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Dear Four-State Football Fans,

It's always exciting when this time of year rolls around. Over the past couple of months we've been working hard to prepare the 21st annual PIGSKIN PREVIEW, and I believe this is our best one yet. In this edition we preview 58 high schools, four junior colleges, and two universities. We also review last season, list players to watch, provide schedules, and make our predictions.

It's inevitable that some players, coaches, and fans will feel like we picked their team too high or too low. If you feel like we're selling you short, go out and prove us wrong and let us know about it. If we picked you to finish high, that just means there's something we really like about your team. We don't mean to put the pressure on.

I always tell people from other areas of the country how lucky I am to be a sports director in the four-state area. There are so many tradition-rich teams in this area at the high school and college levels, I don't think there's any place better.

We have some incredibly talented people who helped us compile this year's PIGSKIN PREVIEW. 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 sports information directors at Pittsburg State and Missouri Southern a big thank you for their help with this project and everything they do during the football season.

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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. Hope you enjoy this year's edition of the PIGSKIN PREVIEW. We look forward to seeing you every Friday.



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Tri-Valley Burlington* Caney Valley* Cherryvale Erie	Eureka* Fredonia Humboldt Neodesha	11-man Jayhawk-Linn Northeast Oswego	Three Rivers Uniontown Yates Center*	8-man Altoona-Midway* Chetopa Crest	Marmaton Valley Pleasanton St. Paul

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Lions

League: CNC
Class: 4A-Division II
District: 4
School Colors: Red & White
Head Coach: Tim Parrish
Years in coaching: 16
Years as head coach: 3
Record at BSHS: 3-15
Assistant coaches:
 Russell Burr, Lynn Hartley,
 Chris Swartz, Tim Yeagain
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 2-7 (No playoffs)
2014: 1-9 (No playoffs)
2013: 1-8 (No playoffs)
2012: 0-9 (No playoffs)
2011: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Southeast W, 32-7
 9/11 St. Mary's Colgan L, 6-46
 9/18 Girard L, 6-42
 9/25 @ Riverton L, 13-29
 10/2 Quapaw W, 62-0
 10/9 Galena L, 0-34
 10/16 @ Columbus L, 0-60
 10/23 @ Parsons L, 6-62
 10/30 Frontenac L, 0-33

2016 Schedule

9/2 Oswego
 9/9 @ St. Mary's Colgan
 9/16 @ Galena
 9/23 Southeast
 9/30 Riverton
 10/7 @ Northeast
 10/14 Columbus
 10/21 Parsons
 10/28 @ Frontenac

Projected finish: 3-6

2015 Review

The Lions doubled their win total from 2014 in their second year under head coach Tim Parrish. They went from one win to two, but hey, – improvement is improvement. The CNC is a really tough league to play in, especially when injuries hit. “Last year we had high expectations set,” says Coach Parrish. “We had a great opening game, and then the injury bug hit us and it hit hard. We had several season-ending injuries that started Weeks 1 and 2. The injury curse continued throughout the season.” While wins weren’t there and injuries are never good, some younger players did gain some valuable time on the field. “We validated that we have some great kids who give their best when given the opportunity,” Parrish adds. “We learned what things we do well in our system, as well as things that just don’t seem to work. We will build off of our success and rebuild those things that didn’t work as well.”

Returning Starters

OL/DL Austin Williams (6-2, 220, Sr.) OL/DL A.J. Himes (5-9, 226, Jr.)
 OL/DL Matt Miles (6-5, 230, Sr.) RB/DB Tyler Price (5-5, 135, Jr.)
 WR/DB Mason Hartley (6-0, 160, Sr.) LB Narciso Ortiz (5-8, 170, Jr.)
 RB/LB Doug Dardenne (5-9, 200, Sr.) OL/DL Dawson Adams (6-2, 260, So.)
 OL/DL Justin Schneiders (5-11, 279, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

TE/LB Jacob Williams (6-2, 190, Sr.) OL/DL Kenny Herrenbruck (5-7, 245, Jr.)
 OL/DL Isaac Jonnes (6-0, 185, Sr.) WR/DB Spencer Barnard (5-11, 160, Jr.)
 RB/LB Korben Frisbie (5-9, 190, Sr.) OL/DL Tristian Bush (6-1, 260, So.)
 OL/DL Jake Sheffer (6-8, 292, Sr.) QB/DB Trey White (5-11, 160, So.)
 RB/DB Donavon Anderson (5-5, 130, Jr.) WR/DB Jacob Burks (5-11, 155, So.)

Offense: Wing-T **Defense:** 4-4

Coach Parrish says...

“We will be missing several key players from last year. We only had two seniors who graduated, but several starters will not be returning for this season. Their priorities have changed, and we wish them the best of luck in their future. With that said, we still have a group of hard-working kids anxious for their opportunity. We will incorporate a bit of a power running game that will complement our wing-T rules. We will have no excuses like we’ve had in the past. We are a team full of upperclassmen. We are excited to see the returns on their investments.”

2016 Outlook

Baxter Springs has more upperclassmen in the starting lineup than they did last year, and those guys are ready to lay the foundation for a climb back up the ladder for the Lions in the CNC. “The fans have been waiting for this senior class for some time,” says Coach Parrish. “Now it’s time to show the community how hard they have been working.” Baxter has a solid group up front on both offense and defense, and that’s what Parrish says the Lions will lean on. “We will have a very large offensive and defensive line. We look extremely good on paper,” says Parrish. “We have a lot of experience from last season to build upon. And every successful team has the OL and the DL to get the job done. Hopefully they can shoulder this huge responsibility.” The Lions have so many big and talented guys up front that some of them may have to learn other positions to see meaningful snaps on the field. “We need to compete at the skilled positions,” Parrish says of his team. “We are low in numbers compared to our linemen. It may be possible that we’ll have to pull from our linemen pool to recruit more running backs and linebackers.” The wins may not pile up for Baxter Springs this season, but they will be physical and should be more competitive than the past few seasons. “We look forward to the challenges that we will tackle. The players at Baxter are extremely sharp individuals. They understand that they likely will not be playing football on Sundays,” Parrish says. “Sure, they will compete every week to make their parents and community proud. But we expect them to learn how to work hard every second of their lives.”



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Chanute High School

League: Southeast Kansas

Class: 4A-Division I

District: 4

School Colors: Navy Blue & Vegas Gold

Head Coach: Chris Shields

Years in coaching: 19

Years as head coach: 2

Record at CHS: 2-7

Assistant coaches: Clete Frazell,

Zack Murry, Brian Campbell,

Luke Hall, Trevor Ewert

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Five-Year Trend

2015: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2014: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2013: 8-3 (Second round)

2012: 8-4 (Quarterfinals)

2011: 8-4 (Quarterfinals)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Columbus..... L, 26-64

9/11 @ Bonner Springs L, 0-45

9/18 **Field Kindley** W, 21-18

9/25 @ Pittsburg L, 13-56

10/2 **Independence**..... L, 27-32

10/9 **Parsons**..... L, 20-27^{OT}

10/16 **Fort Scott**..... L, 13-55

10/23 @ Paola L, 7-55

10/30 **Labette County**..... W, 32-20

2016 Schedule

9/2 **Iola**

9/9 **Pittsburg**

9/16 @ Fort Scott

9/23 **Ottawa**

9/30 @ Augusta

10/7 @ Parsons

10/14 @ Field Kindley

10/21 **Labette County**

10/28 @ Independence

Projected finish: 3-6

2015 Review

Last year was a disappointing season for the Chanute Blue Comets. They finished the year with just two wins: a three-point victory against Coffeyville in Week 3 and a 32-20 triumph against Labette County in the season finale. "It was nice to finish the season with a win," says second-year head coach Chris Shields. "Now we're looking forward to building off that momentum as we prepare for the upcoming season." The down year for Chanute can be attributed to a new coaching staff implementing a new system to a fairly-inexperienced roster. "We really had to rely on some younger kids, which will hopefully pay off over the next few seasons," Shields adds. "Hopefully we learned how valuable the offseason program is to our success in the fall, and we will benefit from greater effort and participation this summer."

Returning Starters

OL Justice Catron (6-2, 280, Sr.)

OL/DL Jacob Clines (6-4, 265, Sr.)

LB Gavin Harvey (6-0, 185, Sr.)

RB/DB Matt DeVoe (5-7, 155, Sr.)

LB Gage Leedy (5-8, 160, Jr.)

DB Jake Fiscus (5-9, 150, Jr.)

WR/DB Matt Hernandez (5-11, 165, Jr.)

OL Todd Fritch (6-3, 285, Jr.)

WR/DB Corbett Kimberlin (6-0, 160, So.)

Offense: Zone Read Spread

Defense: 4-3

Coach Shields says...

"Hopefully we'll have more depth this season, and with the amount of young players who were forced into action last year, that experience will pay off. We still need to continue to get stronger in the weight room, which will hopefully lead to confidence on the playing field. We will be a more physical team this year, as we were pushed around too often last year."

2016 Outlook

While Shields has some guys back who gained valuable experience last year, there's one big hole to fill. Quarterback Kenton Richards graduated, leaving the competition wide open for the most important position in the game. "After being set at the QB position for the last three years, we look forward to a strong competition for who will be our next QB and leader of our team," says Coach Shields. With a solid group of returners coming back for their second year under a new head coach, don't expect Chanute to be a two-win team again in 2016. "I expect us to compete from the opening kickoff to the final whistle week in and week out," Shields says. "I expect us to learn from last season's mistakes and build upon the positive momentum at the end of the season to lead us back to a winning season."

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Class: 3A
District: 7
School Colors: Royal Blue & White
Head Coach: Harry Hester
Years in coaching: 19
Years as head coach: 14
Record at CHS: 50-29
Assistant coaches: Casey Lickteig,
 David Smedley, Aaron Rehmer,
 Chad Knight, Alex Mese
Twitter: @cherryvalefbal

Five-Year Trend

2015: 8-2 (First round)
2014: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2013: 8-4 (Quarterfinals)
2012: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2011: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 Humboldt..... W, 46-26
 9/11 Eureka..... W, 42-0
 9/18 @ Burlington..... W, 32-7
 9/25 @ Fredonia..... W, 50-14
 10/2 @ Neodesha..... W, 20-14
 10/9 Caney Valley..... W, 37-6
 10/16 @ Galena..... L, 12-42
 10/23 Riverton..... W, 28-24
 10/29 Southeast..... W, 49-0

Playoffs

11/3 @ Neodesha..... L, 26-31

2016 Schedule

9/2 Erie
 9/9 Humboldt
 9/16 @ Eureka
 9/23 @ Fredonia
 9/30 Neodesha
 10/7 @ Caney Valley
 10/14 Galena
 10/21 @ Riverton
 10/27 @ Southeast

Projected finish: 6-3

2015 Review

Last season was a good one for Cherryvale. They started the season strong with six straight wins, including a Week 5 win against Neodesha in a battle of two undefeated schools. Their only loss in the regular season was on the road against a really good Galena squad. The Chargers finished the regular season 8-1, including 6-0 in league play to take the Tri-Valley League title. Hopes were high for the postseason in Cherryvale, but their playoff run ended after just one game, falling to Neodesha in a rematch of Week 5.

Key Loss

RB/DB Brendan Menzer Independence Community College

Returning Starters

WR Garret Vigil (6-2, 136, Sr.) CB Trevor Raida (5-10, 137, Jr.)
 OL Jake Wagner (6-0, 171, Sr.) WR/DB Kortland Verge (5-6, 137, Jr.)
 WR/DE Chance Main (6-2, 170, Sr.)

Other Impact Players

RB/LB Gavin Williams (5-10, 160, Sr.) OL/DL Bryson Bennett (6-3, 203, Jr.)
 RB/LB Micah King (5-3, 130, Sr.) WR/DB Ryan Robertson (5-11, 145, Jr.)
 OL/LB Alex Van Rooy (5-10, 155, Sr.) OL/DL Tim Allison (5-8, 230, Jr.)
 Slot/DB Bo Edens (5-6, 144, Sr.) QB Cade Addis (5-8, 171, So.)

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

Coach Hester says...

"We have few players returning but feel we have the pieces to fill in as our JV went 6-0 last fall. The upper classmen are doing a good job leading our younger players. This team will have good speed. The summer conditioning will prepare us for a tough district and league race. The TVL should be very balanced, which should make it exciting week to week. We will have to have some kids step up a level at all positions."

2016 Outlook

The Chargers graduated some pretty important players last season. Lane Raida, Brendan Menzer, and Zach Steed were huge contributors, especially on offense. Those three players were responsible for 2,255 of the team's 2,812 rushing yards last season. And running the ball is what the team likes to do. Cherryvale has just three starters coming back on offense and only two on defense. Speaking about his defense, Coach Hester says the team has "plenty of options on this side of the ball. Players will be moved around if necessary to get the best 11 on the field." Five teams out of the Tri-Valley made it to the postseason last year, meaning once again this season it will be a tough league night in and night out. "Neodesha returns a ton of skill kids and linemen. Fredonia lost some talented starters but have good younger kids," added Coach Hester. "Caney will lose another great group. Humboldt lost a talented class and has low numbers in the classes below, but sophomores and freshmen will be good in time." Cherryvale will play a similar schedule to 2015 this year. Another eight-win season would be impressive with a lot of new faces in the lineup, but that's not out of the question if some of their juniors get up to speed quickly.



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Green Hornets

League: Three Rivers
Class: 8-man Division II
District: 1
School Colors: Green & Gold
Head Coach: Jaunc Bradshaw
Years in coaching: 11
Years as head coach: 2
Record at CHS: 2-6
Assistant coach: Bryan Midgett

Five-Year Trend

2015: 2-6 (No playoffs)
2014: 10-1 (Quarterfinals)
2013: 7-3 (First round)
2012: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2011: 6-4 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4 Marmaton Valley L, 20-46
 9/11 @ St. Paul L, 20-44
 9/18 @ Pleasanton W, 46-44
 9/25 Uniontown L, 0-50
 10/2 @ Altoona-Midway W, 58-0
 10/9 @ Southern Coffey Co. L, 32-68
 10/16 Crest L, 46-50
 10/29 @ Hartford L, 0-47

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Marmaton Valley
 9/9 St. Paul
 9/16 Altoona-Midway
 9/23 @ Crest
 9/30 Marais des Cygnes Valley
 10/7 @ Lebo
 10/14 Pleasanton
 10/21 @ Waverly

Projected finish: 1-7

2015 Review

The Chetopa Hornets of last season are a perfect example of how quickly things can change in high school football. They went from an outstanding group of seniors in 2014 to a very inexperienced team in 2015. "Last season we saw a lot of kids who had not received playing time get their chance to play," says head coach Jaunc Bradshaw. "We struggled at times, but the kids fought hard each game."

Returning Starters

RB/LB Trey Riddle (5-9, 180, Sr.)
 RB/DB Ryan Gainer (6-0, 185, Sr.)
 OL/DL Lane Kabrey (6-1, 220, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

QB/DB Jared Lewlin (5-8, 175, Sr.)
 WR/DB Bryor Underwood (5-6, 145, Sr.)

Offense: Spread/Double Tight **Defense:** 3-2/3-4

Coach Bradshaw says...

"We have some skilled players returning to us this coming year, which will help out in the backfield. We lost a couple of our linemen to graduation, so some of the younger kids will need to step up into the starting role. We have few numbers this year, so everyone should have an opportunity to show their skills and fight for a position. We will start district play in Week 3, so that will be different for our kids. They will have to be ready to start competing for a playoff spot quicker than we normally have to."

2016 Outlook

Chetopa heads into this season with just three returning starters. Two of those guys are seniors. Like a lot of small schools, the Hornets roster isn't very long this season. "The biggest challenge this year for our team will be lack of numbers and staying healthy," says Coach Bradshaw. "We have 11 kids out this year. We will be very young and will have to learn the game as each week goes by. Even though we have lower numbers than normal this year, 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. 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." It's hard to overstate how important staying injury-free is for a team with only 11 players out. The Hornets are hoping to stay healthy, improve on their win total from last season, and lay a foundation for a return to the success they achieved back in 2014.

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Crest High School



Lancers

2015 Review

The Lancers continued to improve in 2015, going 5-4 and making the postseason for the first time since 2012. Crest had a solid group of seniors last year who leave some big shoes to fill. Seven of those seniors earned all-league honors, led by Evan Godderz (first-team DB). Coach Mahon will enter his third year as head coach with a very young roster.

Returning Starters

RB/LB Gage Adams (5-10, 190, Jr.)	First-team All-TRL RB/LB
TE/DE Hayden Seabolt (6-2, 180, Jr.)	5 Sacks
CB Tavyn Springston (5-10, 150, Jr.)	24 Tackles, 1 Interception

Other Impact Players

C/DE Austin Louk (5-10, 200, Jr.)
 WR/CB Austin Hendrix (5-10, 150, Jr.)
 FB/DE Caleb Stephens (6-0, 155, Jr.)
 QB/CB Hayden Hermreck (6-3, 150, So.)

Offense: Varied

Defense: 3-3 or 4-2

Coach Mahon says...

The team will need to improve on "tackling and creating turnovers." The biggest change for this season will be "senior leadership. We only have one returning junior. Fans can expect to see hard-hitting, wide-open football."

2016 Outlook

Coach Mahon has created some momentum for the Crest football program, posting back-to-back winning seasons in his first two years. This year might be a little more difficult to do the same with very few upperclassmen on the roster. With that said, the juniors on this year's roster got some valuable experience last season. In 2015 the team had a good group of seniors and virtually no juniors. The players that return for their junior year this season will be the team leaders, looking to bring the Lancers their third straight winning season. It's hard to predict how things are going to go in 2016 with all the new faces stepping into big-time roles, but obviously Mahon is doing something right in his first few years as the head man at Crest.

League: Three Rivers

Class: 8-man Division II **District:** 1

School Colors: Red, White & Blue

Head Coach: Chuck Mahon

Years in coaching: 23

Years as head coach: 3

Record at CHS: 11-8

Assistant coaches:

Craig Frazell, Zach Mason

Twitter: @479Crest

Five-Year Trend

2015: 6-4 (First round)

2014: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2013: 4-5 (No Playoffs)

2012: 7-4 (Quarterfinals)

2011: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4	Pleasanton	W, 64-14
9/11	Marmaton Valley	L, 20-56
9/18	@ Uniontown	L, 0-52
9/25	St. Paul	L, 16-56
10/2	@ Elk Valley	W, 60-8
10/9	Hartford	W, 56-46
10/16	@ Chetopa	W, 50-46
10/23	Southern Coffey Co.	W, 54-20
10/29	@ Altoona-Midway	W, 48-0

Playoffs

11/3 Caldwell

2016 Schedule

9/2	Blue Valley-Randolph
9/9	@ Marmaton Valley
9/16	@ Waverly
9/23	Chetopa
9/30	@ Altoona-Midway
10/7	TBA
10/14	Marais des Cygnes Valley
10/21	@ Lebo
10/27	Pleasanton

Projected finish: 3-5



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Titans

Columbus High School

League: CNC

Class: 4A-Division II

District: 4

School Colors: Scarlet & Gold

Head Coach: Dan Grundy

Years in coaching: 15

Years as head coach: 9

Record at CHS: 60-28

Assistant coaches: Troy Haraughty,
Blake Burns, Matt Crain, Heath Perry

Five-Year Trend

2015: 11-1 (Semifinals)

2014: 11-2 (State runner-up)

2013: 8-2 (First round)

2012: 4-6 (First round)

2011: 4-7 (Second round)

2015 Results

9/4 Chanute W, 64-26

9/11 @ Southeast..... W, 50-8

9/21 @ Galena..... W, 45-13

9/25 Girard W, 61-21

10/2 Riverton W, 40-14

10/8 @ St. Mary's Colgan.... W, 43-40

10/16 Baxter Springs W, 60-0

10/23 @ Frontenac..... W, 54-43

10/30 Parsons..... W, 48-7

Playoffs

11/6 Anderson County..... W, 55-7

11/13 Santa Fe Trail W, 36-27

11/20 Holton L, 22-23

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Riverton

9/9 Southeast

9/16 @ Girard

9/23 St. Mary's Colgan

9/30 @ Prairie View

10/7 Galena

10/14 @ Baxter Springs

10/21 Frontenac

10/28 @ Parsons

Projected finish: 7-2

2015 Review

For back-to-back seasons, the Columbus Titans won 10+ games and advanced to the state semifinals. Unlike 2014, though, that's where the season ended for the Titans. In that semifinal game, Columbus fell just short to Holton at 23-22 to end the season at 11-1. Through the entire season, the Titans had one of the most potent offenses in Southeast Kansas, scoring 36 or more points in every game but the season finale. The offensive numbers Columbus put up will be hard to duplicate this season considering some of the key players they graduated last year.

Key Losses

RB/LB Jace McDown

OG Dom Parrish

WR/DB Javohn Morrill

QB/DB Trey Robinson

Emporia State University

Washburn University

Butler Community College

Hutchinson Community College

Returning Starters

LT/DE Kody Robinson (6-1, 220, Sr.)

OLB Peyton Hale (5-11, 165, Sr.)

WR/DB Keenan Stanley (6-2, 185, Jr.)

RT/DE Sam Eddington (6-1, 245, Jr.)

LG/DT Tucker Coble (5-10, 185, Jr.)

DB Cameron Mitchell (5-10, 150, Jr.)

FS Kale Smith (6-2, 155, Jr.)

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Other Impact Players

OL/DL Dalton Delmont (6-1, 265, Sr.)

OL/DL Gage Hudson (6-2, 195, Sr.)

OL/DL Alex Crouch (5-9, 245, Sr.)

Offense: Spread **Defense:** 4-2

Coach Grundy says...

"With the CNC being as difficult as it is, going undefeated in that conference was definitely a major accomplishment. The seniors last year were great leaders who left a ton of memories in Columbus. The games we played with Colgan, Frontenac, and Holton will be remembered for a long time. This group did a great job of setting achievable goals and developing a plan to reach them."

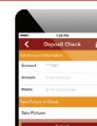
2016 Outlook

Columbus lost some serious talent to graduation heading into this season, especially on the offensive side of the ball. ESU commit Jace McDown ran for over 2,500 yards and scored 39 touchdowns last season. With a running back like that in the backfield, it makes everything else offensively that much easier. We'll have to see how the offense adjusts without Robinson under center and McDown in the backfield. "We had some great seniors who had an impact for four years," says Coach Grundy. "Seeing the new names that make up Titan football will be a change for some. The hard work and excitement should be the same, though." When you win 11 games two years in a row and make two deep runs in the state playoffs, expectations are going to be high. While it's difficult to get back to that level three straight years, we expect the Titans to be right back at the top of the CNC, fighting for yet another conference crown. Look for WR Keenan Stanley to get plenty of touches and put up solid numbers.



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Erie High School

Red Devils

League: Tri-Valley
Class: 3A
District: 6
School Colors: Red, Black & White
Head Coach: Sterling "Doc" Hudson
Years in coaching: 29
Years as head coach: 2
Record at EHS: 3-7
Assistant coaches: Sonny Mahurin,
 Eddie Ramsey, Ray Leedy
Twitter: @ErieRedDevils

Five-Year Trend

2015: 3-7 (First round)
2014: 0-9 (No playoffs)
2013: 0-9 (No playoffs)
2012: 1-8 (No playoffs)
2011: 6-5 (Second round)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Fredonia L, 6-35
 9/11 Oswego W, 34-20
 9/18 @ Neodesha L, 16-38
 9/25 Burlington L, 6-22
 10/3 @ Caney Valley L, 0-35
 10/9 @ Eureka L, 6-41
 10/16 Humboldt W, 36-28
 10/23 Northeast W, 39-12
 10/30 @ St. Mary's Colgan L, 0-48

Playoffs

11/3 @ Wellsville L, 0-63

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Cherryvale
 9/9 @ Bluestem
 9/16 Fredonia
 9/23 @ Neodesha
 9/30 Caney Valley
 10/7 Eureka
 10/14 @ Humboldt
 10/21 @ Northeast
 10/27 Jayhawk-Linn

Projected finish: 4-5

2015 Review

In his first season in Erie, Coach Hudson produced results immediately. The Red Devils snapped a two-year winless streak, finishing with three wins and a trip to the playoffs. Erie's 3-7 overall record was the best for the team since 2011. While the Red Devils seemed to be trending in the right direction, Hudson wasn't totally pleased with 2015. "We lacked focus at times by worrying about things that had nothing to do with the game. While we had several kids with varsity experience, that did not mean they actually understood the game very well."

Key Losses

RB/SS Brant Beachner

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Returning Starters

QB/DB Carlos Mata (5-9, 160, Sr.)
 B/DB Colton Brown (5-11, 180, Sr.)
 B/DB J.J. Burch (5-5, 145, Sr.)
 B/LB Cameron Rice (6-0, 200, Sr.)
 OL/DE Zack Thompson (6-2, 230, Sr.)
 OL/LB Landyn Diediker (5-9, 215, Jr.)
 OL Jacob Stark (6-1, 250, Jr.)
 E/DB Jordan Myers (6-2, 170, So.)
 QB Jaden Gard (6-2, 160, So.)

Other Impact Players

K Ruben Rodriguez (5-6, 140, Sr.)
 K Alexis Hernandez (6-0, 160, So.)

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

Coach Hudson says...

"The best part of our 2015 season was that our seniors enjoyed a little success and went to the playoffs. We weren't there very long, but we did go. Also, it allowed me to see our future players in action, and hopefully I will be able to fit the pieces better next fall. Players that I thought would work at some positions were better suited in others. We had a few freshmen step up and play well at the varsity level, and some kids who had not been out came out and showed they could play."

2016 Outlook

Look for even more improvement out of Erie in 2016. "QB should be much better," says Coach Hudson. "We have more of an identity, and we like running the ball because the linemen started playing with an attitude. I think we should be much better in the kicking game." While there is plenty to be optimistic about, there's one major area where Hudson says his team needs to improve. "Tackling. We missed so many tackles last season. Also, being accountable; or in other words, do your job!" We like the tone Hudson is setting in Erie, and if the players respond well, don't be surprised if the Red Devils are pushing .500 this year and back in the postseason. Coach expects his team to "win more games, compete for the TVL title, and go back to the playoffs with a feeling that we belong there."

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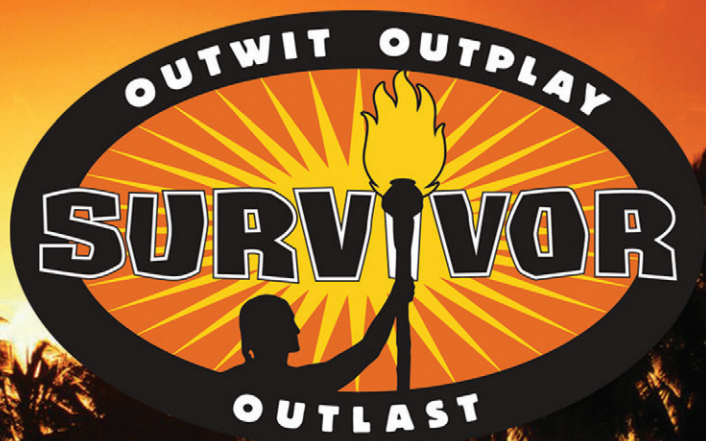
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Field Kindley High School

League: Southeast Kansas

Class: 4A-Division I

District: 4

School Colors: Purple & Gold

Head Coach: Darrin Wegner

Years in coaching: 11

Years as head coach: 1

Record at FKHS: 0-0

Assistant coaches:

John Chambers, Mike O'Connor,

Mark Andrews, Dave Harlan

Radio: KGGF (690 AM)

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Five-Year Trend

2015: 0-9 (No playoffs)

2014: 3-7 (First round)

2013: 12-2 (State runner-up)

2012: 8-3 (Second round)

2011: 4-6 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4 **Pittsburg** L, 14-57

9/11 **Parsons**..... L, 0-40

9/18 @ Chanute..... L, 18-21

9/25 **Fort Scott**..... L, 0-49

10/2 **Labette County**..... L, 18-55

10/9 @ St. James Academy..... L, 0-48

10/16 @ Independence L, 6-49

10/23 **Augusta** L, 6-42

10/30 @ Winfield L, 18-41

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Great Bend

9/9 @ Parsons

9/16 **Riverton**

9/23 @ Circle

9/30 @ Galena

10/7 @ Fort Scott

10/14 **Chanute**

10/21 **Independence**

10/28 @ Labette County

Projected finish: 1-8

2015 Review

The slide continued for Field Kindley in 2015. After picking up three wins in 2014, the Golden Tornado turned around and went winless last season. Their game against Chanute was a three-point affair, but the rest of their losses were by 23 or more points. After six seasons, including a runner-up finish at state in 2013, Murray Zogg left the team, opening the door for Darrin Wegner to be the head coach going into 2016.

Returning Starters

WR/DB Kamaren Wilson (6-4, 200, Sr.)

OL/DL Sean McIntosh (6-2, 250, Sr.)

LB Hunter Mason (5-9, 170, Sr.)

OL/DL Jackson Stringer (6-2, 240, Jr.)

LB Cody Smith (5-9, 152, Jr.)

LB Jacob Jackson (5-11, 190, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

TE/DL Jonathan Reardon (6-0, 190, Sr.)

OL/LB Isiah Carter (6-1, 205, Sr.)

WR/DB Tajhan Thomas (5-10, 145, So.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: 3-4

Coach Wegner says...

"I feel like it is a great opportunity to build a winning program. I hope to bring a lot of energy and excitement to Field Kindley football."

2016 Outlook

The good news for Field Kindley is that there's no place to go but up. It's been a rather quick fall from 2013. This year will be the first for the Golden Tornado under new head coach Darrin Wegner. Wegner comes over from Jay, Okla., where he was the head coach for five seasons. "We are young with few upperclassmen," says Wegner, "so we will need to grow up fast and show we can compete against more experienced teams." In his first year with the team, Wegner adds that he believes the strength of the squad will be speed. "[Fans should expect to see] a hard-nosed football team with lots of energy," Wegner says. "Our goal is to get the program headed in the right direction. We want to play hard every snap and develop a winning culture. We have some young talent and we believe a winning season is realistic." There are winnable games on the schedule for Field Kindley, and they definitely shouldn't go winless again in 2016. Winning a couple of games and being competitive in the rest would be a success for the Golden Tornado this season.

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Tigers

Fort Scott High School

League: Southeast Kansas
Class: 4A-Division I
District: 3
School Colors: Red & White
Head Coach: Bob Campbell
Years in coaching: 24
Years as head coach: 21
Record at FSHS: 168-51
Assistant coaches:
 Bo Graham, Josh Regan,
 Alvin Metcalf Jr., Jared Martin,
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 7-3 (First round)
2014: 9-2 (Second round)
2013: 5-5 (First round)
2012: 9-1 (First round)
2011: 8-2 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Parsons W, 24-7
 9/11 Spring Hill W, 50-14
 9/18 Pittsburg L, 0-37
 9/25 @ Field Kindley W, 49-0
 10/2 @ Prairie View W, 35-6
 10/9 Independence W, 31-14
 10/16 @ Chanute W, 55-13
 10/23 @ Labette County W, 28-25
 10/30 Paola L, 7-28

Playoffs

11/6 @ Eudora L, 7-33

2016 Schedule

9/2 Parsons
 9/9 @ Independence
 9/16 Chanute
 9/23 @ Pittsburg
 9/30 Labette County
 10/7 Field Kindley
 10/14 @ Louisburg
 10/21 Paola
 10/29 @ Ottawa

Projected finish: 6-3

2015 Review

Another year, another solid season for the Fort Scott Tigers. Fort Scott finished the regular season 7-2 and advanced to the playoffs once again. "2015 was an excellent season, as we finished second in the SEK and advanced to the state playoffs as well as finishing with a record of 7-3," says head coach Bob Campbell. "We had an outstanding group of seniors who were not only excellent athletes, but quality young men with high character. They were a pleasure to coach!" Campbell is right about last year's senior class – they were a fun group to watch and will be missed heading into this season.

Key Losses

K Brody Southwell
 OL Tristan Wilson
 WR/DB Lucas Gillen
 OL/DL Austin Cook
 WR Marcus Stepps

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Returning Starters

OL Charlie Pytlowany (5-9, 215, Sr.)
 OL Jacob Hood (6-1, 275, Sr.)
 TE/LB Taylor Engstrom (6-2, 200, Sr.)

RB/LB Zarek Fewell (5-8, 180, Jr.)
 DB Jessie Lawrence (5-9, 165, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

RB/LB Morgan Stoughton (5-11, 185, Sr.)
 WR/DB Brady Tourtillott (6-0, 160, Sr.)
 RB/DL Chris Stell (5-6, 165, Sr.)
 TE/DE Clayton Raines (6-0, 175, Sr.)
 OL/DL Andrew Callahan (6-1, 250, Jr.)
 OL/DL Colby Page (6-2, 255, Jr.)

RB/LB Derek Bollinger (5-7, 160, Jr.)
 WR/DB Gunnar Brown (5-8, 155, Jr.)
 QB Jesse Jones (5-10, 170, Jr.)
 OL/DL Ben Daniels (5-10, 180, Jr.)
 WR/DB Alex Gorman (5-7, 140, Jr.)

Offense: Split-Back Veer **Defense:** 4-3

Coach Campbell says...

"Last year we were a senior-dominated team. We have some fine players in our senior class this year, but it is a small group in terms of numbers. They will provide excellent leadership, but we will need contributions from our juniors and sophomores as well. Our fans should expect to see a team that plays with emotion and intensity every Friday night and a team that is disciplined and executes in all three phases of the game."

2016 Outlook

There will be a lot of new faces on the field for Fort Scott this season. When you're putting a younger team on the field, it always helps to have talent in the trenches and to be able to run the ball. Those are two things that Coach Campbell is confident he will have. "I believe our offensive line has a chance to be very good as the season moves forward," Campbell says. "We have several young players who have the potential to be excellent linemen as they gain experience. We also feel like we have a very good group of running backs." Zarek Fewell will look to be the leader in the backfield. As a sophomore last season, Fewell carried the ball 31 times, gaining 181 yards (5.8 YPC) with a touchdown. He was also second on the team in return yards. There will be some young players playing important snaps, but Coach Campbell still has his eyes set on the same goals. "We have the same team goals that we've set each of the past 20 years: win the SEK title, win the district title, and win the State Championship."



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Yellowjackets

League: Tri-Valley
Class: 3A
District: 8
School Colors: Black & Gold
Head Coach: Marc Svaty
Years in coaching: 17
Years as head coach: 1
Record at FHS: 0-0
Assistant coaches: Mark Millar,
 John Boss, Tyler Coots
Twitter: @FredoniaJackets

Five-Year Trend

2015: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2014: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2013: 2-7 (No playoffs)
2012: 0-9 (No playoffs)
2011: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 Erie W, 35-6
 9/11 @ Jayhawk-Linn W, 32-0
 9/18 @ Yates Center..... W, 41-0
 9/25 Cherryvale L, 14-50
 10/2 @ Burlington..... L, 7-24
 10/9 Humboldt..... W, 14-8
 10/16 @ Neodesha..... L, 0-35
 10/23 @ Eureka..... W, 42-0
 10/29 Caney Valley..... L, 14-31

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Labette County
 9/9 @ Douglass
 9/16 @ Erie
 9/23 Cherryvale
 9/30 Bluestem
 10/7 @ Humboldt
 10/14 Neodesha
 10/21 Eureka
 10/27 @ Caney Valley

Projected finish: 5-4

2015 Review

For a second season the Fredonia Yellowjackets finished above .500, finishing 5-4 in 2015. Fredonia jumped out of the gate with three straight wins, outscoring their opponents 108-6. After that they had a bit of trouble with their remaining schedule. Fredonia went 2-4 in their last six games, with four losses by 17 points or more. In the offseason, Marc Svaty came over from Parsons to replace Ryan Panko as the head coach at Fredonia.

Returning Starters

QB/DB Carter Odell (6-4, 170, Sr.)	OL/DL Brandon Lawrence (6-0, 220, Jr.)
RB/LB Kaden Unruh (5-9, 160, Sr.)	OL/LB Austin Howard (5-8, 185, Jr.)
RB/FS Isaac McPherson (6-1, 200, Sr.)	RB/LB Joe Reyes (5-9, 145, Jr.)
TE/LB Jacob Mrkwa (6-1, 205, Sr.)	RB/LB Devlin Hendrix (6-1, 175, Jr.)
WR/LB Ryan Orth (6-2, 185, Sr.)	OL/DL Bryar Hebb (5-10, 300, So.)
RB/LB Devin Voth (5-7, 155, Sr.)	OL/DL Jeremiah Cunningham (5-10, 210, So.)
RB/DB Alex Wood (5-10, 160, Sr.)	OL/DL Bryar Hebb (5-10, 300, So.)
OL/DL Merrick Millar (5-10, 300, Sr.)	OL/DL Kaden Ratzlaff (6-1, 280, So.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: Multiple

Coach Svaty says...

