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NEWBERRY HS BULLDOGS

Bulldogs gearing up for a new season

By Kelly Duncan
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NEWBERRY — Newberry High School's head football coach, Phil Strickland, and his team are gearing up for a new season with a host of new players taking the field this year, with 23 of those players being seniors.

"A lot of those 23 seniors did not play a whole lot last year, it's going to be a matter of getting them some experience and playing really slow right now in the preseason, letting them know what to do and how to do it," Strickland said.

Over the summer, Strickland said the team utilized off season workouts to stay in shape and while some came to workouts in shape and working hard, a few were hurting.

"For the most part most of the kids came and worked hard and came in shape, we had a few kids who didn't come in shape and do what they should and it's kind of hurting them because we're asking some kids to go both ways this year and you really have to be in shape to be on both sides of the ball," Strickland said.

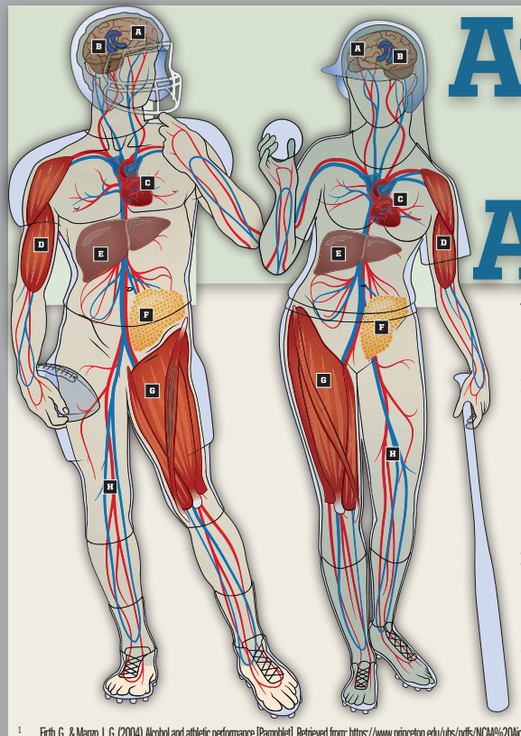
Along with off season workouts, Strickland said the team also had a lot of seven on seven competitions, something he said is not only good for the offense, but the defense.

"It helps offensively as far as getting timing down, when to throw it and when not to throw it, the main thing over the summer was to lift weights and get stronger and do a little conditioning to get in shape," he said.

Senior Ahmad Willis and junior Zay Chalmers will serve as quarterbacks for the Bulldogs this season. Currently, Chalmers is taking most of the snaps, although Strickland said both will be taking snaps throughout the season with one as a receiver while the other quarterbacks.



Head Coach Phil Strickland COURTESY PHOTO



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A. Alcohol Affects Sleep
When a person drinks alcohol, even six hours before going to sleep, they are disturbing their sleep cycle. When alcohol disrupts this sleep cycle, your body will have less energy and your brain will have trouble making new memories and retaining information.[1]

B. Alcohol Hurts Your Brain and Your Memory
Drinking alcohol can harm the brain, especially when the brain is changing during the teen years. One part of the brain, the hippocampus, is especially sensitive to alcohol. The hippocampus is used to form and store new memories, so when the hippocampus is affected by alcohol, an athlete will not be able to remember plays or store new lessons or skills as easily.[1]

C. Alcohol Can Damage Your Heart
Intense exercise increases your heart rate. Drinking alcohol even two days before exercising causes additional stress on the heart and can result in unusual heart rhythms.[2]

D. Alcohol Harms Muscle Growth
Chronic alcohol use can damage long-term performance by causing muscle damage, muscle loss, and muscle weakness. This muscle loss and weakness is known as myopathy. Myopathy can affect all muscles, including those in your arms, legs, and heart, in a way that can harm athletic abilities .[3]

E. Exercising With A Hangover Decreases Performance
When exercising, your body must remove lactic acid. After drinking, a person's liver is working hardest to rid the body of the toxic by-products of alcohol and cannot remove the lactic acid. This causes a feeling of fatigue which lowers athletic performance.[2]

F. Alcohol Increases Fat
Calories from alcohol are stored as fat. Your body works to expel alcohol as quickly as possible since it cannot store it effectively. Your body focuses on ridding itself of alcohol instead of absorbing nutrients and burning fat.[2]

G. Alcohol Hurts Your Performance
Alcohol is linked with a loss of balance, reaction time, memory, and accuracy of fine motor skills.[4] Drinking alcohol leads to slower running and cycling times, weakens the heart's ability to pump, impairs temperature regulation, decreases grip strength and jump height, lowers stamina, and reduces strength and power.[5]

H. Alcohol Causes Dehydration
Alcohol is a diuretic, meaning it makes your kidneys produce more urine, so it can cause your body to become dehydrated. Staying hydrated helps blood flow, which carries oxygen and nutrients to the muscles.[2] When dehydrated, an athlete may experience low energy, low endurance, cramps, muscle pulls, muscle strains, and muscle loss. Full recovery from dehydration can take up to a week! [6]

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2018 NEWBERRY HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGS ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	YEAR
1	Josh Mathis	DB/WR	Senior
2	Tailyn Caldwell	DB	Junior
3	Zymere Epps	WR	Senior
4	Davonta Ruff	WR/DB	Junior
5	Ahmorae Wilmore	RB/LB	Junior
6	Darius Gray	TE/LB	Senior
7	Tyrek Wicker	LB	Sophomore
8	Bobby Inman	WR	Junior
9	Daquan Wilson	DB	Junior
10	Asaris Good	WR/DB	Junior
11	Josh Stewart	TE/DL	Junior
12	Ahmad Willis	QB/WR/RB	Senior
14	Nas Johnson	LB	Senior
15	Malik Johnson	DB	Senior
16	Zay Chalmers	QB/WR	Junior
17	Ahmaud Cook	WR/DB	Senior
18	John Eason	WR	Senior
20	KT Robinson	RB/DL	Senior
21	Kentrayvis Gary	TE/LB	Sophomore
22	Craig Austin	LB/RB	Sophomore
25	Kijuan Crooks	WR/DB	Sophomore
28	OT Sims	RB/DB	Sophomore
29	Jahiel Thompson	DB	Sophomore
31	Jyheim Sanders	WR/DB	Junior
33	Kentrell Caldwell	RB/LB	Junior
42	Maurice Huguley	DL/RB	Senior
44	Amir Griffin	DL	Senior
50	Casey Shealy	OL/LB	Senior
52	Kobe Sligh	OL/DL	Senior
53	Stanley Davenport	DL/OL	Senior
54	Kedrick Singleton	OL/DL	Sophomore
55	Nasir Culbreath	DL/OL	Senior
57	Jordan Johnson	OL/LB	Senior
58	Chase Minick	OL/DL	Sophomore
59	Isaiah Smith	OL/DL	Senior
60	Lyndon Reinking	OL	Sophomore
65	Raekwon Ruff	DL/OL	Senior
66	Demarcus Scurry	DL/OL	Senior
67	Tavaris Kinard	OL/DL	Senior
68	Esco Rikard	DL/OL	Senior
70	Daywon Gary	OL/DL	Sophomore
73	Ryan Redd	OL/DL	Senior
75	Eldred Bates	OL/DL	Junior
76	Jamaree Caldwell	OL/DL	Senior
77	Aaron Corbett	OL/DL	Sophomore
82	Ny Downing	TE/DL	Senior
84	Tyler Wilson	TE/DE	Sophomore
92	Rodrigo Nava-Munoz	P/K	Sophomore

Head Coach: Phil Strickland
Assistant Coaches: Bill Harvey,Tom Eachues, Cedrick Jeter, Hu Mills, Derrick Hamilton, Art Boozer, Brian Redd, Brian Gordon, Kelvin Whitener, Cornelius Cromer, Peyton Hill
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Although the Bulldogs don't have many returning starters, linebackers Ahmorae Wilmore and Kentrell Caldwell will be returning, splitting time as tailbacks, defensive lineman Amir Griffin is also expected to be released after undergoing ACL surgery last year.

