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The Cairo High School 1923 Football Team is shown here with their coach, Julius Scott, the first paid coach at the school. The uniforms were paid for by the players themselves, and the field was situated in the northeastern part of Cairo near the present location of the Sara Ann Motor Lodge. The players are: (l. to r.) front row: Bob Dunn, Bill Searcy, Bascom Sholar, Loring Whigham, Wight Brannon, Pick Gray, Elmer Bell, Bill Oliver; middle row: — —, Merritt, Jim Wood, Thurston Brown, Park Stewart, Stanley Stewart, Cullen Whigham, John Powell, Carlos Montgomery; and top row; Maynard Smith, Herbert Clark, Fred Hart, Leon Merritt, ——— Shiver and Julius Scott, in light sweater.

September 21, 1923

CAIRO DEFEATS BOSTON, SCHEDULE IS GIVEN

The Cairo High School eleven defeated the Boston high- football team here last Friday afternoon very handily by a score of 18-0. It was the first game of the season in the state so far as it is known here.

The locals were well in controll of the situation at all times, though the Cairo line gave way to some good gains by the visitors. It was a good exhibition of football and some pretty plays were carried out by both teams.

The following is the schedule of the locals for the remainder of the season, probably the largest and heaviest of any school

in the South Georgia area:

Sept. 21 Boston in Boston; Sept. 28 Thomasville in Thomasville; Oct. 5 Bainbridge in Bainbridge; Oct. 12 Plunkett (Thomasville) in Cairo; Oct. 19 Pelham in Cairo; Oct. 26 Donalsonville in Donalsonville; Nov. 2 Pelham in Pelham; Nov. 9 Camilla in Camilla; Nov. 16 Plunkett in Thomasville; Nov. 23 Camilla in Cairo; Nov. 29, Thanksgiving Day, Donalsonville in Cairo.

The locals have some splendid material this year and a most successful season is looked for.

September 27, 1923

BOSTON BEATEN AGAIN (18-0); THOMASVILLE ON TODAY

Oct. 5, 1923

LOCALS LOSE TO THOMASVILLE 13-0

Although Cairo outplayed the Thomasville High School eleven in almost every department of the game last Friday afternoon the Thomasvilleians recovered two fumbles near the Cairo goal line to score two touchdowns and won the game 13-0.

The locals were picked for winners all during the game, except when the two recoveries were made by the Thomas Countians. Good gains on trick plays, forward passes and line bucks were made by the locals, but the breaks were against them and the luckiest team won.

CAIRO LOSES TO BAINBRIDGE 43-0

CAIRO WINS OVER PLUNKETT 12-0

CAIRO "11" CLAIMS PASSING RECORD

Donalsonville swamped last Friday by 44-2 score, Pelham to be played today.

As a result of the completion by the Cairo High School football team of 31 of the last 42 attempts at forward passes for a total of 297 yards, the local team believes a new record has been established, at least for high school elevens. The locals swamped the heavy team representing the Donalsonville

school in Donalsonville last Friday by a score of 44 to 3, and of the 20 attempts at passes during the contest, a total of 18 were completed, most of them for gains of 20 and 30 yards.

The team journey's to Pelham this afternoon for a return game with the Mitchell countians, who they beat 39-0. Pelham claims to have been putting in considerable practice since that time.

November 7, 1923

CAIRO DEFEATS PELHAM 14-0

November 17, 1923

LOCALS PLAY PLUNKETT HERE THIS AFTERNOON

The Cairo high eleven is scheduled to meet the strong Plunkett team from Thomasville here Friday.

The Cairo eleven added Camilla to its list of victims in Camilla last Friday where they hung up a 30 to 0 defeat.

Coach Scott's charges did not extend selves in view of this afternoon's contest and

they depended almost entirely on straight football and interference. Most of Cairo's wins are due to excellent forward passing.

The probable line-up for Cairo is as follows Park Stewart, center; Stanley Stewart, r.g.; Whigham, l.g.; Brown, r.t.; Powell, l. t.; Wood, r.e.; Montgomery, l.e.; Bass (captain), g.; Hart, r.h.; Dunn, l.h.; Merritt, fullback.

November 23, 1923

PLUNKETT "ELEVEN" DEFEATED HERE FRIDAY

The Plunkett eleven was completely smothered here last Friday afternoon by a score of 27 to 2.

Merritt's line plunges and Hart's pretty runs for Cairo, featured. Shiver also for

Cairo played a splendid game, as did Walker for Plunkett. Four of the six touchdowns made by Cairo resulted from straight football, indicating that the strength of the Cairo team is not altogether forward passes.

CAIRO "ELEVEN" SETS SCORING RECORD

A brilliant victory over heavy Donalsonville eleven here Thursday closed the 1923 season.

Cairo's 19-0 victory over Donalsonville established for Cairo a new scoring record in the South Georgia Conference and gave

the local team undisputed claim on Class B honors in the conference.

The plucky Cairoites have scored a total of 250 points against 61 for their opponents, a record which bettered the previous one established by Thomasville.

October 2, 1936

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The 1936 Cairo High School football team is shown here with Coach John Herndon and a canine fan, Tip. The team was the first to play on a lighted field which was then located back of the Northside School House. Pictured are: from left, row one, unknown, Frank Harrell, unknown, Frank Dixon, Horace Richter, Banks, Delwood Miller, P. L. Norman, Watkins; second row, Hubert Darsey, Julian Webb, Charles Wall, Lionell Mills, C. B. Chaires, Lem Jones, Alvin Montgomery, Ed Sapp, Cassells; third row, John B. Willis, Gene Barrineau, Louis Easom, unknown, Billy McManeus, Roy Hall, Wallace Forsyth, Archie McNeil; fourth row, Owen Trammell, Billy VanLandingham, Herman Dollar, Norman Harrison, unknown, West Harris Thomas, Emison Brown, Walter Bass, Billy Vanduzee.

September 25, 1936

LOCAL FOOTBALL FIELD IS ILLUMINATED; AMERICUS MEETS SYRUPMAKERS TONIGHT

ENTHUSIASM RUNS HIGH; REVISED SCHEDULE FOR CAIRO TEAM TO BRING FOUR MAJOR GAMES UNDER FLOODLIGHTS HERE

With enthusiasm running high among the local football fans, the Cairo High team is set to meet the Americus Panther eleven in the opening contest of the season under floodlights here tonight, Friday. The game is scheduled to begin immediately after the revival service at the Methodist Church, which will be about 8 o'clock.

Installation of lights at the local field, in the northwestern part of the city, has been in progress this week, following a campaign, led by Councilmen R. A. Bell and J. M.

Kennedy, resulting in subscriptions among local citizens calling for the necessary funds. Engineers of the General Electric Co., and the Georgia Power and Light Co., have been supervising the installation work, which was almost completed Thursday. Ten batteries of four lights will supply the illumination, which, it is said, will be the best to be found on any gridiron in South Georgia. Night football games for Cairo have been discussed for sometime because they have been quite successful elsewhere.



1934

Shown here are the members of the Businessmen's Bible Class of the First Baptist Sunday School as they gathered in 1934. With the exception of a few unidentified, they are: Front row (left to right — Carlos Montgomery, W. H. Duckworth, T. A. Bartlett, J. E. Connell, W. B. Roddenbery, Sr., class president; J. J. Cook, (not known) A. C. Roddenbery, Russell Sutton, Arch Willis, Charles D. Roddenbery, unidentified child, T. Frank Proctor; middle row (left to right) — Frank Massey, W. N. Lemon, Vester Stokes, John S. Herndon, James H. Harris, Walter R. Eskew, J. B. Roddenbery, Alex Thompson, unidentified, Charles F. Richter; and back row (left to right) — James L. Pinson, Charles O. West, M. P. Murphy, Norman Pipkin, B. W. Mauldin, Charles D. Hinson, Luther Dollar, Arthur Dollar, T. W. White, Sr., W. M. Tyson (not sufficiently visible for identification), J. Elmer King and Clarence Joyner.

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November 6, 1931

CAIRO TEAM SWAMPS SYLVESTER 34-0 AS RESERVES PLAY HALF THE GAME; 30 PLAYERS USED

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December 11, 1931

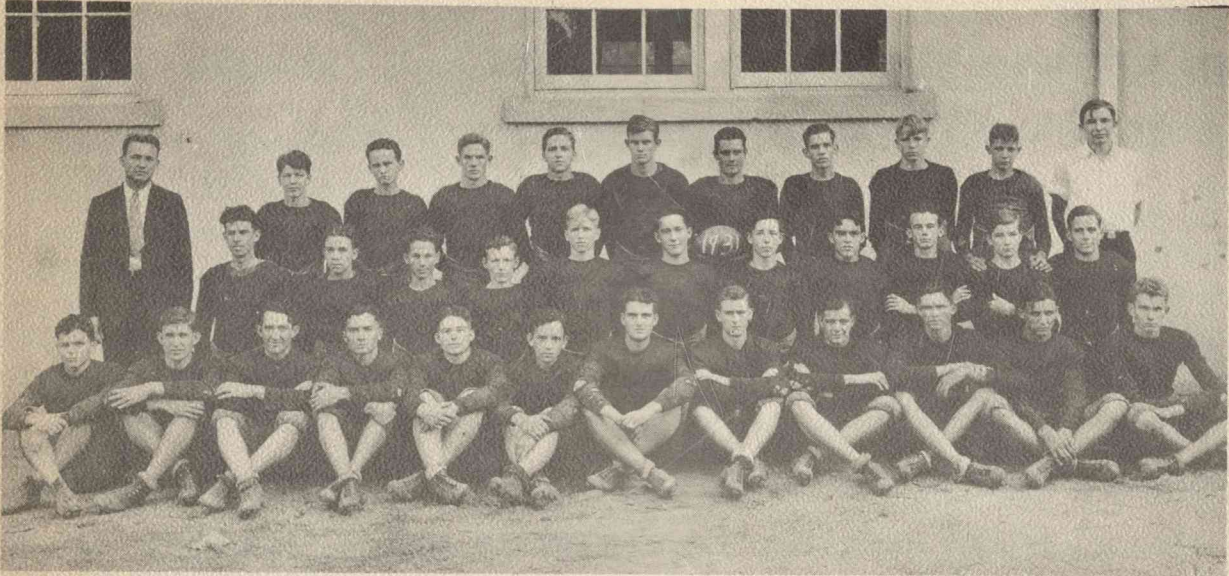
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Senator W. H. Duckworth, who presented the letters and sweaters at the invitation of Coach Herndon, praised the players for their hard work, consistent playing and good sportsmanship during the season.



Coach John Herndon's 1931 Cairo High Eleven is shown in this photo. The team of '31 is believed to be one of the best all-round teams the Cairo School has ever had. Those shown are front row left to right: Graham, end; Merritt, tackle; A. Jones, Guard; Braswell, tackle; Edwards, tackle; Coppage, guard; Burroughs, center; Cone, guard; F. Montgomery, guard; Gainous, tackle; Knight, end; A. Poulk, end. Second row, Crine, guard; Glenn, guard; Brock, center; Mixon, halfback; F. Rigsby, center; G. Jones, end; Higdon, halfback; C. Ward, halfback; Duke, end; Allen, guard; West, guard. Back row: J. Poulk, fullback; Captain Bass, quarterback; Hurst, halfback; R. Rigsby, utility; A. Montgomery, utility; Wind, student manager. October 16, 1931

September 4, 1931

CAIRO PLAYS LEON HIGH TO 12-12 TIE, THRILLING CONTEST IS WITNESSED BY THE 'LARGEST ATTENDANCE OF SEASON'

In one of the greatest football contests ever played here the Cairo High Syrup makers of Coach John Herndon came from behind to tie the powerful Leon Lions, of Tallahassee, 12 to 12 last Thursday afternoon at the Legion field before a very large Thanksgiving crowd.

The game abounded in thrills throughout the game. When the game lacked less than a minute of being over, the Syrup-makers thrilling offensive spurt sent Rogers across the goal line for the final touchdown that deadlocked the score.

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VALDOSTA FOE OF CAIRO HIGH TEAM, LOCALS ARE ALL SET TO MEET THEIR ARCH RIVALS TODAY

The Cairo high football team of Coach John Herndon is primed for the annual clash with the Valdosta high Wildcats of Coach Mike Herndon, in Valdosta, this afternoon, Friday, beginning at 2:30.

While there has been, to date, no great brilliance about the Cairo team, the Wildcats, play thus far has been unimpressive. The Cairo team won an easy 39 to 0 triumph

over the Richland high eleven in Richland, last Friday, with the second team playing a large part of the time.

The probable starting line-up for this afternoon will be: Knight and Graham, ends; Gainous and Edwards, tackles; Cone and Coppage, guards; Burroughs, center; Capt. Bass, quarterback; Mills and Rogers, halfbacks; and Poulk, fullback.

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November 6, 1936

SYRUPMAKERS WIN FROM MOULTRIE, 20-7, TO PLAY CAMILLA AND BAINBRIDGE NEXT

FAVORED PACKERS UPSET HERE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT IN ONE OF THE GREATEST GAMES EVER PLAYED HERE

The favored Moultrie Packers were decisively defeated, 20 to 7, by the Cairo High football team last Friday night in one of the greatest exhibitions of the game ever played. The team upset the Moultrie eleven as Coach

November 13, 1936

BAINBRIDGE JINX FOR CARIO GRIDERS HOLDS; GAME IS A SCORELESS TIE

The jinx which Bainbridge seems to hold for Cairo football teams arose again Wednesday night in the person of Referee Ike Cowart, and the annual Armistice Day clash between the Syrup Makers and Bearcats ended in a scoreless deadlock as a result.

Played in Bainbridge in very chilly weather, the contest was unquestionably more poorly handled as to officiating than any game in which a Cairo team has been involved. The refereeing of Cowart, who weighs a considerable portion of a ton, and who hails from Colquitt was grossly inefficient.

Cairo scored a touchdown in the second quarter only to have the play called back

November 20, 1936

SYLVESTER AND DOUGLAS GAMES LAST FOR CAIRO

Cairo will end the '36 season by playing Douglas next Thursday. The Sylvester game has been moved up from tonight.

It was learned that steps will be taken to

December 4, 1936

CAIRO HIGH GRIDERS FINISH SEASON IN FOURTH PLACE IN SOUTH GEORGIA LOOP

The powerful Cairo high Syrup Makers of Coach John Herndon swamped the Douglas High Pirates in Douglas on Thanksgiving Day, 41 to 1 to wind up their regular playing season for 1936 in a blaze of glory with a record of seven victories, two ties, and only one defeat, in ten starts. The Cairoites ran up a

6, in a thrilling and spectacular game. The Bobcats sorely lacked reserve material but were able to score a touchdown in the first quarter — the second time that Cairo has been scored on this season. Several runs of more than 40 yards featured the Cairo attack.

John Herndon, ill all last week with mumps, watched the game from a closed car on the sidelines. The practice work last week was in charge of Assistant Coach William Lowe.

on a very questionable decision by Cowart, and Cairo's longest gain of the evening went for naught similarly. Numerous other instances of unfairness toward Cairo and general inefficiency were clearly noted but need not be recited here. Call it small town stuff, if you will, or sour grapes, even, but the evidence to support the above statement is plentiful.

The weather was bad enough, and was further evidence aplenty in support of the suggestion of many that night football should not be attempted after October — but the poor officiating of Referee Cowart was an even greater mar on the annual clash of the two teams.

bar Ike Cowart, of Colquitt from further officiating in the South Georgia Football Conference, as a result of several complaints filed by coaches and others.

total of 329 points in the season against only 33 points for opponents.

Captain Richter of the Cairo team, won a berth on the sports writer's All South - Georgia - Association honor team, which was announced Monday, this being the second straight season he has gained such an honor.

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Another Syrupmaker in the NFL

Michael Best
Sports Writer

Former Syrupmaker Anthony Brown has been picked up by the NFL's Indianapolis Colts and now has a chance to play at the next level as an undrafted free agent after the NFL's draft last week.

Brown, who played for the Syrupmakers as a part of the 2008 Syrupmakers state title team, played his last two years of college football at Memphis University. Brown had 49 tackles, 74 assists for a total of 123 tackles in two years at Memphis. Brown was also named Memphis' Defensive Player of the Year

in 2013. After graduating from Cairo High School in 2009, Anthony Brown went to Northeast Mississippi Community College where he lettered two seasons. He posted 56 tackles, including 36 solo stops, in 2011 and helped his team to a 6-4 record. He was credited with 10 tackles for loss, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery. Brown led the squad with 10 tackles against Itawamba Community College in 2011. As a freshman, Brown totaled 81 tackles, 52 of which were solos, while also forcing three fumbles and registering two pass breakups.

Brown joins another of

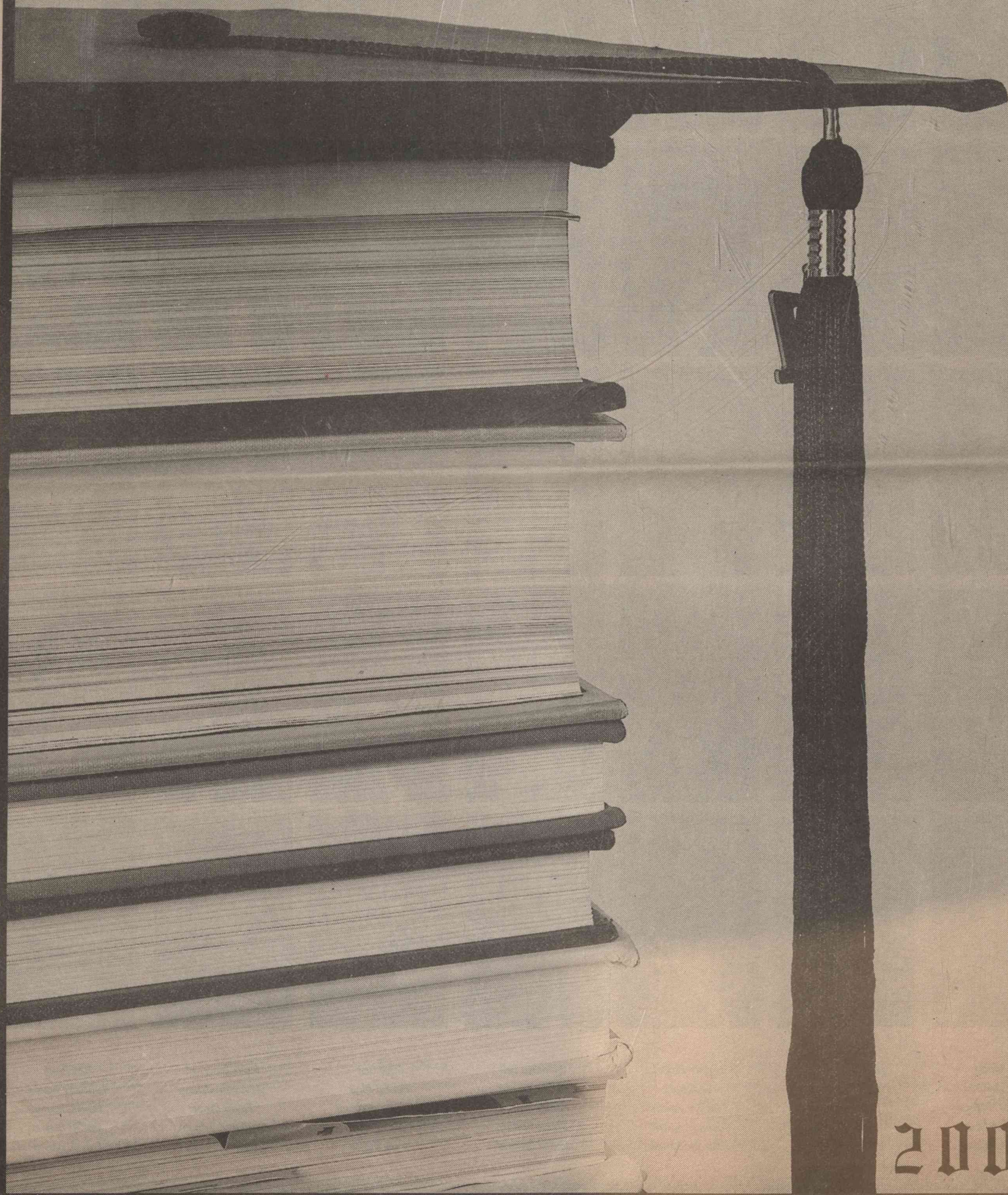


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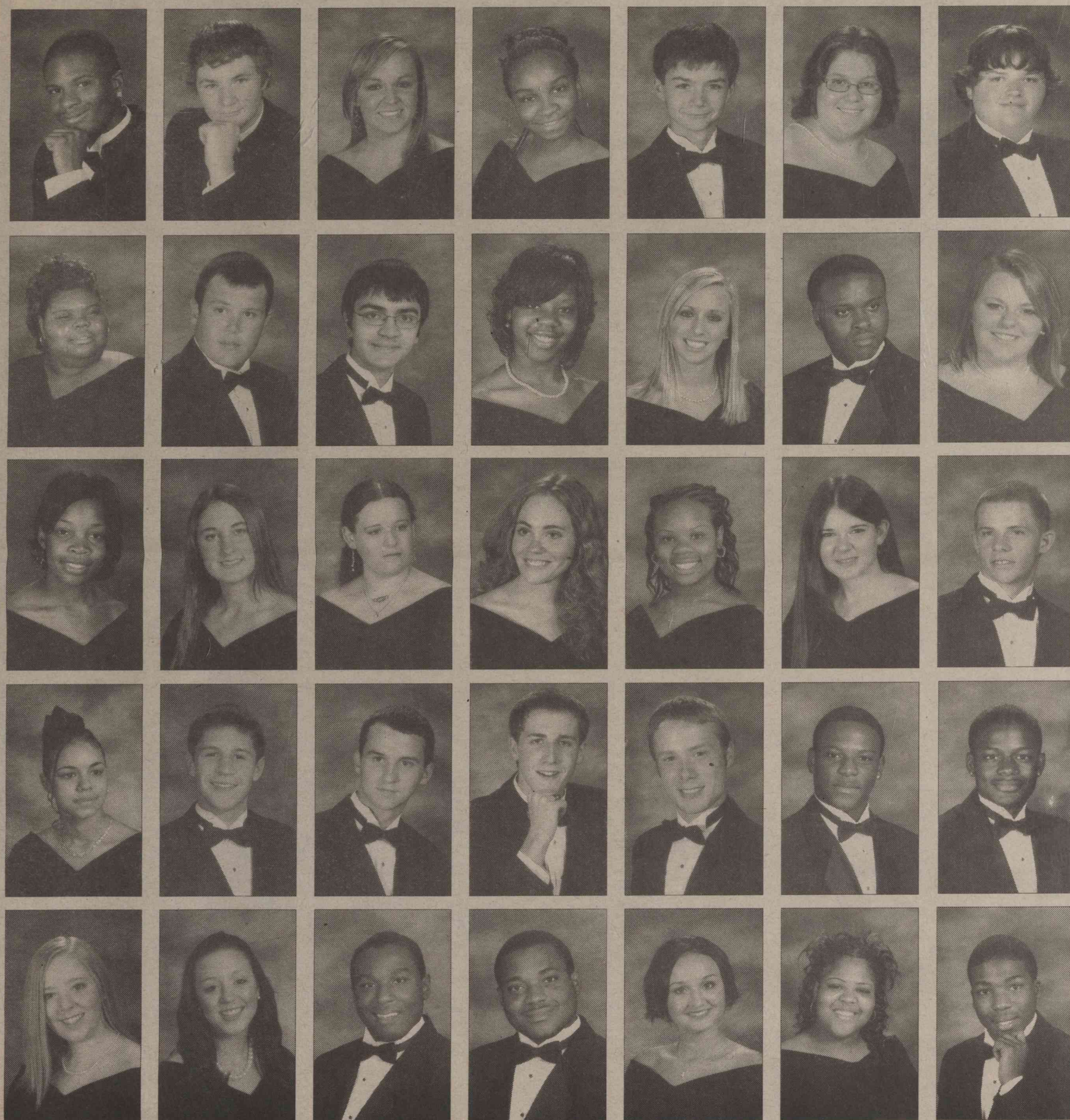
his 2008 Syrupmaker teammates, J.J. Wilcox, who is a safety and a 2013 draft pick with the Dallas Cowboys.