"I am a 1994 graduate of Fredonia High School. I know the rich tradition the football program has had in the past. I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve and give back to my alma mater. There is a lot of work to be done in the coming months and years. We want to 'honor the past and forge a legacy' with this generation of Yellowjackets."

2016 Outlook

Svaty comes over from Parsons, where he went 3-15 in two seasons as the head coach. While that doesn't sound great, remember this: Parsons was winless in 2012 and 2013 before he took over. Svaty laid a solid foundation for the Vikings before heading to Fredonia, and now he's hoping to bring some stability to a program that has seen plenty of changes over the past few seasons. "I am the third head coach in four seasons [in Fredonia]," says Coach Svaty. "Building relationships with the kids and creating an effective coaching staff that can teach and motivate quickly are the main goals for this summer leading into the fall." There is some talent to work with in Fredonia this season. "We have a nice blend of talented, skilled kids and linemen," adds Coach Svaty. "I think we will be able to have a nice mesh of throwing and running. There are a lot of kids who need touches and there is a possibility of having a nice offensive line." Like Coach Svaty, Isaac McPherson transfers from Parsons to Fredonia this season. McPherson was a second team All-Conference linebacker in the SEK last year. On defense, Svaty says the team needs to become more physical and consistent. Offensively, he says the team will keep opponents guessing in 2016. "We will use different tempos offensively. Sometimes we will need to speed things up, sometimes take time off of the clock. I think we will be able to throw a little better than I thought."



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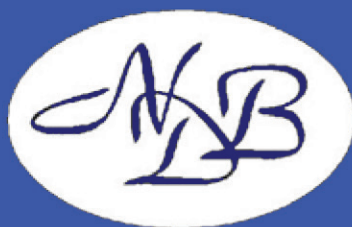
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Frontenac High School

Raiders

League: CNC
Class: 4A-Division II
District: 4
School Colors: Black & White
Head Coach: Mark Smith
Years in coaching: 8
Years as head coach: 5
Record at FHS: 28-14
Assistant coaches:
 John Palumbo, Bill Sullivan,
 Brady Hill, Troy Morris
Radio: KSEK (1340 AM)
Twitter: @FHSRaiders

Five-Year Trend

2015: 7-4 (Second round)
2014: 10-1 (Second round)
2013: 6-4 (First round)
2012: 5-5 (First round)
2011: 2-8 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Osawatomie L, 37-41
 9/11 Riverton W, 33-14
 9/18 Southeast W, 40-0
 9/25 @ Galena W, 19-14
 10/2 @ St. Mary's Colgan L, 21-28
 10/9 Girard W, 33-6
 10/16 @ Parsons W, 34-13
 10/23 Columbus L, 43-54
 10/30 @ Baxter Springs W, 33-0

Playoffs

11/6 @ Girard W, 38-6
 11/13 Holton L, 7-22

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Girard
 9/9 Galena
 9/16 St. Mary's Colgan
 9/23 @ Riverton
 9/30 @ Southeast
 10/7 @ Labette County
 10/14 Parsons
 10/21 @ Columbus
 10/28 Baxter Springs

Projected finish: 8-1

2015 Review

After opening up the season with a disappointing road loss to Osawatomie, the Raiders bounced back to win three straight to begin CNC league play 3-0. They had another good one in Week 5, but fell a little short in the "Smith Bowl" against Colgan, 21-28. Finishing the regular season 6-3, Frontenac headed into the playoffs to face league rival Girard. The Raiders easily handled the Trojans 38-6, only to end their season the next week with a 7-22 loss to Holton. "We turned the ball over too much in the red zone," says Coach Mark Smith, "We must take care of the football and value every single possession. We were undersized up front and we struggled to run the football in the big games last season."

Returning Starters

WB/CB Brandon Mlekus (5-11, 175, Sr.)	2,627 Tot. Yds., 27 TDs
RB Caden Bolinger (5-7, 170, Sr.)	1,100+ Yds., 11 TDs
TE/LB Dylan Flora (6-0, 205, Sr.)	2 FR, 1 INT, 238 Rec. Yds., 4 TDs
WR/SS Ryan Long (6-1, 185, Sr.)	200 Rec. Yds., 2 TDs
OT/DT A.J. Lusker (6-2, 260, Sr.)	All-State OL
OG Ryan Hemby (5-11, 180, Sr.)	
FS Isaac Bicknell (6-1, 185, Sr.)	4 INTs, 2 Ret. TDs
K/P Trey Harris (5-11, 180, Jr.)	
DE Broc Ginavan (6-4, 220, Jr.)	7.5 TFL, 3 Sacks

Other Impact Players

TB/CB Austin Madl (5-11, 160, Sr.)
 OL/DL Kooper Grant (6-0, 240, Sr.)
 TE/DE Luke Loy (6-1, 190, Sr.)
 OT/DT Zach Sharp (5-11, 300, Jr.)
 DT Andrew Mays (5-10, 180, Jr.)
 WR/DB Tevaris Young (6-1, 160, Jr.)

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

Coach Smith says...

"We bring back a lot of experience on both sides of the ball and a lot of big play capabilities. We have a strong group of seniors coming back who are ready to be great leaders and work hard to have a great season. We will have a lot of depth at our skill positions, which will lead to great competition this fall."

2016 Outlook

Right here last season, we told you it was going to be hard for the Raiders to bounce back after losing so many starters. This year it's the opposite. Frontenac has some really important starters back this year. Just on offense they have their QB Brandon Mlekus, RB Cadin Bolinger, and two receiving threats back in Flora and Long. Flora is a guy at tight end who can be a key red-zone target, while also getting the job done on defense (2 fumble recoveries and 1 interception in 2015). And oh yeah, they also have an All-State lineman up front in AJ Lusker. Coach Smith says, "We had way too many turnovers last fall. We must cut down on the turnovers we make as well as the mental mistakes we make in the big games." Having the kind of experience on offense the Raiders do should automatically cut down on those mistakes. "We have very high expectations this year," adds Smith, "We have come up short of our goal the last few seasons in the playoffs. Hopefully we have learned from our mistakes, and we can make a push to play on Thanksgiving weekend. We want to play for a state championship."



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Galena High School

Bulldogs

League: CNC

Class: 3A

District: 7

School Colors: Navy Blue & White

Head Coach: Beau Sarwinski

Years in coaching: 16

Years as head coach: 10

Record at GHS: 70-28

Assistant coaches: Derik Hunt,

Ryan Byrd, Jacoby Martin,

JC Dawes, Dennis Outt

Twitter: @GalenaBulldogs

Five-Year Trend

2015: 7-4 (Second round)

2014: 6-5 (Second round)

2013: 8-2 (First round)

2012: 6-4 (First round)

2011: 8-4 (Quarterfinals)

2015 Results

9/3 @ St. Mary's Colgan W, 7-0

9/11 @ Girard W, 24-14

9/21 Columbus L, 13-45

9/25 Frontenac L, 14-19

10/2 Augusta L, 6-21

10/9 @ Baxter Springs W, 34-0

10/16 Cherryvale W, 42-12

10/23 @ Southeast W, 49-0

10/29 Riverton W, 49-14

Playoffs

11/3 Caney Valley W, 41-21

11/7 St. Mary's Colgan L, 14-28

2016 Schedule

9/1 @ St. Mary's Colgan

9/9 @ Frontenac

9/16 Baxter Springs

9/23 Girard

9/30 Field Kindley

10/7 @ Columbus

10/14 @ Cherryvale

10/21 Southeast

10/27 @ Riverton

Projected finish: 8-1

2015 Review

Galena opened some eyes early in the season, beating St. Mary's Colgan and Girard the first two weeks. However, the next three weeks were not as kind. The Bulldogs dropped three straight games, including two against CNC teams in Columbus and Frontenac. Galena closed out the regular season with four straight wins to make the playoffs, where they faced Caney Valley in Round 1. After a back-and-forth and very entertaining first half, the Bulldogs got by Caney, 41-21, before SMC gained its revenge in Round 2, ending Galena's season at 7-4.

Returning Starters

QB/DB P.J. Sarwinski (6-1, 190, Sr.)

RB Brandon Shepherd (5-8, 150, Sr.)

WR/DB Garrett Hall (6-3, 190, Jr.)

OL/DL Austin Harshman (5-10, 230, Jr.)

OL/DL Trevor Little (6-2, 240, Jr.)

RB/DB Michael Helton (5-8, 160, Jr.)

WR/DB J.C. Shelton (5-9, 170, So.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Connor Adams (5-10, 220, Jr.)

OL/DL Drake Adams (5-10, 220, Jr.)

LB Joseph Helton (5-10, 175, So.)

LB Kooper Lawson (5-10, 160, So.)

Offense: Wing-T

Defense: 4-4

Coach Sarwinski says...

"We are going to have to grow up quick and improve. It is time for some of our juniors to step up and some sophomores will have to as well." Sarwinski adds that fans can expect to see a "physical, fast, hard-playing and disciplined group."

2016 Outlook

Galena has players. Quarterback P.J. Sarwinski is one of the best pure athletes in the area. Brandon Shepherd is small but can ball. Garrett Hall is a nice big target on the outside for Sarwinski. As just a sophomore, J.C. Shelton can fly. It will be a fun group to watch on offense. If they can be as solid defensively as they were last year, Galena will make a push for the top spot in the CNC. Last season they allowed 20 or more points just four times while pitching three shutouts. With St. Mary's Colgan and Frontenac on tap for their first two games, it won't take long to find out where the Bulldogs stand. The schedule does Galena no favors. They face CNC powers SMC, Frontenac and Columbus all on the road in the regular season.



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Girard High School

League: CNC
Class: 4A-Division II
District: 3
School Colors: Maroon & Gold
Head Coach: Leon Miller
Years in coaching: 29
Years as head coach: 9
Record at GHS: 38-38
Assistant coaches: Craig Siebert, Jeremiah Hudson, Mark McFarland
Radio: KSEK (99.1 FM)
Twitter: @GirardTrojans

Five-Year Trend

2015: 6-4 (First round)
2014: 4-6 (First round)
2013: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2012: 9-2 (Second round)
2011: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Riverton..... W, 20-6
 9/11 Galena..... L, 14-24
 9/18 @ Baxter Springs..... W, 42-6
 9/25 @ Columbus..... L, 21-61
 10/2 Southeast W, 35-8
 10/9 @ Frontenac..... L, 6-33
 10/16 @ Anderson County..... W, 35-8
 10/23 Burlington..... W, 26-0
 10/29 Iola..... W, 28-14

Playoffs

11/6 Frontenac L, 6-38

2016 Schedule

9/2 Frontenac
 9/9 @ Riverton
 9/16 Columbus
 9/23 @ Galena
 9/30 St. Mary's Colgan
 10/7 @ Southeast
 10/14 Anderson County
 10/21 @ Burlington
 10/27 @ Iola

Projected finish: 5-4

2015 Review

For the first time since 2012, the Trojans finished with a winning record, going 6-4 in 2015. Before the season, Coach Miller said the team was going to rely on a lot of young players, and those players stepped up, leading Girard to a district title. Miller says what he's taking away from 2015 is: "If a team works hard and is committed to getting better, they will learn to compete at a high level."

Key Losses

DB Junior Lindbloom

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Returning Starters

OG/DL Austin Lallemand (5-11, 200, Sr.)
 QB/DB Eric Wilson (5-9, 160, Sr.)
 C Jake Bennett (6-0, 215, Sr.)
 TE/DE Jordan Hopson (6-3, 225, Sr.)

LB Matt Sabine (6-0, 180, Jr.)
 LB Josiah Thomason (6-1, 185, Jr.)
 LB Kyler Siebert (5-10, 170, Jr.)
 LB Cam McFarland (5-8, 150, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Cody Leonard (5-9, 250, Jr.)
 WR/DB Austin Noe (5-8, 165, Jr.)
 WR/DL Mitch Murphy (5-7, 145, Jr.)
 TE/DE Will Rasnic (6-1, 180, Jr.)
 TE/DE James Finley (6-0, 170, Jr.)
 RB/DB Creed Curran (5-8, 155, So.)
 OL/DL Tanner Wray (5-8, 245, So.)
 QB/LB Ty Norris (5-7, 140, So.)
 OL/LB Chandler Humble (5-10, 175, So.)

OL/DL Chase Bryant (5-11, 240, So.)
 TE/DE Joseph Dixon (6-2, 165, So.)
 WR/DB Caden Anderson (5-7, 140, So.)
 OL/DL Cole Cuthbertson (5-8, 180, So.)
 OL/DL Wade Boatman (5-9, 225, So.)
 WR/DB Gage Chiartano (5-10, 155, So.)
 OL/DL Carter Doherty (6-3, 190, So.)
 RB/DB Kolton Kirby (5-8, 145, So.)

Offense: I-Formation **Defense:** 50 Front

Coach Miller says...

"We must improve in all areas as you see we get young in a hurry, so we need to develop our young players along with the older kids to develop depth." Miller says that some of the team's strengths will be "experience at the QB, OL/DL, LB, and RB positions... we will try to be as balanced as possible and play hard and fast."

2016 Outlook

The top of the CNC has some heavy hitters, and Girard is looking to become one of them. Coach Miller took a fairly young team last year and turned them into a .500+ squad, and this year he will try to do the same. Experience in key positions might help speed that process up. There are just four seniors coming back from '15, with a load of sophomores and juniors filling out the rest of the roster. If some of the younger players this year can step up and be even slightly above average, we're expecting the Trojans to push for another winning season and maybe even pick off one of the big dogs at the top of the CNC along the way.

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Cubs

Humboldt High School

League: Tri-Valley
Class: 3A
District: 6
School Colors: Black & Orange
Head Coach: Logan Wyrick
Years in coaching: 6
Years as head coach: 2
Record at HHS: 4-5
Assistant coaches: Dave Taylor, Jeremy Weilert, Tell Wyrick
Radio: KINZ (95.3 FM)
Twitter: @CubsHumboldt

Five-Year Trend

2015: 4-5 (No playoffs)
2014: 4-5 (No playoffs)
2013: 8-3 (Second round)
2012: 8-3 (Second round)
2011: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Cherryvale..... L, 26-46
 9/11 @ Quapaw..... W, 50-7
 9/18 Caney Valley..... W, 22-20
 9/25 Neodesha..... L, 6-34
 10/2 @ Eureka..... W, 47-20
 10/9 @ Fredonia..... L, 8-14
 10/16 @ Erie..... L, 28-36
 10/23 St. Mary's Colgan..... L, 8-31
 10/29 @ Northeast..... W, 40-13

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Bluestem
 9/9 @ Cherryvale
 9/16 Neodesha
 9/23 @ Caney Valley
 9/30 Eureka
 10/7 Fredonia
 10/14 Erie
 10/21 @ Jayhawk-Linn
 10/27 Northeast

Projected finish: 4-5

2015 Review

Last season was the first season for head coach Logan Wyrick. The Cubs got off to a 3-2 start in their first five games but finished the year losing three out of four. "I think the most important thing at the high school level is something that we will continue to strive to do, and that is to put our athletes in the best possible situations to succeed as a team," says Coach Wyrick. "That's not always the best for each individual athlete in their mind, but at a school our size, we need to fit the best 11 football players on offense and/or defense at the same time. That asks for a little sacrifice from some athletes who might be better suited to play a certain position but have to play elsewhere for the betterment of the team."

Key Losses

QB/FS Anthony Doran Independence Community College

Returning Starters

OL/DL Colton Riebel (6-2, 230, Sr.)	41 Tackles, 13 TFL, 1 Sack
DL Levi Habiger (5-10, 275, Sr.)	5 Tackles
OL/DL Noah Johnson (5-10, 200, Jr.)	26 Tackles, 2 Fumble Recoveries
DB Hesston Murrow (6-1, 170, Jr.)	33 Tackles, 3 Forced Fumbles
OL/DL Tucker Hurst (6-1, 180, So.)	23 Tackles, 2 TFL

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Zach Korte (6-0, 200, Jr.)	5 Tackles
LB Lance Daniels (6-0, 160, Jr.)	33 Tackles, 5 TFL, 4 Fumble Recoveries
WR/DB Teryn Johnson (6-0, 180, So.)	12 Tackles, 1 TFL
RB/LB Dagen Goodner (5-10, 170, So.)	48 Tackles, 3 TFL, 2 Sacks

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

Coach Wyrick says...

"Last year was my first as a head coach. Spending the previous five years coaching at the collegiate level, I personally had some growing pains not only as a first-year head coach, but learning to work with younger athletes. We took our lumps in a couple games, but I felt overall it was a successful season. A 4-5 overall record wasn't exactly our goal, but with a good group of seniors last season, we came a long way toward changing the culture of the football team to where I want to eventually see it. Even with the losing record, I felt getting a big win against Caney Valley and ending their 41-game league winning streak was a bright spot for us. Also, pushing a couple of the upper-echelon teams that we played showed a lot of the character that the 2015 team had."

2016 Outlook

Coach Wyrick has the perfect attitude to compete with a young team week in and week out. It's difficult to tell what the Cubs will look like on the field after losing so many important players on both sides of the ball. "We will be a very young team next season," says Wyrick. "We have a lot of athletes who have to grow up quickly on the football field for us to be successful. Our ultimate goal every year as a team is to win the league and state title. Obviously, those goals are more realistic some years than others, but if those aren't your ultimate goals, then I don't see what the point in competing is." That's what we like to hear from coaches. You aren't really playing if you're not playing to win. While the results might not be immediately visible for Humboldt, we do expect to see improvement this year and beyond for the Wyrick-led Cubs.

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Bulldogs

League: Southeast Kansas
Class: 4A-Division I
District: 4
School Colors: Orange & Black
Head Coach: Carl Boldra
Years in coaching: 28
Years as head coach: 12
Record at IHS: 47-68
Assistant coaches: Al Speicher,
 John Mangan, Jerry Wilson
Radio: KBIK (102.9 FM)

Five-Year Trend

2015: 7-3 (First round)
2014: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2013: 5-6 (Second round)
2012: 1-8 (No playoffs)
2011: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 **Labette County**..... W, 28-14
 9/11 @ Pittsburg L, 0-46
 9/18 @ Parsons W, 21-16
 9/25 **Caney Valley** W, 46-32
 10/2 @ Chanute W, 32-27
 10/9 @ Fort Scott L, 14-31
 10/16 **Field Kindley** W, 49-6
 10/23 **Winfield** W, 21-14
 10/30 @ Augusta W, 22-7

Playoffs

11/6 **Andover Central**..... L, 13-47

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Caney Valley
 9/9 **Fort Scott**
 9/16 **Parsons**
 9/23 **Basehor-Linwood**
 9/30 @ El Dorado
 10/7 **Anderson County**
 10/14 @ Labette County
 10/21 @ Field Kindley
 10/28 Chanute

Projected finish: 6-3

2015 Review

It was a pretty solid regular season for Independence in 2015. The only two losses for the Bulldogs were against SEK foes Pittsburg and Fort Scott, and the game against the Tigers was just a 10-point affair in the fourth. Indy's 7-2 finish to the regular season put them in the playoffs for the second time in three years. The 'Dogs lost to Andover Central, 47-13, to end their season at 7-3 – the program's first winning campaign since 2011.

Key Losses

RB/LB Max Jones	Independence Community College
DB/P Aaron Medlock	Independence Community College

Returning Starters

OL/DL Peyton Usher-Pearson (Sr.)	First-team Class 4A All-State
OL/DL Seth Stroble (Sr.)	First-team All-SEK League DL
QB/LB Colan Snodgrass (Sr.)	
WR Levi Kemp (Sr.)	
WR Zach Shafer (Sr.)	
RB Will Schabel (Sr.)	
WR Evan Kleiber (Sr.)	
LB Kyle Woods (Sr.)	Second-team All-SEK League LB
CB/KR Chicago Elias (Sr.)	Second-team All-SEK League Return Specialist
S Josh Pralle (Jr.)	Second-team All-SEK League DB

Other Impact Players

C/DL Cory Janasek (Sr.)
 OL/DL Evan Sprague (Sr.)
 LB Jackson Stafford (Sr.)

Offense: I-formation

Defense: 4-3

Coach Boldra says...

"We will throw the ball more this year. Our expectations are to get better each day and care about the team first. Fans can expect to see a hard-working team on the field that will have fun and never give up."

2016 Outlook

There's no reason to expect a drop-off from Independence in 2016. They have a lot of guys back on both sides of the ball, including 2015 All-State selection Peyton Usher-Pearson on the line. This is a team that was picked to finish sixth in the SEK last year and ended up going 4-2 in the league. Three of last year's wins were within seven points, so if Independence continues to be able to close out games in 2016, look for them to be back above .500 again this season. They should put up even better offensive numbers thanks to all the returning skill players who have starting experience.

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Mustangs

League: Pioneer

Class: 4A-Division II

District: 3

School Colors: Blue & Gold

Head Coach: Doug Kerr

Years in coaching: 19

Years as head coach: 5

Record at IHS: 16-20

Assistant coaches:

David Daugharthy, Cody Hager,

Nic Macnulty, Brad Carson

Radio: KIOL (1370 AM)

Five-Year Trend

2015: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2014: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2013: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2012: 6-3 (No playoffs)

2011: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 **Santa Fe Trail** L, 13-41

9/11 @ **Prairie View** L, 14-43

9/19 **Labette County**..... W, 48-33

9/25 @ **Osawatomie** L, 26-47

10/2 **Central Heights** W, 41-6

10/9 **Wellsville**..... L, 6-26

10/16 @ **Burlington**..... W, 28-23

10/23 **Anderson County**..... L, 21-22

10/29 @ **Girard** L, 14-28

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ **Chanute**

9/9 **Prairie View**

9/16 @ **Wellsville**

9/23 **Santa Fe Trail**

9/30 **Parsons**

10/7 @ **Osawatomie**

10/14 **Burlington**

10/21 @ **Anderson County**

10/27 **Girard**

Projected finish: 4-5

2015 Review

For the second straight season the Mustangs finished under .500, going 3-6 and missing out on the postseason. "I think the best part of last season was the fact that we played so many young players in key positions," says Coach Kerr. "They were able to see how much harder they're going to have to work to be successful at the varsity level. We had a small senior class and played a lot of rookies, especially up front on the O and D line. We also dealt with the problem that other schools of our size have in regards to depth. While there were not a ton of injuries, they happened at horrible times and in the same position. This led to us losing most of our games in the fourth quarter when we simply ran out of gas."

Key Losses

OL/DL Ethan Sigg – Butler CC

RB/LB Brice Aiello – Independence CC

WR/DB Gus Luedke – Independence CC

K Mason Key – Independence CC

Returning Starters

QB Ben Cooper (5-9, 150, Sr.)

RB Ethan Scheibmeir (5-9, 175, Sr.)

OL Colten Toney (6-0, 275, Sr.)

DL Trea Williams (5-11, 235, Sr.)

LB Chase Regher (5-11, 160, Sr.)

DB Joey Zimmerman (5-9, 165, Sr.)

DB Isaac Vink (5-9, 145, Jr.)

OL Matt Miller (6-4, 240, Jr.)

DL Evan Sigg (6-1, 195, Jr.)

OL Nick Zimmerman (5-9, 240, So.)

Other Impact Players

TE Ethan Holloway (6-8, 200, Jr.)

OL Canyon Beasley (6-0, 205, Jr.)

RB Tayton Driskell (6-0, 180, So.)

DL Matt Karr (6-1, 215, So.)

Offense: Pistol –Single Wing **Defense:** 4-2-5

Coach Kerr says...

"The greatest strength is the unity that these guys have. Many of them cut their teeth way too early in their careers, but that experience should really pay off this season. This group also has made a commitment to the weight room and has worked hard at being a stronger football team in the fourth quarter. Last season we lost five of our six games in the fourth quarter when we couldn't hold a lead or get a stop when we needed it. The team must show the ability to 'right the ship' after bad breaks happen in games. This is something that we could not do last season."

2016 Outlook

This might be the season that Iola starts to flirt with .500 again. Like Kerr says, a lot of these players took their lumps at a young age. Going through that is not fun, but the payoff usually is. This year Coach Kerr says the team will switch some things up on offense. "We will be going back to an up-tempo style of offense designed to wear down defenses. We are working hard on our fast-break style offense and getting the playbook memorized so we can attack at a faster rate." As for the other side of the ball: "The defense will be light but much more of an attack style that puts lots of pressure on opponents' QBs." This is the fifth year under the same coaching staff for the Mustangs, and they do have plenty of guys returning from a year ago. Iola feels like a team trending in the right direction. "The expectations are going to be set high for each week of the season," says Coach Kerr. "The players are going to believe that they will win every time they walk onto the field. Our goal is to make the playoffs and be a tough opponent to knock out once we get there."



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Jayhawks

Jayhawk-Linn High School

League: Three Rivers

Class: 3A

District: 6

School Colors: Red & Gold

Head Coach: Randy Leach

Years in coaching: 30

Years as head coach: 2

Record at JLHS: 5-5

Assistant coaches: Clint Johnston,
Joe Wunderly, Ripp Harrison

Twitter: @JayhawkLinn

Five-Year Trend

2015: 5-5 (First round)

2014: 3-7 (First round)

2013: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2012: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2011: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 Christ Prep Academy..... L, 6-27

9/11 Fredonia..... L, 0-32

9/19 @ Oswego..... W, 40-14

9/25 Maranatha Christian ... W, 40-26

10/2 Northeast..... W, 27-6

10/9 @ Drexel..... L, 23-62

10/16 @ Wellsville L, 0-60

10/23 @ Central Heights W, 36-8

10/29 West Franklin W, 25-16

Playoffs

11/3 @ St. Mary's Colgan..... L, 6-49

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Neodesha

9/9 Uniontown

9/16 Oswego

9/23 @ Yates Center

9/30 Pleasant Ridge

10/7 @ Drexel

10/14 @ Northeast

10/21 Humboldt

10/28 @ Erie

Projected finish: 6-3

2015 Review

Jayhawk-Linn surprised some folks last year. In Randy Leach's first year as the head man, the Jayhawks finished the regular season over .500 at 5-4. Their regular season included a three-game winning streak from Week 3 to Week 5, a stretch during which they outscored their opponents, 107-46. The 2015 season marked the third straight year Jayhawk-Linn improved its win total from the one before. JLHS made the playoffs once again last year, but just like 2014 they ran into the St. Mary's Colgan Panthers. Coach Leach says the best part of last season was, "the student athletes' attitudes and willingness to work."

Returning Starters

RB/LB Grant Cunningham (6-0, 175, Sr.)

QB/FS Cole McGrew (5-9, 165, Sr.)

WR/DB Trevor Compton (5-8, 145, Sr.)

OL/LB Chad Coleman (5-11, 185, Sr.)

OL/LB Bryce Nation (5-10, 170, Sr.)

OL/DL Chris Doan (6-1, 215, Sr.)

OL/DE Garrett Thompson (5-10, 160, Sr.)

DL Brandon Lewis (5-9, 175, Sr.)

TE/DE Brandon Gray (6-3, 190, Jr.)

RB/LB Harley Stone (5-11, 175, Jr.)

OL/LB Zach Nickelson (5-9, 175, So.)

Other Impact Players

QB/LB Levi Sims (5-7, 150, Jr.)

RB/LB Blaine Morell (5-10, 190, Jr.)

OL/DL Joe Whitley (5-10, 180, Jr.)

RB/DB Hayden Broyles (5-11, 165, So.)

Offense: Option

Defense: 4-4

Coach Leach says...

The strengths of this year's team will be "senior leadership and great work attitude." In order to be successful this year, the team will need to work on "play execution and diversity."

2016 Outlook

Looks like the team buys what Coach Leach is selling. It could be even better for Jayhawk-Linn in 2016. They're coming off their best season in recent memory, and they have plenty of players back who remember what it's like to win. What they did last year obviously worked, and Leach says this year the team will have "a larger selection of offensive plays and defensive schemes." When a coach feels like his team is ready for those two things, it means he likes what he sees out of the guys on the roster.

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Grizzlies

Labette County High School

League: Southeast Kansas
Class: 4A-Division I
District: 4
School Colors: Red & Gold
Head Coach: Sean Price
Years in coaching: 22
Years as head coach: 2
Record at LCHS: 3-6
Assistant coaches: Travis Burk,
 Bradley Argabright, Marcus Shearhart,
 David Brown, Doug Billingsly
Radio: KLKC (1540 AM)
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2014: 2-7 (No playoffs)
2013: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2012: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2011: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Independence.....L, 14-28
 9/11 Osawatomie.....L, 22-54
 9/19 @ Iola.....L, 33-48
 9/25 Parsons.....W, 53-12
 10/2 @ Field Kindley.....W, 55-18
 10/9 Riverton.....W, 41-7
 10/16 @ Paola.....L, 14-55
 10/23 Fort Scott.....L, 25-28
 10/29 @ Chanute.....L, 20-32

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Fredonia
 9/9 Andale
 9/16 Osawatomie
 9/23 Parsons
 9/30 @ Fort Scott
 10/7 Frontenac
 10/14 Independence
 10/21 @ Chanute
 10/27 Field Kindley

Projected finish: 4-5

2015 Review

For the third time in four years, the Labette County Grizzlies finished the year 3-6. Last season was the first for the Grizzlies under head coach Sean Price. "We learned how to practice last year," Price says. "Instead of going through the motions, we were able to teach our players the understanding of why it's important to practice with a purpose. Also, our kids learned to compete at a high level. We could not physically match up with most teams, but players worked very hard at becoming a team and that allowed us to have some success." While winning football games is ultimately what the goal is, Coach Price says, "Coming into a new program, you have to learn about each of your kids. Coaching is about building relationships, and that has been in the forefront for our staff this past year."

Key Losses

WR Klein Ryan	Independence Community College
OL Wyatt Hammack	Independence Community College
K Missy Dantic	University of Kansas (rowing)

Returning Starters

QB Logan Dean (5-10, 160, Sr.)	2,054 Passing yds., 21 TDs
RB Isaiah McPherson (5-11, 190, Sr.)	1,126 Rushing yds., 11 TDs
WR Owyn Back (6-3, 170, Jr.)	17 Rec., 156 Yds.
OL Skylar Gatewood (6-2, 260, Jr.)	
LB Rogan Bruce (5-10, 170, Jr.)	53 Tackles, 6 TFL
LB Tate Phillips (5-10, 180, Jr.)	63 Tackles, 5 TFL
LB Braden Baker (5-11, 190, Jr.)	31 Tackles, 7 TFL
DE Quiency Jones (6-0, 200, Jr.)	63 Tackles, 9 TFL
FS Easton Dean (6-5, 200, So.)	27 Tackles, 3 TFL

Other Impact Players

DL Garrett Bussinger (5-10, 200, Jr.)	6 Tackles
WR Kale Irwin (5-10, 140, So.)	2 Rec., 12 Yds.

Offense: Spread (Air Raid) **Defense:** 5-2

Coach Price says...

"Entering our second year, year-round weights should pay off for us and we should be much more physical. We are a very young team with only five seniors, but have great depth in our junior and sophomore classes and they are very talented. I believe we will be much better on defense with our new defensive coordinator Travis Burk running it. I expect us to be aggressive and sound in our assignments."

2016 Outlook

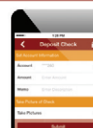
First off, we like the sound of the "Air-Raid" offense. Sounds entertaining. With an experienced quarterback, strong running game, and a big target on the outside, the Grizzlies should be a fun team to watch. With that said, running that type of offense sometimes opens you up to more mistakes, especially with a young team. Coach Price seems to like the talent of his younger class, though. Obviously he wouldn't sling it around if he didn't feel comfortable. "We want to have a winning season and make a trip to the playoffs," he says. Of course, that's what everyone wants. It's been a while since the Grizzlies have done that, but we feel like Price is the right fit and the team is on the rise. Labette could be the team in the SEK that surprises some teams that overlook them this year, somewhat like Independence did in 2015.



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Wildcats

League: Three Rivers
Class: 8-Man Division I
District: 1
School Colors: Orange & Black
Head Coach: Gavin Cole
Years in coaching: 2
Years as head coach: 1
Record at MVHS: 0-0
Assistant coach: Derek Scharf

Five-Year Trend

2015: 4-5 (No playoffs)
2014: 2-7 (No playoffs)
2013: 1-8 (No playoffs)
2012: 10-1 (Quarterfinals)
2011: 7-3 (Quarterfinals)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Chetopa W, 46-20
 9/11 @ Crest W, 56-20
 9/18 Sedan L, 36-44
 9/25 @ Altoona-Midway W, 67-6
 10/2 Marais des Cygnes Valley L, 6-56
 10/9 @ Uniontown L, 8-56
 10/16 Pleasanton W, 68-18
 10/23 @ Waverly L, 34-70
 10/29 St. Paul L, 48-52

2016 Schedule

9/2 Chetopa
 9/9 Crest
 9/16 @ Greenfield
 9/23 @ Altoona-Midway
 9/30 @ Sedan
 10/7 Madison
 10/14 @ St. Paul
 10/21 @ West Elk
 10/28 Southern Coffey County

Projected finish: 4-5

2015 Review

Marmaton Valley improved on their record for the second straight season, going 4-5 in 2015. Like a lot of 8-man teams, their wins were big but so were their losses. The Wildcats lost a heartbreaker, 52-48, in the season finale to St. Paul. Had that game gone the other way, Marmaton Valley would have finished with a winning record for the first time since 2012. This offseason, Gavin Cole was named the new head coach for the Wildcats heading into 2016. "In many cases last year we seemed to be our own worst enemy," Coach Cole, an assistant coach in 2015, says. "Turnovers and penalties plagued us much of the year. Our run defense between the tackles was another weakness we will look to improve on."

Returning Starters

OL/LB Tony Jefferies (5-10, 190, Sr.) JR RB/LB Trevor Wilson (5-10, 165, Jr.)
 SR OL/DL Jake Kale (6-2, 190, Sr.) SO OL/DL Isaac Heskett (5-10, 230, So.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Brandon Allen (6-3, 250, Sr.) TE/DB Brock Hall (5-6, 145, Jr.)
 RB/LB Noah Pilcher (5-9, 195, Sr.) TE/DL Korbin Smith (6-1, 180, Jr.)
 TE/DL Preston Cornett (6-0, 230, Sr.) OL/DL Will Holeman (5-11, 280, Jr.)
 QB/DB Justice Pugh (5-7, 140, Jr.) RB/LB Caiden Elliot (5-11, 175, So.)

Offense: Split-Backs **Defense:** 3-3

Coach Cole says...

"I've been coaching the junior high at Marmaton Valley the past two years and was ready to take this step up to the high school level. I have also helped with the high school for the past two years, so I am familiar with the kids that I will be coaching. I also am a former Marmaton Valley student myself. I graduated in 2008. This program means a lot to me, and I want nothing more than to provide it with some stability and to make it a consistent contender for league and district titles. I will bring a different offensive philosophy to this team (new formations, overhaul of the passing game, etc.). Also, being a hometown guy and having played in this program, I hope to bring a passion, enthusiasm, and sense of pride that will carry over and be very noticeable on the field."

2016 Outlook

Coach Cole is a good dude, and it's always nice to see a player return to his alma mater to coach. For first-year head coaches, it's always a good start to have experienced, talented players up front, and that's what Cole has as he begins his tenure at Marmaton Valley. "We return our front three and also get back another that sat out last year because of injury (Cornett) who started at guard as a sophomore. We should be pretty good up front," Cole says. "We return a very good running back in Trevor Wilson, who should have a very good season if he stays healthy." While it's nice to have the big guys up front back, the Wildcats will have some new faces playing the skill positions on offense. According to Cole, "For us to be successful, we need to have guys step up and fill the holes left at the skill positions. We also will need to take care of the ball better and eliminate costly penalties that hurt us last year." The Wildcats will have to replace a senior class that was responsible for a lot of offensive production in 2015, but Cole believes his current roster is up to the task of putting a winning season on the board. "I want to compete for a league title and a spot in the playoffs. Obviously if we can do that, then our record should reflect that. I want to see overall improvement in all parts of the game and a team that consistently shows up and plays with everything they've got. I think the fans can expect to see a team that plays extremely hard; a tough, hard-nosed team that does the little things in order to win. They'll see a team that controls the line of scrimmage and stays into and finishes blocks; a group with a team-first mentality that plays hard for each other but also for our community and school."