Strickland said they are looking out for everybody this season.

"We are making a lot of rookie mistakes, we have a lot of kids who don't have a lot of playing time and we have a very strong football schedule. We open up with two time defending 2A State Champion Abbeville, with the success we've had the last couple of years it's hard to get people to play you and we want to try to have some teams we feel like we can beat in the schedule and there's not many of those because many of the guys I wanted to play they didn't want to play us," he said.

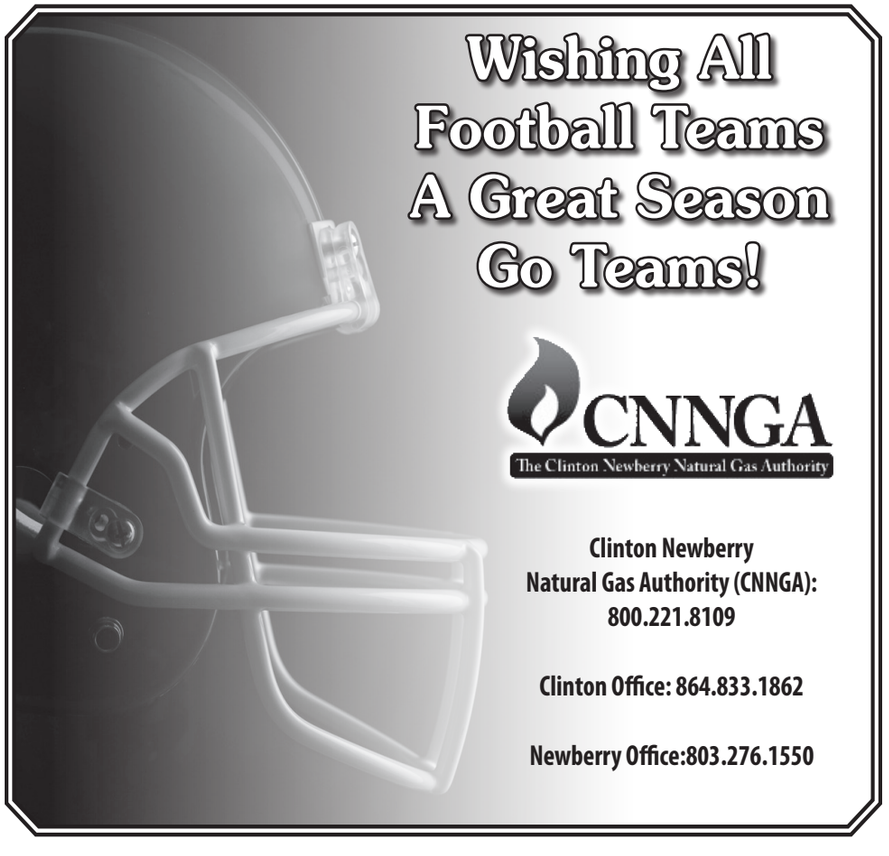
Looking forward to the season Strickland's goal is the same as it is each year, to try to win the State and Region Championship.

"We try to convey that to the kids, too, that's what they should play for, low expectations will reach low output and we want high output and high expectations," he said. "We are definitely a work in progress this year, we've just got so many inexperienced players, we've got some talent they just don't know what to do and how to do it yet. You can practice, practice, practice, but it's no substitute for experience, you have to learn as you go. I feel like a lot of them will get better once they get some experience. We are optimistic about this bunch, it may not show up real early, but I think eventually we'll have a good football team, we just have to learn to play and grow as a team.

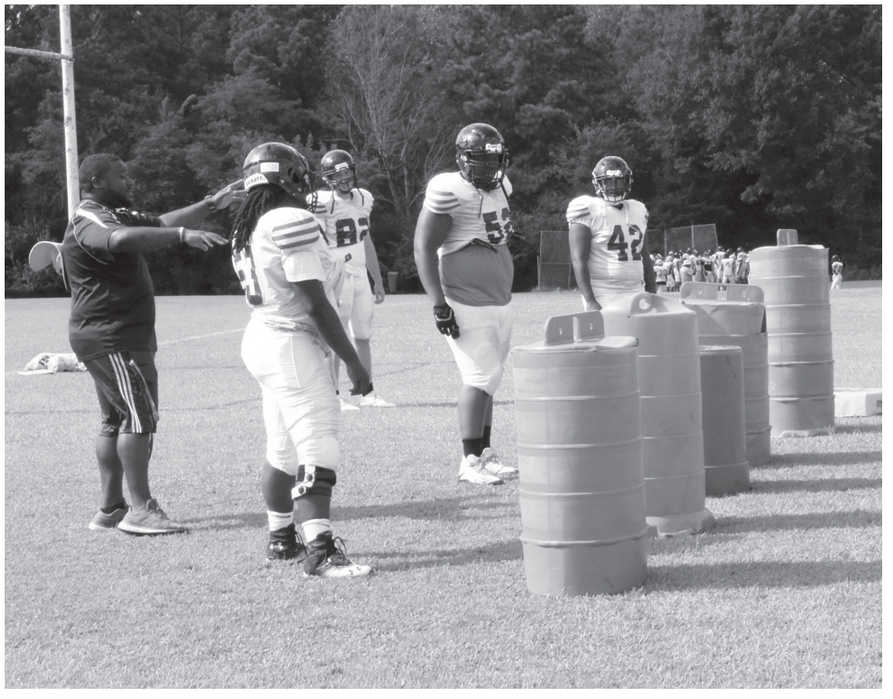


A host of Bulldogs run through a drill during practice.

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A group of Newberry Bulldogs prepare for the next drill.

