

A group of football players in white jerseys with "SPANISH FORT" and the number "10" on them, standing on a field. A large mascot of a purple bull with yellow eyes is in the center.

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW 2019

A group of female runners in various colored singlets and shorts running on a track. An American flag is visible in the background.A group of volleyball players in blue and white uniforms on a court, with one player in the foreground.A male runner in a blue singlet and shorts running on a track.A close-up of a baseball on a wooden floor.

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Aug. 23	Murphy	AWAY
Aug. 30	Gulf Shores	HOME
Sept. 6	St. Paul's	AWAY
Sept. 13	Saraland	HOME
Sept. 20	Blount	AWAY
Sept. 27	Open	
Oct. 4	Daphne	HOME
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Baldwin County determined to make playoffs with or without tiebreakers

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Heading into his sixth season at Baldwin County High School, the Tigers and head coach Nathan McDaniel as well as his staff and fans are hungrier than ever for a seat at the Class 6A state playoff table.

“We believe we have a chance to win every time we step on the field,” McDaniel said.

BCHS is coming off their second winning season, but still missed the post-season dance due to tie-breaker rules that knocked the invite pass down. The Tigers finished the regular season 6-4 overall and 4-4 in the super-competitive Class 6A Region 1 field. Blount and Daphne also had 4-4 region records and the tie-break system came into play. The Tigers had lost to Blount, Saraland and newcomer and former 5A state champion St. Paul’s Episcopal earlier in the season.

Tie-breaker rule ‘L’, the 12th numerically, ultimately settled the decision despite a head-to-head 20-14 region win in week seven (Week six in AHSAA’s calendar) at Daphne last season. The Tigers also had impressive wins over 7A Murphy 23-7 in Bay Minette to open the season and closed the regular schedule with a 28-22 road win over perennial Wire-Grass powerhouse Charles Henderson. For the year BCHS out-scored opponents 194-159 averaging 19.4 points per game.

Freshman quarterback A.J. Mix came into the Daphne game and helped lead the Tigers to that important league win over the Trojans at Jubilee Stadium. McDaniel was the defensive coordinator at Daphne before taking over the Tigers’ head football coaching duties and athletic director’s position.

“A. J. came in and did a great job for us, sparked us,” McDaniel said. “That was big. Anytime you leave Daphne with a win is a good trip and A.J. showed he has what it takes and did it against a tough defense.”



GCM SPORTS PHOTOS



The Tigers open against Murphy this year at Ladd-Peebles Stadium on Aug. 23. They will host Gulf Shores for their first region contest on Aug. 30 at Simmons Field in Bay Minette.

Going into the 2019

season, McDaniel is confident in his squad and their ability to be special in 2019. They open September at St. Paul’s, host Saraland and face Blount away before a mid-season break.



Tiger defensive lineman Jeremy Moore



Head Coach

Nathan McDaniel

“A.J. is incredibly talented and he was as well last year, but he was 14 years old. Playing a 14-year-old in our region can get a coach fired.”


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2019 BAYSIDE ACADEMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 23	St. James Episcopal	AWAY
Aug. 30	Faith Academy	HOME
Sept. 6	Mobile Christian	AWAY
Sept. 13	Thomasville	HOME
Sept. 20	T.R. Miller	AWAY
Sept. 27	Cottage Hill Christian	HOME
Oct. 4	Flomaton	HOME
Oct. 11	Excel	HOME
Oct. 18	St. Michael Catholic	AWAY
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BAYSIDE ACADEMY ADMIRALS



Admirals lose considerable talent from 2018 roster, but ready to fill spots with a mix of experience and youth

GCM SPORTS

Bayside Academy went 6-4 overall last year and 3-3 in the toughest region in Class 3A, Region 1.

“With teams like Mobile Christian, Cottage Hill, Thomasville, Flomaton and T.R. Miller in our region, it’s always tough to get to the playoffs, but we had kids that never quit,” said Bayside head coach Phil Lazenby.

The Admirals opened 2018 with two big, non region wins over larger schools: A 26-6 home-win over Class 4A St. James and a road win over Faith Academy’s 5A Rams 27-17. But the league games proved tougher as Bayside fell going through the gauntlet of MCS, THS, Miller and CHCA before closing with region wins over the FHS Hurricanes, EHS Panthers and SMHS Cardinals. They ended the season with another non-region win over a solid Satsuma Gators team, but out of the playoffs.

The Admirals open at St. James in Montgomery this season on Aug. 23.

Coach Lazenby took responsibility for the four region losses last year.

“It was an identity crisis and it was my fault. We had some injuries and I took it easy in practice and that was absolutely the wrong thing for our kids. Once I got through that brain freeze and we started getting after it, it all turned out OK.”

Bayside lost several starters last year to graduation, many of whom played both ways leaving big shoes to fill on defense and offense. One area hardest hit was the kicking game with the moving on of All-Region and All-State Mac Douglas who was widely recruited for his kicking and punting as well as his pass-catching and ball-handling skills.

“We took a big hit with Mac going on to college,” Lazenby said. “We’re going to miss his foot and his hands, but we’ll miss him most for just being himself. What a great kid.”

Douglas committed to play football at Trinity



GCM SPORTS PHOTOS

University in San Antonio, Texas in a signing ceremony March 20.

He anchored the Admirals defense from his middle linebacker position, posting an impressive 14 combined tackles per game with one interception and two fumble recoveries. A special-teams standout, he was named a 2018 All State First Team punter with a collegiate range and a 41.2 yard average. He also blocked a field goal and two extra-point attempts.

Douglas contributed on offense as well, lining up at tight end and catching one pass for 42 yards and for a touch-



Coach Phil Lazenby with players Jake Cunningham, Wil Murphy and Ryan Ross.

down along with three carries for 103 yards and a touchdown.



Head Coach Phil Lazenby

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TROJANS



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DAPHNE HIGH SCHOOL TROJANS



Trojans going hard to make their 22nd consecutive playoff appearance since 1997

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The Trojans' football program faces another season in the toughest region in the state. The nine-team league, Class 6A Region 1 field is packed with powerhouse teams – year in and year out – including the 2018 state finalist Spartans of Saraland. Last season, the Trojans' two-decade-plus string of playoff appearances was on the line and went down to the wire. But Daphne not only survived the road trip to highly-ranked Blount Stadium, they shutout the otherwise playoff-bound Leopards 20-0 to qualify for the state playoffs and to help defend and continue the school's run of 21st consecutive post-seasons in football. The Trojans fell in the first round to Wetumpka 49-21 and finished the 2018 season at 5-6 overall and 4-4 in region play. The region was so competitive last year that three teams: Baldwin County, Blount and Daphne each finished at 4-4 in league play and it took a tie-break rule (Rule L) to sort it out for the fourth and final playoff position.

The Trojans nearest and fiercest rival, Spanish Fort, went 8-0 last season and then continued on to win the Region 1 crown. But the Toros also fell to Wetumpka (21-17) in the semifinals. Region 1's Saraland then edged Wetumpka 22-21 to make it to the title game but the Spartans lost the state crown to Pinson Valley 26-17.

Daphne head coach Kenny King said the state of the Trojans foot-



ball program is strong but always looking to improve in any areas needing attention.

"We are always self-evaluating and thinking about ways to improve from the big things to the little things," he said. "They are all important, especially in our region which is loaded with some of the best in the state every year. We have been working hard in the weight room and coach (Atlas) Herrion has done a great job with the strength program and I believe it will make a difference down the road. So we're excited about this season and getting ready to play some ball."

"Our focus is on little things right now. I've been telling them since day one that the little things matter. And if you focus on that, the big things will come into focus too. So, it can help solve problems or even keep them from happening. Make your bed first thing when you get up. Make sure you dress appropriately and show

up on time, and really, preferably early.

"So if we fix little things, good things will happen for us. Like when we have to kick that field goal or make that big stop to win the game, it all goes back to: Did we prepare for that moment. And if we did, well, it could mean the difference."

When asked if his players remember his playing days at Alabama or in the NFL and if they wonder if he still has the moves to show them how it's done — especially on the defensive line, King said they may have seen some archived action videos of his, including some tapes he keeps on hand for instructional purposes.

"I doubt that," he said laughing, considering their ages — and his. "But I know that when we are in the D-line room, if they can't get it right, I will pull out a video of my playing days and say: 'This is how you do it.' They are always challenging me, but I think I'm 100 percent in winning (Against them) in all drills. They try hard, but it never works out for them."

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Head Coach
Kenny King



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Coach Kenny King with some of Daphne's players.

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Aug. 30	Fruitdale	AWAY
Sept. 6	Millry	HOME
Sept. 13	Open	
Sept. 20	Excel	AWAY
Sept. 27	McIntosh	AWAY
Oct. 7	Foley (JV)	HOME
Oct. 11	Open	
Oct. 18	St. Luke's	HOME
Oct. 25	Open	
Nov. 1	St. Michael Catholic	AWAY

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ELBERTA HIGH SCHOOL WARRIORS



Elberta Warriors get one more test before taking on full varsity schedule

By MICHAEL HANICH

The Elberta Warriors varsity football team had a hot start to its program last season before facing the somewhat expected results of a new program. The Warriors started off the 2018 season with two wins at Pleasant Home (27-18) and at Fruitdale (35-13). They finished out the season with a 2-5 record in a non-specific divisional classification under first year head coach Greg Seibert.

“It’s been tremendous, absolutely electric,” Siebert said. “There is something to be said for small town football. Everyone in town is at the game.”

This season, the Warriors are looking to develop their team for the 2019 season as they prepare to play in longer seasons. They will be playing with the same schedule as last season with their first game of the year on the road against the Pleasant Home Eagles. They will conclude the season, like last year, against the St. Michael Catholic Cardinals at home. Last season, the Warriors almost beat the Cardinals but concluded with a 20-27 score. The Warriors and Cardinals are looking to develop the new rivalry in Baldwin County as both programs are looking to develop themselves to

contend for divisional titles.

Some of the starters last season did have previous playing experience from schools like Foley or Robertsdale.

Now the returners not only have playing experience, but they have experience with the system within the Warriors program. Look for them to be more aggressive

on both sides of the ball and reach for a bigger winning streak.

“We do have some facility issues,” Siebert said which is common for a brand-new program still in the startup phase. “We need to

increase seating at our stadium. When I talk to our opponents, I tell them to tell their fans to please bring lawn chairs. But it’s neat to have people tailgating at 4 or 5 p.m. for a 7 p.m. varsity game.



Head Coach Greg Seibert

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Sept. 6	Murphy	HOME
Sept. 13	Theodore	AWAY
Sept. 20	Davidson	HOME
Sept. 27	Daphne	AWAY
Oct. 4	Baker	AWAY
Oct. 11	Foley	HOME
Oct. 18	Open	
Oct. 25	Alma Bryant	HOME
Nov. 1	McGill-Toolen	AWAY

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FAIRHOPE HIGH SCHOOL PIRATES



After reaching 2018 playoff berth, Fairhope expectations high, as usual, for 2019 season

GCM SPORTS

Fairhope went 7-3 in the regular season last year (6-2 in region play) and advanced to the playoffs again after finishing third behind region rival Theodore and league (Class 7A, Region 2) winner McGill-Toolen Catholic, but the Pirates did not get by Auburn. The AHS Tigers topped Fairhope 34-23, but fell to Lee-Montgomery in the next round 12-6. Theodore also lost in the opening round to Lee-Montgomery 13-7. Region 2 fourth-place Davidson lost in round one 46-0 to Central Phenix City. The Mc-T Yellow Jackets were the only Region 2 team to win in round one, 17-13 over Prattville, but lost to Central Phenix City 14-0. Central Phenix City went on to win the 7A title with a 52-7 victory over Thompson in the championship.

