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1	Michael McInnis	Sr	5'9	160	WR/RB/DB
2	Shaeed Dawkins	Soph	6'1	160	WR/DB
3	Trey Page	Soph	6'	160	WR/DB
4	Treyvon Bellmon	Jr	5'6	155	RB/DB
5	Brennen Bethea	Sr	5'7	145	WR/DB
6	Adarrion Dawkins	Sr	5'8	175	WR/RB/DB
8	Derrick Bethea	Jr	6'2	175	QB/DB
9	Hunter Norton	Jr	6'	165	TE/LB
11	Braxton Dimery	Sr	6'2	170	WR/DB
14	Adrian Wheeler	Sr	5'11	175	TE/LB
15	Wendall Powell	Sr	6'	160	WR/LB
16	Justus Sessions	Sr	5'9	150	TE/DL
17	Raejon Rogers	Sr	5'10	145	WR/DB
18	Maleek Corbett	Fresh	5'9	150	WR/DB
19	Jayden Ford	Fresh	5'8	140	RB/DB
21	Da'Correus Ford	Sr	5'8	170	WR/DB
22	Marquise Johnson	Sr	6'	220	TE/LB
24	Kamarik Bethea	Soph	5'9	155	WR/LB
26	Camden Umphries	Fresh	5'8	150	WR/DB
28	Ja'Correus Ford	Sr	5'10	175	RB/LB
32/53	Luke King	Fresh	6'3	225	TE/DE
33	Raekwon McNeil	Jr	6'2	190	TE/LB
50	Michael McDaniel	Jr	5'11	215	OL/DL
51	Braylon Worley	Jr	6'2	230	OL/DL
52	Lawson Floyd	Fresh	5'4	165	OL/DL
54	Josh Gilchrist	Sr	5'11	185	OL/DL
55	Jamarlon Monroe	Sr	6'2	230	OL/DL
56	Bobby Rivers	Sr	5'7	270	OL/DL
57	Nathan Lane	Soph	5'9	230	OL/DL
58	Arkadius Benjamin	Sr	5'11	230	OL/DL
59	Sevon Nichols	Soph	6	240	OL/DL
60	DeArriouz Inman	Jr	5'10	200	OL/DL
61	Luke Price	Fresh	5'9	200	OL/DL
74	Jayden Benjamin	Fresh	6	280	OL/DL



STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

Ja'Correus Ford – 176-1,207, 13 TD

Adarrion Dawkins – 70-501, 6 TD

Michael McInnis – 17-261, 3 TD

Treyvon Bellmon – 36-259, 2 TD

Passing

Derrick Bethea – 32-of-62, 649 yards, 11 TD

Receiving

Braxton Dimery – 8 rec, 238 yards, 4 TD

Adarrion Dawkins – 7 rec, 140 yards, 2 TD

Defensive Leaders

Hunter Norton – 86 tackles

Marquise Johnson – 65 tackles, 1 INT

Raekwon McNeil – 52 tackles, 2 INT

Michael McDaniel – 40 tackles

Braxton Dimery – 40 tackles, 3 INT,
2 blocked punts

Adarrion Dawkins – 46 tackles

How They Got Here (9-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	at Green Sea-Floyds	28-14
10/2	East Clarendon	42-14
10/9	at Johnsonville	30-20
10/16	Timmons ville	46-8
10/23	Hannah-Pamplico	42-8
10/30	at Waccamaw	40-7
11/6	Mullins	cancel
11/13	Allendale-Fairfax	26-6
11/20	at Carvers Bay	30-22
11/27	Bamberg-Ehrhardt	20-7

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Senior leadership and tradition leads Lake View into finals

By David Shelton

Senior Writer

High School Sports Report

Lake View – For the fourth time in his tenure as the head football coach at **Lake View High**, **Darryl King** has his alma mater in the state championship game.

King guided the Wild Gators to a state title in 2016 and will look for another ring on Saturday against the **Southside Christian** Sabres. Kickoff at Benedict College's Charles Johnson Stadium is 11:30 a.m.

Lake View has managed through a shortened 2020 season unscathed but King says finishing undefeated will be a difficult task. Southside Christian also is undefeated and sports a defense that has allowed only 59 points in nine games.

"They are very well-coached, always in the right spot and very disciplined," King said. "They are an impressive team on both sides of the ball. Their defense really gets after it and their front is very good. They're a complete football team really. We don't see a real weakness anywhere."

King's own team also has been good on both sides of the ball this fall. The Wild Gators put together their best performance of the season in last week's Lower State championship game against Bamberg-Ehrhardt, winning 20-7.

"We try to enjoy every opportunity to play, especially after the stuff we went through this year," said King, who is in his 13th season as the head coach and his 22nd overall at Lake View. "We are happy to still be playing. The boys have worked hard to get to this point and we hope to finish it off with a win."

The Wild Gators have leaned heavily on their 15 seniors, a group that has been focused on greatness since last season's loss to Green Sea Floyds in the Lower

State title game.

"Our seniors have been great leaders," King said. "They are a great group of young men. They just love football and they practice hard and play hard. These guys remembered losing to Green Sea Floyds in the Lower State finals last year. They were determined that if we had a season, they were going to make the most of it. I am really proud of them and happy that they have this opportunity."

Offensively, Lake View operates primarily out of the wish bone attack but has the ability to spread out the defense and effectively throw the football if needed.

Quarterback **D.J. Bethea** has thrown for nearly 700 yards and 11 touchdowns on the season, adding 241 yards on the ground.

Leading the charge on the ground is **Ja'Correus Ford**, who has 1,207 yards and 13 touchdowns on only 176 carries. **Adarrian Dawkins** adds 501 yards and six scores while **Treyvon Bellmon** has rushed for 259 yards.

Dawkins and **Braxton Dimery** are the primary threats in the passing game, combining for nearly 500 yards and six touchdowns.

But, as King says, offensive success starts up front and the Wild Gators have been good in that area. The unit returned four starters from a year ago and includes seniors **Tyson Monroe**, **Bobby Rivers** and **Arkadius Benjamin**; junior **Michael McDaniel** and sophomore

Sevon Nichols.

"You don't win many games without the guys up front, on both sides, doing their job well," King said. "For us, we have some going both ways on the line and they have been really solid for us every week."

Monroe, Benjamin and McDaniel play prominent roles on the defensive line. Linebackers **Hunter Norton** and **Marquise Johnson** have spearheaded the defensive attack. Norton leads the unit with 86 tackles while Johnson has recorded 65 tackles.

Raekwon McNeil has 52 tackles and two interceptions while Dawkins has 46 tackles from the secondary. Dimery has been in on 40 tackles with three interceptions and two blocked punts. He also punts for a 38.7-yard average.

Lake View's defense has forced 19 turnovers with 10 interceptions and nine fumble recoveries.

When asked how the Lake View program manages to put itself into title contention on a yearly basis, King answered very simply.

"It's tradition. We talk to the kids every year before we get started and we tell them there have been a lot of guys before them that have laid it all on the line for this program and for each other," King said. "We just try to instill in them that there's only one way to play. Look at what has been done before and what our expectations are every year. We ask them to buy into that tradition."



SOUTHSIDE CHRISTIAN SABRES

#	Name	Gr	Off	DEF	HT	WT
	Devin Gwinn	12	OL	DL	6'1	245
1	Ja'Corey Martin	10	QB	DB	6'0	175
2	Charlie Harof	12	RB	LB	5'10	180
3	Trey Wagner	11	WR	DB	5'11	175
4	Will Scott	12	WR	DB	5'11	170
5	TJ Goldsmith	11	RB	LB	6'0	210
6	Tyler Harof	10	WR	DB	5'10	170
7	Saunders Hawkins	10	TE	DE	5'11	170
8	Matthew Dorris	9	WR	LB	5'7"	160
9	Mykel Wright-Woodfield	10	RB	LB	5'9	175
10	Janko Fredricks	11	WR	DB	6'3	180
11	Jackson Taylor	12	WR	DB	6'0	180
12	Carter Williams	12	WR	DB	6'0	180
13	Shane Gallagher	12	WR	DB	5'10	165
14	Luke Fillmore	12	WR	DB	5'10	155
15	Jalen Williams	12	WR	FS	6'3	215
16	Jaden Simpkins	10	WR	DB	5'10	160
18	Jayvion Sherman	9	RB	LB	5'8"	180
19	Kolby Sentelle	9	WR	DB	5'10"	170
21	Smith Summers	11	WR	DB	6'1	170
22	Hayden Aston	11	RB	LB	5'10	175
23	Isaac Masone	11	K		5'9	150
24	Quinton Hood	9	WR	DB	5'10	165
25	Lucas McKinney	9	RB	LB	5'7"	165
26	Ethan Chandler	9	RB	LB	5'7"	155
27	Ross Schaffer	10	WR	DB	6'1"	170
28	Ben Kaiser	10	WR	DB	5'9"	185
30	Michael Long	12	K	P	6'0	200
43	Carter Michael	9	OL	DE	5'10	190
50	Tyrelle Kelley	11	OL	DE	5'10	180
51	McGregor King	11	OL	LB	5'10	190
52	Caleb Dyer	12	OL	LB	5'10	200
53	Will Owens	10	OL	DE	6'4	205
54/61	Thomas Lucas	11	OL	DE	5'11	180
55	Michael Kennedy	11	OL	DT	6'2	285
56	Zac Zivitski	12	OL	DE	6'1/2	220
57	Tyler Sonneborn	11	OL	DE	6'2	240
58	George Thoreson	12	OL	DT	6'2	270
64	Nathan Patrick	9	OL	LB	5'10"	185
65	Trey Dowling	10	OL	DL	5'10"	180
66	Wilson Key	9	OL	DL	5'9"	240
68	Luke Kluthe	10	OL	DL	6'0"	180
74	Micah McGowan	9	OL	DL	5'10"	240

HEAD COACH: Mike Sonneborn
HEAD TRAINER: Chris Young
STUDENT TRAINER: Emily Silvaggio



STATISTICAL LEADERS

Offense

Rushing

Jacorey Martin – 941 yards, 15 TD
 TJ Goldsmith – 583 yards, 8 TD

Passing

Jacorey Martin – 57%, 930 yards,
 15 TD

Receiving

Will Scott – 17 rec., 209 yards, 4 TD
 Shane Gallagher – 16 rec., 191 yds,
 3 TD

Defensive leaders

Michael Kennedy – 72 tackles,
 14 TFL, 7.5 sacks
 Tyler Sonneborn – 65 tackles,
 11 TFL, 4 sacks
 Zach Zivitski – 63 tackles,
 11 TFL, 11.5 sacks
 Caleb Dyer – 68 tackles
 Charlie Harof – 51 tackles, 4 INT
 Quinton Hood – 4 INT

How They Got Here (8-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
10/2	Dixie	42-0
10/9	at McCormick	47-20
10/16	Calhoun Falls	58-0
10/30	at Ware Shoals	56-14
11/6	at Whitmire	55-6
11/13	C.A. Johnson	50-6
11/20	Blackville-Hilda	24-7
11/27	Lamar	17-6

Sabres back in state finals for first time since winning in '15

By David Shelton

Senior Writer

High School Sports Report

Greenville – For the first time since winning a state championship in 2015, the Sabres of **Southside Christian** are back in the state title game in 2020.