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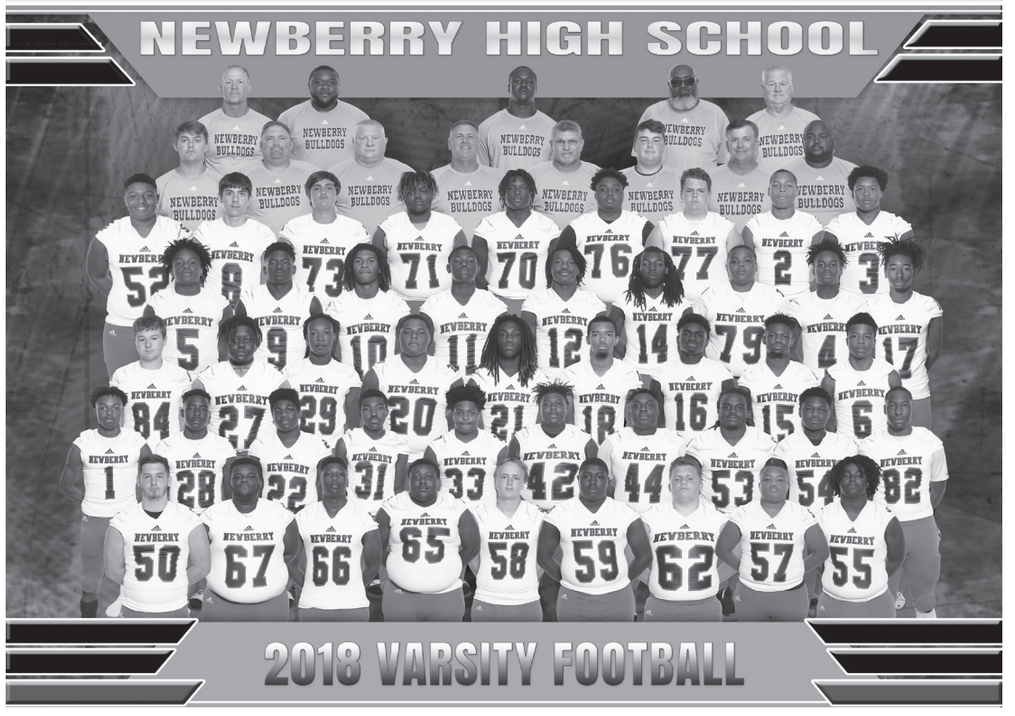
The Bulldogs run through a drill.

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2018 NEWBERRY HS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 24	at Abbeville High School	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Batesburg-Leesville High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Chapin High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Fairfield Central High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Brookland-Cayce High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Woodruff High School (**HOMECOMING**)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Emerald High School	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Clinton High School (**PINK OUT**)	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	Union County High School	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Mid-Carolina High School	7:30 p.m.

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MID-CAROLINA REBELS

New football season brings program changes for Rebels

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PROSPERITY — The Mid-Carolina Rebels are ready to hit the field as they prepare for a new season of football.

In his first season with the Rebels, Head Football Coach Chris Arnoult said with the new season came more interest in playing, there are 11 seniors this year.

"We've had very good numbers this year, we currently have around 90 guys involved with the program, that's dropped a little over the summer. We met with all of the kids before school got out and kind of gauged how many kids were interested in playing and I think there's been an interest from guys who haven't played in the past from the middle school guys to the rising seniors," he said.

The quarterback for the Rebels this year is sophomore CC Boyd, who served as the back up quarterback last year.

"He's been in a quarterback battle, but he's done a good just for us and continues to get better day by day, week by week," Arnoult said.

He added that after working with the team throughout the summer, he couldn't ask for better attitude and effort.

"I couldn't ask for anything better, they've been to work outs, been where they are supposed to be when they were supposed to be there, done things the way they are supposed to do it and it's been a big change for them," he said. "I feel like they worked harder than they're used to working in the past, this summer has not been an easy one for everybody involved in the program as far as change and a different way of doing things. The biggest thing we need to improve on is our work in the weight room, we need to get bigger and stronger to be able to compete with some of the people we play against."

With attitude and effort, Arnoult knows the team can have a successful season, he said they are watching out for all teams this year.

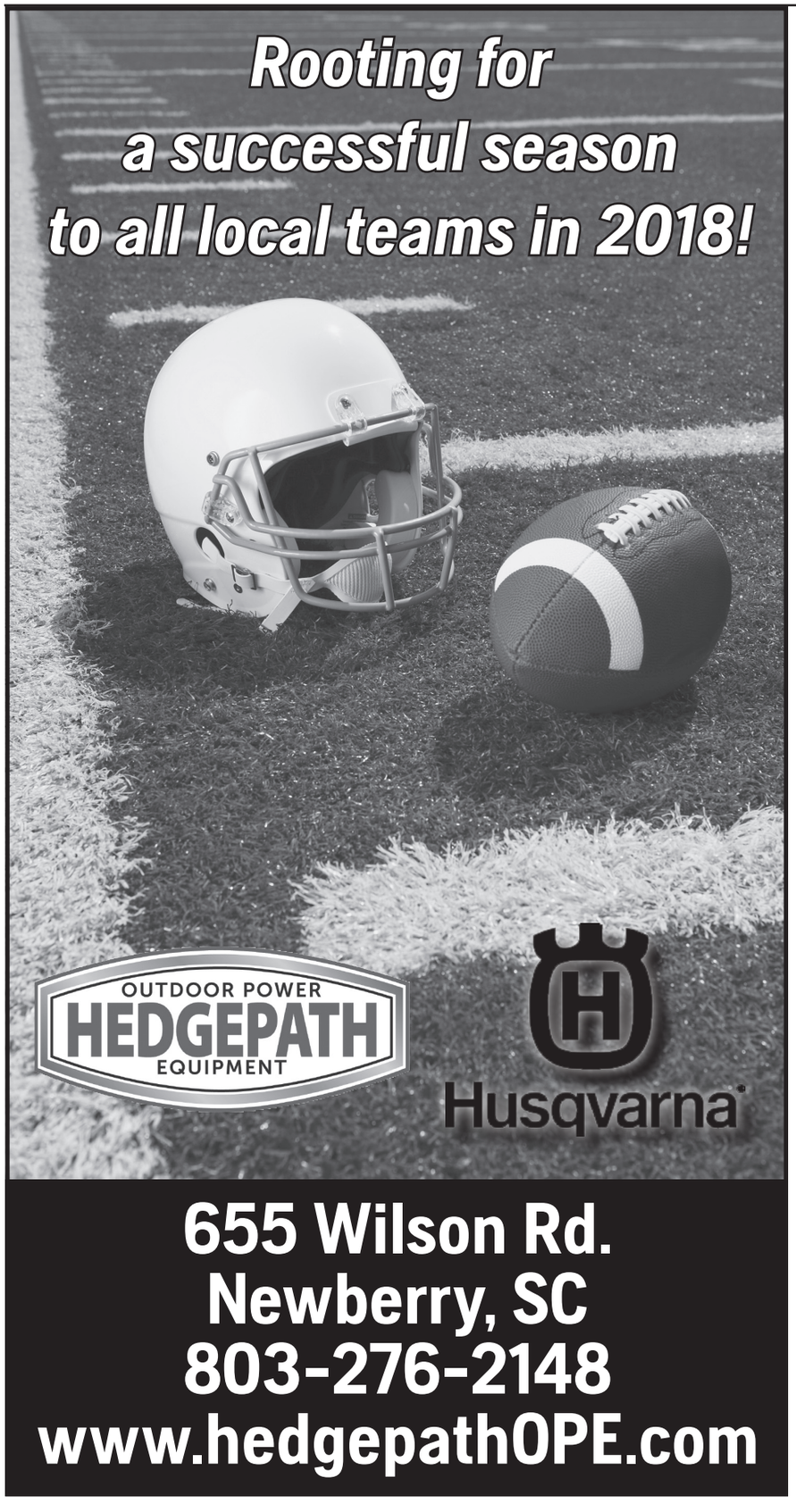
"It is a very tough schedule, we play a non-region schedule that is very tough, we play Chapin week two who are a 5A school, Newberry, Emerald, Clinton, Woodruff and now Union County High School and none of those teams are slouches, they are well respected programs in the state, and we're kind of climbing from the cellar, nobody's necessarily looking at us as a tough game, which is fine, but every one of ours is going to be tough," he said. "Over the last few years I would say Newberry would be the big game to look forward to, but Union County just dropped down from 4A football, they are going to be a perennial powerhouse, Clinton's supposed to be on the rise, Emerald's on the rise, Woodruff's got a new coach with supposedly a really



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good quarterback, it's going to be tough."

