yards on 74 receptions, ran for 331 yards and scored 17 total touchdowns. Quarterback Blake Tash is back for his junior year. As a sophomore last season, he threw for more than 2,000 yards and was responsible for 17 touchdowns. On the defensive side, James Boyd had four sacks as a sophomore. Elijah Eminger had four interceptions his as a 10th-grader and led the team with 95 tackles. In case you can’t tell, we really like this junior class for Joplin. It’s going to be one we’ll always remember. Now, about their schedule – the Eagles are going to play some teams that are perennial contenders at the state level, which were mentioned earlier. Before you discount Joplin, listen to this. We spoke with COC coach this season and his exact quote about Joplin joining the league was, “They’re a sleeping giant.” We agree. This team feels different than other Joplin teams we’ve been around the Four-State area in quite a while. They’re going to be fun to watch. We can’t wait.

2017 Results

8/18	@ Glendale.....	L, 25-54
8/25	Parkview.....	W, 44-36
9/1	@ Kickapoo.....	W, 18-17
9/8	Rolla.....	W, 26-21
9/15	@ West Plains.....	W, 28-26
9/22	Waynesville.....	W, 63-28
9/29	@ Lebanon.....	W, 35-0
10/6	Camdenton.....	W, 49-7
10/13	Hillcrest.....	W, 48-28

Playoffs

10/20	Lee’s Summit.....	L, 26-40
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Five-Year Trend

2017:	8-2 (First round)
2016:	5-5 (First round)
2015:	7-3 (First round)
2014:	6-4 (First round)
2013:	5-5 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	@ Willard
8/31	Webb City
9/7	@ Carthage
9/14	Republic
9/21	@ Branson
9/28	@ Neosho
10/5	Ozark
10/12	@ Nixa
10/19	Carl Junction

Projected finish: 7-2

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Lamar Tigers

Big 8 Conference-West Division • MSHSAA Class 2, District 4 • [@Lamar_Athletics](#)

School Colors: Red & Black
Head Coach: Scott Bailey
(129-36 – .782, 13th season)

Years in coaching: 18
Assistants: Thad Lundine,
Brett Pettibon, Steve Bailey, Colby Hall,

Iver Johnson, Eric England, Rick Piper,
Richard Grishow, Chris Wilkerson
Home stadium: O'Sullivan Stadium

2017 Review

You know what they did in 2017. Lamar went undefeated and won the state championship for the third consecutive year. They have now won seven straight Missouri Class 2 state titles and 49 games in a row. They did have a couple oclose playoff games last season – the Tigers beat Ava by six in the state quarterfinals and topped Lutheran North, 7-6, in the semifinals. The Tigers blocked an extra point late in the game to win that one. Basically, Lamar is a machine – and that machine kept rolling in 2017.

Key Losses

TE/DE T.W. Ayers (Arkansas State)
RB/DE Cooper Lucas (Arkansas State)

Returning Starters

DB Landon Hardman (6-0, 160, Sr.) – All-State
OL Caleb Gouge (6-5, 310, Sr.) – All-State
LB Travis Bailey (6-2, 220, Sr.) – All-State
TE B.J. Gammon (6-0, 210, Sr.) – Second-team All-Area
RB Trevor Medlin (5-8, 150, Sr.) – Second-team All-Area
QB Duncan Gepner
(5-10, 170, Sr.) – Second-team All-Area
LB Mike Henderson (5-10, 170, Sr.)

DB Isaac Collins (6-0, 175, Sr.) – Second-team All-Area
DB Chase Davey (6-0, 175, Sr.) – Hon. Men. All-Area
DB Dylan Hill (6-0, 165, Sr.) – Second-team All-Area
OL C.J. Maldonado (5-10, 250, Sr.)
OL Wilson Miller (6-2, 270, Sr.)
QB Donte Stahl (5-10, 175, Jr.)
LB J.D. Bishop (6-2, 190, Jr.) – Second-team All-Big 8
DL Juan Juarez (6-0, 280, Jr.)

Other Impact Players & Newcomers

RB Daniel Contreras (Sr.)	LB/DB Payton Moenning (Jr.)	OL George Webber (Jr.)
RB/DB Cage Jordan (Sr.)	DB Sam Mather (Jr.)	OL Connor O'Neal (Jr.)
OL Alex Burgess (Sr.)	DE/LB Justin Walker (Jr.)	DB Cade Griffith (So.)
OL Blake Felts (Sr.)	DE Carter Young (Jr.)	QB Case Tucker (So.)
RB/DB Branson Seaton (Jr.)	DE Morgan Davis (Jr.)	DT Draden Willhite (So.)
TE/DE Stephen Davis (Jr.)	DT Carlos Paiz (Jr.)	OL Rylan Wooldridge (So.)
TE/WR Wyatt Hull (Jr.)		

Offense: Double Wing/Dual QB

Defense: 4-3

Coach Bailey says...

We bring back starters in every position group, except our defensive line, along with 29 lettermen. Those returning starters will be counted on to provide positive influence and our returning lettermen will be counted on to fill the open starting positions, and more importantly to build depth for our program. Our football team openly promotes themselves as 'The Brotherhood.' My expectation for our team is very high in trying to live up to that word academically, athletically, socially and spiritually. I believe it will be important for this team to learn to enjoy the success that comes with winning a game instead of the relief of winning to keep a win streak alive."

2018 Outlook

We're running out of things to say about Lamar. There has never been a more dominant streak in Missouri high school football history. Things in Lamar are just different – the team is always so tight-knit. the team and the community are tight and Coach Bailey is great. We've never heard a player say a negative thing about playing for him, even though we know he can be tough on them. On the offensive side this season, the Tigers lost a lot of productive players at the skill positions and more than half of their starters up front. "We have a solid nucleus of players coming back at both position groups," Coach Bailey said. "But we need for our part-time starters and our younger players to quickly prove they can play at the varsity level in the Big 8. While our offense works to get that varsity level experience, our defense and special teams will need to carry us." Let's talk about their defense. Lamar returns starters at every linebacker position and in the secondary, but graduated all of their defensive linemen. We can't imagine the pressure on these kids from Lamar every single year. The pressure to continue their state title streak. Now, the pressure to keep their 49-game winning streak alive. Coach Bailey and the players will tell you that's something they never talk about. We believe that – but I also believe every player thinks about it. This is a new team, though. They have new players, a new conference set-up and a new schedule. They'll have teams like Logan-Rogersville and Hollister on their schedule to begin the season. That will provide a bit of unknown for Lamar. What is known is that Lamar is going to be good, is going to be a state contender, and until further notice, the Tigers are the team to beat in Missouri Class 2.

2017 Results

8/18 @ Cassville W, 28-0
8/25 @ East Newton W, 63-0
9/1 @ Aurora W, 30-6
9/8 Monett W, 51-0
9/22 McDonald County W, 50-8
9/30 Valle Catholic W, 55-7
10/6 Mount Vernon W, 48-6
10/13 @ Seneca W, 42-13

Playoffs

10/20 California W, 69-6
10/27 Warsaw W, 57-6
11/3 Fair Grove W, 61-0
11/11 @ Ava W, 28-22
11/18 @ Lutheran North W, 7-6
11/24 vs. Lafayette County
(@ Columbia) W, 37-20

Five-Year Trend

2017: 14-0 (State Champions)
2016: 14-0 (State Champions)
2015: 15-0 (State Champions)
2014: 14-1 (State Champions)
2013: 14-1 (State Champions)

2018 Schedule

8/24 @ Logan-Rogersville
8/31 Hollister
9/7 @ Aurora
9/14 Monett
9/21 @ Seneca
9/28 East Newton
10/5 @ McDonald County
10/12 Nevada
10/19 @ Cassville

Projected finish: 9-0



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Liberal Bulldogs

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School Colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Matt McKee (9-12 – .429, Third season)

Years in coaching: 14

Assistant coaches:

Robert Williams, Luke Rainey, Wade Sprenkle

Home stadium: LHS Field

2017 Review

Last season was an impressive season for Liberal. In just their second year under head coach Matt McKee they went from 2-8 to 7-4. "The best part of last season was seeing all our hard work turn into success," McKee said, "We finished with the second-best record in school history and won our first playoff game in school history. It was great seeing the excitement from our kids and the support we got from our community." The Bulldogs have something to build on. They know they can win games – and that's half the battle. "Historically, we have not been a successful football program," McKee continued. "The year before we came close to winning several games and fell short. Once we started believing, we had one of the best seasons in school history."

Key Loss

OL/DL Dalton Davis (Pittsburg State)

Returning Starters

QB/LB Sean Clark (5-10, 160, Sr.)

RB/LB Austin Dobbs (5-8, 165, Sr.)

RB/FS Noah Harris

(5-8, 155, Sr.) – Second-team All-SRVC

TE/LB Bryant Rose (5-7, 160, Sr.)

WR/LB Colby Selvey

(6-0, 185, Sr.) – All-District WR

FB/LB Weston Sprenkle

(5-8, 170, Sr.) – Second-team All-SRVC LB

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Eli Satterfield (6-0, 220, Sr.)

OL/DL Ethan Daniels (5-9, 180, Sr.)

WR/DB Corey Harney (5-8, 150, Jr.)

C/DL Wyatt Pearson (6-1, 200, Jr.)

WR/DB Gunner Miller (5-8, 160, So.)

WR/DB Coby Burchett (5-5, 130, So.)

Offense: Single Wing

Defense: 4-4

Coach McKee says...

"Our biggest areas of improvement will need to be on our offensive and defensive lines. We will have all new starters on both sides. We have good, experienced players all around them. But without good O- and D-line play, any team will struggle. We have to bring these guys along and I'm confident the kids we have are ready for the challenge. I expect these kids to work hard and play for one another – don't be the one to let your teammates down. If you make a mistake, don't make it again. Give everything you have and let's see if we can get where we want to go. If we do that, it's a successful season."

2018 Outlook

Coach McKee felt like the right guy to get Liberal pointed in the right direction, and that's what he did. For the first time in a long time, Liberal football has some momentum. That momentum will be hard to keep with a new conference (LHS moves to the WEMO after the Spring River Valley broke up) and a ton of new faces on the field this season. "We lost 10 seniors last year," McKee said. "We have several very good players coming back but I know it will take some time to work out the kinks with so many new starters." Liberal's success this season will depend a lot of how the offensive and defensive lines come together. That can probably be said for most high school football teams. The Bulldogs have some nice skill players coming back on offense, and they have a good, experienced core of linebackers. Those groups will be key for Liberal while they smooth out line play. As for on-field leadership with so many players graduating, McKee is leaning on a few guys this season. "We have two captains returning in Weston Sprenkle and Noah Harris who I expect to do a great job for us, just as they did last season," added McKee, "We also have several other seniors who I expect to provide leadership to our younger players in Sean Clark, Colby Selvey, and Bryant Rose. All these kids have been 100-percent committed since I got here their sophomore year. These kids hardly miss anything, work their butts off in whatever they do, play multiple sports, and have great attitudes about everything they do."

2017 Results

8/18	Lockwood.....	L, 12-21
8/25	@ Pierce City.....	L, 16-31
9/1	@ Northeast.....	W, 53-0
9/8	Sarcoxie.....	L, 8-48
9/16	Tipton.....	W, 41-8
9/22	Miller.....	W, 27-14
9/29	@ Jasper.....	W, 25-21
10/6	Diamond.....	W, 47-6
10/13	@ Rich Hill.....	W, 61-14

Playoffs

10/20	@ Archie.....	W, 20-15
10/27	@ Adrian.....	L, 21-34

Five-Year Trend

2017: 7-4 (Second round)

2016: 2-8 (First round)

2015: 1-7 (First round)

2014: 0-10 (First round)

2013: 2-8 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	Greenfield
8/31	Adrian
9/7	@ Jasper
9/14	Midway
9/21	@ Archie
9/28	@ Diamond
10/5	Appleton City
10/12	@ Rich Hill
10/19	Drexel

Projected finish: 4-5



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School Colors: Red, Black & White

Head Coach: Kellen Hoover (5-5 – .500, Second season)

Years in coaching: 6

Assistant coaches: Sean McCullough, Craig Collins,

Kanon Hoover, Christopher Kane, Blake Martin, Daniel Sumler

Home stadium: Mustang Stadium

2017 Review

McDonald County was a pleasant surprise last season, for sure! They came out strong and went 5-5 last season, making it the first time they finished with more than one win since 2012. "The community really got behind that group of young men and the support was incredible," said head coach Kellen Hoover, who is entering his second season with the team. "It was great to see their hard work result in some deserved success." The Big 8 is a tough conference. Sometimes you can improve and it doesn't show up in your record. It was cool to see the Mustangs simultaneously improve, win games and create a new culture under coach Hoover. "I was impressed with the leadership our group showed last year," Hoover added. "They bought into a certain way of doing things and started to believe and trust in each other, which trickled down to the rest of the team." Hoover deserves a lot of credit for doing what he did at McDonald County his first season. We can't wait to see if the Mustangs are able to build upon it.

Key Losses

OL/DL Trey Black (Friends)

WR/DB Cole DeLosSantos (Westminster)

RB/LB Israel DeSantiago (Westminster)

Returning Starters

WR/DB Oakley Roessler (5-10, 190, Sr.)

– 306 Rec. Yds., 157 Rush. Yds., 3 TDs

OL Elliott Wolfe

(6-2, 290, Sr.) – First-team All-Big 8 OL

DL Dylan Akins (6-0, 220, Sr.)

DL Nolen Baisch (5-8, 245, Sr.)

DB Marshall Foreman (5-9, 165, Sr.)

OL Will Gordon (6-2, 250, Sr.)

OL Tanner Harnar (5-9, 240, Sr.)

TE Rendon Lane (5-11, 200, Sr.)

K Dylan Allison (6-1, 185, Jr.)

– Honorable Mention All-Big 8 K

OL Tryston Leach (6-3, 315, Jr.)

OL Lane Pointer (6-2, 270, Jr.)

DB Michael Williams (5-11, 170, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

TE Micah Burkholder (6-0, 200, Sr.)

WR Reece Cooper (5-11, 170, Sr.)

DL Payton McKee (5-11, 230, Sr.)

DB Zach Woods (5-7, 145, Sr.)

RB/LB Omar Manuel (5-8, 195, Jr.)

QB Ben Mora (5-11, 175, Jr.)

WR/DB Oscar Ortiz (5-8, 145, Jr.)

TE Brennon White (6-0, 190, Jr.)

WR/DB Trent Alik (5-9, 145, So.)

OL/DL Kaidan Campbell (5-9, 220, So.)

Offense: Pro style

Defense: 3-5

Coch Hoover says...

"We will need to replace the leadership we lost from last year's team. We are asking some guys to take on a leadership role this year that maybe haven't had to in the past. We will only be able to go as far as our leaders take us. They've been very receptive to the changes so far and we look for continued development through the off-season and into the season."

2018 Outlook

It always helps to win games when you're trying to change the culture of a program. Going 5-5 and showing that they can compete with teams in the Big 8 last season has injected some immediate excitement around the McDonald County football program. Now, the Mustangs did lose some talented guys last year, but they do have a nice group coming back. "I think our team's biggest strength is the experience we have returning up front," Coach Hoover said. "We return all five from last year's group, which has had a season to develop as a unit plus an off-season to get stronger. We hope to be able to establish the run and it all starts with the big guys up front." For the first time in a while, McDonald County fans have some real excitement and expectations heading into football season. And they should have. "Our goal is to reach our potential," Hoover added. "The Big 8 is a tough conference to set a goal for a certain number of wins. I want our team to compete every single day and become great at the little things that it takes to be successful. If we can do that, the results should take care of themselves."

2017 Results

8/18 @ Salem..... W, 19-6

8/25 Marshfield..... W, 14-7

9/1 @ Seneca..... L, 13-41

9/8 @ Cassville..... W, 21-14

9/15 Mount Vernon..... L, 21-43

9/22 @ Lamar..... L, 8-50

9/29 Monett..... W, 21-18

10/6 East Newton..... W, 54-0

10/13 @ Aurora..... L, 32-42

Playoffs

10/20 @ Carl Junction..... L, 13-49

Five-Year Trend

2017: 5-5 (First round)

2016: 0-10 (First round)

2015: 1-9 (First round)

2014: 1-9 (First round)

2013: 1-9 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24 @ Marshfield

8/31 Logan-Rogersville

9/7 @ East Newton

9/14 @ Hollister

9/21 Nevada

9/28 @ Cassville

10/5 Lamar

10/12 @ Monett

10/19 Seneca

Projected finish: 6-3



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School Colors: Purple & Gold

Head Coach: Derek Uhl (25-11 – .694, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 19

Assistant coaches: Nic Griffin, Jeremy Drager,
 Jeff Piepenbrink, Blair Powell, Larry Mueller

Home stadium: Burl Fowler Stadium (2,000)

2017 Review

There's no better example of the ups-and-downs of high school football than the Monett Cubs. They went from a nearly perfect championship season in 2016, to a 3-7 record and a first round playoff loss last year. "We were close to doing some big things as a team last season," head coach Derrek Uhl said. "We had some injuries that hurt us."

Key Loss

WR/DB Cody Thompson (Wisconsin Lutheran)

Returning Starters

RB/LB William Murphy
 (5-11, 185, Sr.) – 486 Rush. Yds., 75 Tackles
 OL Keller McCully (5-10, 185, Sr.)
 WR/DB Dale Slater (6-1, 170, Sr.)
 WR/DB Gavin Wild (5-11, 165, Sr.)
 QB Karter Brink
 (5-9, 155, Jr.) – 877 Pass. Yds., 3 TDs
 LB J.R. Villa (5-11, 200 Jr.) – 61 Tackles, 2 INTs

OL Chet Butterworth (6-0, 220, Jr.)
 RB Jamie Guinn (6-0, 175, Jr.)
 RB/DB Junior Cavazos
 (5-10, 170, Jr.) – 3 INTs
 DE Wes Merriman (6-1, 220, Jr.)
 OL/DL Larry Gutierrez (5-10, 165, Jr.)
 LB Cole Davis (5-11, 190 So.)
 DL Ray Villalta (5-10, 240, So.)