Southside Christian won the Class A Upper State championship with a 17-6 win over Lamar and will take on another perennial Class A power in Lake View High on Saturday at 11:30 a.m., at Benedict College's Charles Johnson Stadium.

The 9-0 Sabres have been among the state's top five ranked teams in Class A all season long so reaching the finals is not a surprise to most. However, head coach **Mike Sonneborn** never takes anything for granted.

"We had to replace a really good senior group and about 13 starters so we knew we were going to have to count on some new bodies from the junior varsity program," said Sonneborn, who was the offensive coordinator in 2015 and was promoted to head coach in 2016. "We felt we could be competitive with what we had returning but you never really know early on. And, with the Covid issue, I think every coach in the state probably had some doubts.

"Fortunately, we don't do anything different on our lower levels so it is not a big adjustment in terms of knowing what to do. The obvious concern was how well these young guys would respond to playing at the varsity level. They have responded very well."

Youth is evident at every level on both sides of the ball, starting at quarterback where sophomore **Jacorey Martin** has performed at a high level offensively. Martin enters the championship game with 930 yards passing and 941 yards rushing. He has accounted for 15 touchdowns through the air and 15 more via the ground.

"He's a true dual-threat guy and he has progressed very well," Sonneborn said. "He had to learn quick and he has worked hard to be the best he can be for this offense."

The offensive line consists of four underclassmen with the lone senior being **George Thoreson**.

"As a unit, they have been pretty consistent," Sonneborn said. "We don't complicate things offensively and that has helped them learn and grow together quickly."

While Martin is far and away the team's leading rusher, **T.J. Goldsmith** (583 yards, 8 TD) and **Jayvion Sherman** (229 yards) have contributed to the 2,159 rushing yards.

There are a bevy of players involved in the passing game with **Shane Gallagher** (16 rec., 191 yards, 3 TD) and **Will Scott** (17 rec., 209 yards, 4 TD) leading the way. Thirteen different players have caught passes this season.

Anchoring the kicking game is **Michael Long**, who has converted 39 of 43 extra point kicks and has made four of six field goals. He also punts for a 38.3-yard average.

Defensively, the Sabres have allowed just 59 points in nine games, including an impressive 19 points in three playoff games. That includes holding a high-scoring Lamar offense to one touchdown in the Upper State title game.

"The defense has been really good all year," Sonneborn said. "They play really hard and it's a very unselfish group. They really haven't had a bad night all season and they have been especially good in the playoffs."

Senior middle linebacker **Caleb Dyer** is one of the team leaders defensively. Dyer has 68 total tackles. Fellow linebacker **Mykel Woodfield** also is a strong

player at the second level.

But the strength defensively is along the front with senior **Zach Zivitski** and juniors **Michael Kennedy** and **Tyler Sonneborn**. Kennedy has 72 tackles, including 14 tackles for loss and 7.5 sacks. Sonneborn adds 65 tackles, 11 for loss and four sacks, while Zivitski had 63 tackles, 11 for loss and 11.5 sacks.

"Stopping the run has been a strength for us and those guys up front are a big factor," Sonneborn said. "They are a physical group and they work well together."

Strong safety **Charlie Harof**, one of six senior starters on defense, has 51 tackles, four interceptions and six pass breakups. Harof also sees extensive time on offense as a running back.

Quinton Hood also has four interceptions and **Jalen Williams** has three picks this season.

In Lake View, the Sabres' defense will be focused on slowing down the wish-bone offense of the Wild Gators. Lake View is traditionally strong in the run game but has shown more of a passing threat this season.

"They're big, fast and athletic and they really set their mind on playing power football," Sonneborn said. "They play the game hard. You can see their intensity and effort on film and we have to be able to match that. It's going to be a physical game."



MARION SWAMP FOXES

NUMBER	NAME	GRADE	POS	HGT/WGT
1	Qualiek Crawford	12th	RB/DB	5'11 180
2	QuaSheed Scott	9th	QB/DB	5'10 160
3	Shion Felder	12th	FB/LB	5'8 200
4	Levern Bell	12th	WR/DB	6'3 190
5	Zy Charles	12th	QB/DB	6'1 180
6	Zy Moody	10th	FB/LB	5'9 185
7	Jakobe Sims	11th	QB/DB	5'6 130
8	Jamiek Nichols	11th	RB/DB	5'9 170
9	Jamoris Wilson	9th	TE/LB	6'2 185
10	Gabriel Cusack	9th	QB/LB	5'11 185
12	David Moore	12th	WR/LB	5'9 150
13	Parker Bailey	9th	QB/LB	5'6 140
15	Jaquante McCullough	12th	WR/DB	5'7 145
20	Damonte Jackson	10th	WR/DB	5'8 140
21	John Gamble			
22	William Lavon Gurley	11th	WR/LB	6'0 175
24	Amir Thomas	11th	WR/LB	5'10 165
25	Jamerius Williams	10th	RB/LB	5'8 190
27	Tyler Buie	11th	WR/DB	6'1 150
28	Tyshawn Sanders	9th	Db/WR	5'11 160
31	Jalen Brunson	10th	FB/LB	5'8 180
32	Kyheim Bethea	12th	FB/LB	6'1 225
40	Richard Eaddy	9th	FB/LB	5'10 175
42	Joseph Washington	12th	FB/DL	5'8 190
45		10th	FB/DL	6'0 270
47	Jerrell Reddick	10th	WR/DB	6'0 145
48	Dawantez Charles	12th	WR/DB	5'10 160
50	ZaKwan Lester	11th	TE/DL	5'10 245
52	Keontae Brantly	12th	OL/DL	5'6 250
53	Amauri Rollins	11th	fbL/DL	6'0 255
54	DraQuan Pearson	11th	OL/DL/FB	5'11 270
56	Zachary Jackson	11th	OL/DL	6'0 200
58	Phillip Johnson	12th	OL/DL	6'2 285
60	Jamorian Reed	10th	Ol/dl	6'2 189
70	DreLiek Pearson	10 th	OL/DL	6'1 300
72	Gregory Hopkins	12th	OL/DL	5'5 385
74	Ryan Nichols	10th	OL/DL	6'1 245
75	Tyrek Evans	12th	OL/DL	5'7 305
76	Amani Godbolt	10th	OL/DL	5'9 265
78	Kendrick Jones	10th	Ol/dl	5'8 270
80	TJ Sanders	12th	TE/LB/DL	6'5 285
81	Cameron Felder	9th	WR/DB	5'10 160
82	Dayton Davis	11th	WR/FS	6'4 149
84	Austin Larrimore	12th	K	5'9 190
88	Nate Washington	10th	WR/DB	5'8 125

Head Coach-Randall State

Assistant Coaches: Brian Hennecy, Leo Phillips, Ray Bailey, Demetrius Johnson, George Gause, Draper Pearson, Randy Dennison



Offensive Starters

QB- Gabriel Cusack
RB-Qualiek Crawford
RB- Zy Moody
FB-Kyheim Bethea
C-DreLiek Pearson
GUARD-Tyrek Evans
TACKLE-Ryan Nichols
GUARD –Greg Gee Hopkins
TACKLE- Keonte Brantley
WR- Tyler Buey
WR- Dayton Davis

Defensive Starters

MLB- Kyheim Bethea
WLB- Zy Charles
DB-Damonte Jackson
DB-Tyshawn Sanders
DB-Jamiek Nichols
DB-Levern Bell
DB-QuaSheed Scott
DT- Phillip Johnson
DT- DraQuan Pearson
DE- William Gurley
DE- TJ Sanders

How They Got Here (7-1)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	at Andrews	28-20
10/2	Kingstree	14-18
10/9	at Lee Central	ppd
10/16	Latta	25-6
10/23	at Mullins	34-0
10/30	at Manning	35-14
11/6	Socastee	cancel
11/13	Andrew Jackson	33-21
11/20	at Barnwell	21-7
11/27	Andrews	36-33

Swamp Foxes in title game for first time since 1987

By Neill Kirkpatrick
Staff Writer

Marion - Talking with **Marion** head coach **Randall State** at the 2019 Dennis Miller Jamboree at Marlboro County, he said the main thing he wanted to do at Marion was to get back to playing "Swamp Fox Football."

That meant the culture needed to change and the team would have to become more physical on both sides of the ball. In just two years he has Marion in its first state championship game since 1987.

"The kids have worked hard from day one and they bought into what we were teaching. Last year we came short of making the playoffs but we built momentum coming into this year," State said. "The kids learned last year that you had to bring your "A" game every night and we did that this year except for one game, Kingstree. We learned a hard lesson but it has paid off."

The Swamp Foxes will have their hands full in the state championship game as they take on perennial state power **Abbeville** (10-0). The Panthers are in the state finals for the fifth time in the last six years and will be seeking their 11th state championship. They come into the game averaging 47 ppg while giving up only 3.8 ppg.

"Abbeville has a great program and we will have to play our best game of the year. They present many challenges but we will get work this week and get ready to play *Swamp Fox Football*," said coach State.

Marion comes into the state championship game at 7-1 and has played their best football in the biggest moments of the playoffs. They dispatched at-large entry **Andrew Jackson** 33-21 in round one. Then in round two they knocked off the two-time defending lower state champion **Barnwell Warhorses** 21-7, and last week they out-last-ed highway 41 and region rival **Andrews** 36-33.

Offensively, the Swamp Foxes average 28 points per game with their ground and pound attack, and it all starts up front

with an offensive line that averages 297-pounds per man. They are led by senior left guard **Gregory Hopkins** (5-5, 385).

Senior **Keontae Brantley** (5-6, 250) mans the right guard while sophomore **DreLiek Pearson** (6-1, 300) is at center. The tackles are senior **Tyrek Evans** (5-7, 300) and sophomore **Ryan Nichols** (6-1, 245).

The driver of this Mack truck is one of the most exciting players in the state in senior **Qualiek Crawford** and he has been at his best in the playoffs. He came into the playoffs with 573 yards rushing and having scored just four touchdowns. In three playoff games he has rushed for 570 yards and 10 touchdowns. He is averaging over 225 yards of total offense and three touchdowns so far in the playoffs.

"That is Qualiek being Qualiek. He has been in the program for four years and he has stepped up to lead this team. We expect him to make plays," Coach State said.

Freshman quarterback **Gaberial Cusack** has stepped into the starting role and continues to get better. His wide outs are senior **Tyler Buey** and juniors **Dayton Davis** and **Jamiek Nichols**. Nichols also sees time at running back.

The rest of the offensive backfield is a mixture of players in senior **Kyhiem Bethea**, sophomore **Amauri Rollins** and senior **TJ Sanders**, all carry the ball to give Crawford a breather and provide the blocking for Crawford.

On the defensive side of the ball the Swamp Fox have playmakers at all levels

of the defense starting with Sanders. The South Carolina commit lines up at one defensive end position and wreaks havoc on the opposing offense. Against Barnwell, he snatched a bad snap out of the air and returned it 50 yards for a touchdown, and then last week he moved to nose tackle to stop Andrews inside running game. He has over 20 tackles for loss and 10 sacks.

At the other defensive end position is junior **Willian Gurley**. He leads the team in fumble recoveries with two. He also has an interception.

The Swamp Foxes have three behemoths patrolling the middle of the defensive line in senior **Phillip Johnson**, junior **Zakwan Lester** and **Rollins**.