Fairhope head coach Tim Carter said the Pirates return with 17 seniors and several underclassmen with experience and hope to be ready for the first kickoff of 2019 when they open with a home game at W.C. Majors Field against a perennially tough 6A Wetumpka team.

Fairhope opens their region schedule on the road in Semmes against the Mary G. Montgomery Vikings.

The annual "War on the Shore" rivalry game with Daphne will be Sept. 27 at DHS' Jubilee Stadium. Their historic "Blue and Gold" and region rivalry with Foley (94th since 1931) takes place Oct. 11 at Fairhope Municipal Stadium's Majors Field. And the Pirates close out the regular season at McGill-Toolen Catholic's Bishop Lipscomb Field in Mobile.

"I believe we replaced a pretty good group and we have only about 17 seniors this year," he said. "But a good size junior class and quite a few sophomores who will contribute this year. Of course, our schedule is, as usual, unforgiving. With so many quality



opponents in our region as well as non-region teams like Wetumpka and Daphne who always have some of the top 6A teams in the state, we have work to do. So, we get tested early and often with such good teams on the schedule and we hope it makes us better."

Carter said his defense will be key to the Pirates success, especially with a fair degree of experience in the secondary and linebacker corps. He said he feels good about the defensive front as well with a mix of mostly seniors and juniors lining up on the ball. On offense Fairhope lost about four starters on the line.

"I think that's just about our major prob-

lem, but I feel pretty optimistic about the guys we have ready to get in there and go to work for us on that side of the ball. We do return some key skill players including Ramone Bradley (receiver, kickoff/punt returner) who has had some college offers and will be a big role player for us again this year."

Riley Leonard is expected to get the start at quarterback after playing mostly as a wide receiver last season catching nine touchdown passes from then senior Devin Mitchell.

"Riley has the height and stature at about six-foot-four to see over defenses and is also mobile and can run. Just has good awareness in just about any situation."



GCM SPORTS PHOTOS

Coach Carter with number 44 Braxton Jordan.



Carter added that he wants to be able to run the ball and hopes to have all the pieces in place, including Bradley as a dual (runner/receiver) threat before the first kick off whistle.

Carter hopes the Pirates can improve to No. 1 or No. 2 in region play and secure a home-field

advantage for the playoffs this season. He said the outlook has a mixture of both uncertainty and certainty.

"Theodore and McGill will be good again for sure, but just how good we'll have to wait and find out. Foley Murphy and Davidson will probably be better than last

year, but all we can do is control our efforts and try to the best we can to meet any challenge that comes our way."

He added, "Love your kids. Invest in them, know who they are. That makes them want to come back. I think we do a great job in strength and development."



Head Coach

Tim Carter

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Lions look to improve after disappointing season in 2018

GCM SPORTS

The Foley Lions struggled last season and finished with a 1-9 record, but their one win was a 30-17 victory against a large region rival in Alma Bryant High. Foley Head coach Tad Niblett was disappointed in the 1-9 overall, 1-8 region season last year, but said his team is committed to working hard and making 2019 a better year.

"I will always shoot you straight. Of course, everyone wants to win," he said about the Lions' goals and team approach to going into the 2019 season. "But, we are coming off a 1-9 season. Our No. 1 priority is we've got to compete. Let's talk about that first. When you go

through a year like we had, you are constantly evaluating and re-evaluating.

"What I expect from our team is to go out and prepare and compete our tails off no matter who

we are playing. What makes this game great is you find out more about yourself than doing anything else. You find out how are you going to respond when you get knocked on your rear

end. That happens to us all in life."

The Lions jump into the season hosting Prattville at Ivan Jones Stadium on Aug. 23, travel to take on Thompson on Aug. 30 before the region leg of the schedule begins. They open league play at home against defending Class 7A Region



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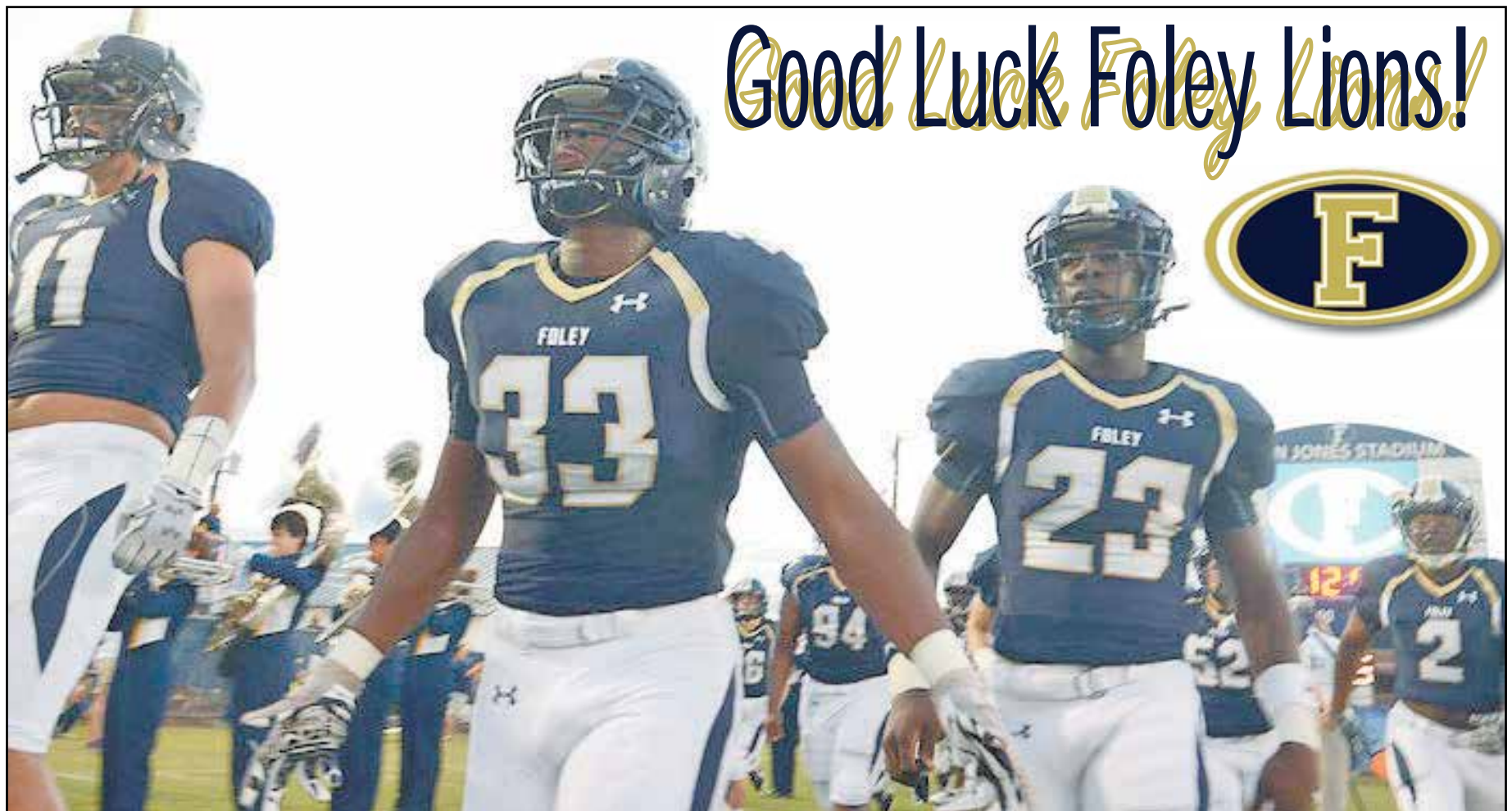
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and get better every day by giving everything we can every day," he said.



Head Coach Tad Niblett

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Aug. 30	Baldwin County	AWAY
Sept. 6	Robertsdale	HOME
Sept. 13	New Smyrna Beach, Fla.	HOME
Sept. 20	St. Paul's Episcopal	HOME
Sept. 27	Open	
Oct. 4	Saraland	HOME
Oct. 11	Blount	AWAY
Oct. 18	Daphne	HOME
Oct. 25	Spanish Fort	AWAY
Nov. 1	BC Rain	AWAY

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GULF SHORES HIGH SCHOOL DOLPHINS



Dolphins diving into 2019 as head coach Matt Blake enters third season at helm

By MICHAEL HANICH

Gulf Shores football kicks off year three under Matt Blake's leadership as head coach as the Dolphins dive into 2019. Blake said enthusiasm is up and running at GSHS for the program and the players and fans are looking forward to the new season.

"The kids are pumped and working their tails off and the community's excited," he said. "Their support has been great and it's building toward the opening of the season. We're going to come out of the gates full steam ahead."

The Dolphins accounted for a 1-9 record with their only win coming in the last week

of the season in a 36-19 victory against the B.C. Rain Raiders.

Throughout the off-season, the Dolphins have been readdressing themselves offensively

to become more consistent and more explosive. Last season, the Dolphins accounted for an average of 14.1 points per game and they were shut out three times.

More specifically, the Dolphins are looking to become more stable in the passing.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Dolphins are looking to defend against potential explosive plays. The Dolphins average 31

points allowed per game from opposing offenses. Defending against long-range passes and having their defensive backs lockdown their receiver is critical this offseason. Getting to the quarterback is another huge step for the Dolphins to

take. Outside linebacker Bradley Goodwin will be one of the most experienced defenders for the Dolphins and will look to lead the defense to be more disruptive against opposing offenses.

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Head Coach Matt Blake

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ROBERTSDALE GOLDEN BEARS

ROBERTSDALE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 23	Mary Montgomery	HOME
Aug. 30	Blount	HOME
Sept. 6	Gulf Shores	AWAY
Sept. 13	Spanish Fort	HOME
Sept. 20	Saraland	AWAY
Sept. 27	Faith Academy	AWAY
Oct. 4	BC Rain	HOME
Oct. 11	Daphne	AWAY
Oct. 18	Baldwin County	AWAY
Oct. 25	Open	
Nov. 1	St. Paul's Episcopal	HOME



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GO BEARS

ROBERTSDALE HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN BEARS



Robertsdale football welcomes new head coach Kyle Stanford to take over gridiron program

GCM SPORTS

First-year Robertsdale head coach Kyle Stanford is focused on the future, but he is not forgetting that his Golden Bears players and fans are hungry now.

"I've not one time talked about wins and losses," he said concerning the rebuilding process, including introducing new things as well as tweaking familiar aspects of the program to remain in place.

"Wins and losses will happen. My goal is for these guys is to have the most outstanding high school experience they can possibly have," he said at the annual Baldwin Media Days press conference. "This is our product – these boys – and that will be displayed every Friday night and everyone will see it. But it's also displayed five days a week in the hallways of our school and seven days a week in their community. We want them to be productive citizen. That will transfer to the rest of their lives."

Former Golden Bear standout Dusty Coleman will return to RHS as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Stanford will direct the defense and also work with outside linebackers.

The Bears open the 2019 campaign at home against the Mary. G. Montgomery Vikings at J. D. Sellers Stadium on Aug. 23. Robertsdale is 1-2 in games with the now 7A Class team from Semmes. And the competition only gets tougher as Class 6A region contender Blount sends their Leopards to the Hub City for the league opener.

The Bears went 2-8 last year with a 25-13 home win over county rival Gulf Shores and a 28-21 road win at B.C. Rain – both league victories. RHS scored an average of 11.8 points per game, but allowed 25.8 points per game by opponents. Flipping that ratio or just narrowing the gap will certainly help satiate the Golden Bears' hunger for more Friday-night wins.



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Stanford said that the Robertsdale and surrounding communities had been very welcoming to him and his family which had a new addition about the time he accepted the offer in April.

"Everyone from the mayor, police chief, city council as well as principal (Joe) Sharp and others have made us feel so welcomed and been so helpful during the move and since," he said. "We really feel blessed and appreciative for this opportunity. We feel like this is where we are meant to be."