Other Impact Players

OL Josh Bahl (6-0, 180 Sr.)
 WR/DB Levi Miller (6-0, 175, Sr.)
 OL/DL Jordan Withnell (5-9, 175, Sr.)
 OL/DL Blake Wright (6-0, 250 Jr.)
 DE Brandon Majors (6-1, 220 Jr.)
 OL/DL Colbe Stephenson (6-1, 200, Jr.)
 RB/DB Gunnar Bradley (5-10, 165, Jr.)
 RB/LB Tanner Wright (6-1, 195, So.)

Key Newcomers

WR/DB Trevon Price (6-2, 175, Jr.)
 RB/DB Ethan Umfleet (5-10, 165, Fr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 3-3

Coach Uhl says...

"Because we have so few seniors this year I will be looking for underclassman to step up the leadership roles. William Murphy, who started as a junior, will be a senior who (we) will need to be a leader along with underclassman."

2018 Outlook

This team lacks some experience, but brings some guys back in important positions. Karter Brink is back as the starting quarterback for Monett. He'll be leading an offense looking to improve. "This year we will have more skill guys that we feel comfortable carrying the ball for us," Coach Uhl said. "We will be young, but we will be more explosive on offense than last year." The Cubs will be young up front on both offense and defense, with just two offensive linemen returning and one defensive lineman coming back. "The strength of our defense will be our team speed," Uhl added. "We will play multiple fronts and will be much improved." Overall, this team will be young, but will still be better than last season. "This will be the youngest team that Monett has put on the field that I can remember," Uhl said. "With only six seniors, we will have a lot of underclassmen playing on Friday nights. We are excited for the 2018 season and playing in the new conference (Big 8-West Division). We will improve each week and grow as a team."

2017 Results

8/18 @ California..... W, 19-6
 8/25 Logan-Rogersville..... W, 28-6
 9/1 Mount Vernon..... L, 20-25
 9/8 @ Lamar..... L, 0-51
 9/15 Aurora..... L, 10-46
 9/22 @ Cassville..... L, 0-21
 9/29 @ McDonald County..... L, 18-21
 10/6 Seneca..... L, 7-28
 10/13 @ East Newton..... W, 41-6

Playoffs

10/20 @ Reeds Spring..... L, 6-59

Five-Year Trend

2017: 3-7 (First round)
 2016: 14-1 (State Champions)
 2015: 8-3 (Second round)
 2014: 11-3 (Semifinals)
 2013: 5-5 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24 @ Mount Vernon
 8/31 Marshfield
 9/7 Cassville
 9/14 @ Lamar
 9/21 @ Logan-Rogersville
 9/28 Seneca
 10/5 @ East Newton
 10/12 McDonald County
 10/19 @ Nevada

Projected finish: 4-5



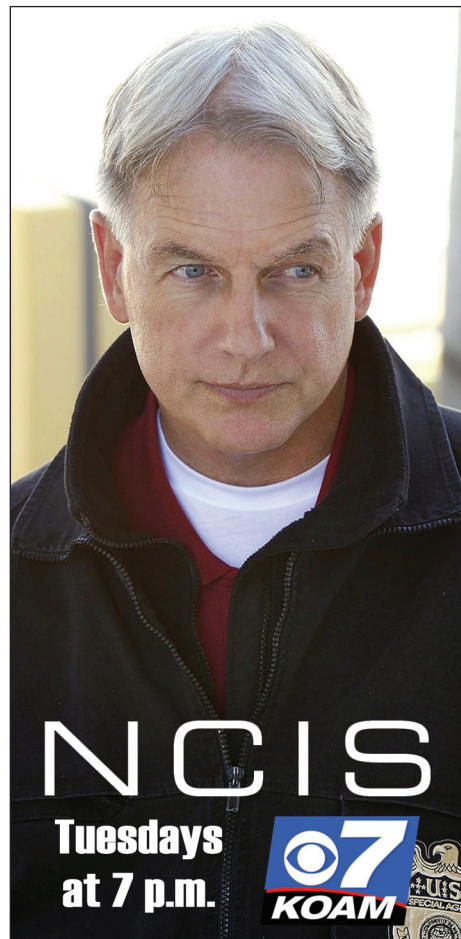
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Mount Vernon Mountaineers

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School Colors: Green & White

Head Coach: Tom Cox (65-46 – .586, 11th season)

Years in coaching: 34

Assistant coaches: Chris Johnston, Ethan Trokey,
Khelon Hayes, Kelley Beckner, Garrison Earnest

Home stadium: Mountaineer Stadium (2,080)

2017 Review

Last year was like three seasons in one for Mount Vernon. The Mountaineers came out of the gate hot, winning five of their first six games. Then, they finished the regular season with three straight losses before going on a run in the playoffs that ended in the state championship game. “It was such a rollercoaster ride for us,” head coach Tom Cox said. “Our three-game skid to close out the regular season might have doomed many teams. Our seniors talked to the team and told them we weren’t done. We still had a second season and a second chance ahead of us.” They took full advantage of their second chance in the playoffs. Their first two games they topped Aurora and Seneca each by double digits, two teams the Mountaineers had lost to in the regular season. Two weeks later, they held a high-powered Eldon offense to just six points. They followed that up with a shutout over Lutheran South in the semifinals to make it to the state title game. They ended up falling to Maryville in the championship, 47-9, but it was one of the most entertaining playoff runs in the area last season. “It was a great lesson in persistence, patience and perseverance,” Cox says, “It didn’t turn out we had planned, but it was a great year and I was so very proud of our team, especially our seniors.”

Key Losses

WR/DB Andrew Montemayor (Benedictine)

RB Sammie Robinson (Benedictine)

OL/DE Cayden Heisner (Missouri Southern)

Returning Starters

C Luke McKinzie (6-0, 265, Sr.)

T Colton Hicks (6-2, 235, Sr.)

G Eli Bolin (6-2, 225, Sr.)

LB Will Boswell

(6-1, 210, Sr.) – 2 INTs, 5 Blocked Kicks

SS Jagen Prescott (5-11, 155, Jr.) – 36 Tackles, 2 INTs

Other Impact Players & Newcomers

WR/DB Patrick Lester (5-8, 145, Sr.)

WR/DB Justin Maples (5-8, 150, Sr.)

QB Zach Jones (6-0, 185, Jr.)

OL/DL Antonio Perry (6-0, 200, Jr.)

WR/DB Patrick Lester (5-8, 145, Sr.)

WR/DB Justin Maples (5-8, 150, Sr.)

WR/DB Tresten Shipman (5-11, 160, Jr.)

WR/DB Carson Bowman (5-8, 160, Jr.)

RB/LB Sam Burks (6-0, 145, Jr.)

WR/DB Rafe Darter (6-1, 190, So.)

WR/DB Justin Moore (5-11, 180, So.)

QB/DB Mason Ballay (6-1, 165, So.)

WR/DB Kelly Vaughn (5-11, 165, Sr.)

WR/DB Aaron Day (5-10, 155, Sr.)

WR/DB

Colin Bartelsmeyer (6-0, 150, Sr.)

OL/DL Noah Hardesty (6-1, 245, Sr.)

WR/LB Cale Miller (6-3, 185, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: Multiple

Coach Cox says...

“We graduated 10 seniors who were all very good football players. At Mount Vernon we know the names will change, but we work hard to make sure the new ones stepping in keep our tradition strong as we try to keep getting our program better. We always have high expectations at Mount Vernon. We are excited to play our new conference opponents and there is a lot of energy concerning the revamped Big 8. It will be a great challenge, but this senior class is anxious to take over the reins of the program and show what they can do.”

2018 Outlook

This team lost some talent to graduation, but they also have some super-talented guys coming back.

“As the returning Class 3 Defensive Player of the Year, Will Boswell will be the strength of our defense,” Coach Cox said. “We also have some exciting new playmakers that will be fun to watch in all three phases of the game.” Mount Vernon will still be fun to watch in 2018. It will be exciting to watch them play against some new teams in the regular season. “Offensively, all of our skill-position players graduated. We will have to mature quickly to have any success with the schedule we play,” Cox adds, “We have a whole new cast of characters on defense. How they communicate and learn to play together will be key, especially early.”

2017 Results

8/18	Reeds Spring	W, 35-20
8/25	@ Springfield Catholic	W, 16-14
9/1	@ Monett	W, 25-20
9/8	Seneca	L, 7-19
9/15	@ McDonald County	W, 43-21
9/22	East Newton	W, 54-0
9/29	@ Aurora	L, 14-33
10/6	@ Lamar	L, 6-48
10/13	Cassville	L, 19-27

Playoffs

10/20	@ Aurora	W, 30-18
10/27	@ Seneca	W, 37-8
11/3	@ Reeds Spring	W, 30-28
11/11	Eldon	W, 24-6
11/18	Lutheran South	W, 16-0
11/25	vs. Maryville (@ Columbia)	L, 9-47

Five-Year Trend

2017:	10-5 (State runner-up)
2016:	7-5 (Third round)
2015:	4-6 (First round)
2014:	3-7 (First round)
2013:	1-9 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	Monett
8/31	@ Nevada
9/7	@ Marshfield
9/14	Reeds Spring
9/21	@ Aurora
9/28	Rogersville
10/5	Seneca
10/12	@ Springfield Catholic
10/19	Hollister

Projected finish: 5-4



Missouri Past State Champions

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Year	8-man	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
2001	Worth County	West Platte	John Burroughs	Platte County	Webb City	Blue Springs	-
2002	DeKalb	Adrian	St. Pius X (Kansas City)	Platte County	Kearney	Webster Groves	Rockhurst
2003	Mound City	Marionville	Centralia	Harrisonville	Kearney	Park Hill	Blue Springs
2004	South Holt	St. Vincent	Blair Oaks	MICDS	Clayton	Raymore-Peculiar	Hickman
2005	Mound City	West Platte	Cameron	Harrisonville	Camdenton	Raymore-Peculiar	De Smet
2006	St. Joseph Christian	South Shelby	Blair Oaks	Harrisonville	Webb City	Raymore-Peculiar	Blue Springs South
2007	Worth County	Orrick	Lawson	Harrisonville	Lee's Summit West	Waynesville	Rockhurst
2008	Mound City	Orrick	Thayer	Clark County	Webb City	Hazelwood East	Hazelwood Central
2009	Mound City	Penney	Maryville	Cassville	Kearney	Webster Groves	Hazelwood Central
2010	Mound City	Valle Catholic	Penney	Richmond	Webb City	Lee's Summit West	Rockhurst
2011	Worth Co./NE Nodaway	Valle Catholic	Lamar	Logan-Rogersville	Webb City	Staley	Blue Springs South
2012	Stanberry	Penney	Lamar	Maryville	Webb City	Kirkwood	Blue Springs
2013	North Andrew	Valle Catholic	Lamar	Maryville	Webb City	Lee's Summit West	Blue Springs
2014	North Andrew	Valle Catholic	Lamar	Oak Grove	Webb City	Battle	Christian Brothers
2015	Stanberry	Valle Catholic	Lamar	John Burroughs	Kearney	Fort Osage	Blue Springs South
2016	North Andrew	Penney	Lamar	Monett	Harrisonville	Vianney	Kirkwood
2017	Worth County	Monroe City	Lamar	Maryville	Webb City	Staley	Christian Brothers

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School Colors: Black & Vegas Gold

Head Coach: Leon Miller (2-9 – .182, Second season)

Years in coaching: 34

Assistants: Eric Yoakam, Randy Mustain, Josh Yarnell,

Larry Perkins, Denzil Davis, Kyle Woods, Nick Gariss, Tom Ellis

Home stadium: Bob Anderson Stadium (4,500)

2017 Review

Last season was the first season for the Wildcats under head coach Leon Miller. The Wildcats finished the regular season with a 1-8 record, coming out on the wrong end of some close games. Neosho had three games decided by three points or fewer in the regular season and lost all three. They did look better towards the end of the season. After falling to Republic in the regular season, Neosho bounced back and beat the Tigers, 42-21, in the first round of district playoffs. It marked the third straight year for the Wildcats to win their first-round playoff game. "The best part of last season was that players worked and played hard, and that enabled us to be competitive with a younger and somewhat inexperienced team," Coach Miller said. "We continued to improve and played better as the season went on."

Key Loss

WR/DB Jarvis Funk (Southwest Baptist)

Returning Starters

RB/DB Cade Lyerla (5-10, 170, Sr.)

WR/DB Connor McGehee (5-10, 165, Sr.)

DB Donnie Fox (5-11, 185, Sr.)

TE/LB Drew Osborn (6-2, 210, Sr.)

OL Ethan White (5-10, 240 Sr.)

OL/DL Sean Moran (6-2, 225, Sr.)

TE/LB Tre Letts (6-1, 215, Sr.)

OL/DL Kipp Box (6-4, 295, Sr.)

OL Ryan Slade (6-1, 300, Sr.)

OL Hunter Box (5-10, 180, Jr.)

DB Quincey Willis (6-0, 160, Jr.)

LB Sam Cook (6-3, 175, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

TE/LB Broc Logan (5-10, 165, Sr.)

WR/DB Elijah Green (5-10, 165, Sr.)

OL/DL Anthony Thompson (5-5, 165, Jr.)

WR/DB Brady Franklin (5-7, 125, Jr.)

RB/DB Gage Kelly (5-11, 145, Jr.)

WR/DB Westin Durman (5-9, 140, Jr.)

RB/LB Drayke Perry (5-10, 185, So.)

OL/DL Kaden Decker (6-1, 180, So.)

QB/DB Racey Shandley (5-8, 140, So.)

Offense: Multiple-I Backs

Defense: 3-4

Coach Miller says...

"Players know what to expect. Those that are a part of the program understand the commitment and work required to be successful."

2018 Outlook

Neosho will have a much more experienced roster than they did last season. The good news is that after playing so many young players in 2017, those guys come back with some actual Friday night experience. "A lot of younger players were forced into action last season and they had to grow up in a hurry," Coach Miller said. "We lost some tough games that tested our character, but the kids responded positively and (that) allows us to continue to improve." Last year, the team only listed three seniors on the roster with starting experience. This year, Coach Miller has nine players who started last season coming back for the senior year, with six of those being two-way players. You have to have experienced players on your roster to compete in this league. "We want to continue to improve," Miller added. "We want to compete each and every week at all levels, be in the hunt for conference and district titles and make a playoff run."

2017 Results

8/18	@ Branson	L, 14-17
8/25	@ Ozark	L, 7-38
9/1	Willard	L, 7-19
9/8	Carl Junction	L, 7-35
9/15	Nixa	L, 20-21
9/22	@ Republic	L, 19-20
9/29	Logan-Rogersville	W, 41-6
10/6	Webb City	L, 12-49
10/13	@ Carthage	L, 25-45

Playoffs

10/20	@ Republic	W, 42-21
10/27	@ Carthage	L, 0-19

Five-Year Trend

2017:	2-9 (Second round)
2016:	6-5 (Second round)
2015:	7-4 (Second round)
2014:	3-7 (First round)
2013:	0-10 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	Ozark
8/31	@ Branson
9/7	@ Webb City
9/14	Carthage
9/21	@ Nixa
9/28	Joplin
10/5	Carl Junction
10/12	@ Willard
10/19	Republic

Projected finish: 3-6



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School Colors: Crimson & Gray
Head Coach: Wes Beachler
(19-13 – .594, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 27
Assistants: Neil Barnes,
Jerrod Alexander, Will Downing,

Chris Smoot, Kirk Miller, Blake Howarth,
Larry Stuart, Forrest Drury, Toby Thorp
Home stadium: Logan Field

2017 Review

Last season was the first season for this group of Tigers under head coach Wes Beachler, who returned after four years at Republic. Nevada finished the year with a 5-6 overall record, and won a district playoff game for the second straight year. “We established a physical style of play offensively,” Beachler said, “Key wins over state-ranked KC-Center and a win over Raytown South in the first round of districts were solid wins for us. The young men here at Nevada played the game the right way. They played hard, within the rules of the game and played unselfish, team based football. It was a fun team to coach.” It was a good year for Nevada, to put it simply. They did not have much depth, but they won some games and will continue to try to build the program’s numbers under Beachler.

Key Losses

TE/LB Hunter Mason (Western Illinois)
RB/DB Shelby Trotter (Benedictine)

RB/LB Zach Gardner (Benedictine)

Returning Starters

LG/DL Peyton Denney
(5-10, 260, Sr.) – Third-team All-State,
All-West Central, Coaches All-Region
RG/DL Caleb Longobardi
(6-0, 240, Sr.) – All-District
RT/DT Treyton Fleeman
(6-4, 280, Sr.) – All-West Central

FS Tanner Gotschall (5-10, 160, Sr.)
– All-West Central, Coaches All-Region
TE Grant Phebus (6-2, 190, Sr.)
CB Justin Guy (5-11, 175, Sr.)
CB Jaren Powrie (5-11, 175, Sr.)

Other Impact Players

FB/LB Ethan Couch (5-10, 190, Sr.)
OL/DL Tristan Mitchum (5-10, 300, Sr.)
OL/DL Shawn Prentice (5-9, 180, Sr.)

Key Newcomers

FB/LB Ethan Couch (5-10, 190, Sr.)
OL/DL Tristan Mitchum (5-10, 300, Sr.)

Offense: Shotgun Wing

Defense: 4-3

Coach Beachler says...