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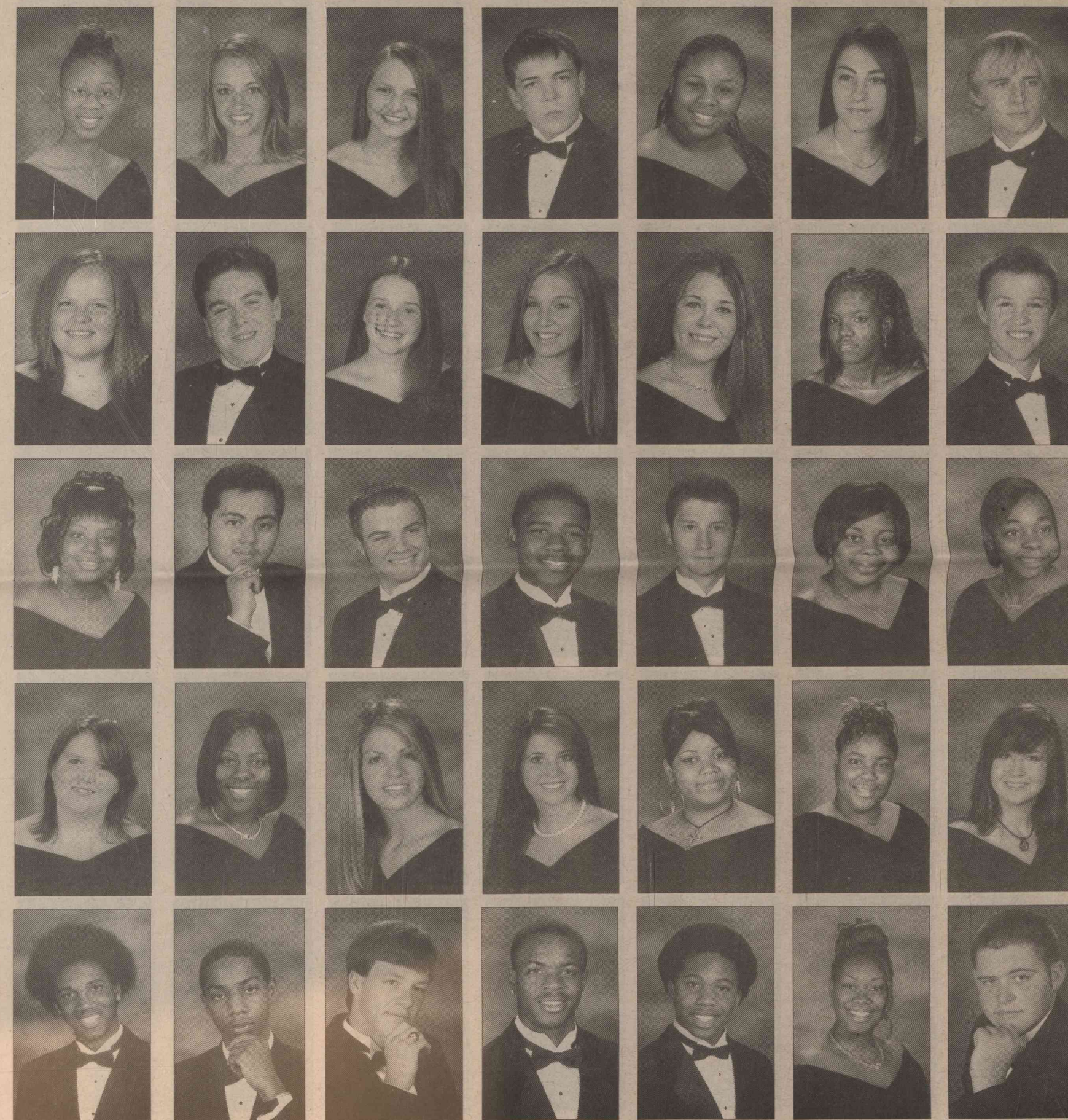
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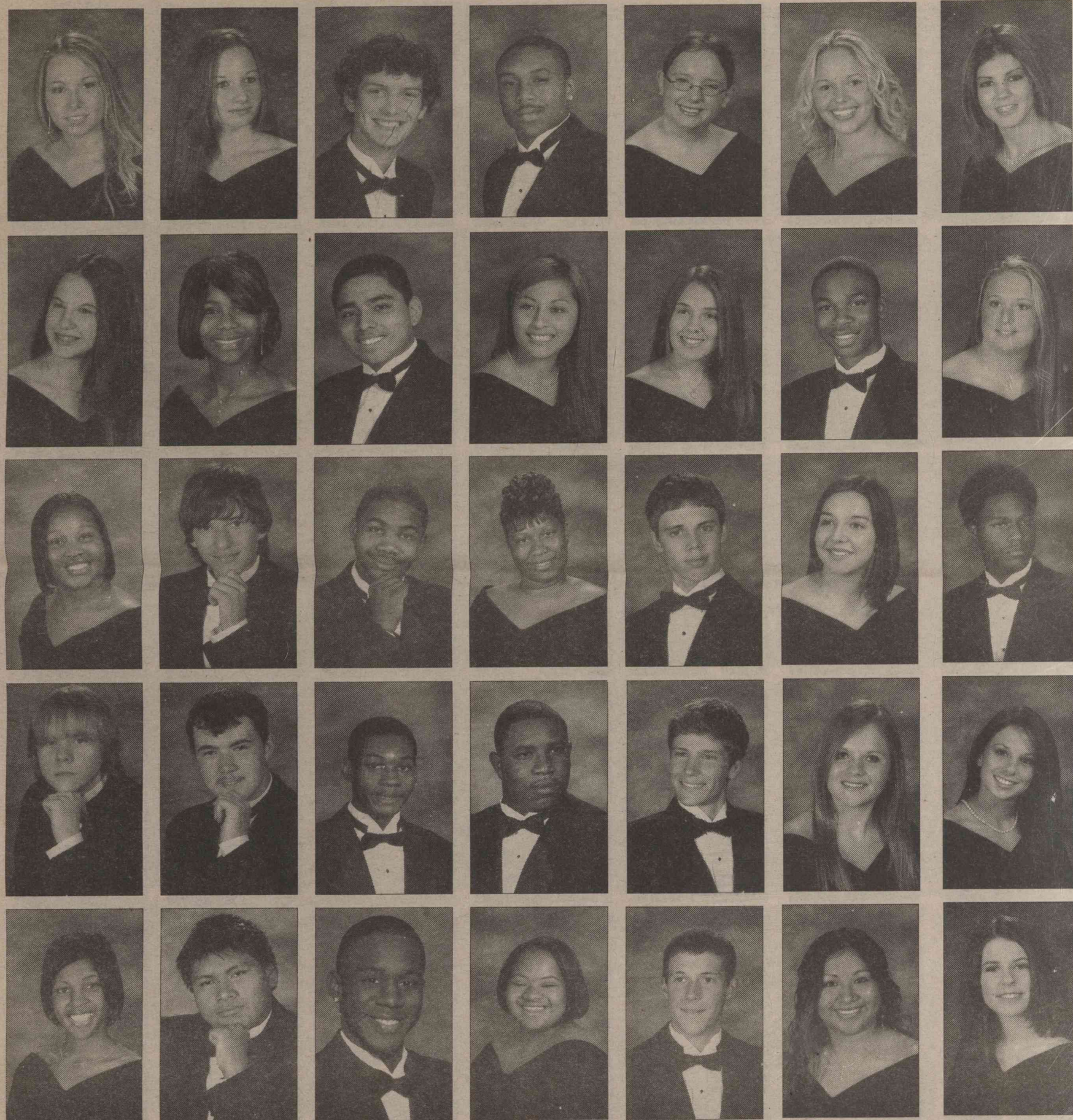
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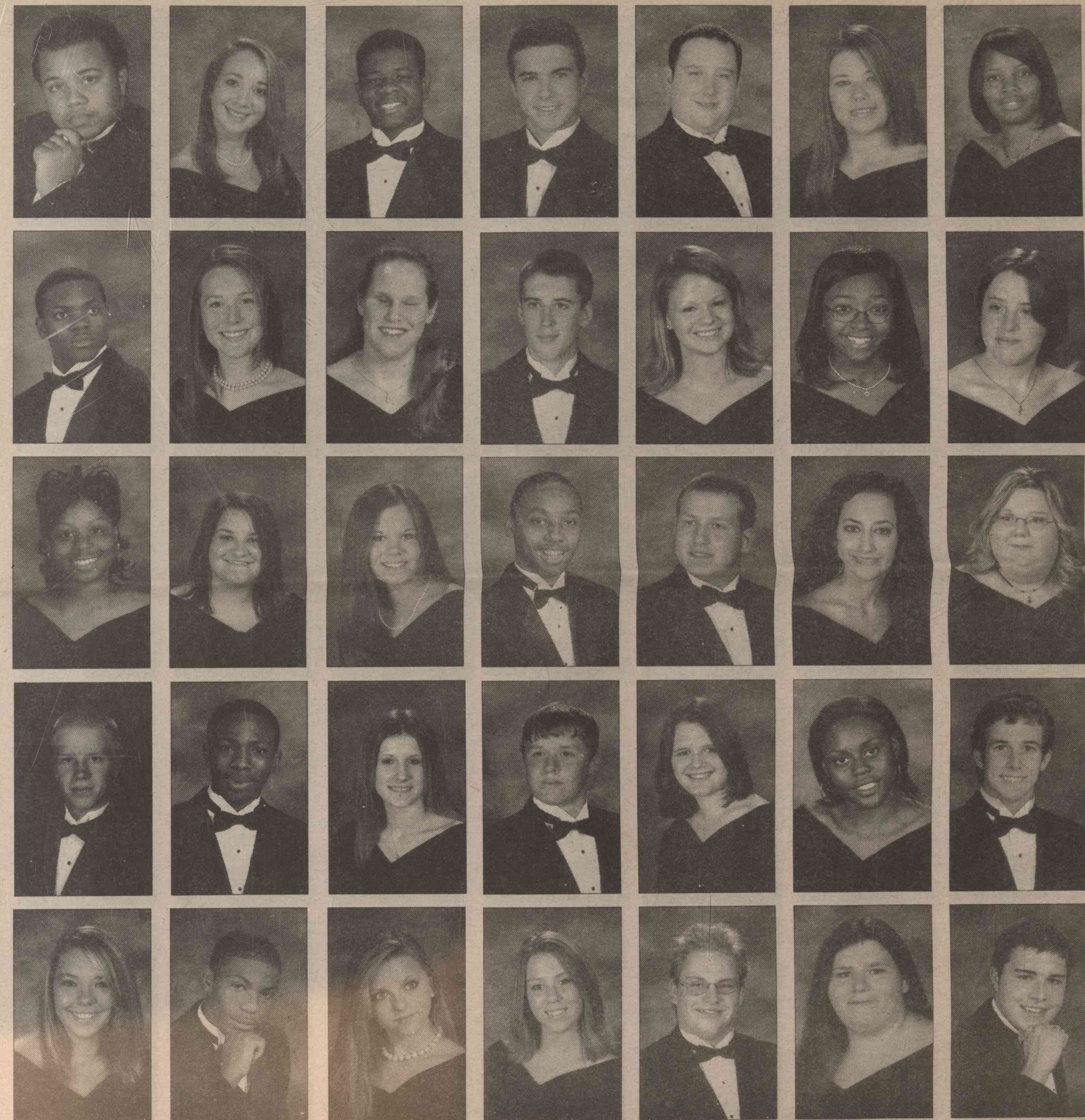
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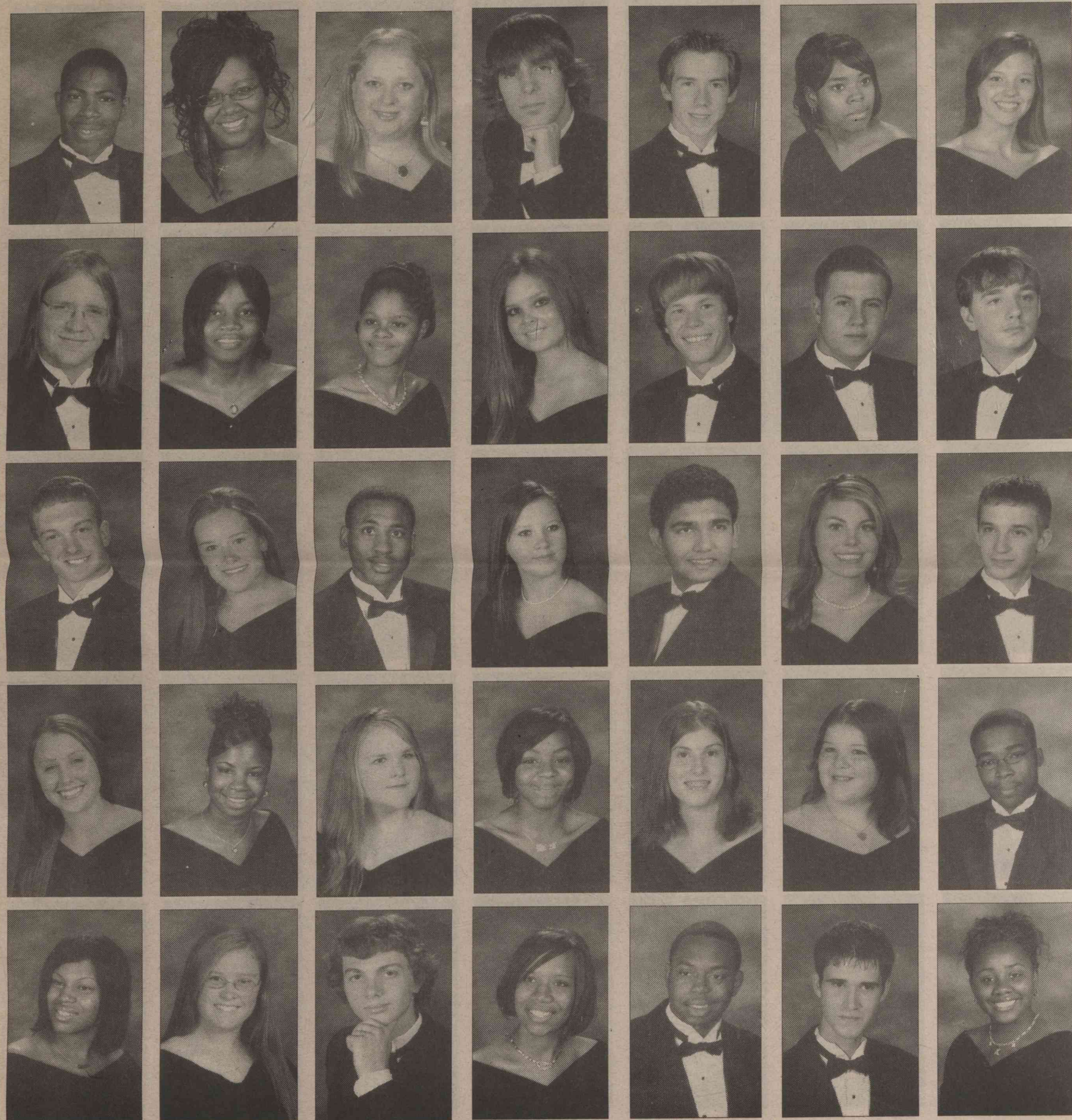
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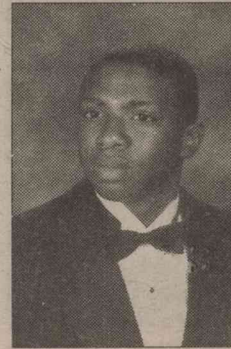
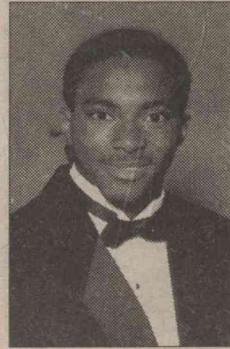
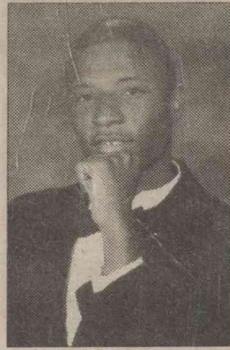
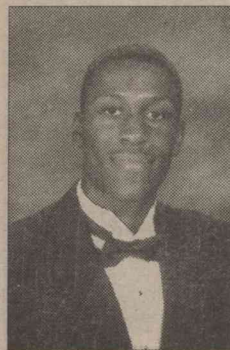
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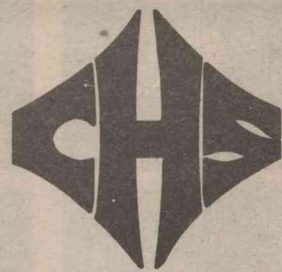
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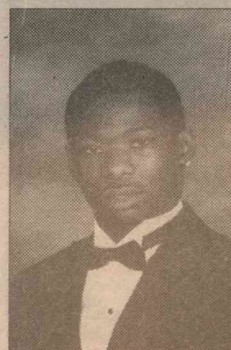


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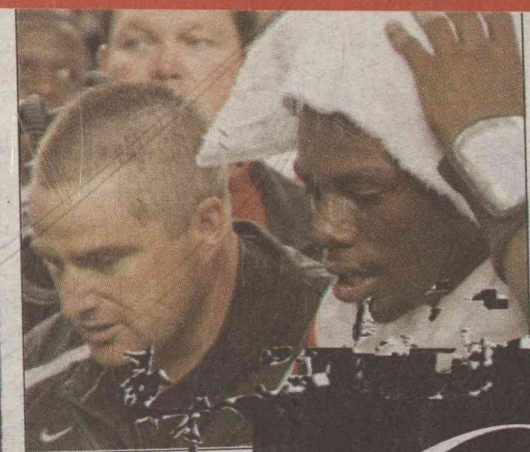
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A Word from the Coach

◆ Fallaw says team must continue to learn and grow

As the 2010 Syrupmaker football team prepares to kick off another season, head coach Tom Fallaw took a few minutes to talk about this team and the season. "We have a lot of experience all over the field, but it's important that we keep working and learning and growing as a team. In the working world, people with experience get replaced all the time by people willing to learn and do more, so we can't be complacent," Fallaw said.



Basically, the Syrupmakers replaced their entire team last season as most members of the 2008 state championship team graduated. Last year's team continued to get better as the year went along and played 13 games, losing in round three of the state playoffs to Gainesville. "We came out and lost those two games early, but kept working and started to find ourselves as the year went along. We always want to get better when the region games start and continue to improve into the playoffs," said Fallaw.

This year's schedule features a couple of new schools and teams, but many of the familiar faces return. "Our region lost Peach and Perry, but we gained Americus-Sumter, we still have Worth County, Westover, Monroe, Crisp County and Dougherty in our region. Several teams have new coaches this season, so we really don't know what to expect yet," said Fallaw.

Cairo will also face rivals Bainbridge and Thomas County Central. "The rivalry games are big for the fans and the kids, both teams are good each year and always pose a big challenge for us. Bainbridge always has athletes and Thomas County Central is expected to be just as good as last year," the coach said.

Two new nonregion games will be Drew High School and Jordan. "Drew is a new school, but has drawn some students from North Clayton High and Mt. Zion which have had a lot of success in the past. Jordan is

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Aug. 27	Drew High School @Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	Bainbridge High School @ Bainbridge	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	Columbus Jordan @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Thomas Co. Central @ Thomasville	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 24	Monroe @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	OPEN	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 8	Dougherty @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 15	Worth Co. @ Sylvester	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 22	Westover @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 29	Crisp Co. @ Cordele	7:30 p.m.
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Region 1-AAA has new look

With the GHSA reclassification of schools state wide, several regions and classifications now have new looks for the 2010-2011 school year. In region 1-AAA, two schools have departed and the region gained one school.

Gone are Peach County and Perry, moved to region 2-AAA. Americus-Sumter High School has moved into 1-AAA. All other schools in region 1-AAA stayed in the region. Along with Americus-Sumter and Cairo High School, there are five other schools. Those schools are Monroe High School, Dougherty High School, Worth County, West-over High School and Crisp County High School.

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- 1967-69 - Frank Richter - Denver Broncos
- 1969-76 - Bill Stanfill - Miami Dolphins
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Syrupmaker website provides information

Fans are encouraged to check out www.syrupmaker.com. The website is being updated to provide fans with news and information about the Syrupmaker football team and all other sports at Cairo High School.

Chris Blough of Blough Tech is coordinator of the website and is currently working to get the site up to date and running for the new season of sports.

Fans will be able to look up schedules, get game results and even hear the Syrupmaker football games "live" on Friday nights.

Media plays big part in Syrupmaker football

Fans of Syrupmaker football can stay updated with Syrupmaker news in a variety of ways. Of course The Cairo Messenger follows the Makers all season with stories, features and pictures, but fans can also tune into WGRA, and CNS cable.

Each week, The Messenger features a complete wrap of the previous week's game with a game story and photos, plus players of the week and special features about athletes, band members, cheerleaders and more. In addition to a complete wrap up of the week's game, readers can also get a preview and scouting report of the next week's opponent, as well.

WGRA radio has been covering the Syrup-

makers for well over 40 years. Michael Best is entering his 30th year of radio play by play for the Syrupmakers and is joined by CHS social studies teacher Blair Dickinson. WGRA features a pregame show at 6:30 p.m. on game nights with in-depth features on the Syrupmakers, a look at scores from around the state, a preview of games state-wide, interviews and features plus "Coaches Corner" with head Syrupmaker coach Tom Fallaw.

The game can be heard "live" on WGRA on game nights and also on the Internet world wide. The Internet broadcast can be accessed through wgra.net or gaprep.com. With Internet capabilities, fans from all over the world can tune in on Friday nights. Listeners all over the United States have tuned in, in addition to soldiers serving on foreign soils.

Another popular Syrupmaker media out-

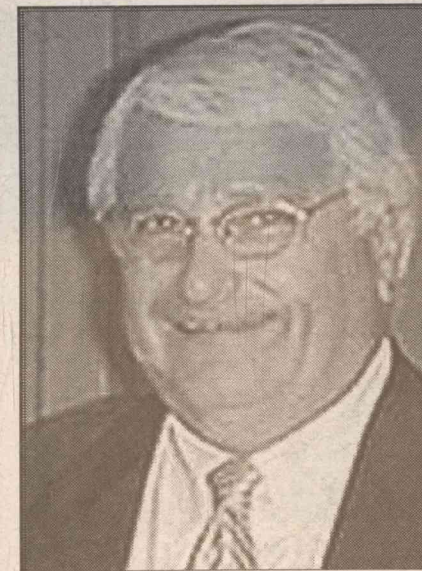
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let is CNS cable television for city subscribers. CNS replays the football games during the week on channel 6, and the cable channel also features a very popular high school talk show called "The Pressbox." The Pressbox show features Michael Best of the Cairo Syrupmakers, Randy Young, play by play announcer for the Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets and Jim Rayburn from the Thomasville Bulldogs. The 30-minute show concentrates on area high school football and college football. The show is hosted by Clint Thompson, sports editor of The Thomasville Times Enterprise.

The talk show airs on CNS on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays several times a day.



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Syrupmakers were a surprise contender in 2009

The 2009 edition of the Syrupmaker football team had waited patiently in the shadows of a group of seniors who led the Syrupmakers to the AAA title game two years in a row, winning it all in 2008. Last year's team featured a group of basically unknown players who followed a team that will be remembered as one of the best to ever suit up in the Syrupmaker red and black. Only two starters, one on offense and one on defense, returned, with a handful of other players who saw limited action the previous year. However, the 2009 Syrupmakers carved their own place in Cairo football history with a season to remember, making it all the way to the quarterfinals of the state AAA playoffs. Here now is a recap of the exciting 2009 season, and how the Syrupmakers made it to game three of the state playoffs to face the number one ranked and undefeated Gainesville Red Elephants.

CAIRO VS BAINBRIDGE

The Bainbridge Bearcats built a 16-0 lead over the Syrupmakers in the 2009 season's opening game and hung on to win 16-13. The game, played before a standing room only crowd at West Thomas Stadium, had been highly anticipated since last year's season opener was canceled due to Tropical Storm Faye. With no other game in Georgia south of Atlanta, Saturday night's game was the hottest ticket around and the fans were not disappointed. Brian Walker finished with 111 yards on 11 carries, and Smiley had 30 yards on 5 carries and a touchdown. The Syrupmaker defense held the Bearcats to 166 yards of offense, while the Makers tallied 231 yards in all.

CAIRO VS TCCHS

The Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets (1-1) scored once in the second quarter and again in the fourth quarter, holding the Syrupmakers to just a 23-yard field goal and winning 14-3. Cairo turned the ball over three times, one leading to a Yellow Jacket touchdown and two others ending touchdown drives, one a late touchdown drive in the final minutes of Friday night's nonregion match up. All four of Cairo's second half drives ended in Jacket territory. The Yellow Jackets fumbled on the first play of the second half, and the Makers looked to be heading in for a 7-7 tie. However, the Jacket defense stiffened, stopping the Makers at the Jacket 5-yard line and forcing the Syrupmakers to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Trevor Moncrief. The score stayed fixed at 7-3 until

3:38 in the game when the Jackets drove to the Maker 22-yard line and broke a touchdown run to make the final score 14-3, leaving Cairo at 0-2.