Bethea is the team's leading tackler from his linebacking position with over 60 tackles. Joining Bethea are sophomore **Zy Moody** and junior **Draquan "Beast" Pearson**. Pearson is second on the team in tackles for loss with 8.

Senior **Levern Bell** is joined in the secondary by Crawford and Nichols. Bell has 7 tackles for loss while Nichols leads the team in interceptions with three returning one for a score.

Also in the secondary are **Damonte Jackson**, **Tyshawn Sanders** and **Quashed Scott**

"We hang our hat on defense and we want to be physical up front," coach State said. "We set our goals for the season to win the region, lower state and a state championship. We have accomplished two and we are looking forward to the opportunity to complete our goals."



ABBEVILLE PANTHERS

#	Name	YR	POS	#	Name	YR	POS
2	Antonio Harrison	10	RB/DB	33	Luke Evans	12	LB/TE
3	J'Marion Burton	11	RB	34	Jonathan Jackson	12	LB
4	Tyrell Haddon	12	RB/DB	35	Martico Jackson	12	RB/LB
6	Cruz Temple	12	DB/RB	36	Darren Calhoun	11	LB
10	Zay Rayford	10	RB/DB	50	Bryson Hershberger	10	DL/OL
11	Kelly Garner	12	X/DB	51	Jake Adams	12	OL
12	Thomas Beauford	12	QB	52	Addison Nickles	10	OL/DL
14	Mykal Tinch	12	LB	54	Dawson Hughes	11	OL
15	Ty Cade	10	LB/RB	56	Delvin Williams	11	DL
16	Reginald Dawson	11	X/DB	58	Victor Sutton	11	LB
17	Javario Tinch	10	DB/X	60	Tre'Vontae Gray	10	OL/DL
20	Jeremiah Lomax	11	DB/QB	61	Davis Sutherland	12	OL/DL
21	Navi Marshall	12	RB/DB	63	Artavious Coleman	11	OL
22	Ja'Kobe Leach	11	DB/RB	64	Keyshawn Belcher	11	DL
23	Shunkevis Brown	11	DB/RB	68	Demetrius Harris	12	DL
24	Tatlain Brown	12	DB	72	Jayden Martin	11	OL/DL
25	Clark Atkins	10	TE/DL	74	Jacob Ferguson	10	OL
27	Sincere Ceasor	12	DL	75	Gregory Martin	10	OL/DL
30	CJ Vance	11	DB/X	84	Nick Goodwin	11	DL/TE
31	Seth Griffin	12	DL/LB	85	Da'Marquise Jackson	12	DL
32	Logan Busbee	11	LB	87	Kevon Gray	12	DL

Principal: Dr. Adam Lanford

Athletic Director: Maggie Jameson

Assistant Athletic Director: Doug Belcher

Coaches: James Nickles, Mark Smith, Wayne Botts, Tony Temple, Doug Belcher, Eddie Ford, Rex Pelfrey, Jermaine Paul, Ellis Belton, Tim Collins, Shane Cox, Tanko Rayford, Jim Porter

Statistical Leaders

Rushing

Ty Haddon – 74-683, 12 TD
(1,001 all-purpose, 15 TD)
J'Marion Burton – 73-581, 9 TD
Martico Jackson – 69-564, 7 TD
Navi Marshall – 47-540, 7 TD

Passing

Thomas Beauford – 27 of 59,
667 yards, 10 TD

Receiving

Kelly Garner – 9 rec, 237 yds, 3 TD
Antonio Harrison – 5 rec, 156
yards, 4 TD

Defensive leaders

LB Cruz Temple, LB Luke Evans
LB Ty Cade, DB Jeremiah Lomax
DB CJ Vance
DL Sincere Ceasor

How They Got Here (10-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	at West-Oak	63-0
10/2	Woodland	56-0
10/9	Christ School, NC	35-21
10/16	at Ninety-Six	49-0
10/23	Christ Church	46-0
10/30	at Crescent	48-0
11/6	Liberty	63-0
11/13	Batesburg-Leesville	56-0
11/20	Chesnee	32-7
11/27	Gray Collegiate	28-10

Abbeville back in AA finals after one year hiatus

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

High School Sports Report

Abbeville – When it comes to class AA football in South Carolina, recent results say it's all about the "A", as in **Abbeville High Panthers** football.

For the fifth time in the last six years, Abbeville's tradition-rich program finds itself in the Class AA state title game. The Panthers take on Lower State champion Marion in Friday night's title game at Spring Valley High School.

For Abbeville, it is their eighth appearance in the finals since 2000. The Panthers won four consecutive state titles from 2015 to 2018 before losing in the Upper State finals a year ago to eventual state champion Saluda. Abbeville was seeking to become the first SCHSL program to win five consecutive state championships in state history. The Panthers have lost only four games since 2015, including a 23-1 record over the last two seasons.

While expectations are high every year, there was some early doubt as to whether or not the 2020 Panthers would make a state championship run. Heavy losses in personnel to graduation, coupled with the limitations in practice and the late start to the season because of the Covid-19 pandemic had some wondering how this season would play out.

For head coach **Jamie Nickles**, putting together a 10-0 season and earning a spot in the AA finals was not the focus early on.

"We had a lot of good players to replace, especially along the offensive and defensive lines, so our focus was just on

getting guys ready to play," Nickles said. "We're fortunate here that our kids in Abbeville love to play football and that has been evident since day one. It has truly been an honor to coach this group."

Abbeville's early season was "a mess." The first three regular season games had to be cancelled due to opponent's covid issues, forcing Nickles to scramble to put together a schedule. The coach was successful in finding opponents and managed to have a full regular season schedule, though shortened by high school regulations to seven games.

"These guys just stayed focused each week and were happy to have someone to play, it didn't matter who they played," Nickles said. "This team has overcome and has worked hard to get to this point. We are fortunate and we are thankful for that."

While Abbeville was void of experience along the trenches, they did return talent and experience at other levels of play. The offense was directed by senior quarterback **Thomas Beauford**, who managed 10 touchdown passes and 667 passing yards in Abbeville's option run attack.

The rushing yardage was evenly distributed among four backs, all gaining at least 500 yards. **Ty Haddon** led the team with 683 yards and 12 touchdowns, averaging 9.2 yards per carry. **J'Marion Burton** adds 581 yards and nine scores while averaging 8.1 yards per tote. **Martico Jackson** has gained 564 yards and scored seven times with an 8.2 yards per carry average, and **Navi Marshall** is averaging 11 yards per carry with 540 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Kelly Garner has been the leading receiver with Marshall and Haddon figuring into the passing game as well. **Antonio Harrison** has four receiving touchdowns.

The lone full-time returning starter on the offensive line is senior **Davis Sutherland**, though senior center **Jake Adams** did have playing experience coming into the season. The other starters are juniors **Jayden Martin** and **Dawson Hughes**, and sophomore **Addison Nickles**, who also handles placekicking duties.

Three seniors start along the defensive line but were not returning starters. Nickles says **Sincere Ceasor**, **Demetrius Harris** and **Seth Griffin** have been solid performers all season.

The strength of the defense is at linebacker where seniors **Cruz Temple** and **Luke Evans** lead the way as the leading tacklers. Sophomore **Ty Cade** also has been a key contributor at linebacker, along with senior **Mykal Tinch** and junior **Logan Busbee**.

The secondary consists of four underclassmen but the unit has been very strong this season. Juniors **Jeremiah Lomax** and **CJ Vance** are the leaders in the back, joined by sophomores **Zay Rayford** and **Javarrio Tinch**.

Nickles anticipates a difficult challenge from Marion in the championship game.

"They are a real headache to prepare for with all of the things that they do offensively," the coach said. "They have really good athletes and those kids play really hard. They're well-coached and prepared and they will be ready to play on Friday."



DANIEL LIONS

#	Last Name	First Name	Pos	Grade
1	Swinney	Clay	WR	11
2	Crosby	Jackson	QB	12
4	Conn	Brodey	DB	11
5	Simpson	Blake	LB	12
7	Segars	Wise	QB	12
8	Lawson	Jahiem	DL	11
9	Grayden	Jordan	RB	12
10	Kelley	Misun	DB	10
11	Lasher	Logan	LB	11
12	Miller	Boston	WR	11
13	Spadafina	Cameron	WR	11
14	Smith	Gabe	DB	11
15	Merck	Eli	WR	10
16	Pearman	Trent	QB	11
17	Benson	Josiah	WR	12
19	Hendricks	Jacob	LB	12
20	Tapper	Andrew	DB	12
21	Hamilton	Javares	WR	12
22	Bedingfield	Zander	LB	11
23	Harkins	Ramon	DB	12
24	Batt	Gavin	WR	10
25	Senn	Gabe	DB	11
27	McCord	Charles	WR	12
29	Young	Stanley	DB	10
30	Wangechi	Tokiti	DB	12
32	Geer	Myquan	RB	10
33	Batt	Griffin	LB	11
34	Greenlee	Omilio	DB	12

#	Last Name	First Name	Pos.	Grade
36	Jacobs	Brock	DL	12
40	Stewart	Aren	DB	12
42	McNeely	Michael	DB	12
43	Benedictus	Ian	DL	11
44	Fralix	Preston	DL	11
48	Owens	Caleb	DL	11
50	Fagan	Ford	OL	12
51	Hapaeshis	Nick	OL	12
52	Richard	Ethan	OL	12
54	Young	Watson	OL	9
55	Taylor	Jacob	DL	12
56	Miller	Hudson	LB	10
59	Ackerman	Ethan	OL	11
60	Nick	Riechers	OL	10
61	Black	Landon	OL	11
62	Smith	Bryce	OL	10
63	Dooley	Brayden	OL	10
71	Tindal	Grayson	OL	11
75	Haynes	Carson	OL	12
77	Stancil	Jesse	DL	11
80	Shaw	Tory	RB	9
82	Brown-Wallace	Jaylen	WR	10
84	Purkerson	Jack	WR	11
86	Timothy	Cox	RB	11
88	Forrester	Shane	K/P	11
89	Craven	Evan	K/P	11
90	Johnson	Trent	QB	10
95	Geer	Nasir	DL	11

Statistical Leaders

Rushing

Wise Segars – 432 yards, 7 TD
Jordan Grayden – 324 yards, 7 TD

Passing

Trent Pearman – 135 of 177,
2,314 yards, 29 TD

Receiving

Eli Merck – 36-899, 14 TD
Josiah Benson – 34-498, 8 TD
Javares Hamilton – 29-504, 6 TD
Cameron Spader – 24-350
Jackson Crosby – 23-333, 7 TD

Defensive leaders

Logan Lasher – 81 tackles, 11 TFL
Blake Simpson – 76 tackles
Boston Miller – 63 tackles
Jacob Hendricks – 15 TFL, 9 sacks
Griffin Batt – 15 TFL, 7 sacks
Myson Kelley – 5 interceptions
Brodey Conn – 3 interceptions



How They Got Here (9-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	at Seneca	76-34
10/2	at Pendleton	55-7
10/9	Wren	30-10
10/16	at Easley	48-14
10/23	Belton-Honea Path	52-14
10/30	at Berea	67-0
11/6	T.L. Hanna	cancel
11/13	Chester	62-30
11/20	at Chapman	49-35
11/27	Wren	39-6

Unbeaten and high-scoring Lions seeking first title since '98

By David Shelton

Senior Writer

High School Sports Report

Central – Daniel High head football coach **Jeff Fruster** played on a state championship team at his alma mater in 1998. That was the last state championship won by the program.

