



Russellville's Cam Phinizee and Neyland Baker. [PHOTOS, UNLESS NOTED, BY DAN BUSEY/TIMESDAILY]



Brooks' Garrett Burrough.



Central's Eli Wood.



Muscle Shoals' Christian Pritchard. [DAVE HYATT/FOR THE TIMESDAILY]



Deshler's Garrett Reid.



Florence's Jayshod Pearson.

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OFFENSE

QB: Mason Holloway, sophomore, Hamilton: Finished with 2,951 yards of total offense and accounted for 37 touchdowns, helping the Aggies rank sixth in 4A scoring offense at 37.2 points per game. Had a 193.2 pass efficiency with a 20-to-2 TD-to-interception ratio. Injured in the regular-season finale and missed the playoffs.

RB: Cam Phinizee, junior, Russellville: First-team Class 5A All-State and a finalist for 5A back of the year. Averaged 211.9 yards rushing per game, though had one game with three carries for 10 yards due to sickness. In the other 10, averaged over 232 yards. Scored 28 touchdowns. Totaled 2,331 yards rushing on 231 carries. Also caught 17 passes. Two-time all-area. Two-time All-State.

RB: Hunter Palmer, senior, Central: Averaged 9.1 yards per carry and 123.8 per game. Finished with 1,486 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns. Overall, scored 19 times. Three-time all-area.

RB: Natarreaun Hampton, senior, Muscle Shoals: Averaged 7.1 yards per carry and almost 110 yards per game in Muscle Shoals' first 11 games. Had 18 rushing touchdowns.

WR: Jaquess Greene, senior, Muscle Shoals: First-team Class 6A All-State. Racked up 1,743 all-purpose yards, a 158.5 average, and accounted for 24 touchdowns in Muscle Shoals' first 11 games. Finished with 43 catches for 880 yards and 12 TDs, though ran 92 yards for 711 yards, also with 12 TDs. Two-time all-area. Two-time All-State.

WR: Eli Cagle, senior, Haleyville: Hauled in 47 catches for 640 yards and six touchdowns. Defensively, intercepted four passes with 27 tackles and 10 pass breakups. Threw one pass — for a 64-yard touchdown.

WR: Corben Reynolds, junior, Loretto: Collected 46 receptions for 836 yards and 12 touchdowns. Also scored twice on his four kickoff returns. Defensively, had three interceptions with 37 tackles. Two-time all-area.

OL: Landen Lovett, senior, Haleyville: Three-year starter between center and guard who allowed no sacks and was credited with 108 pancakes this season.

OL: Eric Thirkill, senior, Muscle Shoals: Second-team Class 6A All-State. The top offensive lineman for the Trojans. Drew an 88 grade with no sacks allowed and 26 pancakes. Two-time all-area.

OL: Neyland Baker, senior, Russellville: First-team Class 5A All-State. Graded out at 93% for the season, didn't allow a sack and posted 20 knockdown blocks. Paved the way for an offense that averaged over 400 yards per game.

OL: Colby Brown, junior, Loretto: Left tackle was the top offensive lineman for the Mustangs, who finished with over 2,000 yards rushing.

OL: Tavarius Reeder, junior, Florence: The center graded out at 82% for the season with 21 pancake and 33 knockdown blocks.

ATH: Garrett Burrough, senior, Brooks: First-team Class 4A All-State. Accounted for 3,008 yards offense and 32 touchdowns. Ran for 1,294 yards, averaging 10.1 per carry, with 23 TDs. Threw for 1,714 yards and nine scores.

K: Chandler Dixon, senior, Florence: First-team Class 7A All-State. Was 12-of-15 on field goals, including a school-record 51-yarder that he followed with a school-record 52-yarder. Also averaged 35.1 yards on 12 punts and had 35 of 44 kickoffs go for touchbacks.

HONORABLE MENTION

Central: DB-QB Jackson Brewer.
Haleyville: QB-DB Evan Cagle, RB-LB Fisher McCombs.
Hamilton: WR-DB Houston Tibbs, LB Hayden Ables.
Hatton: QB-P Tasean Love.
Loretto: QB Mason Tidwell, RB Nicholas McDow.
Muscle Shoals: QB Kade Clemmons.
Russellville: WR Gunner Sappington, K-P Manny Martinez.
Wilson: LB Reece Young.