CAIRO VS THOMASVILLE

The Cairo High School Syrupmakers (0-2) entered Friday night's game with the Thomasville Bulldogs (1-1) looking for their first win of the 2009 season and found it at 7-3 to keep the Syrup Pitcher for the seventh year in a row. Cairo fumbled the opening kickoff deep in their own territory and gave up a 21-yard field goal, but that would be all the scoring for the potent Thomasville offense on that night. The coveted Syrup Pitcher trophy was put on the line again. Cairo had possession of the trophy for the last six years and has only lost the game and trophy three times since 1990. This

year's win marks number seven in a row for the Syrupmakers. Cairo scored what would turn out to be the winning points on a 27-yard pass from Brian Walker to Chris Adams with 9:42 left in the first half. That score gave Cairo a 7-3 lead, and the Syrupmaker defense buckled down, playing tough defense the rest of the night to seal the win.

CAIRO VS MONROE

It was another wild and crazy night in Albany for the Cairo Syrupmakers as they defeated the Monroe Tornadoes 10-7 on a last second field goal. However, it didn't come easy as the Syrupmakers had to throw two tying touchdown passes and Trevor Moncrief had to kick two winning field goals before it was all said and done. Monroe gave up their

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CAIRO VS. WORTH COUNTY

The Cairo Syrupmakers (3-2, 2-0) improved their region record to 2-0 with a 33-6 win over Worth County (1-5, 0-2) last Friday night at West Thomas Stadium in Cairo. Before Syrupmaker fans could get settled in to their seats, Chris Adams returned Worth County's opening kickoff 96 yards and Trevor Moncrief kicked the extra point to give Cairo a 7-0 lead with just 14 seconds off the game clock. Kicker Trevor Moncrief was 3-3 in extra points and 1-1 in field goals, and punter Ryan Cook averaged 30 yards a kick on three punts. The Syrupmakers were penalized only two times all night, but turned the ball over twice. Miguel Smiley accounted for 30 of Cairo's 42 yards of rushing offense.

CAIRO VS PEACH COUNTY

After racking up 21 unanswered points and holding the Cairo Syrupmakers (3-3, 2-1) to just 13 yards of offense in the first half, the undefeated Peach County Trojans (6-0, 3-0) had to hold off a furious second half comeback by the Syrupmakers to defeat Cairo 24-13 last Friday night in Ft. Valley. The Syrupmakers came out of the locker room in the second half and caught fire offensively. With the Peach County offense held in check by the Cairo defense, the Makers scored on touchdowns passes by Brian Walker to Quentin Jones and Chris Adams of 1 and 18 yards respectively. Cairo missed the first extra point on a mishandled snap, but Trevor Moncrief made the second one and Cairo was in reach at 21-13 with 10:27 to play in the game.

CAIRO VS DOUGHERTY

The Cairo Syrupmakers took one step closer to hosting a state playoff game with a win Friday night over the Dougherty County Trojans. The Syrupmakers scored 20 first half points and held on for a 20-0 win over the Trojans at West Thomas Stadium. In addition to the big region win, the Cairo defense picked up their first shutout of the season, and the Makers had over 200 yards rushing for the first time this season, as well. Cairo's rushing game came together with their biggest output of the season as LeQuinton Williams rushed for 108 yards and Miguel Smiley had 93 yards as Cairo finished with 315 yards of offense. Brian Walker completed six passes for 108 yards, as well.

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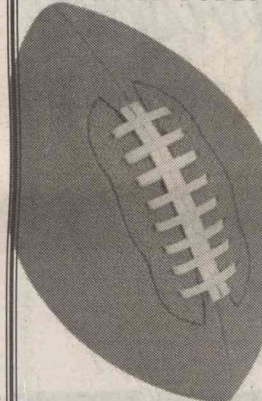
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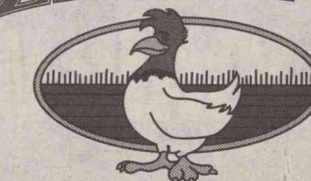
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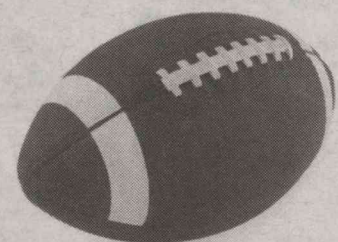
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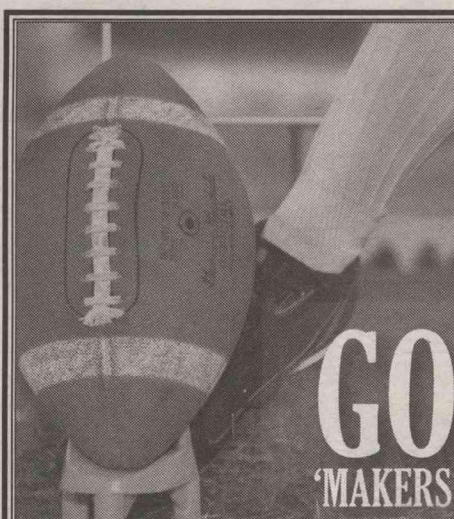
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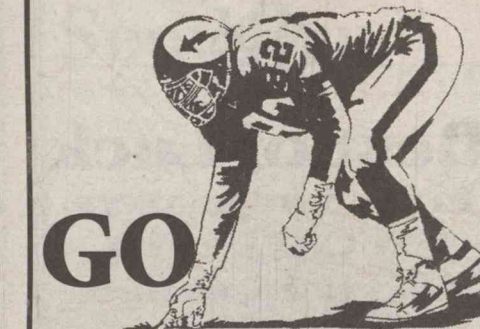
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CAIRO VS PERRY

The Cairo Syrupmakers took another step closer to hosting a first round playoff game and finishing second in region 1-AAA last Friday night. Cairo defeated the Perry Panthers 26-7 to improve their overall record to 5-3 and 4-1 in region play. Even though the Syrupmakers tallied their largest offensive output of the season with 344 total yards of offense, their head coach said there is still much work to be done. "I thought it was a pretty lackluster performance on our part. We kind of played down to their level instead of up to our level," head coach Tom Fallaw said. Cairo scored in each quarter, but had only two offensive series in the first half, one in the first quarter and one in the second, scoring on both.

CAIRO VS CRISP COUNTY

The Cairo Syrupmakers scored two first quarter touchdowns and hung on to beat the Crisp County Cougars 14-7 in Cordele Friday night. With the win, the Syrupmakers have clinched a second place finish in region 1-AAA and will host a first round playoff game against the number three seed in region 4-AAA. Cairo's LeQuinton Williams scored two Syrupmaker touchdowns in a matter of moments, once after an interception by Scooby Bodiford, who had two picks on the night, and another after a blocked punt by Quentin Jones. Williams' first score came on a 4-yard plunge and the second was a 24-yard run. Trevor Moncrief added both extra points and the Syrupmakers looked well on their way to a blowout win, leading 14-0. However, the Cougars came back in the second quarter

and scored on a 10-yard halfback pass with 29 seconds to play in the half, cutting Cairo's lead to 14-7. The Cairo defense picked off two more passes in the second half, Brian Walker and J.J. Cooper each had one, but the Makers were unable to capitalize.

CAIRO VS WESTOVER

The Cairo Syrupmakers finished the regular season with seven wins and three losses after beating the Westover Patriots 17-7 on Homecoming. LeQuinton Williams had a big night, rushing for 180 yards on 29 carries, the majority of it coming in the second half when Williams set up Cairo's second touchdown of the night, reeling off large gains on the opening drive of the second half. The Syrupmakers scored first on a Trevor Moncrief 24-yard field goal with 5:19 to go in the first quarter. The Makers second score of the

night came on a 23-yard pass from Brian Walker to Scooby Bodiford with 1:04 to play in the first half. After Moncrief's extra point, the Syrupmakers led 10-0 at the break. Cairo scored on their opening drive of the second half, led by the running by Williams. Walker finished off the drive with a one-yard plunge and Moncrief's extra point gave Cairo a 17-0 lead. Westover scored midway through the fourth quarter to cut the Cairo lead to 17-7, but the Syrupmakers held on and chalked up their sixth region win of the year.

CAIRO VS WOODLAND HENRY

The Cairo Syrupmakers put together a 42-3 victory over the Woodland-Henry Wolfpack in the first round of the state playoffs Friday night to advance to round two. Cairo

racked up 35 first half points and used an 8-play scoring drive to open the second half to put the game away. The Syrupmaker defense had another great night, shutting out the Wolfpack until the final minutes of the game when the visitors connected on a 27-yard field goal. Cairo held the Pack to just 6 first downs in the first half and 105 yards of offense. The Wolfpack finished the night with 242 yards of offense. Cairo's defense forced four turnovers, including interceptions by Brian Walker, Scooby Bodiford and an interception for a touchdown by Quentin Jones in the closing seconds of the first half. The Syrupmakers had no turnovers on the night, and racked up 340 yards of offense.

CAIRO VS BALDWIN

The Syrupmakers downed the Baldwin Braves 9-7 on the road to advance to the

quarterfinal round of the state playoffs. The Syrupmakers hit pay dirt with 1:24 left in the first half when Cairo quarterback Brian Walker found tight end Arthur Robinson all alone in the Baldwin end zone. Trevor Moncrief added the extra point and Cairo took a 7-0 lead to the locker room. The Syrupmakers added two more points on a blocked punt for a safety on Baldwin's first possession of the second half. After Cairo stalled at the Baldwin 10-yard line, the Braves drove 90 yards to cut the lead to 9-7. Cairo then attempted to run the clock out but fumbled with less than a minute to play. Brian Walker then intercepted a Baldwin pass to ice the game.

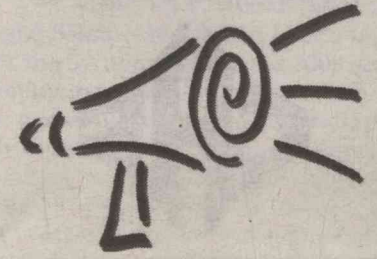
CAIRO VS GAINESVILLE

The Syrupmakers saw their amazing season come to an end with a 19-32 loss to a

very good Gainesville team. Gainesville took a 13-0 lead on an 82-yard run and an 80-yard return. However, the Syrupmakers fought back, answering with an exciting 57-yard score by LeQuinton Williams. The Cairo defense added two points with a safety after Mose Willis' kickoff came down at the Gainesville one yard line and the Makers pinned the Red Elephants at the goal. Trailing 9-13, the Syrupmakers took the lead on a pass from Brian Walker to LeQuinton Williams. The Elephants responded with a kickoff return to midfield, and then took the lead back on a five-yard score by Gainesville quarterback Blake Sims. With 8:57 to play in the half, Cairo ended a long drive with a 34-yard field goal by Trevor Moncrief. With a 20-19 margin, the Red Elephants then scored on their next possession and again on a 51-yard


touchdown bomb from Sims to Tai-ler Jones. With a 32-19 lead at the half, that would be all the scoring for both teams in this game. The Syrupmakers finished the season with a 9-4 record, finishing second in region 1-AAA and advancing to the quarterfinal round of only eight teams in the state playoffs.

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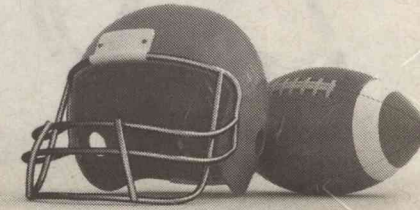
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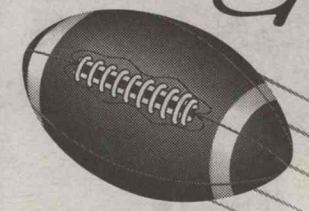

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New quarterback set to lead offense

The Cairo offense will be led by a new quarterback again this year but, according to Cairo coach Tom Fallaw, that is not unusual. "In high school, you very seldom hear of a freshman or sophomore stepping in at quarterback, on this level, juniors and seniors get most of the playing time. There is a lot of talk about replacing a quarterback, but we replace people every year and that's just part of it," he said. This year, Cairo is looking at two seniors, Brandon McCrary and Grant Latmore.

since his freshman year, while Latmore is a recent transfer to Cairo High School.

"Brandon knows the system and is familiar with our terminology and plays. Grant is having to learn a lot in a hurry, but he's doing well," said Boyce. Either way, it's nice to have some depth at the position. Other younger quarterbacks include Donald Thomas and Devante Jones. Another young quarterback, Chris Layton, sustained an injury to his collarbone in fall camp and is currently sidelined with the injury.

Whoever steps in at quarterback will have an experienced offensive line and a couple of returning running backs to help move the offense in 2010.

According to quarterback coach Greg Boyce, both have most of the same attributes. "Both quarterbacks are talented, have strong arms and are capable of running the offense," said Boyce. The biggest difference is the fact McCrary has been in the program

“ Both quarterbacks are **talented**, have strong arms and are **capable** of running the offense.”

— Greg Boyce



QUARTERBACKS - front row, l-r: Wyatt Anderson, Michael Calloway, Donald Thomas, Bailey Lewis and Levi Newberry; and back row, Terrell Bryant, Brandon McCrary, Coach Greg Boyce, Grant Latmore and Chris Layton.

Offense looks to make steady improvement



OFFENSIVE LINE - front row, l-r: Tyler Sheppard, Sedarion Thornton, Devin Wright, Richard Walker, Kevin Polk, Brantavis Vicks, Tiakail Anderson, Terrance Crawford, Justin Garland and Tanner Clark; second row, Dustin Polk, Gage Arline, Hunter Sadler, David Bentley, Jacoby Jones, Kendrick King, Trey Moore, Marcus Hernandez, Brian Strickland, Carroll Cason, Allen Hartsfield and Trey Morrell; and back row, Coach Jason Whitaker, Vimal Patel, Devontae Johnson, Jevante Brown, Burt McKinsey, Anthony Mosely, Brady Johnson, Chris Howell, Zack Hough, Dusty Mote, Adam Hester, Tyler McGhee, Dontavious Shuler, Kentavious King, Patrick Asbell and Coach Tom Fallaw.

The Cairo Syrupmaker offense was loaded with firepower in 2007 and 2008 during the two state championship runs. In 2009, the entire offense had to be rebuilt, from the line to the backs to receivers. That group got better as the season went along, averaging almost 18 points a game and helped take the Syrupmakers to round three of the AAA playoffs. This year, at least eight of those starters return for the 2010 season and, hopefully, another run deep into the playoffs.

"We always look to get better on offense as we move through the season. We've got some people back who will have some experience, but we're also looking to fill spots," said of-

fensive coordinator Greg Boyce. Cairo returns their entire offensive line, tight end and tailback, but is replacing the quarterback, fullback and a couple of receivers.

"We've got some talent back, and we feel good about quarterback and the others who will be stepping in," said Boyce. There won't be many changes in 2010 as Cairo believes in what has given them success over the years and prepares to continue with the same plan. "We like to run it and have the backs to do it, but we feel good about our passing game. We have some receivers who catch the ball and make something happen, and a couple of tight ends that make some things happen as

well," said Boyce.

In 2010, John Holt, J.J. Cooper and Terrell Bryant return at receiver; Arthur Robinson and Randy Wooten at tight end; and Miguel Smiley and Lequinton Williams at tailback. On the line, Cairo returns Chris Howell,

Burt McKinsey, Zack Hough, Anthony Mosely, Patrick Asbell, Brady Johnson and Dontavious Shuler. Brandon McCrary and Grant Latmore are battling for the quarterback spot.

Offensive line returns with depth

Last year, the Cairo offensive line was depleted due to graduation, and coach Tom Fallaw and his staff had to undertake the task of rebuilding a group that was

crucial to the offensive success of the team. After playing 13 games last season, that group returns intact for the 2010 season. Offensive linemen accept their role on the team, understanding they very seldom get their name called on the loud speaker, on the radio or printed in the paper. "They know how important they are to the success of our offense, and they understand they have to do their job for any part of the offense to work," said offensive line coach Jason Whitaker.

According to Whitaker, this year's linemen come back with experience and depth. "This group has a lot of talent, and we have some depth. They continue to work hard and learn, and our goal is to keep improving every week," said Whitaker.

This year's linemen include Chris Howell, Burt McKenzie, Zack Hough, Anthony Mosely, Brady Johnson, Patrick Asbell and Dontavious Shuler.

Cairo will have a new quarterback and a couple of new receivers this year, but return two experienced running backs. "With the experience at running back, we know we will be lining it up and running right at folks, so our line will play a big role in that success," said Whitaker.

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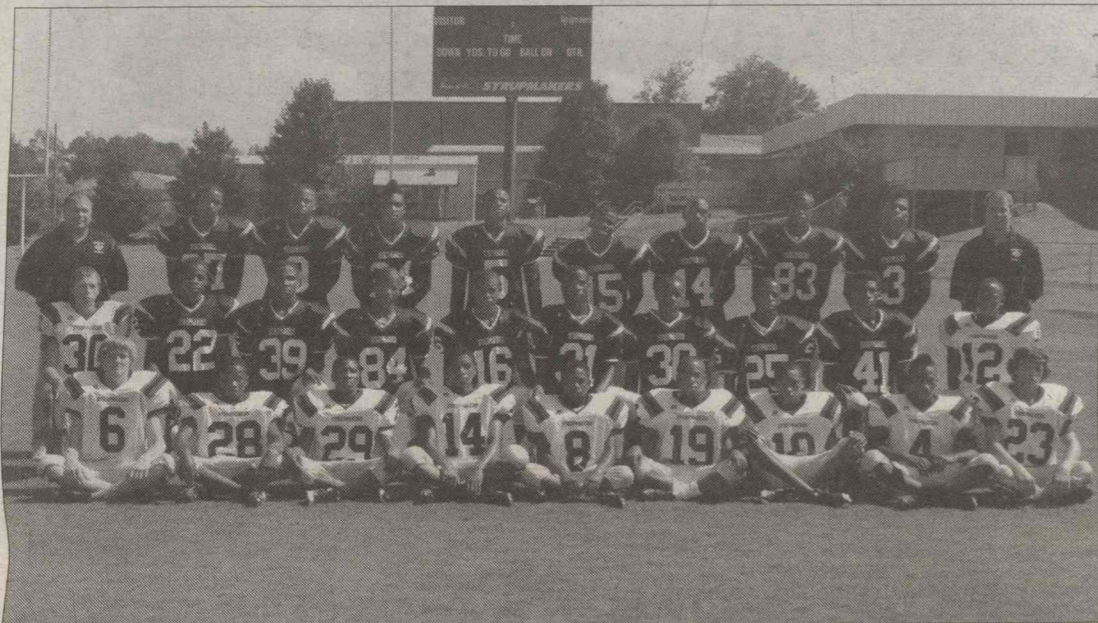
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Young receivers ready for challenge

With the graduation of Scooby Bodiford and Chris Adams, Cairo will be young at the receiver position, according to coach Brad Almon. "We have some new players at receiver and a couple of people back," said Almon. Back this season at wide out are J.J. Cooper, John Holt and Terrell Bryant. Holt has the most experience at the position, and most of the receivers will be going both ways. "We're young and just need some games under our belt. They had a good camp this summer and have really been working hard," said Almon.

Almon says his groups have been working on running good routes, blocking and making the catch. "We'll use several receivers because of the amount of time they will spend at other positions, but everyone is coming together well, this is really a good group," said Almon.

Other receivers that will see playing time include Damiean Cason, Zaye Donaldson and Shaunta Dismuke.



RECEIVERS - front row, l-r: Daniel Chadwick, Dwight Edwards, Meteorion James, Cameron Hargrove, Anthony Jones, La-darius Wilson, Reese Wooten, Dazmon Chandler and Derrick Erskine; middle row, Dylan Owens, Richard Guyton, Carlos Duncan, Latravious James, Mark Wooten, Keenan Bogan, Deonta Dismuke, Ramsey Williams, Octavious Stitt and Timothy Cleveland; and back row, Coach Kevin Elliott, Brian Strickland, Terrell Bryant, Shanta Dismuke, Tim Gurley, John Holt, Dontra Anderson, Zaye Donaldson, John Cooper and Coach Brad Almon.

Tight ends are in good hands



TIGHT ENDS - front row, l-r: Tyler Dalton, Eric Burney, Brandon Keller, Kenny Smith and Tyler Meades; and back row, Marcus Holmes, Arthur Robinson, Coach Tom Fallaw, Ervin Donaldson and Randy Wooten.

Typically tight ends are big targets with good hands and the ability to block. A tight end who can do all of those things is a valuable weapon in an offensive scheme. Cairo's offense has a few players that fit the bill and look to be a part of the offensive plan again this year.

"In our offense, we not only use our tight ends to block, but we like to throw to them. If we throw 20 or so times, at least half of that is going to be to them," said coach Tom Fallaw. Returning for Cairo at tight end is Arthur Robinson and Randy

Wooten. Last year, Arthur caught a touchdown pass against Baldwin that helped Cairo with a big playoff win on the road, and Wooten hauled in a touchdown to help in a region win over Monroe.

Wooten splits time at defensive end, as well, but will be used in addition to Robinson. Other tight ends will be Marcus Holmes, who played split guard on the offensive line last year, and Ervin Donaldson. Fallaw said all are big targets with good hands who step in and help.

Running backs set to carry the load



RUNNING BACKS - front row, l-r: Hunter Turner, Darius Brimm, Drake Robertson, Marcus Herring, Paul Coleman and Paul Davis; and back row, Devante Jones, Miguel Smiley, Terrell Cason, Coach Tommy York, LeQuinton Williams, Kelvin Hart and Prince Davis.

Cairo running backs coach Tommy York is excited about his group of players. Cairo returns seniors LeQuinton Williams and Miguel Smiley at tailback, but have to replace at fullback because of the graduation of Richard Brimm. "We are excited about our running backs. They have worked hard and have the ability to carry the load. They play both ways, so we'll use both backs as needed," said York.

Williams has great size and strength and really came on strong in the second half of the season, gaining the attention of several division one schools. Smiley poses a lot of speed and breakaway ability and had some big runs last year.

Backing up Williams and Smiley at running back will be Terrell Cason and Drake Robertson. "We are good with ei-

ther one, they both bring a lot to the table and that gives us some depth at tailback," said York.

At fullback, the Syrupmakers will use Hunter Turner and Prince Davis. Hunter also plays defense and runs hard. Davis played some behind Brimm last season and has some game experience at the position. P.J. Davis, Devante Jones, Paul Coleman and Kelvin Hart will also play some at fullback. "P.J. has great hands so that's another weapon we have there. Devante, Paul and Kelvin will also make great contributions there, they can all carry the load," said York.

York says they also have lots of freshman backs with potential as well. "They will have to step up as we go through the season. They have potential, but we'll have to see them put that ability to work," York added.

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- 1998 ANTONIO MITCHELL, ALPHONZO HOPKINS, NAT HESTER
- 1999 JAIRAM QUEEN, ALPHONZO HOPKINS
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- 2002 TOMMY GAINOUS, BLAKE FIELD
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New adversaries on 2010 schedule

With the realignment of high schools by the GHSA, region 1-AAA and Cairo's 2010 football schedule has a new look. Cairo will now have six region opponents and four nonregion opponents. The Syrupmakers will have five home and five away games this season, as well.

Here now is a look at the 2010 schedule with a scouting report from Cairo head football coach Tom Fallaw.



BAINBRIDGE BEARCATS

The Syrupmakers first road trip of the 2010 season is September 3 as the Makers travel to Bainbridge to take on the Bearcats. "It's a rivalry game and that always makes things a little different. Bainbridge always has a lot of athletes and always play us tough," said Fallaw. The Bearcats finished 6-5 last season and 4-4 in region 1-AAAA, losing to North Clayton in round one of the AAAA state playoffs.



DREW TITANS

The Syrupmakers open the 2010 season at home against not only a new team for Cairo, but a new team in AAA. Drew High School is making its AAA debut after a semi-varsity schedule. "Drew High School is a AAA team. They called us earlier and wanted to play, and we knew it would help in a tie-breaker in the region if needed," said Fallaw. Although Drew is new varsity competition, the school draws from Mt. Zion and North Clayton High Schools, two well respected teams in north Georgia. "They will have some athletes, they are pulling some students from schools that have traditionally been very good," said Fallaw.



JORDAN RED JACKETS

Another new team on the Syrupmakers' schedule is the Jordan Red Jackets. Cairo will face Jordan at home on September 10. Jordan finished 4-6 last season and 3-5 in region 5-AA. "Jordan has a lot of athletes, they play hard every snap and will be a challenge," said Fallaw.