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Bluestreaks

Neodesha High School

League: Tri-Valley

Class: 3A

District: 8

School Colors: Blue & White

Head Coach: John Black

Years in coaching: 25

Years as head coach: 7

Record at NHS: 39-22

Assistant coaches: Jeff Platt,
Nathan West, Kurt Sizemore

Twitter: @neodyfootball

Five-Year Trend

2015: 9-2 (Second round)

2014: 7-3 (First round)

2013: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2012: 7-3 (First round)

2011: 8-2 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Northeast..... W, 40-12

9/11 Yates Center W, 49-14

9/18 Erie W, 38-16

9/25 @ Humboldt..... W, 34-6

10/2 Cherryvale L, 14-20

10/9 @ Burlington. W, 27-11

10/16 Fredonia..... W, 35-0

10/23 @ Caney Valley W, 31-14

10/29 Eureka..... W, 28-14

Playoffs

11/3 Cherryvale W, 31-26

11/7 Wellsville..... L, 7-56

2016 Schedule

9/2 Jayhawk-Linn

9/9 @ Oswego

9/16 @ Humboldt

9/23 Erie

9/30 @ Cherryvale

10/7 Bluestem

10/14 @ Fredonia

10/21 Caney Valley

10/27 @ Eureka

Projected finish: 7-2

2015 Review

Neodesha definitely got off to a good start last season. The Bluestreaks were 4-0 in their first four games, with each of those wins coming by 20 or more points. In Week 5, the 4-0 Streaks met the also 4-0 Cherryvale Chargers. It was a fantastic game, but Neodesha fell just short, losing to the eventual Tri-Valley League champions, 20-14. The Bluestreaks got the last laugh over Cherryvale, though. Finishing the regular season with four straight wins, Neody was back once again in the playoffs, and in Round 1 they sent the Chargers home, 31-26. Coming off what was arguably the most emotional win of the season, the team couldn't hang with Wellsville in Round 2, ending their season with a 56-7 loss to the Eagles.

Returning Starters

OL/DL Jordan Linn (6-1, 270, Sr.)

OL/DL Cole Wooten (5-10, 220, Sr.)

RB/LB Izzy Johnson (5-11, 185, Sr.)

QB Matthew Shinkle (5-10, 145, Sr.)

WR Dalton Mitchell (6-0, 160, Sr.)

RB/OL/LB Hayden Wooten (5-10, 185, Sr.)

RB/DB Drew Stover (5-11, 170, Sr.)

LB Shayne McCane (5-10, 180, Sr.)

DB Michael Shinkle (5-10, 165, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Blaze Grimes (6-2, 215, So.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: 4-3

Coach Black says...

"We lost five very good players last year with two of our top playmakers. Jordin Linn should be a big factor on both sides of our line. Izzy Johnson and Hayden Wooten will be big factors on both sides of the ball."

2016 Outlook

There are more seniors than at a McDonald's before 7 a.m. in the 'Streaks' starting lineup this year. They have players everywhere. When you have seven seniors returning on offense and seven on defense, you're generally in pretty good shape, especially if you were 9-2 the year before. "We have a lot of returners, but we do not have depth," notes Coach Black. "Health will be our main factor this year. Most of these kids know the system, which will be a big plus. I look for a fun year." We see no reason to believe that Neodesha won't be back contending for a Tri-Valley title again this season. The only things that could hinder them are injuries and complacency with last season's success. Look for Jordan Linn and Izzy Johnson to be huge contributors in 2016. Coach Black says of Johnson, "He is the best overall athlete I have seen in a long time."

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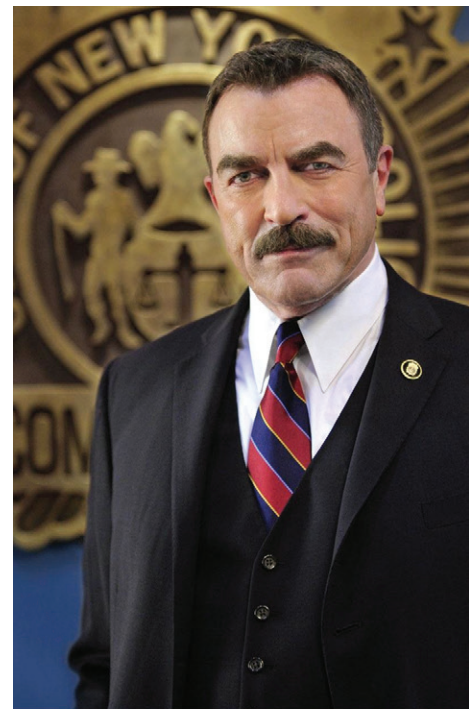
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Vikings

Northeast High School

League: Three Rivers
Class: 3A
District: 6
School Colors: Burgundy & White
Head Coach: Phil Hobbs
Years in coaching: 22
Years as head coach: 9
Record at NHS: 18-55
Assistant coaches:
 Jason Clemensen,
 Jim Leonard, Scott Post

Five-Year Trend

2015: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2014: 6-4 (First round)
2013: 4-5 (No playoffs)
2012: 4-5 (No playoffs)
2011: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 **Neodesha** L, 12-40
 9/11 @ Maranatha Christian W, 35-32
 9/18 @ Anderson County L, 13-63
 9/25 **Oswego** W, 38-6
 10/2 @ Jayhawk-Linn L, 6-27
 10/9 @ Southeast W, 34-24
 10/16 **St. Mary's Colgan** L, 0-52
 10/23 @ Erie L, 12-39
 10/29 **Humboldt** L, 13-40

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Liberal, Mo.
 9/9 **Yates Center**
 9/16 @ Uniontown
 9/23 **Belle Plaine**
 9/30 @ Oswego
 10/7 **Baxter Springs**
 10/14 **Jayhawk-Linn**
 10/21 **Erie**
 10/27 @ Humboldt

Projected finish: 2-7

2015 Review

Things were looking up for Northeast after finishing with a winning record and making the playoffs back in 2014. However, the Vikings took a step back last season. The team finished with their lowest win total since 2011, going 3-6. "We struggled throughout the season with a number of injuries," says Coach Hobbs, "several of which were season ending. We did not put in the necessary work in the weight room to be both successful and to limit injuries. The buy-in and leadership as a whole was not evident. As a coach, I hoped that we were on the right path after our 2014 season and success would breed success. We will concentrate on reinvesting in the weight room and building leadership roles for 2016."

Key Losses

DL Austin Baker

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Returning Starters

OL/LB Jake McDowell (6-1, 210, Sr.)
 OL/DL Vinny Lopez (6-1, 215, Sr.)

OL/DL Luke Cole (6-0, 200, Sr.)
 WR/DB Addison Edwards (6-2, 170, Sr.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Kalib Johnston (6-3, 235, Sr.)
 OL/DL Jared Napier (6-1, 175, Jr.)
 QB Jeremy Dale (5-9, 165, Sr.)

RB/LB Thomas Cronister (5-9, 165, Jr.)
 RB/DB Nathan Boswell (5-8, 160, So.)

Offense: Pistol Spread Option

Defense: 4-2-5

Coach Hobbs says...

"Our offensive and defensive lines should be a major strength and one aspect in which we are experienced. We have a lot of unknowns going into the 2016 season. We will be young and inexperienced in the skill positions at the varsity level. I believe our players will have the right attitude and work ethic to improve each week."

2016 Outlook

It sounds like Coach Hobbs isn't happy about how things went down in 2015. This year he will try to turn things around with a very young team. "Over the past two seasons we have graduated large senior classes," Hobbs says. "We are expecting approximately 18 freshmen that will make up half our team." Northeast is a tough team to predict for this season. They had a solid year in 2014, and then an experienced roster turned around and went 3-6 the following year. The Vikings will have a young core, but we like the fact that Coach Hobbs is "reinvesting in the weight room and building leadership roles." Hobbs adds, "Obviously we want to win our league and win our district. I feel that with the right attitude and effort, both are attainable. Day-to-day and week-to-week, I just want to see improvement in all facets of play." Northeast will build from the trenches out, and if the pieces come together around those big guys, expect to see big improvements from Week 1 to the end of the season.



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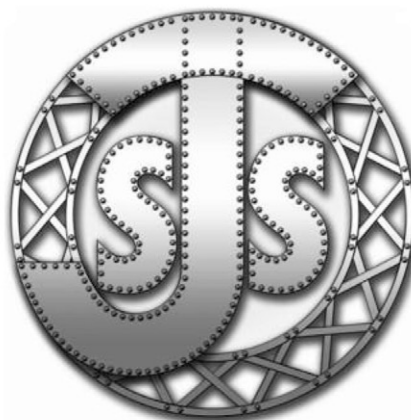
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Indians

Oswego High School

League: Three Rivers
Class: 2-1A
District: 4
School Colors: Red & White
Head Coach: Justin Hurley
Years in coaching: 19
Years as head coach: 1
Record at OHS: 0-0
Assistant coaches:
 Steve McBrien, J.D. Walker

Five-Year Trend

2015: 1-8 (No playoffs)
2014: 4-4 (No playoffs)
2013: 2-7 (No playoffs)
2012: 4-5 (No playoffs)
2011: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 **Maranatha Christian ... W, 20-16**
 9/11 @ Erie..... L, 20-34
 9/18 **Jayhawk-Linn..... L, 14-40**
 9/25 @ Northeast..... L, 6-38
 10/2 @ Lyndon..... L, 14-39
 10/9 **Olpe..... L, 6-40**
 10/16 @ Yates Center..... L, 20-44
 10/23 **Whitewater-Remington... L, 12-45**
 10/29 @ Sacred Heart..... L, 8-34

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Baxter Springs
 9/9 **Neodesha**
 9/16 @ Jayhawk-Linn
 9/23 @ Greenfield
 9/30 **Northeast**
 10/8 **Valley Heights**
 10/14 @ Uniontown
 10/21 **St. Mary's Colgan**
 10/27 **Yates Center**

Projected finish: 1-8

2015 Review

After a win against Maranatha Christian in Week 1, things went south for Oswego. They finished the regular season on an eight-game losing streak to finish under .500 for the fifth straight season. "The biggest challenge was overcoming injuries and playing young, inexperienced players," Coach Hurley says. "From watching film, there was a lot of youth on the field that gained varsity experience. We need to focus on getting bigger, faster, and stronger. There is potential at every position, but we've got to play to that potential as best as we can. If we concentrate on the fundamentals of blocking and tackling, then winning games will become easier."

Returning Starters

WR/DB Devin Wilkerson (5-8, 160, Sr.)
 WR/DB Ethan Garris (5-10, 160, Sr.)
 QB/DE Elijah Elliot (6-4, 180, Sr.)
 RB/LB Bryan Siu (5-8, 160, Sr.)
 OL/LB Cedric Tynon (5-9, 170, Sr.)
 OL/DL Jake Walker (5-10, 240, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL John Young (6-2, 230, Jr.)

Offense: Pistol Flex

Defense: 3-5-3

Coach Hurley says...

"We want to be more physical and have some toughness. We will have more swag. Our upperclassmen have a great work ethic, and that's something they need to help the underclassmen focus on. If we stay injury free, we will be just as competitive as other teams in our league and district."

2016 Outlook

This season will be the first for Justin Hurley as the head coach at Oswego, taking over for his brother, Travis (now at Parsons). "The biggest change will be how the team transitions to a new style of play and switching to a new offense and defense," says Hurley. "Our learning curve should be fairly quick. The seniors ran a similar version of the offense when they were freshmen. It all depends on how much they are willing to study and learn and help bring along the younger players." Hurley says this year's team will have more "swag." Swag comes from winning games, and that's just what he expects his team to do. "My expectations are high. We have a great group of seniors who are ready to win," Hurley adds. "We want to play hard, be tough, win our league, win our district, make the playoffs, and advance. If we stay focused and stay injury free, we could be a tough team to beat when districts start." It's hard to expect a team coming off a one-win season to be competing for a league title the very next season. However, you see it all the time – a new coach comes in and all of a sudden the team looks totally different. We'll see if that's the case for Oswego in 2016.



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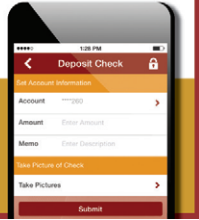


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Vikings

Parsons High School

League: Southeast Kansas

Class: 4A-Division II

District: 4

School Colors: Blue & Gold

Head Coach: Travis Hurley

Years in coaching: 11

Years as head coach: 1

Record at PHS: 0-0

Assistant coaches: Tim Endicott,

Don Barcus, Mark Pound,

Anthony Houk, Barney Pontious

Radio: KLKC (93.5 FM)

Five-Year Trend

2015: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2014: 0-9 (No playoffs)

2013: 0-9 (No playoffs)

2012: 0-9 (No playoffs)

2011: 7-3 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4 **Fort Scott**..... L, 7-24

9/11 @ Field Kindley W, 40-0

9/21 **Independence** L, 16-21

9/25 @ Labette County L, 12-53

10/2 **Pittsburg**..... L, 7-41

10/9 @ Chanute W, 27-20^{OT}

10/16 **Frontenac** L, 13-34

10/23 **Baxter Springs**..... W, 62-6

10/29 @ Columbus..... L, 7-48

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Fort Scott

9/9 **Field Kindley**

9/16 @ Independence

9/23 **Labette County**

9/30 @ Iola

10/7 **Chanute**

10/14 @ Frontenac

10/21 @ Baxter Springs

10/28 **Columbus**

Projected finish: 2-7

2015 Review

Last year was the best season for Parsons since 2011. After three straight winless seasons, the Vikings went 3-6 under head coach Marc Svaty, picking up two wins in the SEK. Besides picking up their first win in Week 3 against Field Kindley, the highlight of the season for the Vikings was in Week 6 against Chanute. On the road, Parsons pulled out a 27-20 win against the Blue Comets in double overtime – their first overtime win since 2003. Coach Svaty left the program in the offseason to take a head-coaching gig at Fredonia, and Travis Hurley was named head coach at Parsons in March.

Returning Starters

WR/DB Hunter

Barcus (5-10, 145, Sr.)

RB/LB Tyler Metcalf (5-8, 150, Sr.)

OL Josh O'Hara (5-11, 190, Sr.)

RB/LB Brett Houk (6-0, 210, Sr.)

OL/DL Jordan

Redmond (5-10, 240, Sr.)

WR/DB Jmar Green (5-9, 140, Sr.)

OL/DL Tyler Gress (6-2, 280, Sr.)

OL/DL Taylor Gress (6-2, 280, Sr.)

RB/LB T.J. Mayhue (5-7, 185, Jr.)

OL Tony Archuletta (6-1, 220, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

RB/LB Kamron Beard (5-6, 140, Sr.)

OL/DL Adam Gharmalker (5-10, 220, Sr.)

WR/DB Keshawn Anderson (5-9, 145, Jr.)

RB/LB Caden Heiskell (6-0, 185, Jr.)

QB/DB Gavynn Larson (5-9, 145, Jr.)

WR/DB Deante Kelly (5-8, 150, Jr.)

RB/LB Malik Robinson (5-11, 160, Jr.)

QB/DB Gage Friess (5-8, 150, So.)

TE/LB Patrick Loadholtz (6-1, 210, So.)

RB/LB Joel Schibi (5-9, 160, So.)

OL/DL Dalton Misener (5-7, 155, So.)

RB/LB Anthony Keaton (5-8, 150, So.)

TE/DE Luke Walgamott (6-4, 200, So.)

OL/DL Trey Martinez (5-10, 210, So.)

WR/DB Davonte Yates (6-2, 150, So.)

QB/DB Silas Russell (5-8, 140, Sr.)

Offense: Spread Option **Defense:** 4-4

Coach Hurley says...

"I began my teaching and coaching career in Parsons in 2007, and I enjoyed my time here. Many of the people that I worked with then are still in Parsons. I left to further advance my career, but I was always open to the possibility of coming back to Parsons. The timing was right for my family and me to make the move this year when the head football job came open. I believe that this program has the potential to be great again with consistency and hard work."

2016 Outlook

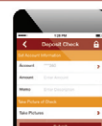
Coach Hurley comes over from Oswego where he went 7-19 in his three seasons as head coach. Coach Svaty did a good job of bringing excitement back to the Parsons football program, and Hurley is the perfect guy to build even more momentum. "[Fans can expect to see] a tough, fundamentally sound football team that will play hard for four quarters," says Hurley. "We will play fast and physical." Hurley added that the team needs to improve on work ethic and chemistry, and needs to develop depth along the offensive and defensive lines. He has four senior linemen returning from last season, but depth is always important when it comes to the guys up front. Heading into his first year, Hurley knows what his team needs to do to compete in the SEK. "We will develop a work ethic and mental toughness that will allow us to be successful," Hurley says. "We expect to compete for a district title."



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Pittsburg High School

Purple Dragons

League: Independent
Class: 5A
District: East
School Colors: Purple & White
Head Coach: Tom Nickelson
Years in coaching: 20
Years as head coach: 6
Record at PHS: 35-14
Assistant coaches:
 Ben Bernhardt, Leroy O'Bray,
 Matt Butler, Kris Mengarelli,
 Trevor Elliott, Jeff Johnson,
 Cody Murdock, Luke Lee
Radio: KKOW (860 AM)
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 9-2 (Second round)
2014: 9-2 (Second round)
2013: 6-3 (No playoffs)
2012: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2011: 6-3 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Field Kindley W, 57-14
 9/11 Independence W, 46-0
 9/18 @ Fort Scott W, 37-0
 9/25 Chanute W, 56-13
 10/2 @ Parsons W, 41-7
 10/9 Arkansas City W, 56-0
 10/16 @ Blue Valley West W, 56-13
 10/23 @ Blue Valley Southwest W, 35-7
 10/30 St. Thomas Aquinas L, 3-35

Playoffs

11/6 @ Shawnee Heights W, 49-0
 11/13 Mill Valley L, 21-56

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Harrisonville
 9/9 @ Chanute
 9/16 Webb City
 9/23 Fort Scott
 9/30 Andover Central
 10/7 @ Carl Junction
 10/14 @ Bonner Springs
 10/21 Wichita North

Projected finish: 5-3

2015 Review

Pittsburg was a fun team to watch in 2015. Even after losing one of the best running backs in the state to graduation, the Dragons put up 40 or more points seven times in 11 games. "The players worked extremely hard and maximized their talent," says Coach Nickelson. "We were not very big but our players were very physical and played with a lot of heart." Pittsburg started the season hot, going 8-0 right off the bat before losing their regular season finale against St. Thomas Aquinas. In the first round of the playoffs, the Dragons posted their fourth shutout of the season, beating Shawnee Heights 49-0. One week later Pittsburg lost to Mill Valley to end the season at 9-2 for the second straight year.

Key Losses

WR/DB Zack Roark – Pittsburg State	RB/LB Adrian Scroggins – Independence CC
TE/DE Dylan Untereker – Pittsburg State	RB/DB Sherrick Rogers – Independence CC
QB/DB Spencer Turnbull – Pittsburg State	OL/DL Dana Coerver – Independence CC
FB/LB Will Mengarelli – Emporia State	WR/DB Chiantia Allen – Independence CC

Returning Starters

TE/DE Trevor Kent (6-5, 250, Sr.)	OL/DL Deveron Duncan (6-3, 250, Sr.)	OL Drew White (6-0, 210, Sr.)
WR/DB Elijah Harris (5-10, 165, Sr.)	OL/DL Kayne Hutchison (6-0, 255, Sr.)	LB Keyth Waltrip (5-9, 160, Sr.)

Other Impact Players

TE/DE Nathan Woods (6-3, 225, Sr.)	WR/LB Jake Webb (6-5, 175, Sr.)	TE/DE Tye Cicero (6-0, 180, Jr.)
FB Noah Vaughn (5-10, 200, Sr.)	WR Kagan Cole (5-9, 160, Sr.)	RB/LB Crispin
OL/DT Josh Newport (6-0, 260, Sr.)	WR/DB Nick Sandberg (5-9, 165, Sr.)	vonWinkelpleck (5-10, 180, Jr.)
WR/DB Skylur	WR/DB Corbin Russell (5-10, 140, Sr.)	RB/DB Corbin Jefferson (5-7, 160, Jr.)
vonWinkelpleck (5-8, 150, Sr.)	OL/DT Reese Willis (6-0, 228, Jr.)	K Nathan Neef (5-10, 215, Jr.)

Offense: Multiple "I" **Defense:** 4-3

Coach Nickelson says...

"We will need to improve in every phase of the game to be successful with our schedule, but offensively we will have an entirely new starting backfield that will have to gel quickly. Defensively we will be starting three new secondary people. They will have to adjust to the speed of the game very quickly. Fans can expect to see the team compete hard and play the game with passion. They will see a team that respects the game and their opponent."

2016 Outlook

The Pittsburg Purple Dragons moved out of the Southeast Kansas League this season, and look at that schedule! A big reason for the move out of the SEK was to beef up the regular-season schedule to better prepare the team for the playoffs. Pittsburg will face three Missouri teams that are highly ranked in the state, starting on the road against Harrisonville in Week 1. That game, paired with Webb City in Week 3 and Carl Junction in Week 6, makes Pittsburg's schedule one of the most entertaining in the Four States. Eight players from last year's team moved on to play in college, and there are plenty of holes to fill in 2016. "We will have an entirely new starting backfield," Coach Nickelson says. "We need new leaders to step up and take charge of the attitude, effort, and focus of the team during practice, weight room, film, and classroom sessions." Just because they lost some talent in the backfield doesn't mean they won't be strong in other aspects of the game. "I think one of our strengths will be our kicking game with Nathan Neef," Coach Nickelson adds. "Our defensive line should be very aggressive and athletic as well." With the schedule they have, by the time the playoffs roll around, there will be no question where the Dragons stand.



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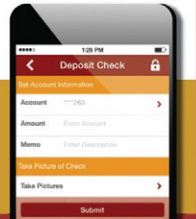
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Blu-Jays

Pleasanton High School

League: Three Rivers
Class: 8-Man Division II
District: 1
School Colors: Blue & White
Head Coach: Dustin Johnson
Years in coaching: 10
Years as head coach: 2
Record at PHS: 1-8
Assistant coach: Rob Dent

Five-Year Trend

2015: 1-8 (No playoffs)
2014: 1-8 (No playoffs)
2013: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2012: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2011: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Crest..... L, 14-64
 9/11 Altoona-Midway W, 60-0
 9/18 Chetopa L, 44-46
 9/25 @ Sedan..... L, 0-51
 10/2 @ Waverly L, 44-83
 10/9 St. Paul..... L, 14-62
 10/16 @ Marmaton Valley L, 18-68
 10/23 Uniontown L, 6-52
 10/30 @ Marias des Cygnes Valley ... L, 6-58

2016 Schedule

9/1 @ St. Paul
 9/9 Greenfield
 9/16 @ Marais de Cygnes Valley
 9/23 Lebo
 9/30 TBA
 10/7 Waverly
 10/14 @ Chetopa
 10/21 Altoona-Midway
 10/27 @ Crest

Projected finish: 1-7

2015 Review

Last season was the second straight during which Pleasanton finished the season with just one victory. That one victory was in Week 2, and it was a 60-0 pounding of Altoona-Midway. "We had to fight injury and inexperienced young players all season," says Coach Johnson. "With the young group we had, the best part of last season was learning to play together and play hard, regardless of numbers, and continuing to build to the future knowing that we are building up our program."

Key Losses

TE/LB Mason Ralle Fort Scott Community College

Returning Starters

WR/LB Ronnie Duncan (5-11, 160, Sr.) 33 Rec., 603 Yds.
 DB Hunter Secrest (5-7, 135, Sr.)
 RB/DB Nate Miller (5-10, 150, Jr.) 400 Rushing yds.
 TE/DE Tayler George (6-3, 180, Jr.)
 QB/DB Kaden McKee (5-9, 145, Jr.) 1,000 Passing yds., 390 Rushing yds.
 OL/DL Turner Dent (6-0, 155, So.)
 OL/DL Jeb Ralle (5-9, 150, So.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Tyler Cunningham (6-2, 250, Jr.)
 WR/LB Austin Ralle (5-10, 140, So.)

Key Newcomers

WR/DB Kasen McKee (5-4, 115, Fr.)
 QB/LB Cole Cunningham 5-8, 130, Fr.)

Offense: Wide Open **Defense:** Multiple Sets

Coach Johnson says...

"We lost three seniors who played key roles, so there will be new faces stepping up and taking over. (Fans should expect to see)... up-tempo play with everyone having a role, playing a fun, flying-around type of football. We have to get better on defense. We also need to improve our overall team strength."

2016 Outlook

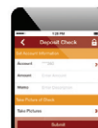
Coach Johnson is right. The team did play plenty of young players last season. It's a rough process, but sometimes you don't have a choice, and eventually it leads to improvement. Johnson says he thinks the team's strength will be "returning players at the skill positions as well as on the line. Our younger kids all played plenty of minutes last season, so we go into the season with a lot of experience." Pleasanton is still trying to lay that foundation for the future of the program. One of these seasons it's going to stick. For now, the Jays are just trying to be competitive every week and make the long climb back to .500 in the coming years.



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Rams

League: CNC

Class: 3A

District: 7

School Colors:

Royal Blue & Vegas Gold

Head Coach: H.T. Kinney

Years in coaching: 27

Years as head coach: 1

Record at RHS: 0-0

Assistant coaches: Johnny Mallatt,

Danny Weaver, Kip Whitely

Twitter: @rivertonrams

Five-Year Trend

2015: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2014: 5-5 (First round)

2013: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2012: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2011: 5-4 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 Girard L, 6-20

9/11 @ Frontenac L, 14-33

9/18 St. Mary's Colgan L, 0-37

9/25 Baxter Springs W, 29-13

10/2 @ Columbus L, 14-40

10/9 @ Labette County L, 7-41

10/16 Southeast W, 40-20

10/23 @ Cherryvale L, 24-28

10/29 @ Galena L, 14-49

2016 Schedule

9/2 Columbus

9/9 Girard

9/16 @ Field Kindley

9/23 Frontenac

9/30 @ Baxter Springs

10/7 @ St. Mary's Colgan

10/14 @ Southeast

10/21 Cherryvale

10/27 Galena

Projected finish: 2-7

2015 Review

Last season was a step back for the Riverton Rams. After finishing at an even .500 and making the playoffs in 2014, the Rams finished last season 2-7. Their only two wins came in Week 4 against Baxter Springs and Week 7 against Southeast. If you need proof of how tough the CNC is, look at Week 8. Riverton played Cherryvale within four points, and the Chargers were 8-2 out of the Tri-Valley League. The 2015 season was the last for Ryan McFarland as the head coach at Riverton. McFarland accepted a position as the head coach at Seneca High School in Missouri, and H.T. Kinney was named the new head coach of the Rams this offseason.

Returning Starters

RB/LB Jacob McCorkle (Sr.)

LB/DB Ryan Miner (Sr.)

OL/DL Dakota Ferguson (Sr.)

RB/LB Jarrett Ebner (Jr.)

TE/LB Jared McMaster (Jr.)

OL/DL Blythe Ipock (Jr.)

TE/LB Max Boney (Jr.)

Other Impact Players

RB/DB Jeremiah Wald (Jr.)

TE/DE Nick Huffman (Jr.)

TE/DE Matt Teel (So.)

Coach Kinney says...

"[I took the job because] I had an opportunity to be a head coach in a community that's well respected in the area. I knew it had a good reputation. [The players] have shown so far a great ability to want to get better, and if we can continue to build on that we'll be successful. They appear to be hungry."

2016 Outlook

This will be Coach Kinney's first season as the head coach at Riverton. Kinney last coached at Missouri Southern where he was co-offensive coordinator. "The biggest thing right now is we've got to increase the number of student-athletes participating in football," says Kinney. "We just have to get more young men out for football. We've got to increase our numbers." Riverton will be a pretty young team heading into the season with only three senior starters returning for their final year with the program. Despite being young, Kinney says he expects his team to be fundamentally sound and well disciplined. "Our expectations as a coaching staff might be higher than what some other people expect us to do, which is fine," Kinney says. Coming out of the MIAA, Coach Kinney knows what it's like playing in a conference where there are no cupcake opponents. He'll have to deal with the exact same thing for his first year in the CNC.



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Panthers

St. Mary's Colgan High School

League: CNC

Class: 2-1A

District: 4

School Colors: Blue & White

Head Coach: Chuck Smith

Years in coaching: 43

Years as head coach: 37

Record at SMC: 335-66

Assistant coaches: Kyle Wolf,

Brad Snow, Stu Jeck, Virgil Winn

Radio: KOOJ (93.1 FM)

Twitter: @SMC_Panthers

Five-Year Trend

2015: 9-3 (Quarterfinals)

2014: 9-3 (Quarterfinals)

2013: 9-3 (Quarterfinals)

2012: 8-4 (Quarterfinals)

2011: 11-1 (Semifinals)

2015 Results

9/3 Galena.....L, 0-7

9/11 @ Baxter Springs.....W, 46-6

9/18 @ Riverton.....W, 37-0

9/24 Southeast.....W, 44-0

10/2 Frontenac.....W, 28-21

10/8 Columbus.....L, 40-43

10/16 @ Southeast.....W, 52-0

10/23 @ Humboldt.....W, 31-8

10/29 Erie.....W, 48-0

Playoffs

11/3 Jayhawk-Linn.....W, 49-6

11/7 Galena.....W, 28-14

11/13 @ Rossville.....L, 32-42

2016 Schedule

9/1 Galena

9/9 Baxter Springs

9/16 @ Frontenac

9/23 @ Columbus

9/30 @ Girard

10/7 Riverton

10/14 Yates Center

10/21 @ Oswego

10/28 @ Uniontown

Projected finish: 6-3

2015 Review

The 2015 season was a rollercoaster for the St. Mary's Colgan Panthers. Right off the bat they were stunned at home by Galena, failing to score in a 7-0 loss. After that, though, they went on a tear. In the following four games, SMC went 4-0, outscoring their opponents, 155-27, during that stretch. Then came the Columbus game. They had the Titans on the ropes. The Panthers had Columbus down 26-15 at home but couldn't finish the job, losing 43-40. Just like after their Week 1 loss, the team bounced back to win three straight and advance to the postseason. In the postseason, they pounded Jayhawk-Linn and got their revenge on Galena before ending the season with a 42-32 loss to the eventual state champion Rossville. "Last season felt like a great season," says Head Coach Chuck Smith, "I really enjoyed the senior class. They were just good people and good football players, and they did a good job representing our area."

Returning Starters

C Jacob Otter (5-9, 165, Sr.)

OT Connor Smith (6-4, 184, Sr.)

DB Drew Beck (5-9, 170, Sr.)

SS Garrett VanBecelaere (5-8, 155, Sr.)

DE Alex Brown (5-11, 180, Sr.)

LB Bryce Hutchins (5-10, 175, Jr.)

Offense: Wide Open (a bit of everything)

Defense: 5-2 Base

Coach Smith says...

"In the CNC any Friday night, anybody can be competitive. I think the league is really going to be good. We'll have to stay injury free to be successful because we won't be very deep."

2016 Outlook

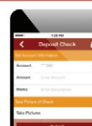
Coach Smith is right about a couple of things. Just like recent years, the CNC will be ultra-competitive. Also, this year's St. Mary's Colgan team will not be very deep. There will be plenty of new faces on the field after graduating a solid group of seniors last season. A new group of upperclassmen will have to fill those shoes. "We have a good number of seniors again this year. We need them to be positive like last year's seniors," says Coach Smith, "The whole backfield is going to be new; most of our offensive line will be new. When you look at that, the kids are really going to have to step up." With all that said, Colgan is Colgan. Graduate and reload is what they do. The difference between first and fifth in the CNC could be razor thin this year. A lot of that will be sorted out in Weeks 3-5, when SMC goes on the road to face Frontenac, Columbus, and Girard in consecutive weeks. If the Panthers can stay healthy, look for them to once again make some noise at the top of the league. Coach Smith adds, "I expect the kids to play hard and have a great attitude like all Colgan teams have in the past."



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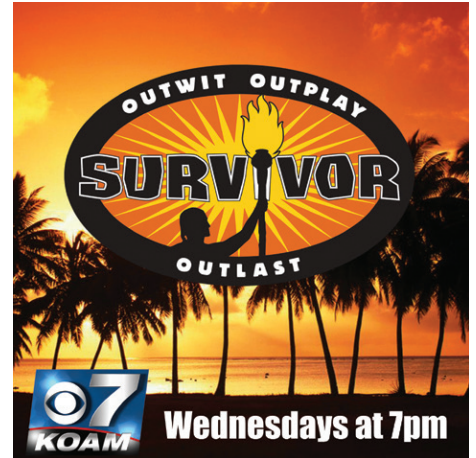
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Indians

League: Three Rivers
Class: 8-Man Division I
District: 1
School Colors: Maroon & Gold
Head Coach: Keith Wiatrak
Years in coaching: 18
Years as head coach: 3
Record at SPSHS: 9-9
Assistant coach: Randy Stoneking
Radio: KKOY (105.5 FM)

Five-Year Trend

2015: 6-3 (No playoffs)
2014: 3-6 (No playoffs)
2013: 1-7 (No playoffs)
2012: 6-2 (No playoffs)
2011: 6-3 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 West Elk.....L, 48-70
 9/11 ChetopaW, 44-20
 9/18 @ Altoona-Midway.....W, 45-0
 9/25 @ Crest.....W, 52-16
 10/2 UniontownL, 20-66
 10/9 @ PleasantonW, 62-14
 10/16 WaverlyW, 78-52
 10/23 Marais des Cygnes Valley...L, 34-68
 10/29 @ Marmaton ValleyW, 52-48

2016 Schedule

9/1 Pleasanton
 9/8 @ Chetopa
 9/16 @ Frankfort
 9/22 TBA
 9/30 @ Madison
 10/7 @ West Elk
 10/14 Marmaton Valley
 10/21 @ South Coffey County
 10/27 Sedan

Projected finish: 6-2

2015 Review

After finishing 3-6 in his first season as the head coach at St. Paul, Keith Wiatrak led the Indians to their first winning season since 2012, finishing 6-3. Wiatrak says the biggest challenge of 2015 was "learning how to win again. We had lost our confidence over the last few years, and it takes confidence to win games. Plus, we fought through some major injuries early in the season." Wiatrak adds, "I had the privilege of coaching a group of boys who worked hard and had virtually no problems the entire year. It's exciting to know 90 percent of these boys will be returning as juniors and seniors."

Returning Starters

QB/DB Noah Winter (5-8, 165, Sr.) 385 Pass. yds, 12 TDs; 891 Rushing yds., 16 TDs
 RB/LB Chandler Struthers (6-0, 170, Sr.) 210 Rec. yds., 7 TDs; 823 Rushing yds., 18 TDs
 TE/LB Patrick O'Brien (6-4, 210, Sr.)
 TE/DE Jace McCracken (6-2, 195, Sr.)
 LB Cameron Parker (6-0, 190, Sr.)
 OL/DL Anthony Albertini (6-1, 215, Jr.)
 OL Koby Spielbusch (5-11, 190, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

DB Braven Born (5-9, 160, Jr.)
 TE Hunter Pollman (6-0, 170, Jr.)
 TE Grant Hutcherson (6-0, 170, Jr.)

Offense: Basic "I"

Defense: 3-2

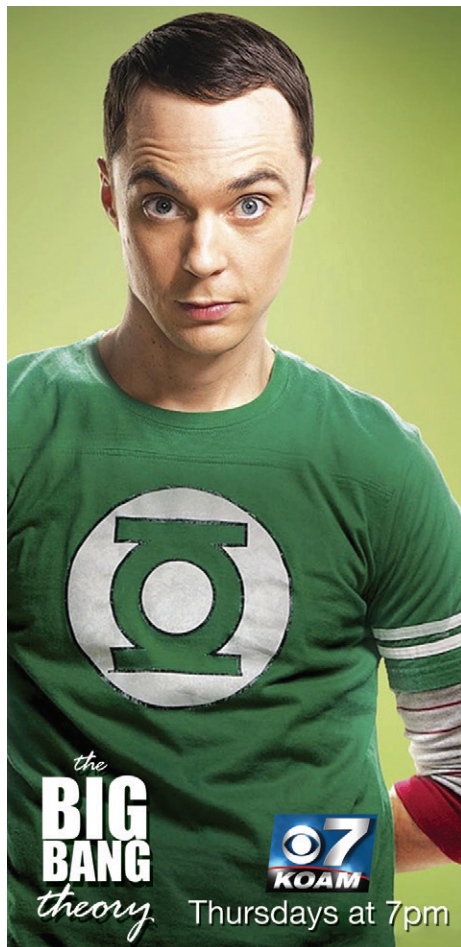
Coach Wiatrak says...

"We will primarily be putting juniors and seniors on the field. This is the first time in several years we have had the capability to do so. I have an unbelievable group of young men in regards to character, work ethic, and team comradery."