“We lost a lot of our most productive offensive players, other than on our offensive line. We will have to have quite a few young guys step up and play older than they are. Our offensive line and defensive line should be strengths, but they’ll have to play very physical in the Big 8 in order for us to be competitive.”

2018 Outlook

Nevada is going to look a little different this season. Most of the guys who made plays for them last year have graduated. Coach Beachler mentioned last season that numbers were low in the football program. It is still true coming into this year. “Our lack of depth due to low numbers will be the biggest challenge this season,” Beachler said. “That will be somewhat better this year, but it will still prevent us from being where we want to be game-in and game-out.” It’s always fun to see teams move from one league to another. We’re excited to see how Nevada fares against Big 8 Conference teams like Seneca, Monett, Mount Vernon and Lamar. “We have high expectations for the young men in this program,” Beachler added. “They work hard and play the game the right way. We expect this year’s group to continue to build this program into the kind of program we want.”

2017 Results

8/18	@ Seneca	L, 20-28
8/25	Center	W, 36-28
9/1	@ St. Pius X	L, 14-30
9/8	@ St. Michael the Archangel	W, 62-8
9/15	Smith Cotton	L, 0-10
9/22	@ Central (Springfield)	W, 49-12
9/29	DeSoto	L, 14-55
10/6	@ Warrensburg	L, 27-28
10/13	Clinton	W, 51-37

Playoffs

10/20	Raytown South	W, 48-32
10/27	@ Grain Valley	L, 14-52

Five-Year Trend

2017:	5-6 (Second round)
2016:	3-8 (Second round)
2015:	3-7 (First round)
2014:	2-8 (First round)
2013:	5-5 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	@ Reeds Spring
8/31	Mount Vernon
9/7	@ Seneca
9/14	East Newton
9/21	@ McDonald County
9/28	@ Marshfield
10/5	Cassville
10/12	@ Lamar
10/19	Monett

Projected finish: 3-6



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Sarcxie Bears

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School Colors: Purple & Gold

Head Coach: Russell Ellis (16-14 – .533, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 13

Assistant coaches:

Korey Gordon, Zach Staples, Jack Altermatt

Home stadium: Royce Stadium

2017 Review

Sarcxie has just been getting better and better the last few years. They had one win in 2014, two in 2015, six in 2016 and then turned around and posted nine last season. "Last year was a solid group with a lot of experience," head coach Russell Ellis said. "It was fun and a fast-paced year." It was a great year for the Bears. They opened up the season with eight straight wins to set up a winner-take-all game against Pierce City in the regular season finale for the final Spring River Valley title. Pierce City won the game to take the conference crown, pushing Sarcxie to second place. After that, the Bears bounced back and beat Cabool, 45-22, for their second playoff win in five years before falling to district champion Thayer, 28-14, in round two.

Returning Starters

RB/LB Christian Garrison (5-10, 160, Sr.) – 450 Rush. Yds., 10 TDs; 43 Tackles, 1 QBS

OL/DL Landon Malotte (6-2, 240, Sr.) – All-Spring River Valley OL

OL/DL Keaton McClintock (6-1, 275, Sr.) – All-Spring River Valley OL

RB/LB Kendrick Bass (5-11, 150, Jr.) – 43 Rush. Yds., 7 TDs; 67 Tackles, 2 QBS, 1 INT

Other Impact Players

OL/LB Ryan Holocker (6-0, 200 Sr.)

QB/DB Haydon Kisling (6-3, 165, Jr.)

RB/DB Justin Mandera (5-9, 175, So.)

RB/LB Dylan Heckmaster (5-9, 170, So.)

Offense: Flexbone/Spread

Defense: 3-4

Coach Ellis says...

"This upcoming season will be an opportunity for us to prove that last year wasn't just a random success. Our kids have a real chip on their shoulder to prove themselves as a team. I really look forward to seeing the hard work and commitment to our program put into action."

2018 Outlook

Sarcxie lost some pretty talented guys to graduation. They lose quarterback Chris Comerford, who was one of the best offensive players in the SRVC, and also earned All-State honors as a defensive back. Stepping in at quarterback will be junior Haydon Kisling, as the Bears transition to the new Southwest Conference. "He got some experience on Friday night's in some spots last year," coach Ellis said. "He is a great young man who is extremely smart and coachable. I look for him to have a great year." Another plus for the Bears is the fact that they'll return some of their big guys up front.

"We will be returning the majority of our linemen with the addition of some that got a lot of experience last year," Coach Ellis added, "We will also be more confident after another year in our system. We look to build on our passing game and use our speed in the backfield with the experience up front to keep defenses off balance." As for the defensive side, Ellis said, "Our strength this year will be our team speed and hard-nosed mentality. We will run 11 hats to the football, create turnovers and wear teams out with our physicality." It's hard to know what Sarcxie is going to look like this season. They've obviously shown they're headed in the right direction as a program, but 9-2 is a tough act to follow when you lose a talented group of seniors. "I feel like people are going to expect less from us, but that is going to be to our advantage," senior Nate Ogle said. "We have a great group of players that has had plenty of playing time and worked hard. I think we will shock some people."

2017 Results

8/18	@ Jasper	W, 45-7
8/25	Commerce	W, 27-12
9/1	Miller	W, 59-7
9/8	@ Liberal	W, 48-8
9/15	@ Southeast	W, 69-12
9/22	Diamond	W, 62-0
9/29	@ Lockwood	W, 36-15
10/6	@ Forsyth	W, 48-11
10/13	Pierce City	L, 26-35

Playoffs

10/20	Cabool	W, 45-22
10/27	Thayer	L, 14-28

Five-Year Trend

2017:	9-2 (Second round)
2016:	6-4 (Second round)
2015:	1-8 (First round)
2014:	1-8 (First round)
2013:	9-2 (Second round)

2018 Schedule

8/24	Houston
8/31	@ Lockwood
9/7	Pierce City
9/14	@ Pleasant Hope
9/21	Greenfield
9/28	@ Miller
10/5	@ Marionville
10/12	Diamond
10/19	Ash Grove

Projected finish: 4-5



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School Colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Ryan McFarland (12-9 – .571, Third season)

Years in coaching: 16

Assistant coaches:

Chris Yust, Chris Endress, Scott Quinly, Cody Spencer

Home stadium: Tom Hodge Field/Earl Campbell Stadium (3,000)

2017 Review

It was such a fun year to be around the Seneca football team, because they were good and they packed the stadium every week. It was the team's second year under head coach Ryan McFarland. The Indians finished with a 9-2 record and won their first playoff game since 2013. "In year one, everything was new to our players and it's usually hard to have great success that first year," McFarland said. "Last year, our coaches were familiar with the strengths and weaknesses of our players, and our players had bought into everything we had asked them to do in the offseason. It was great for our athletes to see the benefits of their hard work."

Returning Starters

QB/DB Gavin Clouse (6-0, 170, Sr.)
RB/DB Alex Cook (6-0, 170, Sr.)
OL/DL Jacob Nunn (6-3, 285, Sr.)
OL/DL Brady Hymer (6-4, 210, Sr.)
OL/DL Tylor Lazure (6-1, 270, Sr.)

OL/DL Kaden Skelton (6-0, 270, Sr.)
OL/DL Eli Dodson (6-2, 215, Sr.)
OL/DL Caleb Miller (5-11, 155, Sr.)
OL/LB Harris Griffith (5-11, 190, Sr.)

RB/DL Trey Wilson (5-10, 195, Jr.)
WR/DB Monty Mailes (5-10, 145, Jr.)
OL/DL Jakob Sampson (6-0, 245, Jr.)
OL/DL Brennan Yust (6-3, 235, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Parker
Wolfenbarger (5-11, 145, Sr.)
TE/LB Daythen Long (6-3, 190, Jr.)

OL/DL Brian
Gravener (5-11, 215, Sr.)
WR/DB Rhynn Raney (5-10, 175, Jr.)

OL/DL Zach Cox (5-11, 175, Jr.)
TE/DL Skyler
Commons (6-0, 205, Jr.)

Key Newcomers

WR/CB Miguel Bonilla (5-10, 160 Sr.)
WR/DB Levi Ketchum (6-2, 190, Jr.)

S Zane Cotton (5-10, 160, So.)
RB Dillon Myers (5-7, 165, So.)

WR/LB Nick
Arrasmith (5-11, 175, So.)

Offense: Split Back/Option

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach McFarland says...

"We are hoping experience is a big strength for us this year. Offensively we should have the most speed we have had in the three years I have been at Seneca. We are hoping that gives us a few more explosive plays. With Clouse, Trey Wilson (First-team All-Big 8 as a sophomore) and Monty Mailes in the backfield they all three have a chance to do something big every time they touch the ball. We were able to throw the ball better last year, and we hope to continue to improve in throwing the ball this year. Parker Wolfenbarger, Levi Ketchum, Payden Armstrong and Miguel Bonilla will compete for spots at wide receiver, and Daythan Long should be our tight end."

2018 Outlook

Offensively this team will have a lot of talented guys back. RB Trey Wilson is returning for his junior year after earning First-team All-Big 8 honors last season, and QB Gavin Clouse will be back in his starting role at the most important position on the field. "(Clouse) will be a three-year starter for us at QB," Coach McFarland said. "He is a very gifted player. Not only is he a good athlete, he is the leader of our locker room and our offense." Defensively it's kind of a different story for the Indians. They lose seven of their 11 starters from 2017. As for special teams, McFarland notes that that is one area he hopes to see drastic improvement. "In our district game with Mount Vernon, we allowed their punter to run for 50 yards, we had a field goal blocked and returned 80 yards and they returned a kickoff for a TD," he said. "You won't win very many games doing that." Seneca is in line for another good season. They will be better up front on offense. More importantly, excitement and swagger around the program is back. Coach McFarland has a lot to do with that. "We are hoping that our success from last year will give our players some confidence," McFarland added. "We now know that regardless of how the regular season unfolds, we have to be at our best come district time. Seneca is known for its football tradition through the years. Last year our community support was unbelievable. We are excited to get back out there and playing in front of our home crowd."

2017 Results

8/18 Nevada..... W, 28-20
8/25 @ Osage W, 27-7
9/1 McDonald County..... W, 41-13
9/8 @ Mount Vernon..... W, 19-7
9/15 East Newton..... W, 36-6
9/22 @ Aurora W, 15-14
9/29 Cassville W, 33-14
10/6 @ Monett..... W, 28-7
10/13 Lamar..... L, 13-42

Playoffs

10/20 East Newton..... W, 48-0
12/27 Mount Vernon..... L, 8-37

Five-Year Trend

2017: 9-2 (Second round)
2016: 3-7 (First round)
2015: 2-8 (First round)
2014: 3-7 (First round)
2013: 11-4 (State runner-up)

2018 Schedule

8/24 @ Springfield Catholic
8/31 Reeds Spring
9/7 Nevada
9/14 @ Cassville
9/21 Lamar
9/28 @ Monett
10/5 @ Mount Vernon
10/12 East Newton
10/19 @ McDonald County

Projected finish: 7-2



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School colors: Red, White & Columbia Blue
Head Coach: John Roderique
 (260-24 - .915, 22nd season)

Years in coaching: 29
Assistants: Darrell Hicks, Aaron Davied,
 Corey Roy, Trey Derryberry, Aaron Snow,

 Drew Gollhofer, Andrew Doennig, Scott
 Roderique, Logan Walker, Tony Carranco
Home Stadium: Cardinal Stadium (5,200)

2017 Review

The 2017 campaign was the "redemption tour" for the Webb City Cardinals. They got back to doing what they do, which is winning state championships. Webb City went 15-0 and won it all, making it the third time in six years they won state without losing a single game. "We had a very dedicated senior class that led us the entire season," Webb City head coach John Roderique said. "We had 30 seniors that played selflessly throughout the year." Webb City only had one game that was within single digits last season, the remaining games were won by 14 or more points. "Last year was a great example for us that it's the sum of the parts that really matter most," Coach Roderique added. "Our kids pulled together to accomplish the ultimate goal. It probably wasn't the most physically-talented team, but it was a team that worked really well together." It felt like world order was restored with Webb City back on top of Missouri Class 4. The Cardinals graduated a great senior class, with eight players moving on to play at the college level.

Key Losses

OL Landon Bebee (Missouri State)	LB Jordon Rogers (Pittsburg State)	DL Tylor Morehead (Southwestern)
LB Jarvis Berlin (Missouri Southern)	DE Elijah Robinson (Pittsburg State)	TE/DL Blake Peterson
QB Cash Link (Missouri Southern)	LB Brenyn Surber (Benedictine)	(William Penn)

Returning Starters

WR/FS Alex Gaskill (6-1, 205, Sr.)	LB Cade Beason (6-1, 195, Sr.)	WR/DB Terrell Kabala (6-1, 190, Jr.)
RB Durand Henderson (6-0, 180, Sr.)	K/P Grant Burkett (6-0, 165, Sr.)	K Sergio Perez (5-9, 175, Jr.)
TE Jacob Monroe (6-0, 185, Sr.)	OL Austin Spink (6-0, 220, Sr.)	

Other Impact Players

OL Bailey Crane (6-0, 235, Sr.)	WR/DB Treyton Simmons	DL Trenten Thompson (6-3, 220, Jr.)
DL Dallin Crockett (5-11, 220, Sr.)	(5-10, 165, Sr.)	RB/DB Devrin Weathers
TE Blake Fowler (6-0, 215, Sr.)	QB/DB Kade Hicks (5-11, 165, Jr.)	(6-0, 170, So.)
LB Tucker Friend (5-10, 210, Sr.)	LB Ruben Lenker (5-11, 180, Jr.)	QB Cole Gayman (5-11, 165, So.)
LB Zach Hand (5-11, 185, Sr.)	WR/DB Cale McCallister	OL/DL Grant Goltra (6-3, 245, So.)
DB Ethan Hilgendorf (6-0, 170, Sr.)	(5-11, 165, Jr.)	OL/DL Zethew Meister (6-2, 235, So.)
OL Matt Miller (6-0, 235, Sr.)	OL Ethan Ott (6-1, 245, Jr.)	TE Gary Clinton (6-1, 210, So.)
DE Brayden Bond (6-2, 190, Jr.)	WR/DB Tanner Rogers (6-2, 175, Jr.)	TE/LB Jaystin Smith (6-2, 185, So.)

Offense: Split-Back Veer

Defense: 6-2 Stack Monster

Coach Roderique says...

"The biggest difference between this season and last is the amount of experience we had going into last year versus the lack of experience this season – especially on defense. On offense, we will be starting over with several new faces again much like last year. Darrell Hicks will take over for Mike Smith as our DC (defensive coordinator). Like many years for us, our strength is in our numbers. We will have a large roster and many kids that will be competing for playing time. This competition will help develop our team. We will need to become a better offensive team in the passing game. I can see us being a team that will improve from the beginning of the season until district play. With so many new players we have some uncertainty of how good we will be early."

2018 Outlook

This Webb City team lost some really good players and a big senior class, but who is going to bet against them? It certainly won't be us. We expect this season to be an entertaining one in the COC, especially given that an up-and-coming Joplin team is joining the league. That only adds intrigue to a league that already has perennial state contenders at the top. The Cardinals do bring back some playmakers, like Alex Gaskill and Durand Henderson. Henderson was a monster as a junior. "Our goals and expectations will not change this season from most," Coach Roderique said. "We would like to be able to compete in the COC as well as our district." There's no doubt the Cardinals will do that. The thing about Webb City is that they have such a tradition and a culture built that they can rebuild in a second. So many kids in that city want to put on that Webb City uniform from the time they first learn how to run. It's special... and it makes Webb City what it is every single year.

2017 Results

8/18	Carl Junction	W, 27-12
8/25	Carthage	W, 28-7
9/1	@ Republic	W, 42-0
9/8	@ Willard	W, 55-10
9/15	Pittsburg	W, 34-13
9/22	Nixa	W, 45-7
9/29	@ Ozark	W, 41-10
10/6	@ Neosho	W, 49-12
10/13	Branson	W, 49-7

Playoffs

10/20	Marshfield	W, 54-0
10/27	Camdenton	W, 40-14
11/3	Carl Junction	W, 42-21
11/10	Harrisonville	W, 24-0
11/18	Platte County	W, 21-18
11/24	vs. Ladue Horton Watkins	
	(@ Columbia)	W, 14-0

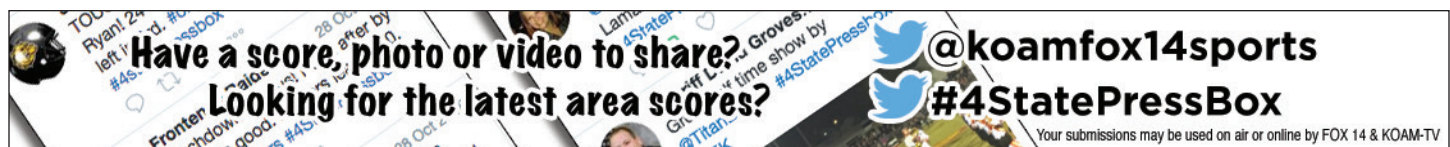
Five-Year Trend

2017:	15-0 (State Champions)
2016:	9-4 (Quarterfinals)
2015:	14-1 (State runner-up)
2014:	15-0 (State Champions)
2013:	14-1 (State Champions)

2018 Schedule

8/24	Carl Junction
8/31	@ Joplin
9/7	Neosho
9/14	@ Branson
9/21	Carthage
9/28	@ Willard
10/5	Republic
10/12	@ Ozark
10/19	Nixa

Projected finish: 9-0



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OSSAA Class 4A-District 3

	District			All	
	W	L	+/-	W	L
*Wagoner	7	0	+93	11	1
*Oologah	6	1	+74	10	2
*Cascia Hall	5	2	+50	6	5
*Catoosa	4	3	+21	7	4
*Vinita	2	5	-41	3	7
*McLain	2	5	-54	4	6
Grove	1	6	-66	1	9
Miami	1	6	-77	1	9

OSSAA Class 3A-District 7

	District			All	
	W	L	+/-	W	L
Jay	6	0	+47	10	2
*Sequoia (Tahlequah)	5	1	+52	7	1
*Lincoln Christian	3	3	+37	5	7
*Keys	3	3	+6	6	5
*Locust Grove	3	3	-1	5	5
*Inola	1	5	-51	3	7
*Westville	0	6	-90	1	9

OSSAA Class 2A-District 8

	District			All	
	W	L	+/-	W	L
*Adair	6	0	+90	10	3
Commerce	5	1	+48	9	4
Wyandotte	4	2	+10	6	4
*Caney Valley (Ramona)	3	3	+5	5	6
*Oklahoma Union	2	4	-3	4	6
*Chelsea	1	5	-69	2	8
*Nowata	0	6	-81	0	10

*=Denotes schools not previewed

Top four teams in each district
advanced to the state playoffs
+/- = 15-point tiebreaker

f=Copan forfeited all of its games due to lack of eligible players. The forfeits are not reflected on overall and district records because the OSSAA gave schools the option to schedule another game if possible.