On Saturday, Fruster has a chance to win a state title as a coach as his 2020 Lions face **Camden** for the Class AAA state championship at Spring Valley High School.

Fruster was the defensive coordinator on Daniel's 2013 team that lost 27-24 to Myrtle Beach. Leading his program back to the title game as head man is a dream come true.

"To be able to be a part of taking this program back to a level of prominence in this state has been really special," said Fruster, who became the head coach in 2016. "It's special for me to have this opportunity to be the head coach at the place that helped me grow as a player and a coach. I would really love to lead us to a state title. It's been a long time."

Fruster's ride as the head coach has not been always smooth. The Lions finished 2-9 in 2017 after a 6-6 record in his first season. But the coach and the program survived the rough beginning and have been among the best in the state over the last three seasons. Daniel won 11 games in 2018 and 11 more in 2019 before this season's 9-0 record.

One of the more impressive accomplishments by the 2020 team is the work done during the playoff run to the finals. Daniel has playoff wins over three previous state championship teams. They beat 2018 AAA state champion Chester in the first-round, followed by a road win at defending state AAA champion Chapman in round two. The Lions advanced to the finals with a win over defending AAAA state champion Wren.

"It has been impressive to watch our guys perform at such a high level against really good competition," Fruster said.

Daniel sports one of the best offenses in the state this fall. The Lions average 53 points per game, primarily via a passing game that piles up yardage and big plays. The

offense was put in by former offensive coordinator **Page Wofford** in 2019. Wofford left to become the head coach at North-western for the 2020 season.

"We have tweaked a few things but it's basically Page's offense," Fruster said. "It's designed to where any one person can be a threat and we have several who are threats to score."

Junior **Trent Pearman** is the starting quarterback but Fruster says Daniel has three viable options at the position. **Wise Segars** and **Jackson Crosby** began the year in a tight competition for the starting nod. Segars is now playing running back and leads the team with 432 yards rushing. Crosby is working in the slot and has 23 receptions for 333 yards and seven touchdowns.

"It's still a weekly competition and it has made us better and stronger," Fruster said. "All three have to be ready and they have been."

Pearman is completing 76 percent of his attempts for 2,314 yards and 29 touchdowns. He has been intercepted twice in 177 attempts.

Sophomore **Eli Merck** leads a bevy of receivers with 36 catches for 899 yards and 14 touchdowns. **Josiah Benson** has 34 grabs for 498 yards and eight touchdowns while **Javares Hamilton** has 29 catches for 504 yards and six scores.

Anchoring the offensive line are senior center **Ford Fagan** and senior right tackle **Nick Hapeshis**. Freshman left tackle **Wat-**

son Young is a star of the future.

In the kicking game, **Shane Forrester** has made seven of eight field goal attempts and 59 of 65 extra-point kicks.

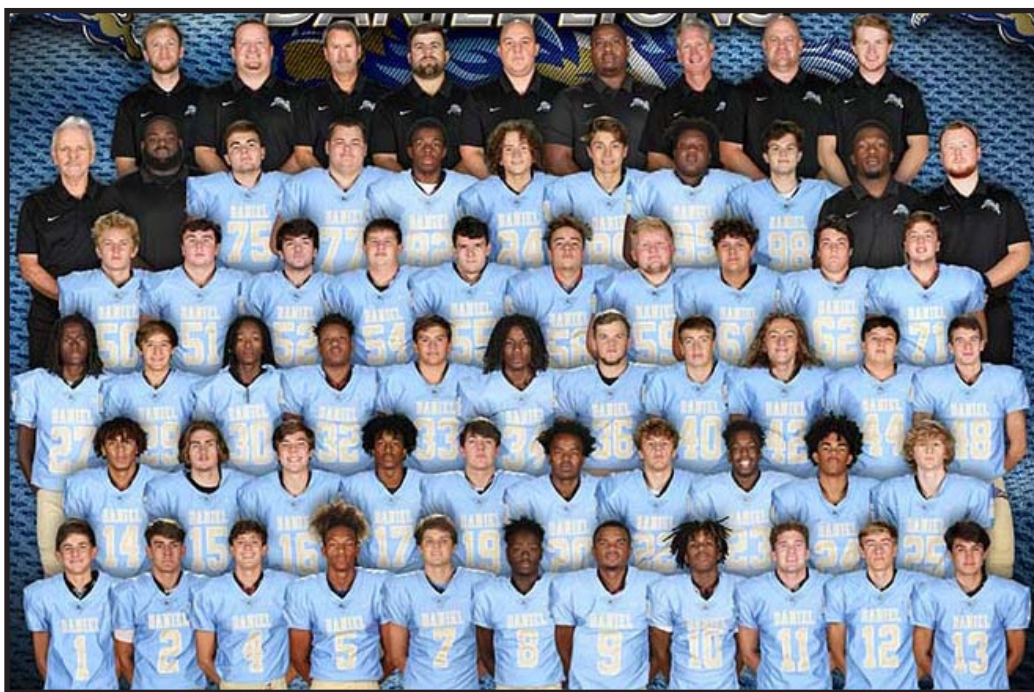
While the offense gets a lot of deserved credit, the Lions also have been solid on defense, allowing an average of 16 points per game. Linebackers **Logan Lasher** (81 tackles, 11 TFL) and **Blake Simpson** (76 tackles) are leading the way. Senior linebacker **Jacob Hendricks** has 15 tackles for loss and nine sacks while junior end **Jaheim Lawson** has 12 tackles for loss and eight sacks.

Junior end **Griffin Batt** has 15 tackles for loss and seven sacks. Sophomore corner **Myson Kelley** has five interceptions and junior **Brodey Conn** has three picks. Daniel has 15 interceptions and 36 sacks as a team.

The defense faces another big challenge against a Camden offense that rolls over the opposition with a strong running game. Running back **Willis Lane** is a Mr. Football finalist and has more than 4,000 career rushing yards.

"Our biggest test to date, without a doubt," Fruster said. "They run the football very well with two good backs and a really good offensive line. On defense they are fast and athletic and they swarm to the football."

"These games usually come down to who wins the line of scrimmage, turnovers and third down efficiency. It shapes up to be a really good championship game."



CAMPDEN BULLDOGS

#	Name	Grade	Height	Weight	Position	#	Name	Grade	Height	Weight	Position
1	Jaffari Pearson	12	6'2"	207	QB	36	Jaheim Williams	12	5'11"	178	LB
2	Anthony Lyles Jr.	11	5'10"	168	WR	42	Scyvion Boykin	11	6'1"	187	LB
3	Joseph Morris III	12	6'1"	170	WR	43	Jayden Crim	10	6'2"	235	LB/RB
4	Leroy Bracey Jr.	12	5'10"	153	Ath	44	Davis Beckley	10	6'	190	QB
5	James Crim Jr.	12	5'10"	178	DB	45	David Copley	10	6'	220	DL
6	Tyler Geter	11	5'10"	163	WR	50	Bayne Simmons	10	5'8"	190	OL
7	Jaden Lee	12	5'9"	170	DB	52	Quartarius Clyburn	11	5'11"	221	OL/TE
8	Dorian Ferguson	11	6'	183	DB	54	LaShayd Mickle	12	5'9"	274	OL
9	Jaylen Pate	11	5'11"	168	DB	55	Mitchell Mellichamp	11	5'9"	249	DL
11	Joseph Byrnes	12	6'	181	DB	58	Edgar Noyola	12	5'10"	303	OL
12	Zyreek Fowler	12	5'9"	141	DB	60	Carter Rimpf	9	6'	220	OL/DL
13	Van Blank	11	5'11"	176	K/LB	62	Dayton Barr	11	5'10"	239	OL
14	Layton Smith	11	6'	164	WR	63	Walker Lollis	10	6'	205	OL/DL
15	Cauthen Best	11	6'1"	193	QB	64	Xzavier McLeod	10	6'5"	286	DL
16	Alex Carter	11	5'7"	135	QB	65	Wyatt Tanner	10	6'3"	220	OL/DL
17	Marcellus Juggins	12	6'1"	183	LB	70	Donovan Edwards	12	6'4"	285	OL/TE
18	Katrez Bracey	11	5'11"	151	QB	71	Keaton Jett	10	5'10"	293	DL
19	Thomas Burkott	12	6'1"	170	K	72	Kendell Battle	11	6'	365	OL
20	Lamar Keitt	11	5'7"	144	DB	74	Patrick Daniels	10	6'3"	232	OL/DL
21	DeAmonte Halley	11	5'8"	141	DB	75	Silias Coleman	12	6'2"	232	LB/OL
22	Willis Lane Jr.	12	5'8"	171	RB	77	Hank Tarte	11	6'5"	300	OL
23	Tevin Eley	11	5'11"	206	RB/LB	78	Drake Davis	12	6'3"	320	OL
24	John Hawks	11	5'8"	186	RB/DL	81	Derek Franklin	11	5'10"	150	WR
25	Jaxon Hembree	12	6'	220	DL	82	Ussiah Pitts	11	5'7"	138	WR
26	ShaiMere Benson	10	5'9"	134	DB	84	Dylan Locklear	10	5'10"	152	DB
27	Luke Clyburn	11	6'1"	202	OL/TE	85	Lane Jordan	10	6'	160	WR
28	Cortez Lane	9	5'10"	165	RB	86	Ethan Cotton	10	5'6"	135	WR
31	JaQuarius Mayrant	9	5'11"	165	DB	88	Henry Green	10	6'2"	160	QB/DB
32	Davonte McCray	10	5'6"	162	RB/DB	91	Jonathan Chavis	11	6'2"	249	DL
33	Dylan Shelton	11	6'1"	172	LB	92	Dontrell Stradford	11	6'2"	325	DL
34	Aiijion Gray	10	5'9"	175	LB/RB	99	Grayson White	12	6'	250	QB/DL
35	Shaki Salmond	12	5'9"	266	DL						

Kershaw County Superintendant: Dr. Shane Robbins
Camden High School Principal: Lesley Corner

Assistant Principals: Accie Collins, Katie Hough, Tarolyn Lee

Field Maintenance: Lester Tucker

Athletic Secretary: Jacquie Buckelew

Athletic Trainers: Vincent Albano & Marci McLeod

Films: Mike Simmons & Shawn Tarte

Head Coach:

Assistant Coaches:

Brian Rimpf

Denny Beckley

Earl Chaptman

Daryll Clark

Lous Clyburn

Joey Hendrix

Brian Kersey

Cedric Malone

Calvin McRoy

Marshall Minich

Shelley Salmond

Daniel Sisk

Robbie Speaks

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Statistical Leaders

Rushing

Willis Lane – 1,145 yards, 14 TD

Leroy Bracey, Jr., - 666 yards,
10 TD

Jaffari Pearson – 407 yards, 8 TD

Passing

Jaffari Pearson – 54 of 93,
865 yards, 8 TD

Receiving

Anthony Lyles – 21-299, 4 TD

Defensive leaders

Jaheim Williams – 66 tackles, 8 TFL

Jaxon Hembree – 57 tackles,
14.5 TFL, 6 sacks

Tevin Eley – 52 tackles

James Crim – 45 tackles,
2 blocked punts

Xzavier McLeod – 46 tackles,
9.5 TFL

Dontrell Stradford – 41 tackles,
12 TFL

Joseph Byrnes – 4 interceptions

How They Got Here (9-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	Lakewood	cancel
10/2	at Manning	57-0
10/9	Lake City	48-20
10/16	at Crestwood	58-29
10/23	Marlboro County	52-14
10/30	Lakewood	cancel
11/6	at James F. Byrnes	30-19
11/13	Brookland-Cayce	52-44
11/20	at Oceanside Coll	2-0 F
11/27	Gilbert	58-7

After long drought, Camden back in state championship

By David Shelton

Senior Writer

High School Sports Report

Camden – As one of those “one town, one school” football situations in South Carolina, **Camden High** puts a lot of emphasis on succeeding on the gridiron.