Looking forward to the rest of the season, Arnoult wants his guys to keep putting work in the weight room to stay in top condition as they navigate through the season.

"We may not be as talented as other teams, but we are going to try and outwork them in the weight room, on the field, we're going to be in extremely good condition so that if teams are not in good condition hopefully we will be able to hang in there and compete with them at the end of the game," he said.



The Mid-Carolina team warmed up with practice drills prior to the season.

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THE NEWBERRY OBSERVER

2018 MID-CAROLINA HS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 17	at Whitmire High School	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 24	Chapin High School	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Saluda High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	Batesburg-Leesville High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Ninety Six High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Emerald High School	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Clinton High School	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	at Union County High School	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Woodruff High School	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 26	Newberry High School	7:30 p.m.

2018 MID-CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL REBELS ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	YEAR
2	Dee Wise	RB	Junior
3	CC Boyd	QB	Sophomore
4	Macon Arnoult	QB	Freshman
5	Jack Edwards	WR/DB	Junior
6	Tre Sims	DB	Junior
7	Manny Wadsworth	DB	Junior
8	Jerrell Dewalt	WR	Senior
9	Steven King	WR	Junior
10	Shelton Brooks	WR	Sophomore
11	Zack Frick	RB	Junior
12	Jackson Livingston	WR	Freshman
13	Connor Gray	WR/DB	Junior
14	Darien Bookman	WR	Sophomore
15	Stanton Hester	WR/DB	Sophomore
16	Collin Stribble	WR	Junior
17	Fritz Lewis	QB	Junior
18	Brendon Gray	WR	Junior
20	BJ Tobe	WR/DB	Junior
21	Justin Hedgepath	LB	Freshman
22	Preston Bookman	RB	Junior
23	Zacorian Byrd	DB	Junior
24	Drew Moore	LB	Senior
26	Troy Richburg	DB	Senior
27	Tyrese Gray	RB/DB	Junior
28	Tylek Wright	LB	Junior
30	Brenton Gray	WR	Junior
31	Colby Doolittle	LB	Sophomore
32	Martinez Gallman	DL	Junior
33	Will Garner	CB	Junior
34	Mac Murray	LB	Junior
38	Tevon Boyd	DB	Junior
41	Sam Moore	LB	Senior
42	Will Johnson	DB	Junior
43	Josh Hedgepath	RB	Junior
44	Grant Doolittle	LB	Senior
48	Devin Stewart	DL	Junior
50	Blake Arnoult	OL/DL	Junior
51	Bryson Holland	OL/DL	Sophomore
52	James Davenport	DL	Junior
53	Garrett Shealy	OL/DL	Senior
54	Rhett Shealy	OL/DL	Senior
55	Kevon Jones	OL/DL	Senior
56	Drew Dominic	OL/K	Junior
57	Ken Jamison	OL/DL	Sophomore
58	Wyatt Still	OL/DL	Sophomore
59	Tyler Bouknight	OL/DL	Sophomore
60	Michael Fulmer	DL	Junior
61	Grayson Long	OL/DL	Sophomore
63	Allen Noah	OL/DL	Junior
64	Euston Farr	OL	Junior
66	Travis Haltiwanger	OL	Junior
71	Dillon Crim	OL	Sophomore
75	Parker Pitts	OL	Junior
76	Xavier Holly	DL	Senior
79	Landen Morris	OL/DL	Junior

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A Mid-Carolina coach huddles with his players during practice.

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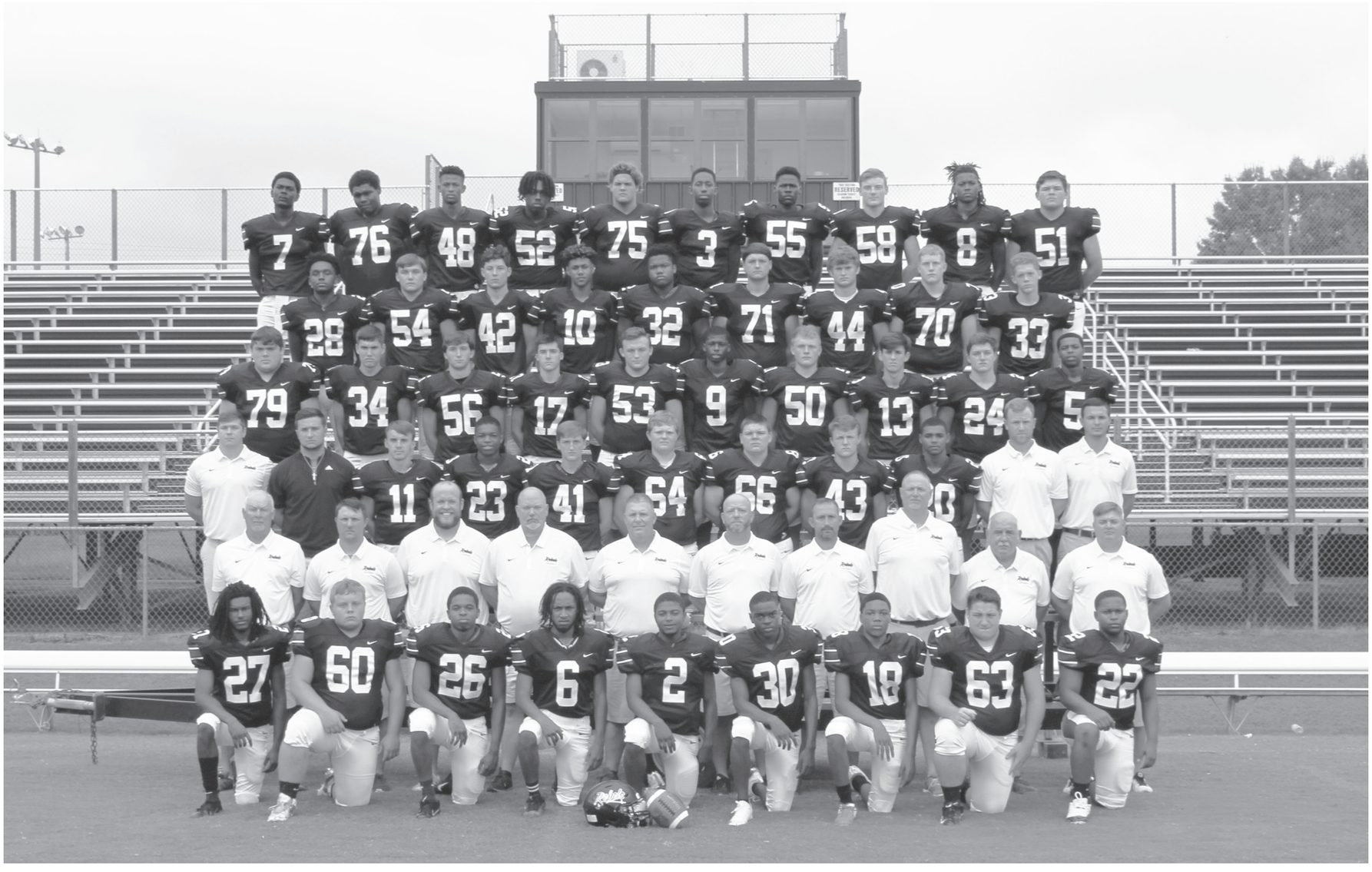
A Mid-Carolina Rebel prepares to catch a ball during practice.