OSSAA Class A-District 7

	District			All	
	W	L	+/-	W	L
Afton	6	0	+77	14	0
*Rejoice Christian	5	1	+47	10	2
*Hulbert	3	3	+11	7	5
*Barnsdall	3	3	+21	7	4
*Foyil	2	4	-33	3	7
Fairland	2	4	-34	4	6
Quapaw	0	6	-89	0	10

OSSAA Class C-District 3

	District			All	
	W	L	+/-	W	L
*Pond Creek-Hunter	6	0	+90	12	1
*Regent Prep	5	1	+60	9	2
*Medford	4	2	+12	5	5
*Bluejacket	3	3	0	6	4
Welch	2	4	-19	5	5
*Covington-Douglas	1	5	-53	2	8
*Deer Creek-Lamont	0	6	-90	0	9
*Copan-f	--	--	---	--	--

2018-19 District Alignments

OSSAA Class 4A-District 3

*Bristow
*Catoosa
*Cleveland
Grove
Miami
*McLain
*Oologah
*Wagoner

OSSAA Class 3A-District 4

*Berryhill
*Cascia Hall
*Inola
Jay
*Locust Grove
*Sequoyah (Claremore)
*Verdigris
*Vinita

OSSAA Class 2A-District 4

*Adair
*Chelsea
*Chouteau
*Kansas
*Metro Christian
*Nowata
*Salina
Wyandotte

*=Denotes schools not previewed

OSSAA Class A-District 6

Afton
*Colcord
Commerce
Fairland
*Ketchum
*Oklahoma Union
Quapaw
*Rejoice Christian

OSSAA Class C-District 3

*Bluejacket
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School Colors: Orange & Black
Head Coach: Fred Peery (First season)
Years in coaching: 17

Assistant coaches: Corey Henry, Magnum Mustain,
Dusty Henry, Randy Gardner, Ike Mustain
Home stadium: AHS Field

2017 Review

Last season was a special one for Afton. The Eagles went undefeated and won their first-ever state championship. They had a loaded senior class and only had one close game all year. Wil Amos was one of the best players in the state for Afton in 2017. The senior QB rushed for 3,000-plus yards and 45 touchdowns, while throwing for 1,200-plus yards and 16 more touchdowns. Afton was dominant – there's not much more to say. After last season, head coach Zach Gardner took the same position at Miami High School. Gardner finished his stint at Afton with a 98-33 record in 11 seasons. Fred Peery, who had been at McLeod since 2014, has taken over head coaching duties at Afton.

Key Losses

QB/DB Wil Amos (Emporia State)
RB/LB Briar Julian (Culver-Stockton)
WR/DB Clay Mitchell (Northeastern State)

Returning Starter

OL/LB Braeden Gaines (5-10, 220, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

QB/DB Brett Fuser (5-10, 175, Jr.)
TE/LB Cole Mikesell (6-2, 185, Jr.)
RB/DB Weston Amos (5-9, 165, So.)
OL/DL Teegan Maupin (5-8, 220, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 3-4

2018 Outlook

There's a lot of change for Afton heading into this season. They have a new head coach and they'll have a lot of new players on the field. This is a team that in 2017 had 11 seniors return to starting positions from the previous season. Very few kids on the 2018 roster have extended Friday-night experience. Even with all the newness, Afton still has something to build upon. The Eagles have been very successful lately, and have created a new energy around Afton football. Recent teams have set the bar high and it will make future teams better.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Colcord	W, 58-26
9/8	@ Commerce	W, 36-14
9/15	@ Ketchum	W, 58-0
9/29	Barnsdall	W, 62-24
10/6	Fairland	W, 58-8
10/13	@ Rejoice Christian	W, 22-20
10/19	Foyil	W, 60-16
10/27	@ Hulbert	W, 68-22
11/3	@ Quapaw	W, 68-8

Playoffs

11/10	Savanna	W, 48-7
11/17	Cashion	W, 40-14
11/24	@ Minco	W, 30-6
12/1	vs. Thomas-Fay-Custer (@ Cushing)	W, 52-7
12/8	vs. Crescent (@ Owasso)	W, 44-12

Five-Year Trend

2017:	14-0 (State Champions)
2016:	12-1 (Semifinals)
2015:	5-6 (First round)
2014:	9-3 (Second round)
2013:	11-2 (Quarterfinals)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Barnsdall
9/7	Daniel Webster (Tulsa)
9/14	Salina
9/21	Commerce
9/28	@ Quapaw
10/5	@ Colcord
10/12	Fairland
10/18	@ Oklahoma Union
10/26	Rejoice Christian
11/2	@ Ketchum

Projected finish: 5-5



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Welch Wildcats

OSSAA Class C, District 3

School Colors: Blue & Gray

Head Coach: Ryan Gleaves (39-55 – .415, 10th season)

Years in coaching: 12

Assistant coach: Billy Willard

Home stadium: Wildcat Field

2017 Review

Welch continued to improve last year, going 6-5 overall. That marks 2017 as their first winning season since 2012. “That was the best part of the season, finishing with a winning record for the first time in several years,” head coach Ryan Gleaves, who is entering his 10th season with the team, said. “We learned that we have great kids at Welch and sometimes things do not go as planned. You have to pick yourself up and keep working hard.”

Returning Starters

OL/DL Ty Earp (6-6, 330, Sr.)

WR/DB Braxton Turner (6-2, 170, Sr.)

Other Impact Players

TE/LB Hunter Deerinwater (Sr.)

WR/CB Seth Hayward (Jr.)

QB/CB Braston Allen (Jr.)

OL/DL Brady Johnson (Jr.)

OL/DL Robby Foust (So.)

RB/LB Keaton Gilman (So.)

Key Newcomers

RB/DB Noah Barton (Fr.)

OL/DL Bill Riggins (Fr.)

TE/LB Ethan Costerisan (Fr.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: 4-2

Coach Gleaves says...

“Our biggest strength will be our size up front. We should be able to pound the ball at people. We’ll have to get over the loss of nine seniors from last year. We will be inexperienced.”

2018 Outlook

Welch will go from a big group of returning starters to just two this season. Lineman Ty Earp and WR/DB Braxton Turner are the lone starters returning from 2017, and both are seniors. “We’ll lean on Ty Earp to be our on-field leader,” Coach Gleaves said. “He is a great kid and leader not only on the football field, but also in the classroom.” How quick this team grows up will be the big question. There’s going to be a lot of guys on a varsity field for the first time in week one. It will be tough to repeat the success the Wildcats had in 2017. Then again, it’s hard to tell. We haven’t seen a lot of these kids play. It’s important that Welch stays healthy. With a young team, the Wildcats will look much different in Week 10 than they will in Week 1.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Watts	W, 41-24
9/8	@ Oaks-Mission	W, 52-6
9/15	Wesleyan Christian	W, 58-26
9/22	@ Medford	L, 44-48
9/29	Bluejacket	L, 0-48
10/6	Deer Creek-Lamont	W, 54-8
10/13	@ Pond Creek-Hunter	L, 6-56
10/19	Covington-Douglas	W, 44-6
10/27	Destiny Christian	L, 0-45
11/3	Regent Prep	L, 14-59

Five-Year Trend

2017: 5-5 (No playoffs)

2016: 4-6 (No playoffs)

2015: 0-10 (No playoffs)

2014: 0-10 (No playoffs)

2013: 2-8 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Watts
9/7	@ South Coffeyville
9/14	Foyil
9/21	Copan
9/28	Medford
10/5	@ Covington-Douglas
10/12	@ Coyle
10/18	Southwest Covenant
10/26	@ Bluejacket
11/2	Deer Creek-Lamont

Projected finish: 4-6

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Commerce Tigers

OSSAA Class A, District 6

School Colors: Blue & White

Head Coach: Steve Moss (56-28 – .667, Eighth season)

Years in coaching: 18

Assistant coaches: Jack Kelley, Logan Cawyer,

John Medlin, Terry Tyree, Matt Poteet, Ryan Gleaves

Home stadium: Tiger Field (1,000)

2017 Review

This team continued to improve last season, posting a 9-4 record and making it all the way to the state quarterfinals. They did all that having just five seniors on the roster. "Our district was the only one to have two teams make the state quarterfinals," head coach Steve Moss said. "We played a tough schedule and the kids competed well."

Returning Starters

QB/DB Hayden Moss

(6-1, 175, Sr.) – 3,526 Pass. Yds., 37 TDs

RB/LB Chris Ibarra

(5-10, 190, Sr.) – 2,807 Rush Yds., 31 TDs

FB/LB Ryan Dunbar (6-1, 195, Sr.)

– 1,673 Rush Yds., 309 Rec. Yds.

OG/LB Brandon Brown

(5-9, 190, Sr.) – 76 Tackles, 3 QBS

OG/DE Jayke Murphy

(5-10, 215, Sr.) – 74 Tackles

RB/LB Caden Pickard

(5-10, 180, Jr.) – 70 Tackles

WR/DB Caleb Eulitt (5-5, 150, Jr.) – 20 Tackles

OL/DL Casey Perry (5-11, 180, Jr.) – 40 Tackles

OL/DL Kolby Dean

(5-10, 185, So.) – 50 Tackles, 3 QBS

Other Impact Players

OL/LB Juan Herrera (5-9, 200, Sr.)

RB/WB Jesse Cardenas (5-10, 150, Sr.)

OL/DL Jacob Bachman (6-0, 240 Sr.)

WR/LB Mateo Moreno (6-0, 185, Jr.)

OL/DL Jacob Pittman (6-1, 250, Jr.)

OL/DL Austin Hart (6-0, 200, So.)

QB/DB Brandon Kelley (5-8, 165, So.)

Key Newcomers

TE/LB Kobe Forbis (5-10, 180, Fr.)

WR/DE Hayden Rogers (5-11, 180, Fr.)

FB/DE Seth Hailey (5-8, 170, Fr.)

FB/LB Eric Cunningham (5-10, 170, Fr.)

Offense: Split-Back Veer

Defense: Multiple

Coach Moss says...

"I expect our team to compete for a district championship and to make a strong push in the playoffs. We have several returning starters in key positions. Game experience and hard work in the summer will help get us into the playoffs and make noise once we're there."

2018 Outlook

We were excited to watch Commerce last year, and we're excited to watch them again this season. They have some really, really good players – starting with quarterback Hayden Moss. The senior is the school record holder in passing yards and passing touchdowns. Chris Ibarra is also back for his senior year, after he ran for more than 2,800 yards last season and scored 31 touchdowns. Senior Ryan Dunbar will also get some work in the backfield following a year where he ran for 1,600 yards. Oh, and by the way, Dunbar was also the district's Defensive Player of the Year last season. "Offensively our biggest challenge will be finding wide receivers to replace the 1,800 yards receiving that we graduated," Moss said. "Defensively, we need to get 11 people to the ball. We'll be emphasizing that from day one and we need to do a better job than we did last year." This team made it to the state quarterfinals last year. They have a ton of talent back from that team. You do the math – they're going to be good again and be a contender in November.

2017 Results

8/25	@ Sarcosie	L, 12-27
9/1	Central (Sallisaw)	W, 50-27
9/8	Afton	L, 14-36
9/15	@ Henryetta	W, 37-16
9/22	Chelsea	W, 61-6
10/6	@ Caney Valley (Ramona)	W, 46-26
10/13	@ Wyandotte	W, 53-28
10/19	Oklahoma Union	W, 31-28
10/27	@ Nowata	W, 42-7
11/3	Adair	L, 14-36

Playoffs

11/10	Salina	W, 21-14
11/17	@ Valliant	W, 48-28
11/24	@ Washington	L, 21-63

Five-Year Trend

2017:	9-4 (Quarterfinals)
2016:	6-5 (First round)
2015:	6-5 (First round)
2014:	3-7 (First round)
2013:	11-1 (Second round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Adair
9/7	Green Forest, Ark.
9/14	Frontenac
9/21	@ Afton
9/28	Colcord
10/5	@ Fairland
10/12	Oklahoma Union
10/18	@ Rejoice Christian
10/26	Ketchum
11/2	@ Quapaw

Projected finish: 8-2

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Fairland Owls

OSSAA Class A, District 6

School Colors: Scarlet & White

Head Coach: Kent Marshall (31-38 – .449, Seventh season)

Years in coaching: 26

Assistant coaches: Justin Goins,

Jordan Alexander, Josh Schertz, Keenan Webb

Home Stadium: Howard K. Rutledge Field (2,500)

2017 Review

Fairland finished last season 4-6 overall, making it back-to-back years the Owls have finished under-.500 after going 7-4 in 2015. Last year the Owls had just three seniors on the roster that were regular starters as juniors in 2016, meaning a lot of the guys will be back this season who received plenty of on-field time last year. In the offseason, Fairland had a couple changes to the coaching staff, losing Jerry Johnson and Corey Henry. To replace those guys, coach Marshall has added Josh Schertz and Keenan Webb for the 2018 season.

Returning Starters

OL/DL Grant Harden (6-0, 220, Sr.) – 67 Tackles

WR/DB Cole Cawfield (6-0, 170, Sr.) – 61 Tackles, 4 INTs

RB/LB Michael Foust (5-6, 180, Sr.) – 422 Rush. Yds., 3 TDs; 55 Tackles, 1 Return TD

RB/DL Brendan Foust (5-7, 190, Sr.) – 58 Tackles, 1 Return TD

OL Jamal Morris (6-0, 200, Sr.)

DE Jay Padberg (6-0, 20, Sr.) – 65 Tackles

LB James Handrich (5-10, 180, Jr.) – 158 Tackles

RB Charles Reed (5-6, 180, Jr.) – 1,017 Rush. Yds, 7 TDs

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Marshall says...

“Expectations are high. How we handle the summer preparation and deal with the expectations will go a long way towards reaching our goals.”

2018 Outlook

This is a much more experienced roster than Coach Marshall had last season. He has seven starters returning on offense and eight on defense. “We’re simplifying things on offense and defense this season,” Marshall said. “We want our kids to play fast and have fun doing it.” The Owls may be right back over .500 this season. They went 4-6 last year and don’t appear to be a team that’s going to take a step back. They have some talented players. Charles Reed was a 1000-yard rusher last season. James Handrich is back for his junior season after racking up nearly 160 tackles as a sophomore. Add those guys to a solid senior class, and Fairland appears to be on the road to a winning record.