The football program has won five state championships but the last game in 2001. The 2020 Bulldogs hope to add to the list of titles with a win over **Daniel** in the Class AAA state championship game at Spring Valley High on Saturday.

In a shortened season that saw cancellations and schedule changes due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Bulldogs have won all eight of their contests in impressive fashion, out-scoring their opponents, 355-133.

“There were a lot of challenges,” said fourth-year head coach **Brian Rimpf**. “Our practices were different, our meetings were different. Perhaps the biggest change was the limits on fan attendance. We have a really supportive community and unfortunately we had to turn away a lot of people.

“We are so happy to have had a season. It was only eight games but it’s a lot more than other states have had. We had kids willing to do whatever it took to get a season in and getting to the finals is their reward.”

Rimpf began preparing his program for a championship opportunity four years ago. The first real sign of the potential came in a close overtime loss to Chester in 2018 in a region championship battle. The Bulldogs finished 12-2 last season, losing to eventual state champion Chapman in the Upper State championship game.

“I think everyone started to realize how close we were in that Chester game two years ago and we have been able to continue building

since then,” Rimpf said. “Everyone was ready to get behind the team when we got here. We have great support from our community and our school administration. People here love their Bulldogs.”

Rimpf says a new coaching staff with a new energy came along at the right time. The freshman class of players showed great early potential and make up the bulk of the 2020 senior group.

“You are always a better coach when you have pretty good players and we have a lot of pretty good players,” the coach said. “Obviously, they make us look better. This senior class has won a lot of games and they deserve this opportunity to play in a state championship game.”

Nearly all of the starting 22 players this season are seniors and none is bigger than running back **Willis Lane**, a finalist for the 2020 Mr. Football award. Lane has rushed for more than 4,000 career yards, including 2,389 yards in 2019. This season he has rushed for 1,145 yards on only 121 carries (9.4 average) with 14 touchdowns.

“He’s strong, he’s fast, he’s physical but his best quality is he refuses to get tackled,” Rimpf said.

Lane and senior **Leroy Bracey, Jr.**, form arguably the best tandem in the state. Bracey has averaged 10.7 yards per carry with 666 yards on 62 attempts. He has 10 rushing touchdowns and also has 311 receiving yards.

Bracey’s dad played on Camden’s

last title team in 2001.

“Dad got a ring and I wear it all the time, but I want my own,” he said.

Senior **Jaffari Pearson** gives Camden a steady hand at quarterback. Pearson has rushed for 407 yards and eight scores while passing for 865 yards and eight touchdowns.

Anthony Lyles is the team’s top receiver with 21 catches and four touchdowns. **Joseph Morris** averages 20.5 yards per catch.

Four seniors start along the offensive line, led by **Donovan Edwards**. **LaShoyd Mickle**, **Drake Davis** and **Edgar Noyola** are joined by junior **Dayton Barr**.

Defensively, the Bulldogs are especially stout against the run this season. Linebacker **Jaheim Williams**, a senior, leads the unit in tackles with 66 total hits and eight tackles for loss.

Jaxon Hembree works along the front with 57 tackles, 14 for loss, and six sacks. Junior linebacker **Tevin Eley** has 52 tackles and sophomore end **Xzavier McLeod** has 46 tackles and 9.5 tackles for loss. Junior tackle **Dontrell Stradford** has 41 tackles and 12 tackles for loss and senior linebacker **Marcellus Juggins** has 45 tackles. Senior safety **Joseph Byrnes** has four interceptions and senior **James Crim** has two blocked punts and 45 tackles.

Camden’s defense will be challenged by a Daniel offense that averages 53 points per game this season and has nearly 3,000 yards passing in 10 games.



NORTH MYRTLE BEACH CHIEFS

Name	Number	Position	Height	Weight	Grade
Elijah Vereen	1	RB/LB	5'6	160	11
Zyer Belle	2	WR/DB	5'11	165	12
Wil Murray	3	QB	6'4	170	10
Tavarius Hooks	4	RB	5'8	160	11
TJ Cox	5	RB/LB	5'8	180	11
Trace Hall	6	WR/DB	5'10	160	11
Nyliek Livingston	7	RB/DB	5'7	130	12
Devin Montgomery	8	RB/LB	5'8	184	12
Chandler McCall	9	WR/DB	5'10	160	11
Cameron Freeman	10	QB	6'3	215	11
Jamareon Bessent	11	DB	5'8	160	11
Kris Webb	12	WR	5'9	143	11
Nick Moss	13	WR/DB	5'9	165	12
KJ Stanley	14	WR	6'0	175	11
Zane Smith	15	K/P	6'2	195	12
Chance Hall	16	QB	6'0	165	10
Xaiver Anderson	17	DB	6'2	180	12
Billy Barlow	18	LB	6'1	195	12
Preston Todd	19	K/P	5'10	175	10
Jyreon Dewitt	20	LB/RB	5'5	175	10
Josh Alcala	23	DB	6'0	160	11
Tyree Smith	24	WR/DB	6'1	180	12
Deontray Greene	25	DB	5'8	140	11
Jamir Livingston	26	RB/LB	5'9	180	11
DaQuan Gause	27	RB/LB	6'0	170	11
Noah Miller	28	WR	5'8	150	11
Durshawn Black	29	WR/DB	6'0	150	11
Daveyon Livingston	31	LB	5'8	170	12
Chase Simmons	32	TE/DL	6'4	250	12
Henry Duke	34	DE/TE	6'6	235	12
Kendric Montgomery	35	LB	5'8	150	12
Darrel Ebaugh	36	LB	6'0	158	12
Colby Clark	37	LB	5'11	170	12
Tylik Gause	38	TE/H	5'10	180	11
Tyler Johnson	40	DE	5'10	190	11
Rashad Dawud	41	LS	5'10	180	12
Nate Oro	42	DE	6'2	190	11
Brayden Wilson	43	TE/DE	6'2	220	11
Trey Baker	44	TE/DL	5'10	196	12
Aveante Dozier	45	TE	5'8	170	11
Turner Warren	50	OL/LS	6'0	230	11
Braxton Farmer	51	OL	5'10	234	11
Lee Carpio	52	OL/DL	5'10	200	11
JoVonn Willard	54	OL	5'8	215	11
Stephon Edge	55	OL	6'2	255	12
Mark Bellamy	56	DL	5'10	220	12
Seth Clewis	57	DL	5'10	212	11
Tyreek Gause	58	DL	5'10	212	12
Caleb James	60	DL	6'2	221	11
Tajalon Vereen	61	DL	5'7	194	12
Gage Reeves	62	DL	6'3	255	11
James Pease	63	OL	5'10	210	11
Alex McGillicuddy	68	OL/DL	6'0	278	12
Austin Stuckey	70	DL	5'10	275	12
Zaire Dewitt	75	OL	6'0	230	11
Luke Rice	77	OL	6'4	245	12
Brian Kreider	81	WR	5'8	150	12
Jamion Evans	82	WR	5'10	160	12

Matt Reel- Head Coach
 Zach Johnson- Wide Receivers
 Nate Johnson- Running backs
 Al Hooker- Quarterbacks
 Jonathan White- Offensive Lineman
 Chris Vasey- Offensive Lineman
 Greg Hill- Def. Coord./ Safeties
 Gavin Ford- Linebackers
 Chris Mazyck- Defensive Lineman
 Philip Dow- Defensive Lineman

Rashad Graham- SLB/Safeties
 Mike Cieri- Corners/ Sp Teams Coord.
 Shane McMahan- Specialist
 Stephanie Waller- Academic Advisor

Principal- Teresa Todd
 Athletic Director- Joseph Quigley
 Athletic Trainer- Crista Colaneri
 Athletic Trainer- Steven Silversparre
 Athletic Trainer- Alli Bird



Offensive Starters

C-#50 Turner Warren
 LG-#68-Alex McGillicuddy
 LT-#54 Jo Vonn Willard
 RG-#55-Stephon Edge
 RT-#51 Braxton Turner
 QB-#10-Cameron Freeman
 RB-#7 Nyliek Livingston
 RB-#8- Devin Montgomery
 TE-#32-Chase Simmons-
 WR-#13-Nick Moss
 WR-#17 Xavier Anderson
 WR-#24-Tyree Smith
 PK-#15-Zane Smith

Defensive Starters

DT-#56-Mark Bellamy
 DT-#44-Trey Baker
 DE-#34-Henry Duke
 DE-#32-Chase Simmons
 LB-#25-T.J. Cox
 LB-#1 Elijah Vereem
 LB-#18-Billy Barlow
 CB-#22Zyer Belle
 CB-#11-Jamarion Bessent
 SS-#9-Chandler McCall
 FS-#6-Trace Hall
 P-#15 Zane Smith

How They Got Here (9-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	at Hartsville	40-21
10/2	South Florence	35-7
10/9	at Wilson	38-7
10/16	at Darlington	63-14
10/23	West Florence	28-21
10/30	at St. James	cancel
11/6	Myrtle Beach	34-6
11/13	James Island	41-12
11/20	North Augusta	35-10
11/27	Myrtle Beach	37-10

Chiefs focused on winning school's first football title

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Columbia—In 2017, in **Matt Reel's** first year as head coach at **North Myrtle Beach**, the Chiefs reeled off 12 straight wins before losing to **Berkeley** in the AAAA playoffs to conclude a highly successful first year under Reel who had served as an assistant at the school before taking the head job.

NMB (9-0) has advanced to the AAAA state football finals against **A.C. Flora** at **Benedict College** on December, 5 with play-off wins over **James Island** 41-12, **North Augusta** 35-10, and the Chiefs won the AAAA lower state championship last week with a dominating 37-10 win over region rival **Myrtle Beach**.

"As far as 2017, that was a great group, and they really allowed me to lay the foundation of what I wanted the program to be," said Coach Reel who is 40-10 at NMB. "We went two years in a row and lost in the third round and then last year we lost to Myrtle Beach in the second round.

"This year has been a culmination of all that hard work, momentum, great players and a great coaching staff.," he said. "In 2017 we had a good defense but we were not even close to having scheme wise in them that we have with this group with players like **Billy Barlow**, **Chase Simmons**, and **Henry Duke** among many talented other players."