"My main goal this summer has been expressed with the word, 'Unify' and 'Strength through unity.' With great communities like Silverhill and Loxley and Elsanor, we are re-

ally fortunate to represent all these areas."

He also complemented former RHS coach Chase Smith (now at Orange Beach) for helping in the transition.

"I think Chase definitely got the program headed in the right direction and helped to get the players ready for the change."

Stanford said turning a 2-8 season into an 8-2 or better record in one year is possible, but realistically he sees being able to rebuild the program steadily over the next few years and help the Bears return to playoff and championship form.

"Right now, we're focused more on us and building a culture of preparation. To get results that are positive, you have to learn how to



Quarterback Tristian Stevens

prepare yourself. So, we want to know ourselves first before learning to know our opponent. I know these guys are

hungry. When I played we had three coaches in three years, so I kind of relate. And right now, I feel great about this

team and where we can take it from the hallways and the weight room to the field. I feel very positive about the future."

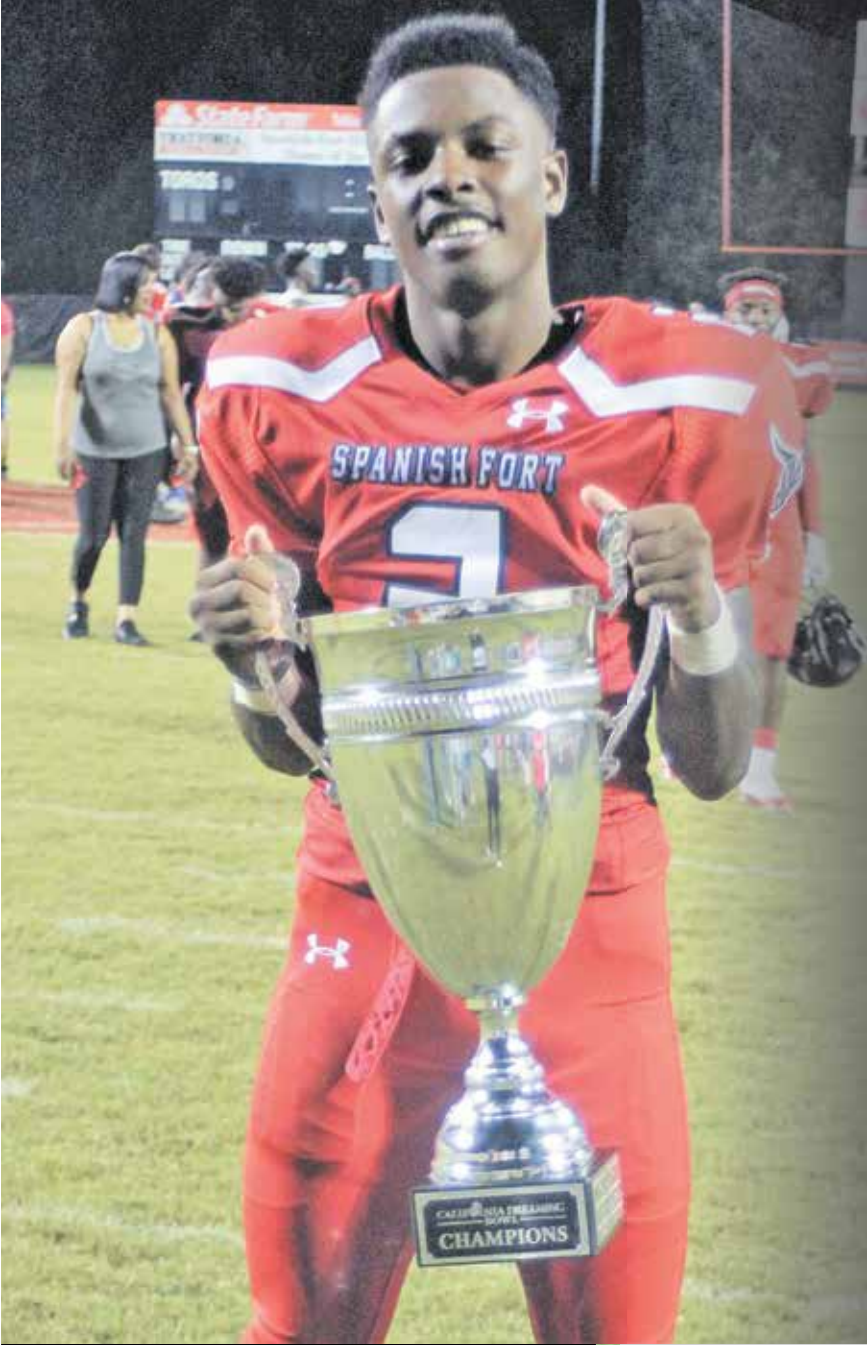


Head Coach Kyle Stanford

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2019

SPANISH FORT HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Aug. 23	McGill-Toolen	HOME
Aug. 30	Daphne	AWAY
Sept. 6	Moss Point (Miss.)	AWAY
Sept. 13	Robertsdale	AWAY
Sept. 20	BC Rain	HOME
Sept. 27	Open	
Oct. 4	St Paul's	AWAY
Oct. 11	Baldwin County	HOME
Oct. 18	Blount	AWAY
Oct. 25	Gulf Shores	HOME
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State quarterfinalist Spanish Fort working to retain 6A Region 1 title and return to state playoffs in 2019

GCM SPORTS

The Spanish Fort Toros have been working hard in the offseason to get ready to defend their 2018 Class 6A Region championship title (The Toros' sixth region crown since 2012) and make another deep run into the playoffs.

"The kids have been working hard to get ready for this fall," said Spanish Fort head coach Ben Blackmon.

"We're really looking forward to this year. We came off a heartbreaking loss at Wetumpka (in the playoffs) and still facing some injury problems but aiming to be as ready as we can be when the season starts."

As a junior last year, starting Toros quarterback Jackson Burkhalter, tore his ACL in the second half of his team's 22-0 win over St. Paul's and missed the rest of the 2018 season.

"There wasn't really any contact. I just turned wrong," he said of the injury. "I had surgery done with Dr. (James) Andrews. It's definitely been a process, kind of a day-to-day thing. I've learned you just can't get too far ahead of yourself. You just have to get stronger and keep working."

Blackmon said Burkhalter has shown courage to get back to the point he is in his recovery.

"That is what football teaches you," Blackmon said. "This experience will help Jackson further down the road in



sports and in life. You have to fight through adversity. I've seen Jackson grow and get better and work through it. He's come back this summer and really led our team in 7-on-7 and practice. I've been really

pleased with him."

The 6-foot-5 Burkhalter threw for 712 yards and nine touchdowns in six games a year ago before the injury. He was intercepted just twice. He also ran for a touchdown.

Spanish Fort went 8-0 in region play and won the super-competitive league that is Region 1 in Class 6A. They went on to host the first round of playoffs and defeated Benjamin Russell 38-0. The Toros then shutout McAdory 30-0 before falling to Wetumpka 21-17 in round three.

The Toros open 2019 against McGill-Toolen Catholic, led by former SFHS coach Ernest Hill, which went deep in the Class 7A playoffs last year. The Yellow Jackets have been a non-region thorn in the Toros' sides for the last five seasons with McGill-Toolen sweeping the season-

opening series so far.

"We like to go up against good teams," Blackmon said. "Gives us a good idea of where we are before the region games start."

Spanish Fort will then start the region run at neighboring rival Daphne at Jubilee Stadium on Aug. 30.



Head Coach Ben Blackmon

"The kids have been working hard to get ready for this fall. We're really looking forward to this year."



2019

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FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

Aug. 22	Floralia	HOME
Aug. 30	Open	
Sept. 6	Thomasville	AWAY
Sept. 13	T.R. Miller	AWAY
Sept. 19	Flomaton	HOME
Sept. 27	Chickasaw	HOME
Oct. 4	Excel	AWAY
Oct. 11	McIntosh	AWAY
Oct. 18	Bayside Academy	HOME
Oct. 24	Mobile Christian	HOME
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ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CARDINALS

St. Michael Catholic Cardinals enter second varsity season as growing pains continue

GCM SPORTS

The St. Michael Cardinals will field more upper classmen in 2019 compared to last year, but are still young and are going back into what many consider the toughest Class 3A league in the state, Region 1.

“We do have to compete with some really strong programs,” said St. Michael’s head coach Scott Phelps. “But we have great kids who enjoy the challenge and have worked hard to help build this program. Being part of something from the ground floor up is exciting. Getting that first win last year was big, but we want more than one this year and these guys do as well.”

The Cardinals got that first victory at non-region Elberta in the final game of the season with a score of 27-20. In 2019 they are looking to include a first-region

win and more, but with powerhouse opponents like Mobile Christian (2018 Region champ), Flomaton, Thomasville, T.R. Miller, Bayside and Excel, the effort will be

uphill.

Phelps helped create the program as its first head coach and remembers spartan-like conditions in the first season without a fieldhouse or on campus practice facilities.

“We knew it would be a work in progress from the start, but the excitement of being in at the beginning will always

be something these guys will always have.”

Senior Will Edmiston went to Fairhope before transferring that first year and was a little surprised the first day of practice.

“We pulled up to the YMCA (in Daphne) and I was like, ‘What are we doing here?’ We worked out there and then walked up to Trione

Park and practiced on a softball field. The first two days it was a little weird, but then it became normal.”

St. Michael opens with a tough Florala team coming to Fairhope Aug. 23, then takes an open week before travelling to Thomasville on Sept. 6. The THS Tigers recently moved down from Class 4A.



Head Coach Scott Phelps

“Getting that first win last year was big, but we want more than one this year and these guys do as well.”



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Eagles to regroup after suspending varsity play in 2019

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FOLEY — After two history-making seasons, Coach Keith Smith and staff at Snook Christian Academy will now need to regroup after deciding to suspend varsity play for the 2019 season because of a lack of players.

“It was my decision two years ago to jump right with a full varsity schedule,” Smith said. “I thought we would be able to draw from the community with players who would want to buy in to our system. That just didn’t happen like I hoped it would.”

Enthusiasm was high for the Eagles inaugural season in 2017, Smith said, especially after winning a close game against St. Patrick Catholic High School of Biloxi, Mississippi, 22-14, a home contest that was played at J.D. Sellars Stadium in Robertsdale.

The Eagles would go on to win their first three games, en route to a 5-5 season.

After announcing that the team would be joining the Alabama Independent School Association (AISA) in 2018, the Eagles would struggle, losing seven of their first eight games before finishing the regular season 2-8.

“We had a good spring, but for whatever reason, we lost a lot of players between the end of spring and the start of fall,” Smith said. “We ended up dressing 15 players to start the season. It was a struggle, but I’m proud of our kids. They fought hard and didn’t give up.”

In the end, the Eagles’ two wins – a 45-28 victory over Sparta Academy on Sept. 7, and a see-saw battle on Homecoming night, which the Eagles survived 45-42 – were all they would need to clinch the team’s first-ever playoff spot.

Unfortunately, the momentum would not carry into the playoffs as the Eagles lost their last two games of the regular season before taking a 56-6 loss to eventual 1A State Champion Chambers Academy. The Eagles dressed 21 players for the game, Smith said.

The 2019 season



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started much the same, Smith said. The team added a few players and held their own in its spring game, but by the summer, Smith said, the team was down to 13 players, only four upperclassmen, one senior, two juniors and a sophomore.

“As a competitor, you always believe you have a chance to compete,” Smith said, “but in the end, we decided that, for the safety of these young men, it would be better to take a step back and regroup.”

The team will play a six-game junior high schedule this season,

beginning Sept. 3 on the road against Ernest Ward Middle School in Walnut Hill, Florida. The team will play home-and-home games against Ernest Ward (at home on Sept. 24); Resurrection Catholic (at home on Sept. 9 and on the road in Pascagoula, Mississippi, Sept. 30); and Escambia Academy (in Atmore on Sept. 16 and at home on Oct. 7). All home games will be played at Summerdale Middle School.