2017 Results

8/24	@ Colcord.....	L, 0-27
8/31	@ Wyandotte.....	L, 14-30
9/8	Ketchum	W, 35-14
9/15	Oklahoma Union	W, 30-27
9/22	@ Quapaw.....	W, 35-14
9/29	Foyil	L, 8-21
10/6	@ Afton.....	L, 8-58
10/12	Barnsdall	L, 16-48
10/27	Rejoice Christian	L, 20-30
11/3	@ Hulbert.....	W, 48-44

Five-Year Trend

2017: 4-6 (No playoffs)

2016: 3-7 (No playoffs)

2015: 7-4 (Second round)

2014: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2013: 4-6 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Wyandotte
9/7	Chelsea
9/21	Ketchum
9/28	@ Rejoice Christian
10/5	Commerce
10/12	@ Afton
10/18	Colcord
10/26	Quapaw
11/2	@ Oklahoma Union

Projected finish: 4-6





Oklahoma Past State Champions

Year	Class 6A-I*	Class 6A-II	Class 5A	Class 4A	Class 3A	Class 2A	Class A	Class B	Class C
2017	Owasso	B.T. Washington	Carl Albert	Heritage Hall	John Marshall	Millwood	Afton	Shattuck	Tipton
2016	Union	Bixby	Carl Albert	Wagoner	Jones	Millwood	Hominy	Laverne	Tipton
2015	Jenks	Bixby	Altus	Wagoner	Heritage Hall	Adair	Stratford	Davenport	Shattuck
2014	Jenks	Bixby	MacArthur	Wagoner	Heritage Hall	Davis	Thomas-Fay-Custer	Alex	Tipton
2013	Jenks	—	Guthrie	Anadarko	Kingfisher	Davis	Hollis	Laverne	Cherokee
2012	Jenks	—	Carl Albert	Clinton	Blanchard	Okla. Christain	Ringling	Laverne	Tipton
2011	Union	—	Guthrie	Wagoner	Anadarko	Hennessey	Wayne	Caddo	Shattuck
2010	Union	—	B.T. Washington	Douglass	Heritage Hall	Hennessey	Woodland	Cherokee	Deer Creek-Lamont
2009	Union	—	Carl Albert	Star Spencer	Cascia Hall	Lincoln Christian	Tonkawa	Garber	Timberlake
2008	Union	—	B.T. Washington	Glenpool	Cascia Hall	Heritage Hall	Morrison	Garber	Shattuck
2007	Jenks	—	Guthrie	Bishop McGuinness	Clinton	Cascia Hall	Okeene	Morrison	Shattuck
2006	Jenks	—	Carl Albert	Bishop McGuinness	Sequoyah (Claremore)	Millwood	Okeene	Morrison	Shattuck
2005	Union	—	East Central	Clinton	Tuttle	Chandler	Tonkawa	Morrison	Shattuck
2004	Union	—	Carl Albert	Clinton	Berryhill	Sulphur	Pawnee	Weleetka	Shattuck
2003	Jenks	—	Shawnee	Clinton	Kingfisher	Bethany	Ringling	Morrison	Shattuck
2002	Union	—	Guthrie	Glenpool	Sulphur	Millwood	Thomas-Fay-Custer	Weleetka	Pond Creek-Hunter
2001	Jenks	—	Carl Albert	Clinton	Tuttle	Millwood	Hominy	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	Pond Creek-Hunter
2000	Jenks	—	Carl Albert	Clinton	Deer Creek	Millwood	Tonkawa	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	Kremlin-Hillsdale
1999	Jenks	—	Carl Albert	Weatherford	Cascia Hall	Fairview	Tonkawa	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	Medford
1998	Jenks	—	Carl Albert	Elk City	Oologah	Heritage Hall	Rush Springs	Garber	Balko
1997	Jenks	—	Carl Albert	Clinton	Oologah	Hobart	Turpin	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	Tipton
1996	Jenks	—	Ada	Clinton	Seminole	Frederick	Washington	Pioneer-Pleasant Vale	Waynoka
1995	Midwest City	—	John Marshall	Ada	Frederick	Davis	Turpin	Snyder	Central Marlow
1994	Midwest City	—	Woodward	Ada	Frederick	Watonga	Velma-Alma	Morrison	Central Marlow
1993	Jenks	—	Carl Albert	Ada	Frederick	Watonga	Velma-Alma	Morrison	Central Marlow

*=Known as Class 6A before splitting into divisions in 2014

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Grove Ridgerunners

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School Colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Ron Culwell (7-13 – .350, Third season)

Years in coaching: 37

Assistant coaches: John Henry Ward, Dustin Crowder,

Matt Barnhart, Ken Kimmel, Justin Teel, Donnie Pennington

Home stadium: Ridgerunner Stadium (2,000)

2017 Review

Last season was the first season for the Ridgerunners under head coach Ron Culwell, and they did not disappoint. Grove finished 6-4, making it their first winning season since 2010. “Nobody expected us to be any good,” says Coach Culwell. “We came a couple plays away from finishing 8-2 and going to the playoffs in third place. We all know how our district fared in the playoffs – three of four district teams in the semis for the second consecutive year.” He’s right. Two of the Ridgerunners’ losses were by four points. They were that close to finishing 8-2. Bottom line is Coach Culwell came in, had a good group of kids, and had a heck of a season in his first year as the head man.

Key Losses

QB/DB Davis Dills (Northeastern Okla. A&M)

TE/LB Matt Amos (Northeastern Okla. A&M)

OL/DL Caleb Jones (Northeastern Okla. A&M)

Returning Starters

QB/WR/DB Toby Cearley (5-11, 165, Sr.) – 247 Rec. Yds., 5 TDs

OL/DE Dawson Tanner (6-2, 250, Sr.)

FB/LB Dalton Cash (6-2, 210, Sr.) – 324 Rush. Yds., 164 Rec. Yds.; 87 Tackles

RB Nick Estrada (5-8, 150, Sr.) – 423 Rush. Yds.

WR Davy Jackson (5-8, 155, Sr.)

DE Anthony Thomas (6-0, 215, Sr.) – 37 Tackles

LB Dalton Tanner (5-10, 180, Sr.)

C Jonas Chaney (5-10, 160, Sr.)

SS Kai Sarwinski (6-0, 170, Jr.)

C Joel Martin (5-10, 150, Jr.) – 31 Tackles

Other Impact Players

FB/LB Anthony Lucky (5-9, 165, Jr.)

RB Kadian Forbis (5-10, 175, So.)

Offense: Multiple-Spread

Defense: 4-4

Coach Culwell says...

“We have some new wrinkles offensively and defensively that will help us. I would like to see some players step up and take the lead. I want them to play hard for each other and success will be there.”

2018 Outlook

Grove certainly has some experienced players returning from last year. Coach Culwell lists eight seniors coming back to starting roles this fall. “I think we will have players that will work hard, be coachable and try to do what is right,” Culwell said. “Obviously, our attitude needs to improve for us to be successful.” From Coach Culwell’s answers, it seems like he’s frustrated with how things went last season for the Ridgerunners. It has to be frustrating to go from 6-4 to winning just one game. As he mentioned earlier, Culwell is looking for players to step up and be leaders, and it starts with the senior class. “All seniors have that responsibility. I look to those guys for sure,” Culwell adds, “but anybody can be a leader.” Grove will rebound this season. They have too much experience to have another one-win season.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Sequoyah (Claremore) ... L	28-46
9/8	@ Jay	L, 21-35
9/15	Stilwell	L, 40-55
9/22	Catoosa	L, 7-35
9/29	Vinita	L, 14-34
10/6	@ Oologah	L, 0-42
10/13	@ McLain	L, 28-34
10/19	Wagoner	L, 0-45
10/27	@ Cascia Hall	L, 14-41
11/3	Miami	W, 55-28

Five-Year Trend

2017: 1-9 (No playoffs)

2016: 6-4 (No playoffs)

2015: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2014: 3-7 (No playoffs)

2013: 2-8 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Vinita
9/7	Jay
9/14	Pryor
9/21	@ Miami
9/28	Wagoner
10/5	@ Catoosa
10/11	@ Bristow
10/18	Cleveland
10/26	@ Oologah
11/2	McLain

Projected finish: 3-7



Oklahoma Past State Champions

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Year	Class 6A-I*	Class 6A-II	Class 5A	Class 4A	Class 3A	Class 2A	Class A	Class B	Class C
1992	Norman	—	Ardmore	Weatherford	Newcastle	Wynnewood	Ringling	Morrison	Grandfield
1991	—	—	Putnam City North	Ada	Weatherford	Wynnewood	Shattuck	Morrison	Grandfield
1990	—	—	Eisenhower	Ardmore	Millwood	Davis	Crescent	Morrison	Balko
1989	—	—	Edmond	Carl Albert	Broken Bow	Cascia Hall	Ringling	Morrison	Temple
1988	—	—	Midwest City	McAlester	Ada	Wynnewood	Seiling	Morrison	Helena-Goltry
1987	—	—	Lawton	McLain	Guymon	Wynnewood	Marietta	Welch	Kremlin-Hillsdale
1986	—	—	Muskogee	McLain	Ada	Davis	Fairfax	Morrison	Lone Wolf
1985	—	—	Midwest City	Broken Bow	Bristow	Morris	Fox	Pond Creek-Hunter	—
1984	—	—	B.T. Washington	Duncan	Clinton	Chandler	Picher-Cardin	Morrison	—
1983	—	—	Enid	Duncan	Durant	Morris	Hominy	Hominy	—
1982	—	—	Jenks	Ardmore	Clinton	Hobart	Hominy	Pernell	—
1981	—	—	—	Putnam City West	Bishop Kelley	Sallisaw	Stroud	Okeene	Cashion
1980	—	—	—	Memorial	Ada	Sallisaw	Hobart	Kingston	Turpin
1979	—	—	—	Nathan Hale	Jenks	Durant	Blanchard	Davis	Cashion
1978	—	—	—	McLain	Duncan	Clinton	Watonga	Fox	Turpin
1977	—	—	—	Putnam City	Duncan	Seminole	Watonga	Fairfax	Cashion
1976	—	—	—	Del City	Douglass	Bristow	Okemah	Fairfax	Waynoka
1975	—	—	—	Putnam City	Okmulgee	Bristow	Beggs	Fairfax	Turpin
1974	—	—	—	Putnam City	Ada, Owasso	Skiatook	Stroud	Davenport	Forgan
1973	—	—	—	B.T. Washington	Shawnee	Broken Bow	Hominy	Davenport	Turpin
1972	—	—	—	Nathan Hale	Southeast	Broken Bow	Purcell	Davenport	Turpin
1971	—	—	—	B.T. Washington	Altus	Watonga	Vian	Texhoma	Braman
1970	—	—	—	Lawton	Ada	Nowata	Stroud	Minco	Helena
1969	—	—	—	—	B.T. Washington	Okmulgee	Clinton	Stroud	Thomas
1968	—	—	—	—	B.T. Washington	McAlester	Clinton	Hobart	Minco
1967	—	—	—	—	B.T. Washington	Stillwater (Donart)	Clinton	Hobart	Marietta
1966	—	—	—	—	Enid	Sand Springs	Wewoka	Talihina	Rush Springs
1965	—	—	—	—	Enid	Ada	Clinton	Wynnewood	Seiling
1964	—	—	—	—	Enid	Ada	Holdenville	Marlow	Marietta

Year	Class 2A	Class A	Class B	Class C
1963	Lawton	John Marshall	Lindsay	Union
1962	Lawton	Ada	Lindsay	Beaver
1961	Norman	Cushing	Douglass	Thomas
1960	Midwest City	Seminole	Choctaw	Beaver
1959	Northwest	Ada	Marlow	Beaver
1958	Capitol Hill	Cushing	Lindsay	Grandfield
1957	Capitol Hill	Ada	Ardmore (Douglass)	Thomas
1956	Douglass	Ada	Frederick	Thomas
1955	—	Ada	Lindsay	Thomas
1954	No Championship	No Championship	No Championship	No Championship
1953	Ardmore	Seminole	Tonkawa	Maysville
1952	—	Ada	Tonkawa	Tipton
1951	—	Ada	Waurika	Thomas
1950	—	Muskogee	Sayre	Thomas
1949	—	Capitol Hill	Wynnewood	Medford
1948	—	Muskogee	Watonga	Grandfield
1947	—	Okmulgee	Dewey	Thomas
1946	—	Tulsa Central	Fairview	Medford
1945	—	Duncan	Woodward	Medford
1944	—	Classen (OKC)	Garber	Lone Wolf

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Jay Bulldogs

OSSAA Class 3A, District 4 • [@JBulldogFB](#)

School Colors: Black & Gold

Head Coach: Warren Kirk (11-11 – .500, Third season)

Years in coaching: 8

Assistant coaches:

Butch Willis, Jeff Stapleton, Izack Wilson, Cameron Smith

Home stadium: J.B. Earp Stadium

2017 Review

Things turned around for Jay really quickly. After finishing with just one win in 2016, the Bulldogs turned right around last season and won 10 games, a district title and a playoff game. A 10-2 record gave Jay its first winning season since 2013. “The biggest challenge of last season was learning how to be winners,” Jay head coach Warren Kirk said, “We learned that if you work hard enough and believe in yourself, you can achieve anything.”

Key Losses

QB/FS Gabe Simpson (Oklahoma State)

WR Brenden Ryan (Oklahoma State)

Key Returnees

RB/LB Marcelo DeOca (5-10, 190, Sr.)

OL/DL Zach Carroll (6-0, 220, Sr.)

FB/DL Hunter King (6-3, 230, Sr.)

K Adon Becerra (5-11, 175, Sr.)

QB/DB Daylon Thompson (5-11, 180, Jr.)

RB/LB Zach Coy (5-10, 190, Jr.)

WR/LB Weston Welch (5-11, 185, Jr.)

TE/LB Brody Winfield (5-11, 200, Jr.)

H-Back/LB Tarzan Mount (5-10, 205, Jr.)

OL/DL Kobe Sixkiller (6-3, 270, Jr.)

OL/DL Cole Oswalt (6-2, 260, Jr.)

OL/DL Marcus Summerfield (6-1, 275, Jr.)

WR/DB Lray Kirk (6-1, 175, So.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Dallas Johnson (6-0, 210, Jr.)

OL/DL Johnny Williamson (6-2, 265, So.)

FB/LB Payton Foust (5-11, 200, So.)

WR/DB Fisher King (6-0, 165, So.)

WR/DB Colton Jones (5-10, 160, So.)

Key Newcomers

WR/DB Jett Gibe (5-10, 175, Sr.)

WR/DB Hunter Sapp (5-10, 170, Sr.)

OL/DL Nick Hodge (6-3, 265, Sr.)

WR/DB Caleb Buzzard (5-11, 170, Jr.)

WR/DB J.D. Downing (6-0, 180, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 50

Coach Kirk says...

“We are talented but we need to grow up quickly and get some game reps. The biggest change will be replacing some of our skilled kids. I believe our strengths will be our offensive and defensive lines.”

2018 Outlook

This team had quite a bit of experienced talent on the roster last season. Now, they have some talent – just not the experience. Only four of the players head coach Warren Kirk lists as returning starters are seniors. Despite having a younger roster this time around, Kirk still has high expectations. “Our goal is to win back to back district titles,” Kirk said. Kirk mentioned that the toughest part about last season was learning how to be winners. That can be quite tough, but once you set the bar and get kids bought in to what you’re doing, it gets much easier. Then it’s just about playing football. Some early season bumps wouldn’t be a surprise, but expect the Bulldogs to smooth things out and be back to competing at the top of the district by the end of the season.

2017 Results

8/25	@ Verdigris	W, 40-13
9/1	Vinita	W, 41-20
9/8	Grove	W, 35-21
9/15	@ Gravette	L, 7-26
9/22	@ Inola	W, 31-14
9/29	Lincoln Christian	W, 70-67 ^{4OT}
10/6	@ Westville	W, 54-14
10/13	Locust Grove	W, 38-24
10/19	@ Keys	W, 14-13
10/27	Sequoyah (Talequah)...	W, 28-27 ^{OT}

Playoffs

11/10	Stigler	W, 35-7
11/17	Sperry	L, 21-31

Five-Year Trend

2017: 10-2 (Second round)

2016: 1-9 (No playoffs)

2015: 2-8 (No playoffs)

2014: 1-9 (No playoffs)

2013: 6-5 (First round)

2018 Schedule

8/31	@ Miami
9/7	@ Grove
9/14	Gravette
9/21	@ Vinita
9/28	Cascia Hall
10/5	@ Verdigris
10/12	@ Locust Grove
10/18	Inola
10/26	@ Berryhill
11/2	Sequoyah (Claremore)

Projected finish: 7-3

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Miami Wardogs

OSSAA Class 4A, District 3 • [@MiamiHighSchool](#) & [@WardogFootball](#)

School Colors: Royal Blue & White
Head Coach: Zach Gardner (First season)
Years in coaching: 14

Asst. coaches: Chad Thomas, Brad Homer, Adam Teal,
 Pete Overman, Jo Bryson, Matt LeFay, Zach Henry
Home stadium: Red Robertson Field (8,500)

2017 Review

It was another tough season for the Wardogs. Miami finished the season 1-9 overall, with their lone win coming at home against Vinita in Week 9. Everything about this team was young. They had a young roster and a young head coach. That head coach was Andrew Rice, and last year was his only year with the team. This offseason he took an assistant coaching position at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M. Don't worry, Miami got a good one. Zach Gardner was hired in February to be the next head coach for the Wardogs. Last year, Gardner led Afton to its first-ever state championship. He had a 98-33 record in 11 seasons with the Eagles, so he knows what he's doing.

Returning Starters

WR Zach Cravens (6-2, 180, Sr.)
 DB Alex Pulley (5-9, 180, Sr.)
 OL/DL Tasi Peter (6-0, 305, Sr.)
 OL/DL Brad Hartman (5-11, 210, Sr.)
 OL/DL Hunter Hartman (6-0, 220, Sr.)
 RB/DB Caden Folks (5-11, 190, Sr.)
 LB Michael Heyburn (6-0, 190, Sr.)
 SS Jorge Moreno (5-9, 175, Sr.)
 OL/DL Jack Satterwhite (6-3, 265, Jr.)
 SS Matt Horn (5-10, 175, Jr.)
 QB/DB Gavin Peyton (5-10, 170, Jr.)
 IR/DB Damien Burris (5-10, 170, Jr.)
 OL Trenton Spunaugle (6-0, 290, So.)
 WR Josh Thronebury (6-0, 180, So.)
 C Clay McCormick (6-0, 205, So.)

Key Newcomers

RB Jordan Freeman (5-8, 150, Sr.)
 OL Destry Allen (6-0, 195, Sr.)
 WR Gabe McCleary (5-8, 155, Jr.)
 LB Tanner Maple (5-10, 205, Jr.)

Offense: One Back/Multiple

Defense: 4-4

Coach Gardner says...

"Running the football and playing physical will be our strengths. We need to improve in all areas. Our expectation is to compete week-in and week-out."

2018 Outlook

If someone is going to come in and turn this thing around, it's going to be Coach Gardner. He's was obviously a success at a smaller school in Afton – now he's stepping up to Class 4A. One thing he has going for him in year one is the fact that he has quite a few players on the roster that have been on the field for Friday nights. "Experience is going to be the biggest change for us this year," Gardner said. "We have a lot of athletes on both sides of the ball that stepped in at the varsity level early." Gardner will bring a winner's mentality to a program that hasn't had that in a while. Players will respect him right off the bat because of what he was able to do with a team just a few miles down the road. The Wardogs will be better on both sides of the ball, especially on offense.