After the huge win over the Seahawks to capture the Lower State championship, Coach Reel said, "I am super proud of our players and coaches tonight and our defensive coordinator **Greg Hill** had another great scheme on defense and we call him the Wizard," said Coach Reel. "For us to win against a good team like **AC Flora** (team has 29 seniors) this week we have to be mistake free and we have to avoid having dropped passes. This is something that has hurt us at times and I hope we can make catches in the championship game. In a lot of ways, we an AC Flora are alike, especially on offense, because we both like to run the football."

The Chiefs are playing for the school's first football state championship ever. The offense is under the field leadership of senior quarterback **Cameron Freeman**, committed to **Georgia Tech** in baseball, who has completed 40 of 82 passes for 775 yards and 8 TD's while rushing for 217 yards and scoring 9 rushing touchdowns.

A senior running back who keeps the chains moving is low pad level running back **Nylik Livingston** who

has rushed for 1,393 yards with 10 touchdowns. Devin Montgomery is another running back who has contributed 437 yards and six TD's on the season. **Travarious Hooks** has 198 yards and two scores from the back field as well.

Three receivers lead the team in receptions led by **Xavier Anderson** with 12 catches for 350 yards and four scores along with Nick Moss with 15 receptions for 175 yards and one touchdown. Tyree Smith has four catches for 163 yards and a touchdown.

The offensive line is led by junior center **Turner Warren**, an excellent long snapping prospect, along with guards **Alex McGillicuddy** and **Stephen Edge**. The tackles are **JoVonn Willard** and **Braxton Farmer**. **Chase Simmons** is an outstanding TE for the Chiefs.

Coach Reel felt like the defense would be the strength of the team in 2020 with 8 starters back from a year ago and this group has played well all season. The secondary is a speedy attacking group who defend the pass well, as against Myrtle Beach, and they also do a good job in run support. Speedy junior SS **Chandler McCall** (6-0, 170, 4.49) had a 77-yard pick six against MB and he had a 99-yard kickoff return against **North Augusta** not to mention running down a MB runner with a 30- yard lead to save a touchdown. McCall has a team leading 36 tackles and four interception to date. The other free safety is junior **Trace Hall** with 24 tackles and one pick. **Jamareon Bessent** has been a real force at DB with 35.5 stops and **Xavier Anderson** and **Zyer Bell** have provided DB back depth also.

The Chiefs four -man DL group consists of senior end prospect **Chase Simmons** (6-5,

250), who has offers from **Coastal Carolina** and **Georgia State** among others and he has 19.5 tackles with 9 TFL to date. **Trey Baker** is the other DE (5-10, 200) with 31 tackles and a team leading 11 TFL. Senior **Henry Duke**, (6-6, 235) is a force in the middle of the Chiefs defensive front with 23.5 tackles and six sacks. and **Mark Bellamy** (5-10, 220) is also a force in the DL with 14 tackles, 4.5 TFL and three sacks.

The linebacking corps is agile, mobile and hostile. This group is led by **Clemson** baseball pledge **Billy Barlow** (6-1, 200) who plays with fire and passion with 24.5 tackles and 6.5 TFL. The co-leading tackler is junior **T. J. Cox**, perhaps the hardest hitter on the team. With 36 tackles and 5.5 TFL. **Elijah Vereen** is the Sam LB and he has 31 tackles including 8 TFL. Sophomore **Jyreon Dewitt** also sees time at LB and he has 16 tackles and four TFL to date.

The team's combo kicker is four-year starter **Zane Smith** who is averaging around 40 yards per boot with good hang time. Smith also has a strong leg as a place kicker (43 of 45) with 50-yard range on field goals.

The 2020 team had found a way to build on the recent success under Coach Reel led by a group of hard- charging very coachable "team first" players who seemed destined for this moment of excellence years ago when they all began playing on the same county recreation team as 11 and 12- year old. Those teams had dominated all the other teams in Horry County so it was time for that success to carry over to a senior laden group of Chiefs focused on winning the school's first ever state football title.

Perhaps tonight is the "Night!"



#	POS	NAME	CLASS		#	POS	NAME	CLASS
1	DB	TYLER ROBINSON	JR		41	DL	AMOREE' STEPHENS	SR
2	LB	TYRELL GREEN	JR		42	DL	JAYLIN BROWN	SR
3	WR	SPELDEN WILSON	SR		43	DL	OMARION HAMMOND	SR
4	DB	BOYCE BANKHEAD	JR		44	LB	FLYNN BOWIE	JR
5	DB	DIEGO ADDISON	SR		45	LB	JERRAN KENNER	JR
6	TE	DAVIS RIVERS	SO		50	DL	MICHAEL DUKE	JR
7	DB	NIC NELSON	SR		51	OL	CHAPMAN LEE	SR
8	DL/LB	JA'MARION PERKINS	SR		53	LB	JOHN FRIDAY	SO
9	TE	BANKS POPE	SR		54	LB	MASON LITTLE	SO
10	WR	NAKIA WEST	SR		55	LB	LOGAN ALLEN	SR
11	WR	MARQUEZ CUNNINGHAM	JR		60	DL	BRAXTON BURTON	FR
12	WR	ERIQ RICE	SR		61	OL	ALEXANDER KOUTRAKOS	SO
13	QB	TREY MCCARDLE	JR		62	OL	JAKE BROOKER	JR
14	WR	OMAR SHANGAB	SR		63	DL	ANDRE ARCHIE	JR
15	DL/LB	ROB CURTIS	SR		64	LB	JONATHAN HOPKINS	SO
16	QB	ETHAN BEAMISH	SR		65	OL	KEMONDRE CURRY	JR
17	WR/QB	CHRIS LOFTON	SO		66	OL	THOMAS PAPADAKIS	JR
18	TE	JUDSON HOLMES	SR		68	OL	SAM RHODES	SR
19	WR	CAREW BATES	SO		70	OL	BILLY AVANT	SR
20	DB	JACOB CROFFIE	JR		72	DL	ROBERT HILLMAN	SR
21	RB	MATT PACK	SR		74			
22	RB	TERRELL COLEMAN	SR		75	OL	EMMANUEL WATKINS	SR
23	LB	BROOKS HARTIN	JR		77	OL	KENDARIUS KINARD	SO
24	DB	JOB LOGAN	SR		79	OL	BEN HOLMES	SO
25	K	EVAN SMITH	FR		80	TE	JACK MOSELEY (74)	SO
26	DB	JAVON MILES	JR		81	WR	MEKHI CAMPFIELD	SO
27	DB	HANK OVERBAY	SO		82	WR	ADONIS MCDANIEL	SO
28	RB	MARKEL TOWNSEND	SO		85	TE	ARCHER MEARS	JR
30	LB	JOSH MASON	JR		88	WR	HARRISON PHILLIPS	JR
31	DB	RICK HEWITT	JR		89	K	CHRISTIAN HENDRICKS	JR
32	LB	JAHARI THORNE	SR					
33	LB	MAX CHILDRESS	SR		HEAD COACH		DUSTIN CURTIS	
34	DL	CALEB MOYE	JR		A.D.		ED MOORE	
35	DB	COREY WOODARD	SO		HEAD TRAINER		ANTHONY CATONI	
36	LB	PORTER HANE	SR		PRINCIPAL		SUSAN CHILDS	

Statistical leaders

Rushing (2,625 yards, 34 TD)
Matt Pack – 1,065 yards, 13 TD
Terrell Coleman – 682 yards,
8 TD
Markel Townsend – 562 yards,
9 TD

Passing

Ethan Beamish – 63-of-90,
1,253 yards, 16 TD

Receiving

Eriq Rice – 20-555, 7 TD
Carew Bates – 9-227, 2 TD
Banks Pope – 7-119, TD

Defensive leaders

Amoree Stephens – 46 tackles,
8 TFL, 3 sacks
Tyrell Green – 45 tackles, 8 TFL,
2 sacks
Omarion Hammond – 10 TFL,
8 sacks
Boyce Bankhead – 4 INT

How They Got Here (8-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	at Westwood	44-6
10/2	Richland Northeast	49-8
10/9	Irmo	45-14
10/16	at Lugoff-Elgin	ppd
10/23	Dreher	63-0
10/30	at Lower Richland	cancel
11/6	at Lugoff-Elgin	71-8
11/13	Travelers Rest	41-0
11/20	at South Pointe	41-14
11/27	at Catawba Ridge	42-21

AC Flora seeking first football title in school history

By David Shelton

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High School Sports Report

Columbia – The 2020 high school football season in South Carolina will be remembered mostly for the drastic changes and daily protocols caused by the Covid-19 virus.

But with a win on Saturday night, the **A.C. Flora** football team will be able to make history. The undefeated Falcons can be the first team in school history to win a state football title when they play undefeated **North Myrtle Beach** in the Class AAAA state championship game at Benedict College. Ironically, North Myrtle Beach also is trying to win its first-ever state football crown.

The fact that a special season could have a happy ending is not lost on Flora head coach **Dustin Curtis**. Curtis was an assistant at the school for several years, starting in 2009. He left to become the head coach at Westwood High but returned as the head coach at Flora last year.

“Flora had some success when they first opened but for a long time they were everyone’s homecoming game,” Curtis said. “The success of this team has meant a lot to a lot of people. There are a lot of people here who have put a lot of care, effort and love into these boys. Now, we have a chance to make history and it would mean a lot to this school and this community.”

Football at Flora went through a stretch where they managed just nine wins during the entire decade of the 1990’s. It progressed somewhat from 2000-09 but has been quite competitive over the last decade, except for one season when the Falcons were winless in 2017. They bounced back with nine wins in 2018 and

won 10 games last season.

Curtis inherited a solid situation from **Collin Drafts**, who he replaced after Drafts moved to Florida. The coach says building a solid staff was more important in the success of the last two seasons, especially in the area of coordinators.

“The credit for our success goes to my two coordinators,” Curtis said. “**Ken Floyd** is our offensive coordinator and we would not be in this position had we not been able to get him here coaching. **Bennett Weigle** is our defensive coordinator and he had just been hired as a teacher here when I got hired. He applied for the head coaching job as well and he stayed on with me. The three of us have been able to come together.”

Curtis and his staff have developed a physical style of play on both sides of the ball, especially along the offensive and defensive lines. Offensively, Flora takes a run first approach.

“We have the biggest offensive line that I’ve ever been a part of at Flora and that group really plays hard,” Curtis said.

Three seniors start along the front in guards **Emmanuel Watkins** and **Billy Avant**, and tackle **Chapman Lee**. Lee is the leader of the group.

“The seniors got together over the summer and we didn’t know if we would have a season or not,” Lee said. “We decided as a group that if we were going to have a season, we were going to make the most of it.”

Junior **Thomas Papadakis** is the starting left tackle and sophomore **Alexander Coutrakos** is the center.

Senior **Matt Pack** has taken full advantage of the solid line and commitment to the run. Pack has carried the load the last two seasons and as rushed for 1,065

yards and 13 touchdowns on just 103 carries, an average of 10.3 yards per tote.

Terrell Coleman also averages 10 yards per carry with 681 yards and eight scores while **Markel Townsend** has 362 yards and nine touchdowns while averaging 11.7 yards per carry.

The Falcons average 328 rushing yards per game and 9.65 yards per attempt.

Senior quarterback **Ethan Beamish** is a first-year starter after transferring from Hillcrest. Beamish adds a solid threat offensively in the passing game, completing 71 percent of his attempts for 1,253 yards and 16 touchdowns.