2016 Outlook

Things are looking even better for St. Paul this season. They did graduate a 1,000-yard rusher in Alex VanLeeuwen, but Noah Winter and Chandler Struthers will step in nicely. At quarterback in 2015, Winter rushed for nearly 900 yards and 16 touchdowns, while Struthers wasn't far behind, rushing for 823 yards and 18 scores. "My main goal is to make sure my student athletes enjoy this sport and the teammates they are playing next to," says Coach Wiatrak. "As with all coaches, I want to win our league and finish at the top of our district. This starts with winning our first game of the season." Wiatrak also adds that the team needs to "continually get in the weight room and find a way to get better on defense." With a very solid group of juniors and seniors and an offense that will open things up on the ground, we expect the Indians to be back over .500 and pushing for a playoff berth in 2016.





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Lancers

League: CNC

Class: 3A

District: 7

School Colors: Columbia Blue & White

Head Coach: Jerrad Hansen

Years in coaching: 9

Years as head coach: 3

Record at SHS: 3-15

Assistant coaches:

Nick Cheney, David Dainty

Twitter: @usd247

Five-Year Trend

2015: 0-9 (No playoffs)

2014: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2013: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2012: 6-3 (No playoffs)

2011: 1-8 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 Baxter Springs L, 7-32

9/11 Columbus L, 8-50

9/18 @ Frontenac L, 0-40

9/24 @ St. Mary's Colgan L, 0-44

10/2 @ Girard L, 8-35

10/9 Northeast L, 24-34

10/16 @ Riverton L, 20-40

10/23 Galena L, 0-49

10/29 @ Cherryvale L, 0-49

2016 Schedule

9/2 @ Uniontown

9/9 @ Columbus

9/16 @ Sarcoxie

9/23 @ Baxter Springs

9/30 Girard

10/7 Frontenac

10/14 Riverton

10/21 @ Galena

10/28 Cherryvale

Projected finish: 0-9

2015 Review

The Lancers want to put 2015 behind them ASAP. Not only did the team finish the year 0-9, they were shutout in four games and only managed 20-plus points twice. "The best part of last year is that we kept fighting and improving," says Coach Hansen. "The year did not go as planned and we had a few injuries and adversity, but the boys showed great character and fought all year long." Last year was just Hansen's second with the team, and the good news is there's nowhere to go but up for Southeast.

Key Losses

RB/DE Chandler Jackson

QB/DB Dylan Lawrence

RB/LB Cameron Paasch

OL/LB Colton Paasch

OL/DL Sam Holsinger

OL/DL Tucker Mosely

Pittsburg State University

Missouri Valley College

Independence Community College

Independence Community College

Fort Scott Community College

Fort Scott Community College

Returning Starters

QB/DB Caleb Fenimore (5-7, 140, Sr.)

OL/DL Aaron Sterling (6-2, 285, Sr.)

OL/DL Foster Martin (5-9, 240, Sr.)

RB/LB Colton Trejo (5-11, 200, Sr.)

RB/DB Austin Hunt (5-6, 138, Jr.)

OL/DL Noah Newcomb (6-0, 250, So.)

Other Impact Players

RB/DB Clayton Wilkins (Sr.)

QB/DB Brett Malle (So.)

TE/DE Jaret Brumback (So.)

RB/LB Shane Hendricks (Jr.)

RB/LB Gage Large (So.)

OL/DL Hunter Chrysler (So.)

Offense: Option Defense: 4-4

Coach Hansen says...

"We will need to become more fundamentally sound in all aspects of the game. I expect that we will work hard and have fun. I also expect us to compete every single week and to improve all year. My goal is to improve and to make it to playoffs."

2016 Outlook

The Lancers will be fairly young in 2016, but they will have to grow up quickly. Southeast won't see their home field until late September, opening the season with four straight road games. The CNC is always tough, and this year is no different. Coach Hansen will have his work cut out for him. Year 3 for a new coach is when you usually start to see some improvement, and we expect that from Coach Hansen and the Lancers.

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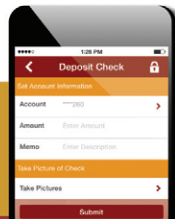
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Eagles

Uniontown High School

League: Three Rivers
Class: 2-1A
District: 4
School Colors: Black & Orange
Head Coach: Chad Hays
Years in coaching: 6
Years as head coach: 1
Record at UHS: 0-0
Assistant coaches:
 Dustin Miller, Willie Hathaway

Five-Year Trend

2015: 9-1 (First round)
2014: 6-4 (First round)
2013: 6-3 (No playoffs)
2012: 4-5 (No playoffs)
2011: 4-5 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 **Altoona-Midway** W, 58-0
 9/11 @ Madison/Hamilton W, 44-14
 9/18 **Crest**..... W, 52-0
 9/25 @ Chetopa..... W, 50-0
 10/2 @ St. Paul..... W, 66-20
 10/9 **Marmaton Valley** W, 56-8
 10/16 @ Marais des Cygnes Valley... W, 80-40
 10/23 @ Pleasanton W, 52-6
 10/29 **Waverly** W, 60-12

Playoffs

11/3 **Central (Burden)** L, 50-70

2016 Schedule

9/2 **Southeast**
 9/9 @ Jayhawk-Linn
 9/16 **Northeast**
 9/23 **Christ Prep**
 9/30 @ Olpe
 10/7 @ Maranatha Christian
 10/14 **Oswego**
 10/21 @ Yates Center
 10/28 **St. Mary's Colgan**

Projected finish: 5-4

2015 Review

The rise of the Uniontown Eagles continued in 2015. And man, did they put up some points. We know they played 8-man in 2015, but regardless, their numbers were impressive. In all but one game of the season, Uniontown scored 50 points, topping 60 three times. For the second time in as many years the Eagles made the playoffs, but also for the second straight year, they were bounced in the first round. After completing the regular season with a 9-0 record, Uniontown ended the year by falling to Central of Burden in Round 1, 70-50. With the departure of Chad Stroud, former assistant Chad Hays will be the head coach for Uniontown coming into this season.

Returning Starters

OG/LB Cale Cohan (5-8, 191, Sr.)
 DE Gavin Fry (6-0, 195, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Garrett Elder (6-5, 235, Sr.)
 OL/DL Colt Sutterby (6-4, 235, Sr.)

Offense: Spread

Defense: 4-4

Coach Hays says...

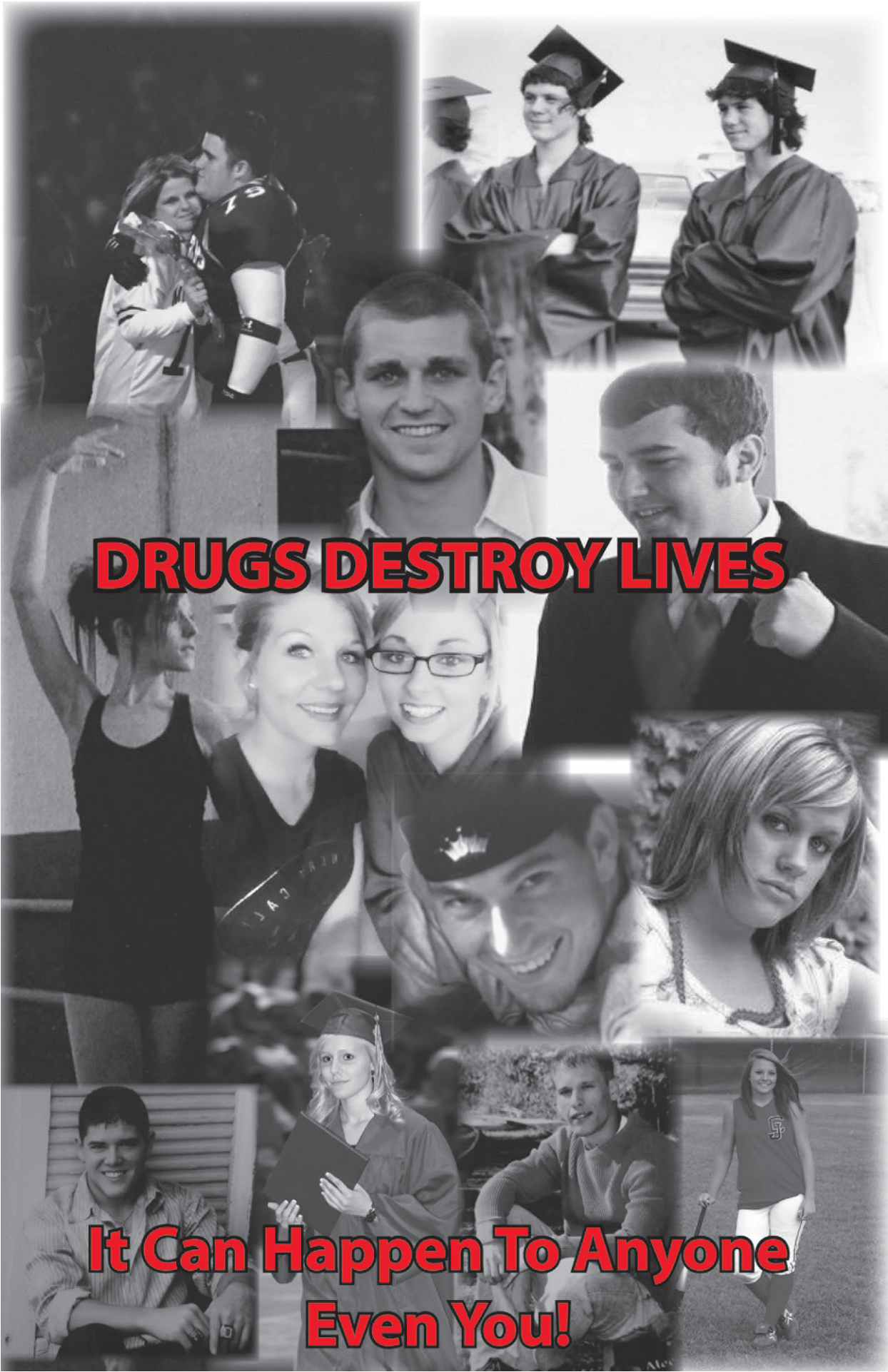
"The best part of last season was seeing all the hard work the boys put into the program the last four years really pay off. It was Uniontown's first undefeated regular season since the early 70s. This goes to show what a special group those young men were and how much they impacted our program now and in the future. I'm excited to be the new head coach at Uniontown. I've lived and breathed Uniontown football my whole life. Having grown up in the area and played high school ball here, I know the history and tradition that Uniontown football has and I'm excited to continue that."

2016 Outlook

There are some big changes this year for Uniontown football. First, they have a new head coach in Chad Hays. "There is always quite a bit of change that comes with a coaching change," says Hays. "We will be doing some different things on the offensive side of the ball that should make it fun for the kids." In addition to a new head coach, the Eagles will be playing 11-man this season. It will be a big change for a fairly young team. After being senior heavy last year, Uniontown has just two returning starters from 2015. "Anytime you have a lot of success, you worry about complacency," adds Coach Hays. "But with the group of players we had last year, that never became an issue. We had young men show up every day ready to improve." The Eagles will be young, with a new coach, and playing a different game this season. You can't reasonably expect the team to duplicate last season's success, but we do believe they will be fun to watch.

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Aurora High School

Houn Dawgs

Conference: Big 8

Class: 3

District: 4

School Colors: Red & Black

Head Coach: Kale Kilgo

Years in coaching: 7

Years as head coach: 2

Record at AHS: 9-5

Assistant coaches:

Kanin Rook, Phillip Montgomery,
Eric Lenox, Austin Lawrence

Twitter: @AuroraMoHS

Five-Year Trend

2015: 9-5 (Semifinals)

2014: 6-5 (Second round)

2013: 6-6 (Third round)

2012: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2011: 6-5 (First round)

2015 Results

8/21 @ Cassville..... L, 20-21

8/28 McDonald County W, 56-21

9/4 Carl Junction..... L, 14-45

9/11 @ Seneca..... W, 50-8

9/19 @ Mount Vernon..... W, 49-14

9/25 Monett..... L, 6-13

10/2 @ Nevada..... W, 29-7

10/9 Lamar L, 0-41

10/16 @ East Newton..... W, 47-7

Playoffs

10/23 Hollister W, 42-13

10/30 Monett..... W, 25-11

11/6 @ Reeds Spring W, 27-21

11/14 Mountain Grove W, 14-12

11/21 Odessa..... L, 7-14

2016 Schedule

8/19 Mountain Grove

8/26 Liberty (Mountain View)

9/2 @ Lamar

9/9 East Newton

9/16 Monett

9/23 @ Seneca

9/30 @ Mount Vernon

10/7 Cassville

10/14 @ McDonald County

Projected finish: 6-3

2015 Review

What a start for Coach Kilgo at Aurora. In his first season as the head coach of the Houn' Dawgs, Kilgo led the team to a 9-5 record and an appearance in the state semifinals. One of the many highlights of the season for Aurora was their two meetings with Big 8 rival Monett. In Week 6, Aurora fell to Monett at home 6-13. That didn't matter when the playoffs rolled around, though. The Houn' Dawgs got their revenge against Monett in the second round of the playoffs, beating the Cubs on the road 25-11. Aurora was loaded with seniors last year, meaning this year there will be plenty of new faces on the field for the Houn' Dawgs.

Key Losses

DE/OL Mason Husmann
WR/DB Billy Meredith
WR/DB Skylar Cahill
OL/DE Gerrit Montgomery
TE/LB Tanner Schnelle

University of Louisiana-Monroe
Southwest Baptist University
Southwest Baptist University
Missouri Southern State University
Benedictine College

Returning Starters

QB/OLB Payton Evans (6-0, 185, Sr.)
WR/DB Preston Naylor (6-0, 170, Sr.)
WR/DB Clayton Dunning (6-0, 175, Jr.)
DL Carlos Cardova (6-0, 315, Jr.)

Offense: Pistol Spread

Defense: 3-3 Stack

Coach Kilgo says...

"Our run game will need some work. Also, we lost all but two defensive players from last year, so our young guys will need to be ready to work. I expect our players to go out and give their best effort. We will play fast and to the whistle. I hope the fans see a lot of hard work put in by our players over the summer. I expect to put on a good show on Friday nights."

2016 Outlook

It's going to be hard to follow up the season the Houn' Dawgs had in 2015, especially with the size and talent of the senior class they just graduated. "We will have four or five returning starters from last year," says Coach Kilgo, "so our fans will be seeing a lot of new faces playing for Aurora." While they don't have very many returning starters from last year's team, they have one at the most important position on the field. Payton Evans is back at quarterback for his senior year at Aurora. "I think our passing game is going to be a strength," adds Kilgo. "As long as Payton can make the right reads, we will be successful." Aurora is one of those teams that's hard to predict with so many new players in starting roles. Having a senior quarterback with playoff experience should help the Houn' Dawgs stay away from turnovers and allow them to make a push for their fourth winning season in six years.



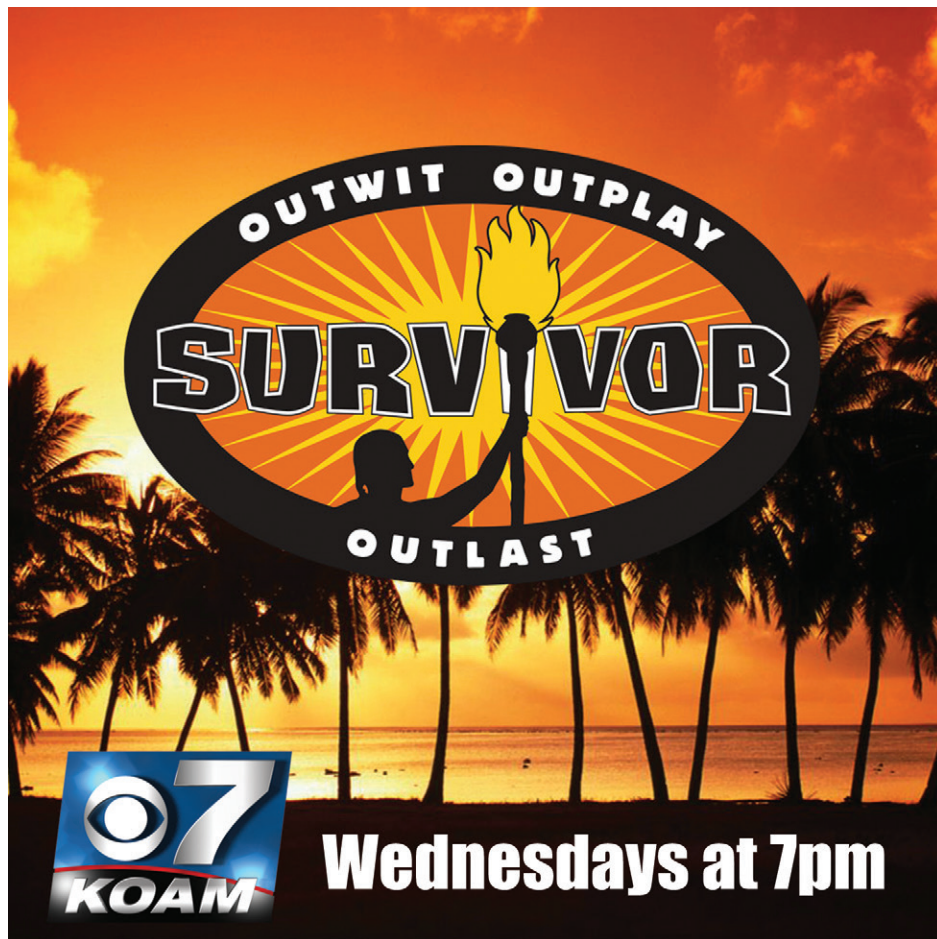
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Carl Junction High School

Bulldogs

Conference: Central Ozark Large Division

Class: 4

District: 5

School Colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Doug Buckmaster

Years in coaching: 25

Years as head coach: 4

Record at CJHS: 30-5

Assistant coaches:

Craig Lynch, Kevin Carey,
Brenden Gubera, Adam Merrell,
Tobin Schultz, Monwell Magee,
Chris Jones, Jake Stevenson,
Greyson Broce, Aaron Fowler

Twitter: @CJHSAthletics

Five-Year Trend

2015: 9-2 (Second round)

2014: 11-1 (Third round)

2013: 10-2 (Third round)

2012: 3-7 (No playoffs)

2011: 3-7 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21 East Newton W, 61-7

8/28 Mount Vernon..... W, 49-14

9/4 @ Aurora W, 45-14

9/11 @ Central (Springfield) W, 61-24

9/18 McDonald County W, 41-0

9/25 @ Cassville W, 58-14

10/2 @ Monett..... W, 35-0

10/9 Seneca..... W, 63-28

10/16 @ Lamar..... L, 34-56

Playoffs

10/23 Marshfield..... W, 77-13

10/30 @ Webb City L, 7-14

2016 Schedule

8/19 Webb City

8/26 Republic

9/2 @ Ozark

9/9 Neosho

9/16 Branson

9/23 @ Carthage

9/30 @ Willard

10/7 Pittsburg

10/14 @ Nixa

Projected finish: 7-2

2015 Review

Carl Junction was once again one of the best area teams in 2015. They started the season with eight straight wins, setting up a season finale against undefeated Lamar. The Tigers beat the Bulldogs, 56-34, but that didn't take any momentum away from C.J. heading into districts. The Bulldogs easily rolled through Marshfield in the first round to meet the defending state champion Webb City in round two. Carl Junction had Webb City on the ropes. They were up 7-0 at halftime and 7-6 heading into the fourth quarter, but a last-minute touchdown put the Cardinals on top and ended the Bulldogs' season at 9-2. Carl Junction moved out of the Big 8 Conference and into the COC Large this offseason, meaning we'll be treated to plenty more C.J./Webb City showdowns in the coming years.

Key Losses

WR Braydon Allen – South Dakota State University

QB Ryan Devore – University of Central Missouri

Returning Starters

WR Dayton McIntosh (6-1, 190, Sr.)

DB Hunter Adams (6-1, 180, Sr.)

DB Michael Elbert (6-2, 185, Sr.)

DB Zay'shawn Weston (5-11, 165, Sr.)

LB Kitch Channell (6-1, 190, Sr.)

OLB Quincy Weston (5-9, 160, Sr.)

TE/K Jake Allison (6-3, 205, Sr.)

WR Aaron Ludders (6-2, 185, Jr.)

RB/OLB Rayquion Weston (5-10, 185, So.)

DE Zeke Wall (6-1, 255, So.)

Other Impact Players

QB Keaton Taber (6-1, 190, Sr.)

OLB Karson Eberhart (5-10, 170, Sr.)

LB Kade Lundien (5-11, 195, Sr.)

NG Chase Richmond (5-9, 190, Sr.)

DE James Fauvergue (6-4, 230, Sr.)

NG Jordan Jones (6-2, 280, Jr.)

LB Levi Duley (5-11, 190, Jr.)

CB Caden Cristy (5-10, 170, Jr.)

WR Lucas Berliaw (5-9, 160, Jr.)

OT Duncan Stamps (6-4, 265, Jr.)

OT Izaiah Hodges (6-3, 290, Jr.)

OG Taylor Howard (6-2, 245, Jr.)

OG Tucker Haynes (5-10, 200, Jr.)

C Eli Middleton (5-11, 250, Jr.)

WR Kobe Maxwell (5-8, 155, So.)

WR Blake Thomas (6-1, 180, So.)

OT Matt Hosp (5-11, 205, So.)

C Cole Lundien (6-1, 205, So.)

OG Nick Sill (5-9, 220, So.)

OLB Joe Kennedy (6-0, 180, So.)

DE Tyler Huffman (6-3, 235, So.)

Offense: 1-Back Spread **Defense:** Multiple 3-4

Coach Buckmaster says...

"The best part of last season was bouncing back from our only regular-season loss at Lamar in the final week and playing so well two weeks later at Webb City, playing at a championship level. It was exciting to see how well we played defensively that night. Championships are won with great defense, and we proved we were one after stumbling two weeks earlier. Fantastic group of seniors who provided such great leadership! Moving into the COC Large division, we will be the smallest school and will be challenged each week. We believe this will better prepare us when district and playoff games begin."

2016 Outlook

Coach Buckmaster has built one heck of a program in Carl Junction. In his first three years, he's 30-5 and has made a name for the Bulldogs all across the state. Heading into this season there will be plenty of new faces on the field for C.J., especially on the offensive side. Quarterback Ryan Devore graduated and is headed to Central Missouri, leaving the door open for Keaton Taber to take over the offense. "Keaton saw considerable playing time as a sophomore and junior," says Coach Buckmaster. "He is a very experienced first-year starter. He's a great leader and has the physical tools to be a top-notch QB." There's also a hole at running back to be filled – that's where sophomore Rayquion Weston comes into the picture. He will be the featured back for C.J. "He's drawing interest from D-I schools going into his sophomore year," Buckmaster adds. "He's a relentless runner." Weston will be running behind a new offensive line, and that's one of the main concerns for the Bulldogs heading into this year. "As they say, games are won and lost up front, and we will be replacing all five offensive linemen with five juniors who are very talented yet have not proved themselves," says Buckmaster. "This group may make us or break us." Defensively, the Bulldogs have some real studs back. They have seven players returning, including All-State FS Michael Elbert and All-State DL Zeke Wall. The COC Large was already a strong league, and the addition of Carl Junction makes it even stronger. Carl Junction has an opportunity to make a big statement to the rest of the league right off the bat, hosting Webb City in Week 1.

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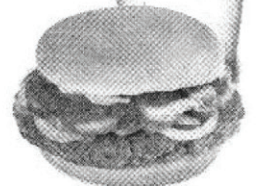
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Carthage High School

Conference: Central Ozark Large Division

Class: 5

District: 5

School Colors: Royal Blue & White

Head Coach: Jon Guidie

Years in coaching: 24

Years as head coach: 12

Record at CHS: 91-34

Assistant coaches:

Chris Edwards, Cody Hilburn,

Gage Tiller, Chase Carlton,

Flint Whitehead, Kirk Bromley,

Nate Morris, Scott Matthews

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Five-Year Trend

2015: 11-2 (Semifinals)

2014: 8-4 (Third round)

2013: 6-5 (Second round)

2012: 8-3 (Second round)

2011: 7-4 (First round)

2015 Results

8/21 @ Webb City L, 0-31

8/28 @ Lafayette W, 35-0

9/4 Central (Springfield) W, 55-18

9/11 Ozark W, 66-28

9/18 Neosho W, 20-19

9/25 @ Republic W, 34-7

10/2 Branson W, 41-6

10/9 Nixa W, 26-14

10/16 @ Willard W, 36-29

Playoffs

10/30 Neosho W, 33-14

11/6 Belton W, 49-28

11/14 @ Nixa W, 48-46

11/21 @ Chaminade L, 19-43

2016 Schedule

8/19 @ Ozark

8/26 Webb City

9/2 Branson

9/9 @ Central (Springfield)

9/16 @ Willard

9/23 Carl Junction

9/30 Nixa

10/7 @ Republic

10/14 @ Neosho

Projected finish: 6-3

2015 Review

Carthage was one of the most entertaining teams to follow in the area last season. The last few years, the Tigers just kept making it deeper and deeper into the playoffs, and that trend continued in 2015. Carthage opened up the season with a loss on the road at Webb City, and then proceeded to win the next 11 games, advancing all the way to the Class 5 state semifinals. In the semifinal game, the team's season ended with a loss to Chaminade, but there were plenty of memories made along the way. In the end, the Tigers finished 11-2 and graduated one of the best senior classes in the four states in recent memory.

Key Losses

QB/DB Alex Derryberry – Pittsburg State Univ.

WR/DB Tristain Lown – Missouri Southern State U.

DB Dausen Gourley – Missouri Southern State Univ.

OL Walter Gilstrap – Evangel University

OL/DL Cale Potter – Evangel University

OL Logan Drebelbis – Evangel University

OL Eli Monzon – Graceland University

Returning Starters

OL/DL Tucker Edmonson (6-3, 320, Sr.)

RB/LB Trey Collins (5-10, 170, Sr.)

RB/LB Logan Kabance (5-11, 175, Sr.)

WR/DB Shane Becker (6-0, 170, Sr.)

QB Keith Guest (5-11, 185, Sr.)

DB Dillon Lancaster (5-10, 170, Jr.)

1,080 Rushing yds., 12 TDs

596 Passing yds., 5 TDs, 687 Rush. yds., 11 TDs

Team's second-leading tackler

Other Impact Players

RB/DB Clay Newman (6-0, 170, Jr.)

Key Newcomers

TE/DE Dylan Lee (6-0, 180, Sr.)

LB Cody Cook (6-0, 185, Sr.)

DE Kade Clark (6-1, 190, Sr.)

OL William Prince (5-11, 200, Jr.)

OL Nash Williams (6-2, 255, Jr.)

RB Rusty Brownfield (5-11, 170, Jr.)

WR/DB Corben Pugh (5-10, 160, Jr.)

OL/DL Andrew Raney (6-1, 285, So.)

RB/LB Blake Schrader (5-9, 150, So.)

Offense: Power Spread **Defense:** Hybrid

Coach Guidie says...

"We have to have a great summer in the weight room. We need our new faces to come around quickly and play hard while they gain experience. We have a lot of experience back at the skilled positions. We have three RB's and a QB who started the majority of the year. We will also have more kids out than we've ever had."

2016 Outlook

Coach Guidie is right when he says the team has a lot of experience at skill positions. With that said, the senior class they graduated last year was pretty special. "We lost some kids who were multiple-year starters who have been a huge part of our program the last several years," says Guidie. While they will have plenty of skill guys back, the Tigers will have mostly new offensive and defensive lines. On top of that, the COC Large improved this offseason with the addition of Carl Junction. That will be a fun game to watch in Week 6. With the amount of new starters, it might take a couple of games for Carthage to get on a roll, but we've already seen it last year – they can catch fire in a heartbeat. We're expecting Carthage to be right back toward the top of the conference and right back to competing in the postseason.

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Predictions

Kansas

Baxter Springs	3-6
Chanute	3-6
Cherryvale	6-3
Chetopa	1-7
Crest	3-5
Columbus	7-2
Erie	4-5
Field Kindley	1-8
Fort Scott	6-3
Fredonia	5-4
Frontenac	8-1
Galena	8-1
Girard	5-4
Humboldt	4-5
Independence	6-3
Iola	4-5
Jayhawk-Linn	6-3

Labette County	4-5
Marmaton Valley	4-5
Neodesha	7-2
Northeast	2-7
Oswego	1-8
Parsons	2-7
Pittsburg	5-3
Pleasanton	1-7
Riverton	2-7
St. Mary's Colgan	6-3
St. Paul	6-2
Southeast	0-9
Uniontown	5-4

Missouri

Aurora	6-3
Carl Junction	7-2

Carthage	6-3
Cassville	5-4
Diamond	7-2
East Newton	0-9
El Dorado Springs	3-6
Jasper	6-3
Joplin	5-4
Lamar	8-0
Liberal	0-9
McDonald County	2-7
Monett	8-1
Mount Vernon	3-6
Neosho	4-5
Nevada	4-5
Sarcoxie	2-7
Seneca	4-5
Webb City	8-1

Oklahoma

Afton	5-4
Commerce	7-3
Fairland	4-6
Grove	6-4
Jay	3-7
Miami	3-7
Quapaw	1-8
Welch	1-9
Wyandotte	8-1

Colleges

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

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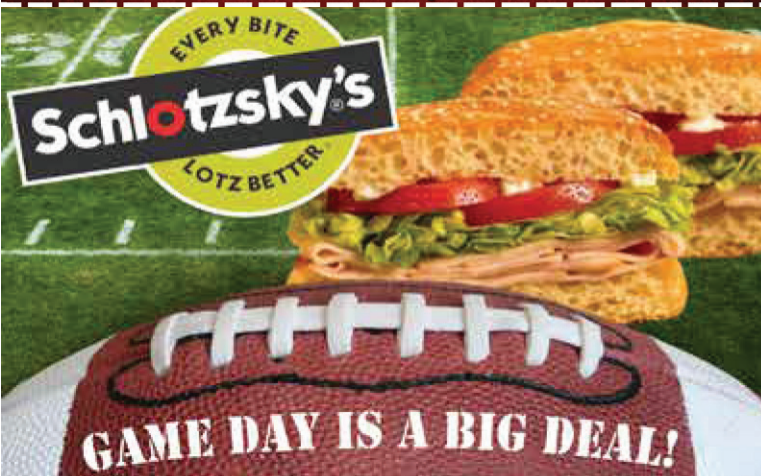
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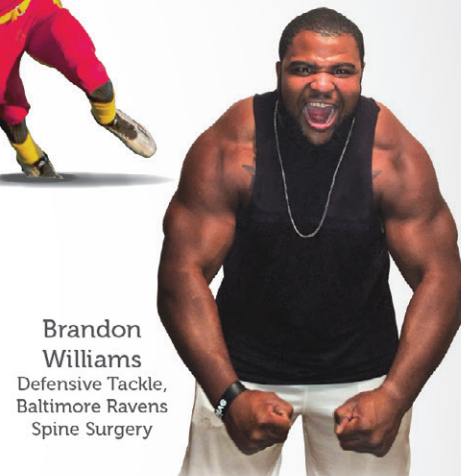
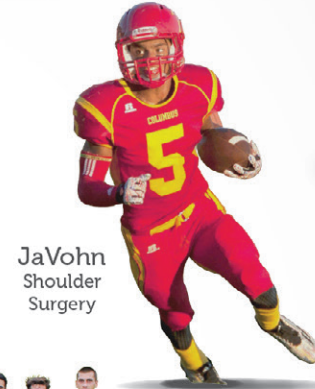
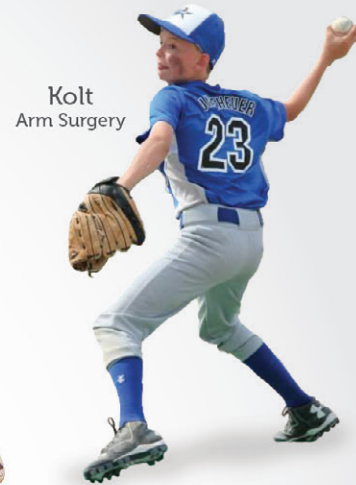


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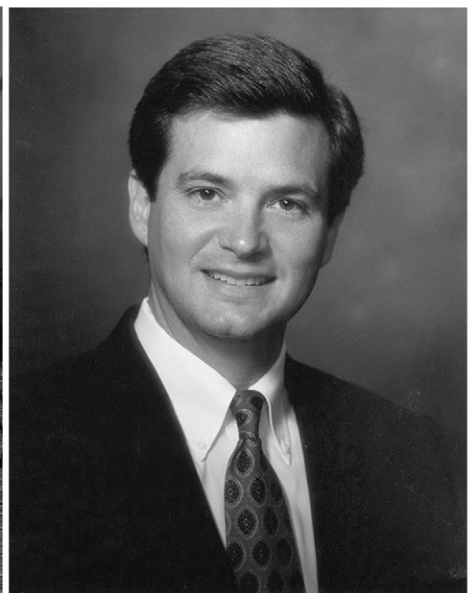
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Cassville	Monett	Carl Junction	Republic*	Glendale*	Parkview*
East Newton	Mount Vernon	Carthage	Webb City	Hillcrest*	Rolla*
Lamar	Seneca	Neosho	Willard*	Joplin	Waynesville*
		Nixa*		Kickapoo*	West Plains*
Spring River Valley		West Central		Independent	
Diamond	Liberal	Pierce City*	Smith-Cotton*	El Dorado Springs	
Greenfield* [‡]	Lockwood*	Sarcoie	St. Pius X*		
Jasper	Miller*		Nevada		
			O'Hara*		
Class 1 - District 2		Class 1 - District 3		Class 2 - District 3	
Ash Grove*	Pierce City*	Adrian*	Liberal	Ava*	Liberty (Mountain View)*
Cabool*	Pleasant Hope*	Archie*	Lockwood*	Cuba*	Mountain Grove*
Marionville*	Sarcoie	Drexel*	Midway*	Diamond	Strafford*
Miller*	Thayer*	Jasper	Rich Hill*	Houston*	Willow Springs*
Class 2 - District 4		Class 3 - District 4		Class 4 - District 5	
California*	Lamar	Aurora	Monett	Bolivar*	Marshfield*
Cole Camp*	Stockton*	Cassville	Mount Vernon	Camdenton*	McDonald County
El Dorado Springs	Versailles*	East Newton	Reeds Spring*	Carl Junction	Webb City
Fair Grove*	Warsaw*	Hollister*	Seneca	Hillcrest*	West Plains*
Class 4 - District 6		Class 5 - District 5		Class 6 - District 4	
East (Kansas City)*	Nevada	Carthage	Parkview*	Joplin	Lee's Summit West*
Grain Valley*	Northeast (Kansas City)*	Neosho	Republic*	Kickapoo*	Park Hill*
Grandview*	Raytown South*	Nixa*	Willard*	Lee's Summit*	Raymore-Peculiar*
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Conference: Big 8

Class: 3

District: 4

School Colors: Black & Gold

Head Coach: Lance Parnell

Years in coaching: 21

Years as head coach: 4

Record at CHS: 17-16

Assistant coaches:

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Five-Year Trend

2015: 5-6 (Second round)

2014: 6-5 (Second round)

2013: 6-5 (Second round)

2012: 11-1 (Third round)

2011: 12-1 (Quarterfinals)

2015 Results

8/21 Aurora..... W, 21-20
8/28 @ Mountain Grove L, 6-15
9/4 @ McDonald County W, 42-14
9/11 @ Lamar..... L, 6-38
9/18 Monett..... L, 6-34
9/25 Carl Junction..... L, 14-58
10/2 @ Mount Vernon L, 16-23
10/9 East Newton W, 54-7
10/16 @ Seneca..... W, 40-12

Playoffs

10/23 @ Mount Vernon W, 35-14
10/30 Reeds Spring L, 13-20

2016 Schedule

8/19 @ Lamar
8/26 Reeds Spring
9/2 East Newton
9/9 @ McDonald County
9/16 St. James
9/23 @ Monett
9/30 Seneca
10/7 @ Aurora
10/14 Mount Vernon

Projected finish: 5-4

2015 Review

Once again the Big 8 was really good in 2015. The Wildcats got off to a 2-1 start for the second straight year, but also for the second straight year, that's when they hit the rough part of their schedule. In Weeks 3-5, Cassville saw three of the best teams in the conference (Lamar, Monett, Carl Junction). Those three games, combined with a road loss against Mount Vernon, put the Wildcats at 2-5 through their first seven games. The team bounced back in the last two games of the regular season, beating East Newton and Seneca to set up a rematch against Mount Vernon. In perhaps the highlight of the season for Cassville, they dominated the Mountaineers 35-14 in Round 1 of the playoffs before falling in the second round to Reeds Spring, ending the year at 5-6.