“We still don’t have a lot of depth,” Smith said. The team currently has 15 players listed on its roster. “But

we have a good, core group of seven freshmen who all have a strong work ethic and good attitudes. I am confident that we will be able to build on this team and look forward to a strong future for our program.”

The team will be led by freshman quarterback Robert Dunn, who will be backed up by eighth grader Billy Merchant. In the backfield the Eagles will be looking to freshman Philip Butts and eighth grader Corbin Hall.

One of the team’s biggest strengths will be up front, Smith said, led by a core group of freshmen, Hayden Joiner at center, Andrew Weist,

Easton Frank, Sam French and Leo Alvarez. Seventh grader Kile Votaw will also see playing time up front for the Eagles, Smith said.

Receivers include sixth graders Cameron Kyles, Chase Joiner, Caden Hawkins and Josh Gabel, Smith said. Sixth grader Dallas Wyatt will also see playing time.

With just 15 players on the roster, all will see playing time on both sides of the ball, he said.

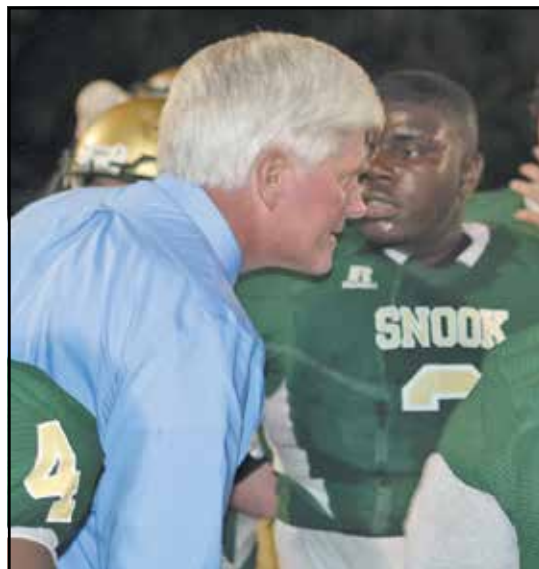
As far as the varsity season, Smith said, he is unsure if the Eagles will be able just to drop those games, or if the team will have to forfeit.

“I am confident that we should be able just

to drop our Region games,” he said, “but we were scheduled to play one Mississippi team and two Florida teams. We will have to talk to their athletic associations to decide what is going to happen with those games.”

Smith said he is hoping that the team will be able to come back in 2020 with either a varsity or a junior varsity schedule.

“We’re going to go back and build the program like we should have from the beginning,” he said. “It’s basically just a numbers game. If the numbers are there, we will move forward with what we have.”



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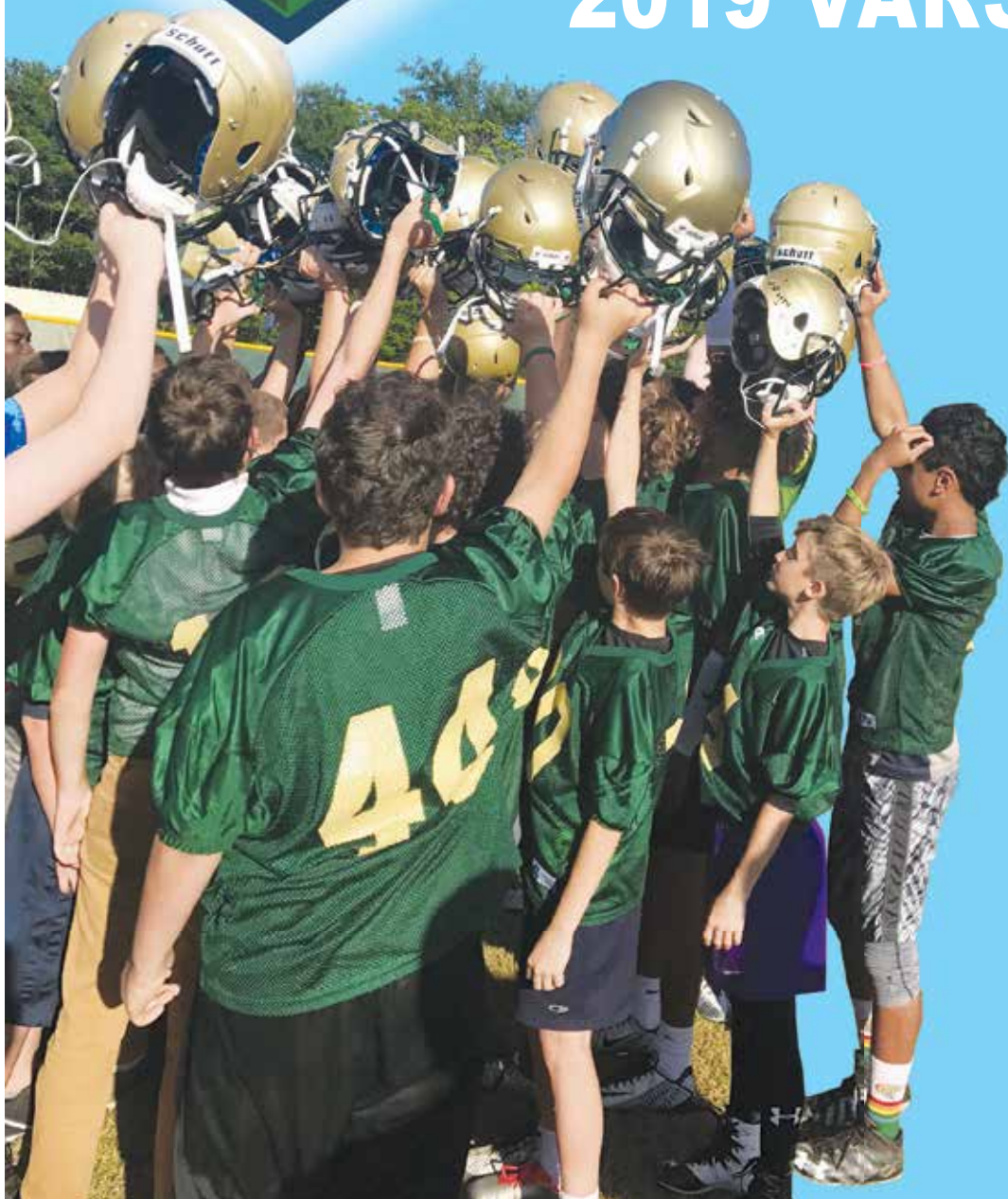
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ORANGE BEACH HIGH/ MIDDLE SCHOOL MAKOS



Orange Beach Makos diving into football fray

By MICHAEL HANICH

Baldwin County is continuing to develop more schools and more sports programs as now the Orange Beach High School Makos are entering the fray for competition. The Makos football team is among some of the new programs that will start competing before the school building is even constructed. The freshmen team will have two years of competition before the junior varsity and then the varsity team will start competing. The varsity programs are set to play full schedules in 2022.

Former South Alabama Jaguars offensive line/tight end coach and Robertsdale Golden Bears head coach Chase

Smith became the head coach of the Makos on March 22. Smith said it's a great privilege to start and build a program close to home. Smith and his coaching staff have already started develop-

ing his players that will play on the freshmen team and as well as players of the future in the weight room.

"It's been busy, but busy is good," Smith said. "It's just not the

kind of busy I am used to. I'm ordering brooms and water bottles and markers. Those are things I've never had to think about before, but it's been great for me. Every day is a learning experience. I've felt kind of like an equipment manager some days."

Smith is one of a few head coaches in Baldwin County that is not a former quarterback

or quarterbacks' coach. Other head coaches that come from the non-quarterback coaching platform are Daphne Trojans head coach Kenny King and Gulf Shores Dolphins head coach Matt Blake. Smith reiterated that his team will develop a sense of individual commission and responsibility on and off-the-field.

Look for the Makos'

freshman team to be eager but focused in their first season as these players will be the founders as well as the immediate future of the Orange Beach High School football team.

The Orange Beach Makos will play a mixed schedule of junior-varsity/freshman games as well as middle-school games this fall.



Head Coach Chase Smith

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As high school football season draws near, Sports Academy continues their Concussion Education Program

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DAPHNE — The United States Sports Academy is continuing its important work to educate Mobile, Ala., high school athletes about sport-related concussion issues.

This summer, Academy Chair of Sports Management Dr. Brandon Spradley and doctoral student and lecturer Robert Herron are visiting high schools in the Mobile County Public School System (MCPSS) to inform and educate athletes, athletic trainers, and coaches about sport-related concussions.

Since 2016, the Academy has worked with the University of South Alabama (USA) Department of Neurology and the Mobile County Public School

System (MCPSS) under the Concussion Awareness Program (CAP), funded in part by a grant from the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) to USA. Under the program directed by USA, the University and the Academy developed procedures for use by the school system to better protect student athletes from the negative health consequences of concussions. Students, coaches and others involved in contact sports programs are provided training on concussion awareness and prevention. Protocols are also put in place to make sure that student athletes who receive concussions are not allowed to return to play until medical professionals approve.

Spradley said the pro-

gram is geared not only toward educating athletes about concussions, but also toward improving their attitude about them.

"We want this program to help the athlete make an educated decision when their safety is on the line," Spradley said. "We want them to be educated about the signs and symptoms of concussion, but we also want them to be able to make an informed decision about it. We also want to help athletes be confident to help their peers if the situation arises."

Spradley has been a key member of a team of Academy faculty who have played a role in encouraging and implementing concussion research and education programs across Baldwin

and Mobile counties on Alabama's Gulf Coast, including a program in concert with the University of South Alabama to mitigate the impact of concussion among football players in the Mobile County Public School System.

"It is important that we teach young athletes to have the right attitude and mindset toward concussions and to improve their behavior and willingness to report concussion symptoms," Spradley said. "We have to do everything we can to educate people to be more aware of concussions so that the sports we play are as safe as they can be."

The second element of the program relates to ensuring that athletes with concussions are

given proper medical treatment and not allowed to resume competing until medically cleared. This is achieved by medical intervention and by using the King-Devick Test and the Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT) 5 test. After suffering a concussion or suspected concussion, the tests are taken again. Under the protocol, players suspected to have suffered concussions cannot resume competition unless released by medical professionals.

Concussion has become a major issue of concern in contact sports in recent years, especially in relation to the discovery of Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy, or CTE, among professional football players and other athletes. Caused

by repeated blows to the head and recurring concussions, the disease has been blamed for cognitive and intellectual impairment, mood disorders, depression, drug abuse, and suicide attempts among elite athletes.

In addition to its involvement in CAP, the Academy offers a free online course on sport-related concussions which provides an in-depth review of the risks, prevention, recognition, treatment and management of sport-related concussions. The course also discusses the importance of awareness and education strategies for coaches, athletes, parents, administrators, and health care professionals. The course is available by going to www.ussa.edu/free-courses.

DOLPHINS

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The Dolphins have a chance to start off the 2019 season on a strong note due to their schedule. Gulf Shores will kick off their season with a home matchup against the Satsuma Gators, who went 4-6 last season. The Dolphins lost to the Gators at Satsuma in 2018 with a 20-25 score.

After a game against

the Baldwin County High School, the Dolphins will host the Robertsdale Bears, who are going through changes with their new head coach Kyle Stanford after Chase Smith left to take the same position with the Orange Beach High School Makos. Last season, the Dolphins lost to the Bears 25-13, so expect this game to be a revenge factor for them.

There could be a chance that the Gulf

Shores Dolphins could start off the season 2-1. Coach Blake has been building his team for a long fight and that long fight is continuing towards a potential .500 or better season.

He said everyone is embracing the school-system switch from Baldwin County to the Gulf Shores municipal system which begins this fall.