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Mid-Carolina High School players practice taking on an opponent. ANDREW WIGGER THE NEWBERRY OBSERVER



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WHITMIRE WOLVERINES

A season full of Wolverine talent

By Andrew Wigger
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WHITMIRE — The Whitmire High School Wolverines started the season with the revival of their rivalry game against Mid-Carolina High School, which hadn't been played since 2011.

This season the Wolverines will take on schools such as Great Falls, Dixie and Branchville.

"We have a good number of starters back from last season. We have about 10 seniors who have seen a lot of football during their careers. We want to leave our mark this season. We want a trophy for the trophy case," said Head Coach Charlie Jenkins. "Which means we need to win our region. We also want to win a playoff game. That has been a goal of ours since I got to Whitmire. We have had some success and we have been competitive, but I won't feel like we have arrived until we get that trophy and win a playoff game."

Several of the last year's starters will be returning this year. Chandler Crumley and Matthew Prather will return as two of the Wolverines' leading tacklers on defense. Jaylen Brown will return for his fourth year as cornerback. Nate Stanley will play both sides of the ball, at safety on defense and wingback on offense. Alan Mikel Stanley (Nate Stanley's brother) will play as tight end, along with his fellow seniors Garrett Jenkins and C.J. Saverance.

Junior Caleb Bowers will be this year's quarterback.

"We are excited to have two of our leading tacklers back on defense, 10th grader Chandler Crumley and 11th grader Matthew Prather," Jenkins said. "Our fastest player, Jaylen Brown, returns for his fourth year starting on the varsity at cornerback. Seniors Garrett Jenkins, C.J. Saverance and Alan Mikel Stanley will share the two tight end positions on offense and all three will start on defense. Nate Stanley started all year at safety on defense as a freshman last year and he will also become a starter on offense at wingback this year."

Jenkins added that this year's quarterback, Bowers, will see his first year as a full time starter, although he has started and won games for the Wolverines during his career.

"Caleb is undoubtedly one of the leaders on the team and I look forward to seeing him grow as quarterback," Jenkins said.

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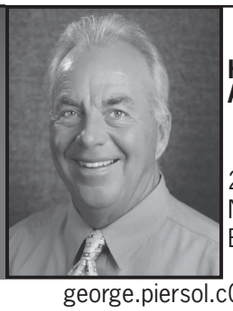
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WOLVERINES 2018 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Aug. 17	Mid-Carolina	7:30 p.m.
	RECOGNITION OF 1978 STATE CHAMPS	
Aug. 24	at Great Falls High School	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Ridge Spring-Monetta High School	7:30 p.m.
	HALL OF FAME INDUCTION	
Sept. 7	at North High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Branchville High School	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Bethune-Bowman High School	7:30 p.m.
	HOMECOMING	
Sept. 28	at Ware Shoals High School*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Dixie High School*	7:30 p.m.
	YOUTH NIGHT	
Oct. 12	Calhoun Falls High School*	7:30 p.m.
	SENIOR RECOGNITION	
Oct. 19	at McCormick High School*	7:30 p.m.

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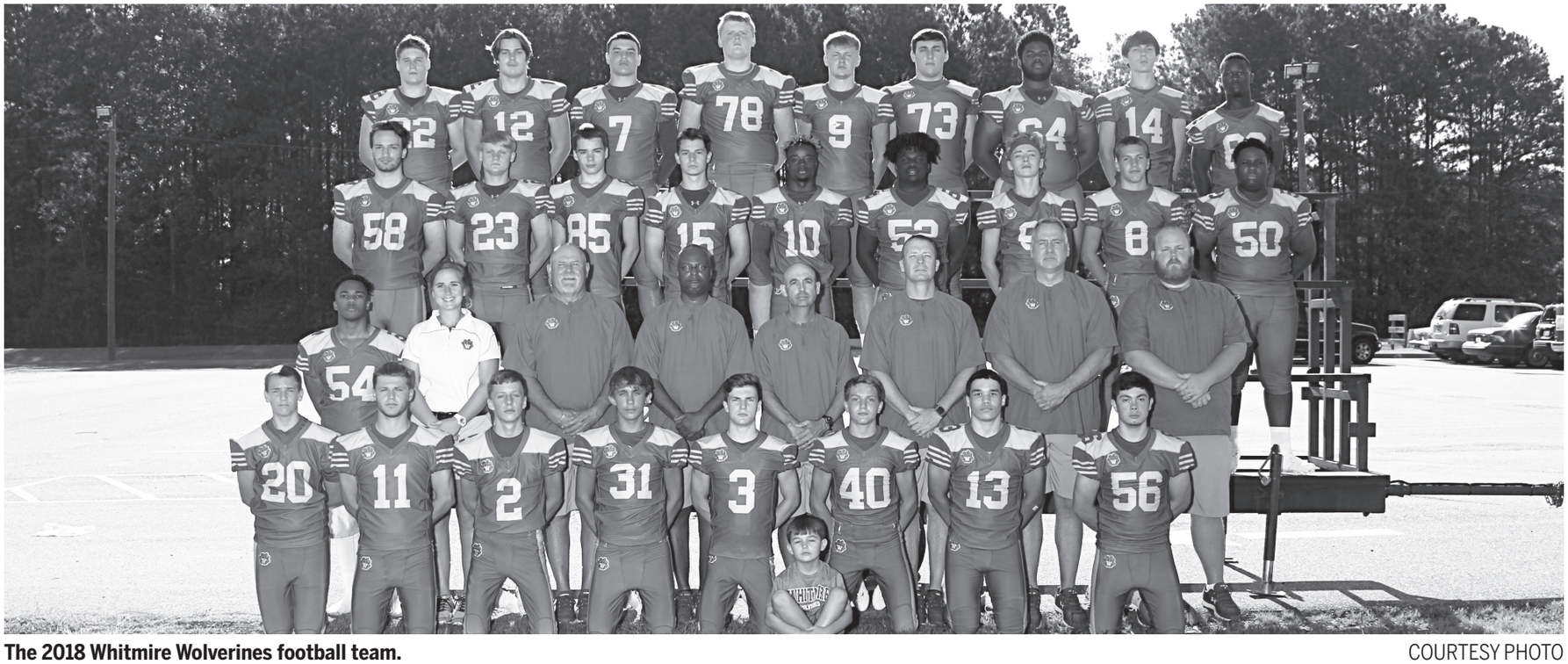
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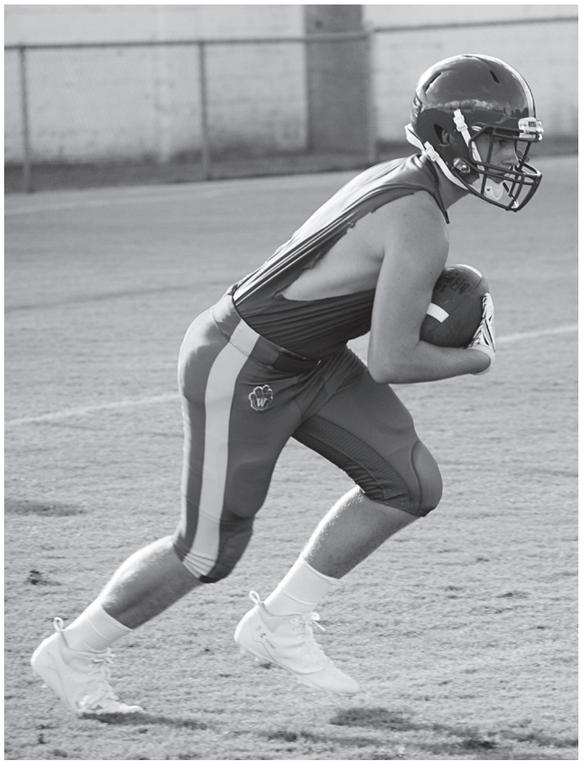
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2018 WHITMIRE WOLVERINES ROSTER