THOMAS COUNTY CENTRAL YELLOW JACKETS

The Battle for the Barnett's Creek Water Bucket will be a big nonregion game on the Cairo schedule, as always. The Yellow Jackets beat the Makers 14-3 last season in Cairo and finished the year with a 11-2 record, winning the region 1-AAAA championship and going 8-0 in the region. This might be the Jackets year as they return most of last year's team. "It's another one of those rivalry games that can go either way. They have a strong senior class and a lot of athletes all over the field, and the top defensive recruit in the state," said Fallaw. Cairo will travel to Thomasville September 17.



MONROE TORNADES

Cairo will be back at home on September 24 for their first region game of the year as

they take on the Monroe Tornadoes. Cairo edged the Tornadoes 10-7 last season on a last second field goal. "Monroe always plays us tough each year and this year will be no different," said Fallaw. Monroe finished 7-4 last season and 4-3 in the region, losing to Jackson 14-3 in round one of the state AAA playoffs.



DOUGHERTY TROJANS

After an open date, the Syrupmakers will be home on October 8 to host the Dougherty Trojans. The 1990 state champions will be honored during pregame festivities and the CHS band will be joined by alumni members for a special night, as well. "It's a typical Dougherty team, big, powerful, they will line up and come right at you. They have a new coach this year so we really don't know what else to expect," said Fallaw. Dougherty lost to the Syrupmakers 20-0 last year and finished 4-6 overall and 3-4 in region play.



WORTH COUNTY RAMS

Cairo travels to Sylvester on October 15 to take on the Worth County Rams. Worth finished 5-6 last season and 4-3 in region play. Cairo defeated the Rams 33-6 last season. "They are a good team, always play hard nosed football and they have a lot back from last year's team," said Cairo coach Tom Fallaw.



CRISP COUNTY COUGARS

Cairo will be on the road to Cordele October 29 to play the Cougars. "Another new coach, but we do know they have some talent and a coach that is going to throw the ball a lot," said Fallaw. The Cougars finished the season with a 5-5 record and 3-4 overall. Cairo defeated the Cougars 14-7 last season.



WESTOVER PATRIOTS

The Syrupmakers will have Westover at home for Homecoming on October 22. Cairo defeated the Patriots 17-7 last year. Westover finished the season 3-7 overall and 1-6 in region play. "Westover is another one of our region schools with a new coach, so there is a lot of unknowns at this point," said Fallaw.



AMERICUS-SUMTER PANTHERS

The Panthers come to region 1-AAA from region 1-AAAA where they finished 4-6 overall and 2-6 in region play. "New coach who coached at Cook County before. They have some athletes and will play us tough," said Fallaw. Cairo will travel to Americus on November 5 for the final game of the regular season.

The eye in the sky

Like an old fashioned barn raising, several members of the community have come together to construct a new film tower at the Cairo High School football practice field. The tower will allow the Syrupmaker film crew a better view of practice. Many people came out, volunteering their time and materials to get the tower completed.

"We have been using a metal deer stand to film from, it really wasn't tall enough, so this new tower gives our film crew a better angle, which gives us a better look at the practice," said Cairo coach Tommy York, who works with the student videographers who film practices and games.

According to coach York, many citizens and

businesses in the community came together over the summer to construct the 30-foot tall structure on the east sidelines. "We had several people come in draw the plans, set the poles, construct the tower and stair platform and put in the stairs. We will have it fenced in to secure the tower, as well," said York.

Coaches use the video from daily practices to meet with players and improve performance. "We can work with them on the field and correct things there, but it's also important to come back and show them what they are doing in our film work," said Cairo coach Tom Fallaw.

According to York, the tower is a symbol of community support. "We used a lot of donated material and labor to build the tower, and it provides us with a much better product for our coaches to use. The people in the community who helped are too numerous to call by name because I don't want to leave anyone out, but everyone knows who they are and, on behalf of the football program, we want to thank all of them," said York.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes is for everyone

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is open to all young people at Cairo High School. The club, one of the largest on campus, is sponsored by coach Tommy and Julie York and coach Lucy Baker.

"We have about 50-60 kids show up at 7:30 on Thursday mornings for a devotion and meeting time. We are not just for athletes, it's open to all of our students," said Tommy York.

The club meets in the old gym because of its location close to the school. York said one of the goals of the club is to train young people to be witnesses for Christ. "We are a non-denominational group that is open to everyone. We just try to help teach our kids to tell others about Christ. Some can do it by example, by telling others, or just getting their friends to follow them to the meeting on Thursdays," York said.

One source of pride for the group is the

new FCA Bible. The Bible features a picture of club member Alex Tise, who is a member of the CHS FCA and a girl's basketball player. The picture was taken at a summer leadership camp. The Bible is distributed all over the United States.

York also invited youth pastors to attend the weekly meeting. "It's a great opportunity for the area youth pastors to get to be with their kids," said York.

Each meeting features a short devotion by area pastors and youth leaders, lay people and CHS faculty members. "It's really good for our faculty members to come speak because it gives our kids an opportunity to see our teachers in a different light," said York.

The club raises money for trips to FCA game days at FSU or Georgia and also to send young people to FCA camps in the summer.

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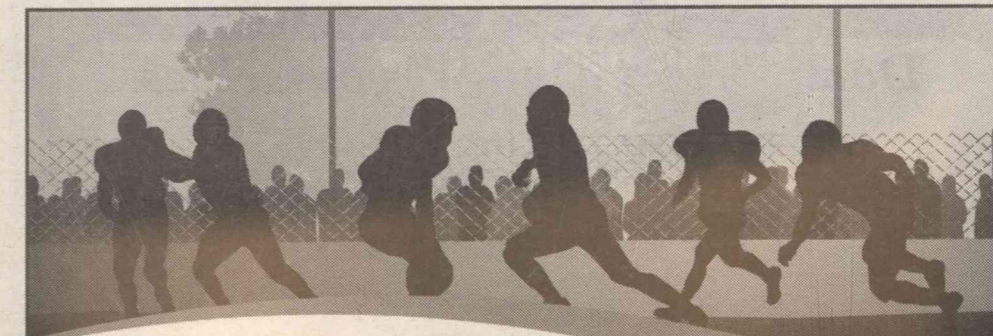


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Sept. 16	Worth County @ Cairo	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Bainbridge @ Bainbridge	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Thomas Co. Central @ Thomasville	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Bainbridge @ Cairo	5:00 p.m.

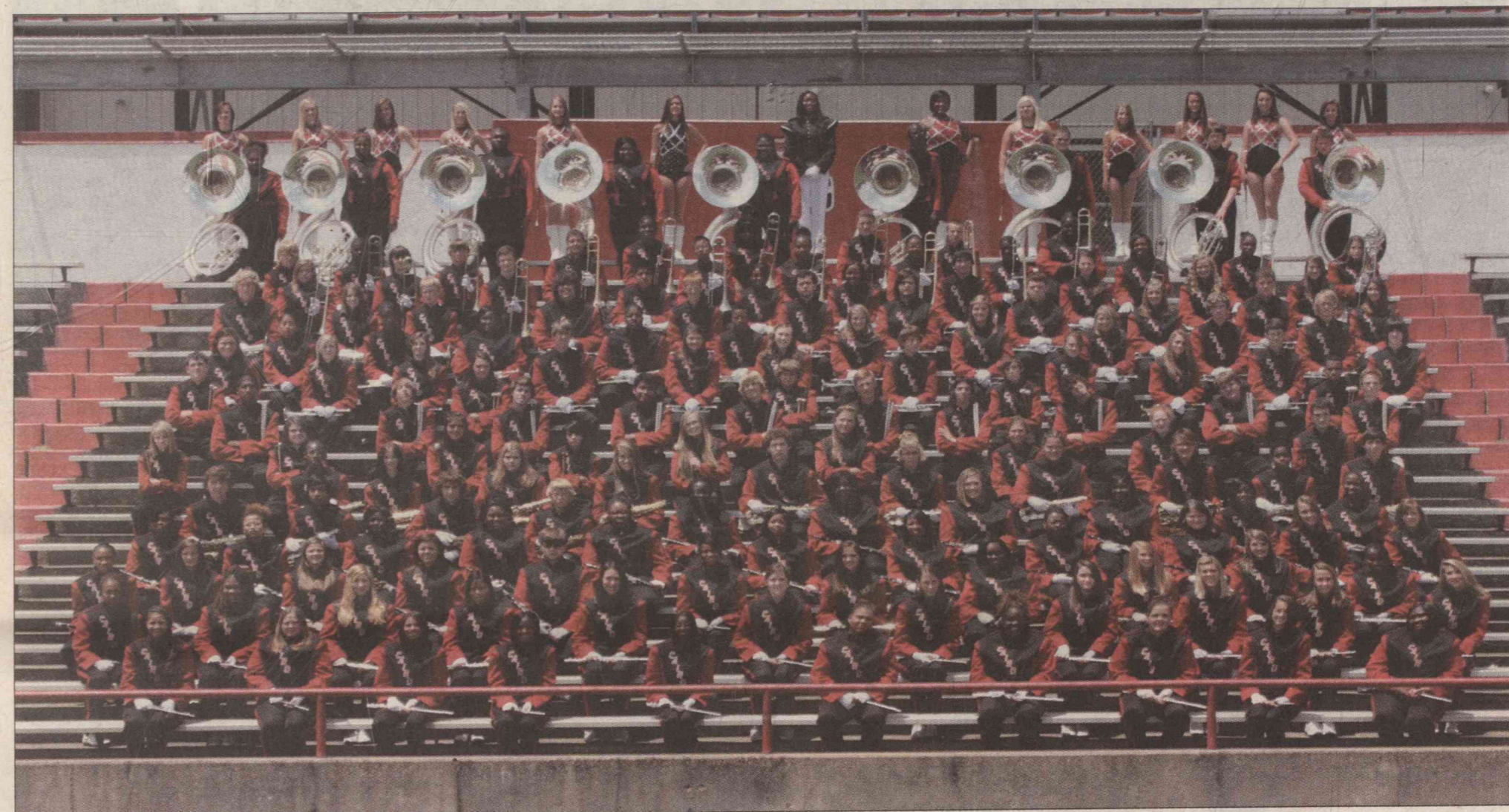
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Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 26	Dougherty @ Cairo	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 30	Cook Co. JV DH @ Cairo	4:00 p.m.
Aug. 31	TCCHS JV/V @ Thomasville	4:00/5:45 p.m.
Sept. 1	Lee Co. JV/V @ Cairo	4:00/5:45 p.m.
Sept. 2	Monroe @ Cairo	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 7	Early Co. JV/V @ Blakely	5:00/6:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Westover @ Albany	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 11	Bainbridge JV Tourney @ Bainbridge	TBA
Sept. 14	Thomas Co. Central JV/V @ Cairo	4:00/5:45 p.m.
Sept. 16	Americus @ Americus	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Lee Co. JV/V @ Leesburg	4:00/5:45 p.m.
Sept. 25-26	Vikette Inv. Varsity Tourney @ Valdosta	TBA
Sept. 27	Bainbridge JV/V @ Bainbridge	4:00/5:45 p.m.
Sept. 30	Worth Co. @ Cairo	5:00 p.m.
Oct. 4-7	Region Tourney @ Albany	TBA
Oct. 13-14	1st Round State Sectionals - TBA	TBA
Oct. 20-21	2nd Round State Sectionals - TBA	TBA

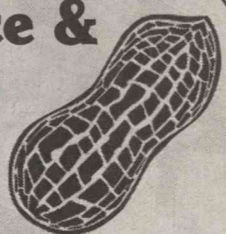
Cairo Syrupmaker Basketball

Date	Opponent	Time
Nov. 16	Colquitt @ Moultrie	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	TCCHS @ Thomasville	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 7	Dougherty @ Albany	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 10	Americus @ Cairo	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 17	Pelham @ Pelham	6:00 p.m.
Dec. 18	100 Men's Shootout - Away	TBA
Dec. 18, 20-21	Girl's Lowndes Christmas @ Lowndes	TBA
Dec. 20-21	Boy's Bainbridge Tourn. @ Bainbridge	TBA
Dec. 29	Boys' Christmas Tournament	TBA
Dec. 28-30	Girls Tift Shootout @ Tifton	TBA
Jan. 4	Westover @ Sylvester	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 7	Worth @ Cairo	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Pelham @ Cairo	6:00 p.m.
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Jan. 18	Crisp @ Crisp	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 21	Dougherty @ Cairo	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 22	Bainbridge @ Bainbridge	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 25	Americus @ Americus	6:00 p.m.
Jan. 28	Westover @ Albany	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 1	Worth @ Sylvester	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 4	Monroe @ Albany	6:00 p.m.
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Syrupmaker band half time show to feature trilogy of Elvis hits

The 2010-11 Syrupmaker Band is set to bring one of the best high energy shows to the field this year. The 200 musicians have worked to put together one of the most entertaining halftime shows yet.

Summer marching rehearsals began July 19th as the majorettes, percussion, tubas, trombones, and the band's leadership reported. Working with the 12 majorettes at the camp this year are Mr. Folsom's daughters, Amy Aarhus of Starkville, Mississippi and Kelly Morrow of Birmingham, Alabama. Both girls were twirlers at Auburn University. And, serving as the Cairo majorette sponsor this year is Jessica Barrett, a former Syrupmaker Majorette.

Head majorette is Kaylee Harrell. Kaylee is a senior flutist and a band officer. She is the daughter of Keith and Kim Harrell.

Majorette co-captain is Alexis White. Alexis is also a senior flutist and a band officer, and she is the daughter of Kisha Blackhear.

The freshman band members had a split orientation this year. The first year students came in for two days in late May to give them a chance to meet their section leaders, see the new music, and find out what is expected of them. Then, on July 21st, the freshmen came back for another two days of follow up instruction.

The full band reported July 26th for their seven-day training session. Students spent the camp learning the music and drill that will be put on the field for this fall's shows.

This year's show will include the exciting Latin opener *Ferro Caliente*, a trilogy of Elvis Presley hits *Heartbreak Hotel*, *C. C. Rider*, and *Blue Suede Shoes*. The Syrupmaker Band will close with the beloved *Battle Hymn* finale.

The band will be directed on the field by senior drum major Mercedes Gainor. Mercedes is the daughter of Janice Gainor.

Senior saxophonist Lucas Baggett was selected to serve as the band's captain for the 2010-2011 season. Lucas is the son of Travis and Sharon Baggett.

Also selected to officer positions were: Tessa Gilliard, Allie Nowell, Dakota Thomas, Alexis Forrest, Alexis Cloud, Zach Boyd, Matthew Harrison, Rachel Zipperer, Madeleine Lovett, Tameria Williams, Josh Easom, Wesley Hicks, Zach Looney, Joey Knight, Jason Maxwell, Miranda Robinson, Austin Brinkley, Elizabeth Collins, Darrus Harrell, Shekoiya Jackson, Moses Vasquez, Mitchell Thomas, Megan Akridge, Kayla Clark, Brittany Rykard, Courtney Bearrentine, Hailey Glover, Zoe Smith, Brittany Ward, Jasmyn Bush, Jenese Carlow, Kristi Corker, Logan Dinkins, Kayla Dozier, Tyler Glover, Logan Ezell, and Terrica Jones.

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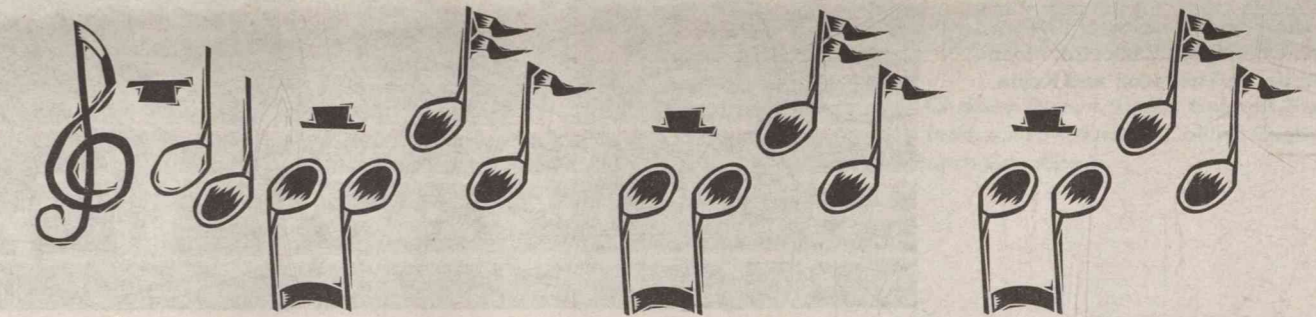
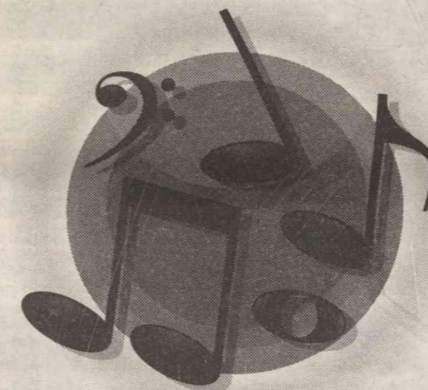
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BAND LEADERSHIP - front row, l-r: Courtney Bearrentine, Kristi Corker, Alexis Cloud, Alexis Forrest, Kaylee Harrell, Alexis White, Dakota Thomas, Brittany Ward, Ally Nowell, Tessa Gilliard, Jasmyn Bush and Terrica Jones; second row, Logan Dinkins, Rachel Zipperer, Tameria Williams, Madeleine Lovett, Matthew Harrison, Lucas Baggett and Zach Boyd; third row, Austin Brinkley, Miranda Robinson, Jason Maxwell, Zach Looney, Wesley Hicks, Josh Easom, Joey Knight, Logan Ezell, Brittany Rykard and Tyler Glover; fourth row, Moses Vasquez, Kayla Clark, Megan Akridge and Mitchell Thomas; and back row, Jenese Carlow, Elizabeth Collins, Shekoiya Jackson and Darrus Harrell.



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SENIOR BAND MEMBERS - front row, l-r: Alexis Cloud, Alexis Forrest, Taylor Aldridge, Hannah Starling, Kaylee Harrell, Mercedes Gainor, Alexis White, Taylor Fallaw, Katie Pritchett, Tessa Gilliard, Ashley Connell and Dakota Thomas; second row, Brittany Byrden, Matthew Harrison, Lucas Baggett, Zach Boyd, Kayla Dozier and Kia Kelly; third row, Jason Maxwell, Miranda Robinson, Wesley Hicks, Josh Easom, Will Woods and Zach Coons; and back row, Moses Vasquez, Kenya Thornton and Kayla Clark.

CHS cheerleaders have busy summer

The Cairo High School football and basketball cheerleaders stayed busy all summer preparing for their upcoming seasons.

All Syrupmaker cheerleaders attended camp at Columbus University during the month of June. Once again, all squads came away with top level performances and trophies. Varsity football received 1st place in the Fight Song competition and 1st place in the Tradition category. JV football received 1st place in the Home Dance competition and 2nd place in the Game Day Competition.

Several girls received All-American bids, which give them an opportunity to participate in one of various bowl games to be played in December and January. All-American cheerleader bids went to Sarah Carnline, Chelsey Young, Krista Robinson, Mikayla Lee, Chelsea Chick and Ashley Hunter.

Individually, Chelsey Young captured the Jump Trophy for the entire camp. Ms. Young competed against 30 other cheerleaders to take the trophy for best jumps.

The football and basketball squads learned a lot of new material during the three-day camp and are looking forward to pumping up the spirit for all Syrupmaker sports fans

at football and basketball games in the coming year.

Varsity football cheerleaders spent the month of June conditioning with weight lifting and water aerobics. They are extremely grateful to the staff at Holder Park Pool for accommodating them. The squad also hosted a camp for the Washington Middle and Whigham school cheerleaders. The camp was supervised by coaches Cheryl Cruel-Simmons and Adrienne Cruel. The squad continued a tradition of public service by volunteering with the Angel Food Ministries at First Baptist Church.

Captains for this year's varsity football squad are Shantia Brown, Chelsea Chick and Shelby Gainous. The junior varsity football captain is Chrystal Brown. The varsity football squad is coached by Cheryl Cruel-Simmons, the JV football squad is coached by Chloe Thomas, and the basketball cheerleaders are coached by Adrienne Cruel.



SENIORS CHEERLEADERS - front row, l-r: Ashley Hunter, Christen Brown, Shelby Gainous, Sarah Connell, Chelsey Young, Cynthia Crawford and Shantia Brown; and back row: Andrea Collins, Chelsea Chick, Chelsie Washington, Emily Denton, Macey Morrison and Sarah Carnline.



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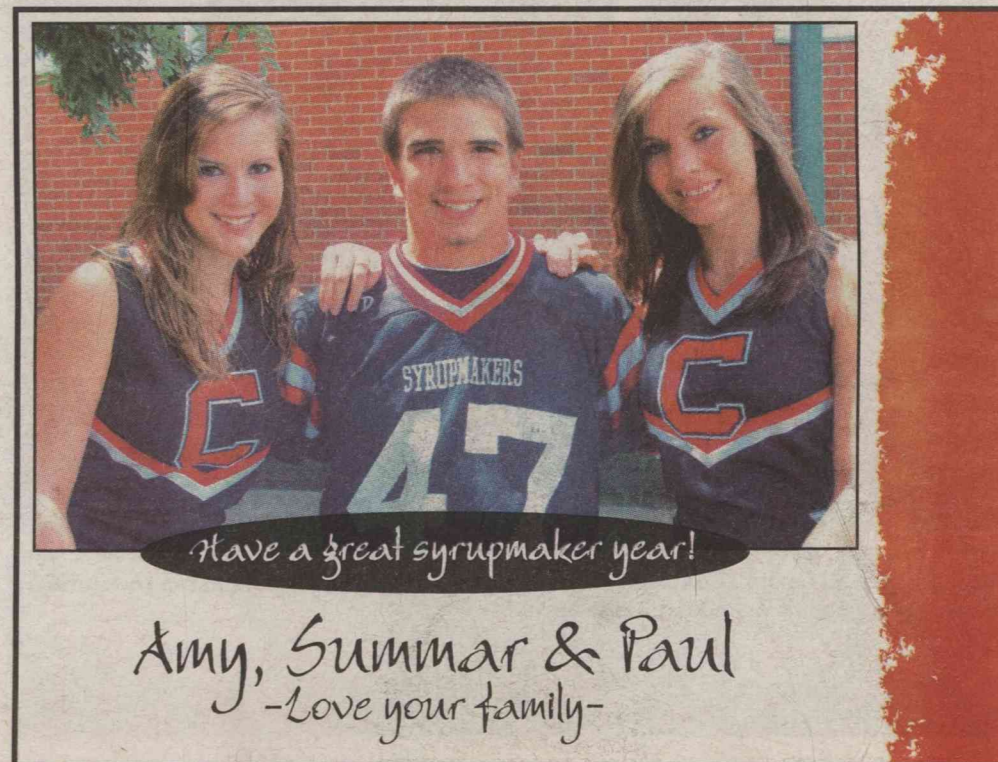


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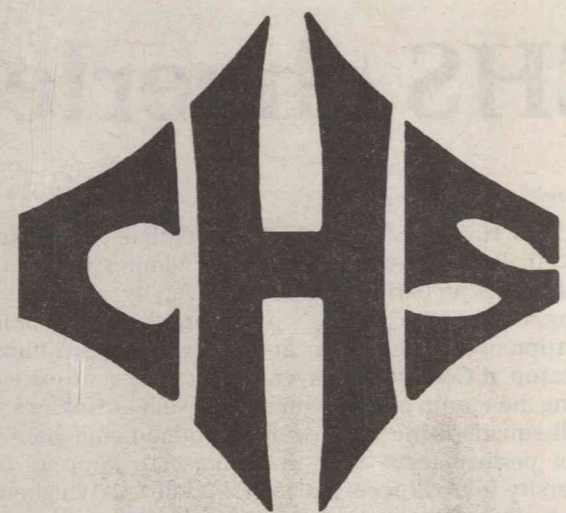


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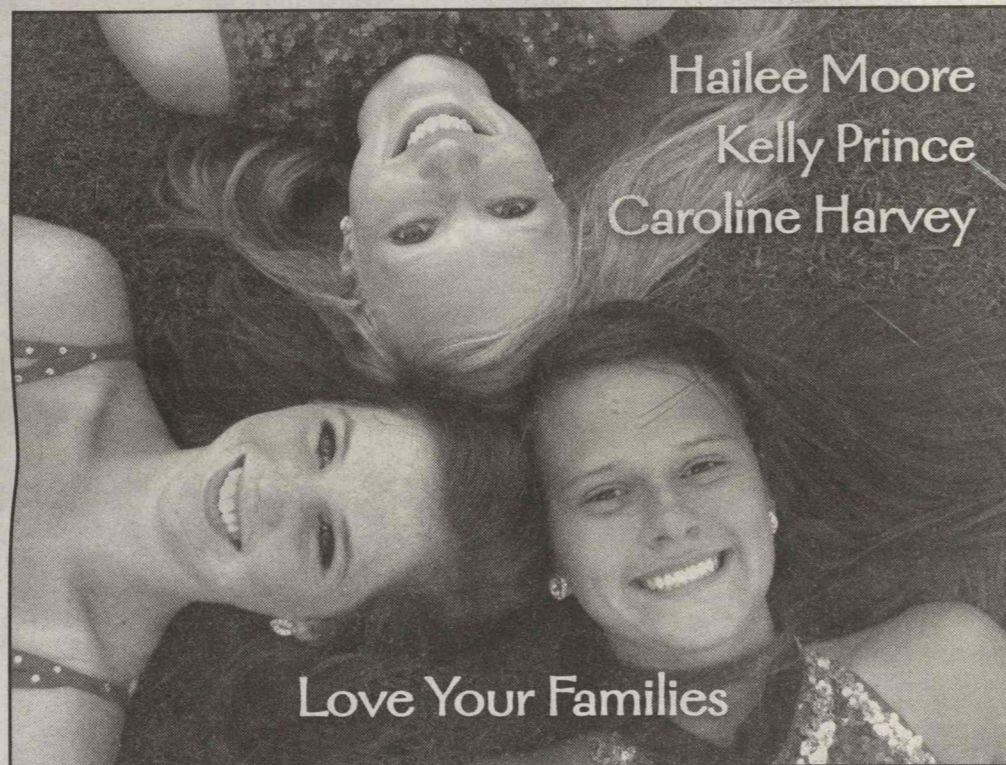
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VARSITY SQUAD - kneeling, l-r: Brin Joiner, Amy Coleman, Summar Benton, Morgan Dime, Lindsey Knight and Carley Gainous; and back row: Cynthia Crawford, Macey Morrison, Chelsea Chick, Chelsie Washington, Sarah Carnline, Emily Denton, Sarah Connell, Christen Brown, Chelsey Young, Shelby Gainous, Ashley Hunter, Shantia Brown and Andrea Collins.