"Even though it's the same school, same building, it really feels like a

brand-new atmosphere and attitude. Everybody is ready to get started under the new system with the change. For a lot of people, change is scary. I see it as an absolute positive. It has created a real buzz in our community, and we are just looking to build on that positivity. The challenge for us every day is to be the best 'us' that we can be. We've got to be better tomorrow than we were today. That should be our goal

in the weight room, on the field or whether we are working out on the beach."

He said the 'Phins are regularly working out on the beach for both conditioning and as a way to embrace and acknowledge their community.

"We are a beach community," Blake said. "And it's way to say to the public, 'Hey, we're here getting ready to represent Gulf Shores.'"

He said the weekly

tug-of-war in the sand is helpful to the mind and muscles.

"A tug-of-war is a battle and it's helpful for conditioning, but also demonstrates teamwork because everybody has to hold the rope and pull their weight. So, the message is: Everybody on the team matters. Whether they're one of the 11 on the field or one of 100 on the sideline, everybody doing their job contributes to the effort."

CROSS COUNTRY 2019 IN BALDWIN COUNTY

Spanish Fort girls, Bayside boys will debut at the top of AL.MileSplit.com's rankings to open 2019

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DAPHNE — Last fall, high school teams from Baldwin County sent 12 qualifying teams and 10 individual state qualifiers to compete in the Alabama High School Athletic Association State Cross Country Meet.

Three Girls' teams: Daphne, Spanish Fort and St. Michael's Catholic earned top-10 medals at state. The DHS Lady Trojans finished fifth in Class 6A, the SFHS Lady Toros took seventh in Class 6A and the young SMCHS Lady Cardinals claimed eighth (Class 3A) in their respective Classifications.

In the Boys' division, the Class 3A Bayside Admirals sailed to Oakville and returned home with the 2018 Red-Map, state runner-up trophy and the new kids in St. Michael's Cardinals cruised to a No. 8 finish. The burgeoning rivalry between the Ads and the Cards as Class 3A and neighboring county rivals could heat up even more this season.

Longtime Fairhope High School cross-country and head track coach Tim Yahr put together this look back at the 2018 season along with results for each AHSAA team. He also lends his insight and experience toward some possible team and individual outcomes for the sport of running in Baldwin, 2019.

BALDWIN COUNTY HIGH BOYS:

Baldwin County did very well last season and they are primed and ready to explode in 2019. They placed sixth in a difficult Class 6A Section bracket and yet qualified three Tiger runners for the Alabama High School Athletic Association State Meet. Two of their 2018 state-meet veteran competitors will be seniors this year. The third state competitor, Graham Harvey, was their fastest runner last year and will be a junior in 2019. Furthermore, the BCHS Tigers are in a great position to pounce on the title trail as they return all 11 members of last year's team.

BAYSHORE CHRISTIAN BOYS:

Bayshore Christian lost their senior leader to graduation in 2018, but the Eagles will have plenty of talent still to build on after completing their inaugural

season in the Alabama High School Athletic Association last year. The Bayshore boys competed in three AHSAA meets last season, but did not compete at county or sections or at the state meet in 2018. Junior Bryant Stevens was their fastest runner last year and they don't have any returning seniors.

BAYSIDE ACADEMY BOYS:

If the Bayside Academy boys remain competing at the 3A level, then the Admirals are the big story in Baldwin County for 2019. The Admirals have five senior boys (now that Ernest Ladd is back — 2016 Baldwin County Champion) ready to run. Five effective and contributing senior boys at a Class 3A school is a great asset and reflects the great work of the Admirals' head coach Joe Swagart. Bayside was very successful last year without Ladd — second in the State in Class 3A and they are only losing their No. 1 and No. 7. Myles Cook finished in sixth place at last year's AHSAA State Championship Meet, ran in the ASHAA All-Star race and looks to lead this year's team. Bayside is presently the favorite for winning the County's Team Championship and is possibly the favorite to win State in the Class 3A race.

DAPHNE BOYS:

Daphne will be led by veteran Ethan Rowe. The senior Trojan ran in the AHSAA All-Star race, was an All-State selection and is the only returning Baldwin County boy to post a sub-17 time from 2018. Daphne will have a total of four senior boys leading the way. In fact, that senior pack are four of the top five Trojan runners from last year. Daphne (Class 6A) and crosstown neighboring rival Bayside Academy Class 3A) should be the most likely ones to compete for a team County Championship in October this fall. The Trojans were second in the Baldwin County Championship Meet last year and look to improve on that finish and on their 10th place finish at State.

ELBERTA BOYS:

Elberta will be able to build on last year's success as they work to develop their young program. They had two boys run at the State

2018 State results

Great results for Baldwin County's CC teams with 16 of 22 teams represented at the State Meet.

GIRLS:

6A Baldwin County — Team 12th
3A Bayside — Team 11th
6A Daphne — Team Fifth
7A Fairhope — Team 14th
7A Foley — Three runners
6A Gulf Shores — Two runners
3A St. Michael's — Team Eighth
6A Spanish Fort — Team Seventh

BOYS:

6A Baldwin County — Three runners
3A Bayside — Team Second
6A Daphne — Team 10th
2A Elberta — Two runners
7A Fairhope — Team 14th
6A Gulf Shores — Team 16th
3A St. Michael's — Team Eighth
6A Spanish Fort — Team 12th

AL.MileSplit.com rankings for 2019

GIRLS:

- Spanish Fort
- Baldwin County
- Daphne
- Bayside Academy
- Fairhope
- St. Michael's
- Foley
- Bayshore
- Gulf Shores
- Robertsdale

BOYS:

- Bayside
- Daphne
- Gulf Shores
- Spanish Fort
- St. Michael's
- Fairhope
- Baldwin County
- Foley
- Robertsdale
- Elberta
- Bayshore

Meet, but both were seniors. The Warriors do not have any seniors for this year's team, but they do return eight runners lead by sophomore Robert Medolla. Last year's team placed fifth at Sections — just one spot away from a trip to State for the whole team. Elberta will certainly be looking to moving up that one spot or better and taking the whole team to Moulton (for the state meet) in 2019.

FAIRHOPE BOYS:

Fairhope is a bit interesting this year. Last year, the Pirates won the 2018 County Championship and qualified for the AHSAA State Championship Meet, but only had five varsity runners and only one of those will be returning. Dawson Koehler is a senior and Fairhope's one returning varsity athlete. The Pirates' team had a good number of JV last year and they'll need them if they plan to do well in 2019.

FOLEY BOYS:

The Foley Lions can return seven of last year's nine runners. Sophomore Ever Diaz has the team's best time from 2018 followed by the two seniors. With the possibility of having so many Lions back for 2019, they will certainly be working hard and looking forward to build on last year's successes.

GULF SHORES BOYS:

Gulf Shores has a very good boys team heading into the 2019 cross-country season and the Dolphins only lost one senior. If they are going to make some noise with their senior leader Ben Imperato, then his teammates: Fellow senior Brady George, the four juniors and three sophomores will have to step it up a notch this year. The Dolphins made it to State last year after finishing sixth at the Baldwin County Championships. And this year, they could challenge for a County Championship with a

Senior runners

GIRLS:

Baldwin County: Alondra Rangel
Bayside: Anna Schmidt, Audrey Hudson, Lauren West
Daphne: Haley Thompson
Fairhope: Brooke DuPlantier (AHSAA All Star), Harper Harwell
Foley: Sydney Moore, Jordana Stugart
Gulf Shores: Skylar Nicholson, Lacey Tillery
Robertsdale: Hallie Wells
St. Michael's: Alison Boyd (AHSAA All Star, 2018 All State), Ella Tapscott
Spanish Fort: Caitlyn Busbin, Ryley Grantham

BOYS:

Baldwin County: Mason Brock, Ben White, Joe White
Bayside: Myles Cook (AHSAA All Star, 2018 All State), Christopher Drayton, Spencer Gaberino, Ernest Ladd, Benjamin Lane
Daphne: Ethan Blanton, Michael Koser, Lance Paquette, Ethan Rowe (AHSAA All Star, 2018 All State)
Fairhope: Dawson Koehler
Foley: Julian Cruz, Gabriel Stachurski
Gulf Shores: Brady Goerge, Ben Imperato
Robertsdale: Noah Burch
St. Michael's: Nick Berrios, Michael Garriz, Yuriy Greenlay, Jack Phelps.
Spanish Fort: Chris Duran, Pablo Martin-Jimenez

In the running

Athletes who could compete for the individual title of 2019 Baldwin County Champion:

GIRLS: Brooke DuPlantier (Fairhope), Alondra Rangel (Baldwin County), Ryley Grantham (Spanish Fort), Lauren West (Bayside), Gracie Wysong (Daphne), Olivia Wilder (Spanish Fort), Alison Boyd (St. Michael's).

BOYS: Ethan Rowe (Daphne), Myles Cook (Bayside), Ernest Ladd (Bayside), Ben Imperato (Gulf Shores), Sam Ingraham (Gulf Shores), Lance Paquette (Daphne), Dawson Koehler (Fairhope).

Meets for 2019

THURSDAY, AUG. 22: Admiral's Twilight Invite - Bayside Sports Complex

THURSDAY, AUG. 22: Faith Academy Banana Relays - Faith Academy

SATURDAY, AUG. 31: Challenge of Champions - Langan Park, Mobile

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6: Azalea City Classic - Mobile Fairgrounds

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14: Gulf Coast Stampede - Escambia County Equestrian

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21: Daphne Invitational - Blakeley State Park

SATURDAY, SEPT. 28: Battle of the Bay - Loxley Park

SATURDAY, OCT. 5: Jesse Owens Classic - Oakville

SATURDAY, OCT. 5: T. R. Miller Challenge - Brewton

TUESDAY OCT. 8: Pirate Challenge - Fairhope High School

SATURDAY, OCT. 12: Faith Academy's Boardwalk Challenge - Faith Academy

SATURDAY, OCT. 19: Baldwin County Championships - Location TBD

THURSDAY, OCT. 24: Fairhope City Pier Race - Fairhope Pier

SATURDAY, OCT. 26: McGill-Toolen Relays - Mobile Langan Park

THURSDAY, OCT. 31: Section Races at various locations

SATURDAY, NOV. 9: State Meet in Oakville

big, overall effort from the younger runners.

ROBERTSDALE BOYS:

The Bears had a tough year in 2018, but they hung in there until the end. Their work and experience in 2018

should pay dividends in 2019. Robertsdale's boys will be led by junior Bailey Fisher. The team returns seven athletes with only one senior so their experience will allow them to have success this year as well as



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the youthful part of the roster will continue to build for the future.

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC BOYS:

The Cardinals are loaded. St. Michael's has 19 — yes, you heard it right — 19 boys from 2018 who can race 5K in 2019. That is amazing. No one else in Baldwin County is close to those kinds of numbers and there are no middle-school athletes included in those 19. Their boys finished No. 8 in the State for Class 3A. The Cardinals' top-three runners are all seniors and are led by Jack Phelps. St. Michael's was fourth in last year's Baldwin County race and are projected as No. 4 to start off 2019. But with all those athletes and four seniors, the Cardinals could very well move up to No. 1.

SPANISH FORT BOYS:

Spanish Fort will be trying to make some noise this year despite the fact that their top two runners from last year graduated. They did have eight runners race the State Meet who will return for 2019 so the cupboard is far from bare. Three of those returning runners posted sub-19 times at State. The best time from last year was run by sophomore Joshua Clough.

BALDWIN COUNTY GIRLS:

Senior Alondra Rangel has helped to raise the expectations for this year's Baldwin County Lady Tigers. She was All Section, finished 25th at 6A State, and has a very good shot at winning this year's Baldwin County Championship. Baldwin County has all five of their five fastest runners returning from last year. The Tigers' girls are the AL.MileSplit.com pre-season pick to finish No. 2 for the county and should be a force to be reckoned with in 2019.