NO.	NAME	POSITION	YEAR
2	Cason English	QB/DB	Freshman
3	Kyle Hunt	DB/WB	Senior
5	C.J. Wicker	WB/LB	Junior
6	Christian McLaren	DB/K	Senior
7	Alan Mikel Stanley	TE/DE	Senior
8	Garrett Davis	DB	Senior
9	Garrett Jenkins	TE/LB	Senior
10	Jaylen Brown	DB/WB	Senior
11	Chase Hood	DB	Senior
12	C.J. Saverance	TE/DE	Senior
13	Nate Stanley	WB/DB	Sophomore
14	Logan Ricks	TE/DE	Junior
15	Caleb Bowers	QB/LB	Junior
20	Wyatt Crase	LB/TE	Junior
22	Chandler Crumley	LB/FB	Sophomore
23	Matthew Prather	LB/FB	Junior
31	Hunter Alexander	DB/WB	Freshman
40	Dawson Davis	DB	Sophomore
50	Donte Fisher	OL/DL	Senior
52	Jordan Stone	OL/DL	Senior
54	Terrence Gibson	OL/DL	Senior
56	Nicolas Avila	LB/OL	Sophomore
58	J.C. Long	OL/DL	Senior
63	Jihad Fisher	DL/OL	Junior
64	Sadik Chaplin	DL/OL	Senior
73	Andrew Felker	OL/DL	Junior
78	Gage Gedeist-Farmer	OL/DL	Junior
85	Dalton Gambrell	TE/DB	Sophomore

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A Wolverine practices running the ball. ANDREW WIGGER THE NEWBERRY OBSERVER



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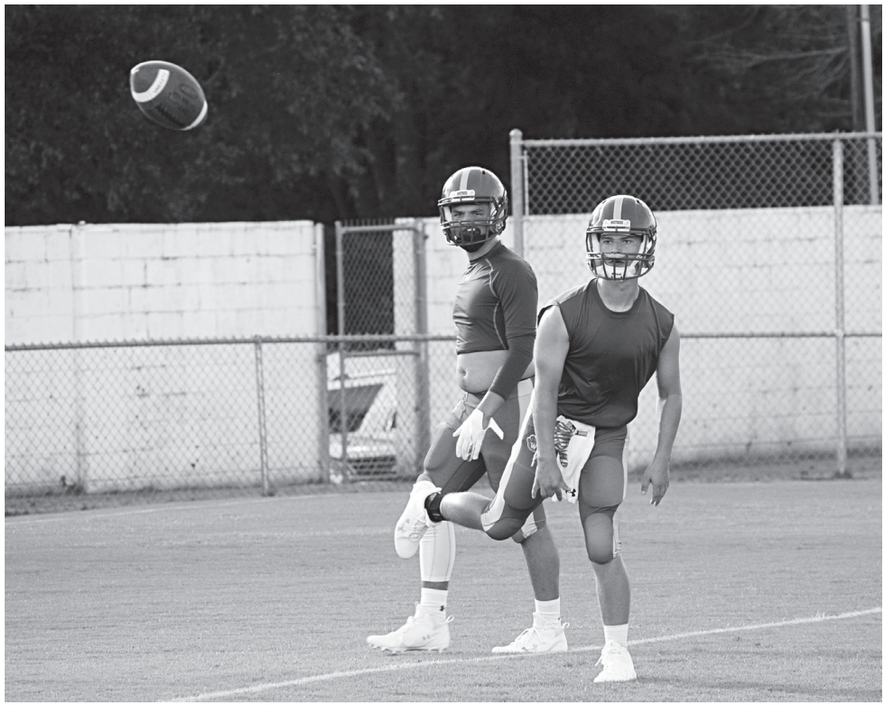
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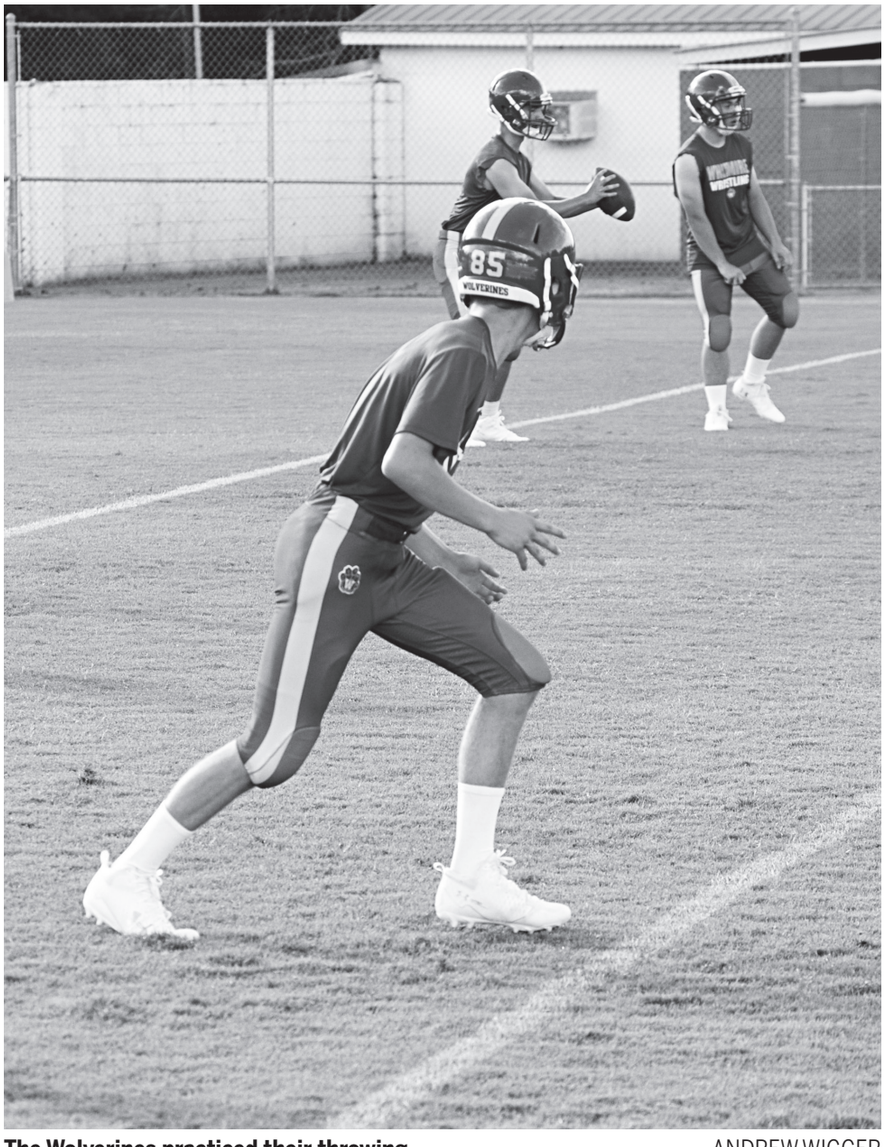
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Prior to the Mid-Carolina/Whitmire Game, the Wolverines warmed up.