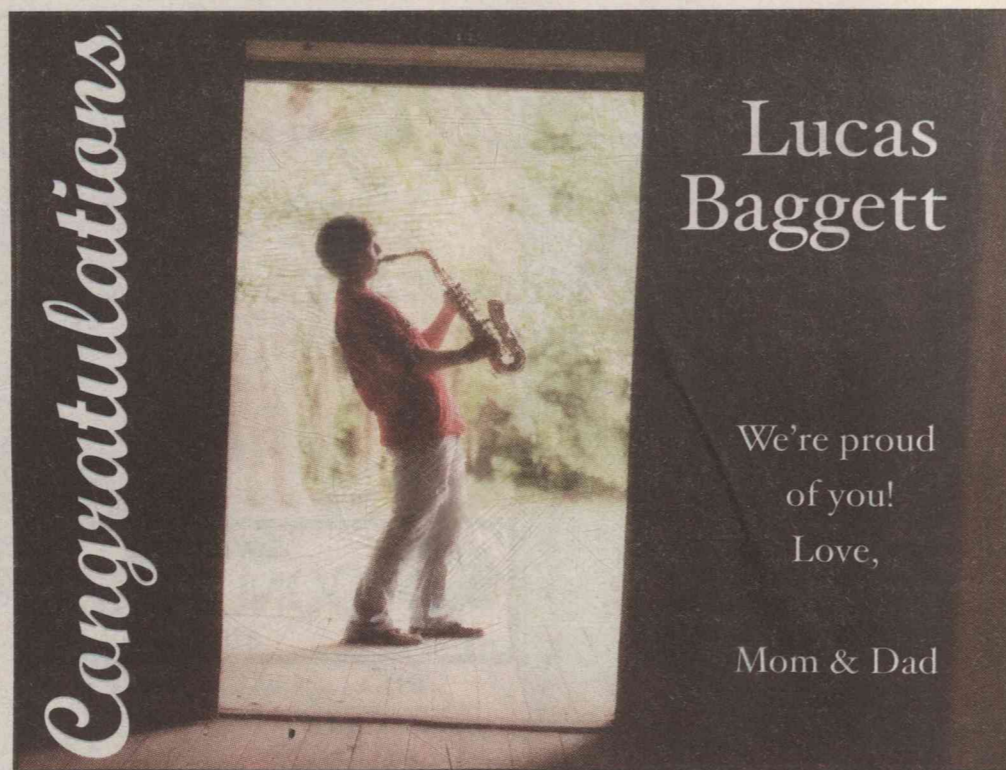


JUNIOR VARSITY SQUAD - front row, l-r: Tiffany Orme and Nicole Watson; middle row: Lynsey Johnson, Cydney Whigham, Shelley Kines, Kirsten Fowler, Crystal Brown, Ally Hollingsworth, El Lexius Thompson, Keyera Mitchell and Mikayla Lee; and top row: Amber Hooks, Krista Robinson and Lauren Whitman.



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Twenty years later, the memories don't fade

◆ John "Big Shake" Walton will be a part of 20-year reunion of '90 team Oct. 8



He was big, he was vocal, and he helped lead the Syrupmakers to their first ever 15-0 undefeated season and only their second championship in school history, and he's still "shakin" 20 years later. John Walton, or as most people knew him, "Big Shake."

Defensive coordinator Stan Shepherd was the first to call Walton "Big Shake" and the name has stuck ever since.

Walton still remembers that magical year as if it were yesterday. "I think about it all the time. That was a great year, no one picked us to win and, in fact, they picked against us all year," said Walton.

While not many others believed, "Big Shake" said they knew it could be a championship year. "We were pretty good the year before, and we had just about everybody back on offense and defense, we just needed a quarterback," Walton said. Then, Rodney Donaldson, a sophomore, stepped in to lead the Maker offense. With an experienced line and running backs, the young sophomore had plenty of help around him. A small but experienced offensive line included Richard Pearce, Derek Edwards, Chris Addison, Leron White,

Brian Darsey and Eric Shropshire.

Donaldson had running backs Herman Garland, James Goar and Raymond Taylor behind him and Stacey Derico and Shropshire to throw to. Mark Starr was the Cairo punter and Michael Sanders kicked off and added extra points and field goals.

"The first time we beat Worth County, people started to believe. Worth was undefeated, number one in the state and the defending state champions - and we beat them 38-8," said Walton. After that win, people began to take notice of the Syrupmakers. Game after game, the team plowed through the schedule, slowly moving up in the polls. However, everyone knew the real test was waiting in game 10, the Thomasville Bulldogs. "Everyone wondered what we would do with Thomasville. After that win, people were getting really excited," said Walton.

Walton remembers the excitement in the stands as the team went through the playoffs. "The fans were really behind us and each week more and more people were coming to the games," Walton said. In the playoffs, Crisp County jumped ahead of the Makers 12-0 and even tried a "fumble rooskie." "I just sat down on everybody," Walton said with a grin, describing stopping the play. The

Syrupmakers went on to win 28-12 and stay in the playoff hunt.

The Syrupmakers also beat another former state champion in Marist that year. "Coach Shepherd told me and Sam Duncan to stay low on the defensive line and there was no way they would move the ball," Walton said. "Big Shake" and Duncan followed coach Shepherd's orders and the Marist War Eagles never crossed the 50-yard midfield marker as the Makers went on to a 14-0 win to advance to the state championship.

Along with Walton and Duncan, Vincent Norris, Terald Patten, Kelvin Thomas, Tim Gurley, Terry Solomon, Darnelle Anderson, Adrian Jones, Michael Sanders and Duwan Walker shut down the Marist attack. In fact, until the state championship game, the 1990 Syrupmaker defense didn't allow more than 12 points in a game, and had 5 shutouts.

Walton said the trip to Sylvester for the state title game is one he will never forget. "Worth County people had put signs up and down the road leading into town, but when we got there and saw all those Cairo people waiting for us... that's just something you won't ever forget," Walton declared.

Now, 20 years later, "Big Shake," a lieutenant and 19-year

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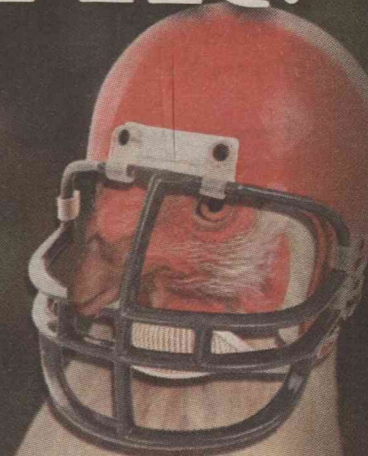
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member of the Grady County Sheriff's Department, is still a part of Syrupmaker football as he escorts the team to all away games. "I love being around the players, I always tell them, there ain't nothing like that '90 defense though," he said, smiling.

"Big Shake" will rejoin his teammates as Cairo High School recognizes the 1990 state championship Syrupmaker football team will take place Oct. 8, 2010, during pregame festivities of the Cairo-Dougherty football game.



JOHN WALTON celebrates coming off the field back in 1990.

"It's going to be a big night seeing everyone. I'm really looking forward to getting back with those guys," 1990 head coach Ralph Jones said, "they were a special group."

The 20-year reunion of the 1990 state championship Syrupmaker football team will take place Oct. 8, 2010, during pregame festivities of the Cairo-Dougherty football game.

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WORTH	38-8	CRISP	28-12
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MONROE	22-0	THOMSON	17-12
DOUGHERTY	32-7	MARIST	14-0
CRISP	10-3	WORTH	37-28
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Grady County Sports Hall of Fame recognizes athletes of the past

Over two years ago a group of local citizens came together to form the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame. The purpose of the group is to recognize outstanding local athletes, officials and citizens who have made a major contribution to the sports tradition of Cairo and Grady County.

The goal of the Hall of Fame board is to recognize those athletes and others who have gone on to successful careers in and out of sports and have demonstrated good personal character throughout their lives and identify as positive role models. "There are a number of athletes in our county who have excelled in many sports and taken their abilities as far as a world wide stage. But not only

that, we have many citizens and former citizens who helped on the local level to build, improve and support our local athletic teams and individual athletes," said board Chairman Richard VanLandingham.

In forming the board, the chairman went on to say, "We wanted to put together a group of local citizens who have a special interest in Grady County and our athletic programs and who could properly honor these athletes and other citizens who have contributed so much to our community and represented our schools, athletic programs and our way of life not only here, but through the nation and even the world."

Nominations for the Grady County Sports

Hall of Fame will be accepted this fall for the third group of inductees in March. According to VanLandingham, it will be the primary responsibility of the citizens of Grady County to nominate possible inductees. To be eligible for recognition, inductees must be at least 40 years of age, a current or past participant in sports in Grady County, including athletes, coaches, referees, trainers or citizens who have made exceptional contributions to sports in Grady County, and have been shown to be a positive role model for our community.

Also, a possible inductee should have met one or more of the following qualifications to be considered: be a native of Grady

County or attended and participated in athletics in high school in Grady County, or made their home in Grady County for a sufficient length of time to be considered a resident of Grady County.

Current inductees of the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame include Olympic Gold medalist Teresa Edwards, former NFL greats Bill Stanfill and Bobby Walden, former CHS coaches Tommy Taylor, West Thomas and Ralph Jones, sports benefactors Julien B. Roddenbery and Art Williams, and former Washington Consolidated High School standout basketball player the Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons.

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- 51 RICHARD PEARCE
- 50 DEREK EDWARDS
- 61 CHRIS ADDISON
- 60 LERON WHITE
- 55 BRIAN DARSEY
- 85 ERIC SHROPSHIRE
- 11 RODNEY DONALDSON
- 29 HERMAN GARLAND
- 9 RAYMOND TAYLOR
- 40 JAMES GOAR
- 3 MICHAEL SANDERS

DEFENSE

- WR 66 VINCENT NORRIS
- OT 52 SAM DUNCAN
- OG 77 JOHN WALTON
- C 73 TERALD PATTEN
- OG 44 KELVIN THOMAS
- OT 24 TIM GURLEY
- TE 25 TERRY SOLOMON
- QB 20 DARNELLE ANDERSON
- FB 21 ADRIAN JONES
- HB 3 MICHAEL SANDERS
- HB 5 DUWAN WALKER
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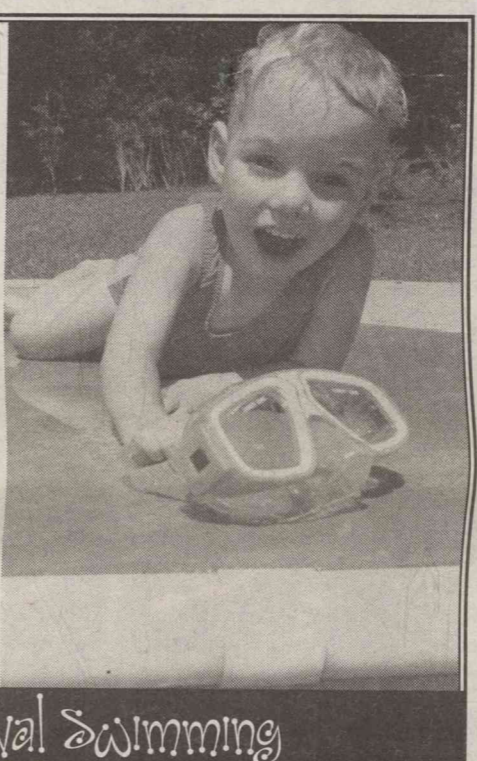
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Tradition guides Syrupmaker defense

Anyone who follows Syrupmaker football knows about that Cairo defense. Opposing coaches have marveled at their lack of any size compared to their power and level of intensity. However, defense hasn't been a recent point of pride at Cairo, it's a tradition according to defensive coordinator Jeff Littleton. "Defense in Cairo is built on tradition. Players come in here knowing what is expected of them from past defenses, and they work to live up to that level of expectation."

"Our coaches work hard to get players to fly to the ball and make a big hit. Our defense is expected to play at a certain level and

everyone tries to achieve that, our community expects to see a tough hard hitting defense and so do our coaches, that's what Syrupmaker defense is about," said Littleton.

According to Littleton, this year's Syrupmaker defense has depth and is more developed. "Last year, we had to replace just about everyone so we spent a lot of time learning our positions and the speed of the game. With a year under their belt, we are now seeing improvement."

Cairo is counting on that experience and the depth at several positions to help them go far this season.

Three of four linemen, two of the four linebackers and one of the three members of the secondary return from last year. But gone is Scooby Bodiford, who graduated after a four-year start at free safety. Bodiford led the team last year in interceptions and tackles. "Scooby will be missed, no doubt. He was a big part of our defense for four years and was a leader out there, but we've had some folks step up that we are proud of so far. We are excited about the play of T.J. Gurley at free safety. He started at corner last year, but has made a smooth transition to safety," Littleton said.

Littleton will be looking for the seniors to step up and provide the needed leadership on the field. "We have some seniors in Kelvin Hart, Marcus Holmes and J.J. Cooper who have provided some sound leadership this season and need to continue that," said Littleton.

With experience back and a strong finish last season, Littleton is looking for the same effort this season, saying, "We are excited about the new season, and I think we'll go as far as seniors will take us this year."



COACHING STAFF - kneeling, l-r: Kevin Elliott, Stacy Masten, Zack Wilson, Tom Fallaw, Tommy York, Arthur Anderson and Scott Anderson; standing, Isiah Chance, Brad Almon, Brian Hill, David Johnson, Jeff Littleton, Greg Boyce, Pete Corker and Jason Whitaker.

Defensive ends play important role in defense



DEFENSIVE ENDS - front row, l-r: Daniel Chadwick, Devin Wright, Dylan Owens, Tyler Dalton, Levi Sutton, Kevin Polk, Kenny Smith and Eric Burney; and back row, Coach Isiah Chance, Marcus Holmes, Hunter Turner, Justin Price, Randy Wooten, Arthur Robinson, Trey Moore, Brandon Keller, Paul Coleman and Coach Scott Anderson.

The Cairo defense will be solid at the defensive ends positions, according to coach Scott Anderson. "We've got five guys we will be counting on, and all have been working hard and have good size and strength," said Anderson. Marcus Holmes, Randy Wooten, Hunter Turner, Arthur Robinson and Justin Price are all working at the position.

According to coach Anderson, Marcus Holmes works hard and gives great effort; Randy Wooten is a player with great size and ability and is very explosive. "Both Marcus and Randy are working hard and gives us everything every day. Hunter Turner has also

been consistent there and gives great effort; Arthur Robinson is another player that is strong at the point of attack and is the biggest of all of the ends," said Anderson.

Another possible defensive end is Justin Price. "We have high expectations for Justin. He didn't play much last year, but he's one of the fastest we have and can make the plays," said Anderson. According to Anderson, all are very coachable and give great effort every day. "They are important to our team and are very involved in our defense."

WMS 8th Grade Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 2	MPMS - Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 9	TCMS - Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 16	Worth - Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 23	Bainbridge - Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 30	Bainbridge - Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 7	TCMS - Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 23	Championship	TBA

WMS 7th Grade Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 1	MPMS - Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 8	TCMS - Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	MPMS - Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	Bainbridge - Away	5 p.m.
Sept. 29	Bainbridge - Home	5 p.m.
Oct. 6	TCMS - Away	5 p.m.
Oct. 23	Championship	TBA



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Cairo defensive line coach David Johnson says the secret to the success of the Syrupmaker defensive line can be credited to several reasons. "I think they play together well with a lot of heart and soul, and the tradition of the Cairo defense is also a big factor," said Johnson.

Johnson will have three seniors, three juniors and two sophomores battling for playing time. The seniors are Kelvin Hart, Darrius Thomas and Caleb Corker; juniors are Javante Brown, Anthony Mosley and Cedric Stewart; and the sophomores are Jacoby Jones and Damiean Cason.

"Kelvin has been a great leader for us, Javante has come on strong, he's moved over

from the offensive line, Cedric had a good spring and has really improved as well. All of the linemen have been working hard all summer," said Johnson.

Securing the gaps and letting the linebackers run free is the goal of the defensive line, according to Johnson. The coach said don't let their size fool you either. "You know the old saying, it's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog," Johnson said.

Secondary succeeds with hard work and good attitudes

For the last three years Scooby Bodiford roamed the secondary at free safety for the Syrupmakers. Bodiford was an all-region, all-state player who led the team in interceptions and tackles last year. Bodiford provided the Syrupmaker defense with experience and acted as a leader and a field general. Scooby graduated last year and Cairo moved T.J. Gurley from corner to free

safety to fill the void. That move has paid off so far this summer.

"T.J. is a hard worker with a great attitude, he's a smart player out there and never wants to come out of the game," said coach Brian Hill. Gurley understands the game, reacts well, and has made a smooth transition

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▶ T.J. Gurley to fill void left by Bodiford

to the new position. At the corner-back position, Cairo will have John Holt, Terrell Bryant, Miguel Smiley and Donald Thomas. Hill says Holt is new to the position and coming along nicely; Bryant has a lot of speed and ability, along with Smiley, and both played a lot last year. Donald Thomas, a younger

player, will also fill in when needed at corner.

"This is a really good group of players. They all have a good work ethic and great attitudes. The corners will be sharing duties because they also play offense, but they are ready to go in when needed," said Hill.

Bandits and rovers provide perimeter defense

Covering the run first and pass second, bandits and rovers provide a valuable responsibility to the defensive scheme of the Cairo defense. The outside linebackers serve as guardians of the perimeters of the field, taking care of any offensive plays on the corners or wide to the sidelines. Bandits and rovers must be quick, aggressive and physical. Those attributes describe Cairo's bandits and rovers to a tee. J.J. Cooper will start at rover, along with Jarvis Duncan at bandit.

Both players run to the ball well, read plays and react to the ball. Cooper and Duncan are both physical and possess the skills to make big plays. Backing them up are Drake Robertson at rover and LeQuinton Williams at bandit. Both players are well suited to handle the positions, as well. Another player who will provide depth at both positions is Shaunta Dismuke.

The bandits and rovers are coached by Art Anderson.

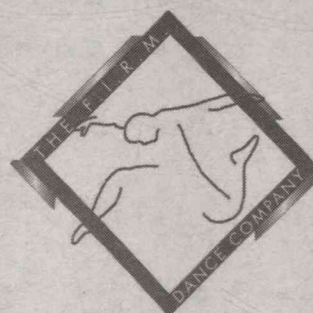
BANDITS & ROVERS - front row, l-r: Derex Hill, Dazmon Chandler, Michael Calloway, Darius Brimm, Derrick Erskine, Levi Newberry and Anthony Jones; and back row, Ernest Battle, Jarvis Duncan, Drake Robertson, Coach Art Anderson, Johnta Cooper, LeQuinton Williams, Chris Layton and Carlos Duncan.



SECONDARY - front row, l-r: Dwight Edwards, Justin Hill, Wyatt Anderson, Cameron Hargrove, Bailey Lewis, Reese Wooten, La-darius Wilson and Dontavious Gurley; middle row, Meteorion James, Latravious James, Mark Wooten, Keenan Bogan, Deonta Dismuke, Ramsey Williams, Marcus Herring and Timothy Cleveland; and back row, Coach Brian Hill, Miquel Smiley, Shanta Dismuke, Terrell Bryant, Tim Gurley, John Holt, Dontra Anderson, Zaye Donaldson and Donald Thomas.



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Cason and Davis to make big impact at linebacker



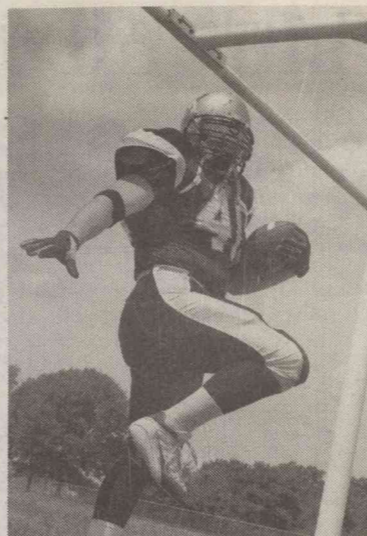
LINEBACKERS - front row, l-r: Michael Washington, Luke Elkins, Brason McKenzie, Tyler Meades and Franklin Swain; and back row, Devante Jones, Richard Guyton, Terrell Cason, Coach Jeff Littleton, Paul Davis, Prince Davis and Ervin Donaldson.

► Syrupmaker linebackers continue to improve

Cairo High School defensive coordinator Jeff Littleton has been pleased with the work of his inside linebackers the first few weeks of fall camp. The coach says look for Terrell Cason and Paul (PJ) Davis to make a big impact. Cason was a starter last season and Davis, a sophomore, played a lot last year as a freshman. Coach Littleton will also play juniors Devante Jones, Prince Davis, Ervin Donaldson and Richard Guyton.

Cason made over 100 tackles last season and has been a leader on the field. "Terrell has been a leader on the field and has really stepped up this year as well," said Littleton. According to Littleton, Davis is also developing in that direction. "PJ is quick, he's an athlete that gives us a lot. This is his first year starting at the position, but he has done a great job learning," said Littleton. Devante Jones will play some at line-

backer and has improved each day at the position. Prince Davis will be playing most of his time at fullback, but will provide some depth at linebacker. Donaldson, another junior, is improving in his first year at linebacker. Another player who has moved over to linebacker is Richard Guyton. "Both Ervin and Richard are in new positions but have played real well and will have some playing time," said Littleton.



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points and field goals. Moncrief graduated in 2009 and now Mose Willis will step in to handle kickoffs, extra points and field goals. "We had no experience back last year, but this year most of that group returns with 13 games under their belt," said coach Tommy York. According to York, punter Ryan Cook has come back stronger with more confidence. "Ryan has worked really hard and is stronger this year and kicks with much more confidence," said York.

Mose Willis has really come on as well. Mose is in only his second year of football and will handle all the kicking duties like kick offs, extra points and field goals. "We are excited about Mose, he works real hard and the ball really jumps off his foot," York said. York also added that Mose is more comfortable kicking without a tee, which is unusual in high school football. Other kickers include sophomore Robbie Thomas and freshman Taylor Donald-

son. Chris Howell will be back as the deep snapper again this season with Brady Johnson backing him up. John Holt has stepped in to handle the holding duties and P.J. Davis will back up Holt. There are three phases to the game and special teams is one of them. Most coaches say if you win at least two phases, you win the game. Cairo's special teams are working hard each week to win their part.