BAYSHORE GIRLS:

The Bayshore Christian Eagles return all five from last year's team and will have plenty to build on after completing their inaugural season. The Eagles' girls' team competed in three meets last year, but did not compete at county, section or state in 2018. Sophomore Anna Hartsel Hope was

their fastest runner from last year and they also will have two senior girls to provide the leadership.

BAYSIDE GIRLS:

Bayside finished 11th in the State for 3A girls in 2018 and fourth place in the county. Their team is led by senior Lauren West who placed 28th at the State Meet. The Lady Admirals have a lot of opportunity to move up this year as they have nine Lady Admirals returning from 2018.

DAPHNE GIRLS:

Daphne had a very successful 2018 season, very successful. The Trojans were the Baldwin County Champions, were second at Sections and finished fifth at state. The competition will have to wonder if they are reloading or rebuilding. If they reload, they will be very tough to beat. The team returns six girls who ran at the state meet and are led by junior Gracie Wysong.

ELBERTA GIRLS:

Elberta is a new program and only had one girl last year and she only competed in one race. Look for the Warriors' programs to grow quickly as the county continues to steadily grow.

FAIRHOPE GIRLS:

Fairhope did well last year finishing at third in the 2018 Baldwin County meet and making it to the AHSAA State Championships. The team will be led by the female athlete with the best county time entering the 2019 season: Brooke DuPlantier. DuPlantier is a senior and was also invited to run at this year's AHSAA All Star Cross-Country competition. The Lady Pirates' team will only have four of last year's varsity returning to try to improve on last year's accomplishments.

FOLEY GIRLS:

Foley finished off the year on a high note with three girls running at the State Meet — and all of them can return to this year's team. The Lady Lions have eight returning athletes of which two are seniors. Their best runner from last year is sophomore Macee Morin. The

team placed fifth at last year's AHSAA Section meet and needs only to improve one position to have the whole team advance and race at the 2019 State Meet.

GULF SHORES GIRLS:

The Gulf Shores Lady Dolphins had a good season last year: The 'Phins were seventh in Baldwin County, sixth at Sections and had two athletes advance to run at the State Meet. This year they will be led by 2019 State Meet qualifier sophomore McKenzie Herbig. McKenzie will have seven other returning athletes including two seniors to work with for improvement on 2018's results.

ROBERTSDALE GIRLS:

Last year Robertsdale had two girls at County and one at Sections. The Lady Bears have had a lot of success in the recent past and will have to push the reset button this year with senior Hallie Wells to lead that rebuilding process.

SAINT MICHAEL CATHOLIC GIRLS:

St. Michael's girls finished fifth at county, third at sections and eighth in the State for Class 3A and only lose one senior from last year's top 5 (their No. 4 runner). Their top-three girls placed in the top 40 of last year's State Meet. Those are great results for any cross-country program and a real credit to the Cardinals coach Jon Hall for building good teams so quickly while developing a new program from the ground up. Allison Boyd finished 13th in last year's 3A State Meet, ran in the AHSAA All-Star race, and should lead the way for this year's team.

SPANISH FORT GIRLS:

Spanish Fort's Lady Toros are ranked pre-season No. 1 for the Baldwin County girls and they are deserving of that ranking. The team returns all 10 of its State runners from last year that place 7th in State, 3rd in Sections, and 2nd at County. The team is led by senior Ryley Grantham. Remember the Lady Toro's long run of seven County Championships in a row? With only two seniors on this year's team, could this year be the start of another streak?



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Looking back at two big stories from last year: Baldwin volleyball teams claim two state titles in 2018

Bayside, Spanish Fort bring home blue-map trophies from AHSAA's 48th Annual State Championships



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CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Bayside Academy 3, Providence Christian 1

Bayside Academy extended its AHSAA record state championship streak to 17 in a row last year and upped its state-record overall championships to 27 with a hard-fought 25-13, 25-27, 25-22, 25-22 victory over Providence Christian in the 48th Class 4A State Volleyball finals held at the CrossPlex's Bill Harris Arena Thursday.

The Admirals (37-18) added another accomplishment to their growing list of state records in the process. Bayside Academy became the first school in AHSAA history to win state volleyball championships in four different classifications (1A, 2A, 3A and 4A). This marks 23 total state championships for Bayside under head coach Ann Schilling and 26 total in the school's program history. Schilling became the first volleyball coach in the state of Alabama to accomplish that feat.

"What you guys accomplished is incredible," Schilling told her team after the win. "Some of you were not even born when the streak started. When I stop and think about the extreme pressure you have been playing under, it's just incredible. A true team effort, every single one of you was important to make this happen."

Junior outside hitter Jacque Martin led the Admirals with 15 kills and 12 digs and was selected Class 4A state tourney MVP. Emily Buhl added eight kills and 15 digs and Ella Broadhead had nine kills. Setter Colton Thompson had 34 assists and seven digs, and Luci Wilkinson had three service aces and 16 digs.

Bayside, which moved up to Class 4A this season, won seven Class 1A state crowns from 1981-1996, nine Class 2A titles from 1998-2007 and 10

CLASS 4A ALL-STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM

Jacque Martin, Bayside Academy (MVP); Ella Broadhead, Bayside Academy; Colton Thompson, Bayside Academy; Anna Riley, Providence Christian; Abbie Griffin, Providence Christian; Autumn Mayes, Providence Christian.

Class 3A state championships from 2008-2017. The 2018 title is the first in Class 4A.

Under Schilling's leadership, Bayside currently holds the AHSAA all-time record of 17 consecutive state championships.

Dothan's Providence Christian (48-9), which also moved up from 3A to 4A this season, started slowly and fell behind 1-0 after the first set. The Eagles of Coach Bill Oldfield clawed out a 27-25 win in the second set to tie the match at 1-1 and kept it close the rest of the way but could not keep the momentum.

Junior Autumn Mayes had a match-high 21 kills and 21 digs to keep her team close. Anna Riley had 10 kills and Kayla Champion dished out 30 assists. Abbie Griffin contributed 17 digs.

Schilling passed the 1,400 win mark during the 2018 season with this team and has led the Bayside program to the state playoffs all 31 years of her coaching career. She was inducted into the AHSAA Sports Hall of Fame in March 2018.

The Admirals battled a tough Danville team in the quarterfinals to win in four sets: 25-20, 25-12, 16-25, 25-10. Bayside then defeated Trinity Christian in three: 25-18, 25-18, 25-17 in the semifinals to advance to the championship round.

CLASS 6A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Spanish Fort wins second Class 6A state volleyball title in last four years

Spanish Fort 3, Hazel Green 2

Spanish Fort rallied to win the final set to defeat Hazel Green 3-2 in the of Class 6A volleyball championship match last year. The Toros finished 65-5 overall and earned their second state crown in the last four seasons for head coach Gretchen Boykin.

SFHS went up two sets before HCHS came back to force the final deciding fifth set: 25-22, 25-23, 23-25, 21-25. The Toros finished strong with a 15-6 game, set and match state-title victory at Bill Harris Arena.

Spanish Fort's Avery Rodgers, a South Alabama commit, was named the 2018 Tournament MVP award. Taylor Fontenelle played on Spanish Fort's 2015 championship team as a freshman and then book-ended her career with another Blue Map today.

Spanish Fort set a single-season school record for wins and won its second state title in the last four years. The Toros swept through the state tournament bracket before the championship with three-set wins

CLASS 6A ALL-STATE TOURNAMENT TEAM

Kamble Frenette, Kayla Keshock, Taylor Fontenelle and Avery Rodgers from Spanish Fort. And, from HGHS, Catherine Smith, Butler and Brittany Strobe from Hazel Green; Rodgers was named MVP.

over their quarterfinal-match opponent Muscle Shoals 25-7, 25-15, 25-10 and over Pelham in the semifinals 25-19, 25-23 and 25-23.

St. Paul's Episcopal out of Mobile advanced to the semis with a three-set win over Albertville. But the Saints just missed a chance to meet Spanish Fort in the finals when Hazel Green won their five-setter 25-21, 23-25, 23-25, 25-18, 15-11. Hazel Green was going for their second title in the last three years.

Rodgers contributed 24 kills, and Catherine Smith had 45 assists for the Trojans, and Brittany Strobe added a team-high 36 digs.



2019 VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULES

AS OF AUG. 9 (Visit AHSAA.com for updates/changes)

Baldwin County High School

Aug. 23	8 a.m.	Mary Montgomery Invitational	AWAY
Aug. 27	5:30 p.m.	St. Michael Catholic High School	HOME
Aug. 29	5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School	AWAY
Sept. 3	6 p.m.	Foley High School	HOME
Sept. 5	5:30 p.m.	Elberta High School	AWAY
Sept. 10	5:30 p.m.	Satsuma High School	AWAY
Sept. 12	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	AWAY
Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.	Daphne High School	HOME
Sept. 24	4:30 p.m.	Elberta High School	HOME
Sept. 30	5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School	HOME
Oct. 1	5:30 p.m.	Daphne High School	HOME
Oct. 3	6:30 p.m.	Faith Academy School	AWAY
Oct. 8	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	HOME
Oct. 10	5:30 p.m.	Foley High School	AWAY

Bayshore Christian School

Aug. 26	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Chickasaw High School (JV/V)	AWAY
Aug. 29	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Elberta High School (JV/V)	HOME
Aug. 30-31	TBA	OWA Tournament (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 5	4:30/5:30 p.m.	UMS-Wright Prep School (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 6-7	TBA	Fairhope High School Invitational (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 10	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Mobile Christian School (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 12	4:30/5:30 p.m.	St. Michael Catholic School (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 17	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Elberta High School (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 19	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 24	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Satsuma High School (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 26	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School (JV/V)	HOME
Oct. 1	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Fairhope High School (JV/V)	HOME
Oct. 3	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Mobile Christian School (JV/V)	AWAY
Oct. 5	TBA	Battle of Old Shell Road (JV/V)	AWAY
Oct. 15	4:30 p.m.	Robertsdale (4-Way) (JV)	HOME
Oct. 17	4:30/5:30 p.m.	St. Michael Catholic School (JV/V)	AWAY

Bayside Academy

Aug. 22	TBA	Oak Mountain (V)	AWAY
Aug. 23-24	TBA	Boddie Tournament (V)	AWAY
Aug. 29	4:30/5:30 p.m.	St. Michael (F/V)	HOME
Aug. 30-31	TBA	OWA Tournament (F)	AWAY
Aug. 30-31	TBA	Huntsville Tournament (V)	AWAY
Sept. 4	4:30/5:30 p.m.	St. Paul's High School (F/V)	HOME
Sept. 5	4:30 p.m.	McGill-Toolen High School (F)	AWAY
Sept. 6-7	TBA	Fairhope High School Invitational (V)	AWAY
Sept. 10	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Spanish Fort High School (F/V)	AWAY
Sept. 12	5 p.m.	Escambia County High School (V)	AWAY
Sept. 13-14	TBA	MGM Tournament (F)	AWAY
Sept. 13-14	TBA	Battle by the Bay (V)	AWAY
Sept. 17	5/6 p.m.	McGill-Toolen High School (F/V)	HOME
Sept. 18	4:30 p.m.	St. Paul's (F)	AWAY
Sept. 19	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Daphne High School (F/V)	AWAY
Sept. 21	TBA	Gulf Shores Tournament (F)	AWAY
Sept. 23	4:30/5:30 p.m.	W.S. Neal High School (F/V)	AWAY
Sept. 26	5/6 p.m.	Baker High School (F/V)	AWAY
Sept. 27-28	TBA	UMS Tournament (F)	AWAY
Sept. 27-28	TBA	Over the Mountain Tournament (V)	AWAY
Oct. 7	4:30 p.m.	Williamson High School (V)	HOME
Oct. 8	4:30/5:30 p.m.	UMS-Wright Prep School (F/V)	AWAY
Oct. 10	4:30/5:30 p.m.	St. Michael Catholic School (F/V)	AWAY
Oct. 11-12	TBA	Blalock Tournament (V)	AWAY
Oct. 14	4:30/5:30 p.m.	W.S. Neal High School (F/V)	HOME
Oct. 15	6 p.m.	McGill-Toolen High School (V)	AWAY
Oct. 17	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Spanish Fort High School (F/V)	HOME
Oct. 18-19	TBA	Spanish Fort Tournament (V)	AWAY
Oct. 21-22	TBA	Area Tournament (V)	TBA
Oct. 25-26	TBA	Super Regionals (V)	TBA
Oct. 30-31	TBA	State Tournament (V)	TBA