Leading receivers include senior **Eriq Rice**, who averages 27.7 yards on 20 catches with seven touchdowns. **Carew Bates** (9-227, 2 TD), **Chris Lofton** (3 TD on 10 receptions), and **Banks Pope** (7-119, TD) also contribute in the passing game.

Flora’s defensive line has been called one of the best in the state. The anchor is senior end **Omarion Hammond**, who racked up 10 tackles for loss and eight sacks despite missing three games. **Amoree Stephens** (46 tackles, 8 TFL) and **Jaylin Brown** (35 tackles) join Hammond on the three-man line.

Marquel Townsend and **Tyrell Green** (45 tackles, 8 TFL) are the outside linebackers. Working inside are Max Childress and **Jamarion Perkins** (38 tackles).

Tyler Robinson and **Diego Addison** are the starting corners while **Boyce Bankhead** and **Spelden Wilson** are the safeties. Bankhead has four interceptions.

“We have great kids here,” Curtis said. “These kids have grown together and they really play for each other. It’s a special group. We knew they had a chance to be special a few years ago.”



DUTCH FORK SILVER FOXES

Head Coach & Coordinator:.....Tom Knotts

Assistant Coaches:Jason Barnes, Winn French, Harry Montgomery, Doug Rivers, Ryan Russell,
.....Anthony Smith, David Sutton, Bucky Tillotson

DEFENSE

Coordinator:.....Nick Pelham

Assistant Coaches:Neal Boozer, Paul Bynoe, Noah Dixon, Tyler Eaddy, Andre' Offing, Simon Scott,
.....Bernard Sumter, William Voelker, Taylor Wiggins

Stats: Hank Herring

Director Of Sports Medicine & Asst. Athletic Director:.....Mack Harvey

#	Name	POS	Class	Ht.	Wt.	#	Name	POS	Class	Ht.	Wt.
2	Trace Danley	DB	SR	6'0"	170	50	Brandon Murphy	OL	JR	5'7"	270
3	Furkan Unlutaskiran	K	JR	5'11"	165	51	Jay Berry	LB	SO	6'1"	175
4	Jarvis Green	WR	SO	5'9"	170	52	Brody Bagi	LB	SO	5'8"	185
5	Davin Patterson	QB	JR	5'10"	165	53	Pressley Honeycutt	OL	SO	5'10"	200
6	Paul Taylor	DB	SO	5'10"	170	54	Justin Ring	OL	JR	6'0"	190
7	Devin Hyatt	WR	SO	6'2"	175	55	DJ Harden	LB	SR	5'11"	195
8	Antonio Williams	WR	JR	5'10"	180	56	RJ China	LB	SO	5'9"	185
9	Will Taylor	QB	SR	6'0"	180	57	Conner Engel	OL	SR	5'10"	230
10	Jaden Kinard	DB	JR	6'0"	180	58	Marques PrinceWilliams	LB	SR	5'9"	180
11	Elijah Spencer	WR	SR	6'1"	190	59	Zack Edwards	OL	JR	6'2"	295
12	Landon Danley	QB	SO	6'0"	190	60	Jack Alkhatib	OL	JR	6'2"	280
14	Jacob Hamilton	WR	FR	5'10"	170	61	Campbell Geliske	OL	SO	5'8"	200
15	Weldon Gunter	QB	FR	5'10"	160	62	Derris Bowen	DL	SO	6'2"	190
16	Bryan Ford	QB	SO	5'10"	160	63	Roland Reeves	OL	SO	5'10"	250
17	Nick Sowell	WR	JR	6'2"	175	64	Xavier Hall	OL	SR	5'10"	275
18	Nick Wright	DB	JR	5'10"	180	65	Jacob Beasley	OL	SO	6'3"	220
19	Isiah Delgado	DB	JR	5'9"	160	66	Joseph Evans	OL	SO	6'0"	210
20	Maurice McQuire	RB	SO	5'7"	160	67	Kevon Nixon	DL	JR	5'11"	215
21	Shane Wells	RB	JR	5'7"	160	68	Coby Donnelson	DL	JR	5'11"	220
22	Que Moore	DB	SO	5'11"	160	70	Ethan Benson	OL	JR	6'0"	280
23	Jaylen Black	DB	SO	5'11"	160	71	Shammond Price	OL	SR	6'2"	285
24	John Buetow	RB	SO	5'9"	200	72	Jeremiah Carter	OL	SO	5'9"	200
25	Marcus Taylor	RB	JR	5'8"	160	73	Joshua Commander	DL	JR	5'9"	250
26	J'Von Mack	DB	SO	5'9"	155	74	Craig Holloman	OL	SR	6'3"	320
27	Myles Wilks	DB	JR	5'9"	165	75	Kael Stoutenburg	OL	JR	6'0"	265
28	Ja'von Jamison	DB	SO	5'10"	165	76	Craig Holloman	OL	SR	6'3"	320
29	Chandler Perry	LB	SO	5'9"	185	78	Myles Smoak	OL	SO	5'9"	190
30	Ryan Stewart	DB	SR	6'1"	165	79	Justin Monroe	OL	JR	6'2"	295
31	Ben Montgomery	DB	SO	5'9"	160	80	Daniel Colburn	WR	SO	5'9"	150
33	Darius Cohen-Chisolm	LB	SR	5'8"	190	81	Carson Koon	TE	JR	6'4"	185
34	Marquise Richardson	LB	JR	5'8"	160	82	Josh Smith	TE	JR	6'1"	205
35	Elijah Chapman	DB	SR	5'9	155	83	Christian Jones	TE	JR	6'1"	230
36	Braxton Lodge	RB	JR	5'8"	155	84	George Schodowski	WR	JR	5'11"	160
37	David Wooten	DB	JR	5'8"	160	85	Prince Ross	TE	SO	6'0"	180
38	Christopher Wicker	LB	JR	5'10"	195	86	Gabe Soots	TE	JR	5'9"	200
39	LaRontae Scroggins	RB	JR	5'8"	180	87	Coleman Safriet	TE	SO	6'0"	190
40	Garrett Werts	TE	SO	5'10"	150	88	Griffin Reid	TE	SR	6'3"	250
41	Jaylen Hinton	LB	SO	5'8"	160	89	Alex Bolton	WR	SO	5'8"	160
42	Jabary Thompson	LB	SO	5'9"	165	90	Rodney Shell	DL	SR	6'1"	195
43	Quixote Williams	LB	JR	5'10"	155	91	Travis Batts	DL	SR	6'3"	240
44	Gabe Wise	LB	SR	5'10"	185	92	Kannon Edwards	DL	SR	6'0"	205
45	Edward Owusu	DE	SR	6'0"	220	93	Alexander Johnson	DL	SO	6'3"	270
46	Morris Sass	DB	JR	5'9"	165	94	Isaiah Allen	DL	JR	6'0"	240
47	Kelvin Phouthavong	LB	JR	5'9"	175	95	Chris Gibson	DL	JR	6'2"	210
48	Larry King	DE	JR	6'1"	195	96	Jaquan Moore	DL	SR	6'0"	240
49	Austin Maitland	LB	SO	5'9"	160	97	Bradford McClary	DL	JR	5'10"	220
						99	Sebastian Powell	DL	JR	6'0"	250

Silver Foxes Offensive Starters

(Subject To Adjustment)

QB-#9-Will Taylor
RB-#4-Jarvis Green
WR-#7-Devin Hyatt
WR-#11-Elijah Spencer
WR-#17-Nick Sowell
TE-#88-Griffin Reid
SR-#8Antonio Williams
OL-#71-Shammond Price
OL-#70 Ethan Benson
OL-#76-Craig Holloman
OL-#60-Jack Alkhatib
OL-#50-Brandon Murphy
PK-#3-Furkan Unlutaskiran

Silver Foxes Defensive Starters

(Subject To Adjustment)

NG-#96-Jaquan Moore
DE-#91-Travis batts
DE-#45-Edward Owusu
LB-#38-Christopher Wicker
LB-#44Gabe Wise
LB-#18 Nick Wright
LB- #29 Chandler Perry
CB-#19-Isiah Delgado
CB-#10-Jaden Kinard
CB-#27-Miles Wilks
FS-#7-Trace Danley
FS-#12-Landon Danley
P-#38-Chris Wicker

How They Got Here (9-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	White Knoll	66-0
10/2	Chapin	51-12
10/9	at River Bluff	41-7
10/16	at Lexington	55-13
10/23	Spring Valley	21-0
10/30	at South Pointe	35-7
11/13	Summerville	42-7
11/20	Carolina Forest	63-42
11/27	Sumter	24-0

Dutch Fork hoping to make history by winning 5th straight title

By Billy G. Baker
Publisher

Columbia—*The Drive For Five* has arrived!

This season every time a **Dutch Fork Silver Fox** player put on one of their football practice tee shirts during the 2020 season and the number “5” just happens to position itself directly over their heart and every one of the 90-plus varsity players taking the field in the AAAAA football finals are focused on this date with history against upper state champion **T.L. Hanna** (8-0) focused on total victory.

Dutch Fork can become the only team in state history to win five straight state titles if they can find a way to defeat run oriented **T.L. Hanna** (8-0), the upper state AAAAA champions. The Silver Foxes are the only football team in South Carolina that has won all four AAAAA state championships in football since the SCHSL expanded to five classifications in 2016. Dutch Fork boasts 32 players who bench press 300 or more pounds.

The Silver Foxes come into the game tonight ranked 21st in the nation by *The USA Today*. They advanced to the finals with a 42-7 win over **Summerville** in the first round of the playoffs and on consecutive weeks the Silver Foxes defeated **Carolina Forest** 63-42 and **Sumter** 24-0 to advance to this historic game tonight at **Benedict College**.

Hall of Fame Coach **Tom Knotts** (424-64-1) is seeking his 13th state title tonight. He has won five state titles at Dutch Fork, six at Independence High in Charlotte, NC and one at West Charlotte. At Independence his teams once enjoyed a 109- game consecutive win streak. Knotts is completing his 11th season at DF and 41 seasons total.

“This season has been like a marathon with this Covid situation,” said Coach Knotts from his office this past Monday. “I’ll be honest the kids have not dwelled on the potential for us to set a record with a 5th straight title. The kids have not really said much at all about it. Coach Pelham (Nick) and I come from the old school of hard knocks and we have been tough on the team all season.

“We always tell them that we think they are “A” level players but are playing more like “B” level players and we probably do point out more of their mistakes to them than we praise them,” said Coach Knotts. “This can be a fine line sometimes. They are probably like me in that they are ready to get the season over with this Covid thing dominating our lives. Even our victories have been bitter sweet because you start watching the game film on Sunday and you find yourself, Coach Pelham and I pointed out so many mistakes in offense and defense.

“Our players know that we believe in them and that is why we are hard on them,” said Coach Knotts. “Our players have a lot of pride and unity on this team and we feel confident

that they are going to go out and take care of business this week.”

On offense senior quarterback **Will Taylor** (6-0, 180) is a **Clemson** commitment in football and he will also play baseball. He is a state champion wrestler who transferred from **Ben Lippen** for his senior season. To date Taylor has shown solid dual threat numbers. He has completed 130 of 194 passes for 2,090 yards and 21 touchdowns with just four interceptions. He had added 366 yards rushing with another 9 touchdowns.