SPECIAL TEAMS - front row, l-r: Brady Johnson, John Holt, Paul Davis, Robby Thomas and Ryan Cook; and back row, Coach Greg Boyce, Mose Willis, Chris Howell, Chris Layton and Coach Tommy York.

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1921	0-1-0	HADDOCK	1965	6-3-1	THOMAS
1922	2-7-0	EGGERS	1966	7-2-1	THOMAS
1923	10-2-0	SCOTT	1967	6-2-2	THOMAS
1924	3-4-2	BLAKLEY	1968	8-2-0	THOMAS
1925	4-5-0	HIXON	1969	7-3-0	THOMAS
1926	2-3-2	WIGHT	1970	2-6-2	JEFF McCORD
1927	3-5-0	ESKEW	1971	8-1-1	JEFF McCORD
1928	5-2-0	HERNDON	1972	3-6-1	BYRON REYNOLDS
1929	7-1-1	HERNDON	1973	3-7-0	BYRON REYNOLDS
1930	4-5-0	HERNDON	1974	1-9-0	PAUL LEROY
1931	6-1-3	HERNDON	1975	6-4-0	PAUL LEROY
1932	5-3-0	HERNDON	1976	8-2-0	PAUL LEROY
1933	3-5-0	HERNDON	1977	2-8-0	PAUL LEROY
1934	5-4-0	HERNDON	1978	5-5-0	PAUL LEROY
1935	6-2-0	HERNDON	1979	8-3-0	JACK JOHNSON
1936	7-1-2	HERNDON	1980	7-3-0	JACK JOHNSON
1937	4-3-1	HERNDON	1981	11-1-0	JACK JOHNSON
1938	3-5-0	HERNDON	1982	7-3-0	JACK JOHNSON
1939	4-4-1	HERNDON	1983	6-4-0	JACK JOHNSON
1940	4-4-0	HERNDON	1984	9-3-0	TIM HELMS
1941	6-3-0	HERNDON	1985	8-3-0	TIM HELMS
1942	7-3-0	HERNDON	1986	6-4-0	TIM HELMS
1943	3-6-1	WILLIAMS	1987	2-8-0	TIM HELMS
1944	5-5-0	WILLIAMS	1988	6-4-0	RAPLH JONES
1945	5-3-1	WILLIAMS	1989	6-5-0	RALPH JONES
1946	11-1-0	WEST	1990	15-0-0	RALPH JONES
1947	2-6-2	WEST	1991	6-4-0	RALPH JONES
1948	2-7-0	WEST	1992	9-1-0	RALPH JONES
1949	5-4-1	MILLER	1993	7-4-0	RALPH JONES
1950	1-8-0	NUNNALLY	1994	12-1-0	RALPH JONES
1951	6-4-0	SHIVER	1995	11-2-0	STAN SHEPERD
1952	7-3-0	SHIVER	1996	6-4-0	STAN SHEPERD
1953	4-5-0	SHIVER	1997	8-4-0	MIKE HODGES
1954	6-4-0	THOMAS	1998	9-5-0	MIKE HODGES
1955	5-5-0	THOMAS	1999	11-3-0	MIKE HODGES
1956	9-1-0	THOMAS	2000	12-2-0	WARREN FIELD
1957	7-1-2	THOMAS	2001	8-4-0	WARREN FIELD
1958	9-1-0	THOMAS	2002	3-7-0	WARREN FIELD
1959	5-4-0	THOMAS	2003	5-6-0	TOM FALLAW
1960	8-1-1	THOMAS	2004	10-2-0	TOM FALLAW
1961	6-2-2	THOMAS	2005	7-4-0	TOM FALLAW
1962	9-2-0	THOMAS	2006	10-2-0	TOM FALLAW
1963	10-2-0	THOMAS	2007	13-2-0	TOM FALLAW
1964	9-2-1	THOMAS	2008	14-0	TOM FALLAW
			2009	9-4	TOM FALLAW

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2	LeQuinton Williams	12	TB/OLB
3	J.J. Cooper	12	WR/R
4	Miguel Smiley	12	TB/CB
5	Tim Gurley	11	WR/FS
6	Jamarcus Thomas	12	WR
7	Dalmeian Cason	12	WR/CB
8	Marcus Holmes	12	TE/DE
9	Terrell Bryant	12	WR/CB
10	Grant Latmore	12	QB
11	Devante Jones	11	FB/LB
12	Brandon McCrary	12	QB
13	Hunter Turner	12	FB/DE
14	Dontra Anderson	10	WR/CB
15	John Holt	12	WR/CB
16	Mark Wooten	11	WR/CB
17	Marcus Herring	11	TB/CB
18	Randy Wooten	11	TE/DE
19	George Jackson	11	WR/OLB
20	Donald Thomas	10	QB/CB
21	Paul Davis	10	FB/LB
22	Richard Guyton	11	LB
23	Jarvis Duncan	11	TB/OLB
24	Shaunta Dismuke	11	WR/R
25	Ramsey Williams	10	WR/CB
26	Darius Brimm	10	TB/OLB
27	Ernest Battle	10	WR/OLB
28	Prince Davis	11	FB/LB
29	Drake Robertson	10	TB/R
30	Deonta Dismuke	10	WR/CB
31	Keenan Bogan	10	WR/CB
32	Kelvin Hart	12	FB/DT
36	Terrell Cason	11	TB/LB
38	Justin Price	12	DE
39	Carlos Duncan	10	WR/R
41	Octavious Stitt	11	WR/CB
43	Darius Thomas	12	DT
47	Paul Coleman	10	FB/DE
48	Ryan Cook	11	P
49	Cedric Stewart	11	DT
50	Caleb Corker	12	DT
51	Jacoby Jones	10	OL/DT
52	Jevante Brown	11	OL/DT
54	Zack Hough	12	OL
55	Brady Johnson	11	OL/DT
56	Dontavious Shuler	11	OL
58	Carroll Cason	10	OL/DT
60	Tyler McGhee	10	OL/DT
61	Hunter Sadler	11	OL/DT
62	Kendrick King	10	OL/DT
63	Burt McKinsey	12	OL/DT
64	Patrick Asbell	11	OL
65	Dusty Mote	11	OL
66	Adam Hester	10	OL/DT
67	Brian Strickland	10	OL/DT
68	Vimal Patel	11	OL/DT
69	Marcus Hernandez	10	OL/DT
70	Devontae Johnson	11	OL/DE
72	Anthony Mosely	11	OL/DT
76	Kentavious King	10	OL/DT
77	David Bentley	11	OL/DT
78	Chris Howell	12	OL/DT
79	Trey Moore	10	OL/DT
83	Zaye Donaldson	10	WR/CB
84	Latravious James	10	WR/CB
85	Ervin Donaldson	11	TE/LB
86	Arthur Robinson	11	TE/DE
89	Brandon Keller	11	TE/DE
91	Mose Willis	12	K
99	Robby Thomas	10	K

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Date	Opponent	Time
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Sept. 13	Thomas County Central @ Cairo	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 27	Bainbridge High School @ Cairo	5:00 p.m.

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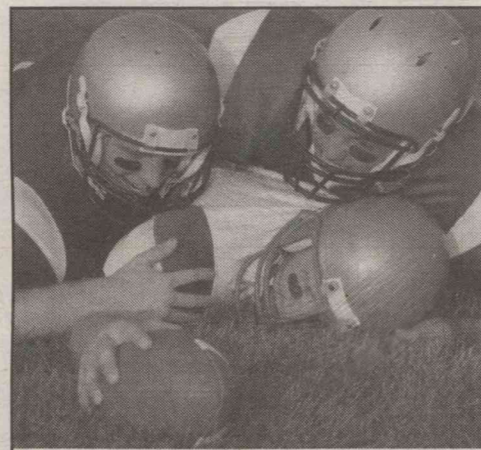
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A lot of work has gone into this year's Pigskin Preview and I hope you enjoy the annual football special. This edition features articles and pictures of the 2010 football team, cheerleaders, band and majorettes. I hope you will support the advertisers who helped make the special insert possible.

Putting all the stories together and making the deadline is always a little hectic for me, but this year life threw us all a curve ball. Hearing the news of former Syrupmaker Jake Elkins' tragic death put the brakes on preparation of the Pigskin Preview for me. Life took an unplanned turn in the blink of an eye and suddenly football and deadlines weren't important anymore.

Jake was the ultimate Syrupmaker, a winner in every sense of the word. Everytime we kick it off this year, I'll be thinking about number six. I know he'll have the best seat in the house and will still be our biggest fan. The Jake Elkins I know wouldn't want us to let up one bit and would insist we play hard every down, just like he did.

I can't wait to slip on the headphones one more time and call the action of my favorite team. Go Makers!

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Continuing a Syrupmaker tradition

► Sarah Connell to show school spirit as 2010 mascot

When it comes to mascots, there are plenty of lions and tigers and bears and yellow jackets, bulldogs and panthers. However, there is only one Syrupmaker, so the Syrupmaker mascot is not merely unusual - it is unique!

Cairo High School senior Sarah Connell remembers growing up watching former Syrupmaker mascots in the Syrup Pitcher costume roaming the football sidelines and knew that was something she wanted to do. "The Syrup Pitcher always showed a lot of school spirit and is such a great tradition, I knew that was something I wanted to do," said Connell.

Sarah, the daughter of David and Peggy Connell, is a very active member of Cairo High School. A straight A, top ten academic student, Sarah is balancing her AP classes with cheerleading and dance as a member of the South Georgia Performing Arts and several clubs. In addition, the new Syrup Pitcher mascot is also a member of the Cairo High School band, in which she plays flute.

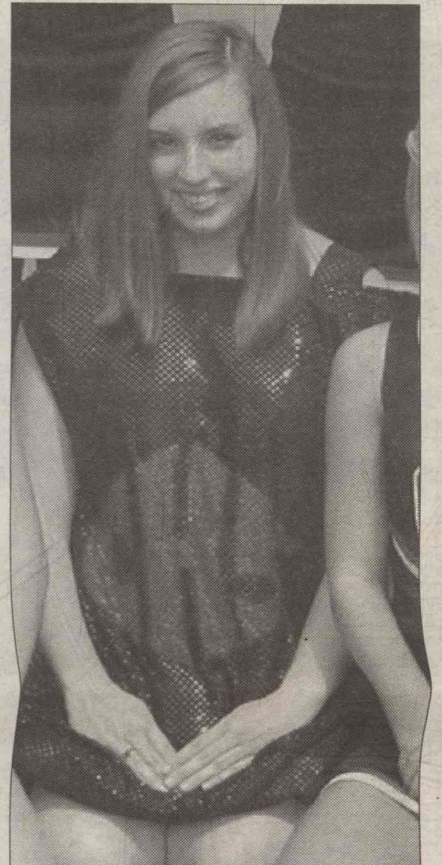
Sarah had to try out for the mascot and went through the same requirements as trying out for cheerleading. "I had to learn the cheers and dances, and tryout just like trying out for cheerleading," Connell said. Since winning the mascot position, Sarah has been busy learning all the cheers and routines and even went to summer camp with the squad as well.

Sarah was a 7th grade cheerleader at Shiver and can't wait for the season to get started. When asked what she's looking forward to most about her new experience, Sarah grinned and replied, "Football Friday nights!"

After graduation, Sarah plans to be a liberal arts or business major and is leaning toward Florida State University, but is still keeping her options open. Meanwhile, she is enjoying her senior year and looking forward to spreading that "Syrupmaker Spirit" on Friday nights and being a big part of the Syrupmaker tradition.

The Syrup Pitcher always showed a lot of school spirit and is a great tradition."

—Sarah Connell



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Senior class set to lead Syrupmakers in 2010

Any head coach will tell you a team is as good as its senior class and looks to the group for leadership to the underclassmen. This year's senior class features a large group of experienced players who have played a big part in leading the team this summer. Here is an up close look at this year's senior Syrupmaker class.

#2 LEQUINTON WILLIAMS

LeQuinton Williams is the son of Suprina Williams and plays running back for the Syrupmakers. LeQuinton's favorite subject is social studies. His most memorable game so far was the Gainesville game last season. After graduation, LeQuinton wants to go to

college and play football at the next level.

#3 JOHNTA (J.J.) COOPER

J.J. is the son of Subrina Cooper and plays outside linebacker and wide receiver for the Syrupmakers. His favorite subject in school is math. J.J.'s most memorable game was last year's game against Monroe in which he got his first interception on the first play of the game. After graduation, J.J. will pursue a pharmacy degree and play football.

#4 MIGUEL SMILEY

Miguel is the son of Mae Daniels and plays running back and cornerback for the Syrupmakers. Miguel's favorite subject is math. Miguel's most memorable game was his start against Thomasville last year. After graduation, Miguel plans to attend college.

#6 JARMARCUS THOMAS

Jarmarcus is the son of Stephanie and Joseph Davenport and plays wide receiver and cornerback for the Syrupmakers. Jarmarcus' favorite subject is English. Jarmarcus' most memorable game was against Gainesville last year. After graduation, Jarmarcus plans to attend college.

#7 DAMEIAN CASON

Dameian is the son of Mary and Butch Mills and plays wide receiver for the Syrup-

makers. Dameian's favorite subject is math and his most memorable game was the 2008 state championship game. Dameian plans to attend college after graduation.

#8/#51 MARCUS HOLMES

Marcus is the son of Brenda and Lewis Brown and plays defensive end and tight end for the Syrupmakers. Marcus' favorite subject is English and his most memorable game was the 2009 game against Thomasville, which Cairo won 7-3. Marcus plans to attend college after graduation and major in business management.

#9 TERRELL BRYANT

Terrell is the son of Dianne Bryant and plays wide receiver for the Syrupmakers. Terrell's favorite subject in school is English. Terrell's most memorable game was against Perry when he caught a long pass and almost scored. Terrell plans to attend college after graduation.

#10 GRANT LATMORE

Grant is the son of Bobby and Allison Latmore and plays quarterback for the Syrupmakers. Grant's favorite subjects are science and chemistry. Grant's most memorable game was starting at quarterback for the varsity his sophomore year. Grant plans to at-

tend college to study chemistry and, hopefully, play football or baseball and to be a football coach.

#12 BRANDON MCCRARY

Brandon is the son of Angela and Troy McCrary and plays quarterback for the Syrupmakers. Brandon's favorite subject is math. Brandon will always remember his first varsity game at quarterback against Dougherty. Brandon wants to attend college and play football or baseball.

#13 HUNTER TURNER

Hunter is the son of Rodney and Cindy Turner and plays fullback for the Syrupmakers. Hunter's favorite subject in school is math and his most memorable game was against Monroe, when he flipped the Monroe kicker over his shoulder. After graduation, Hunter wants to attend the University of Georgia and major in business.

#15 JOHN HOLT

John is the son of Joyce and John Holt and plays wide receiver for the Syrupmakers. John's favorite subject is math and the play-off game against Woodland when he scored his first touchdown is his most memorable game. John hopes to attend college and be-

come a physician.

#32 KELVIN HART

Kelvin is the son of Irene and Samuel Robinson and plays on the defensive line for the Syrupmakers. Kelvin's favorite subject is social studies and the Gainesville game is his most memorable. Kelvin wants to attend college and play football.

#38 JUSTIN PRICE

Justin is the son of Toni and Jason Price and plays defensive end for Cairo. Justin's favorite subject is math and his most memorable game was the 2008 state championship game. Justin wants to attend Fort Valley State University after graduation.

#43 DARRIUS THOMAS

Darrius is the son of Sherry and Walter Jackson and plays defensive end for the Syrupmakers. Darrius' favorite subject is math and his most memorable game was the 2008 state championship game. After gradu-

ation, Darrius plans to join the Air Force.

#50 CALEB CORKER

Caleb is the son of Sarah Corker and plays defensive tackle for the Syrupmakers. His favorite subject in school is English and Caleb looks forward to playing his senior year.

#54 ZACK HOUGH

Zack is the son of Donna and Rusty Hough and plays split guard for the Syrupmakers. Zack's favorite subject is science and his most memorable game was against

Baldwin last season. After graduation, Zack plans to become a marine engineer.

#63 BURT MCKINSEY

Burt is the son of Latasha Jones and plays on the offensive line. Burt's favorite subject in school is history and his most memorable game was against Dougherty last year. After graduation, Burt plans to attend college and play football.

#78 CHRIS HOWELL

Chris is the son of Sheila and Stephen Howell and plays offensive tackle. Chris' fa-

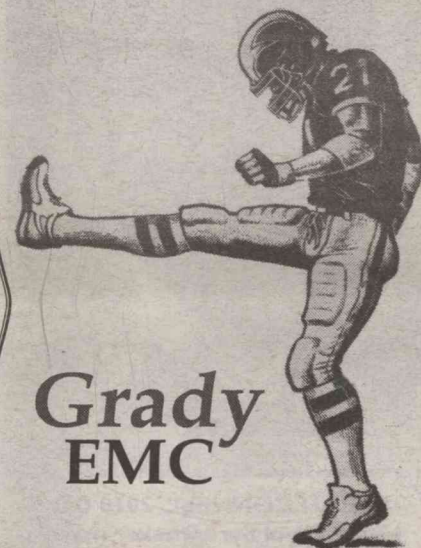
vorite subject is math and his most memorable game was against Thomasville last year. After graduation, Chris plans to attend college and play football.

#91 MOSE WILLIS

Mose is the son of Mark Willis and Mia Bishop and he is the Syrupmaker kicker. Mose's favorite subject in school is science and his most memorable game was last year against Baldwin. Mose plans to attend college after graduation.

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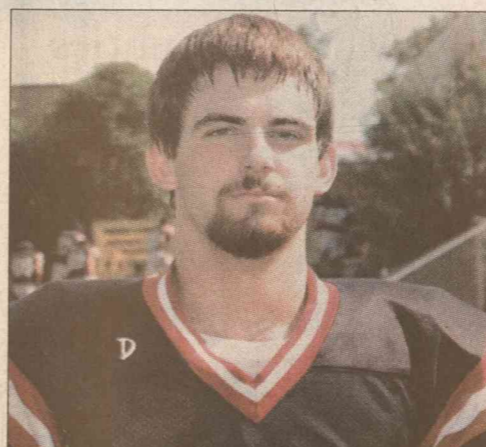
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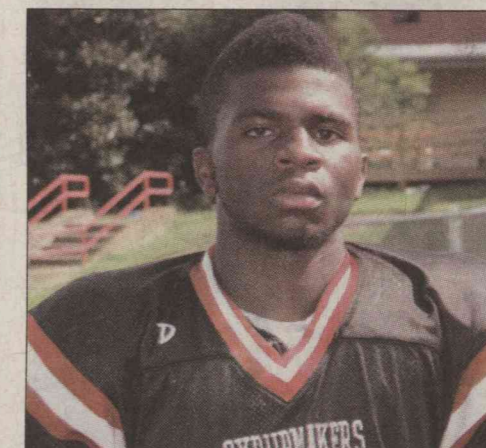
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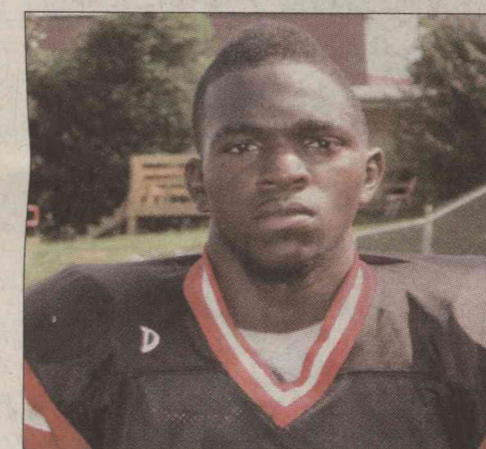
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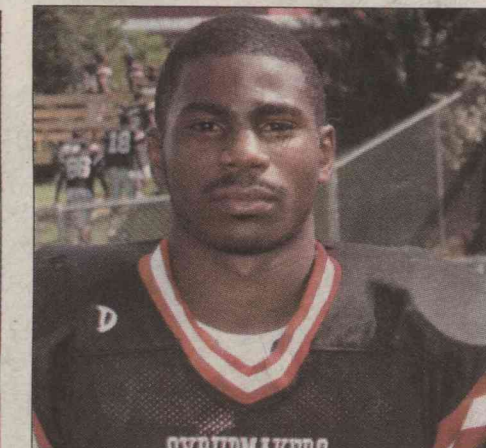
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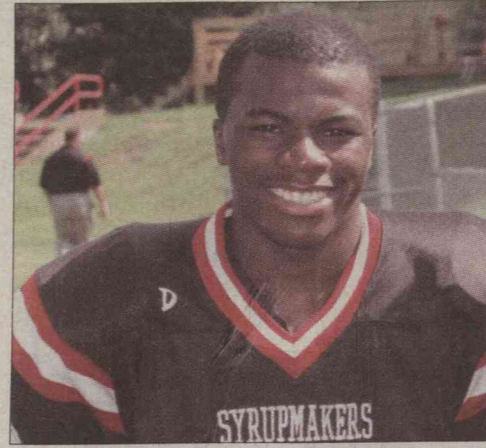
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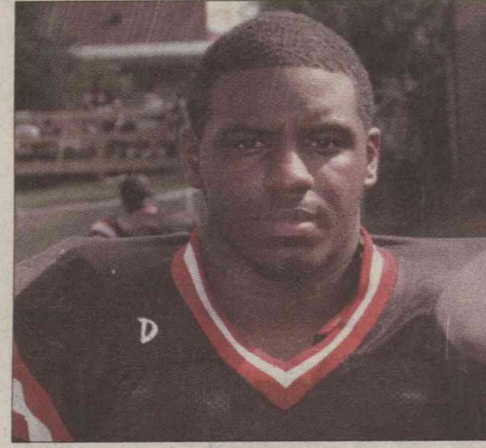
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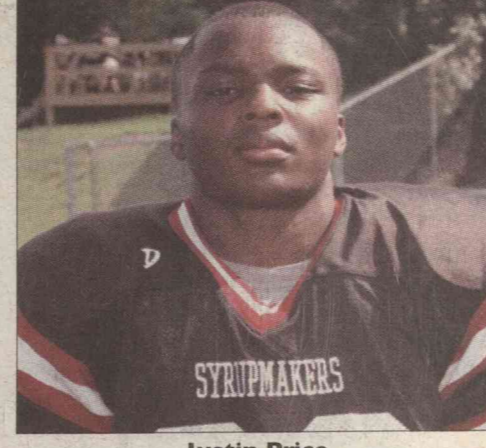
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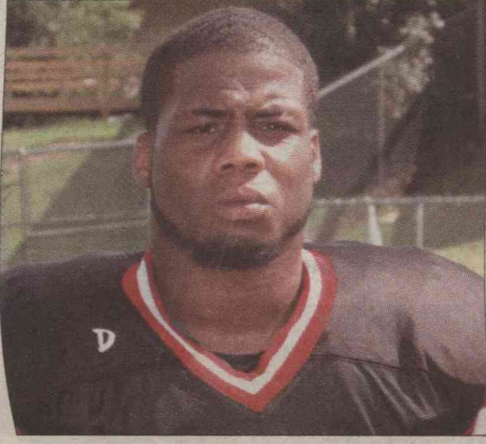
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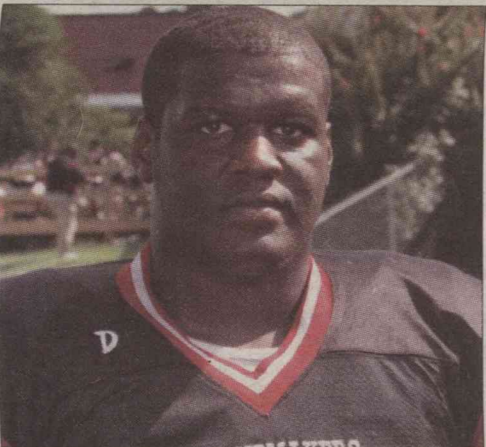
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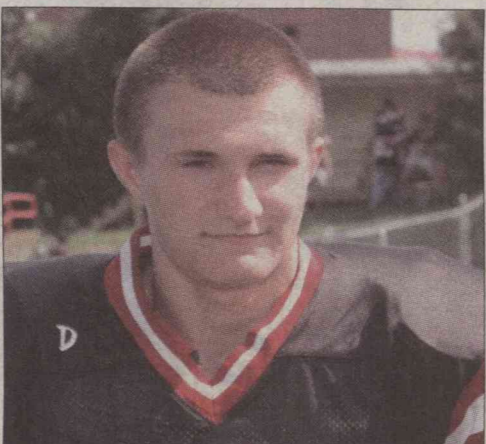
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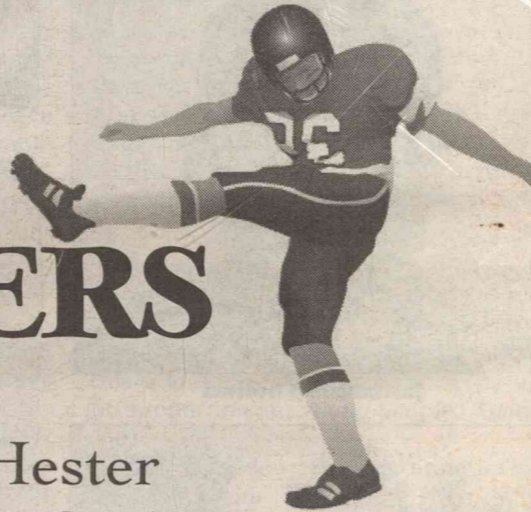
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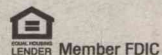
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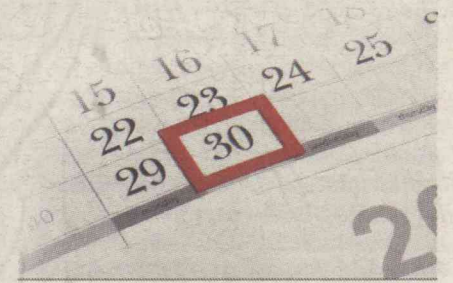
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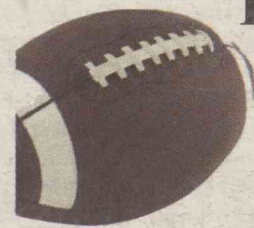
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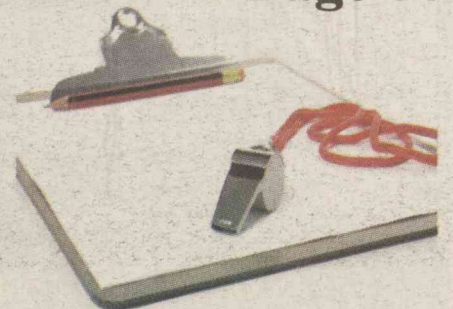
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◆ "WORD FROM THE COACH"

Coach Fallaw is "excited" about the upcoming season

With the coming of a new season comes the anticipation of new challenges and opportunities. Cairo head football coach Tom Fallaw says he's excited to get started. "I'm excited. We have added some great staff members with some coaches that have a lot of experience and have come and here and made a good fit with our kids and other staff members. We've got some players returning that played a lot last year, and there is a chance for some younger guys to step up and find their place," said Fallaw.



in region 1-AAAA, TCCHS and Bainbridge. "Those are our rival games, and we play them every year anyway, so it will be good for both of us," said Fallaw. There is also a new playoff system for the region due to the added teams. "It's a good playoff system, I think it's fair for everyone and should be exciting for the fans," Fallaw said.