2017 Results

9/1	@ Hilldale	L, 8-68
9/8	Verdigris	L, 0-17
9/15	Pryor	L, 8-62
9/22	@ McLain	L, 30-49
9/29	Wagoner	L, 14-55
10/6	@ Cascia Hall	L, 0-47
10/13	Catoosa	L, 7-47
10/19	@ Oologah	L, 6-62
10/27	Vinita	W, 32-19
11/3	@ Grove	L, 28-55

Five-Year Trend

2017: 1-9 (No playoffs)
 2016: 1-9 (No playoffs)
 2015: 3-7 (No playoffs)
 2014: 4-6 (No playoffs)
 2013: 3-7 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/24	@ Sequoyah (Claremore)
8/31	Jay
9/7	@ Sequoyah (Tahlequah)
9/21	Grove
9/28	Catoosa
10/5	@ Wagoner
10/12	@ McClain
10/18	Oologah
10/26	@ Cleveland
11/2	Bristow

Projected finish: 3-7

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Quapaw Wildcats

OSSAA Class A, District 6

School Colors: Green & White

Head Coach: Chris Cawyer (0-10 – .000, Second season)

Years in coaching: 40

Assistant coaches: Jake Manning, Aaron Thomasson,
James Dawson, Trenton Stand, Mike Richardson

Home stadium: Shipman Field

2017 Review

Quapaw continued their slide last season, finishing 0-10. "We competed in a few games last year," head coach Chris Cawyer, who is entering his second season with the team, said. "That was encouraging to our coaching staff." Quapaw did have a couple of close games last year on the road. They fell in overtime at Oklahoma Union, 20-18, in week two, and followed that up with a six-point loss at Chouteau, 20-14, the next week. "The biggest challenge of last season was staying healthy," Cawyer added. "We had way too many injuries to key people, and finding leaders was a big challenge."

Returning Starters

WR/LB Trevor White (6-2, 225, Sr.)

RB/WR Brenden McMackin (5-6, 150, Sr.)

C/DT Craig Rundell (6-0, 190, Sr.)

T/DT Jarrett Smith (6-2, 265, Sr.)

RB/LB Josh Curry (5-8, 187, Sr.)

QB/FS Kale Thomasson (5-8, 155, So.)

TE Matt Lovell (6-2, 209, So.)

G/LB Tanner Daniels (6-1, 220, So.)

WR/DB Jacob Gregory (6-1, 155, So.)

WR/DB Anthony Moreno (5-10, 160, So.)

Other Impact Players & Newcomers

T/DT Gavin Davis (5-11, 245, Jr.)

G/NG Garrett Davis (5-9, 230, Jr.)

WR/DB Dante Gaines (5-8, 145, Jr.)

RB/LB Hunter Thomasson (6-0, 210, Jr.)

RB/LB Chance Wilson (5-7, 160, So.)

RB/SS Taylor Roher (5-6, 155, So.)

T/DT Hunter Sappington (6-0, 165, So.)

WR/LB Racen Smith (5-10, 150, So.)

WR/DB Nick Wakefield (5-9, 140, Sr.)

G/NG Dusty Jones (5-6, 235, Sr.)

WR/DB Dakota Case (5-9, 150, Sr.)

WR/DB Ethan Mate (5-6, 145, So.)

G/LB Johnathan Green (5-10, 185, So.)

Offense: Gun/Spread

Defense: 3-4/4-4

Coach Cawyer says...

"We had a great winter in getting stronger, faster and tougher. We are still a young team but expectations are very high to get this program back on track."

2018 Outlook

We knew Quapaw was going to be fairly young for a couple years. It's still the case. The Wildcats will be a year older and more mature in every phase of the game in 2018. "We need to improve our blocking and tackling to be successful, and we need to learn how to play four quarters," Coach Cawyer said. "We will look to our quarterback, Kale Thomasson, to be our on-field leader, as well as our seniors who have been through our program and know what we expect out of them." We look for Quapaw to improve this season, which isn't a stretch given what they did last year. That's just what happens with young teams that have tough teams on the schedule. Cawyer added, "Our goal is to win a game." We appreciate honesty.

2017 Results

8/25	Drumright	L, 16-34
9/1	@ Oklahoma Union	L, 18-20 ^{OT}
9/8	@ Chouteau-Mazie	L, 14-20
9/15	Wyandotte	L, 6-42
9/22	Fairland	L, 14-35
9/29	@ Rejoice Christian	L, 0-58
10/6	Foyil	L, 14-28
10/13	@ Hulbert	L, 12-49
10/20	@ Barnsdall	L, 0-45
11/3	Afton	L, 8-68

Five-Year Trend

2017: 0-10 (No playoffs)

2016: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2015: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2014: 5-6 (First round)

2013: 1-9 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/27	Seneca JV
9/7	Wyandotte
9/14	@ Chelsea
9/21	@ Colcord
9/28	Afton
10/5	@ Oklahoma Union
10/12	Rejoice Christian
10/18	@ Ketchum
10/26	@ Fairland
11/2	Commerce

Projected finish: 2-8



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Wyandotte Bears

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School Colors: Black & White

Head Coach: Zac Ross (First season)

Years in coaching: 8

Assistant coaches:

Rick Thompson, Tyler Bacon, Scott Morton

Home stadium: Wyandotte Field

2017 Review

Another year, another winning season for the Wyandotte Bears. The team finished 7-4 last year, making it the fourth straight season they finished with at least seven wins. It was a good year, but the Bears did snap their streak of three straight seasons winning a playoff game, falling in the first round to Victory Christian, 62-14. The 2017 campaign was the last for the Bears under head coach Brad Homer. Homer resigned in May to accept an assistant coaching position with Miami High School. In five seasons, Homer collected a 36-19 overall record and made the playoffs in four of those five years. Zac Ross will take over head coaching duties for Wyandotte this season.

Returning Starters

T/DE Cameron Robinson (6-1, 195, Sr.)

WR/DB Helawa Williams (5-9, 150, Sr.)

RB/WR/LB Zach Garrett (5-10, 150, Sr.)

G/DT Cole Dixon (5-11, 280, Sr.)

T Dalton Leal (6-0, 250, Jr.)

C/DT Ethan Innis (5-6, 230, Jr.)

G Bronson Hopper (5-9, 205, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

QB/WR/S Justin Campbell (5-10, 155, Sr.)

OL/FB/LB Ethan Bradley (5-10, 195, Jr.)

S Jackson Brecheisen (5-9, 150, Jr.)

RB/LB Randy Shadwick (5-8, 145, Sr.)

Key Newcomers

WR/CB Iman Burrows (5-9, 190, So.)

WR Talon Powers (6-3, 170, So.)

WR/DE Wade Brown (6-1, 190, Jr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Ross says...

"This is my first year, I am excited because of the tradition this school has in football. The kids know how to work and know how to win. I plan on building on to what they already have going and looking forward to this season."

2018 Outlook

Wyandotte has been reliably good the last few years. New head coach this season Zac Ross, will try to continue that success with some talented returning players. "We have a lot of kids coming back in the skill positions," Ross said. "Some will be playing different spots... We just need to see how fast those kids improve and adapt to their positions." The bar has been raised for Wyandotte football. They've made the playoffs four years in a row and haven't had a losing season since 2012. "We just expect our team to play hard, play physical and be in great shape," Ross added. "We will see how far that takes us."

2017 Results

9/1	Fairland.....	W, 30-14
9/8	Kansas.....	L, 24-42
9/15	@ Quapaw.....	W, 42-6
9/22	@ Oklahoma Union.....	W, 42-34
9/29	Nowata.....	W, 34-0
10/6	@ Adair.....	L, 18-50
10/13	Commerce.....	L, 28-53
10/19	@ Caney Valley (Ramona)...	W, 46-44
10/27	Chelsea.....	W, 49-13

Playoffs

11/10	@ Victory Christian.....	L, 14-62
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Five-Year Trend

2017: 6-4 (First round)

2016: 9-2 (Second round)

2015: 8-3 (First round)

2014: 7-5 (Second round)

2013: 5-5 (No playoffs)

2018 Schedule

8/31	Fairland
9/7	Quapaw
9/14	@ Inola
9/21	Chouteau
9/28	Adair
10/5	@ Metro Christian
10/12	@ Kansas
10/18	Chelsea
10/26	Salina
11/2	Nowata

Projected finish: 5-5

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School Colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Aaron Flores (37-27 – .578, Seventh season)

Years in coaching: 22

Assistants: Cody Oates, Kevin Bryson, Dickie Rolls,
 Matthew St. Germain, Evan Lassiter, Ryan Lusby

Home stadium: Veterans Memorial Stadium (5,500)

2017 Review

It was a bit of a lost season for the Red Ravens in 2017, their first under-.500 finish since 2013. Head coach Aaron Flores was forced from the sidelines two weeks in to the season due to Acute Interstitial Lung Disease, which he had been fighting since 2004. Former head coach and current director of athletics Jeff Leiker took over after Labor Day, and led The 'Ville through an up-and-down journey over the next nine games. The Red Ravens won their first game under Leiker by staving off then-No. 18 Butler, 35-32, but dropped the next four – including back-to-back losses to Top 25 squads from Garden City and NEO A&M. Injuries forced the team to go from its usual spread passing attack to a more conservative run-first offense during that stretch. Coffeyville came back and won three straight before losing the Montgomery County Showdown at Independence to conclude the year. On the health front, Flores received a double-lung transplant on March 12, and returned to coaching duties over the summer. "The biggest challenge of last season was not being there every day for my team," Flores said. "I enjoy being around the players. Our team stayed together and competed all season."

Key Losses

RB Justin Henderson (Louisiana Tech)
 DB Vernon Dasher (Ole Miss)
 DB Robert Hayes (SMU)
 K Tristan Bailey (Montana State)
 OL Jonathan Timmons (UNC-Charlotte)
 DB Myles Plummer (UNLV)
 FB/TE Mauricio Chio (Missouri State)
 DL Trent Sellers (New Mexico)
 LB Jacob Rodman (Southwestern Oklahoma State)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: Multiple

Coach Flores says...

"Our strengths this season will be size and speed. We need to get better at finishing games if we want to be successful."

2018 Outlook

We're looking for a bounce-back season from Coffeyville and Coach Flores. It has to be tough to be pulled away from your team by something that's out of your control. I have to believe the team will rally around him. There will be a lot of new players on the field for the Red Ravens this season. Despite turning over a lot of the starting roster and playing in the tough Jayhawk Conference, Flores says his team's goal is to win the league title. It's a brutal league schedule, and it may be even tougher this season than it was in 2017. It all comes down to who is going to finish off games. If Coffeyville can flip it around and win those close games this season they'll back over .500 and back fighting with the top teams in the KJCCC.

2017 Results

8/26	@ Hutchinson	L, 42-50
9/2	Ellsworth (Iowa)	L, 16-30
9/9	Butler	W, 35-32
9/23	Iowa Western	L, 14-57
9/30	@ Fort Scott	L, 16-26
10/7	@ Garden City	L, 32-41
10/14	Northeastern Okla. A&M	L, 30-34
10/21	@ Iowa Central	W, 45-21
10/28	Dodge City	W, 62-28
11/4	Highland	W, 27-10
11/11	@ Independence	L, 22-27

(Note: Director of Athletics Jeff Leiker took over as acting head coach from Flores on 9/5, due to health reasons.)

Five-Year Trend

2017:	4-7 (No postseason)
2016:	6-5 (No postseason)
2015:	8-3 (No postseason)
2014:	9-3 (Heart of Texas Bowl runner-up)
2013:	4-5 (No postseason)

2018 Schedule

8/23	Iowa Western	7 p.m.
9/1	@ Fort Scott	7 p.m.
9/8	Iowa Central	1 p.m.
9/15	@ Butler	7 p.m.
9/22	@ Highland	1 p.m.
10/6	@ Dodge City	1 p.m.
10/13	Hutchinson	7 p.m.
10/20	@ Independence	7 p.m.
10/27	Garden City	7 p.m.
11/3	@ Ellsworth (Iowa)	1 p.m.
11/10	Rezolution Prep (Texas)	7 p.m.

Projected finish: 4-7



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School Colors: Maroon & Grey

Head Coach: Kale Pick (4-6 – .400, Second season)

Years in coaching: 6

Assistants: Justin Mullgrav, Jake Crain, Jordan Wallace, Garrison Hendricks, Chris Rutledge, Cameron D'Angelo, Blain Crain

Home stadium: Frary Field (3,000)

2017 Review

Just five years removed from his own playing career ending at the University of Kansas, Kale Pick took over the Greyhounds program in 2017 and guided them to a 4-6 record – their eighth straight sub-.500 finish since a 2009 appearance in the national championship game. Fort Scott rallied from a rough start, in which the team lost its first three games by an average of 33 points, by winning three of the next four. It could have been five of the next six, had the 'Hounds been able to finish a rally at Highland after forcing overtime by tying the game with less than five minutes left in regulation. The highlight victory of the season came at then-No. 20 Hutchinson, when FSCC grabbed a 19-point lead early in the fourth quarter and held off the Blue Dragons' late charge to win, 29-24. It was the 'Hounds only road win of the season. For Coach Pick, last year wasn't all about wins, it was about turning around a struggling football culture at FSCC. "The best part about last season was creating a culture in which our players could grow as athletes as well as young men," Coach Pick said. "Watching 17 of our athletes excel and move on to the D-I level of football was very exciting and rewarding."

Returning Starters

WR Jaylen Jenkins (5-10, 180, So.)

DE Jaramiez Booker (6-1, 235, So.)

OL Dez Noel (6-4, 310, So.-RS)

Other Impact Players

DE Jerrion Nelson (6-2, 245, So.)

RB Damond Bonds (5-11, 205, So.)

LB Tyson Curry (6-2, 210, So.)

Key Newcomers

QB Justin Agner (6-1, 205, So.-RS) – Transfer from Kansas State

LB Raven Saunders (6-0, 215, So.) – Transfer from North Carolina State

WR Amir Howard (6-3, 215, So.) – Transfer from Coastal Carolina

CB Rashaad Stewart (6-2, 175, So.) – Transfer from Cincinnati

OL Ahina "Rocky" Aitogi (6-7, 330, Fr.)

Offense: Air Raid

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Pick says...

"In all honesty I believe we will be excellent in all aspects of the game. We had a great recruiting year and are talented at every position. When you have that kind of talent and coaches who are hungry and more than competent, I fully expect us to field a team that will leave its mark on the Jayhawk Conference."

2018 Outlook

There's a lot of new players and a lot of new coaches in Fort Scott this season. "About every facet of our team has changed from last year," Coach Pick said. "Some key players have returned, but the majority of our team is brand new. That, coupled with an entirely new coaching staff gives us a fresh start to really show this conference what Fort Scott can do." One of the new faces on the roster for the Greyhounds is redshirt sophomore QB Justin Agner, who transfers to FSCC from Kansas State. Agner, who along with LB Tyson Curry will be relied on heavily by Coach Pick in his second year with the program. "Both of them exemplify the culture we have fostered here at Fort Scott and they do an excellent job of passing those values down to their teammates and younger players," Pick added. It seems like Coach Pick has the right energy to get the program headed in the right direction, and fans will start to see the results soon.

2017 Results

8/26	@ Butler	L, 14-42
9/2	Independence	L, 16-30
9/9	@ Iowa Western	L, 6-63
9/30	Coffeyville	W, 26-16
10/8	Iowa Central	W, 26-17 ^{OT}
10/14	@ Dodge City	L, 29-36
10/21	Ellsworth (Iowa)	W, 16-14
10/28	@ Highland	L, 21-27 ^{OT}
11/4	@ Hutchinson	W, 29-24
11/11	Garden City	L, 0-69

Five-Year Trend

2017: 4-6 (No postseason)

2016: 4-7 (No postseason)

2015: 2-8 (No postseason)

2014: 4-6 (No postseason)

2013: 2-7 (No postseason)

2018 Schedule

8/25	@ Highland	6 p.m.
9/1	Coffeyville	7 p.m.
9/15	@ Hutchinson	Noon
9/22	@ Independence	7 p.m.
9/29	Garden City	11 a.m.
10/13	@ Ellsworth (Iowa)	1 p.m.
10/20	Butler	7 p.m.
10/27	@ Iowa Western	1 p.m.
11/3	@ Iowa Central	Noon
11/10	Dodge City	11 a.m.

Projected finish: 5-5

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School Colors: Navy Blue & Vegas Gold
Head Coach: Jason Brown
 (14-6 – .700, Third season)

Years in coaching: 16
Assistant Coaches:
 Kiyoshi Harris, Jason Martin,

 Keith Donerson, Matthew Smith
Home stadium: Emmott Field
 at Shulthis Riverside Stadium

2017 Review

The Pirates got good in a hurry. Independence finished 9-2 last season, won the KJCCC league title and won their first bowl game in school history by beating NEO A&M, 30-20, in the Midwest Bowl Classic. It was an entertaining group to be around. They were really good in close games. Seven of their games were within a touchdown at the end, and the Pirates won six of those. There were a couple bumps in the road. Two of the main ones being the way the season started (a 70-21 loss to Iowa Western), and having the crew of the Netflix series "Last Chance U" on campus all season. "Netflix being here and our first game blowout loss were the biggest challenges of the season," head coach Jason Brown said. "We had to put all the naysayers behind us and persevere and fight to win eight games in a row." In the end, the Pirates sent 38 players to the Division I level, 10 players who are now playing at "Power Five" programs.

Top Returnees

 DE Jermaine Johnson (6-6, 245, So.)
 LB Wesley Mathis (6-3, 250, So.)
 C Richard Bates (6-3, 305, So.)
 WR Markiese King (5-9, 175, So.)
 DB Chris Bell (6-3, 190, So.)

 WR Marquell Odom (5-9, 180, So.)
 TE Bryson Cannon (6-3, 240, So.)
 OT Arin Reynolds (6-6, 295, So.)
 DT Ben Hutch (6-4, 285, So.)
 LB Logan Schaefer (6-3, 245, So.)