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The Wolverines practiced their throwing and catching game.

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TRI-ACADEMY EAGLES

NA to play as Tri-Academy

By Andrew Wigger
awigger@newberryobserver.com

NEWBERRY — This season Newberry Academy will join with Palmetto Christian Academy of Greenwood and Cambridge Academy, also in Greenwood, to form the Tri-Academy football team. This team will be made up of 15 players, five of which are from Newberry.

"We are not calling it Newberry Academy football, it is Tri-Academy. We have three schools that are playing a combined team, Newberry Academy, Cambridge Academy and Palmetto Christian Academy of Greenwood," said Dan Dickerson, the athletic director for PCA Greenwood and the Head Football Coach for the Tri-Academy team.

The mascot for the team will remain the Eagles, and Dickerson said someone in Newberry stepped up and purchased new uniforms for the new team.

"They are still basically Newberry's colors, so we are wearing those with plane white helmets. The team colors will be blue and white," he said.

When it comes to leaders, Dickerson believes the team's two seniors, Matt Hegler and Sam Clarke (both of PCA of Greenwood) will be leaders on the field. He also believes Newberry Academy's Austin DeHart and Zach May will be leaders this year.

On the field, Dickerson said with eight man football you do your best to spread the field both horizontally and vertically, when it comes to offense.

"We are going to use a lot of motion, try and throw the ball and see if we can spread people out," he said.

On defense, the basic plan will be a 3-3-2 strategy, but that will probably change based on the team they play.

"Depending on what the other team does offensively, that could change, it will have to change, sometimes in the middle of the ball game," Dickerson said.

This season, Dickerson believes they will put a good product out on the field for fans to be proud of and cheer for.

"I told somebody the other night, I'm working for the boys to give them an opportunity to play varsity football," he said.

The majority of this season's home games will be played at Newberry Academy.

Reach Andrew Wigger at 803-276-0625 ext. 1867 or on Twitter @TheNBOnews.



Head Coach Dan Dickerson COURTESY PHOTO

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NO.	NAME	SCHOOL	POSITION	YEAR
3	Ethan Myers	Cambridge Academy	RB/LB	Freshman
5	Austin DeHart	Newberry Academy	OL/DL	Junior
7	Matt Hegler	Palmetto Christian Academy of Greenwood	QB/DB	Senior
10	Zach May	Newberry Academy	RB/LB	Junior
12	Aaron Hegler	Palmetto Christian Academy of Greenwood	RB/DB	Sophomore
16	Will Nobles	Newberry Academy	OL/DL	Junior
28	James Austin	Palmetto Christian Academy of Greenwood	WR/LB	Freshman
32	Gideon Bartley	Cambridge Academy	OL/DB	Sophomore
42	Sam Clarke	Palmetto Christian Academy of Greenwood	WR/DB	Senior
47	Elijah Longshore	Newberry Academy	OL/DL	Junior
56	Austin Collins	Palmetto Christian Academy of Greenwood	OL/DL	Freshman
72	Patrick Cullen	Cambridge Academy	OL/DL	Sophomore
75	Wade Baker	Newberry Academy	OL/DL	Freshman
88	Charlie Price	Cambridge Academy	WR/DB	Freshman
99	Zaden Morton	Palmetto Christian Academy of Greenwood	OL/DL	Sophomore

Head Coach: Dan W. Dickerson
Assistant Coach: David Myers

TRI-ACADEMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Aug. 24	Palmetto Christian Academy–Mt. Pleasant (Newberry Academy)
Aug. 31	at Cathedral Academy
Sept. 7	Faith/Ridge Home (Cambridge Academy)
Sept. 14	Wardlaw Academy (Cambridge Academy)
Sept. 21	at Jefferson Davis Academy
Sept. 28	at Richard Winn
Oct. 5	Clarendon Hall (Newberry Academy)
Oct. 12	W.W. King Home (Newberry Academy)
Oct. 19	at Calhoun Academy
Oct. 26	at Laurens Academy

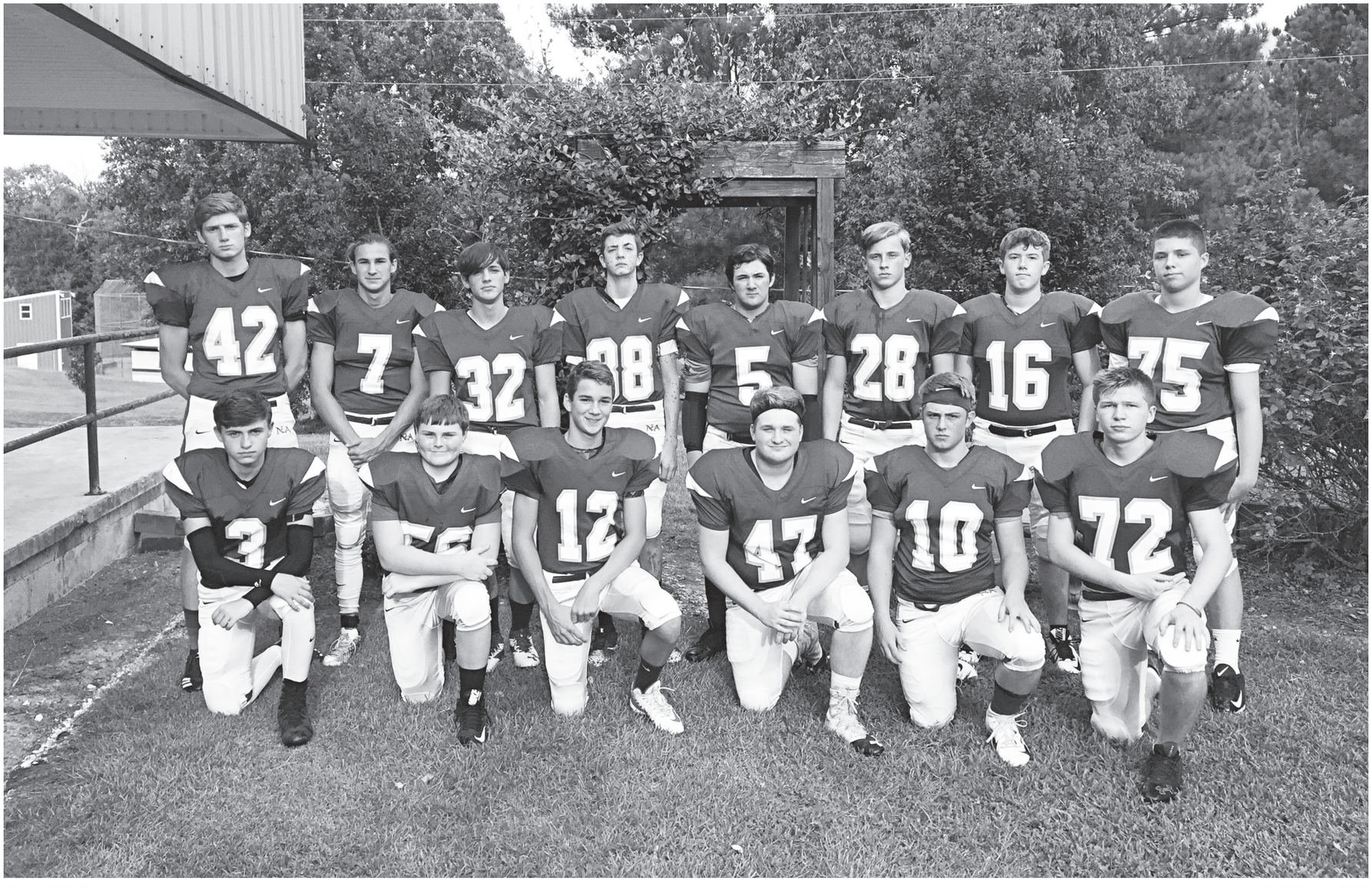
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The Tri-Academy team held their first Jamboree earlier in August, the first time the three schools played as one. COURTESY PHOTO

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A Tri-Academy player attempts to avoid a tackle. COURTESY PHOTO



Head Coach Dan Dickerson rallies the players during a Jamboree. COURTESY PHOTO

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NEWBERRY COLLEGE WOLVES

Wolves are ready to be the hunter

By Randall Stewart
for The Newberry Observer

NEWBERRY – Last August, Head Football Coach Todd Knight declared that after years of being the hunter, the Wolves had become the hunted in the South Atlantic Conference.