Returning Starters

RB/DB River Phelps (5-9, 160, Sr.)
OL/DL Devin Phelps (6-3, 275, Sr.)
OL/DL Riley Fletcher (6-0, 255, Sr.)
RB/LB Kyle Ruark (5-10, 165, Sr.)
OL/DL Austin McClintock (5-11, 225, Sr.)
K Austin Sneed (5-11, 175, Sr.)
FB/DE Steven Hunter (5-11, 195, Sr.)
WR/DB Troy Rose (5-9, 155, Sr.)
RB/DB Garrett Knight (5-11, 170, Jr.)
OL/DL Hunter Bailey (5-10, 245, Jr.)
QB/DB Shannon Haney (5-9, 165, So.)
TE/DE Zack Burton (6-2, 205, So.)

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Other Impact Players

WR/DB Collin Pearman (6-2, 190, Sr.)
WR/DB Cole York (5-9, 160, Sr.)
WR/DB Blake Brophy (5-8, 135, Sr.)
TE/LB Devon Caddell (5-10, 215, Sr.)

TE/LB Braden Strahan (6-0, 175, Jr.)
TE/DE Austin Sanders (6-1, 195, So.)
RB/LB Anthony Tolbert (6-1, 180, So.)

Offense: Split-Back Veer Defense: 4-2-5

Coch Parnell says...

"We have several spots to fill on both sides of the ball. We will be inexperienced on defense. We will need to mature quickly on that side of the ball. We will be very young at LB. We do return half of our DL and three starters in the secondary. On offense, we return the majority of our offensive line and backfield. Our passing game must improve this season."

2016 Outlook

The offense shouldn't miss a beat for Cassville this season. They return a stud at running back in River Phelps (1,158 Rush. yds., 17 TDs) and a majority of the big guys up front. On defense it's a different story. The Wildcats will be young on that side of the ball. Senior All-District defensive end Steven Hunter (84 tackles, 2 sacks) will be the anchor for the defense. Of Hunter, Parnell says, "Steven led us in tackles a year ago from his DE position with 84 tackles. He has a nose for the football." As for the secondary, Cassville has three starters back, including junior Garrett Knight. "We look for him to take over as the leader in secondary," says Coach Parnell. Also in the secondary, Troy Rose returns coming off a five-interception season. The biggest concern on defense for the Wildcats will be at the linebacker position. That's where they will have the least experience. After suffering a broken foot in Week 3 last year, Kyle Ruark will be back as the only returning starter at the linebacker position. Coach Parnell says of Ruark, "We are excited to have him healthy." The Big 8 will be tough as always, but at least they won't have to face Carl Junction (moved to the COC Large Division). However, Lamar is still there and so is Monett. The bad news is that the Wildcats will have to face both of those teams on the road.



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Wildcats

Diamond High School

Conference: Spring River Valley

Class: 2

District: 3

School Colors: Black & Yellow

Head Coach: Ben Glidewell

Years in coaching: 12

Years as head coach: 2

Record at DHS: 7-4

Assistant coaches:

Travis Gregory, Bill Gray,

Jared Green, Kevin Nelson, Don Epps

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Five-Year Trend

2015: 7-4 (Second round)

2014: 4-6 (First round)

2013: 4-6 (First round)

2012: 4-6 (First round)

2011: 4-6 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21 @ McAuley Catholic..... *W, 13-0

8/28 Jasper..... L, 14-20

9/4 East Newton..... W, 49-0

9/11 @ Pierce City..... W, 28-0

9/18 Lockwood..... L, 0-41

9/25 @ Sarcoxie..... W, 34-7

10/2 Miller..... W, 47-12

10/9 @ Liberal..... W, 42-12

10/16 Father Tolton Catholic ... L, 14-32

Playoffs

10/23 Ash Grove..... W, 24-21

10/30 @ Fair Grove..... L, 7-39

*=Per MSHSAA, a forfeit was awarded because Diamond was unable to schedule a game when McAuley Catholic dropped to 8-man.

2016 Schedule

8/19 Pierce City

8/26 @ Jasper

9/2 @ Buffalo

9/10 Cedar Ridge

9/16 @ Lockwood

9/23 Sarcoxie

9/30 @ Miller

10/7 Liberal

10/14 Archie

Projected finish: 7-2

2015 Review

No more 4-6! The 2015 season was a big success for the Diamond Wildcats. In his first year as head coach, Ben Glidewell led the Wildcats to a winning record and an appearance in the playoffs. "The biggest challenge of last year was coming in and establishing a culture and a mindset that we are going to outwork everyone we play," says Coach Glidewell. That culture has been established in Diamond, and it didn't take very long. It's hard to begin a gig as head coach better than Glidewell did last year.

Returning Starters

RB/LB Triston Shepherd (6-2, 200, Sr.)

1,329 Total yds., 16 TDs

10 TFL, 2 Sacks, 1 INT

TE/DE Joey Divine (6-1, 195, Sr.)

99 Rec. yds., 56 Tackles, 1 INT

OL/LB Kade Taylor (5-11, 195, Sr.)

95 Tackles, 8 TFL

OL Keaton Trout (5-10, 200, Sr.)

OL James Hobbs (6-0, 220, Sr.)

WR/DB Blake Drake (5-11, 170, Jr.)

808 Total yds., 9 TDs, 6 INTs, 2 Def. TDs

QB/WR/DB Hunter Renfro (6-2, 190, Jr.)

341 Total Yds, 3 TDs, 60 Tackles

RB/LB Christian Maturino (6-0, 215, Jr.)

185 Total yds., 3 TDs,

63 Tackles, 3 Forced Fumbles

OL Ethan McLaughlin (5-10, 195, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

QB/WR/DB Carter Prewitt (6-2, 175, Sr.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: 4-4

Coach Glidewell says...

"We return nine starters on offense and six on defense with a very athletic group of underclassmen. We will have depth, especially at the skill positions. The biggest change for the team this year will be replacing our quarterback and six starters on defense."

2016 Outlook

We're excited to see what 2016 brings for the Diamond Wildcats. They had an impressive season last year and could take another step forward with some of the talent they're returning this year. The offense should put up very healthy numbers. They have a number of talented skill players returning, and perhaps even more importantly, an offensive line with three returning seniors and one returning junior. "The goal for this team will be to start fast and finish strong," says Coach Glidewell. "Fans can expect to see a hard-hitting group of young men competing every play from snap to whistle." Week 5 at Lockwood will be the big test to see where the Wildcats stand halfway through the season. Diamond has a good thing going, and we're expecting it to continue in 2016 with a winning record and another trip to the postseason.



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Patriots

East Newton High School

Conference: Big 8

Class: 3

District: 4

School Colors: Red, White & Blue

Head Coach: Jamie LaSalle

Years in coaching: 17

Years as head coach: 1

Record at ENHS: 0-0

Assistant coaches: Logan Alumbaugh,
Zac Vanzelow, Matt Holtzman

Five-Year Trend

2015: 0-10 (First round)

2014: 1-9 (First round)

2013: 1-9 (First round)

2012: 0-10 (First round)

2011: 0-10 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21 @ Carl Junction.....L, 7-61

8/28 **Monett**L, 0-42

9/4 @ Diamond.....L, 0-49

9/11 @ McDonald County.....L, 6-41

9/18 @ Seneca.....L, 0-44

9/25 **Mount Vernon**L, 0-56

10/2 **Lamar**L, 6-63

10/9 @ Cassville.....L, 7-54

10/16 **Aurora**L, 7-47

Playoffs

10/23 @ Reeds Spring.....L, 0-49

2016 Schedule

8/19 **Lighthouse Christian**

8/26 @ Lamar

9/2 @ Cassville

9/9 @ Aurora

9/16 **Seneca**

9/23 **Mount Vernon**

9/30 @ El Dorado Springs

10/7 **McDonald County**

10/14 @ Monett

Projected finish: 0-9

2015 Review

Things have really been rough lately for the East Newton Patriots. Last season they went 0-10, and they are 5-65 over the last seven years. Last year was particularly tough. The Patriots were shut out five times and never scored more than seven points in a game. "We are obviously in a rebuilding mode," says head coach Jamie LaSalle. "We were turbo-clocked every game last year. We finished the season with less than 20 players dressed for games." LaSalle is in his first year as the head coach at East Newton. LaSalle, along with players and fans, are hoping he can be the one to get things going back in the right direction in the coming years.

Returning Starters

QB/S Chance Liveoak (5-8, 165, Sr.)

WR/LB Coleman Booker (6-0, 175, Sr.)

OL/DL Steven Hurn (6-1, 230, Sr.)

OL/DL Kaden Holt (6-0, 205, Sr.)

OL/DL Alex Keaton (6-0, 185, Sr.)

OL/DL Adren Lamphere (5-9, 250, Sr.)

RB/LB Christian Yarrington (5-9, 170, Sr.)

OL/DL Caleb Coffey (6-1, 250, Jr.)

OL/LB Zac Whittlesey (5-11, 245, Jr.)

RB/LB Kyle Winsauer (5-9, 170, Jr.)

WR/CB Brett Pendergraft (5-8, 155, Jr.)

TE/LB Jacob Allman (5-11, 170, So.)

C/DL Conner Sweet (5-10, 175, So.)

WR/DB Maverick Milleson (5-11, 160, So.)

Other Impact Players

RB/S Brandon Jordan (5-9, 180, Sr.)

TE/LB Logan Stockton (6-1, 180, Sr.)

OL/DL Cameron Linch (6-5, 300, Sr.)

WR/CB Eric Putnam (5-11, 165, Sr.)

WR/CB Dustin McDermott (6-3, 175, Jr.)

OL/DL Brayden Clouse (5-9, 245, Jr.)

RB/LB Taylor Miles (5-9, 190, Jr.)

TE/DE Ethan Hailey (6-4, 215, So.)

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

Coach McKee says...

"We have an outstanding group of young men. The key will be how quickly the returners, newcomers, and new coaching staff gel. We have talent. We have to realize that and create a better work ethic and develop confidence. We will have great expectations, and we are going to work hard to meet the goals of our team."

2016 Outlook

Coach LaSalle comes to East Newton from Marionville, where he went 32-17 in four seasons. "Our strength should be our offensive line," LaSalle says. "We have several returning starters and also several running backs returning. We have our starting quarterback back as well. He has a good arm and is a good decision maker." That starting quarterback is Chance Liveoak. "I'm really excited for this season," says the senior QB. "We are going to put up some big numbers and win a lot of games this season." We would love to see East Newton start building some momentum for the future. They have a good group of guys who have been through some really difficult years. The thing is, the Big 8 is a pretty tough league. The Patriots will have a hard three-game stretch from Weeks 2-4, where they go on the road for three straight weeks to face Lamar, Cassville, and Aurora. Of course, in his first year as the Patriots head coach, LaSalle isn't worried about those games – he's focused on game one. "We play Lighthouse Christian the first game of the season," LaSalle says. "It will be important to be competitive the very first game with a new coaching staff and team."



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Bulldogs

Conference: Independent

Class: 2

District: 4

School Colors: Black & Red

Head Coach: Derek Scroggins

Years in coaching: 13

Years as head coach: 3

Record at EDSHS: 11-11

Assistant coaches:

David Carpenter, Jordan Highley, Robert Jansen, Travis Payne

Radio: KESM (105.5 FM)

Twitter: @eldobulldogs

Five-Year Trend

2015: 5-6 (Second round)

2014: 6-5 (Second round)

2013: 1-9 (First round)

2012: 3-7 (First round)

2011: 6-6 (Second round)

2015 Results

8/21 Stockton W, 20-15

8/28 @ Ava L, 16-45

9/4 Ash Grove L, 16-31

9/11 @ Knob Noster W, 68-14

9/18 Lighthouse Christian L, 14-38

9/25 @ University Academy Charter L, 14-24

10/2 @ Pierce City W, 48-20

10/9 Strafford L, 8-15

10/16 @ Adrian W, 56-28

Playoffs

10/23 @ University Academy Charter W, 34-0

10/30 @ Lamar L, 6-50

2016 Schedule

8/19 @ Stockton

8/26 Pembroke Hill

9/2 @ Ash Grove

9/9 Lafayette County

9/16 Slater

9/23 @ Wentworth Military

9/30 @ East Newton

10/7 Pierce City

10/14 @ Skyline

Projected finish: 3-6

2015 Review

The El Dorado Springs Bulldogs dropped below .500 last season, finishing the year 5-6. However, they still made it to the second round of the playoffs just like the year before. "The most rewarding part of the 2015 season for me was our first playoff game when we faced University Academy for the second time of the year," says head coach Derek Scroggins. "In Week 6 when we faced the Gryphons we lost 14-24. In Week 10, we played what I believe was our most complete game on both sides of the ball and beat them 34-0 on the road." That 44-point turnaround is certainly impressive, especially given that it was a playoff game on the road. Their season ended the next week with a loss to Lamar, but that's nothing to lose sleep over. Everyone Lamar played last year lost. The Bulldogs graduated a big senior class last season, meaning there will be a lot of new guys on the field in 2016.

Key Losses

OL Landon Leonard

Southwest Baptist University

Returning Starters

QB/RB/DB Riley Boyd (6-3, 180, Sr.)

– 2nd-team All-Dist., 25 TKL, 3 INT

OL/LB Ethan Dubois (5-8, 190, Sr.)

– 1st-team All-Dist., 61 TKL, 1 Sack, 1 INT

RB/LB Dayton Austin (5-10, 180, Sr.)

– 1,002 Rushing yds., 10 TD

DB Jake Schieffer (6-1, 160, Jr.)

– 1 Fumble Recovery, 1 INT

RB/LB Wyatt Graves (5-8, 175, Jr.)

– 7 Tackles, 1 Fumble Recovery

OL/LB Blake Holder (5-7, 175, Jr.)

– 1 Fumble Recovery

RB Trenton Hardie (5-4, 140, Jr.)

– 86 Rushing yds., 2 TD

QB/LB Trey Babcock (5-8, 160, So.)

DL Dylan Gallette (6-0, 180, So.)

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Nate Marsh (5-11, 195, Sr.)

OL/DL Jamie Isaacs (6-1, 175, Sr.)

RB/DB Shane Trowbridge (6-0, 175, Sr.)

RB/DB Colton Collins (5-8, 160, Jr.)

RB/DB Austin Dobbs (5-8, 165, Jr.)

RB/TE/DE Keilan Jaques (6-1, 185, So.)

TE/DL Shelby McKinney (6-1, 190, So.)

RB/LB Tanner Witt (5-7, 170, So.)

OL/DL Dagan McIntire (6-1, 175, So.)

OL/DL Kaleb Raff (5-7, 170, So.)

OL/DL Bryson Rader (5-8, 180, So.)

OL/DL Cameron Hargrove (5-7, 160, So.)

Offense: Power-T Defense: 4-4

Coach Scroggins says...

"We have a lot of young players who are going to get significant varsity time. The growth that we have seen during the summer has been outstanding. We need to focus on ourselves and take it one week at a time. We have a great group of players, and I have enjoyed the process of growing stronger as a team as we prepare for the season."

2016 Outlook

This year's team is not quite as senior-heavy as last year's. Coach Scroggins only lists three senior starters returning from last year and four returning juniors. One of these juniors is Wyatt Graves, who is switching positions to help the guys out up front. "This year the team needed a guard, and Wyatt put the team first by moving there from RB and has looked outstanding bringing his quickness and aggression to the OL," says Coach Scroggins. "Wyatt is the type of hard-working team player every coach hopes for, and I can't wait to see what he does this season." Scroggins also adds that his team will be a little more athletic on the defensive side of the ball. The defense will be led by senior Ethan Dubois, who was named a first team All-District Linebacker last season. "Ethan is a fierce competitor who is our sparkplug on defense," says Scroggins. "We're going to be young and undersized," adds Scroggins "but we'll make up for it with our athleticism. Our returning players had big roles for our team last year and we're asking them to increase their production even more. If we get the most out of everyone, there's no reason we can't play late into the year."

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Eagles

Conference: Spring River Valley**Class:** 1**District:** 3**School Colors:** Orange, Black & White**Head Coach:** David Pitts**Years in coaching:** 26**Years as head coach:** 1**Record at JHS:** 0-0**Assistant coaches:** Jordan Adams,
Randy Adams, Tyler Gripka,
Darren Fichtner, Bailey Mooney

Five-Year Trend

2015: 8-2 (Second round)**2014:** 9-2 (Third round)**2013:** 11-1 (Third round)**2012:** 4-7 (Second round)**2011:** 0-10 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21 Sarcxie W, 28-6**8/28** @ Diamond W, 20-14**9/4** Pierce City W, 27-14**9/11** @ Miller W, 57-6**9/18** Liberal W, 53-14**9/25** Stockton W, 28-19**10/2** @ McAuley Catholic *W, 13-0**10/9** Windsor W, 52-20**10/16** Lockwood L, 30-38^{2OT}

Playoffs

10/30 Drexel L, 8-50

*Per MSHSAA, a forfeit win was awarded because Jasper was unable to schedule a game when McAuley Catholic dropped to 8-man.

2016 Schedule

8/19 @ Sarcxie**8/26** Diamond**9/2** @ Pierce City**9/9** Miller**9/16** Lighthouse Christian**9/23** @ Stockton**9/30** @ Liberal**10/7** Appleton City**10/14** @ Lockwood**Projected finish:** 6-3

2015 Review

The Jasper Eagles rolled through the first eight weeks of the season going 8-0 – with only two games within single digits. It all came down to the final week of the season at home against Lockwood. Both teams entered the game undefeated, and it was one of the best games of the year. Jasper led 7-0 after the first quarter, but all the excitement was late. The game went to overtime tied at 22, and then a second overtime tied at 30. Unfortunately for the Eagles they couldn't score in that second overtime, and Lockwood walked off on a 25-yard touchdown run. Jasper still earned a bye in the first round of districts as the No. 1 seed, but in their first game against Drexel their season ended with an 50-8 loss. In the offseason, Jasper named David Pitts the new head football coach for 2016. Pitts was last a high school head coach at Parsons and comes to the Eagles after serving as an assistant at Oswego.

Returning Starters

RB Byron Stevens (5-8, 140, Sr.)

RB Levi Brown (5-11, 165, Sr.)

OL Stephen Grimmer (5-11, 175, Sr.)

OL Ian Henderson (5-10, 165, Sr.)

CB T.K. Roeber (5-8, 165, Sr.)

CB Mason Olinger (5-8, 150, Sr.)

DT Kenneth Moua (5-6, 165, Sr.)

WR John Brinkoff (Sr.)

RB Hector Rivera (Sr.)

CB Nick Chartier (Sr.)

DE Jordan Titus (Sr.)

DE Cody Minor (Sr.)

Other Impact Players

OL Preston Harr (6-0, 230, Jr.)

CB Mac Rice (Jr.)

WR Tad Sisseck (Jr.)

TE Logan Winchester (Jr.)

T Alex Corle (Jr.)

Offense: Split-Back Veer **Defense:** 3-5

Coach Pitts says...

"As the new head coach of the Jasper Eagles, I hope to continue building on the success and tradition that Coach Richie Adkins started. You can count on consistency in our play and our ability to play a more physical brand of football. Fans will see a disciplined, aggressive team. I expect us to be competitive week in and week out."

2016 Outlook

The upcoming season will be the first for the Eagles under new head coach David Pitts. "The coaching staff only carries over two coaches," he says. And the biggest change will be "the change in the routine and philosophies." The coaching changes will definitely be helped by the amount of experience on the Jasper roster. "Senior leadership will be one of our most important strengths," says Coach Pitts. A key early test to see how the new philosophies are sticking will be in Week 2 when the Eagles host Diamond. Jasper has made it to the playoffs for four straight seasons, and barring any major surprises, they should make it five straight in 2016. "For us to be successful, we will need to find depth at some key positions," states Pitts. "My goal for the team is for them to play hard and for them to improve week to week, but most of all to have fun."

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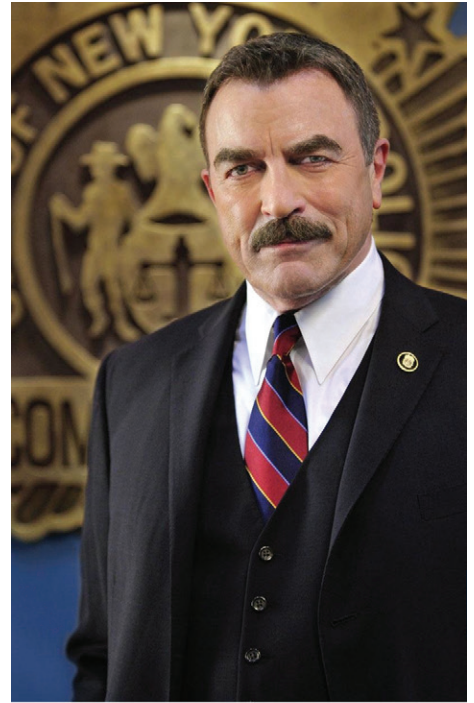
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Eagles

Joplin High School

Conference: Ozark
Class: 6
District: 4
School Colors: Cardinal & Navy
Head Coach: Curtis Jasper
Years in coaching: 17
Years as head coach: 2
Record at JHS: 7-3
Assistant coaches:
 Brandon Taute, Nick Reid,
 Alan Linden, Kris Garrett,
 Jason Vieselmeyer
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 7-3 (First round)
2014: 6-4 (First round)
2013: 5-5 (First round)
2012: 3-7 (First round)
2011: 4-6 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21 @ Glendale W, 56-48
 8/28 Parkview W, 29-28
 9/4 @ Kickapoo L, 28-55
 9/11 Rolla W, 47-15
 9/18 @ West Plains L, 21-28
 9/25 Waynesville W, 55-25
 10/2 @ Lebanon W, 35-7
 10/9 Camdenton W, 27-12
 10/16 Hillcrest W, 52-0

Playoffs

10/23 Blue Springs L, 20-24

2016 Schedule

8/19 Glendale
 8/26 @ Parkview
 9/2 Kickapoo
 9/9 @ Rolla
 9/16 West Plains
 9/23 @ Waynesville
 9/30 Lebanon
 10/7 @ Camdenton
 10/14 @ Hillcrest

Projected finish: 5-4

2015 Review

The Joplin Eagles had a very talented senior class in 2015, making it an easier transition for first-year head coach Curtis Jasper. "The best part of last season was improving each week and earning a home district game for the first time since the current playoff system was established," says Coach Jasper. After finishing the regular season at 7-2, the Eagles hosted Blue Springs in the first round of district play. The first half of that game ended with Joplin trailing, 24-20. Unfortunately for the Eagles, they weren't able to score in the second half and the game ended with the same score to conclude their season with a 7-3 overall record.

Key Losses

QB Colby Cornett
 WR/FS Alex Coffin
 WR/DB Zack Gaudette
 LB Korbin Dalton
 OL Elimo Lounis
 OL Reid Brown

Southeast Missouri State University
 Missouri State University
 William Jewell College
 Ottawa University
 Central Methodist University
 Central Methodist University

Returning Starters

WR/DB Spencer Newell (5-11, 170, Sr.)
 RB Dustin Hunter (5-6, 150, Sr.)
 OL Kooper Duckworth (6-0, 285, Sr.)
 OL Will Hughes (6-3, 297, Sr.)
 DE Nate Daugherty (6-4, 225, Sr.)
 SS Gavin Merriman (5-8, 172, Sr.)
 RB/LB Joe Crawford (5-10, 184, Sr.)
 LB Solomon Garcia (6-1, 215, Sr.)

277 Receiving yds., 3 TDs; 39 Tackles, 1 INT
 602 Rushing yds., 9 TDs

46 Tackles, 1 Sack
 61 Tackles
 212 Rushing yds., 6 TDs
 37 Tackles, 1 INT

Other Impact Players

RB Chris Jones (5-7, 183, Sr.)
 LB Payton Tuttle (5-7, 170, Sr.)
 OL/DL Andrew Thullesen (6-1, 241, Sr.)
 QB/P Spencer Swanson (6-2, 169, Sr.)
 LB Jacob Bartlett (5-9, 186, Jr.)
 OL Tyler Harryman (5-10, 230, Jr.)
 DB Jake Yarnall (5-8, 132, Jr.)

60 Rushing yds., 5 TDs
 36 Tackles
 3 Tackles
 21 Tackles
 6 Tackles

Offense: Spread Zone **Defense:** Multiple, 4-3 Base

Coach Jasper says...

"We have a lot of good players competing for playing time. We must have players step up into leadership roles that were vacated by last year's seniors. Fans can expect to see a physical, tough, competitive team that loves to play together for each other."

2016 Outlook

Last year's senior class will be a tough one to replace – Cornett, Gaudette, and Coffin were a big part of the offense for the Eagles. In his second year as the head coach at Joplin, Curtis Jasper will look to build on his successful debut season. "We need to continue to improve so that we can take the next step in districts," Jasper says. It's been a while since the Eagles have taken that next step, but from everything we've seen, the team has bought in to Coach Jasper. He's the kind of coach who's not just looking to build a team, he wants to build a program that finds success even in years when the talent might not be there. There is talent there for Joplin this year, though. Spencer Newell will be a big factor on offense, and Joe Crawford returns for his senior season after an injury-shortened 2015. Their schedule will be filled with plenty of close games, but if the Eagles can find a way to finish those games off, they will make a push for another winning season.



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Tigers

Lamar High School

Conference: Big 8

Class: 2

District: 4

School Colors: Red & Black

Head Coach: Scott Bailey

Years in coaching: 16

Years as head coach: 11

Record at LHS: 101-36

Assistant coaches:

Thad Lundine, Brett Pettibon,

Steve Bailey, Glen Cox,

Iver Johnson, Eric England, Rick Piper,

Chris Wilkerson, Richard Grishow

Radio: KHST (101.7 FM)

Five-Year Trend

2015: 15-0 (State Champions)

2014: 14-1 (State Champions)

2013: 14-1 (State Champions)

2012: 13-2 (State Champions)

2011: 14-1 (State Champions)

2015 Results

8/21 @ Mount Vernon W, 52-6

8/28 Seneca W, 56-6

9/4 @ Monett W, 29-12

9/11 Cassville W, 38-6

9/18 @ Butler W, 56-22

9/25 McDonald County W, 73-0

10/2 @ East Newton W, 63-6

10/9 @ Aurora W, 41-0

10/16 Carl Junction W, 56-34

Playoffs

10/23 Sherwood W, 63-0

10/30 El Dorado Springs W, 60-6

11/6 Summit Christian W, 58-7

11/14 @ Liberty (Mountain View) ... W, 14-7

11/21 Lafayette County W, 45-0

11/27 vs. Malden (@ St. Louis) W, 37-0

2016 Schedule

8/19 Cassville

8/26 East Newton

9/2 Aurora

9/9 @ Monett

9/23 @ McDonald County

10/1 @ Valle Catholic

10/7 @ Mount Vernon

10/14 Seneca

Projected finish: 8-0

2015 Review

Last season was definitely one to remember for the Lamar Tigers, and not just because they won another state championship. They started the season 8-0, setting up a regular season finale against also undefeated Carl Junction. The game was tied at 14 after the first quarter, but Lamar closed it out, winning by a score of 56-34 to take the Big 8 title for the first time in school history. They went into the playoffs and dominated in the first three games, and then came the Liberty game. The Tigers were down, 7-6, at halftime and trailed by the same score until under a minute to go. Stuart McKarus punched one in, Lamar converted the two-point conversion, and the rest is history. The Tigers finished off the "drive for five" with back-to-back shutouts, including a 37-0 win over Malden in the state finals.

Key Losses

K/DE Todd Morrow

C Keegan Duncan

Pittsburg State University

Pittsburg State University

Returning Starters

QB Matt Whyman (5-11, 175, Sr.)

2015 All-State

FS Tanner Phipps (5-9, 170, Sr.)

2015 All-State

RB/DB Luke Hardman (5-11, 180, Sr.)

2015 All-State

RB/DB Anthony Wilkerson (5-11, 185, Sr.)

2015 All-State

DT Will Jeffries (5-10, 250, Sr.)

2015 All-State

TE/DE T.W. Ayers (6-1, 225, Jr.)

2015 All-State

LB Hunter Gepner (5-10, 170, Sr.)

2015 All-Big 8 Honorable Mention

SS Trey Mooney (6-3, 195, Sr.)

2015 All-Area Honorable Mention

OL Sam Buzzard (6-2, 230, Sr.)

2015 All-Big 8 Honorable Mention

DT Kendall Morrow (5-10, 250, Sr.)

2015 All-Big 8 Second Team

OL Kyler Overstreet (6-1, 220, Sr.)

DE Cooper Lucas (5-11, 215, Jr.)

2015 All-Big 8 Second Team

QB Stuart McKarus (5-11, 175, Jr.)

2015 All-Big 8 Honorable Mention

LB Michael Danner (6-0, 185, Jr.)

Offense: Double Wing/Dual QB Defense: 4-3

Coch Bailey says...

"I know it is 'coach speak,' but it is very true, every game on our schedule is a 'BIG' game and for good reason. Nobody on our schedule wants to lose to the smallest school in the Big 8, and with the recent amount of playoff success we have had, every Class 2 school wants to be the one to end it. Everyone also needs to remember that this is a new team – we are not 15-0 headed into Week 16. It is Week 1 with a new team and it will take some time for this team to figure out their identity the same as our other teams. Our football team has grown into and our players openly promote themselves as a 'BROTHERHOOD.' My expectation is for us to act in a manner that shows everyone we are doing our best to live up to that word."

2016 Outlook

We're not going to say the whole death, taxes, Lamar-Tigers-winning-the-state-championship thing. Frankly, death and taxes are unreliable compared to the Tigers. If you're outside of Lamar you can't stand them, if you're in Lamar you love them. Either way, it's not hard to recognize that what we're seeing is something special. In an interview with us once, Coach Bailey told us that when he was offered the head coaching job at Lamar, his mother cried and begged him not to take the job. Flash forward to now, and he's undoubtedly one of the best coaches in the area. There's not a lot more to say. Lamar returns six players who earned All-State honors last season, and five of them are seniors. Hardman, Wilkerson, Whyman and McKarus combined for 2,717 rushing yards and 43 touchdowns. McKarus added 505 more yards and six touchdowns through the air. On defense they bring back nine full-time starters and one part-time starter from a group that posted five shutouts, including three in the playoffs. The wild success Lamar is having will not last forever, but it's not ending soon. Our advice is to just sit back and enjoy, because who knows if you'll ever see something like it again.



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Bulldogs

Liberal High School

Conference: Spring River Valley

Class: 1

District: 3

School Colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Matt McKee

Years in coaching: 12

Years as head coach: 1

Record at LHS: 0-0

Assistant coaches:

Robert Williams, Wade Sprenkle

Five-Year Trend

2015: 1-7 (First round)

2014: 0-10 (First round)

2013: 2-8 (First round)

2012: 0-10 (First round)

2011: 1-9 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21 **Lockwood**..... L, 8-55

8/28 @ Pierce City..... L, 12-54

9/4 @ McAuley Catholic *W, 64-46

9/11 **Sarcoxie**..... W, 44-38

9/18 @ Jasper L, 14-54

9/25 **Miller** L, 18-42

10/9 **Diamond** L, 12-42

10/16 @ Rich Hill..... L, 16-54

Playoffs

10/23 @ Midway L, 14-41

*=Per MSHSAA, games vs. 8-man schools not counted on record.

2016 Schedule

8/19 @ Lockwood

8/26 **Pierce City**

9/2 **Northeast**

9/9 @ Sarcoxie

9/17 @ Tipton

9/23 @ Miller

9/30 **Jasper**

10/7 @ Diamond

10/14 **Rich Hill**

Projected finish: 0-9

2015 Review

Outside of back-to-back wins in Weeks 3 and 4 (the McAuley victory being an exhibition victory per MSHSAA), things didn't go very well for the Liberal Bulldogs in 2015. The wins against McAuley and Sarcoxie were the only two, and they lost every other game by 27 or more points. The 2015 campaign was the first and last for head coach Sam Kruse, and Matt McKee will be the head man this season. "We need to be consistent in doing the little things right," McKee says. "Focus on the fundamentals of the game and good things will happen."

Returning Starters

OL/DL Zach Kirch (6-0, 220, Sr.)

TE/DE Dalton Davis (6-7, 220, Jr.)

WR/DB Tyler Stebbins (5-9, 170, Jr.)

OL/DL Austin Johnson (5-10, 210, Jr.)

QB/DB Jacob Dermott (6-0, 170, Jr.)

RB/DB Noah Harris (5-7, 160, So.)

WR/LB Colby Selvey (6-0, 180, So.)

FB/LB Weston Sprenkle (5-8, 190, So.)

RB/LB Sean Clark (6-1, 180, So.)

Other Impact Players

TE/LB Carson Endicott (5-11, 190, Jr.)

RB/LB Clay Charlton (5-7, 180, So.)

Offense: Single Wing

Defense: 4-4

Coach McKee says...

I took this job because it's my hometown. I've always wanted the opportunity to come back here and coach. Liberal is a great town full of good people and this is where I want to raise my family."

2016 Outlook

Once again, Liberal has a new head coach. McKee will have a very young roster for his first year as the man in charge. The Bulldogs have just one returning senior starter in Zach Kirch. "We have a good group of hard-working kids who will do whatever it takes to be successful," says Coach McKee. He has the right mindset for a new coach taking over a young team. "I expect our kids to show class on and off the field and be positive role models for the younger kids in our program. I expect them to be competitive every play and lay the foundation for our program in the future." That's what they're trying to do in Liberal – lay the foundation. If they're competitive along the way, that's icing on the cake. With a hometown guy leading the program, hopefully the Bulldogs can regain some enthusiasm for the game and get the players to buy in. For now, it's not about building a team, it's about building a program. McKee says, "Fans can expect to see a team that competes on every play and strives to be an example of success and sportsmanship." That's a good place to start for McKee and the young Bulldogs.



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Mustangs

Conference: Big 8**Class:** 4**District:** 5**School Colors:** Red, Black & White**Head Coach:** John Diehl**Years in coaching:** 38**Years as head coach:** 1**Record at MCHS:** 0-0**Assistant coaches:** Sean McCullough,
Chris Kane, Blake Martin**Twitter:** @MCR1Mustangs**Five-Year Trend****2015:** 1-9 (First round)**2014:** 1-9 (First round)**2013:** 1-9 (First round)**2012:** 3-7 (First round)**2011:** 2-8 (No playoffs)**2015 Results**

8/21 Neosho..... L, 6-46

8/28 @ Aurora..... L, 21-56

9/4 Cassville L, 14-42

9/11 East Newton W, 41-6

9/18 Carl Junction L, 0-41

9/25 @ Lamar L, 0-73

10/2 Seneca L, 32-36

10/9 @ Mount Vernon L, 7-24

10/16 Monett L, 6-45

Playoffs

10/23 @ Webb City..... L, 13-42

2016 Schedule

8/19 Salem

8/26 @ Marshfield

9/2 Seneca

9/9 Cassville

9/16 @ Mount Vernon

9/23 Lamar

9/30 @ Monett

10/7 @ East Newton

10/14 Aurora

Projected finish: 2-7**2015 Review**

For the third straight season the McDonald County Mustangs finished with a 1-9 record. Their lone win was in Week 4 at home against East Newton. After just two seasons with the program, Corey Henry stepped down as the Mustangs' head coach in January. John Diehl has taken over heading into 2016.

Returning Starters

RB/LB Jake Will (6-0, 215, Sr.) 350 Rushing yds.

RB/LB Izzy DeSantiago (6-0, 215, Jr.) 700 Rushing yds.

Other Impact Players

G Will Dean (6-0, 215, Sr.)

G Corvin Black (6-0, 245, Sr.)

T Kyle Hall (6-3, 265, Sr.)

C Tink Kinser (6-0, 285, Jr.)

SE Cole DeLosSantos (6-3, 215, Jr.)

QB Kennedy Hodson (6-3, 215, Jr.)

T Elliott Wolfe (6-5, 265, So.)

QB Shiloh Jackson (6-3, 215, So.)

SE Devon Aubrey (6-4, 215, Sr.)

RB Oakley Roessler (6-0, 185, So.)

SE Micah Burkholder (6-0, 195, So.)

RB/LB Joe Brown (6-0, 195, So.)

Offense: Wishbone**Defense:** 6-2**Coach Diehl says...**

"[Fans can expect to see] a greatly improved, disciplined team that is extremely hungry. We need to improve concentration and playing mistake-free football to be successful."

2016 Outlook

McDonald County has some real athletes on their roster. "We're extremely strong from our CrossFit football training program," says Coach Diehl. "The backfield [players] all run sub-4.7 40-yard dash times." The problem for McDonald County is that they play a very tough schedule. The Big 8 is pretty good at the top, even with the departure of Carl Junction to the Central Ozark Conference Large Division. In his first year with the program, Coach Diehl is looking to bring discipline to the Mustangs. "We expect all members of our team to work hard, dedicate themselves to the task at hand, and make the sacrifices to be successful," Diehl says. In 2016, McDonald County is trying to get out of the 1-9 rut they're in and start the long climb back to being competitive in a very tough league.