Key Newcomers

 OLB Kuony Deng (6-6, 235, So.)
 – Transfer from Virginia Military
 QB Jay Jones (6-2, 210, So.)
 – Transfer from Georgia Tech
 QB Miklo Smalls
 (6-2, 210, So.) – Transfer from Rice

 WR Matt Wilcox (6-0, 215, So.)
 – Transfer from Bowling Green
 RB Diente Chatman (6-2, 220, So.)
 – Transfer from New Hampshire
 SL T.J. Johnson (So.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: Multiple

Coach Brown says...

"Speed, athleticism and experience on defense will be our biggest strengths. We need to improve on stopping big plays in the run game on defense. We also need to convert 3rd downs as an offense and be solid in the kicking game."

2018 Outlook

We thought Independence was going to improve last season, but didn't know they were going to pop off and win a conference title and a bowl game. Coach Brown deserves major credit. He's 14-6 through two seasons with the Pirates, and has led them to a conference title and their first bowl game victory in team history. He's created a culture of swag, hard work, attitude and toughness. Sometimes he's loud, but his team feeds off of it. It's unlike any team I've been around. It kind of rubs some people the wrong way, but coach Brown has made it clear that he doesn't care. On top of establishing a culture at ICC, Brown also has some really good players on the roster. DE Jermaine Johnson is one of the best and most sought after JuCo recruits in the country. Coach Brown calls Johnson the "No. 1 player in the America, hands down." The Pirates will have to roll with some changes to get back to where they were last year. "The biggest change for us will be new offensive players and schematic changes, along with new coaches," Brown said. He also says his goals for this season are to "win it all." They're certainly trending in the direction of making that a possibility soon. Go watch them some time.

2017 Results

 8/26 Iowa Western L, 21-70
 9/2 @ Fort Scott W, 30-16
 9/9 Garden City W, 27-23
 9/23 @ Iowa Central W, 47-7
 9/30 @ Dodge City W, 32-28
 10/7 Ellsworth (Iowa) W, 44-38^{OT}
 10/14 @ Highland W, 9-6
 10/28 Hutchinson W, 24-19
 11/4 @ Butler L, 27-31
 11/11 Coffeyville W, 27-22

Midwest Bowl Classic

12/3 @ Northeastern Okla. A&M... W, 30-20

Five-Year Trend

 2017: 9-2 (KJCCC Champions;
 Midwest Bowl Classic Champions)
 2016: 5-4 (No postseason)
 2015: 2-8 (No postseason)
 2014: 0-10 (No postseason)
 2013: 2-7 (No postseason)

2018 Schedule

 8/23 @ Dodge City 6 p.m.
 9/1 Hutchinson 7 p.m.
 9/15 Garden City 7 p.m.
 9/22 Fort Scott 7 p.m.
 10/6 @ Butler 7 p.m.
 10/13 @ Iowa Western 1 p.m.
 10/20 Coffeyville 7 p.m.
 10/27 Iowa Central TBA
 11/3 @ Highland 1 p.m.
 11/10 Ellsworth (Iowa) 7 p.m.

Projected finish: 8-2


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School Colors: Blue & Gold

Head Coach: Zach Allen (First season)

Years in coaching: 9

Assistant coaches:

Zach Crissup, Andrew Rice,
Mason Y'Barbo, Gerald Howse,

DeAndre Jennings, Jack Wallace,
Jameel Smith, Marco Jones

Home stadium: Red Robertson Field

2017 Review

NEO football became NEO football again in 2017. The team finished 9-2, won a conference championship and played in its first bowl game since 2012. It was Clay Patterson's last season as the head coach of the Norsemen, after he took a job with Division I Minnesota in the offseason. Zach Allen was promoted to head coach following Patterson's departure. "In 2017 we overcame every obstacle that came our way," Allen said. "Our leadership was fantastic. In 2018 we have the chance to be more talented, but that leadership quality is going to be hard to live up to." Last season's NEO team was a ton of fun to be around. Their offense was great. They played with swag. It will be a team we'll never forget.

Returning Starters

TE Lonnel Burris (6-4, 255, So.-RS)

OL Jeremy West (6-3, 290, So.)

OL Diamen House (6-0, 285, So.)

OL Daniel Allen (6-5, 290, So.)

WR Marcheenan Hair (5-11, 175, So.)

DL LaRon Stokes (6-5, 255, So.)

DL Dimeon Dunlap (6-0, 225, So.)

DB Ayo Ologolo (5-10, 180, So.-RS)

DB Taquelin Harris (6-3, 190, So.)

Other Impact Players

DL Quinton Lee (6-4, 250, Fr.-RS)

DL Maverick McCaskill (6-4, 285, Fr.-RS)

LB Tony Rayburn (6-2, 195, Fr.-RS)

LB Jokiem Crawford (5-11, 190, Fr.-RS)

QB Clayton Sims (6-1, 180, So.-RS)

RB Darran Williams (5-11, 200 So.-RS)

Key Newcomers

DL Quinton Lee (6-4, 250, Fr.-RS)

DL Maverick McCaskill (6-4, 285, Fr.-RS)

LB Tony Rayburn (6-2, 195, Fr.-RS)

Offense: Spread Run-Pass Option

Defense: 4-3

Coach Allen says...

"We have developed a very competitive culture. NEO is in a good place and as long as we can reload at key spots we should be able to compete with anybody."

2018 Outlook

This year will be the first year for NEO under head coach Zach Allen. However, Allen is no stranger to the Golden Norse football program. He has been coaching with the team for the last nine years, most recently as the running game coordinator, offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator. So far in his first offseason as the head coach, Allen likes what he sees. "We are a very competitive group," Allen said. "Off-season workouts are competitive. Practices are competitive. This group is always ready to battle." This team did lose quite a bit of offensive talent. They lose QB Wyatt Steigerwald, who broke five NEO school passing records last season. They lose RB Darwin Thompson, who was the SWJCFC Offensive Player of the year in 2017. "Many of our offensive playmakers graduated a year ago," Allen added. "We will need to have newcomers and freshman wide receivers and running backs step up in a hurry. We have a few transfers in a couple key spots. It will be imperative to integrate them within the foundation that we have built." Clay Patterson was a great coach for NEO, but the program is in great hands with coach Allen. We're looking forward to seeing if the Norsemen can continue playing their brand of football and compete for conference and regional titles again in 2018.

2017 Results

9/1	New Mexico Military Inst....	W, 40-7
9/9	@ Trinity Valley (Texas).....	L, 14-27
9/16	Tyler (Texas).....	L, 28-34
9/23	@ Navarro (Texas).....	W, 40-30
9/30	Kilgore (Texas).....	W, 42-14
10/7	Cisco (Texas).....	W, 42-9
10/14	@ Coffeyville (Kan.).....	W, 34-30
10/21	@ Arkansas Baptist.....	W, 65-24
10/28	@ Blinn (Texas).....	W, 35-26

SWJCFC Playoffs

11/4	Blinn (Texas).....	W, 38-34
11/11	@ Trinity Valley (Texas).....	W, 26-10

Midwest Bowl Classic

12/3	Independence (Kan.)....	L, 20-30
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Five-Year Trend

2017:	9-3 (SWJCFC Champions, Midwest Bowl Classic runner-up)
2016:	5-5 (SWJCFC semifinals)
2015:	4-5 (No postseason)
2014:	5-6 (No postseason)
2013:	3-6 (No postseason)

2018 Schedule

8/30	Arkansas Baptist.....	6 p.m.
9/8	Georgia Military.....	6 p.m.
9/15	Trinity Valley (Texas).....	6 p.m.
9/22	@ Kilgore (Texas).....	3 p.m.
9/29	Navarro (Texas).....	6 p.m.
10/6	@ Blinn (Texas).....	3 p.m.
10/13	Tyler (Texas).....	6 p.m.
10/20	@ New Mexico Military.....	2 p.m.
10/27	@ Cisco (Texas).....	1 p.m.

Projected finish: 6-3



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School Colors: Green & Gold

Head Coach: Denver Johnson (3-30 -.091, Fourth season)

Years in coaching: 34

Assistants: Joe Bettasso, Demo Odems III, Mike Fanoga, Paul An, Byron Anderson, Cody Green, Casey Carlo

Home stadium: Fred G. Hughes Stadium (7,000)

By Justin Maskus

MSSU Athletics Media Relations Director

The 2018 Missouri Southern football team wants no reminders of the 2017 season as 2018 will be a new year with new goals and a new outlook.

The team will consist of a completely new assistant coaching staff with head coach Denver Johnson hiring seven assistant coaches since the end of last season. The coaches bring a depth of knowledge and experience, while also bringing youth and fresh ideas to the fold.

Coaches

Joining the Lions will be Joe Bettasso (Defensive Coordinator), Demo Odems III (Offensive Coordinator), Mike Fanoga (Defensive Line), Paul An (Tight Ends, H-Backs), Byron Anderson (Secondary), Cody Green (Quarterbacks), and Casey Carlo (Linebackers).

Bettasso and Anderson are familiar faces to the Green and Gold. Bettasso is a Joplin native who played for the Lions, graduating in 2005. Bettasso comes to Southern from McKendree University, where he was the defensive coordinator. Anderson was on the staff during the 2012 and 2013 seasons, returning to Southern after coaching at the University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

Odems joins the Southern staff from East Texas Baptist University, where he was the offensive coordinator. He played at the University of Iowa for legendary coach Hayden Fry. Fanoga comes to the Lions with more than 30 years in coaching, most recently as the defensive coordinator at Virginia Union University. Fanoga played at Texas-El Paso.

An enters the Lions' den after two seasons at Western State of Colorado, where he was the offensive line coach. An played collegiately at Northern Arizona. Green comes onto the staff after three seasons at Nevada-Las Vegas. A former Division I quarterback, Green played at both Nebraska and the University of Tulsa.

Carlo joins to the Lions with more than a decade of experience at both the Division II and Division I levels. He played his college football

at the University of Northern Iowa where he helped the Panthers capture three conference titles.

"I really wanted to take my time and vet people extensively," Johnson said when speaking about his new staff. "One of the lessons I've learned is it's not a good idea to have a very young staff when you have an equally young football team. I really wanted to get some guys that had some time on the job, some head coaching and coordinator experience, as well as recruiting experience."

The Lions signed 35 players during the



**Head Coach
Denver Johnson**

2017 Results

8/31	Fort Hays State	L, 7-48
9/7	@ Missouri Western	L, 7-45
9/16	Emporia State	L, 29-36
9/23	@ Northwest Missouri State	L, 0-63
9/30	Nebraska-Kearney	L, 6-16
10/7	@ Washburn	L, 21-49
10/14	@ Central Missouri	L, 22-71
10/21	Central Oklahoma	L, 33-63
10/28	@ Northeastern State	L, 29-32
11/4	Lindenwood	L, 17-37
11/11	@ Pittsburg State	L, 7-56

Five-Year Trend

2017:	0-11 (No postseason)
2016:	2-9 (No postseason)
2015:	1-10 (No postseason)
2014:	4-7 (No postseason)
2013:	7-3 (No postseason)

2018 Schedule

8/30	@ Nebraska-Kearney	7 p.m.
9/8	Lindenwood	6 p.m.
9/15	@ N'west Missouri St.	1:30 p.m.
9/22	Fort Hays State	6 p.m.
9/29	@ Central Missouri	1 p.m.
10/6	Missouri Western	2 p.m.
10/13	@ Washburn	1 p.m.
10/20	Northeastern State	5 p.m.
10/27	Central Oklahoma	2 p.m.
11/3	@ Emporia State	2 p.m.
11/10	Pittsburg State	2 p.m.

Projected finish: 1-10

recruiting periods this year, including eight who signed early and participated in spring ball at Southern.

Johnson said the team needs to cut down explosive plays to be successful this year, as well as create more turnovers and be more efficient offensively, which will lead to higher productivity.

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The team returns seven starters on offense, six on defense and four that saw significant time on special teams. A total of 50 letterwinners return, while 43 were lost.

Offense

The Lions will have a new stable of quarterbacks on the field this year as junior college transfer Sean Kelly leads the way. Kelly comes from Monroe College in New York, where he was an all-conference pick in 2017 after throwing for more than 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns in seven games as a sophomore. Coleman Scott and Shane Gosson return for the Lions after both redshirted last season. The Lions also have brought in Division I-FCS transfer – Learl Patterson from Arkansas-Pine Bluff. Patterson saw action in seven games last year for the Golden Lions, during which he threw for 834 yards and four touchdowns, while also running for 123 yards and another four scores.

Shemar Coleman was one of the bright spots for the Lions in 2017 as he had rushed for 270 yards on 68 carries for an average of 4.0 per carry before suffering a knee injury seven games into the season. Coleman should be back to help lead a running back crew that will also see action from Dalton James, who was promising in seven games as a true freshman, as well as junior college transfer Caleb Batie.

The wide receiving crew will have a lot of new faces, but Carson Day will be back to help lead the group. Day caught 15 passes last year for 193 yards and a score, averaging 9.3 yards per catch. Jeremy Davis, as well as Eric Dedric Jr. will also return to the fold. Davis caught six passes for 75 yards and two scores, while Dedrick saw action in all 11 games with four catches for 57 yards. Josiah Bennett will sit out the season due to ineligibility.

The offense starts up front with the O-line



and Johnson will assume coaching duties for that crew this year. The Lions have a plethora of experience coming back, including three starters from 2017 – Gerrit Montgomery at left tackle, Mike Dzierzega at center and Aaron Leo at right tackle. Joe Brawner is back after missing a year and Hunter Sidwell should see extended time as well. Max Thurman could see some action on the offensive line after redshirting in 2017.

“I was excited to coach the group during spring ball,” Johnson said. “I think they responded well and I enjoyed coaching them. Mike (Dzierzega) is certainly the leader of that bunch and Aaron Leo has stepped up, as well.

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It will be good to have Joe (Browner) back in the mix and a lot of those guys were redshirted and we're getting some good production out of the investment in them."

Being smart offensively and playing to the team's strengths highlight the goals for the offense this year.

Defense

The defense will have a new coordinator in Bettasso and the team will have a new philosophy with its new signal caller.

Leading that crew starts up front with Trevor Plafcan. Plafcan started in all 11 games last year and finished with 38 tackles and 4.0 tackles for a loss. Joining Plafcan will be Martin Cano and Levi Marlay, while Elijah Smith and Romello Jackson could see significant playing time at the defensive tackle position. LaRonzo Davis should join Plafcan as the other starting defensive end and round out the defensive line.

The linebacking corps will be led by juniors Roc Robbins and Akel Beard. Beard was second on the team with 85 tackles last year, while Robbins had 80 tackles and 5.5 sacks to go with two fumble recoveries and two blocked kicks. Justin Legier, who sat out the

2017 season, also will be back in the fold as the junior was MSSU's leading tackler during the 2016 campaign with a total of 92 stops.

The secondary sees Keith Beverly and Brian Henderson back as the starting cornerbacks, while newcomer Paul Williams



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(Monterey Peninsula College) had a good spring and could see some time as well. But some new faces may see times at the safeties. Deshon Cowling should see extended action, but beyond that, the position is open for competition.

Special Teams

The Lions graduated an all-conference placekicker in Brock Renken and lost starting punter Stetson Broce, as well. The Lions do have Jacob Allison coming back as the long snapper, as well as Coleman, Beverly and Day as the kick return men.

Newcomer Riley Hathorn, a transfer from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, will suit up to kick for the Lions. Paul Wolff (Independence CC) will see time as a punter.

Schedule

The MIAA is year-in and year-out the toughest Division II football conference in the country. This year will prove no different as the league will have three teams in the Top 25 with others receiving votes. The MIAA, in the last 10 years is 5-1 in the NCAA Division II National Championship game, owning more



than twice the appearances than the next comparable conference. Fort Hays State starts the season at No. 4, while Northwest Missouri is ranked 9th nationally and Central Missouri is 18th.

The Lions open up the season with the

longest trip of the season, going to Nebraska-Kearney on Aug. 30 at 7 p.m. Southern then hosts Lindenwood to open the home slate on Sept. 8 at 6 p.m.

The Lions, however, have Northwest Missouri, Fort Hays State, Central Missouri, Missouri Western and Washburn in their next five games and outside of the MIAA, there's not another school in Division II that can boast that tough of a five-game stretch.

The Lions then finish the season with Central Oklahoma, Emporia State and Pittsburg State (in the annual Miners Bowl). All three of those teams could see a stint in the Top 25 this season, as well and both Central Oklahoma and Pittsburg State played in the postseason during 2017.

The latest edition to the football atmosphere at Fred G. Hughes Stadium will be the third-biggest videoboard in Division II. The Lions announced on July 19 a completely donor-funded videoboard that will be the second-largest in the MIAA with a video display of 30 feet high and 66 feet wide. The entire structure will be 63 feet high and 90 feet high.

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School Colors: Crimson & Gold

Head Coach: Tim Beck (60-23 - 723, Eighth season)

Years in coaching: 32

Asst. coaches: Dave Wiemers, Nate Dreiling, Matt Karleskint, Luke Miller, John Pierce, Carl Roth, Steve Wells, Larry Garman

Home stadium: Brandenburg Field/Carnie Smith Stadium (7,950)

By Dan Wilkes

PSU Associate AD/Communications

The Pittsburg State University football team returns 15 players who started four or more games (five offense, 10 defense) in 2017 and eight players who garnered All-MIAA accolades a year ago.

That core group, along with 31 additional returning letterwinners, will seek to return the Gorillas to the top of the powerful MIAA in 2018.

In addition to the returning letterwinners, Pitt State head coach Tim Beck and his staff bolstered the Gorillas' roster with another promising high school signing class.