But with the 2018 season fast approaching, the oft-repeated phrase has been discarded as Newberry reprises its traditional role as the hunter. Two years removed from a 10-win season and a third playoff berth in four seasons, the Wolves were picked to finish fourth by the league's coaches in what is expected to be a competitive season for a league flush with parity.

"Coming from the top and being the hunted is not a position we're used to being in," Knight said in an interview with Columbia's WIS-TV just after Newberry opened preseason practice. "I feel like we've not had that experience at the top enough to be able to hang on to it."

2016 All-American defensive end Jamarcus Henderson, currently ranked third among active Division II players in career tackles for loss and in hot pursuit of several all-time Newberry records, senses an increased cohesiveness during preseason camp that he believes will lead to better results on the field than during a 2017 season in which the Wolves struggled to live up to the lofty expectations set before them.

"Everybody's coming together this year," he said. "You can tell the vibe on the field. Everybody's working together, everybody's calling each other 'brother.' "

Henderson is one of the leaders of the Wolves' seasoned defense, a unit littered with preseason all-conference selections that Knight expects to be the strength of the team. Henderson and fellow defensive end Keito Jordon give the Wolves tremendous production (89 tackles, 26.5 tackles for loss, and 14.5 sacks accounting for 116 yards in 2017) and half of the preseason first team all-SAC defensive line.

Both starting inside linebackers, Joe Blue and Anfernee Moffett, were preseason all-conference selections as well, joining with safety Jawanza Adams to give Newberry five honorees on the defensive side of the ball.

While the defense is a known commodity, the Wolves' offense will have some notable changes. Offensive Coordinator Todd Varn, returning to Newberry following an eight-year stint as a Division I coordinator in Laurens County, plans to put a much bigger emphasis on the running game, or to "pound the rock a little more" in Knight-speak.

Converted tight end Austin Barnes, entering his second season at running back, figures to be a key part of the offense. Only seven of his 112 carries went for negative yardage a season ago as he racked up 494 yards and seven scores.

Beyond Barnes, Knight is pleased with the depth and talent at the position. The guiding principle will be to take pressure off the Wolves' quarterbacks and play ball control, using the running game to open up



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lanes to throw to Markell Castle, Bobby Irby, and the rest of the Wolves' talented wide receiver corps.

The quarterback battle has featured last year's rotating cast of Nick Jones and Greg Ruff, with talented redshirt freshman Dre Harris preventing complacency. Ruff entered preseason practice with a slight lead, and while Knight acknowledges that he's still the likely starter, his name is written in pencil, not pen.

Ruff keeps opposing defenses honest with his running ability. He was Newberry's second-leading rusher last season despite not taking significant snaps in three games, netting 446 yards and three touchdowns. He also threw 11 touchdowns without an interception in amassing 880 yards through the air. Jones had a lower completion percentage, but closed the 2017 season with 26 more completions and 76 more yards than Ruff.

Knight is also pleased with the look of Newberry's special teams.

"We've got two veteran kickers. Kevin [Weber] is great from deep, Shea [Rodgers] is very accurate, and they both punt very well. It's a great problem to have," he said.

The Wolves open the season at a Division I FCS opponent out of the Southern Conference for the second straight season, traveling to Cullowhee, North Carolina to square off with Western Carolina on Sept. 1. A second straight road test at perennial playoff contender Florida Tech precedes the home opener against Virginia University of Lynchburg.

Newberry's schedule sets up favorably in 2018 with a bevy of critical conference matchups at home. The Wolves host Carson-Newman in their SAC opener on Sept. 22, welcome defending SAC champion Wingate for a Homecoming matchup on Oct. 27, and face Lenoir-Rhyne (Oct. 6) and Catawba (Nov. 3) at Setzler Field as well.



The Newberry College Wolves run drills during practice. PHOTOS COURTESY OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE

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1	Dre Harris	22	Catriez Cook	42	Nick Yearwood	63	Hayden Scharber
2	Nick Jones	23	Marcus Morgan	43	Jon Kirkland	64	Tim Caldwell
3	Darius Clark	24	Khidr Banks	44	James Haynes	65	Troy Cann
4	Deshun Kitchings	25	David Vereen	45	Travis Morgan	66	Kody Varn
5	Bobby Irby	26	Chance Walker	46	Johnny Springfield	67	Welton Cauthen
6	Kevin Weber	27	Anfernee Moffett	47	Troy Cunningham	68	Jacob Springs
7	Sean Smith	28	Duane Harvin	48	Jarod Fountain	70	Tyler Anderson
8	Joe Blue	29	Dv'nn Cooks	50	Josh Edwards	71	Brandon Carnes
9	Anthony Blue	30	Jonas Lundberg	51	Keiron Murphy	73	Dylan Richey
10	Keinan Lewis	31	Krishaon Jackson	52	Dashun Tate	75	Austin Anderson
11	Shea Rodgers	32	Austin Barnes	53	Alec Blackmon	76	Tiquan Lyles
13	Markell Castle	33	Kardeem Hines	54	Payton Hite	77	Jordan Campbell
14	Manny McCord	34	Isaiah Appling	55	Keito Jordon	78	Raquan Niles
15	Baylen English	35	Dubie Dubose	56	Cam Williams	79	Wade Rouse
16	Greg Ruff	36	Davontay Dopson	57	William Bedenbaugh	80	Zane Dimiati
17	Jawanza Adams	37	Malik Whitfield	58	Marcus Chestnut	81	Brentley Allen
18	Alex Smith	38	Javahnne Neal	59	Drew Sprouse	82	Austin Gordon
19	Tylik Johnson	39	Jared Hagood	60	Lewis Johnson	83	Ahmad Green
20	Darryl Foster	40	Tre Woods	61	Trevin Mingo-Watts	84	Bryson Woodruff
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90	Tyran Dixon	97	Terrell Owens
91	Ty Kelly	98	Tyler Lindsay
92	Lamonzia Mosley	99	Jamarcus Henderson
93	Kelijah Brown		

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Jarvis Littlejohn - **DL/Recruiting Coordinator**
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Taylor Cornett - **OL**
Zach Edmunds - **TE**
Deke Herrin - **WR**
Jeremiah Jones - **ILB**
Nick Kamerer - **RB**



Newberry College Head Football Coach Todd Knight speaks to the players after practice.

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Wolves start running drills during practice. COURTESY OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE



Players get into formation on the field. COURTESY OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE

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