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Cubs

Conference: Big 8

Class: 3

District: 4

School Colors: Purple & Gold

Head Coach: Derek Uhl

Years in coaching: 17

Years as head coach: 2

Record at MHS: 8-3

Assistant coaches: Kyle Wood,
Tyler Rickard, Kellen Hoover, Garrison
Earnest, Ricky Nichols

Five-Year Trend

2015: 8-3 (Second round)

2014: 11-3 (Semifinals)

2013: 5-5 (First round)

2012: 10-4 (Semifinals)

2011: 5-6 (First round)

2015 Results

8/21 @ Seneca..... W, 42-7

8/28 @ East Newton W, 42-0

9/4 Lamar..... L, 12-29

9/11 Mount Vernon..... W, 41-7

9/18 @ Cassville W, 34-6

9/25 @ Aurora W, 13-6

10/2 Carl Junction..... L, 0-35

10/9 Clinton W, 35-3

10/16 @ McDonald County W, 45-6

Playoffs

10/23 Seneca..... W, 51-6

10/30 Aurora..... L, 11-25

2016 Schedule

8/20 California

8/26 @ Logan-Rogersville

9/2 @ Mount Vernon

9/9 Lamar

9/16 @ Aurora

9/23 Cassville

9/30 McDonald County

10/7 @ Seneca

10/14 East Newton

Projected finish: 8-1

2015 Review

In his first season as the head coach at Monett, Derrek Uhl led the Cubs to an 8-3 record and another playoff win. "The best part of last season was seeing the seniors step up and all play their best football," Uhl says. "I had a lot of fun coaching them and they left their mark on the Monett football program. I really enjoyed watching the different personalities gel and become a team." Monett went into the postseason with a 7-2 record that included a win against Big 8 rival Aurora. After smoking Seneca in the first round, the Cubs met the Houn' Dawgs once again, only this time Aurora flipped the script and ended Monett's season in the second round. It was a pretty young team for Monett in 2015. According to Uhl, "The biggest challenge last season was replacing a senior class of 20 that graduated the year before. We had 10 seniors who really stepped up and were leaders for the rest of the team." This year, Monett will have a lot more experience going for them with quite a few juniors returning for their senior year.

Key Losses

WR/DB Jonah Paszek

Missouri Southern State University

Returning Starters

TE/DE Alex Turner (6-4, 230, Sr.)

– 167 Rec. yds., 1 TD, 61 Tackles

RB/LB Michael Branch (6-0, 225, Sr.)

– 1,200 Rush. yds., 14 TD, 23 Tackles

WB/DB Ian Meyer (6-2, 195, Sr.)

– 1,207 Receiving yds., 13 TD

OL/DL Kurran Bartkoski (6-3, 300, Sr.)

OL/DL Aiden Brown (6-4, 275, Sr.)

WR/DB Brody Crawford (5-9, 165, Sr.)

– 97 Receiving yds., 1 TD, 7 Tackles

OL/DL Angel Villalta (5-9, 240, Sr.) – 34 Tackles, 13 TFL

OL/DL Gabe Pryor (5-9, 240, Sr.) – 32 Tackles, 5.5 TFL

WR/DB Mason Swearingen (5-9, 165, Sr.)

– 42 Tackles, 5 TFL

RB/DB Aaron Howard (5-9, 175, Sr.)

– 112 Rushing yds., 2 TDs, 62 Tackles

OL/DE Coy Butterworth (6-4, 225, Jr.)

– 29 Tackles, 6 TFL

TE/DE Brennon Krueger (6-3, 185, Jr.)

– 4 Tackles, 1 TFL

Other Impact Players

OL/LB Donovan Smith (5-11, 200, Sr.)

OL/DL Randy Beeson (6-0, 225, Sr.)

WR/DB C.J. Jobe (5-11, 170, Sr.)

WR/DB Tommy Sangston (6-1, 175, Sr.)

K Cameron Cody (6-2, 180, Sr.)

OL/DL Jeremiah Anderson (6-1, 230, Sr.)

RB/DB Angel Rabadan (5-9, 165, Jr.)

WR/DB Jedd Anderson (5-9, 155, Jr.)

WR/DB Cody Thompson (5-10, 165, Jr.)

TE/LB Tyler Allcock (6-4, 200, Jr.)

RB/LB Darian McCracken (5-11, 170, Jr.)

RB/DB Bailey Austin (5-10, 165, Jr.)

RB/LB Kris McGuire (5-10, 165, Jr.)

OL/DL Adam Long (5-10, 220, Jr.)

TE/LB Zack Blevins (6-3, 185, Jr.)

OL/DL Trevor Prewitt (6-2, 240, Jr.)

OL/DL Cody Neill (5-10, 240, Jr.)

OL/LB/K Caleb Hilton (5-11, 190, Jr.)

WR/DB Jason Ehrhardt (5-10, 165, Jr.)

OL/DL Nick Bartha (5-11, 280, Jr.)

RB/LB Patrick Valentine (5-11, 200, So.)

RB/LB William Murphy (5-11, 180, So.)

Offense: West Coast Defense: 6-2 Stack Monster

Coach Uhl says...

"We have some young guys in key spots who will need to have big seasons. I think we have the young guys who will compete and it will be fun to see who steps up. We will be physical on both sides of the ball and be very unpredictable. Our seniors are going to have a big year and have a lot of fun doing it. We won't change much from last year. You will see some new faces that will fill holes and make plays."

2016 Outlook

Monett has plenty of skill guys returning this season. QB Ian Meyer is back from a 1,200-yard season. Leading rusher Michael Branch is back. TE Alex Turner (Second-team All-State) will be back and play in multiple spots on offense. One new face that will look to make a difference for Monett this year is WR/DB Brian Parra-Navarro, a transfer from Pierce City. He brings with him 723 receiving yards and five touchdowns from last year. As for the defense, they will also be experience-heavy. The Cubs return everyone on the defensive line and three players in the secondary who were on the field quite a bit in 2015. The combination of an experienced group and another year to adjust to Coach Uhl should mean another big year for Monett in 2016.



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Mount Vernon High School

Mountaineers

Conference: Big 8
Class: 3
District: 4
School Colors: Green & White
Head Coach: Tom Cox
Years in coaching: 32
Years as head coach: 9
Record at MVHS: 48-36
Assistant coaches: Chris Johnston,
 Ethan Trokey, Khelon Hayes,
 Kelley Beckner, Jeff Piepenbrink

Five-Year Trend

2015: 4-6 (First round)
2014: 3-7 (First round)
2013: 1-9 (First round)
2012: 5-5 (First round)
2011: 5-6 (First round)

2015 Results

8/21 **Lamar** L, 6-52
 8/28 @ Carl Junction.....L, 14-49
 9/4 **Seneca**..... W, 26-14
 9/11 @ Monett.....L, 7-41
 9/18 **Aurora** L, 14-50
 9/25 @ East Newton W, 56-0
 10/2 **Cassville**..... W, 23-16
 10/9 **McDonald County**..... W, 24-7
 10/16 @ Central (Springfield) L, 26-28^{2OT}

Playoffs

10/23 **Cassville**..... L, 14-35

2016 Schedule

8/19 @ Reeds Spring
 8/26 **Springfield Catholic**
 9/2 **Monett**
 9/9 @ Seneca
 9/16 **McDonald County**
 9/23 @ East Newton
 9/30 **Aurora**
 10/7 **Lamar**
 10/14 @ Cassville

Projected finish: 3-6

2015 Review

It's really hard to start the season with any momentum when you face two of the best teams in the state right off the bat. "Our biggest challenge the past two years has been opening the season with Lamar and Carl Junction," says Mount Vernon head coach Tom Cox. "They are two great programs that have an exceptional run of athletes right now." The Mountaineers started the season off 2-4 through their first four games, then picked up a nice win in Week 7, beating Cassville, 23-16. That win was the first time Mount Vernon had beaten Cassville since 2003. In the regular season finale, Mount Vernon lost a double-overtime heartbreaker to Springfield Central, 28-26. The Mountaineers actually battled back from a 20-point deficit to push it to overtime, but the comeback fell just short. In the first round of districts, Cassville ended Mount Vernon's season in their rematch, 35-14. "I loved our team last year," says Coach Cox. "Our seniors were a special group of young men who worked their tails off for this program. I was disappointed for them that we didn't do better in the win-loss column."

Key Losses

RB/LB Payton Oehlschlager	North Central College
OL/DE Trace Williams	William Jewell College

Returning Starters

QB Garrett Hadlock (5-9, 170, Sr.)	1,691 Passing yds., 12 TDs
WR/DB Jarrett Massie (6-1, 175, Sr.)	Second-team All-Big 8, 873 Rushing yds., 7 TDs
DB Dustin Hearne (5-8, 160, Sr.)	
OL/DL James Lee (6-2, 245, Sr.)	
LB Ty Boswell (6-0, 180, Jr.)	
K Jayden Buttram (5-11, 170, Jr.)	23/25 PAT, 2/2 FG
DB Andrew Montemayor (5-10, 165, Jr.)	

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Shain Lester (Sr.)	OL/DL Carson Dake (Jr.)
TE/LB Nolan Johnson (Sr.)	OL/DL Cayden Heisner (Jr.)
OL/LB Tieler Monroe (Sr.)	TE/LB Tristan Dennis (Jr.)
WR/DB Ethan Johnston (Jr.)	RB/LB Sammie Robinson (Jr.)
WR/DB Chance Fenton (Jr.)	RB/LB Will Boswell (so.)

Offense: Pistol & Spread **Defense:** Multiple

Coach Cox says...

"[We have] a good core of hard-working guys who love to play the game. We have worked extremely hard to become more athletic and explosive. Our offensive and defensive lines will need to gain valuable experience quickly. We graduated a bulk of our lines on both sides of the ball."

2016 Outlook

It's definitely a positive thing for Mount Vernon that they don't have to face Lamar and Carl Junction right off that bat this year. Actually, they don't have CJ on the schedule at all since the Bulldogs moved out of the Big 8 Conference. The Mountaineers have a few coaching changes heading into this year. "[The biggest change for the team is] Coach Joy Maberry not being on the sideline leading our defense," says Coach Cox. "Chris Johnson will assume those duties." The top of the Big 8 will still be very strong this year, even with Carl Junction heading to the COC. Coach Cox says fans will see "exciting, wide-open football" this season and also adds, "We always expect our guys to play well and compete to the best of their abilities. I think we will have an exciting team this year that will be fun to watch."



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Neosho High School

Wildcats

Conference: Central Ozark Large Division

Class: 5

District: 5

School Colors: Black & Vegas Gold

Head Coach: Dustin Baldwin

Years in coaching: 8

Years as head coach: 4

Record at NHS: 10-21

Assistant coaches: Zac Nelson,
Robert Burr, Tom Ellis, Larry Perkins,
Randy Mustain, Austin Daniel,
Josh Yarnell, Denzil Davis

Radio: KBTN (1420 AM)

Twitter: @NEOSHO_AD

Five-Year Trend

2015: 7-4 (Second round)

2014: 3-7 (First round)

2013: 0-10 (First round)

2012: 0-10 (First round)

2011: 2-8 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21	@ McDonald County	W, 46-6
8/28	Logan-Rogersville	W, 46-0
9/4	Willard	L, 38-41
9/11	@ Branson	W, 35-6
9/18	@ Carthage	L, 19-20
9/25	Nixa	W, 35-28
10/2	Webb City	L, 7-35
10/9	@ Republic	W, 36-15
10/16	Ozark	W, 38-21

Playoffs

10/23	Ruskin	W, 42-0
10/30	@ Carthage	L, 14-33

2016 Schedule

8/19	Branson
8/26	Ozark
9/2	@ Willard
9/9	@ Carl Junction
9/16	@ Nixa
9/23	Republic
9/30	@ Logan-Rogersville
10/7	@ Webb City
10/14	Carthage

Projected finish: 4-5

2015 Review

The 2015 season was another huge step forward for the Neosho Wildcats. After finishing 3-7 in 2014, Neosho finally got back over the .500 mark last season, finishing the year 7-4. The Wildcats finished the regular season 6-3, and two of their three losses were within three points. Their other loss was to Webb City, and even that one was a six-point game at halftime. Coach Baldwin says the best part of last season "was watching our kids learn how to win and seeing their confidence grow as the season went on. Beating teams like Republic and Nixa, who won their district, was a big stepping stone for our program. 2015 was just a fun year for our kids and fans. We were in every game we played. We had several exciting finishes of which we won some and lost some, but overall the players worked hard and we had a lot of fun as a team."

Key Losses

RB Devin Hames – Missouri Southern State. U.
TE/DE Lukas Werneke
– Missouri Southern State University

OL Jordan White – Missouri Southern State University
OL Dayton Jordan – Millikin University

Returning Starters

QB Coleman Scott (6-1, 180, Sr.)
– 1,380 Pass yds., 17 TDs,
425 Rush. yds., 1 TD
RB/WR Payton Klier (5-7, 150, Sr.)
– 324 Rush. yds., 3 TDs,
567 Rec. Yds., 5 TDs
WR Ethan Siler (6-3, 185, Sr.)
– 371 Rec. yds., 7 TDs
WR Bryce Murphy (6-2, 180, Sr.)

OL Tay Cable (6-2, 260, Sr.)
OL Zac Plummer (6-1, 200, Sr.)
LB John Meyer (5-10, 200, Sr.)
LB/S James Goff (5-8, 175, Sr.)
DE Cameron Cotton (6-3, 235, Sr.)
OLB Jon Moser (6-0, 180, Sr.)
WR Jarvis Funk (5-10, 160, Jr.)
DL/LB Adrian Hitchcock (6-0, 220, Jr.)

Other Impact Players

TE/LB Spencer Beardon (6-1, 200, Sr.)
WR/DE Jalen Timberlake (6-0, 180, Sr.)
OL/LB Kyle Sanders (5-7, 180, Sr.)

OL/DL Roy Woody (6-0, 210, Sr.)
OL/DL Carter Graue (6-1, 270, Sr.)

Offense: Power Spread/Multiple **Defense:** 4-2-5 /Multiple

Coach Baldwin says...

"I think our kids learned that if we buy in to our program, we can compete with and beat good football teams. We also learned that every week in our conference is a dogfight and there are no nights off in the COC. Hopefully this team enters the season with the same amount of confidence we left with last year knowing we can compete with good teams. Last year (offensively) we had a guy in Devin that was going to get the ball. This year I think you will see a much more balanced offensive team. On defense we have to replace All-Conference players Jon Rodriguez and Jacob Duke, but there are several guys ready to do that."

2016 Outlook

It's been fun watching Neosho improve so much over the last few years. This year, they have some massive shoes to fill with some of the talent that graduated, specifically RB Devin Hames. The offense ran through Hames, and Hames ran through defenses, doing his fair share of record smashing along the way. QB Coleman Scott is back to lead the offense, but one of the concerns for the Wildcats heading into the season is the line that will be protecting him. According to Coach Baldwin, "We have lots of capable guys but not a lot of experience on the OL/DL, so gaining the level of physicality and consistency that is needed will be a big priority for us." The COC Large was good last season, and it got even better this offseason with the addition of Carl Junction. Neosho's schedule is brutal in 2016. At Willard in Week 3, Carl Junction in Week 4, Nixa in Week 5, Webb City in Week 8, and home against Carthage in Week 9. Most of their tough games are on the road. It will be a huge testament to the seniors and Coach Baldwin if the Wildcats are able to put up back-to-back winning seasons.



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Nevada High School

Tigers

Conference: West Central

Class: 4

District: 6

School Colors: Crimson & Gray

Head Coach: Eric Yoakam

Years in coaching: 12

Years as head coach: 4

Record at NHS: 10-20

Assistant coaches: Chris Smoot,

Kirk Miller, Jamie Alexander,

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Five-Year Trend

2015: 3-7 (First round)

2014: 2-8 (First round)

2013: 5-5 (First round)

2012: 8-3 (Second round)

2011: 6-4 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21 @ Willard L, 6-41

8/28 **Center** L, 7-31

9/4 @ St. Pius X (Kansas City) W, 23-16

9/11 @ O'Hara L, 26-54

9/18 **Smith-Cotton** L, 13-16

9/25 @ Seneca W, 33-12

10/2 **Aurora** L, 7-29

10/9 @ Warrensburg L, 14-44

10/16 **Clinton** W, 14-13

Playoffs

10/23 @ Center L, 18-36

2016 Schedule

8/19 **Seneca**

8/26 @ KC Center

9/2 **St. Pius X**

9/9 **O'Hara**

9/16 @ Smith Cotton

9/23 **Central (Springfield)**

9/30 @ DeSoto

10/7 **Warrensburg**

10/14 @ Clinton

Projected finish: 4-5

2015 Review

Last season was the third straight that Nevada finished under .500. That's the bad news. The good news is their record improved for the first time since 2012. "We had several first-year varsity players," Coach Yoakam says, "so they had to go through growing pains. We had seven sophomores starting both ways so that is something we look forward to this upcoming season." The Tigers graduated a fantastic athlete in Chaden Brandt, but they return a solid cast of skill players for 2016.

Key Losses

RB/LB Chaden Brandt

Southwest Baptist University

Returning Starters

QB/DB Jacob Hammontree (Sr.)

TE/LB Jacob Johnson (Sr.)

2015 All-State, All-SWMO

DB Cameron Diaz (Sr.)

LB Payton Bright (Sr.)

RB/LB Zack Gardner (Jr.)

2015 All-State, All-SWMO

QB Braden Hinton (Jr.)

TE/LB Hunter Mason (Jr.)

2015 All-State, All-SWMO

WR Shelby Trotter (Jr.)

2015 All-SWMO

DB Braxton Shadden (Jr.)

LB Trevor Olson (Jr.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Matt Sommer (Sr.)

OL Alec Baker (Jr.)

OL Treyton Fleeman (So.)

DB Jarren Powrie (So.)

Offense: Option **Defense:** 3-5-3

Coach Yoakam says...

"We are returning all of our skilled players, so that will be our strength. Fans can expect to see an experienced but young and energetic football team. All the young kids who were playing are now more experienced players."

2016 Outlook

Nevada will lean on their returning skill guys this season. The Tigers have four all-area players returning, including three who earned all-state honors in 2015. One of the main concerns for Nevada going into this year is the lack of experience in the trenches. "Our OL and DL will be talented, just young," Coach Yoakam says. There will be a lot of the same faces on the field for Nevada this year. Those faces gained valuable experience in 2015. This year the Tigers will have a good group of talented, athletic juniors and seniors. We expect to see that experience show early and expect Nevada to make a push for .500 for the first time since 2013.





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Bears

Sarcxie High School

Conference: Spring River Valley

Class: 1

District: 2

School Colors: Purple & Gold

Head Coach: Russell Ellis

Years in coaching: 11

Years as head coach: 2

Record at SHS: 1-8

Assistant coaches: Korey Gordon,
Zach Staples, Brian Brimacombe

Twitter: @SarcxieBears

Five-Year Trend

2015: 1-8 (First round)

2014: 1-8 (First round)

2013: 9-2 (Second round)

2012: 8-3 (Second round)

2011: 5-6 (First round)

2015 Results

8/21 @ Jasper.....L, 6-28
8/31 Reeds Spring JV*W, 34-26
9/4 Miller..... W, 21-20
9/11 @ Liberal.....L, 36-44
9/18 @ Lincoln.....L, 14-54
9/25 Diamond..... L, 7-34
10/2 @ LockwoodL, 20-46
10/9 @ ButlerL, 12-61
10/16 Pierce City..... L, 7-27

Playoffs

10/23 @ MarionvilleL, 34-62
*Per MSHSAA, games vs. JV teams not counted on record. Game was scheduled when McAuley Catholic dropped to 8-man.

2016 Schedule

8/19 Jasper
8/26 @ Commerce
9/2 @ Miller
9/9 Liberal
9/16 Southeast
9/23 @ Diamond
9/30 Lockwood
10/7 Butler
10/14 @ Pierce City

Projected finish: 2-7

2015 Review

The 2015 season was the first for the Bears under new head coach Russell Ellis. As seen many times with new coaches, there were some growing pains last season. After a close Week 3 win against Miller, the Bears ended the year on a seven-game losing streak, with only one of the games being a one-possession ball game. The team did not have a lot of seniors last year and relied on a fairly young group of players. "Last year's team was a hard-working team with a lot of youth," says Coach Ellis. "Our team gained another year of experience and had a lot of learning moments from games. We finished with one win in the conference put played several teams close."

Returning Starters

OL/LB Rhys Hine (5-10, 190, Sr.)	55 Tackles
FB/LB Clayton Carver (5-10, 185, Sr.)	26 Tackles, 1 Sack
OL/LB Tyler Bowman (5-10, 185, Sr.)	45 Tackles, 2 Fumbles recovered
QB/DB Chris Comerford (5-9, 145, Jr.)	800 Rush. yds., 500 Pass. yds, 14 Total TDs 2 Fumbles recovered, 1 Interception
OL/DL Paul Reyes (5-9, 230, Jr.)	19 Tackles
RB/DB Devon Middleton (5-9, 140, Jr.)	44 Rushing yds., 7 Tackles
RB/DB Christian Garrison (5-9, 140, So.)	48 Receiving yds., 50 Rushing yds., 18 Tackles
RB/LB Nate Ogle (5-10, 155, So.)	55 Receiving yds.
OL/DL Keaton McKlintock (5-11, 270, So.)	28 Tackles, 1 Fumbles recovered

Other Impact Players

FB Fernando Flores (5-8, 145, Sr.) OL Nate Baldwin (5-11, 210, Fr.)
LB Caleb Stillians (5-9, 180, Sr.)

Offense: Flexbone/Spread **Defense:** 3-4

Coach Ellis says...

"Every game this year is going to be a big game. We are going to focus our greatest efforts on our upcoming opponent. We do not have the luxury of looking ahead in our conference. We have to prepare the best we can for each opponent to give ourselves an opportunity to have success."

2016 Outlook

Sometimes you see something click in the second year under a new head coach, and that's certainly what Sarcxie is hoping to see this season. When you're trying to get back to being competitive week in and week out, it helps to have a solid group of big guys up front. "We will be returning all of our offensive linemen from last year's team," says Coach Ellis. "Our strength offensively will be our experience up front. We will also be more confident after another year in our system. We look to use our speed in the backfield and experience up front to keep defenses off balance." As for the defense, Ellis expects his Bears to be quick. "Our defensive 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." The team gained valuable experience last season but still only returns three seniors who started last year – one of those is OL/LB Rhys Hine. "Rhys has done a great job adapting to our system. He is a hard worker and very reliable," Coach Ellis says. "He has become a great role model for our underclassmen and a solid football player for us. He is extremely intelligent and very versatile." The Bears are hoping this year's squad can be the one to lay the foundation for a successful future under Coach Ellis. "We are going to practice extremely hard, compete every down, and develop positive role models for our school and our community," Ellis adds. "Our team will play with a lot of grit and effort, and we hope to put ourselves in a situation to win ball games."



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Indians

Seneca High School

Conference: Big 8

Class: 3

District: 4

School Colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Ryan McFarland

Years in coaching: 14

Years as head coach: 1

Record at SHS: 0-0

Assistant coaches:

Chris Yust, Darryl Harbaugh,

Scott Quinly, Cody Spencer

Twitter: @SHS_Indians FB

Five-Year Trend

2015: 2-8 (First round)

2014: 3-7 (First round)

2013: 11-4 (State runner-up)

2012: 6-5 (Second round)

2011: 5-5 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

8/21 **Monett** L, 7-42

8/28 @ Lamar L, 6-56

9/4 @ Mount Vernon L, 14-26

9/11 **Aurora** L, 8-50

9/18 **East Newton**..... W, 44-0

9/25 **Nevada** L, 12-33

10/2 @ McDonald County W, 36-32

10/9 @ Carl Junction..... L, 28-63

10/16 Cassville..... L, 12-40

Playoffs

10/23 @ Monett..... L, 6-51

2016 Schedule

8/19 @ Nevada

8/26 **Osage**

9/2 @ McDonald County

9/9 **Mount Vernon**

9/16 @ East Newton

9/23 **Aurora**

9/30 @ Cassville

10/7 **Monett**

10/14 @ Lamar

Projected finish: 4-5

2015 Review

Last season was the second consecutive down season for Seneca after making a title game appearance in 2013. They did sprinkle in a couple of wins against East Newton and McDonald County, but all of their losses were by 12 or more points. After five years as the head coach for the Indians, Dan Scheible accepted an offensive coordinator position at Central Methodist University, ending his tenure at Seneca. Scheible's departure opened the door for Ryan McFarland to come over from Riverton, Kan., to take the job.

Returning Starters

WR/DB Zach Dunnam (6-0, 155, Sr.)

– 290 Rec. yds., 3 TDs, 43 Tackles

QB Derek Burr (6-2, 185, Sr.)

– 1,036 Passing yds., 10 TDs

WR/DB Marques Patton (5-11, 170, Sr.)

– 87 Receiving yds., 18 Tackles

TE/LB Bryceton Williams (6-0, 210, Sr.)

– 78 Tackles, 1 Interception, 1 TD

RB/DB Spencer Brattin (6-0, 180, Sr.)

– 385 Rush. yds., 141 Rec. yds., 5 TDs

29 Tackles, 1 Fumble recovery

RB/LB Lance Hymer (5-11, 180, Sr.)

– 724 Rush.yds., 5 TDs, 46 Tackles

OL/LB Jacob Webb (6-0, 215, Sr.)

– 53 Tackles, 1 Interceptions

OL/DL Cameron Nesvold (6-3, 200, Sr.)

– 20 Tackles

OL/DL Garrett Cox (6-2, 240, Sr.) – 28 Tackles

OL/DL Colton Wilson (6-2, 270, Sr.) – 16 Tackles

OL/DL Chance Wallace (6-0, 230, Sr.)

TE Gavin Dunnam (6-3, 230, Jr.)

– 70 Receiving yds., 49 Tackles

Other Impact Players

OL/DL Skylar Dodson (6-1, 250, Sr.)

RB/LB Cole Hatfield (5-9, 170, Jr.)

– 38 Rushing yds., 19 Tackles

WR/DB Matt Caputo (5-10, 150, Jr.)

– 7 Tackles

Tackles

OL/LB Laine Doty (6-0, 200, Jr.) – 7 Tackles

OL/DL Jacob Martin (5-10, 200, Jr.)

WR/DB Miguel Bonilla (5-9, 140, So.)

– 32 Receiving yds.

QB/DB Gavin Clouse (5-10, 150, So.) – 4

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

Coach McFarland says...

"The Seneca football program has one of the top football traditions in the four-state area. They have great community support and the kids want to win. I am excited to have the opportunity to take over this program. We will try to install a physical option running game and an equally physical defense. If we can have success running the ball, then I believe we will give our defense a chance to win some games for us."

2016 Outlook

We like the fit with Coach McFarland at Seneca. "We are hoping to bring back a physical offense to Seneca football," McFarland says. "We will be able to throw the ball when needed, but we want to let our big guys up front control the game for us both offensively and defensively. We will strive to be fundamentally sound and play hard." McFarland takes over a pretty experienced roster heading into 2016. The Indians have 11 returning starters – including 10 who can play on both sides of the ball. When you have experience like that, sometimes it makes coaching changes go a little easier. According to McFarland, "We will be installing a completely new offense. The key to early season success will be the coaches being patient with the installation of the offense and giving the players a chance to be successful. We plan to keep the defense similar to last year to help keep some continuity for the players." Even with an experienced roster in Seneca and Carl Junction leaving the league in the offseason, the Big 8 is still very strong at the top. "The Big 8 is a great conference with many teams making deep playoff runs in previous years," says McFarland. "I expect our kids to play hard. I feel that if we strive to improve week in and week out, our schedule will prepare us for districts. We will work to be playing our best football by the time we get to districts. Once we get there, anything can happen."



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Webb City High School

Conference: Central Ozark Large Division
Class: 4
District: 5
School Colors: Red, White & Columbia Blue
Head Coach: John Roderique
Years in coaching: 27
Years as head coach: 20
Record at WCHS: 236-20
Assistant coaches: Mike Smith, Darrell Hicks, Drew Gollhofer
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 14-1 (State runner-up)
2014: 15-0 (State Champions)
2013: 14-1 (State Champions)
2012: 15-0 (State Champions)
2011: 15-0 (State Champions)

2015 Results

8/21 Carthage W, 31-0
 8/28 Rockhurst..... W, 49-20
 9/4 @ Har-Ber W, 36-26
 9/11 Republic W, 36-18
 9/18 @ Nixa W, 31-16
 9/25 Willard..... W, 42-0
 10/2 @ Neosho W, 35-7
 10/9 @ Ozark W, 35-7
 10/16 Branson..... W, 49-7

Playoffs

10/23 McDonald County W, 42-13
 10/30 Carl Junction..... W, 14-7
 11/6 West Plains W, 45-12
 11/13 Harrisonville W, 45-7
 11/21 @ Central (Cape Girardeau) ... W, 35-14
 11/27 vs. Kearney (@ St. Louis) ... L, 14-17

2016 Schedule

8/19 @ Carl Junction
 8/26 @ Carthage
 9/2 Republic
 9/9 Willard
 9/16 @ Pittsburg
 9/23 @ Nixa
 9/30 Ozark
 10/7 Neosho
 10/14 @ Branson

Projected finish: 8-1

2015 Review

Well... you knew Webb City's championship run would have to end sometime, but not very many people thought it would be last season. The Cardinals rolled through the regular season with a 9-0 record, winning every game by double digits. Outside of Round 2 of the playoffs (a 14-7 win vs Carl Junction), Webb City continued to roll all the way to the state championship game. Their playoff run included impressive wins against Harrisonville (45-7) and Central (35-14). Then the state title game happened. It was an instant classic at the Edward Jones Dome, but one that Webb City fans want to forget. With 10 seconds remaining and down 14-17 at the one-yard line, the Cards lost a fumble that Kearney recovered. Just like that, it was over.

Key Losses

Trystan Castillo – University of Missouri	Keaton Burroughs – Northeastern State University
Kaden Roy – South Dakota State University	Masen Cook – Missouri U. of Science & Technology
Kolesen Crane – University of Central Missouri	Keaton Marsh – Southwestern College
Zach Davidson – University of Central Missouri	Nate Deadmond – William Penn University

Returning Starters

OL Tyler Gossett (5-11, 215, Sr.)	*RB/LB Hunter VanLue (6-0, 185, Sr.)	*OL/DL Josh Goddard (6-3, 255, Sr.)
OL Landon Bebee (6-2, 265, Jr.)	FS Trey Gibson (6-0, 190, Sr.)	*DE Brandon Musselman (6-2, 230, Sr.)
TE Channing Mickey (6-1, 230, Sr.)	*DL Gage Sweet (5-11, 210, Sr.)	

*=Part-time starter

Other Impact Players

RB Cameron Baker (5-11, 175, Sr.)	QB/LB Javis Berlin (6-0, 195, Jr.)	TE/LB Brenyn Surber (6-2, 190, Jr.)
LB Jesse Brummit (6-0, 170, Sr.)	OL Grant Fowler (6-1, 250, Jr.)	OT/DL Bryce Wilson (5-10, 210, Jr.)
WR Blake Catterson (5-10, 165, Sr.)	OL/DL Josh Farrar (5-11, 220, Jr.)	WR/DB Dakota Wynn (5-11, 160, Jr.)
OL Dawsen Cook (5-11, 210, Sr.)	WR Jaden Galardo (5-10, 160, Jr.)	TE/DE Brad Jackson (6-3, 205, Sr.)
QB Caleb Ensminger (6-3, 185, Sr.)	RB/DB Will Larson (5-9, 165, Jr.)	WR/CB Elijah Morgan (5-10, 165, Jr.)
OL Dylan Ferguson (6-2, 225, Sr.)	QB/DB Cash Link (6-2, 170, Jr.)	QB/LB Cade Beason (6-1, 175, So.)
WR/DB Alex Gatlin (5-10, 155, Sr.)	DL Tylor Morehead (5-11, 240, Jr.)	WR/CB Alex Gaskill (6-0, 165, So.)
DL Mikey Gordon (5-9, 205, Sr.)	LB Blake Peterson (5-11, 210, Jr.)	RB/LB Durand Henderson (6-2, 170, So.)
OL/DL Ty Hicks (5-11, 205, Sr.)	OLB Aidan Ponce (5-9, 170, Jr.)	RB Ethan Hilgendorf (5-11, 165, So.)
DL Jarren Taylor (6-2, 215, Sr.)	WR Elijah Robinson (6-3, 180, Jr.)	TE/LB Jacob Monroe (6-1, 180, So.)
DL Jake Bay (6-2, 235, Jr.)	RB/LB Jordon Rogers (5-11, 170, Jr.)	

Offense: Split Back Veer **Defense:** 6-2 Stack Monster

Coach Roderique says...

"If we were ever to use the term 'rebuilding year,' this would be it. We are truly starting from scratch with this year's team. Probably the least experienced team returning we've had in 10 years. Many unknowns about this year's team. There are several players that will be playing significant time this year who have never played on Friday nights. I see this team being much better at the end of the season than the beginning. We need some kids to step up as leaders for our team."

2016 Outlook

It doesn't seem right to put Webb City and "rebuilding" in the same sentence. They graduated one heck of a senior class. This year the Cardinals will have a lot of new players on the field, especially on the defensive side of the ball. "Our strength will have to be our D-line," says Coach Roderique. "Not very many guys back with any experience." Pretty much the same thing can be said for the Webb City offense: young and inexperienced. "Our [offensive] strength will have to be at TE and OL," adds Roderique. "[It] should be a work in progress." It's hard to tell what Webb City will look like this season with so many new players on the field. On one hand, you think "Webb City is Webb City, and they'll be fine," but you really never know until you see it. One thing's for sure, though: we'll know very quickly once the regular season starts. The Cardinals open up the season with two tough road games against Carl Junction and Carthage. We will learn a LOT about all three teams after those first couple of games.

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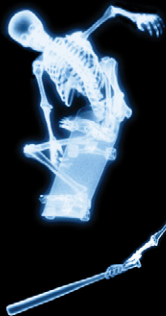
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Eagles

Class: A
District: 7
School Colors: Orange & Black
Head Coach: Zach Gardner
Years in coaching: 15
Years as head coach: 10
Record at AHS: 72-32
Assistant coaches:
 Randy Gardner, Jimmy Hudson,
 Adam Teal, Ike Mustain,
 Bobby Shinn, Dusty Henry

Five-Year Trend

2015: 5-6 (First round)
2014: 9-3 (Second round)
2013: 11-2 (Quarterfinals)
2012: 5-7 (Second round)
2011: 8-3 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4 @ ColcordL, 19-29
 9/10 Commerce (@ Miami)L, 12-55
 9/18 McAuley CatholicW, 49-35
 9/25 WyandotteW, 41-40
 10/2 FoyilW, 52-14
 10/9 @ Summit ChristianW, 44-18
 10/16 Rejoice ChristianL, 52-59
 10/23 @ QuapawW, 61-14
 10/30 KetchumL, 18-22
 11/6 @ FairlandL, 14-20^{OT}

Playoffs

11/13 @ TalihinaL, 14-60

2016 Schedule

9/2 Colcord
 9/9 Commerce
 9/16 Ketchum
 9/30 @ Barnsdall
 10/7 @ Fairland
 10/14 Rejoice Christian
 10/21 @ Foyil
 10/28 Hulbert
 11/4 Quapaw

Projected finish: 5-4

2015 Review

Afton was 5-3 through its first eight games of the season. In Week 9, the Eagles lost a close one to Ketchum before dropping a heartbreaker to Fairland the next week, 20-14 in OT. Afton fell in the first round of the playoffs to Talihina, ending the season on a three-game losing streak to finish under .500 for the first time since 2012. When asked about his takeaway from last season, Eagles head coach Zach Gardner said, "You can't count your chickens before they hatch. We depended on a lot of very skilled young athletes. We must remain healthy, but we bring more experience up front."

Key Losses

RB/DE Garrett Gaines

Kansas Wesleyan University

Returning Starters

RB/SS Gunner Hudson (Sr.)
 WR/LB Gabe Mustain (Sr.)
 WR/SS Briar Julian (Jr.)
 WR/CB Brett Hollon (Jr.)
 G/DT Tate Maupin (Jr.)
 OT/LB Seth Miller (Jr.)

OG/LB Zach Henry (Jr.)
 DE Jacob Barton (Jr.)
 WR/CB Clay Mitchell (Jr.)
 DT Trenton Gaines (Jr.)
 C/DT Trevor Pendergraft (So.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DE Kyle Corley (5-10, 165, Jr.)
 DT Travis Lukens (6-1, 230, Jr.)

SS Patrick Hallacy (5-7, 140, So.)
 QB/FS Wil Amos (6-3, 175, Jr.)