As far as team personnel this season, the head coach said, as always there are holes to fill. "It's the nature of the game, you lose people every year. We lost some good kids last year and there are some holes to fill, but we also have some kids coming back that will have to step up and fill those holes," Fallaw said. Some of those holes include most of the offensive line and special teams. "We lost most of our offensive line, but we have some guys that played a good bit last year, and now it's their turn to step up. Our kicking game is our biggest loss, we graduated everyone from that part of the game and we are looking to fill those spots. That will be a thing where everyone will just keep working to get better and gain experience through the season," Fallaw said.

The Syrupmakers return most of their offensive backfield and several key players on defense. "Last year, we were young and inexperienced in a lot of areas, I thought we got better as the year went along, and I think that's just the way we do things. We've got some starters back that have been out there and, as I've always said, in those first few games it's all about survival with the heat and the speed of the game," Fallaw said.

Looking at this year's schedule, the Syrupmaker head coach doesn't see any weak spots. "It's a good schedule. We open with Thomasville, a team that has gotten better and made the playoffs last year. Bainbridge

is a rival game and one of the crossover games from the other side of the region. This is coach (Jeff) Littleton's second year at Bainbridge, and coach (Leroy) Ryals' second at Thomasville. I've always believed that teams show their most improvement in their second year under a coach," said Fallaw. "West Florida is a team that did very well the last few years. They are a typical Florida team and will have a lot of speed and athletes," Fallaw said.

CAIRO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL

Date	Opponent	Time
Aug. 29	Thomasville @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Cairo @ Bainbridge	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	West Florida @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Cairo @ Westover	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Worth County @ Cairo	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	OPEN	
Oct. 10	Cairo @ Crisp County*	8:00 p.m.
Oct. 17	TCCHS @ Cairo*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Cairo @ Monroe*	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Albany @ Cairo*	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Region Play In	TBA

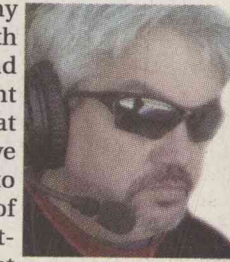


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◆ "FROM THE PRESSBOX"

"Kick off is this Friday"

This Friday night, I begin my 33rd year in the broadcast booth for the Cairo Syrupmakers and WGRA radio, that's 388 straight ball games I've been a part of at CHS since coming to Cairo. I love talking Syrupmaker football to anyone who will listen, and a lot of folks love talking Syrupmaker football with me, it truly is the best time of the year.



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I honestly believe that Syrupmaker Friday nights are so special because it brings together fans of all races, economic backgrounds and areas of our community pulling together to support their hometown Syrupmakers. Football Friday nights also involve almost 80-90 football players, 230 or so band members, 33 cheerleaders and some 15-20 ROTC members, and six Syrup Boys.

This is going to be an interesting year for high school football as the GHSA realignments and reclassifications have really changed the look of region 1-AAAA. We welcome two new teams to our region in TCCHS and Bainbridge. Those two games have always been big rival games anyway, and now they take on a lot of significance as they become region games. Cook County was also added to region 1-AAAA, but not in football.

AAAA is loaded with talented teams, not only in our region, but state wide as perennial powerhouses like Buford, Carrollton, Sandy Creek and Griffin will all be forces to contend with statewide.

The Syrupmakers will get things started as they take on Thomasville this Friday night in the Battle for the Syrup Pitcher. This year's game is at home and should be a great way to start the 2014 season. Cairo has also added a new team to the schedule in West Florida. CHS will also take on defending region champ Westover on the road in Albany, and we will play our first Thursday night game in many years when we travel to Albany to play Monroe on Thursday night Oct. 23.

This Friday night will also be a special night for Syrupmaker fans as the field at West Thomas Stadium will officially be named after former CHS principal Wayne Tootle. Mr. Tootle's many years of dedication to Syrupmaker athletics has made the program one of the top in the state. The Grady County Board of Education voted earlier this month to name the football field in his honor. Many of his former coaches that worked under him will be on hand for the dedication ceremony this Friday night during pregame.

Syrupmaker athletics would not be possible without the many businesses and individuals that contribute to the programs financially and through volunteer hours, so we say thank you to all of you. Let's get things kicked off! I'm ready for Syrupmaker football!!!

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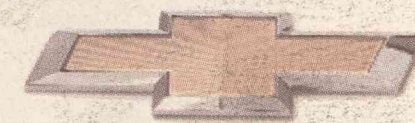
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Local media will keep you up on all things Syrupmaker

This Fall, Syrupmaker football is just a click away. Syrupmaker fans can keep up with the Syrupmakers in a variety of ways through local media.

The Cairo Messenger has followed the Syrupmakers since the very first games over 90 years ago. The Messenger keeps their readers updated with stories, features and pictures every week. The hometown fans can also tune into WGRA and CNS cable for full Syrupmaker football coverage. Social media also highlight the Syrupmakers with fan pages on Facebook and Twitter.

The Cairo Messenger always features a complete wrap up of the previous week's game with a game story and photos, complete stats plus Players of the Week and special features about athletes, band members, cheerleaders and more. In addition to a complete wrap up of the week's game, readers can also get a preview and scouting report of the next week's opponent as well.

You can also catch all the Syrupmaker action "Live" on WGRA radio. The local radio station, found at 790 AM, has been covering the Syrupmakers for well over 40 years. Michael Best is entering his 33rd year of radio play by play for the Syrupmakers and is joined by his longtime partner CHS social studies teacher Blair Dickinson. WGRA features a pregame show with Michael Best at 6:30 p.m. on game nights with in-depth

features on the Syrupmakers, a look at scores from around the state, a preview of state wide games each week, interviews and features plus "Coaches Corner" with head Syrupmaker coach Tom Fallaw just before kickoff each week.

The game can be heard "live" on WGRA on game nights and also on the Internet world wide. The Internet broadcast can be accessed through wgra.net. With the Internet capabilities, fans all over the world can tune in on Friday nights on computers and on smartphones and tablets. Listeners all over the United States have tuned in, in addition to soldiers serving on foreign soils.

CNS cable television provides fans with a look at area high school football each week on their popular high school football show called the "The Press-box" on channel 6. The show features Michael Best, the Voice of the Syrupmakers, Randy Young, the Voice of the Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets, and Jim Rayburn from the Thomasville Bulldogs, plus an update each week on the Colquitt County Packers. Syrupmaker fans in the city of Cairo can watch a tape delayed rebroadcast of

each week's game on channel 6. The talk show and football rebroadcast airs on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week.

Social media are other popular ways for fans to keep up with Syrupmaker athletics. Facebook and Twitter offer fans realtime football scoring updates and news about Syrupmaker athletics. Just "like" the CHS Syrupmaker Athletics page on Facebook and you can keep up with up to date scores and news on the popular social networking website. You can also follow Michael Best on Twitter, too. Just follow @CairoSyrupmaker for realtime scores from Cairo and other area games, and also catch up on any Syrupmaker news as well. "There are a lot of other news outlets and high schools that follow us on Twitter now, so keeping up with high school football scores during the course of the game is much easier than ever before. We try to update fans on the radio during the radio broadcast and announce scores over PA. at the games in the

stadium," said Best. Syrupmaker athletic news is just a click away on several media outlets.

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A look ahead at the 2014 football schedule

The 2014 Syrupmaker schedule has the same familiar faces, but recent realignment by the GHSA has put more meaning into every game. The Battle for the Syrup Pitcher opens the season with Thomasville and, for the first time in many years, Syrupmaker rival games with Thomas County Central and Bainbridge will have region and state playoff implications. Albany area schools, once the doormat of region 1-AAAA, are making a statement with Monroe and Westover proving to be state contenders, and Crisp County and Worth County working hard to return to their glory days of years past. The Syrupmakers have also added a new face in West Florida, an upstart team with a powerful resume already.

Here is a look at the 2014 Syrupmaker season.

Thomasville High School

August 28 - Home

Region - 1-AA

Nickname: Bulldogs

Last season's result: Thomasville 21 - Cairo 10

Last season's record: 8-4

Coach: Leroy Ryles

Colors: Red and Gold

Season Opener: Aug. 22 - West Laurens High

The Thomasville Bulldogs shocked the Syrupmakers last year, coming out in the second half and scoring 21 unanswered points to take the Syrup Pitcher for the first time in several years, beating Cairo 21-10. The Bulldogs lost some playmakers on both sides of the ball, but have some quality kids coming back. Under coach Leroy Ryles, the Bulldogs are playing with a lot of confidence and look to carry that in to

the 2014 season. The Syrupmakers hold a 12-3 edge against Thomasville since 1993. The game will be in Cairo this year and will be the opener for the Syrupmakers. Look for a classic battle for the Syrup Pitcher.

Bainbridge High School

Sept. 5 - Away

Region 1-AAAA

Nickname: Bearcats

Last season's result: Cairo 6 - Bainbridge 0

Last season's record: 5-6

Coach: Jeff Littleton

Colors: Purple and Gold

Season Opener: Aug. 29 - Early County - Away

After TCCHS won their appeal to move down to AAAA, the Bainbridge Bearcats were also allowed to follow suit, making them one of the largest schools in AAAA statewide as well. Under second year coach Jeff Littleton, the Bearcats will be very physical as they showed in their practice with the Syrupmakers two weeks ago. Bainbridge returns seven starters on offense, but lost several players on defense. Last year's game with the Syrupmakers came right down to the wire and look for this year's game to be no different. The Bearcats will be one of the favorites to make the playoffs in their first season in 1-AAAA.

West Florida

Sept. 12 - Home

Nickname: Jaguars

Last season's result: DNP

Last season's record: 10-2

Coach: Harry Lees

Colors: Black and Red

Season Opener: Aug. 21 - Escambia - Away

West Florida is new to the Cairo schedule this season. The Jaguars are coming off an impressive 10-2 season last year, losing to Pensacola Catholic twice, but lost several key starters from last season. However, like most Florida schools, West Florida will run a wide open offensive attack with lots of talent and speed all over the field. This will not be another Mantanzas, look for a very good game with West Florida.

Westover High School

Sept. 19 (Away)

Region 1-AAAA

Nickname: Patriots

Last season's result: Westover 14 - Cairo 9

Last season's record: 9-3

Coach: Octavia Jones

Colors: Red, White and Blue

Season Opener: Aug. 29 - Lee County - Away

Last year, the Patriots beat the Syrupmakers 14-9 and ended their three-year run as region champions, claiming the title themselves. The Patriots won the region title with a power run offense that featured a big bruising back that was hard to bring down. The Patriots also return Trenton Thompson on defense, the number one high school recruit in the nation who recently committed to the University of Georgia. Look for the Patriots to be favored to repeat as the region champion.

Worth County High School

September 26 - Home

Region 1-AAAA

Nickname: Rams

Last season's result: Cairo 42 - Worth County 28

Last season's record: 3-7

Coach: Jason Tone

Colors: Black and Gold

Season Opener: Aug. 22 - Fitzgerald - Home

For a while last year, it looked as if whoever scored last was going to win this game with the Rams. Both teams scored early and often before the Syrupmakers pulled away in the second half. Cairo runningback Jeremiah Hill had his way with the Ram defense last year, setting an all-time single game rushing record. However, this season look for the Ram defense to be a little more seasoned and their offense to be just as explosive as last season. Their head coach returns for his second season and another year running the Wing-T. If the Rams gain confidence early in the season, they could possibly make a run at making the state playoffs.

Crisp County High School

Oct. 10 - Away

Region 1-AAAA

Nickname: Cougars

Last season's result: Cairo 24 - Crisp County 6

Last season's record: 6-5

Coach: Lee Campbell

Colors: Royal Blue and Gold

Season Opener: Aug. 22 - Lee County - Home

The Crisp County Cougars return 15 starters for the 2014 season, including a three-year starter at quarterback. Witt

Campbell threw for almost 1,500 yards last season and 20 touchdowns and is probably the top quarterback in region 1-AAAA. The Cougars are loaded with experience, talent and speed and have all of the ingredients to make a run at the region title this season. Look for the Crisp County Cougars to be playing for a playoff spot in game 10 this November.

Thomas County Central High School

Oct. 17 - Home

Region 1-AAAA

Nickname: Yellow Jackets

Last season's result: TCCHS 21 - Cairo 0

Last season's record: 8-3

Coach: Bill Shaver

Colors: Blue and Gold

Season Opener: Aug. 29 - Valdosta - Away

TCCHS won an appeal to the GHSA in the spring, effectively moving them down to region 1-AAAA this season from region 1-AAAAA. As one of the largest schools in AAAA, look for the Yellow Jackets to be one of the early favorites to go deep in the playoffs. However, the Jackets lost their entire offense to graduation last season, with a just a few starters returning on defense. The Jackets are grounded in tradition and will make adjustments very quickly to be competitive in region 1-AAAA. Like Westover, the Jackets also have a top recruit on defense in Austin Bryant. Look for the Yellow Jacket defense to keep them in contention while the offense gains confidence. This game with the Syrupmakers may determine who plays for the region championship in November.

Monroe High School

Oct. 23 (Thurs - 7 pm) - Away

Region 1-AAAA

Nickname: Tornados

Last season's result: Cairo 34 - Monroe 0

Last season's record: 6-5

Coach: Charles Truitt

Colors: Green and Gold

Season Opener: Aug. 23 - Perry - Home

Monroe coach Charles Truitt has put the Tornados back in contention for a state playoff since coming to Monroe. The Tornados lost Charles Stafford at quarterback to graduation this past year. But the Tornados always seem loaded with speed and talent. Defense seems to be the strong point for the Tornados this season, and they, too, boast a couple of D-1 recruits. Once again, the Cairo-Monroe game promises to be exciting at Hugh Mills Stadium in Albany. This will be a Thursday night game starting at 7 p.m.

Albany High School

Oct. 31 - Homecoming

Region 1-AAAA

Nickname: Indians

Last Season's result: Cairo 20 - Albany 6

Last Season's record: 2-8

Coach: Felton Williams

Colors: Orange and Green

Season Opener: Aug. 29 - Mitchell Co - Home

The Albany Indians are one of the smallest schools in region 1-AAAA and in all of AAAA statewide. The Indians are doing the best they can do with what they have, and should show improvement this season, returning 14 starters. However, the Indians will be outmatched and stretched thin with small numbers early on in the season. However, anything can happen on any given Friday night in region 1-AAAA so look for the Indians to give some people a scare this season.

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Four new coaches will be on the sidelines this season

To say Cairo head football coach Tom Fallaw is excited about the new additions to his coaching staff would be a big understatement. "I can't describe what these guys mean to our school and our program. I have been very fortunate to be able to replace some coaches that left, with coaches that bring invaluable years of experience and leadership to our program," said Fallaw. After the departure of four coaches during the off season, Cairo coach Tom Fallaw started the search for replacements. What he found was four very experienced coaches with great resumes, that wanted to be a part of the tradition and pride at Cairo High School.

The new hires include a 2013 defending AAAA state champion head coach, a former college coach who coached with Bobby Bowden, a defensive coordinator from just a few miles away, and a former Syrupmaker coming home to coach at his Alma Mater.

"I want to thank Mr. David McCurry, our principal, Mr. Lee Bailey, our superintendent, and our Board of Education for their support. I think we have made some very good hires in these guys," said Fallaw.

Steve Devoursney comes to Cairo High School with 18 years coaching experience at Griffin High School, the last 13 years as the head coach. During his 13 years as the Bear's head coach, Devoursney went 128-35-0, including a 15-0 season last year, winning the AAAA state championship. Coach De-

voursney and his wife Jessica have two daughters, Emma and Paylen. His wife Jessica teaches at Washington Middle School.

"We love Cairo already. I am excited to be here. Coach Fallaw and I worked together at Griffin before he came to Cairo, and I know what kind of coach he is, and what a great program he has, so it's exciting to be here with him on the Syrupmaker staff," said Devoursney.

Coach Devoursney will serve as the Syrupmakers' defensive coordinator and will coach linebackers. Devoursney will split time in the classroom, teaching social studies and will also work part of the day in the weightroom at Cairo High School.

Jody Allen brings several years of coaching experience at the high school and college level to Cairo. Allen coached with the legendary Bobby Bowden at Florida State University from 2000-2009 where he coached defensive ends and special teams. Coach Allen comes to Cairo from West Georgia College where he served as defensive coordinator. Here, Allen will be coaching defensive backs. Allen and his wife Emilie have one daughter, Hannah, who is 8 months old.

"I've known coach Fallaw for several years and coached with him in the past. I've always known about the tradition here at Cairo High School and was excited to get the opportunity to come down here. We have bought a house in Cairo and already love everything about it here. My wife's family

lives in Tallahassee, which is good for us. The timing has just been perfect," said Allen. Allen will be the In School Suspension teacher at Cairo High School.

Asked about making the transition from coaching college football back to high school level, Allen said, "I coached at the high school level early in my career, but coaching is coaching. The kids do a great job, and I am really enjoying being here coaching them."

Shane Wheeler comes to Cairo from right up the road at Pelham High School, where he taught and was the defensive coordinator at Pelham High School. Shane is married to Kenya and they have two daughters, Kelsyah, who attends Cairo High School, and Katye, who is a student at Washington Middle School.

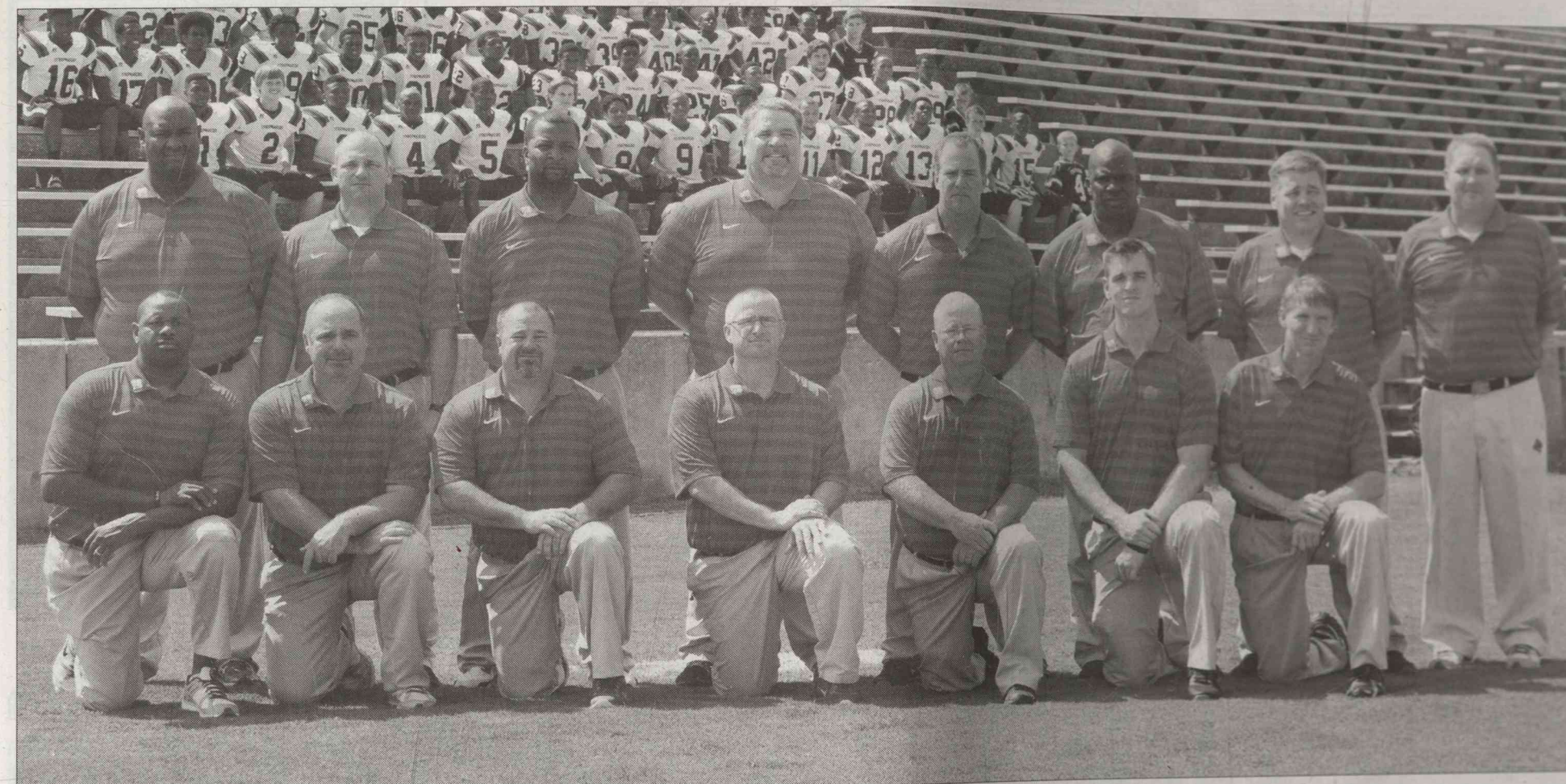
Wheeler spent three years at Pelham High School and was a two-time All-American linebacker at Huron University in South Dakota. Wheeler graduated from Suwanee High School in Live Oak, Florida. Coach Wheeler is coaching defensive ends and sees this as a great coaching opportunity. "Like most people, I have heard about the great tradition here at Cairo High School. I was excited when coach Fallaw hired me and the Grady County School System gave me this opportunity to come here and teach as well," said Wheeler. Coach Wheeler teaches health and physical education at Cairo High School.

Chris Henderson graduated from Cairo High School in 2001 and played football for

the Syrupmakers. "I'm a proud Syrupmaker. I graduated in 2001 and was a part of the famous "Gnat Defense" during those years," said Henderson. After graduating from Cairo High School, Henderson attended Albany State University from 2001-2005 where he played football. After graduating from ASU until 2012. Coach Henderson then coached at Dougherty High School until coming to coach at Cairo High School. Chris has four children, Nadia, Tanijah, Payton and Christopher, Jr. (CJ).