Central Christian School

Aug. 2-3	TBA	Carmen Falcione Memorial Classic (V)	AWAY
Aug. 16-17	TBA	West Florida Volleyball Tournament (V)	AWAY
Aug. 20	5:30/6:30 p.m.	Atmore Christian (JV/V)	HOME
Aug. 22	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Aletheia Christian (JV/V)	HOME
Aug. 23	4/5 p.m.	Trinitas Christian (JV/V)	AWAY
Aug. 27	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Lighthouse Baptist (JV/V)	AWAY
Aug. 29	5:30/6:30 p.m.	Pensacola Christian (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 3	4:30/5:30 p.m.	East Hill Christian (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 5	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Christian Collegiate (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 6	4/5 p.m.	Santa Rosa (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 10	5/6 p.m.	Atmore Christian (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 12	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Lighthouse Baptist (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 13	5/6 p.m.	Pensacola Christian (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 16	5:30/6:30 p.m.	East Hill Christian (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 17	5:30/6:30 p.m.	Christian Collegiate (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 24	5/6 p.m.	West Florida Baptist (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 26	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Calvary Christian (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 27	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Santa Rosa Christian (JV/V)	HOME
Oct. 3	4/5 p.m.	Aletheia Christian (JV/V)	AWAY
Oct. 4	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Emmanuel Christian (JV/V)	HOME
Oct. 11-12	TBA	West Regional Tournament (JV/V)	TBA
Oct. 18-19	TBA	Final Four Tournament (JV/V)	TBA

Daphne High School

Aug. 23	4 p.m.	Juanita Boddie Tournament	AWAY
Sept. 4	5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School	AWAY
Sept. 5	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	AWAY
Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	AWAY
Oct. 1	5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	HOME
Oct. 3	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	HOME

Foley High School

Aug. 22	4:30 p.m.	Elberta High School	AWAY
Aug. 30	3 p.m.	Foley Labor Day Classic	HOME
Sept. 3	6 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	AWAY
Sept. 16	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	HOME
Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School	HOME
Sept. 25	6 p.m.	Escambia High School	HOME
Sept. 26	5:30 p.m.	Elberta High School	HOME
Oct. 1	6 p.m.	McGill-Toolen High School	HOME
Oct. 3	5:30 p.m.	Fairhope High School	AWAY
Oct. 8	5:30 p.m.	Buckhorn High School	HOME
Oct. 10	5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	HOME
Oct. 15	5:30 p.m.	Elberta High School	AWAY
Oct. 17	5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School	AWAY

Elberta High School

Aug. 22	4:30 p.m.	Foley High School	HOME
Aug. 27	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	HOME
Aug. 29	5:30 p.m.	Bayshore Christian School	AWAY
Aug. 30	3 p.m.	Labor Day Classic	AWAY
Sept. 3	5:30 p.m.	St. Michael Catholic School	TBA
Sept. 5	5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	HOME
Sept. 10	4:30 p.m.	Cottage Hill Christian Academy	HOME
Sept. 17	4:30 p.m.	Bayshore Christian School	HOME
Sept. 19	4:30 p.m.	Chickasaw High School	HOME
Sept. 21	8 a.m.	Gulf Shores High School	AWAY
Sept. 24	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	AWAY
Sept. 26	5:30 p.m.	Foley High School	AWAY
Oct. 3	4:30 p.m.	Cottage Hill Christian Academy	AWAY
Oct. 8	5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School	AWAY
Oct. 10	4:30 p.m.	Chickasaw High School	AWAY
Oct. 15	4:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	AWAY
Oct. 15	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	AWAY

Fairhope High School

Aug. 30	3 p.m.	Labor Day Classic	AWAY
Sept. 3	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	HOME
Sept. 12	5:30 p.m.	St. Paul's Episcopal School	AWAY
Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.	St. Michael Catholic High School	HOME
Sept. 24	5:30 p.m.	McGill-Toolen High School	HOME
Sept. 26	5:30 p.m.	St. Luke's Episcopal School	HOME
Oct. 1	5:30 p.m.	Bayshore Christian School	AWAY
Oct. 3	5:30 p.m.	Foley High School	AWAY
Oct. 10	5:30 p.m.	Satsuma High School	AWAY
Oct. 11	TBA	Shrimp Festival Invitational	AWAY

Gulf Shores High School

Aug. 23	8 a.m.	Mary Montgomery Invitational	AWAY
Aug. 29	5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	HOME
Aug. 30	3 p.m.	Mayor's Cup	AWAY
Sept. 4	5:30 p.m.	Daphne High School	HOME
Sept. 10	5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School	HOME
Sept. 12	5:30 p.m.	Spanish Fort High School	HOME
Sept. 14	8 a.m.	Battle of the Bridge	AWAY
Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.	Foley High School	AWAY
Sept. 19	5:30 p.m.	Bayshore Christian School	AWAY
Sept. 26	5:30 p.m.	St. Michael Catholic High School	HOME
Sept. 30	5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	AWAY
Oct. 5	8 a.m.	Elberta High School	HOME
Oct. 11	TBA	Shrimp Festival Invitational	TBA
Oct. 17	5:30 p.m.	Foley High School	HOME

Robertsdale High School

Aug. 23	8 a.m.	Mary Montgomery Invitational	AWAY
Aug. 27	5:30 p.m.	Elberta High School	AWAY
Sept. 3	5:30 p.m.	Fairhope High School	AWAY
Sept. 5	5:30 p.m.	Daphne High School	HOME
Sept. 10	5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School	AWAY
Sept. 12	5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	HOME
Sept. 16	5:30 p.m.	Foley High School	AWAY
Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.	Spanish Fort High School	AWAY
Sept. 26	5:30 p.m.	Bayshore Christian School	AWAY
Oct. 1	5:30 p.m.	Spanish Fort High School	HOME
Oct. 3	5:30 p.m.	Daphne High School	AWAY
Oct. 5	8 a.m.	Battle of Old Shell Road	AWAY
Oct. 8	5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School	AWAY
Oct. 15	4:30 p.m.	Elberta High School	HOME
Oct. 17	4 p.m.	Mary G. Montgomery High School	AWAY

St. Michael Catholic School

Aug. 23	8 a.m.	Mary G. Montgomery Invitational (V)	AWAY
Aug. 27	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School (JV/V)	AWAY
Aug. 29	TBA	Bayside Academy (V)	AWAY
Aug. 29	4:30 p.m.	McGill-Toolen High School (JV)	HOME
Sept. 3	4:30 p.m.	Elberta High School (JV/V)	TBA
Sept. 5	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Mobile Christian School (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 6	4 p.m.	McGill-Toolen JV Tournament (JV)	AWAY
Sept. 12	5:30 p.m.	Bayshore Christian School (V)	AWAY
Sept. 14	8 a.m.	Battle of the Bridge (V)	AWAY
Sept. 17	5:30 p.m.	Fairhope High School (V)	AWAY
Sept. 21	8 a.m.	SSHS 2nd Annual Dig Pink Rally (V)	AWAY
Sept. 26	5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School (V)	AWAY
Oct. 7	5:30 p.m.	St. Luke's Episcopal School (V)	AWAY

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Spanish Fort High School

Aug. 22	5:30/6:30 p.m.	Thompson with Hewitt THS (V)	AWAY
Aug. 23-24	TBA	Juanita Boddie (JV/V)	AWAY
Aug. 27	4:30 p.m.	St. Paul's High School (JV)	AWAY
Aug. 29	4:30 p.m.	Baker High School (JV)	HOME
Aug. 29	5:30 p.m.	Huntsville Ironman (V)	AWAY
Aug. 30-31	TBA	OWA Tournament (JV)	AWAY
Sept. 4	4:30/5:30 p.m.	McGill-Toolen High School (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 4	TBA	Back to School Bash (V)	AWAY
Sept. 6-7	TBA	McGill-Toolen JV Invite (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 10	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Bayside Academy (JV)	HOME
Sept. 12	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 13-14	TBA	Battle by the Bay (V)	AWAY
Sept. 17	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 18	4:30/5:30 p.m.	St. Paul's High School (JV/V)	HOME
Sept. 24	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Daphne High School (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 26	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School (JV/V)	AWAY
Sept. 28	TBA	Boaz Invitational (V)	AWAY
Oct. 1	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Robertsdale High School (JV/V)	AWAY
Oct. 3	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Gulf Shores High School (JV/V)	HOME
Oct. 3	TBA	Battle of Old Shell Road (V)	AWAY
Oct. 4-5	TBA	Baker High School (JV)	AWAY
Oct. 8	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Daphne High School (JV/V)	HOME
Oct. 11	4:30/6:30 p.m.	Buckhorn High School (JV/V)	HOME
Oct. 11-12	TBA	Shrimp Festival Invitational (V)	AWAY
Oct. 15	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Baldwin County High School (JV/V)	HOME
Oct. 17	4:30/5:30 p.m.	Bayside Academy (JV/V)	AWAY
Oct. 18-19	TBA	Battle at the Fort (V)	HOME
Oct. 21-22	TBA	Area Tournament (V)	TBA
Oct. 25-26	TBA	Super Regionals (V)	TBA
Oct. 30-31	TBA	State Tournament (V)	TBA

AHSAA 2019 Season important dates

2019 Regular Season

AUG. 22: First Contest

OCT. 15: Last Area Match Day

2019 Playoffs

OCT. 16: Area Tournament Brackets due in the AHSAA Office by 10 a.m.