Offense: Spread/1-Back **Defense:** Multiple

Coach Gardner says...

"Not much change, just more experienced players and coaches. Defensively we need to get key stops. We need to develop more depth with younger players and stay healthy."

2016 Outlook

Afton has some nice players returning this season. The Eagles have a couple of talented seniors and a big group of juniors. Coach Gardner says the team's strength this year will be speed, adding "We're very skilled." Afton should be right back over .500 this year. They have experience up front and some skill-position guys back who gained valuable experience last season. Coach Gardner said he expects the Eagles to be district champions and to make "a big run in the state playoffs." It wasn't that long ago that they did just that. We're expecting them to turn some of last year's close losses into wins and get back over .500. They will have an opportunity to turn some heads right off the bat by hosting Colcord in Week 1 and Commerce in Week 2 – two teams that beat them in 2015.





Fairland High School



Owls

2015 Review

Last season was a big bounce-back season for the Fairland Owls. After winning just two games in 2014 and missing the playoffs, the Owls picked up seven wins last year and a playoff victory. When asked what he took away from last season, head coach Kent Marshall says, "These kids want to compete at the highest level – not just for themselves but for their school and community." Marshall said the best part about last season was seeing the seniors grow into leaders. This year's group will have to do the same if Fairland wants to post back-to-back winning seasons.

Returning Starters

QB Kody Benton (5-10, 185, Sr.)	1,221 Total yds., 14 TDs
OL Dalton McGranahan (6-4, 310, Sr.)	
WR K.J. Ferris (6-0, 190, Sr.)	60 Receiving yds.
WR Jose Garcia (5-9, 170, Jr.)	127 Receiving yds.
DL Jerry Wader (6-4, 345, Jr.)	3 Tackles
OL Grant Harden (6-0, 200, So.)	
WR Dustin Reynolds (5-9, 160, So.)	88 Receiving yds., 2 TDs

Other Impact Players

WR Westin Allen (6-0, 180, Sr.)
OL Dustin Underwood (6-1, 245, Jr.)
RB Ethan Greenlee (5-9, 175, So)

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

Coach Marshall says...

"Fans can expect to see more understanding by players of what we want on both sides of the ball."

Class: A

District: 7

School Colors: Scarlet & White

Head Coach: Kent Marshall

Years in coaching: 24

Years as head coach: 5

Record at FHS: 24-25

Assistant coaches:

Chris Cawyer, Justin Goins,
Jerry Johnson, Brett Weaver

Five-Year Trend

2015: 7-4 (Second round)

2014: 2-7 (No playoffs)

2013: 4-6 (First round)

2012: 6-4 (First round)

2011: 5-5 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4	@ Wyandotte.....	L, 12-41
9/18	Oklahoma Union	W, 14-6
9/25	@ Foyil	W, 39-14
10/2	Summit Christian.....	W, 61-22
10/9	@ Rejoice Christian.....	L, 13-53
10/15	Quapaw.....	W, 41-0
10/23	@ Ketchum.....	L, 10-14
10/30	@ Barnsdall	W, 28-16
11/6	Afton	W, 20-14 ^{OT}

Playoffs

11/13	@ Central (Salisaw)	W, 26-16
11/20	Hominy	L, 7-48

2016 Schedule

8/25	Colcord
9/1	Wyandotte
9/9	@ Ketchum
9/16	@ Oklahoma Union
9/23	Quapaw
9/30	@ Foyil
10/7	Afton
10/14	@ Barnsdall
10/28	Hulbert
11/4	@ Rejoice Christian

Projected finish: 4-6

2016 Outlook

Coach Marshall heads into 2016 with a lot of new faces and a fairly young team, though there are some nice offensive skill players back. Quarterback Kody Benton returns to lead the offense in his senior season. Last year Benton threw for 634 yards, seven touchdowns and four interceptions. On the ground he ran for nearly 600 more yards while picking up as additional seven scores. Also, Marshall has nearly all of his receiving group back from last year in Ferris, Garcia and Reynolds. In his second stint with Fairland, Marshall made an immediate impact in his first year back. This year, he says the goal for the Owls is "to be relevant in the district race at the end of the season."



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Tigers

Commerce High School

Class: 2A
District: 8
School Colors: Blue & White
Head Coach: Steve Moss
Years in coaching: 16
Years as head coach: 6
Record at CHS: 41-19
Assistant coaches:
 Jack Kelley, John Medlin,
 Matt Poteet, Terry Tyree Jr.

Five-Year Trend

2015: 6-5 (First round)
2014: 3-7 (First round)
2013: 11-1 (Second round)
2012: 11-2 (Third round)
2011: 8-4 (Second round)

2015 Results

8/28 Yale..... W, 47-6
 9/4 Stroud..... L, 0-14
 9/10 Afton (@ Miami) W, 55-12
 9/18 @ Colcord L, 20-34
 9/25 Nowata L, 20-49
 10/2 @ Caney Valley (Ramona) ... W, 63-54
 10/9 Wyandotte..... L, 14-42
 10/15 @ Pawhuska W, 13-12
 10/30 Oklahoma Union..... W, 41-8
 11/6 @ Chelsea W, 49-45

Playoffs

11/13 @ Haskell..... L, 14-54

2016 Schedule

8/26 Sarcouxie
 9/2 @ Central (Sallisaw)
 9/9 @ Afton
 9/16 Henryetta
 9/23 @ Chelsea
 10/7 Caney Valley (Ramona)
 10/13 Wyandotte
 10/21 @ Oklahoma Union
 10/28 Nowata
 11/4 @ Adair

Projected finish: 7-3

2015 Review

The Commerce Tigers got back to their winning ways in 2015, bouncing back from a 3-7 year to go 6-5 and make a playoff appearance. "In 2015 we had many new people in new positions and we worked hard to get our winning record," says head coach Steve Moss. "We were pleased with the progress of the team and the relative youth of the team bodes well for the future."

Key Losses

TB/SS Trenton Barr

Bacone College

Returning Starters

RB/DB Chandler Wilson (5-10, 150, Sr.) – 637 Rushing yds., 5 TDs	WR/CB Isaac Shelton (5-6, 150, Sr.)
OT/NG Donnie Brown (6-0, 315, Sr.)	TE/LB Cody Beehler (6-0, 210, Sr.)
OG/DE Kasey Karnes (5-10, 205, Sr.)	OG/LB Zaine Cheater (5-10, 200, Jr.)
C/DT Brent Reeves (5-11, 260, Sr.)	OG/DE Junior Deloera (6-0, 290, Jr.)
OT/DT Jake Hailey (5-10, 260, Sr.)	WR/DB Lupe Prado (5-8, 160, Jr.)
TE/DE Kaleb Damann (6-5, 190, Sr.)	RB/LB Chris Ibarra (5-9, 190, So.) – 1,191 Rushing yds., 12 TDs
TE/LB Stefan Blankenship (6-0, 160, Sr.)	FB/LB Ryan Dunbar (6-1, 195, So.) – 398 Total yds.
WR/CB Carlos Pinales (5-9, 165, Sr.)	OG/LB Brandon Brown (5-9, 190, So.)
WR/CB Brayden Craig (5-10, 160, Sr.)	

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Hunter Burkybile (5-8, 155, Jr.)
 QB/DB Hayden Moss (5-10, 160, So.)
 RB/LB Caden Pickard (5-9, 180, Fr.)

Offense: Split-Back Veer **Defense:** Multiple

Coach Moss says...

"Our schedule will be tough this year. We look forward to playing out-of-state opponent Sarcouxie in Week 1. It is hard to know how you match up with out-of-state opponents, but they have a good team and it will be a good test for us. I expect our team to compete for a district championship and continue to grow in that direction. We have 18 kids who started at least three games last year, so while we're young we're experienced. Game experience and hard work in the summer will help get Commerce back where it belongs come playoff time."

2016 Outlook

One thing we're sure of in 2016 is that Commerce will be able to run the ball. They have a solid group of seniors on the line and talented runners in the backfield. The Tigers will also have a new quarterback this season in Hayden Moss. The strong running game Commerce has will hopefully make the transition a little easier for the sophomore. Hayden is the son of head coach Steve Moss, so he knows what Commerce football is all about. "He grew up on the sidelines and locker room at Commerce," Coach Moss says, "but his new role will be more pressurized than what he's used to in the past." The Tigers have 11 seniors with starting experience returning this season. One of those seniors is Donnie Brown, who Moss says is the leader of the team week in and week out. "He's a three-year starter with the size and speed potential to play at the next level," Moss says of Brown. "Donnie is a hard worker and all of the kids respect him and what he does for our team." With a boatload of guys returning with starting experience, a solid running game, and a defense that should improve, we're expecting another very strong year out of the Tigers.



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Ridgerunners

Grove High School

Class: 5A
District: 4
School Colors: Red & White
Head Coach: Ron Culwell
Years in coaching: 35
Years as head coach: 1
Record at GHS: 0-0
Assistant coaches:
 John Henry Ward, Dustin Crowder,
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 5-4 (No playoffs)
2014: 3-7 (No playoffs)
2013: 2-8 (No playoffs)
2012: 1-9 (No playoffs)
2011: 4-7 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 **Miami**..... W, 21-20
 9/11 **Jay**..... W, 39-34
 9/18 @ Catoosa..... ccd., lightning
 9/25 Tulsa NOAH Home School
 (@ Broken Arrow) W, 42-20
 10/2 **Pryor** L, 19-27
 10/9 @ Collinsville L, 7-43
 10/15 **East Central**..... W, 35-6
 10/23 **Coweta**..... L, 21-51
 10/30 @ Tahlequah..... L, 11-33
 11/6 **Edison**..... W, 38-37

2016 Schedule

9/2 **Sequoyah (Claremore)**
 9/9 **Jay**
 9/16 @ Stillwell
 9/23 @ Catoosa
 9/30 @ Vinita
 10/7 **Oologah**
 10/13 **McLain**
 10/20 @ Wagoner
 10/28 **Cascia Hall**
 11/4 @ Miami

Projected finish: 6-4

2015 Review

The Grove Ridgerunners finished with a winning record for the first time since 2010 last season. Heading into the final week of the year Grove was 4-4, but they got an exciting win against Edison to get back over .500. In that game, Edison scored with 25 seconds remaining to pull to within one, but the Ridgerunners blocked the PAT to end the season on a high note. In the offseason, Ron Culwell was named the head coach at Grove for the upcoming campaign.

Returning Starters

WR/DB Brady Phillips (6-0, 170, Sr.)	203 Receiving yds., 2 TDs
WR/DB Dillan Miller (6-0, 170, Sr.)	366 Receiving yds., 3 TDs, 94 Tackles
DT Scott Rawson (6-2, 275, Sr.)	
C John Downs (6-0, 160, Sr.)	
OT Mason Russ (6-3, 255, Sr.)	
OG/DT Caleb Jones (6-1, 235, Jr.)	33 Tackles
OT Skyler Hernandez (6-3, 210, Jr.)	
TE Kelton Pair (6-0, 170, Jr.)	
DE Matt Amos (6-0, 210, Jr.)	
DE Dawson Tanner (6-0, 210, So.)	
LB Dalton Cash (6-0, 175, So.)	

Other Impact Players

RB Trey Horton (5-9, 165, Sr.)
 QB Davis Dills (6-0, 180, Jr.)

Offense: Multiple

Defense: Multiple

Coach Culwell says...

"I took the job because I felt like I could give these kids a sense of pride in the program. Grove is a good place with good kids. These kids need to believe. We will bring positive energy to each game."

2016 Outlook

In his first year as head coach of the Grove Ridgerunners, Ron Culwell is ready to spice things up. "We will be exciting," says Culwell. "We will play wide open. We will have two outstanding WRs that we need to get the ball. We also have three out of five OLs returning." The two receivers he's talking about are Brady Phillips and Dillan Miller. Both players are entering their final year with the program and combined for more than 600 yards and five touchdowns as juniors. Culwell has a pretty experienced roster to work with in his first season and has high expectations. "We will play with more confidence. Last year we were young and really did not know what to expect," Culwell adds. "We want to be district champs. We know that it will take hard work and great effort to achieve that."





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Bulldogs

Jay High School

Class: 3A
District: 7
School Colors: Black & Gold
Head Coach: Warren Kirk
Years in coaching: 6
Years as head coach: 1
Record at GHS: 0-0
Assistant coaches: Butch Willis,
 Remington Rogers, Jeff Stapleton,
 Mike Moore, Izach Wilson, Miguel Ortiz
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 2-8 (No playoffs)
2014: 1-9 (No playoffs)
2013: 6-5 (First round)
2012: 7-4 (First round)
2011: 5-5 (First round)

2015 Results

9/4 Vinita L, 21-47
 9/11 Grove L, 34-39
 9/18 @ Gravette L, 20-27
 9/25 @ Keys W, 18-14
 10/2 Sequoyah (Tahlequah) ... L, 28-35
 10/9 @ Sequoyah (Claremore) ... L, 27-28
 10/15 Inola L, 13-41
 10/23 @ Sperry W, 43-28
 10/30 @ Westville L, 0-55
 11/6 Locust Grove L, 27-54

2016 Schedule

8/26 Verdigris
 9/2 @ Vinita
 9/9 @ Grove
 9/16 Gravette
 9/23 Inola
 9/30 @ Lincoln Christian
 10/7 Westville
 10/14 @ Locust Grove
 10/20 Keys
 10/28 @ Sequoyah (Talequah)

Projected finish: 3-7

2015 Review

The Jay Bulldogs finished with their second straight losing record last year. They did improve from one win to two from 2014, though. Last year had to be disappointing for the players and coaches because they lost close game after close game. Of their eight losses, four were by seven or fewer points. "We learned that we can compete with anyone we play," says Coach Warren Kirk. "I think we also learned that we need to continue to work hard and finish games." If Jay had been able to finish off some of those close games, last season would've looked a lot different for the Bulldogs. With the departure of head coach Darrin Wegner to Coffeyville's Field Kindley High School, Warren Kirk was moved up from assistant coach to replace him.

Returning Starters

C/LB T.J. Dry (6-1, 260, Sr.)
 T Taylor Morgan (6-1, 220, Sr.)
 DE Clint Rogers (6-0, 210, Sr.)
 QB/LB Gabe Simpson (6-3, 200, Jr.) 1,002 Total yds.
 RB/FS Stormy Taylor (6-0, 200, Jr.) 1,163 Rushing yds., 112 Receiving yds.
 WR/DB Keng Vang (5-6, 160, Jr.)
 FB/LB Kobe Budder (5-11, 205, Jr.)
 T/DE John Culver (6-2, 270, Jr.)
 LB Weaver Fisher (5-11, 190, Jr.)
 DE Zach Carroll (5-9, 210, So.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Jesse Hodge (5-10, 150, Jr.)
 RB/WR/DB River Carroll (5-10, 160, Jr.)
 FB/LB Kurk Sloan (5-9, 180, Jr.)
 WR/DB Connor Culver (6-0, 170, Jr.)
 RB/LB Trader Osburn (6-2, 180, Jr.)
 TE/LB Levi Sanford (6-0, 210, Jr.)
 WR Brenden Ryan (6-4, 190, Jr.)
 WR/DB Jaden Shotpouch (5-7, 140, Jr.)
 WR/DB Daylon Simpson (5-10, 160, Fr.)

Offense: Spread **Defense:** 4-4

Coach Kirk says...

"I took the job because I love the town of Jay and I believe we can win here. I believe in the kids and want to see them do well. I will bring an old-school mentality of hard-working, hard-nosed football."

2016 Outlook

While they only improved by one win last season, the Jay Bulldogs were much more competitive in 2015. "[The biggest challenge of last year was] finishing the game. Last year we had the lead in the fourth quarter in five games and didn't finish." Those games are tough to go through, but they can also be big-time learning experiences that bring motivation to the team in 2016. "[Our biggest strength will be] running the football," adds Coach Kirk. "We need to improve on defense and need receivers to make plays." The Bulldogs are looking to continue to improve this season and turn some of last year's close losses into wins. Kirk says fans should expect to see a "tough, hard-nosed, disciplined football team that will fight until the very end. I expect the team to work hard and just keep improving week to week. If they continue to do that, I think we'll be fine."

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Wardogs

Miami High School

Class: 4A

District: 3

School Colors: Royal Blue & White

Head Coach: James Cheatham

Years in coaching: 21

Years as head coach: 4

Record at MHS: 8-22

Assistant coaches: Rick Simpson,
Matt LeFay, Joe Bryson, Pete Overman,
Chuck Preaus, Logan Cawyer

Webcast: wardogssports.com

Twitter: @WardogFootball

Five-Year Trend

2015: 3-7 (No playoffs)

2014: 4-6 (No playoffs)

2013: 3-7 (No playoffs)

2012: 0-10 (No playoffs)

2011: 4-6 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4	@ Grove.....	L, 20-21
9/11	Verdigris.....	W, 27-13
9/18	@ Nowata.....	W, 20-6
9/25	Cascia Hall.....	L, 0-45
10/2	@ Oologah.....	L, 25-32
10/9	Wagoner.....	L, 7-68
10/16	Cleveland.....	W, 33-15
10/23	@ McLain.....	L, 28-47
10/30	Catoosa.....	L, 19-47
11/6	@ Vinita.....	L, 20-40

2016 Schedule

9/2	Hilldale
9/9	@ Verdigris
9/16	@ Pryor
9/23	McLain
9/30	@ Wagoner
10/7	Cascia Hall
10/14	@ Catoosa
10/20	Oologah
10/28	@ Vinita
11/4	Grove

Projected finish: 6-4

2015 Review

Miami just can't seem to get over the hump. Last season they finished with a 3-7 record with two of their losses coming on one-possession games. "Our senior group worked hard to improve the program," says head coach James Cheatham. "They continued to work and play hard no matter the outcome. We lost some tough games but continued to fight. I am proud of what they accomplished." The senior class the Wardogs lost was a big one, meaning they will have a lot of new faces on the field this season.

Returning Starters

QB Cameron Jinks (Sr.)
OL/DL Daniel Allen (6-4, 245, Sr.)
OL Trey Engelbrecht (Sr.)
OL/DL Keshon Witham (6-0, 250, Sr.)
RB/LB Michael Horn (5-10, 190, Sr.)
WR/SS Caden Collins (5-9, 150, Sr.)
OLB Justus French (6-0, 180, Sr.)
C Blay Kennedy (5-10, 175, Jr.)
OL Jacob Paxson (Jr.)
WR Tristen Bunce (Jr.)

Other Impact Players

FB/LB Isaac Keller (5-11, 180, Sr.)
WR/DB Trevor Sourjohn (6-0, 180, Sr.)
OL/DL Callen Cox (6-3, 210, Jr.)
OL Destry Allen (6-0, 220, So.)
OL Tasi Peter (5-11, 230, So.)
LB Jake Cordell (5-9, 165, So.)
LB Brevin Randle (5-10, 205, So.)

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

Coach Cheatham says...

We have a lot of positions to fill with guys who have little to no varsity experience. We have a strong senior class of leaders, and we expect a lot from them in helping teach younger players their roles. We need to stay healthy and improve weekly as we progress through the season. We are excited about the upcoming year."

2016 Outlook

While Miami did lose a big senior class to graduation, they had a nice group of juniors who are returning for their final year in the program. Coach Cheatham says for this year's team to be successful, they will have to stop the run and stay away from turnovers. "We will strive to be a ball-control team on offense," says Cheatham, "attacking the defense's weak spots and taking what they give us. Defensively, we will work hard to stop the run and give various looks." Miami has been so close to posting a .500 or above record the past few seasons. It will take some big performances from young players if they want to finally get back over that mark this season.

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Wildcats

Quapaw High School

Class: A

District: 7

School Colors: Green & White

Head Coach: Rick Couch

Years in coaching: 29

Years as head coach: 3

Record at QHS: 8-12

Assistant coaches:

Larry Radford, James Dawson,

Jake Manning, Rod Graves

Five-Year Trend

2015: 3-6 (No playoffs)

2014: 5-6 (First round)

2013: 1-9 (No playoffs)

2012: 2-8 (No playoffs)

2011: 2-8 (No playoffs)

2015 Results

9/4 Oklahoma Union..... W, 14-12

9/11 Humboldt L, 7-50

9/25 @ Rejoice Christian L, 20-69

10/2 @ Baxter Springs L, 0-62

10/9 Ketchum L, 15-69

10/16 @ Fairland L, 0-41

10/23 Afton L, 14-61

10/30 @ Foyil W, 30-12

11/6 Summit Christian W, 20-15

2016 Schedule

9/2 Oklahoma Union

9/9 Chouteau-Mazie

9/16 @ Wyandotte

9/23 @ Fairland

9/30 Rejoice Christian

10/7 @ Foyil

10/14 Hulbert

10/21 Barnsdall

11/4 @ Afton

Projected finish: I -8

2015 Review

In their second year under head coach Rick Couch, the Wildcats took a bit of a step back. After posting a 5-6 record in 2014, Quapaw finished last season 3-7. The good part about last season for the Wildcats is the fact that they finished with two straight wins, giving them a little momentum heading into the offseason. Coach Couch says the toughest part of last season was replacing 10 seniors who graduated the year before, but also adds, "We grew up on offense."

Returning Starters

QB Joe Baker (5-9, 150, Sr.)

WR Tyler Lee (5-5, 135, Sr.)

RB Austin Thomasson (5-7, 150, Sr.)

OL Blake Jones (6-0, 220, Jr.)

OL Dylan Collins (5-10, 210, Jr.)

OL Justin Jennings (5-10, 190, Jr.)

TE Trevor White (6-1, 200, So.)

Other Impact Players

WR Cody Gaines (5-7, 140, Jr.)

RB Austin Crouch (5-9, 160, Jr.)

OL Jarrett Smith (6-2, 240, So.)

Offense: I-formation

Defense: 4-4

2016 Outlook

Things should improve for Quapaw in 2016. They have a good group of returning starters back from last year. Coach Couch says, "One of the team's strengths is the offensive line, but we need to improve our secondary play for us to be successful." Couch also says the biggest change this year will be players taking over new leadership roles, and that fans can expect to see good effort every week Quapaw takes the field.



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Wildcats

Welch High School

Class: C
District: 3
School Colors: Blue & Gray
Head Coach: Ryan Gleaves
Years in coaching: 10
Years as head coach: 8
Record at WHS: 30-44
Assistant coach: Billy Willard
Webcast: www.welchok.com

Five-Year Trend

2015: 0-10 (No playoffs)
2014: 0-10 (No playoffs)
2013: 2-8 (No playoffs)
2012: 6-5 (First round)
2011: 10-2 (Quarterfinals)

2015 Results

9/4 **Bluejacket**..... L, 14-42
 9/11 @ South Coffeyville L, 18-44
 9/18 @ Coyle L, 0-48
 9/25 @ Wesleyan Christian L, 8-54
 10/2 **Watts** L, 20-34
 10/9 @ Woodland L, 0-50
 10/15 **Depew** L, 0-50
 10/23 **Davenport** L, 0-46
 10/30 @ Oaks-Mission L, 2-44
 11/6 **Garber** L, 0-50

2016 Schedule

9/2 **Watts**
 9/9 **Oaks-Mission**
 9/16 @ Wesleyan Christian
 9/23 **Medford**
 9/30 @ Bluejacket
 10/7 @ Deer Creek-Lamont
 10/13 **Pond Creek-Hunter**
 10/21 @ Covington-Douglas
 10/28 **Copan**
 11/4 @ Regent Prep

Projected finish: 1-9

2015 Review

Last season was the second consecutive winless season for Welch. In 2015 they had to rely on a lot of young players. "We still started mainly underclassmen," says head coach Ryan Gleaves. "We had three seniors and three juniors on our roster, so we were dominated by underclassmen and had to battle injuries as a result of not being as physically mature as other teams." It's hard to go through winless seasons with young players and deal with injuries. This season could be the year that the players thrust into starting roles at a young age turn into solid, experienced players for Welch. "We will have a lot of experience for the first time in recent years," adds Coach Gleaves. "Most of my starters have had to start since they were freshmen."

Returning Starters

RB/LB Seth Chapman (5-5, 180, Sr.)	WR/DB Brace Welch (5-10, 165, Jr.)
OL/DE Blake Brannon (6-1, 220, Sr.)	RB/LB Josh Baker (5-4, 160, Jr.)
QB/LB Gunner Johnson (6-0, 175, Jr.)	DL Jake Davis-Bissing (5-9, 170, Jr.)
TE/DB Trenton Seigel (5-10, 180, Jr.)	OL Ty Earp (6-3, 285, So.)

Other Impact Players

WR/DE Chase Herd (5-10, 175, Sr.)
 DB Colton Vanatta (5-11, 160, So.)
 ATH Chaz Herd (5-8, 150, So.)

Offense: Split Back Multiple **Defense:** 4-2

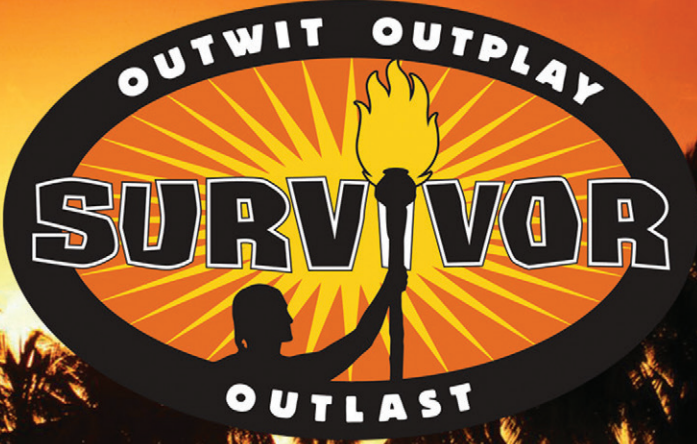
Coach Gleaves says...

"Although the scoreboard doesn't show it, we were able to compete in games last year, unlike the 2014 season. We made a lot more plays that we couldn't make the year before. Even though the last three years have been extremely rough, I still have kids who want to win and play tough, even in bad situations."

2016 Outlook

This is the first time in a couple of years that Welch will have players on the field with significant experience. "Overall mentality and leadership will be great," says Coach Gleaves. "We will have a different attitude." While they will have experienced guys back this season, Gleaves says there are plenty of places his team needs to improve, starting in the weight room. "We need to focus on building strength and playing more physical," says Gleaves. The Wildcats are heading into 2016 looking for their first win since the 2013 season, and they won't be held down forever. All it takes is one play, one game, to start building some momentum, and that's what they're trying to do. "Our expectations are to get back to our winning ways of the past and make it to the playoffs," Coach Gleaves adds. They've been getting more and more competitive the last couple of seasons, and the wins will come. When that first one arrives, it's going to be real sweet for the Wildcats.






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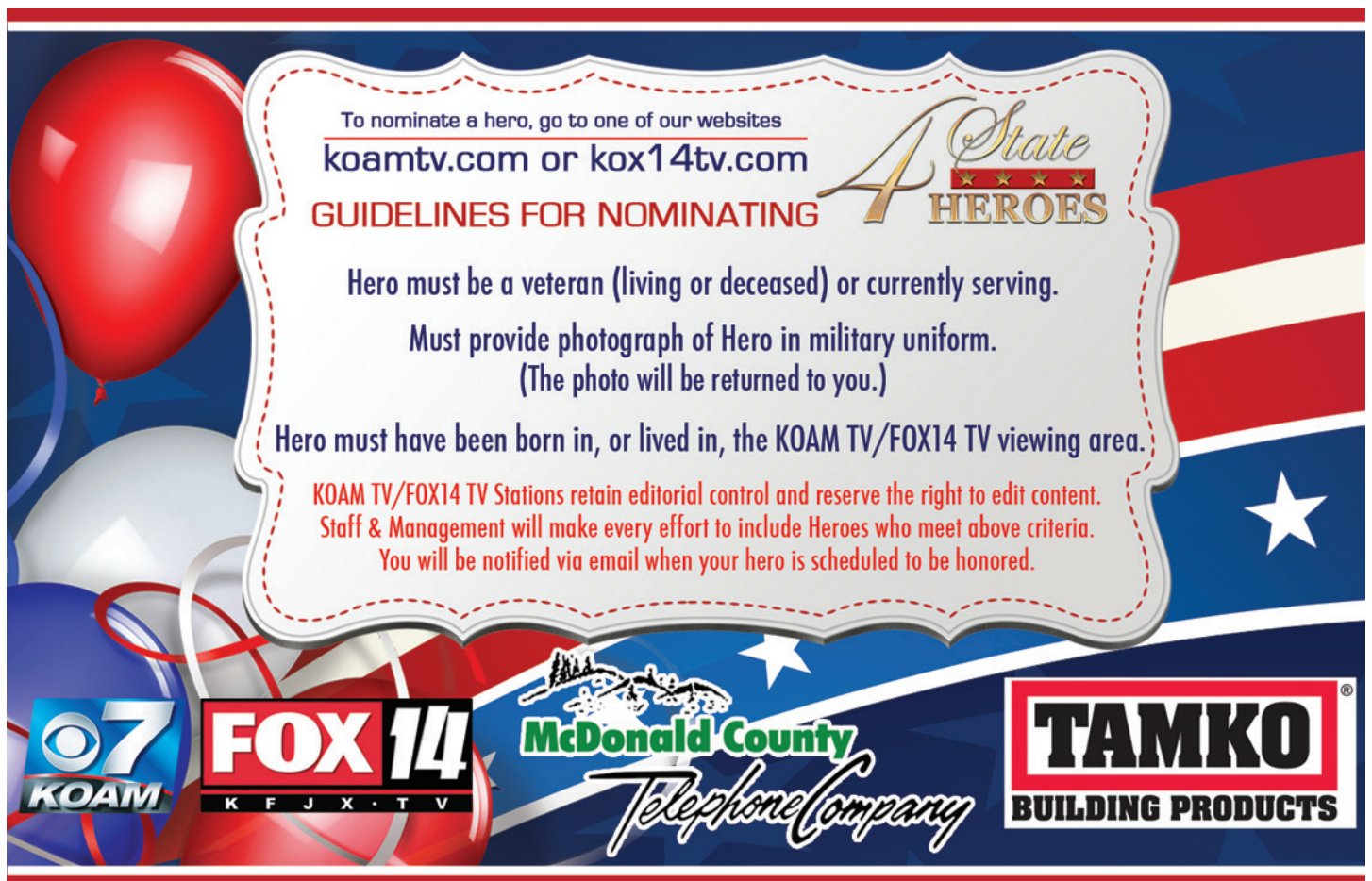
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Bears

Wyandotte High School

Class: 2A
District: 8
School Colors: Black & White
Head Coach: Brad Homer
Years in coaching: 18
Years as head coach: 4
Record at WHS: 20-13
Assistant coaches:
 Don Stogstill, Lyn Cutshaw

Five-Year Trend

2015: 8-3 (First round)
2014: 7-5 (Second round)
2013: 5-5 (No playoffs)
2012: 5-6 (First round)
2011: 9-3 (Second round)

2015 Results

9/4 @ Fairland W, 41-12
 9/11 Kansas W, 32-6
 9/18 Marionville L, 20-51
 9/25 @ Afton L, 40-41
 10/2 Pawhuska W, 48-13
 10/9 @ Commerce W, 42-14
 10/15 Oklahoma Union W, 41-0
 10/23 @ Chelsea W, 63-24
 10/30 Nowata W, 18-6
 11/6 @ Caney
 Valley (Ramona) W, 68-36

Playoffs

11/13 Hulbert L, 53-54

2016 Schedule

9/1 @ Fairland
 9/9 @ Kansas
 9/16 Quapaw
 9/23 Oklahoma Union
 9/30 @ Nowata
 10/7 Adair
 10/13 @ Commerce
 10/21 Caney Valley (Ramona)
 10/28 @ Chelsea

Projected finish: 8-1

2015 Review

The Wyandotte Bears had a big challenge last year, but they answered. With only three starters returning on each side of the ball from 2014, the Bears went out and posted their best record since 2011, finishing 8-3. Coach Homer says the best part about last season was "after two early losses we fought back and won 2A-District 8, Wyandotte's first district championship in 18 years." While the season as a whole was a success for Wyandotte, the playoff game kind of stung a little. It was a back-and-forth night all night against Hulbert. The Bears went into the break-up by eight but couldn't hold on, falling at home, 54-53, to end their season. Homer says his biggest takeaway from last season is "with hard work, dedication, and believing in each other, your goals are always within reach."

Returning Starters

QB/DB Braxton Douthit (5-10, 180, Sr.)
 OL/DL Zane Cutshaw (5-9, 220, Sr.)
 RB/CB Brandon Brown (5-8, 150, Sr.)
 OL/LB Clayton McCall (6-0, 215, Sr.)
 WR/DB Carson Loncarich (5-7, 135, Sr.)
 OL/DL Trenton Burki (6-0, 215, Sr.)
 WR/DB Devan McLoud (5-9, 155, Sr.)
 OL/DL Dalton Newman (5-9, 200, Sr.)
 OL Sam Westerhouse (6-4, 210, Sr.)
 LB Tristan Frazier (5-10, 175, Sr.)
 TE Trey Jones (6-3, 180, Jr.)
 RB/LB Roberto Bravo (5-9, 170, Jr.)

District MVP, 2,000+ Yds., 28 TDs
 District DL of the Year
 District DB of the Year, 57 Tackles, 3 INTs
 District OL of the Year
 600+ Receiving yds.
 69 Tackles, 12 TFL
 31 Tackles
 59 Tackles, 7 TFL
 Dist. LB of the Year, 120 Tackles, 17 TFL
 300 Receiving Yds., 5 TDs
 District Off. MVP, 1,200 Rush. yds., 33 TDs

Other Impact Players

WR/DB Hunter Anderson (5-11, 150, Sr.)
 QB/DB Zach Garrett (5-8, 140, So.)
 OL/DL Cole Dixon (5-9, 255, So.)
 OL/DL Cameron Robinson (6-1, 180, So.)
 OL/DL Roman Gray (5-8, 200, So.)
 QB/DB Jordan Burney (6-0, 150, Jr.)

Offense: Multiple **Defense:** Multiple

Coach Homer says...

"[Expect to see] young men that play extremely hard for each other, have great attitudes, and give great effort. We must focus on covering better on kickoffs and punt returns. [The team strengths] will be team unity and experience. We return all 11 on offense and defense."

2016 Outlook

The time is now for Wyandotte. They have seniors all over the place and some real talent in the junior class. It's very rare to see a team have this many players back, especially ones who started the year before. The Bears have the District MVP leading the offense in Douthit (2,000+ yds., 28 TDs) and a junior running back in Bravo, who rushed for 1,200 yards and 33 touchdowns. They're going to score. They don't sleep on their defense, either. Last year the Bears allowed just over 23 PPG. If you take out their three losses, that number goes all the way down to under 14. There were six games last year where Wyandotte held opponents to 14 or fewer points. Coach Homer says the team's goal is to "win the 2A-8 District Championship and host a first-round playoff game for the third year in a row." We can't wait to watch Wyandotte play. They're going to be tough to knock off the top of the district. If they stay healthy, we could be talking about multiple playoff wins come November.

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Red Ravens

Coffeyville Community College

Conference: Kansas

Jayhawk Community College

School Colors: Red & White

Head Coach: Aaron Flores

Years in coaching: 20

Years as head coach: 5

Record at CCC: 27-15

Assistant coaches: Ruzell McCoy,

Tony Haynes, Cody Oates,

Kevin Bryson, Jared Smith

Radio: KUSN (98.1 FM)

Twitter: @redravensports

Five-Year Trend

2015: 8-3 (No postseason)

2014: 9-3 (Heart of Texas Bowl runner-up)

2013: 4-5 (No postseason)

2012: 6-4 (Regional semifinalist)

2011: 6-3 (Regional semifinalist)

2015 Results

8/29 Iowa Western..... W, 48-42

9/5 @ Ellsworth (Iowa)..... W, 49-48

9/12 Fort Scott..... W, 48-25

9/19 Independence..... W, 79-21

9/26 @ Iowa Central..... W, 49-7

10/3 @ Hutchinson..... W, 52-46

10/11 Bethel Univ. JV..... W, 88-8

10/17 Butler..... L, 39-42

10/24 @ Highland..... L, 34-41

10/31 Dodge City..... L, 28-34

11/7 @ Garden City..... W, 42-33

2016 Schedule

8/27 Hutchinson..... 7 p.m.

9/3 @ Ellsworth (Iowa)..... 1 p.m.

9/10 @ Butler..... 7 p.m.

9/24 @ Iowa Western..... 1 p.m.

10/1 Fort Scott..... 7 p.m.

10/8 Garden City..... 7 p.m.

10/15 @ Northeastern Okla. A&M... 6 p.m.

10/22 Iowa Central..... 1 p.m.

10/29 @ Dodge City..... 1 p.m.

11/5 @ Highland..... 1 p.m.