"We feel we have a strong group of upper-classmen in our program that we couple with some very promising underclassmen we have added in our recruiting classes the past three years," said Beck, who has fashioned a 68-27 (.716) record including the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship as he enters his ninth season leading his alma mater. "So we have a very good mix of both experience and depth to our squad. We had a very competitive spring season. Our players, and our coaches, carried over the energy from closing out the 2017 season with six straight wins. Collectively we are eager to compete for an MIAA Championship and beyond this fall."



**Senior QB
John Roderique**

City, Mo., native has passed for 4,679 yards and 31 touchdowns in 24 career games for the Gorillas. He also has rushed for 1,119 yards and 14 TDs, compiling 5,798 yards of total offense (241.6 ypg) and accounting for 55 touchdowns.

Redshirt freshmen B.J. Bradbury (6-0, 190) and Matt Harman (6-2, 202) both enjoyed fruitful spring camps and stand poised to battle for the back-up quarterback role for the Gorillas.

"We are looking forward to having a healthy John Roderique at quarterback all year in 2018," Beck said. "We've seen flashes of what a special talent he is the past three years. John is a veteran leader who we think is ready for a big senior season."

2017 Results

8/31	@ Central Missouri.....	L, 23-28
9/9	Central Oklahoma.....	W, 31-28
9/16	@ Northeastern State....	W, 68-21
9/23	Lindenwood	L, 11-45
9/30	Washburn	L, 20-35
10/7	@ Fort Hays State	L, 17-21
10/14	Missouri Western.....	W, 26-10
10/21	@ Emporia State	W, 27-10
10/28	Northwest Missouri State...	W, 20-10
11/4	@ Nebraska-Kearney....	W, 35-13
11/11	Missouri Southern	W, 56-7

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Five-Year Trend

2017:	8-4 (Agent Berry Live United Bowl Champions)
2016:	7-4 (No postseason)
2015:	6-5 (No postseason)
2014:	11-2 (NCAA-II second round)
2013:	10-2 (Mineral Water Bowl Champions)

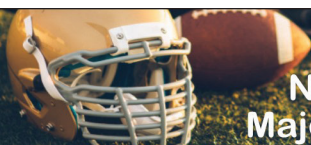
2018 Schedule

8/30	Central Oklahoma.....	7 p.m.
9/6	@ Emporia State	7 p.m.
9/15	@ Northeastern State.....	7 p.m.
9/22	Nebraska-Kearney	7 p.m.
9/29	@ Lindenwood.....	1 p.m.
10/6	Northwest Missouri St.....	2 p.m.
10/13	@ Fort Hays State	2 p.m.
10/20	Central Missouri	2 p.m.
10/27	@ Missouri Western	
11/3	Washburn	2 p.m.
11/10	@ Missouri Southern	2 p.m.

Projected finish: 9-2

The Pitt State Offense

Senior John Roderique will return to lead the Pitt State offense for a fourth season. A two-time All-MIAA performer, Roderique will seek to return to form after battling injuries in 2017. He made six starts a year ago, passing for 919 yards and three touchdowns while rushing for 335 yards and a score. The Webb



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Pitt State also welcomes back a pair of seniors – guard Alex Jones (6-5, 313) and tackle Tyler Stiff (6-5, 311) – who have made 10 or more career starts. Junior center Benton Sinclair (6-1, 280) also returns and figures to contend for a starting role this fall.

The Gorillas offensive line cast average 6 feet, 4 inches and 298 pounds.

“We lost a pair of two-time All-America offensive linemen to graduation in Bo Farrow and Codey Funk, but we feel like we have a good group of offensive linemen to lead us this fall. We have a balance of experienced players and younger players who are maturing into frontline performers. We’re excited to see our offensive line help set the tone for our offense.”

In the backfield, the Gorillas lost a 1,000-yard rusher and All-America performer in Michael Rose. Now, Pitt State will look to a talented group of underclassmen to carry the load.

Sophomore Tucker Horak is the Gorillas’ top returning ground gainer. Horak (5-10, 187) carried the ball 72 times for 375 yards (5.2 ypc) and one touchdown in 2017. Junior Keynan Scheurich (5-10, 198) rushed 37 times for 174 yards and six scores, while sophomore D’Vontae Brown (5-11, 234) added six touchdowns in short-yardage situations a year ago.



**Junior OT
Ryan Dodd**

Senior DeMarcus Edwards (5-11, 208), junior Kiah Kintchen (5-8, 164) and sophomore Tyler Adkins (5-10, 194) also are expected to vie for action this fall.

Junior Lorenzo West and redshirt sophomore Brenner Clemons lead a talented wide receiving corps.

West (5-11, 187) caught 40 passes for 517 yards (18.4 ypc) and five touchdowns as a sophomore in 2017, while Clemons (6-3, 202) averaged 82.5 yards per game before suffering a season-ending injury that forced him to exercise a medical redshirt. He caught 42 passes for 559 yards and four scores in 2016, earning honorable mention All-MIAA honors.

Junior Dash Cameron (5-10, 181), sophomore Brendan Franklin (6-2, 178) and redshirt freshmen Lawrence Dixon (5-10, 175), Elijah Harris (5-9, 160) and Bryce Murphy (6-1, 185) also figure to vie for action for the Gorillas.

“Once again, we have a good deal of speed in the skill positions in the backfield and at wide receiver,” Beck said “The name of the game in the MIAA is speed on offense, and we feel like we have some players that can help us be an explosive offense once again this fall.”

At tight end, senior Andy Otting (6-4, 238), junior Jackson Krull (6-7, 241), sophomore Bryce Barto (6-3, 225) and redshirt sophomore Cole Baughman (6-6, 225) figure to battle for playing time.

The Pitt State Defense

The Gorillas return 10 players that started four or more games in 2017 of the defensive side of the ball, led by an All-America defensive lineman in junior Simanu’a Thomas.

Thomas (6-1, 288) made 36 tackles (21 solo) with 9.0 tackles-for-loss and 2.5 quarterback sacks in 2017, earning first-team All-MIAA honors. He also recorded an interception and

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a pass break-up and he forced a fumble and recovered another.

Additionally, the Gorillas welcome back four All-MIAA performers in the secondary: senior safety Marcus Brantley, senior cornerback Carnell Lewis, junior safety Josh Hornback and sophomore safety Morgan Selemaea.

Brantley (5-10, 182) logged 66 tackles (39 solo) with 6.5 tackles-for-loss in 11 games last year. He also recorded two pass break-ups, two fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles while earning second-team All-MIAA recognition.

Lewis (6-0, 187) registered 28 tackles (24 solo) with one interception and nine pass break-ups before suffering a season-ending injury in week nine.

Hornback (6-2, 177) made a team-leading 70 tackles (44 solo) in 2017. He recorded two interceptions, two pass break-ups and blocked a pair of kicks.



**Senior S
Marcus Brantley**

Selemaea (5-11, 170) enjoyed a solid debut in his freshman season, recording 40 tackles (28 solo) with 9.0 tackles-for-loss and an MIAA leading 8.0 quarterback sacks in 10 games played.

Lewis, Hornback and Selemaea all garnered honorable mention All-MIAA recognition.

Seniors Bradley Payne (6-1, 262), junior Danny Williams (6-4, 296) and sophomore Gage Kaiser (6-2, 254) join Thomas on the interior defensive line. Payne earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors in 2017, making 26 tackles (12 solo) and 1.5 tackles-for-loss.

Senior José Speer (6-3, 246), junior Ned Bingaman (6-4, 231) and sophomores Levi Wyrick (6-4, 232) and Joe Riggins (6-1, 210) all return to the defensive end post. Bingaman started all 12 games in 2017, making 30 tackles (12 solo) with 3.0 tackles-for-loss. Wyrick started nine times, recording 19 stops (13 solo) with 2.5 TFLs.

Junior transfer Cole Morris (6-4, 230) also joins the defensive end cast along with redshirt junior Elijah Jeffcoat (6-3, 210) and freshmen Keiondre Hall (6-4, 220) and Delvin Jordan (6-0, 230).

In the secondary, senior Matt Magee (6-0, 192), junior Creighton Sanders (6-1, 186) and sophomore Alex Derryberry (6-0, 189) also return at the safety positions, while senior

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Paul Davis (5-10, 175), junior Keeyon Incle (5-11, 176) and sophomore Tyshawn Johnson (5-11, 175) return at cornerback.

Sanders made 49 tackles with two pass break-ups and two forced fumbles last year, while Davis logged 19 tackles, three interceptions and four pass break-ups.

Junior transfer KiAnte Hardin also figures to impact Pitt State's cornerback corps. Hardin (5-10, 175) played two years at the University of Minnesota (2015-16). He started seven of eight games as a sophomore in 2016, making 39 tackles with two interceptions and six pass break-ups.

At linebacker, the Gorillas return a pair of veteran players in seniors Demetrius Bernard and Darian Taylor.

Bernard, an honorable mention All-MIAA selection as a sophomore in 2015, made 40 tackles (25 solo) last year with 6.0 tackles-for-loss and 3.0 quarterback sacks.

Taylor (6-3, 206) made 54 tackles (36 solo) with 9.5 tackles-for-loss and 2.0 quarterback sacks, earning honorable mention All-MIAA honors last fall.

Senior Carter Anchors (6-1, 202), juniors Jacob Carpenter (6-2, 222) and Brett McDonald



**Senior LB
Darian Taylor**

(6-3, 200) and sophomore Kaden Roy (6-5, 225) also return to the linebacking corps.

"Defensively, we have veteran leaders at all positions so we're very excited to see how they develop an overall chemistry as a unit," Beck said. "They have a great deal of team speed and play with a high level of energy. I think we have a chance to be a very good defensive unit and we're excited to see them perform this fall."

Pitt State Special Teams

Senior Carter Anchors returns for a fourth season to handle Pitt State's punting duties. Anchors (6-1, 202) earned third-team All-America and first-team All-MIAA honors in 2016. He punted 42 times for a 37.1-yard average with 16 kicks inside the opponent 20 yard line last year.

Sophomore Jared Vincent (5-10, 183) returns to handle placekicking duties. Vincent converted 14 of 17 (.824) field goals and 44 of 48 PATs in 2017.

Sophomore Todd Morrow (5-10, 184) is expected to handle the Gorillas' kickoff chores for a second straight season, while senior Conner Kaifes (6-0, 195) is expected to handle Pitt State's deep snapping chores again this fall.


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2018 MIAA Schedule

August

Thu 30 Emporia St. @ Northeastern State 7 p.m.
 Central Missouri @ Fort Hays State 7 p.m.
 Washburn @ Lindenwood 7 p.m.
 Missouri Southern @ Neb.-Kearney 7 p.m.
 Mo. Western @ NW Missouri St. 7 p.m.
 Central Okla. @ Pittsburg State 7 p.m.

September

Thu 6 NW Missouri St. @ Washburn 6 p.m.
 Northeastern St. @ Central Missouri 7 p.m.
 Neb.-Kearney @ Central Okla. 7 p.m.
 Pittsburg State @ Emporia State 7 p.m.
 Fort Hays State @ Mo. Western 7 p.m.
 Sat 8 Lindenwood @ Missouri Southern 6 p.m.
 Sat 15 Mo. Western @ Central Missouri 1 p.m.
 Mo. Southern @ NW Missouri St. .. 1:30 p.m.
 Emporia State @ Neb.-Kearney 2 p.m.
 Central Okla. @ Lindenwood 7 p.m.
 Washburn @ Fort Hays State 7 p.m.
 Pittsburg St. @ Northeastern State 7 p.m.
 Sat 22 Central Missouri @ Washburn 1 p.m.
 Lindenwood @ Emporia State 2 p.m.
 Fort Hays State @ Missouri Southern 6 p.m.
 NW Missouri St. @ Central Okla. 6 p.m.

Neb.-Kearney @ Pittsburg State 7 p.m.
 Northeastern State @ Mo. Western 7 p.m.
 Sat 29 Neb.-Kearney @ Northeastern State .. 1 p.m.
 Pittsburg State @ Lindenwood 1 p.m.
 Mo. Southern @ Central Missouri 1 p.m.
 Emporia State @ NW Missouri St. .. 1:30 p.m.
 Central Okla. @ Fort Hays State 7 p.m.
 Washburn @ Mo. Western 7 p.m.

October

Sat 6 Lindenwood @ Neb.-Kearney 11 a.m.
 Northeastern State @ Washburn 1 p.m.
 NW Missouri St. @ Pittsburg State 2 p.m.
 Central Missouri @ Central Okla. 2 p.m.
 Mo. Western @ Missouri Southern 2 p.m.
 Fort Hays State @ Emporia State 2 p.m.
 Sat 13 Emporia State @ Central Missouri 1 p.m.
 Missouri Southern @ Washburn 1 p.m.
 Central Okla. @ Mo. Western 1 p.m.
 Neb.-Kearney @ NW Missouri St. 2 p.m.
 Lindenwood @ Northeastern State 2 p.m.
 Pittsburg State @ Fort Hays State 2 p.m.
 Sat 20 Fort Hays State @ Neb.-Kearney 11 a.m.
 NW Missouri St. @ Lindenwood 1 p.m.
 Mo. Western @ Emporia State 2 p.m.

Central Missouri @ Pittsburg State 2 p.m.
 Washburn @ Central Okla. 2 p.m.
 Northeastern State @ Mo. Southern ... 5 p.m.
 Sat 27 Emporia State @ Washburn 1 p.m.
 Pittsburg State @ Mo. Western 1 p.m.
 Neb.-Kearney @ Central Missouri .. 1:30 p.m.
 Central Okla. @ Missouri Southern 2 p.m.
 NW Missouri St. @ Northeastern St. ... 2 p.m.
 Lindenwood @ Fort Hays State 2 p.m.

November

Sat 3 Mo. Western @ Neb.-Kearney 11 a.m.
 Central Missouri @ Lindenwood 1 p.m.
 Fort Hays St. @ NW Missouri St. ... 1:30 p.m.
 Washburn @ Pittsburg State 2 p.m.
 Missouri Southern @ Emporia State ... 2 p.m.
 Central Okla. @ Northeastern State 3 p.m.
 Sat 10 Neb.-Kearney @ Washburn 1 p.m.
 NW Missouri St. @ Central Missouri ... 1 p.m.
 Lindenwood @ Mo. Western 1 p.m.
 Pittsburg State @ Mo. Southern 2 p.m.
 Emporia State @ Central Okla. 2 p.m.
 Northeastern St. @ Fort Hays State ... 2 p.m.

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August

Thu 23 *Independence @ Dodge City..... 6 p.m.
 Iowa Western @ Coffeyville 7 p.m.
 Ellsworth (Iowa) @ Hutchinson 7 p.m.
 Sat 25 Butler @ Iowa Central Noon
 *Fort Scott @ Highland..... 3 p.m.

September

Sat 1 Highland @ Ellsworth (Iowa) 1 p.m.
 *Coffeyville @ Fort Scott 7 p.m.
 *Hutchinson @ Independence..... 7 p.m.
 *Dodge City @ Garden City 7 p.m.
 Sat 8 Iowa Western @ Hutchinson Noon
 Gordon's Fine Arts & Sports (Okla.)
 @ Dodge City 1 p.m.
 Iowa Central @ Coffeyville 1 p.m.
 Garden City @ Ellsworth (Iowa) 1 p.m.
 *Butler @ Highland 3 p.m.
 Sat 15 *Fort Scott @ Hutchinson..... Noon
 Gordon's Fine Arts & Sports (Okla.)
 @ Highland..... 1 p.m.
 Ellsworth (Iowa) @ Dodge City 1 p.m.
 *Garden City @ Independence 7 p.m.

*Coffeyville @ Butler..... 7 p.m.
 Thu 20 Rezolution Prep (Texas)
 @ Hutchinson 7 p.m.
 Sat 22 Iowa Western @ Garden City..... 1 p.m.
 *Coffeyville @ Highland 1 p.m.
 *Butler @ Dodge City 6 p.m.
 *Fort Scott @ Independence..... 7 p.m.
 Sat 29 *Garden City @ Fort Scott..... 11 a.m.
 Highland @ Iowa Central Noon
 Dodge City @ Iowa Western 1 p.m.
 *Hutchinson @ Butler 7 p.m.

October

Sat 6 Iowa Central @ Garden City TBA
 *Highland @ Hutchinson Noon
 *Coffeyville @ Dodge City 1 p.m.
 *Independence @ Butler 7 p.m.
 Sat 13 Dodge City @ Iowa Central Noon
 Independence @ Iowa Western 1 p.m.
 Fort Scott @ Ellsworth (Iowa) 1 p.m.
 Air Force Prep (Colo.) @ Butler 7 p.m.
 *Hutchinson @ Coffeyville 7 p.m.
 Sat 20 *Highland @ Garden City 1 p.m.

*Hutchinson @ Dodge City..... 1 p.m.
 *Coffeyville @ Independence 7 p.m.
 *Butler @ Fort Scott 7 p.m.
 Sat 27 Iowa Central @ Independence TBA
 Fort Scott @ Iowa Western 1 p.m.
 *Dodge City @ Highland 1 p.m.
 Ellsworth (Iowa) @ Butler..... 1:30 p.m.
 *Garden City @ Coffeyville..... 7 p.m.

November

Sat 3 Fort Scott @ Iowa Central Noon
 *Garden City @ Hutchinson Noon
 Coffeyville @ Ellsworth (Iowa) 1 p.m.
 Iowa Western @ Butler..... 1:30 p.m.
 *Independence @ Highland 6 p.m.
 Sat 10 *Dodge City @ Fort Scott..... 11 a.m.
 Iowa Central @ Hutchinson..... Noon
 *Butler @ Garden City 1 p.m.
 Highland @ Iowa Western 1 p.m.
 Ellsworth (Iowa) @ Independence 7 p.m.
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