No information received from Lawrence Co. (Tennessee).



Central's Hunter Palmer.



Muscle Shoals' Natarreaun Hampton and Ka'Mhariyan Johnson.

2024 LARGE SCHOOL ALL-AREA FOOTBALL

DEFENSE

DL: Ka'Mhariyan Johnson, junior, Muscle Shoals: Second-team Class 6A All-State. Haunted many quarterbacks this season, totaling 30 hurries with 56 tackles, including eight sacks among his 11 tackles for loss.

DL: Wyatt Davis, senior, Central: Had 12 tackles for loss among his 44 stops. Also played offensive line with an 86% average and 10 pancake blocks.

DL: Calvin Hankins, senior, Deshler: Finished with 40 tackles.

LB: Zo Martin, junior, Florence: Second-team Class 7A All-State. Listed with 162 tackles, including 25 for loss with eight sacks. Intercepted two passes, returning one for a touchdown. Broke up nine passes. Two-time all-area. Two-time All-State.

LB: Charlie Buttram, junior, Brooks: Second-team Class 4A All-State. Made 136 tackles, including 20 solos, for a defense that gave up a 17.9-point average, ranking 10th in 4A.

LB: Eli Wood, senior, Central: Finished with 111 tackles, including 19 for loss. Recovered four fumbles, returning one for a touchdown. Helped the Wildcats reach the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 2013. Two-time all-area.

LB: H.T. Blanke, senior, Florence: Had 24 tackles for loss and 13 sacks among his 81 stops.

LB: Ayden Noyola, sophomore, Deshler: Made 68 tackles and scored one defensive touchdown. On offense, had 449 all-purpose yards with five scores.

LB: Lucas Oakley, senior, Brooks: Finished with 96 tackles, of which 16 were for loss, including 14 sacks.

DB: Christian Pritchard, sophomore, Muscle Shoals: Second-team Class 6A All-State. Scored twice on punt returns, twice on kickoff returns and once on an interception return. Posted 73 tackles with three interceptions, two forced fumbles and 10 pass breakups. Had two interceptions and a punt-return touchdown in the Trojans' win at previously unbeaten Austin in the regular-season finale.

DB: Zy Boddie, senior, Florence: Class 7A All-State honorable mention. Intercepted four passes, returning two for a touchdown, and had 26 pass breakups. Posted 76 tackles. Blocked three kicks. Two-time all-area.

DB: Zaye Hubbard, senior, Russellville: Posted 123 tackles and five interceptions with three forced fumbles. On special teams, blocked two kicks. Was part of the Golden Tigers' seventh straight postseason appearance and 33rd in the last 39 years.

DB: Jayshod Pearson, junior, Florence: Had four interceptions, returning one for a touchdown, plus 31 pass breakups. Made 68 tackles. Helped the Falcons reach the playoffs for a fourth straight year and the seventh time in eight seasons.

DB: Brooks Moore, senior, Brooks: Intercepted six passes and made 91 tackles, including 22 solo stops. Helped the Lions advance to the state quarterfinals for a second straight season.

ATH: Bryant Hanback, senior, Central: Class 4A All-State honorable mention. On offense, ran for 1,469 yards, averaging 8.4 per carry and 122.4 per game, with 19 touchdowns. On defense, made 57 tackles with three interceptions, returning one for a touchdown.

P-ATH: Garrett Reid, junior, Deshler: Second-team Class 4A All-State. Finished with 42 catches for 568 yards and 11 touchdowns, while also averaging 44.6 yards on his 18 punts with nine downed inside the 20.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Tim Bowens, Brooks: Guided the Lions to their second straight state quarterfinal berth. Helped push Brooks, after a 1-2 start, to a nine-game winning streak that ended in the quarterfinals. Has a 24-12 record in three years at Brooks.

All-area team compiled by A. Stacy Long in consultation with area coaches.



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