11/12 Independence..... 7 p.m.

Projected finish: 6-5

2015 Review

It was another impressive season for Coffeyville in 2015. The Red Ravens started the season with seven straight wins and finished with an 8-3 record. It was definitely a season of close games – six of their games were decided by seven points or less. In those games the Ravens went 3-3. “We gave ourselves a chance to win every game,” says head coach Aaron Flores. “[The biggest challenge was] finding ways to finish the games we lost.” Flores says his biggest takeaway from last season is that “kids need different motivation each week.”

Key Losses

WR Cedric Wilson – Boise State Univ.

2015 NJCAA Second-team All-American

QB Riley Ferguson – Univ. of Memphis

2015 NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American

DB Jamarcus King – U. of South Carolina

2015 NJCAA Honorable Mention All-American

Offense: Multiple

Defense: 3-4

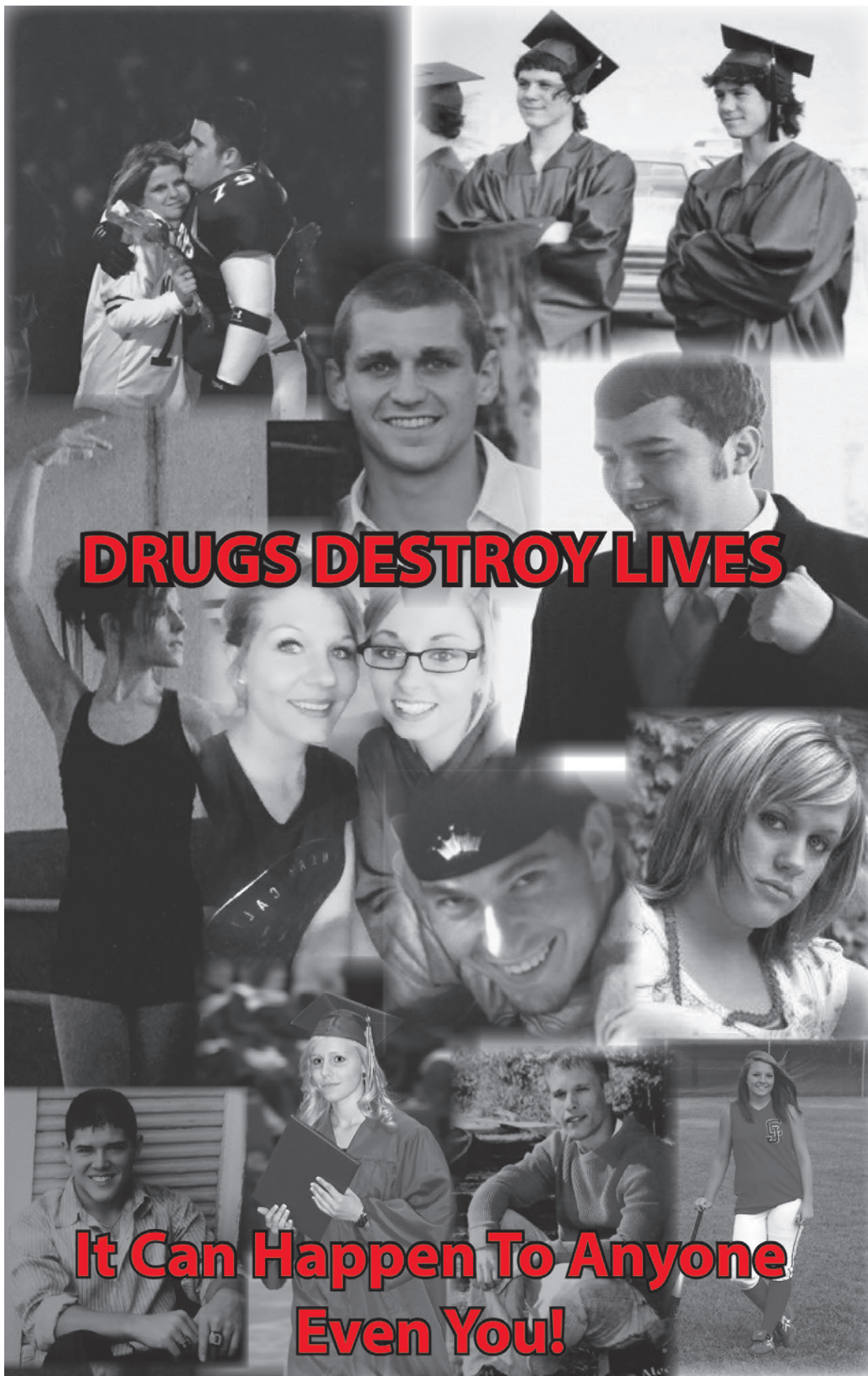
Coach Flores says...

“I believe we will be faster and longer on defense. We must improve on our special teams. We must become more consistent in all phases of the game. “[The team’s goal in 2016 is] to win a conference title.”

2016 Outlook

Coffeyville appears to be hitting their stride as a program. Of course, things can change pretty quickly at the junior college level. Right off the bat they face a solid team in Hutchinson, so it won’t take long to find out where they stand in 2016. Last year, Hutchinson had the Ravens down 20-7 before they came back to win, 52-46. Flores says fans can expect to see “a team that plays hard for 60 minutes.” There are a couple of changes this season for Coffeyville on the sideline. They will have new coordinators on both sides of the ball. Also, quarterback Riley Ferguson moved on to Division I Memphis. Coffeyville was third in the nation in passing yards last year behind the arm of Ferguson, averaging 335.9 yards per game. The Red Ravens are heading into 2016 hoping they can turn some of those close losses from 2015 into wins and make a jump to the top of the KJCCC.

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Conference: Kansas

Jayhawk Community College

School Colors: Maroon & Gray

Head Coach: Curtis Horton

Years in coaching: 24

Years as head coach: 6

Record at FSCC: 16-30

Assistant coaches:

Jeff Kelly, Richard Johnson,

Kory Vaught, Jordan Gush,

Craig Richardson, Kale Pick

Radio: KOMB (103.9 FM)

Twitter: @fsgreyhounds

Five-Year Trend

2015: 2-8 (No postseason)

2014: 4-6 (No postseason)

2013: 2-7 (No postseason)

2012: 4-5 (No postseason)

2011: 4-4 (No postseason)

2015 Results

8/29 @ Iowa Central W, 21-10

9/5 Hutchinson L, 6-37

9/12 @ Coffeyville L, 25-48

9/19 Butler L, 20-70

9/26 Highland L, 25-31

10/3 @ Dodge City L, 14-17

10/10 @ Ellsworth (Iowa) L, 14-32

10/17 Garden City W, 36-20

10/24 Independence L, 42-49

10/31 @ Iowa Western L, 14-43

2016 Schedule

8/27 Butler 7 p.m.

9/3 @ Independence 7 p.m.

9/10 Iowa Western 7 p.m.

10/1 @ Coffeyville 7 p.m.

10/9 @ Iowa Central Noon

10/15 Dodge City 7 p.m.

10/22 @ Ellsworth (Iowa) 1 p.m.

10/29 Highland 7 p.m.

11/5 Hutchinson 7 p.m.

11/12 @ Garden City 1 p.m.

Projected finish: 3-7

2015 Review

For the second straight season, the Greyhounds opened up with a win over Iowa Central. After that, though, not a lot of good things happened. Fort Scott lost eight of its last nine games to finish the year at 2-8. Head coach Curtis Horton says the biggest challenge last year was dealing with multiple injuries and adds that his biggest takeaway was "you cannot turn the football over." The Greyhounds did a lot of that last year. The team fumbled 31 times in 10 games, losing 17 of those, and through the air they threw 11 interceptions.

Returning Starters

WR Sirr Green (5-9, 175, So.)

OL Jimmy Keutzer (6-5, 300, So.)

OL Marlon McKeithen (6-6, 305, So.)

WR Chris Claybrooks (6-0, 175, So.)

OL Alec DeHerrera (6-3, 300, So.)

RB Donte Fils-Aime (5-10, 190, So.) 205 Rushing yds.

RB Chris Rivers (5-11, 200, So.) 64 Rushing yds.

DL Jordan Robinson (6-2, 255, So.)

DB Bernard Willingham (6-0, 180, So.)

DB Ethan Savoy (6-1, 190, So.)

DL Demarco Shroat (6-0, 255, So.)

LB Logan Edwards (6-2, 185, So.)

Other Impact Players

LS Brenton Wrigley (6-1, 220, So.)

TE Marcus George (6-7, 245, So.)

LB Jordan Griffin (6-1, 210, So.)

DL Chris Flowers (6-2, 230, So.)

Offense: Pro I

Defense: 4-3

2016 Outlook

Fort Scott has two important games to start the season. In Week 1, they host the defending conference champion Butler. The next week, they travel to face another conference foe in Independence – a team that beat them by only seven points last season. They need a good showing against Butler and a win at Independence to get some momentum going, because in Weeks 3 and 4 they face two teams that beat them by more than 20 points last year (Iowa Western and Coffeyville). The KJCCC is a tough conference to play in. Even the middle-of-the-pack teams are solid. Fort Scott is just trying to be competitive every week, pick up a few wins, and get some excitement going around the program.





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Independence Community College

Conference: Kansas

Jayhawk Community College

School Colors: Navy Blue & Vegas Gold

Head Coach: Jason Brown

Years in coaching: 11

Years as head coach: 1

Record at ICC: 0-0

Assistant coaches: Jason Martin,
Donte Ellington, Keith Donerson,
Cadron Davis, Jesse Ornelas

Radio: KKOY (105.5 FM)

Five-Year Trend

2015: 2-8 (No postseason)

2014: 0-10 (No postseason)

2013: 2-7 (No postseason)

2012: 4-5 (No postseason)

2011: 0-9 (No postseason)

2015 Results

8/27 Butler L, 12-47
9/5 Iowa Central L, 34-37^{OT}
9/12 @ Dodge City L, 21-38
9/19 @ Coffeyville..... L, 21-79
9/26 Garden City W, 20-7
10/3 @ Highland L, 6-39
10/10 @ Iowa Western L, 0-63
10/17 Ellsworth (Iowa) L, 23-41
10/24 @ Fort Scott..... W, 49-42
11/7 Hutchinson L, 0-47

2016 Schedule

8/19 Iowa Western..... 5 p.m.
8/27 SIU-Edwardsville (club)... 4 p.m.
9/3 Fort Scott..... 7 p.m.
9/10 @ Garden City 1 p.m.
9/24 Iowa Central 1 p.m.
10/1 Dodge City 7 p.m.
10/8 @ Ellsworth (Iowa)..... 1 p.m.
10/15 Highland 7 p.m.
10/29 @ Hutchinson Noon
11/5 Butler 1 p.m.
11/12 @ Coffeyville..... 7 p.m.
Projected finish: 3-8

2015 Review

The struggle continued for Independence last season. They finished the season with a 2-8 record, finishing sixth in the KJCCC. Their only two wins came against conference foes Garden City and Fort Scott. Part of the problem last year was turnovers. The Pirates gave the ball up 28 times (11 fumbles and 17 interceptions). The last five seasons, Independence posted an 8-39 record. Jason Brown was named the new head coach of the Pirates back in December.

Key Newcomers

QB Jonathan Banks (6-2, 220, So.)

OL Benjamin Knox (6-6, 315, So.)

DB Jaylon Lee (6-3, 184, So.)

RB Jordon Stevenson (5-11, 210, So.)

OL Evan Speicher (6-3, 295, So.)

DL Cole Greenwood (6-2, 305, So.)

DB Antonio Howard (5-11, 175, So.)

OL Timothy Hines (6-5, 320, So.)

DL Joseph Hobbs (6-4, 245, So.)

QB Alin Eduard (6-3, 190, Fr.)

OL Tramonda Moore (6-5, 350, Fr.)

DL Emmett Gooden (6-5, 320, Fr.)

LB Jequaries Martin (6-6, 220, Fr.)

RB Eric Graham (5-11, 205, Fr.)

OL Hunter Shockley (6-6, 270, Fr.)

OL Joseph Price (6-5, 305, Fr.)

RB Sherrick Rogers (6-1, 195, Fr.)

WR Bronson Hill (6-3, 190, Fr.)

DL Stephon Starks (6-4, 240, Fr.)

LB Max Jones (6-1, 215, Fr.)

Coach Brown says...

"[Our biggest strengths are] speed, quickness, determination and we're strong willed. We must learn how to win. [I expect] to compete game in and game out, work hard, have fun, graduate our players and earn them scholarships."

2016 Outlook

It's tough to know what to expect out of a team with a new coaching staff and a boatload of new players. Coach Brown comes over from Garden City, where he was the assistant coach and offensive coordinator in 2014-15. Brown also spent some time as a player in the NFL with the Kansas City Chiefs. He says the biggest change he's bringing to the Pirates this season is discipline. Brown also adds, "[Fans can expect to see] an exciting, explosive offense, hard-hitting defense and great special teams." Independence definitely needs excitement and discipline in the program. At the junior college level, things can change pretty quickly. Independence and its fans are hoping that Brown is the answer and that they're not too far off from pushing the .500 mark.





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Conference: Southwest

Junior College Football

School Colors: Blue & Gold

Head Coach: Clay Patterson

Years in coaching: 15

Years as head coach: 1

Record at NEO: 0-0

Assistant coaches:

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Five-Year Trend

2015: 4-5 (No postseason)

2014: 5-6 (No postseason)

2013: 3-6 (No postseason)

2012: 9-3 (Citizens Bank Bowl runner-up)

2011: 3-6 (No postseason)

2015 Results

8/29 DuPage (Ill.) L, 31-33

9/3 Texas Inst. of A&T W, 53-23

9/12 @ Blinn (Texas) L, 30-31

9/19 Tyler (Texas) W, 40-23

9/26 Arkansas Baptist W, 54-24

10/3 Kilgore (Texas) L, 14-21

10/10 @ Navarro (Texas) L, 41-46

10/17 Cisco (Texas) W, 23-20

10/24 @ Trinity Valley L, 13-52

2016 Schedule

9/3 @ New Mexico Military Inst. ... 7 p.m.

9/10 Trinity Valley (Texas) 6 p.m.

9/17 @ Tyler (Texas) 7 p.m.

9/24 Navarro (Texas) 6 p.m.

10/1 @ Kilgore (Texas) 3 p.m.

10/8 @ Cisco (Texas) 3 p.m.

10/15 Coffeyville (Kan.) 6 p.m.

10/22 Arkansas Baptist 2 p.m.

10/27 Blinn (Texas) 6 p.m.

Projected finish: 5-4

2015 Review

NEO was so close to posting their first winning record since 2012. Actually, the Golden Norse were only five points away from starting the season with five straight wins. They lost to DuPage by two in Week 1 and to Blinn by one in Week 3. Week 4 was probably the high point of the season. The Norsemen picked up a blowout win (40-23) against No. 4 Tyler at home that week. From there, though, NEO went 2-3 in their final five games to finish under .500 for the third straight season. After just two years as the head coach of the Norsemen, Ryan Held resigned to accept a job as the running backs' coach at Central Florida. Clay Patterson was named the new head coach at NEO in December.

Returning Starters

OL Davis Harker (6-3, 305, So.)

WR Chase Nevel (6-1, 190, So.)

TE Mike'Quan Deane (6-4, 235, So.-R)

DT Isaiah Johnson (6-3, 295, So.)

DT Wiley Lester (6-6, 285, So.-R)

DE Jamari Chisholm (6-4, 285, So.)

LB Tramayne Wauadoodah (6-2, 200, So.)

DB J.D. Flowers (5-11, 180, So.)

Other Impact Players

OL Sammy Benard (6-4, 285, So.)

OL Larry Joubert, Jr (6-4, 275, So.)

RB Darwin Thompson (5-9, 195, Fr.-R)

Key Newcomers

DB Marcus Green (6-2, 200, So.-R)

DB Darreyl Patterson (5-11, 180, Fr.)

DB Marquez Washington (6-2, 185, So.-R)

DB Keenan Reed (5-10, 180, Fr.-R)

DL Jaylon George (6-3, 265, Fr.-R)

DL Tyeson Neals (6-3, 245, Fr.-R)

Offense: Multiple **Defense:** Multiple

Coach Patterson says...

"Coming back to the most tradition-rich junior college program in the country is a true honor. Playing as a Golden Norseman shaped my life and the beginning of my career. I am excited to take over a program that has laid a solid foundation in a talent-rich area."

2016 Outlook

Clay Patterson knows all about the NEO football tradition. Patterson played at NEO from 1999-2000, and his uncle, Dale, is the athletic director for the school. When Patterson was hired back in December, he talked about NEO getting its "swagger" back. That's what every fan of the Norsemen is waiting for. "Every week we plan to be the toughest team on the field prepared to do whatever it takes to win," says Coach Patterson. One thing's for sure, he's going to put together an offense that can score. Last year at Trinity Valley, Patterson led an offense that topped the nation in scoring (57.7 PPG) and yards (656.1 YPG). Someone with a passion for the program and knowledge of the Norsemen tradition is exactly what they need at NEO, and that's exactly what they've got.



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Conference: Mid-America
Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Super Regional: 3
School Colors: Green & Gold
Head Coach: Denver Johnson
Years in coaching: 32
Years as head coach: 2
Record at MSSU: 1-10
Assistant coaches: Kenny Evans,
Corey Fipps, Charles Alexander,
Bill Bleil, Rashad Watson,
Bret Story, Anthony Weeden,
Josh Dalton, Caleb Lewis
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 1-10 (No postseason)
2014: 4-7 (No postseason)
2013: 7-3 (No postseason)
2012: 6-5 (No postseason)
2011: 3-7 (No postseason)

2015 Results

9/3 **Emporia State** L, 20-38
9/12 @ Northwest Missouri State ... L, 7-48
9/19 **Nebraska-Kearney** W, 24-14
9/26 @ Washburn L, 21-27
10/3 @ Central Missouri L, 10-54
10/10 **Central Oklahoma** L, 21-55
10/17 @ Northeastern State L, 21-31
10/24 **Lindenwood** L, 30-34
10/31 @ Pittsburg State L, 14-41
11/7 **Fort Hays State** L, 31-42
11/14 @ Missouri Western L, 21-63

2016 Schedule

9/1 @ Fort Hays State 7 p.m.
9/10 **Missouri Western** 6 p.m.
9/17 @ Emporia State 2 p.m.
9/24 **Northwest Missouri State** 6 p.m.
10/1 @ Nebraska-Kearney 2 p.m.
10/8 **Washburn** 3 p.m.
10/15 **Central Missouri** 6 p.m.
10/22 @ Central Oklahoma 2 p.m.
10/29 **Northeastern State** 2 p.m.
11/5 @ Lindenwood 1:30 p.m.
11/12 **Pittsburg State** 3:30 p.m.

Projected finish: 2-9



**Head Coach
Denver Johnson**

By Justin Maskus

MSSU Athletics Media Relations

Moving into his second year as head coach, Denver Johnson said he and his coaching staff feel immensely better about this year's team compared to where the team was a year ago.

Johnson was hired on April 1, 2015 and had very little time to arrange a spring practice, let alone do any of his recruiting, and he had said from day one he really felt he needed a full off-season to do this team justice.

"We feel like we're so much farther along with the development of the team," Johnson said. "We've had a full offseason, got to do our own recruiting and it's almost immeasurable how we feel about this team. We felt better coming out of spring as a team. We're going to be better as a team this year."

The Lions had their first recruiting class under Johnson and the team announced nearly 50 incoming recruits on national signing day, Feb. 3.

Johnson had said it had always been his philosophy to bring in more high school age players to help provide depth to the roster as opposed to going right after junior college talent right away. He feels his coaches accomplished just that with this year's class.

"We're very encouraged by this year's class," Johnson said. "We're going to build this program through the high school ranks. The result of that is we're going to be a young football team and we're going to be a young team for a few years until some of the guys we just recruited are juniors. There isn't any easy way to do this, but we're committed to the program and we want to build a program and tradition. Once we get that established it will produce winning competitive teams."

Increased Roster Size

The Lions will start fall practice with between 130-150 players suiting up in the Green and Gold. That is an increase of about 50-70 from the norm and Johnson talked about how that will help his program and the University.

"Having more guys out there to fill out the roster will help with many things," Johnson said. "Most of these players will not play for us and will redshirt this fall. Some will, but just having the numbers takes reps off of guys, speeds up practice and provides depth not only for the varsity squad, but also should provide depth to the scout team."

The increased numbers will not only help the team, it will also help the University with an influx of students into the population.

Offense

The Lions return 42 lettermen from a year ago with eight offensive starters coming back into the fold.

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Leading the way is quarterback T.J. Fleeton as the junior saw action in all 11 games last year, making eight starts. He finished the season going 175-322 for 1,975 yards and eight touchdowns through the air. Fleeton also rushed for 100 yards, an average of 9.1 per carry.

He will be joined, however, by a talented sophomore transfer from the University of Memphis, Brayden Scott. Scott, an Oklahoma native, redshirted his first year at Memphis, and saw little action as a freshman. However, he threw for over 7,000 yards as a prep standout at Sequoyah High School. He also was a captain of Team USA Football that participated in the International Federations of American Football Under-19 World Championships in the fall of 2012. He helped lead the U.S.A. to a silver medal.

Regardless of who will be throwing the ball, the Lions will have their top four receivers from a year ago all back, including two whom started all 11 games in 2015.

Seniors Terrell Crawford, Jordan Morrison and Chad Nolan, as well as sophomore Carson Day all return to shore up the receiving corps. Crawford led the team with 572 yards last year, while Nolan had a team-high six receiving touchdowns. Each receiver averaged more than 10 yards per catch with Nolan averaging just under 20.

Southern will be young at the running back position as Jay Hadley is the lone returner with any game experience from 2015.

De'Shaun Higgins, Justise Keith, Brice Gahagans and Malcom Nelson all return but saw no action last year.

The offensive line will see three of the five starters return with Jarrell Jackson, Seth Petersen and Mitch Moore returning to help anchor the offense. Lars Lindquist, a defensive lineman in 2014, is back after sitting out 2015 due to injury and will make the transition to the offensive line. In total 12 offensive linemen return from 2015.



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Defense

Defensively, the Lions only return three starters on defense from a year ago including Stephan Randall on the line and Chris Goss III and Ricky Green in the back field.

Green is the top returning defender from a year ago with 57 tackles and 4.5 tackles for a loss of 12 yards. He led the team in 2015 with four interceptions and ten pass break ups.

Goss III saw action in all 11 games and had 51 tackles, including 3.5 for a loss. He also added a sack, an interception and five break ups.

Randall started all 11 games on the defensive line, recording 37 stops, 4.5 for a loss of 13 yards and 1.5 tackles. He also had five quarterback hurries on the season.

Special Teams

The Lions return their starting kicker from 2015, as well as both punters. Brock Renken is back as the place kicker for his second season as the Joplin native started as a true freshman in 2015. He went 8-for-15 in field goals last season and was a perfect 28-for-28 in extra points, leading the team in scoring with 52 points.

Stetson Broce handled the bulk of the punting last year as a junior, netting 2,692 yards for an average of 39.6 per punt in 2015. He had a long of 59 yards, 15 fair catches, 14 inside the 20 and five of 50 or more yards.

Australian Kye Stoneham may see action as well as the rugby-style kicker had 12 punts as a junior for an average of 35.3 yards per punt.

New Coaches

Southern has two new coaches to add to the fold this season as veteran coach Bill Bleil comes in to head up the offensive line for the Lions, while former Oklahoma State defensive lineman Darius Hart comes to the squad.

Bleil comes to the Lions from Division I Rhode Island where he was the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach for the Rams. He has previously coached at Iowa State, Western Carolina, Akron, Pitt, Northern Illinois, South Dakota, Pacific and Northwestern. His son, Kevin, is the co-offensive coordinator at MIAA rival Nebraska-Kearney.

Hart comes to Southern from Trinity Valley Community College where he served as the defensive line coach. Hart previously served as a graduate assistant at West Alabama and was also the defensive line coach at Pearl River Community College. Hart played at Oklahoma State for two seasons.

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There will also be some changes as far as position coaches go for the Lions this year with current staff. Rashad Watson will coach the secondary, while Bret Story moves to coaching the wide receivers. Josh Dalton will coach the running backs, while Charles Alexander, Caleb Lewis, Corey Fipps and Kenny Evans keep their previous roles.

The MIAA and Schedule

The MIAA will once again be tough this season with defending national champion Northwest Missouri looking to retain its title.

Southern will start the 2016 season with a road tilt at Fort Hays State University. The home opener for the Lions will be on Sept. 10 when Southern plays host to Missouri Western.

The Lions have their four-longest road trips in the MIAA all at once this season as, along with Fort Hays, Southern makes trips to Nebraska-Kearney (10/1), Central Oklahoma (10/22) and Lindenwood (11/5). The Lions will also play at Emporia State on Sept. 17.

The Hall of Fame game is on September 24 against Northwest Missouri, while homecoming will be Oct. 8 against Washburn. Central Missouri and Northeastern State will also make trips to Fred G. Hughes Stadium, while the annual Miners Bowl game against Pittsburg State will be on Nov. 12.



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Conference: Mid-America
Intercollegiate Athletics Association
Super Regional: 3
School Colors: Crimson & Gold
Head Coach: Tim Beck
Years in coaching: 30
Years as head coach: 7
Record at PSU: 53-19
Assistant coaches: Dave Wiemers,
Steve Rampy, Lance Cullen,
Ryan Hellwig, John Pierce,
Carl Roth, Steve Wells,
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Five-Year Trend

2015: 6-5 (No postseason)
2014: 11-2 (NCAA-II Second round)
2013: 10-2 (Mineral Water Bowl Champions)
2012: 7-3 (No postseason)
2011: 13-1 (NCAA-II Champions)

2015 Results

9/3 @ Northeastern State..... W, 38-14
9/12 Lindenwood W, 56-28
9/19 Washburn L, 21-28
9/26 @ Fort Hays State W, 31-24
10/3 Missouri Western..... W, 31-27
10/10 @ Emporia State L, 42-46
10/17 Northwest Missouri State... L, 14-31
10/24 @ Nebraska-Kearney W, 24-19
10/31 Missouri Southern W, 41-14
11/7 @ Central Missouri L, 6-34
11/14 Central Oklahoma..... L, 31-49

2016 Schedule

9/1 Central Missouri 7 p.m.
9/8 @ Central Oklahoma..... 7 p.m.
9/17 Northeastern State 7 p.m.
9/24 @ Lindenwood 6 p.m.
10/1 @ Washburn..... 1 p.m.
10/8 Fort Hays State 2 p.m.
10/15 @ Missouri Western 2 p.m.
10/22 Emporia State 2 p.m.
10/29 @ Northwest Missouri State... 2:30 p.m.
11/5 Nebraska-Kearney 2 p.m.
11/12 @ Missouri Southern 3:30 p.m.

Projected finish: 7-4

By Dan Wilkes

PSU Athletics Media Relations

The Pittsburg State University football team returns 13 players who started four or more games (eight offense, five defense) in 2015 and eight players who garnered All-MIAA accolades a year ago.

That core group, along with 22 additional returning letterwinners, will seek to return the Gorillas to the top of the powerful MIAA after a rash of season-ending injuries and inconsistencies forced Pitt State into an uncharacteristic 6-5 campaign last year.

In addition to the returning players, Pitt State head coach Tim Beck and his staff signed several key mid-year transfers and a promising high school Class of 2016 to bolster the Gorillas roster.

"We feel we have taken steps to be a team that will compete at a high level – in practice and in games – and compete for an MIAA Championship and beyond this fall," said Beck, who has fashioned a 53-19 (.736) record including the 2011 NCAA Division II National Championship as he enters his seventh season leading his alma mater. "The players who suffered season-ending injuries last year all appear to be healthy or 'on the mend' to the point where they can impact our roster this fall. We had a highly competitive spring season and have begun to identify a top 22 on both sides of the ball. The players, and our coaches, have embraced both the challenges and the opportunities that lie before them. We're excited to get on the practice field and get to work."

The Pitt State Offense

The Gorillas will look to sophomore John Roderique Jr. to lead the Pitt State offense for a second season. Roderique, an honorable mention All-MIAA performer as a freshman transfer in 2015, passed for 1,264 yards and nine touchdowns (210.7 ypg) and rushed for 466 yards (77.7 ypg, 5.8 ypc) and nine scores before suffering a season-ending foot injury in week six. The Webb City, Mo., native missed spring drills due to the injury but appears ready to return to form, according to Beck.

Junior Thomas LePage also



**Sophomore Quarterback
John Roderique Jr.**

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returns for his fourth season in the Pitt State program. The Jefferson City, Mo., native started the Gorillas' final five games, passing for 574 yards and five touchdowns and rushing for 213 yards and a score.

"John has worked very hard to heal himself physically while at the same time very much staying mentally attuned to the game," Beck said. "We are excited to have both John and Thomas back with experience under their belts and ready to go."



Up front, the Gorillas return three players who started seven or more games in 2015 in All-MIAA center Bo Farrow (6-2, 270), sophomore guards Ryan Cipriani (6-5, 282) and Tyler Stiff (6-4, 307). Additionally, week one starters Dexter Robertson (6-4, 303) and Kelly Wortham (6-3, 273) are expected to return from medical redshirt seasons. Robertson, a sophomore tackle, suffered a knee injury following week one, while Wortham, a junior guard, went down in week three last year.

Additionally, the Gorillas added junior transfer Cody Funk (6-6, 302) to the offensive line group in January. Funk earned all-conference honors as a tackle in each of the past two seasons at FCS-member Abilene Christian University. Sophomore guard Alex Jones (6-4, 297) and redshirt freshman tackle Ryan Dodd (6-5, 300) also figure to see significant action.

The Gorillas top 10 offensive linemen average 6 feet, 4 inches and 291 pounds.

"We feel like our offensive line has a chance to be a strength of our football team this season," Beck said. "We lost two very good players early in the season to injury last year which forced some younger players into much more significant

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action. Now, a year later, we have several players who still are underclassmen but have a good deal of playing experience. And we've developed some quality depth at our offensive line positions."

In the backfield, the Gorillas return a cast of explosive players led by junior Michael Rose. Rose rushed for 412 yards (51.5 ypg, 5.7 ypc) and five touchdowns in 2015 despite missing

three games due to injury. He has 674 career rushing yards (5.5 ypc) with seven TDs.

Junior Steven Sullivan (5-10, 184) also returns after battling injury the past two seasons, while senior Dre Holman (5-9, 215) along with redshirt freshmen Kiah Kintchen (5-9, 185) and Keynan Scheurich (5-9, 212) also figure to battle for playing time.

Senior Levi Copelin and junior Austin Panko lead a talented wide receiving corps.

Copelin (6-2, 190) caught 31 passes for 503 yards (16.2 ypc) and four touchdowns as a junior in 2015 after transferring to Pitt State from the University of Missouri. Panko (6-0, 192) made 21 catches for 260 yards (12.4 ypc) and one score.

Senior Andre Taylor (5-9, 162), junior Ramsey Hamilton (6-2, 204) and sophomore Slade Nordic (6-1, 179) all figure to see significant action for the Gorillas, along with redshirt freshmen Brenner Clemons (6-2, 214) and Lorenzo West (5-11, 174).

"I think 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."

At tight end, senior Kyle Swartz (6-2, 248) has 17 career starts to his credit over three playing seasons. He caught 13 passes for 138 yards and four TDs in 2015 after earning third-team All-MIAA honors in 2014. Junior Andy Otting (6-3, 216) and sophomore Kohl Slaughter (6-2, 220) figure to battle for playing time along with junior transfer Javon Wilson (6-4, 265) who joins the Gorillas in August from Scottsdale Community College.

The Pitt State Defense

The Gorillas return five starters on the defensive side of the ball, led by an All-MIAA defensive lineman in senior Heath Wilson, two all-conference linebackers in senior Spencer Brown and sophomore Demetrius Bernard and an All-MIAA safety in senior Deron Washington. Wilson (6-3, 256) earned All-MIAA honors for a second straight season in 2015, posting 49 tackles (21 solo) with a team-leading 11.0 tackles-for-loss and 7.5 quarterback sacks. In three seasons, Wilson has 146 tackles (41 solo), 28.5 TFLs and 16.5 quarterback sacks.

He will be joined at defensive end by juniors Dreu White (6-6, 251) and José Speer (6-2, 243), junior transfer Brock Byford (6-2, 250) and redshirt freshman Ned Bingaman (6-4, 210).

Sophomores Drake Humphrey and Braxton Early return for second seasons to the interior

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Senior Linebacker Spencer Brown



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defensive line. Humphrey (6-0, 232) made 10 tackles with 1.0 TFL and 0.5 quarterback sack as a true freshman in 2015, while Early (6-3, 262) made 10 tackles and 2.0 TFLs in his rookie campaign.

Junior Chase Carney (6-5, 260) made the move from the offensive line to defensive tackle during spring drills. Junior transfer Willie Cooper (6-0, 280) and freshman transfer Trenton Mooney (6-5, 275) also figure to see significant action. Cooper came to Pitt State from Holmes (Miss.) Community College, while Mooney, a Lamar, Mo., native, spent a semester at FCS powerhouse North Dakota State University.

Brown (6-0, 214) garnered All-MIAA recognition at linebacker for a second straight season in 2015. The Blue Springs, Mo., native made a team-leading 94 tackles with 8.5 tackles-for-loss, 3.5 quarterback sacks and six pass break-ups. He has posted 213 career tackles with 19.0 TFLs.

Bernard (6-0, 225) made an immediate impact in his first playing season, after battling through a redshirt season and a medical redshirt in 2014. The O'Fallon, Mo., native made 46 tackles with 7.0 TFLs in his rookie campaign to earn honorable mention All-MIAA honors.

Junior Ethan Fugitt (6-1, 242) also is expected to be a major contributor in the linebacking corps, while sophomore Carter Anchors (6-1, 190) and redshirt freshmen Brett McDonald (6-3, 213) and Jacob Carpenter (6-2, 225) also are expected to challenge for playing time.

"Defensively, I think we have a chance to be better in the front six – the defensive line and linebackers – than we were last season with veterans like Heath Wilson and Spencer Brown back leading the unit," Beck said. "We still are

fairly young as a defense, overall, but we have several key players with significant playing experience."

Senior Tyree Jefferson and sophomore Matt Magee bring veteran experience to Pitt State's cornerback spots. Jefferson (6-0, 185) made 23 tackles with one interception and six pass break-ups in his initial season in the Pitt State program in 2015. Magee (6-0, 180) had 19 tackles with one interception and four PBUs in his debut season.

Junior transfer Ciyre Simmons (6-0, 190) joined the cornerback corps in January from Mesa (Ariz.) Community College, while redshirt freshmen William Bazzle IV (6-2, 188) and Keeyon Inle (6-0, 181) also are coming off solid spring camps.

Washington (6-1, 211) has started all 24 games at safety the past two seasons, and he figures to lock down the "bandit" position this fall. The Raymore, Mo., native made 81 tackles with 4.0 TFLs and 10 pass break-ups during his junior campaign, earning second-team All-MIAA recognition. A two-time All-MIAA performer, Washington has compiled 207 career tackles, three interceptions and 18 PBUs.

Senior Quad Ware and sophomore Darian Taylor also bring veteran experience to the safety positions. Ware (6-0, 192) made 51 tackles with one interception and two pass break-ups, while Taylor (6-3, 205) had 23 tackles with 2.0 quarterback sacks, two pass break-ups and two forced fumbles.

Junior Brady Bradbury (5-10, 190) also returns for a fourth season in the Pitt State program, while junior transfer DeShaughn Terry (6-0, 185) joined the Gorillas from the University of Memphis in January.

"Deron Washington has been a mainstay in the secondary for three seasons and we welcome back his leadership and experience," Beck said. "With our returners in the back five plus a couple transfers we feel good about our situation in the defensive secondary."

Pitt State Special Teams

Senior Chad Levin returns for a second season to handle Pitt State's placekicking duties. Levin (5-9, 171) earned honorable mention All-MIAA honors in 2015, converting nine of 12 field goals and 40 of 41 PATs last year.

Anchors punted 46 times for a 39.5-yard average with nine kicks inside the opponent 20-yard line a year ago.

Senior Nick Weisenborn (6-4, 282) is expected to battle with incoming freshman Keegan Duncan, from Lamar (Mo.) High School, to handle Pitt State's deep snapping chores this fall.

Nordic returned 14 kickoffs for a 27.9-yard average, including a 100-yard return for a touchdown, last year. Andre Taylor and Austin Panko also have punt return experience and could be utilized in that role this fall, while DeShaughn Terry could see action on kickoff returns.



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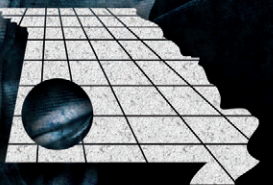
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