“Will played five games this season with an ankle sprain that limited his running but he has really taken off the past couple games with over 300 yards rushing,” said Coach Knotts. “He had committed to Clemson in baseball but after they saw him play a few games this season they gave him a full football offer and he accepted. **Clemson** thinks he is the next Hunter Renfrow for them and I think they are right.”

The Silver Foxes are led in rushing by sophomore running back **Jarvis Green** (5-9, 170) with 619 yards on 104 carries and 11 touchdowns coming into the state finals. Green always gets yards after contact and he has had only one fumble all season. The key back-up is junior **Marcus Taylor** (5-8, 160) who has 360 yards and five touchdowns to date. **Braxton Lodge** is another key reserve running back.

The receiving corp is led by the duo of junior **Antonio Williams** (5-10, 180) with 49 catches for 805 yards and 8 touchdowns along with senior **Elijah Spencer** (6-1, 190) who has 43 receptions with 847 yards and 12 scores. Sophomore talent **Devin Hyatt** (6-2, 175) has 12 catches and Green has 15 catches out of the back field. Williams was recently offered by **Southern Cal**.

The offensive line is led by senior right tackle **Shammond Price** (6-2, 285) who was hurt earlier but returned at the start of the playoffs and he has played well. The center is first year starter **Connor Engel** (5-10, 230) along

with right guard **Brandon Murphy** (5-7, 270) who is a three- year start. The left guard slot has been shared by senior **Craig Holloman** (6-3, 320) or junior **Ethan Benson** (6-0, 280). Junior left tackle **Jack Alkhatib** (6-2, 285) has returned for the playoffs after working through a calf injury. The starting tight end is senior **Griffin Reid** (6-3, 250).

The punter is Chris Wicker with a 38.2 average while **Furkan Unlutaskiran** who has converted 48 of 51 PAT’s.

On defense the Silver Foxes have great speed and pursue well to the ball under highly regarded coordinator **Nick Pelham** who coaches a very effective 3-4 seven-man front that has limited teams to 88 points the entire season. The front people senior nose Jaquan Moore (6-0, 240) with end slots manned by senior **Travis Batts** (6-3, 240) and **Edward Owusu** who was held out of the Sumter game with a nagging injury. “Owusu is the heart and soul of our defense and he will be ready to go this week and we need him,” said Coach Knotts. “He makes everyone around him play better.”

The linebackers consist of junior ILB **Nick Wright** and **Chandler Perry**, with **Darius Cohen-Chisolm** on the outside spot with 50 tackles. The top tackler with 80 hits is junior inside backer **Chris Wicker** (5-10, 195). **Gabe Wise**, slowed by injuries, is expected to see some action at linebacker and he has 40 tackles to date.

The secondary is paroled by the brother duo of senior double safeties senior **Trace Danley** (6-0, 170) and soph **Landon Danley** (6-0, 190). Junior **Myles Wilks** will see action at one corner along with junior corner **Jaden Kinard**. Former CB starter **Ryan Stewart** is out with Covid-19 issues.

“My fear of losing is what motivates me to come in at 5 a.m. in the morning like I did last Sunday,” said Coach Knotts. “I talk about team a lot and the importance of being dialed in.”



TL HANNA YELLOW JACKETS

Jersey	First Name	Last Name	Gr	Pos
1	Carson	Bachelor	11	HB FS
2	Noah	Hamby	12	QB FS
3	J.J.	Hudson	12	HB CB
4	Dennis	Dottery	12	CB
5	Knox	Whitten	11	HB
6	Jaylon	Thompson	11	HB CB
7	Billy Ray	Moss	12	SE
8	Kamren	Johnson	11	HB P
9	Fletcher	Cothran	11	TE LB
10	Trey	Horne	10	QB
11	Brody	Winter	11	SE
12	Jalen	Clark III	12	SE CB
13	Adam	Roberts	12	Kicker
14	Kahliel	Martin	11	HB
15	Michael	Webster	11	FB
16	Jay	Billingsley	12	Kicker
17	Travon	West	10	HB CB
18	Chase	Burton	11	SE LB
19	Jack	Murphy	11	SE FS
20	TJ	Williams	11	HB FB
21	Walt	Smith	11	FB P
22	Najee (NJ)	Williams	11	CB
23	Dakota	Smith	11	P
24	DJ	Brownlee	12	FB LB
25	Jahiem	Witcher	12	LB
26	Wes	Stringer	11	LB
27	Nick	Carson	12	HB FS
28	Garrett	Strickland	11	FS
29	Nolan	Waters	12	P
30	Bryson	Cox	11	TE
31	Chap	Pendergrass	11	TE
32	Hardriquis	Gaines	12	SE
33	Kabrail	Morrison	11	FB DL
34	Tanner	Burton	12	SE
37	Tracy	Cheatham	11	DL
39	Ethan	Brock	12	SE
40	Terrell	Brown	11	DL
41	Micah	Paul	12	LB
42	Myles	Ramey	11	TE LB

Jersey	First Name	Last Name	Gr	Pos
43	Adian	Ligon	12	DL
45	Ty'jah	Miller	11	LB
46	Trajan	Carroll	12	FB
48	Brodie	Mattison	11	TE LB
49	Male	Sullivan	12	LB
50	Latrey	Simpson-Walker	12	T C
51	Da'Quan	Bell	11	DL
55	Elijah	Reid Leverette	11	DL
56	AJ	Sloan	12	G
59	Lane	Clark	11	G
60	Mitchell	Ramsey	11	G
61	Charles	Couch	11	C DL
63	Jag	Grooms	12	T
64	Tye	Moorhead	11	G
66	Colin	Sanders	11	T C
67	Khaliyl	Mattison	12	DL
68	Caleb	Guard	12	T
69	Alonzo	Brown	11	DL
70	Brandon	Edwards	12	T
71	William	Driver	11	C
72	Joshua	Finan	11	OL
73	Nikolas	Lockhart	11	G
75	Jordan	Mullikin	11	T
76	Malachi	Butler	11	DL
78	Damion	Wood	12	DL
79	Jahari	Couser	12	G DL
80	Tyler	Scanlon	11	LB
83	Hunter	Brown	12	HB
84	Skyle	Tran	11	P
85	Malachi	Stevenson	11	SE CB
86	Logan	McConnell	11	Kicker
87	Brandon	Hunter	12	SE CB
88	Briggs	Powell	11	LB
90	Ryan	Wynn	12	TE DE
93	Kenan	Labash	12	DE
96	Jaylen	Clayton	12	DL
97	Sims	Whatley	12	Snapper
99	James	Cheek	11	DL



STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

JJ Hudson – 822 yards, 7 TD
 Kamren Johnson – 667 yards, 4 TD
 DJ Brownlee – 347 yards rushing, 6 TD
 Kabrail Morrison – 8 TD

Passing

Trey Horne – 9 of 17, 165 yards, 2 TD

Defensive leaders

Fletcher Cothran – 43 tackles, 6 TFL
 Emmale Sullivan – 40 tackles, 4 TFL
 Nick Carson – 39 tackles
 Walt Smith – 36 tackles, 2 interceptions

How They Got Here (8-0)

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE
9/25	at Woodmont	35-10
10/2	at Mauldin	14-13
10/9	J.L. Mann	64-7
10/16	at James F. Byrnes	cancel
10/23	Hillcrest	ppd
10/30	Westside	26-7
11/6	Hillcrest	31-16
11/13	Ridge View	28-20
11/20	at Gaffney	34-33
11/27	at Northwestern	28-24

Teamwork and unity brings Hanna back to championship game

By David Shelton
Senior Writer

High School Sports Report

Anderson – Two years ago, the **T.L. Hanna High** football program reached the Class AAAAA state finals but came up short in a loss to Dutch Fork.

On Friday night, the Yellow Jackets will get a second shot at the perennial power as they take on Dutch Fork again in the state title game at Benedict College.

Jason Tone was the offensive coordinator for T.L. Hanna in that game two years ago but became the head coach soon after the game, replacing the retiring **Jeff Herron**. Tone has continued to build the program into a consistent winner but says the players have done the heavy lifting.

“We are fortunate to have a group of young men who love the game and love each other,” Tone said. “This is a team first group. No one care who gets the credit or who gets the ball. They just want to win. It’s a very unselfish team and they are a real joy to coach. They really enjoy playing with each other. It’s a close knit group and they truly believe they can win every Friday night. I am honored to be their coach.”

The Yellow Jackets have navigated a tough playoff schedule to earn their way into the finals. After opening the post-season with a home win over a good Ridge View squad. The next two weeks were on the road at two difficult venues. Hanna knocked off Gaffney, 34-33, then beat Northwestern, 28-24.

“I think this team has showed their true character in the playoffs,” Tone said. “No stage has been too big. They are not overwhelmed by the moment. Winning those two games on the road was really impressive. We preach getting better everyday. We go into every season thinking we have a shot. We always have the pieces. It’s up to us as coaches to put it all together.”

It will take another huge effort for the Yellow Jackets to beat a Dutch Fork program that

enters the finals on a 49-game unbeaten streak. The Silver Foxes are playing for a fifth consecutive state title, something that has never been accomplished in South Carolina. Dutch Fork is in the finals for the eighth time in nine years.

“They’re very good and they are setting the standard for everyone else,” Tone said. “They’re so well-coached and their kids play so hard. They’re very confident and they don’t have any weaknesses. We feel like we can compete though. Turnovers really hurt us two years so if we can take care of the ball, move the chains and keep their offense off the field, we can have a chance.”

Hanna is one of the few teams in the state that operates offensively out of the Wing-T option attack and the Jackets execute the offense at a high level. The Jackets average 324 rushing yards per game and 6.5 yards per rushing attempt. They have rushed for 38 touchdowns by 11 different players.

Hanna starting quarterback **Trey Horne** has attempted only 17 passes in nine games but has rushed for nearly 250 yards with five touchdowns.

Senior **JJ Hudson**, who saw extensive action in the title game two years ago, is the top producer in the run game. Hudson has rushed for 822 yards, averaging 7.1 yards per carry. Junior **Kamren Johnson** adds 667 yards (8.7 per carry) and junior **Kabrail Morrison** has eight rushing touchdowns on just 20 car-

ries.

Right guard **Jabari Couser** is the lone lineman that saw action in the title game two years ago. **Charles “Big Sofa” Couch** is an anchor at center. Tight ends **Chap Pendergrass** and **Myles Ramey** are key blockers on the edge. **A.J. Sloan** and **Tye Moorhead** share time at the other guard. **Caleb Guard**, **Brandon Edwards** and **Colin Sanders** are rotating at tackle.

“We’ve been getting great effort on the offensive line,” Tone said. “Our goal is to get three and four yards as often as we can but we also can break the explosive play from time to time. We want to keep our offense on the field as much as possible.”

Tone says the defense has a “bend but don’t break” philosophy and says the unit has been solid in the red zone all season.

“When they have needed to make a stop, they have been able to do it,” the coach said. “They play hard. There are no four and five star guys out there. They’re just a hard-nosed group that gets the job done.”

Junior linebacker **Fletcher Cothran** is the leading tackler with 43 stops and six tackles for loss. Senior linebacker **Emmale Sullivan** has 40 tackles and senior safety **Nick Carson** has 39 tackles. Junior strong safety **Walt Smith** has 36 tackles and two interceptions this season.





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