OCT. 21: Area Tournaments (Classes 2A, 3A, 5A, 6A)

OCT. 22: Area Tournaments (Classes 1A, 4A, 7A)

OCT. 24-26: Super Regional Tournaments

OCT. 30-31: State Tournament

NOV. 30: North-South Nominations Due

Baldwin/Mobile Area alignments for 2019

CLASS 2A AREA 1: Elberta, Chickasaw, Cottage Hill Christian

CLASS 3A AREA 1: St. Michael Catholic, St. Luke's Episcopal, Mobile Christian

CLASS 4A AREA 1: Bayside Academy, Escambia County, UMS-Wright, Williamson, W.S. Neal

CLASS 5A AREA 1: Faith Academy, LeFlore Magnet, Satsuma, Vigor

CLASS 6A AREA 2: Baldwin County, Daphne, Gulf Shores, Robertsdale, Spanish Fort

CLASS 6A AREA 1: B.C. Rain, Mattie T. Blount, Saraland, St. Paul's Episcopal

CLASS 7A AREA 2: Fairhope, Foley, McGill-Toolen Catholic, Murphy

CLASS 7A AREA 1: Alma Bryant, Baker, Davidson, Mary G. Montgomery, Theodore

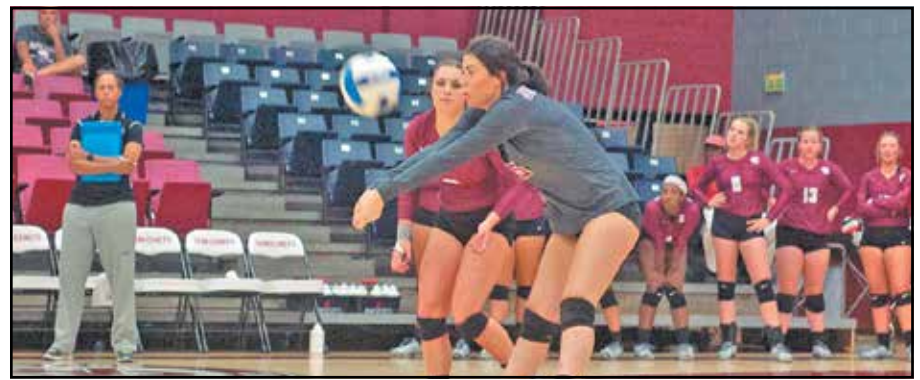
CLASS 1A, AREA 1: Bayshore Christian (conditional league status this season, official AHSAA competitive status begins in 2020), Fruitdale, McIntosh, Milly

2019 Sun Chiefs volleyball schedule

Aug. 22	5:30 p.m.	William Carey	AWAY
Aug. 23	2 p.m.	Huntingdon College	AWAY
Aug. 27	5 p.m.	Gulf Coast State College	AWAY
Aug. 29	4 p.m.	Gadsden State Community College	HOME
Sept. 3	6 p.m.	Pearl River Community College	HOME
Sept. 6	4 p.m.	Lawson State Community College	HOME
Sept. 11	5 p.m.	Coastal Alabama-Brewton	HOME
Sept. 13	4:30 p.m.	Wallace Community College-Selma	HOME
Sept. 19	5 p.m.	Gadsden State Community College	HOME
Sept. 20	3 p.m.	Snead State Community College	HOME
Sept. 25	6 p.m.	Pearl River Community College	HOME
Sept. 27	2 p.m.	Southern Union State Community College	AWAY
Sept. 29	5 p.m.	Bevill State Community College	HOME
Sept. 30	3 p.m.	Lawson State Community College	HOME
Oct. 2	6 p.m.	Pensacola State College	HOME
Oct. 8	5 p.m.	Gulf Coast State College	HOME
Oct. 11	Noon	Wallace State Community College	AWAY
Oct. 11	4 p.m.	Spartanburg Methodist	HOME
Oct. 12	7 a.m.	Catawba Valley Community College	AWAY
Oct. 12	11 a.m.	Mississippi University for Women	HOME
Oct. 14	2 p.m.	Snead State Community College	HOME
Oct. 15	3 p.m.	Snead State Community College	HOME
Oct. 16	5 p.m.	Coastal Alabama-Brewton	AWAY
Oct. 18	2 p.m.	Bevill State Community College	HOME
Oct. 21	6 p.m.	Wallace Community College-Selma	HOME
Oct. 22	6 p.m.	Pensacola State College	HOME
Oct. 25	4 p.m.	Southern Union State Community College	AWAY



GCM SPORTS PHOTOS



HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL HISTORY IN ALABAMA

Volleyball Recent and Past State Champions

» 2018 - 7A-McGill-Toolen; 6A-Spanish Fort; 5A-Jasper; 4A-Bayside Academy; 3A-Montgomery Academy; 2A-Addison; 1A-Pleasant Home.
 » 2017 - 7A-McGill-Toolen; 6A-Pelham; 5A-Alexandria; 4A-Saint James; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-St. Luke's; 1A-Addison.
 » 2016 - 7A-Mountain Brook; 6A-Hazel Green; 5A-St. Paul's; 4A-Madison Academy; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-St. Luke's; 1A-Addison.
 » 2015 - 7A-Mountain Brook; 6A-Spanish Fort; 5A-Randolph; 4A-Brooks; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-Addison; 1A-Meek.
 » 2014 - 7A-Mountain Brook;

6A-John Carroll; 5A-St. Paul's; 4A-Danville; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-Addison; 1A-Athens Bible.
 » 2013 - 6A-Bob Jones; 5A-St. Paul's; 4A-Jacksonville; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-Montgomery Academy; 1A-Addison.
 » 2012 - 6A-Huntsville; 5A-Hartselle; 4A-Madison County; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-Providence Christian; 1A-Donoho.
 » 2011 - 6A-Huntsville; 5A-St. Paul's; 4A-Guntersville; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-Providence Christian; 1A-Donoho.
 » 2010 - 6A-Huntsville; 5A-St. Paul's; 4A-Guntersville; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-Cottage Hill; 1A-Addison.
 » 2009 - 6A-Huntsville; 5A-Faith Academy; 4A-Guntersville; 3A-Bayside Academy;

2A-Addison; 1A-Athens Bible.
 » 2008 - 6A-Bob Jones; 5A-St. Paul's; 4A-Jacksonville; 3A-Bayside Academy; 2A-Lexington; 1A-Gaston.
 » 2007 - 6A-Huntsville; 5A-St. Paul's; 4A-Jacksonville; 3A-Lexington; 2A-Bayside Academy; 1A-Spring Garden.
 » 2006 - 6A-Huntsville; 5A-St. Paul's; 4A-Saks; 3A-Montgomery Academy; 2A-Bayside Academy; 1A-Kinston.
 » 2005 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Huntsville; 4A-Guntersville; 3A-Montgomery Academy; 2A-Bayside Academy; 1A-Addison.
 » 2004 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Huntsville; 4A-Guntersville; 3A-Madison Academy; 2A-Bayside Academy; 1A-Addison.
 » 2003 - 6A-Grissom; 5A-

Huntsville; 4A-St. James; 3A-Alabama Christian; 2A-Bayside Academy; 1A-Addison.
 » 2002 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Huntsville; 4A-Saks; 3A-Alabama Christian; 2A-Bayside Academy; 1A-Donoho.
 » 2001 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Muscle Shoals; 4A-St. James; 3A-Winston County; 2A-Geraldine; 1A-Phillips.
 » 2000 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Muscle Shoals; 4A-Haleyville; 3A-Sylvania; 2A-Bayside Academy; 1A-Holy Spirit.
 » 1999 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Muscle Shoals; 4A-Lawrence County; 3A-Briarwood; 2A-Bayside Academy; 1A-Holy Spirit.
 » 1998 - 6A-Grissom; 5A-Muscle Shoals; 4A-Lawrence County; 3A-Briarwood; 2A-

Bayside Academy; 1A-Donoho.
 » 1997 - 6A-Pelham; 5A-John Carroll; 4A-Lawrence County; 3A-Briarwood; 2A-Pleasant Valley; 1A-Kinston.
 » 1996 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-John Carroll; 4A-Lawrence County; 3A-Briarwood; 2A-Pleasant Valley; 1A-Bayside Academy.
 » 1995 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Saks; 4A-Alexandria; 3A-St. Paul's; 2A-Springville; 1A-Bayside Academy.
 » 1994 - 6A-Huntsville; 5A-Hazel Green; 4A-Alexandria; 3A-Briarwood; 2A-Trinity Presbyterian; 1A-Donoho.
 » 1993 - 6A-Pelham; 5A-Daphne; 4A-Alexandria; 3A-Briarwood; 2A-Hatton; 1A-Bayside Academy.

» 1992 - 6A-Grissom; 5A-Homewood; 4A-Haleyville; 3A-St. Paul's; 2A-Hatton; 1A-Bayside Academy.
 » 1991 - 6A-Grissom; 5A-Homewood; 4A-Haleyville; 3A-Briarwood; 2A-Hatton; 1A-Courtland.
 » 1990 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Ramsay; 4A-Carbon Hill; 3A-Lexington; 2A-Hatton; 1A-Donoho.
 » 1989 - 6A-Grissom; 5A-Holt; 4A-Carbon Hill; 3A-Lexington; 2A-West End; 1A-Athens Bible.
 » 1988 - 6A-Grissom; 5A-Ramsay; 4A-Carbon Hill; 3A-Pleasant Valley; 2A-West End; 1A-Donoho.
 » 1987 - 6A-McGill-Toolen; 5A-Ramsay; 4A-Haleyville; 3A-Pleasant Valley; 2A-West End; 1A-Donoho.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL SOCCER

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ROBERTSDALE — Former Central Christian soccer standout Sam Enfinger is taking the reins of the Saints soccer team. Enfinger played for the Trinity Baptist College mens' side in soccer and also played basketball for the TBC Eagles after graduating from Central Christian in 2013.

He said some rebuilding is in order after recent back-to-back graduations claimed some talented upperclassmen the last two seasons. Returning as the Saints' assistant coach this summer is Brandon Herring.

"We're going to start rebuilding with focus on being the best we can be through hard work, dedication and creating a spirit of enthusiasm for a new beginning," he said. "We'll have three seniors this season, other than that we're pretty young. Maybe two or three juniors back, so not a lot of experience except at a few positions. Having a senior in goal for us will be a big

help on defense."

CCS senior Josh Harris will be the Saints' starting keeper, senior Brian Kelly will play mostly offensive spots and senior Davis Ruffin will likely lead the defensive half of the field. Two underclass players returning with experience include Weston Enfinger and Chason Ward.

"They will probably rotate to different spots depending on what might be happening during play. Obviously, I want them all to have fun, to love the game and have a good experience, especially the seniors. But I also want us to be as competitive as possible, too. To do that, we'll have to balance out the more experienced guys with the newer, smaller guys who - and some of them - are just

learning what's going on. So, I will be depending on the seniors a lot."

Their season kicks off with a tournament on Aug. 16 in Pensacola, Fla.

"We'll play some big schools like Alethea Christian as well as some smaller schools and a new school," he said. "So, we should get a pretty good idea of how we are doing early. We'll learn from that and keep working to get ready for the season."

Though starting out slowly with basics, eventually, Enfinger said he hopes to install and run an attacking-style offense and an active defense that helps set up set plays when possible. At Trinity he played nearly every position except goalie, scored 11 goals and earned the TBC Eagles' Mr. Versa-



Soccer schedule 2019

Aug. 16-17	TBA	Panhandle Invitational Soccer	AWAY
Aug. 22	4:30 p.m.	Aletheia Christian	HOME
Aug. 23	7 p.m.	Trinitas Christian	AWAY
Aug. 27	4:30 p.m.	Lighthouse Baptist	AWAY
Sept. 3	4:30 p.m.	L.E.A.D. Academy	HOME
Sept. 6	4 p.m.	Santa Rosa	AWAY
Sept. 10	5 p.m.	Calvary Christian	AWAY
Sept. 12	4:30 p.m.	Lighthouse Baptist	HOME
Sept. 13	5 p.m.	L.E.A.D. Academy	AWAY
Sept. 17	4:30 p.m.	Emmanuel Christian	AWAY
Sept. 24	4:30 p.m.	Trinitas Christian	HOME
Sept. 26	4:30 p.m.	Calvary Christian	HOME
Sept. 27	4 p.m.	Santa Rosa Christian	HOME
Oct. 3	4:30 p.m.	Aletheia Christian	AWAY
Oct. 4	4:30 p.m.	Emmanuel Christian	HOME
Oct. 11-12	TBA	West Regional Tournament	AWAY
Oct. 18-19	TBA	Final Four Tournament	AWAY

tility award in 2016. The Eagles won two NCAA, D-II region titles while he was on the roster.

"Definitely want us to be an aggressive, attacking offense that can pass and receive the ball," he said. "We'll probably run a 4-4, 1-1 with a poaching striker that plays a little deeper - almost like a midfielder. My wingers are pretty well skilled left-footed, right-footed passers who can make things happen. At least

we'll see how it's going by the time the season starts and then make more adjustments, as we go, too."

His college playing days still fresh and staying shape, Enfinger says he enjoys showing his players how to manage pressure situations.

I enjoy practicing with them and I think it helps them get some things," he said. "That's what my coach did in college and it really helped us get what he was saying. But

for the most part, I've been watching and looking for things we need to spend more time on. Having played a lot of different positions helps me help them. But with goaling, there's a lot I don't know and that's where Brandon comes in and really helps a lot with that."

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