"I'm very excited about returning home and being a part of a program that I owe a great deal of gratitude to, coming home and coaching has always been a dream of mine. I'm thankful to coach Fallaw for getting me back here. He has done a great job keeping the Syrupmaker traditions intact and keeping our program successful. His resume speaks for itself and for someone like him to ask me to come home, all you do is say 'when do I start,'" said Henderson. Coach Henderson will be splitting time in physical education at Southside Elementary School and Whigham School.

All of these men have made a great addition to the schools of Grady County and to our community and will make a big difference on the field on Friday nights.



CHS COACHING STAFF: front row, l-r: Shane Wheeler, David Bell, Kevin Elliott, Tom Fallaw, Tommy York, David Coleman and Jody Allen; back row: Pete Corker, Steve Devoursney, Chris Henderson, Greg Boyce, David Johnson, Isiah Chance, Zack Wilson and Jonathan Ross.

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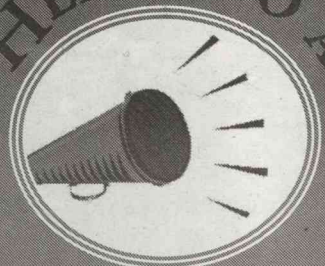
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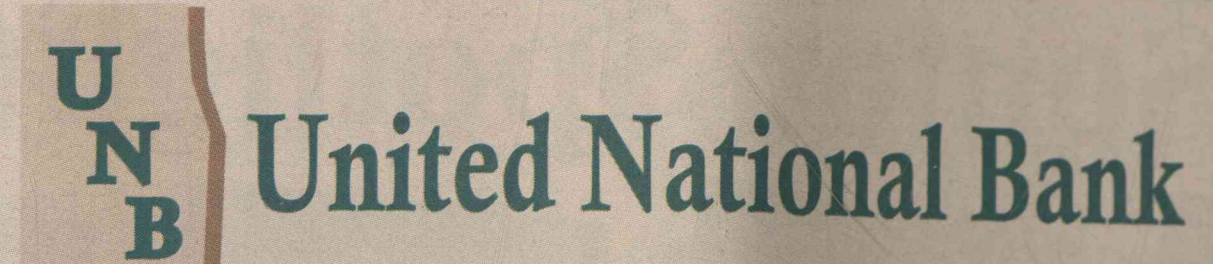


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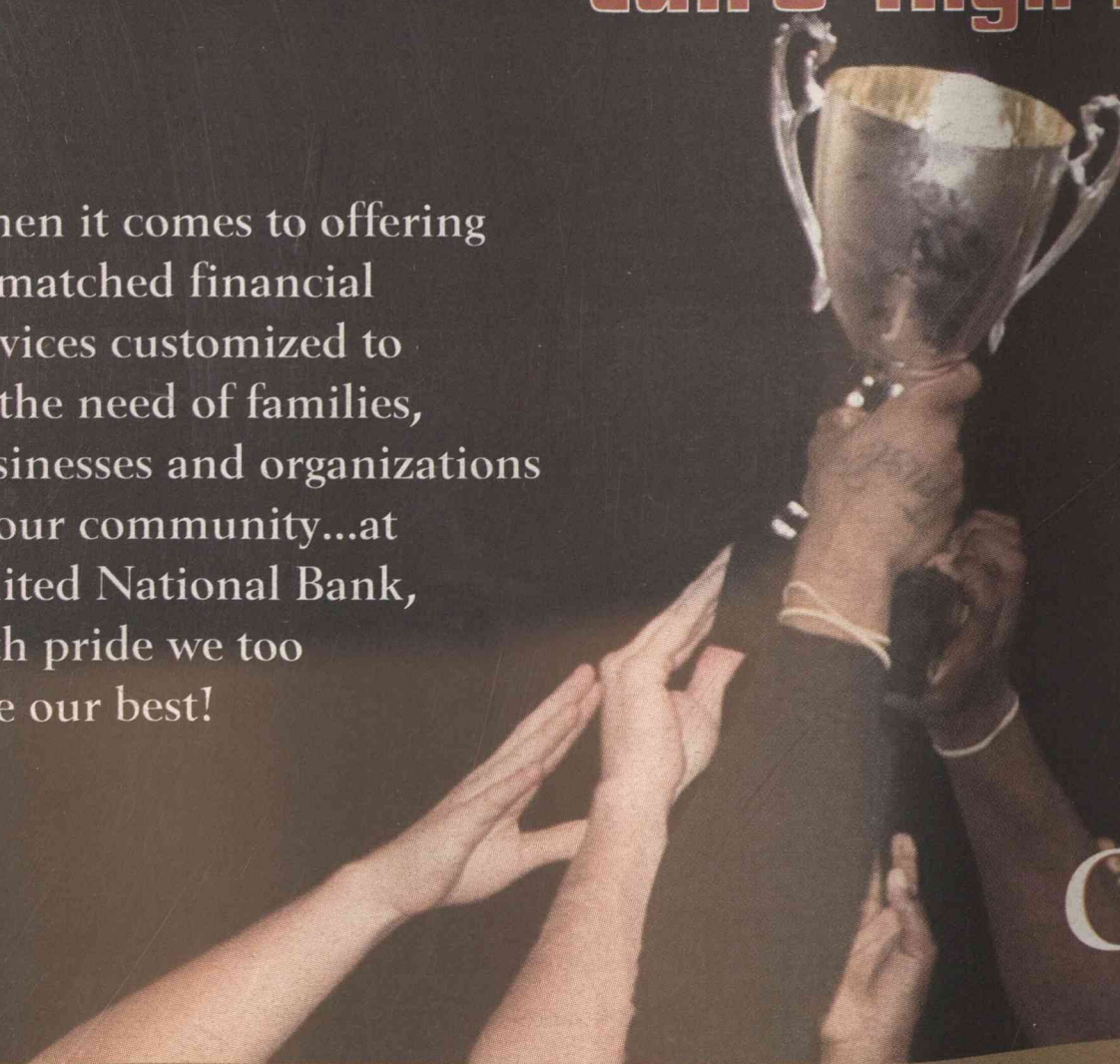
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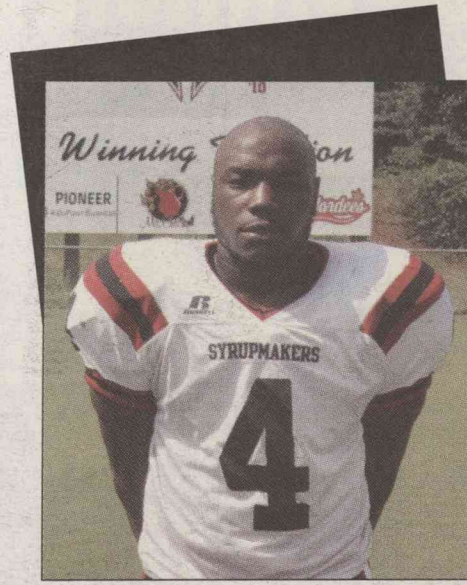
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Jersey # 1
Position: Running Back/
Outside Linebacker
Parents: Brenda Stephens & Roddy Johnson
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: Go to University of Florida and play football for the Gators



Marcus Gaines

Jersey # 3
Position: Linebacker/Fullback
Parents: Yvette Bell
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: To be a physical therapist



Jacorie Gaines

Jersey # 4
Position: Runningback/Linebacker
Parents: Stephanie Daniels and Patrick Gaines
Favorite Subject: Finance
Plans for the future: Army/ College



Stacy Masten

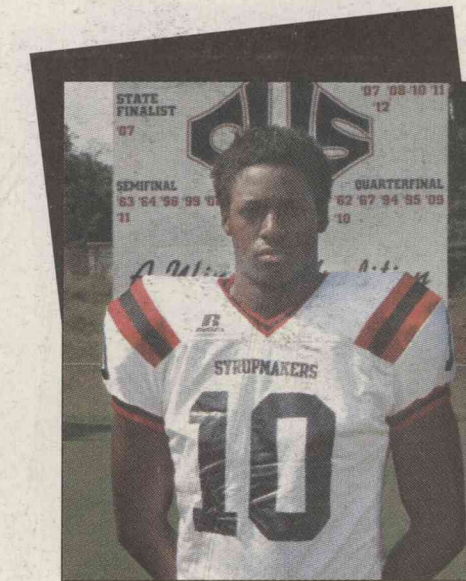
Jersey # 5
Position: QB/Defensive Back
Parents: Stacy and Tameka Masten
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: Attend college and become an engineer

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Clay Bell

Jersey # 7
Position: QB
Parents: David and Cathy Bell and Forest and Charlotte Thomas
Favorite Subject: History
Plans for the future: Medical Field



Duane Cromartie

Jersey # 10
Position: Tight End/Defensive End
Parents: Annette Spence
Favorite Subject: Weightroom
Plans for the future: Go to college and play football



William Atkins

Jersey # 11
Position: Wide receiver/Free Safety
Parents: Greyetta and James Atkins
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: Sports Medicine



Chad Marshall

Jersey # 12
Position: QB/Outside Linebacker
Parents: Carrie and Johnnie Marshall
Favorite Subject: Anatomy
Plans for the future: Go to college

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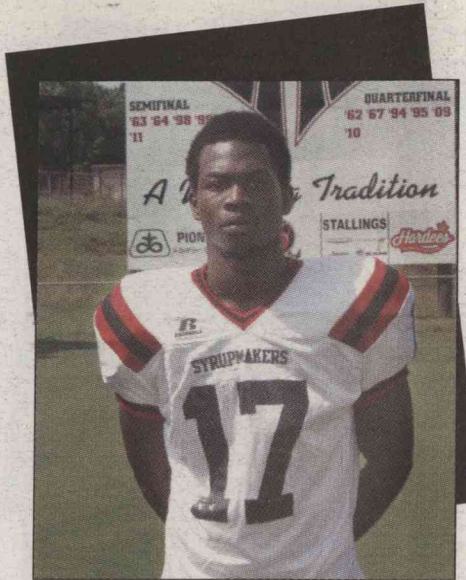
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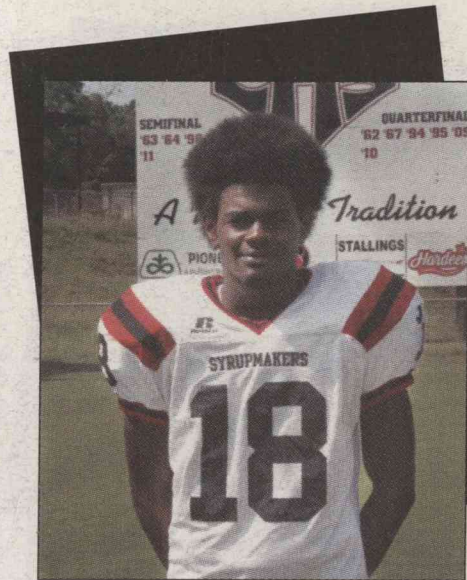
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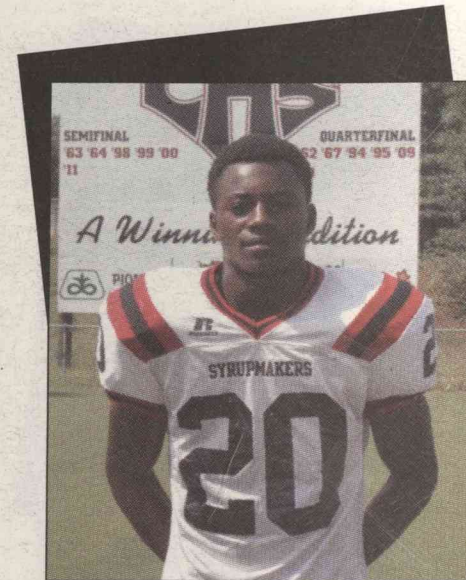
Jamez Peters
Jersey # 15
Position: Wide Receiver/Defensive Back
Parents: Shata Brown and Todd Brown
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: Music Production



Quentarius McNeil-Greene
Jersey # 17
Position: Wide Receiver/Defensive Back
Parents: Barbara McNeil, Keeven Greene
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: Going to College and majoring in sports medicine

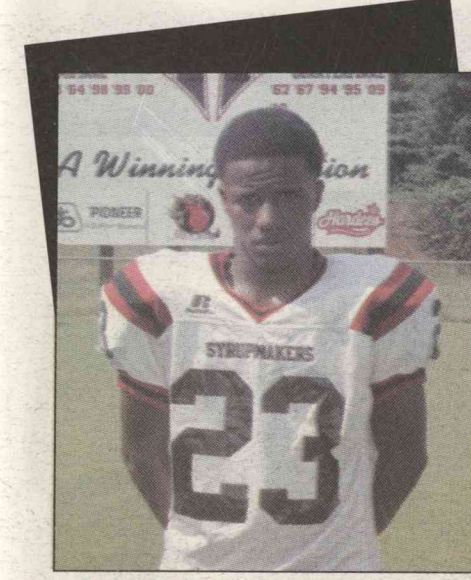


Trivorick Hardy
Jersey # 18
Position: Cornerback
Parents: Willie Myles
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: College

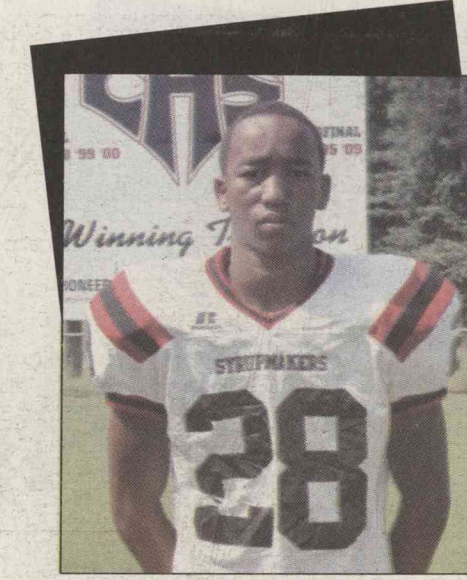


Quantarius Wimbley
Jersey # 20
Position: Defensive Back/Wide Receiver
Parents: James and Lasheikia Wimbley
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: College

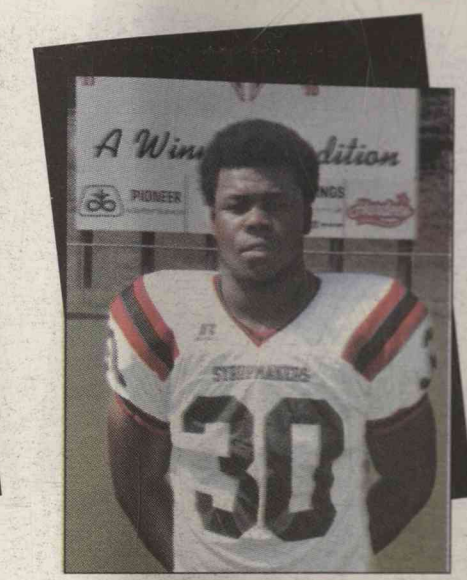
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Malik Sigler
Jersey # 23
Position: Linebacker/Wide receiver
Parents: Terri Sigler
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: Go to college and play football




Tavares James
Jersey # 28
Position: Wide Receiver
Parents: Nate James and Brenda James
Favorite Subject: Economics
Plans for the future: Go to college for Ag studies or athletic trainer



Bruno Sloan
Jersey # 30
Position: Defensive Line/Fullback
Parents: Lashanda Sloan and Bruno Sloan
Favorite Subject: Math or Finance
Plans for the future- College




Jeremiah Hill
Jersey # 36
Position: Runningback/
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Parents: Zara Hill
Favorite Subject: Economics
Plans for the future: Be great at whatever I do



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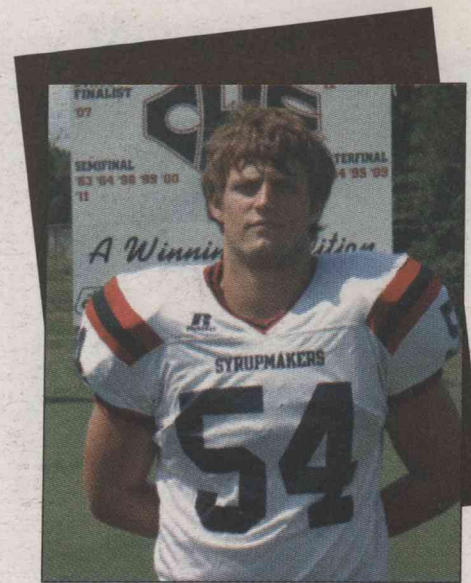
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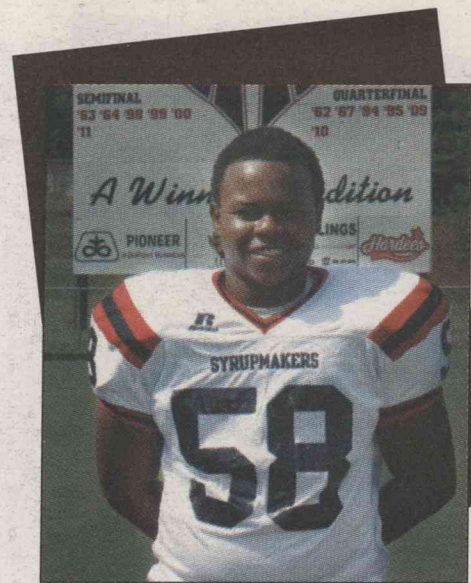
Storm Clark

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Position: Center
Parents: Greg and Barbara Clark
Favorite Subject: History
Plans for the future: College/Military



Jarvis Calloway

Jersey # 55
Position: Defensive Tackle/Offensive Line
Parents: Melissa Calloway and Bradford Calloway
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: Army



Chris Gurley

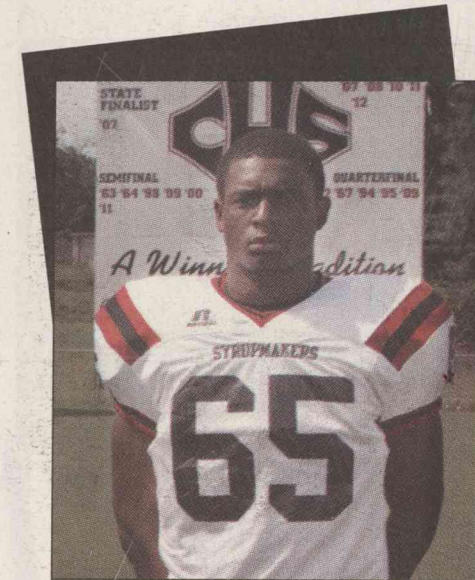
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Parents: Latosha Brown
Favorite Subject: Math
Plans for the future: College



Maurice Gaines

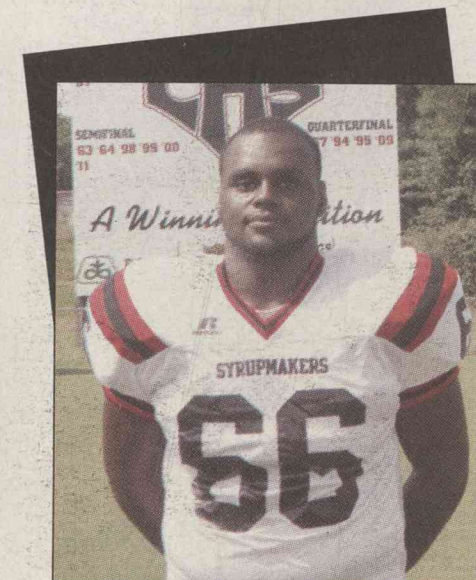
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Position: Offensive Line/
Defensive Tackle
Parents: Yvette Bell
Favorite Subject: Science
Plans for the future: Physical trainer for a sports team

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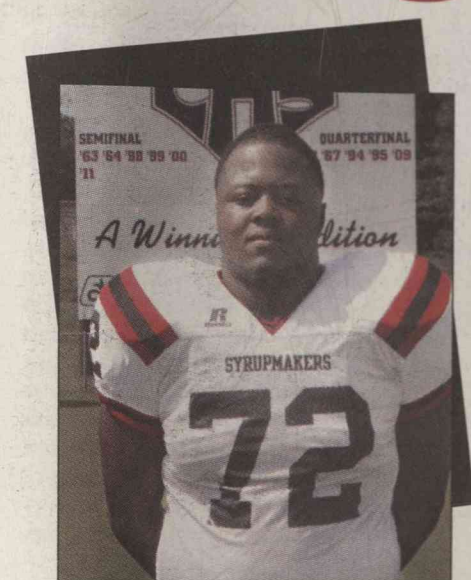
TaVan Smith

Jersey # 65
Position: Offensive Tackle
Parents: Marilyn Smith and Osie Smith
Favorite Subject: Science
Plans for the future: College



Nicholas Pope

Jersey # 66
Position: Offensive tackle
Parents: Nicole Pope
Favorite Subject: Economics
Plans for the future: Welding

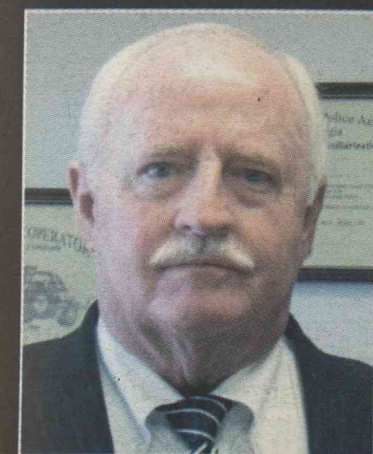


Andre Hadley

Jersey # 72
Position: Defensive Line
Parents: Andrea Thornton and Zeke Hadley
Favorite Subject: Science
Plans for the future: Go to college and play football



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As a teacher and administrator at Cairo High School, retired CHS principal Wayne Tootle knew the importance of having top level athletic programs, and a strong fine arts program. Tootle believed that those two areas went hand in hand with strong academics. During his time as principal of CHS, Tootle once said, "A strong athletic program and a strong band will improve your school climate and, in turn, that will improve academics at the school."

As principal of Cairo High School, Tootle not only recruited and hired well-qualified teachers, he also made sure the extracurricular programs, such as sports and band, were led by the best individuals he could find.

During his tenure as CHS principal from 1976 until 2001, Cairo High School teams earned 31 region championships in various sports and won three state championships.

In recognition of his dedication to CHS in his 37 years as a teacher, assistant principal and principal of Cairo High School, Wayne Tootle's tireless support of the Syrupmaker athletic program is going to be recognized Friday night prior to the Thomasville-Cairo football season opener at West Thomas Stadium.

The Grady County Board of Education voted unanimously Aug. 12 to name the football field at West Thomas Stadium after the former principal.

"Wayne Tootle laid the foundation for one of the most well known and respected programs in the state of Georgia. He believed in the importance of excellence in both athletics and academics to promote a positive and successful school environment, and we want his name to be forever associated with Cairo High School," said CHS Athletic Director Todd Jones.

In addition to his support of Syrupmaker athletics, Wayne Tootle has also dedicated many years to high school athletics on the state level. Tootle has spent the last 29 years supporting athletics statewide as a member of the GHSA executive committee. He served as the GHSA region secretary from 1981 to 1986.

Since coming to Cairo some 50 years ago, Tootle has missed only a handful of football games and has been a regular in attendance

at CHS basketball games with his wife Patricia. In fact, Tootle can only recall five that he has missed between 1964 and 2013. Three of those games he missed were after he retired and a fourth was at the time of his father's death in 1981.

"Mr. Tootle has dedicated his adult life to Cairo High School, as well being an unwavering supporter of Syrupmaker football. Throughout his tenure as the CHS principal and as a member of the GHSA, Mr. Tootle has always represented Grady County and Cairo High School with the utmost in integrity and honesty. It is no secret that Mr. Tootle loves the Syrupmakers, and this is one small way to show him how much he is loved and appreciated by the folks of Grady County," said Grady County School Superintendent Lee M. Bailey.

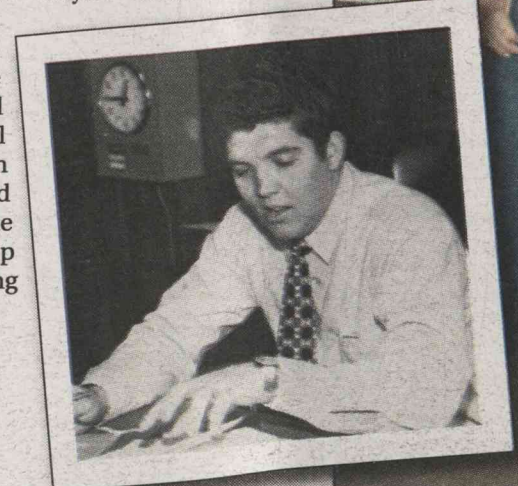
Tootle came to Grady County as a math teacher in 1964. A graduate of Glennville High School, he earned his bachelor of science degree in math education from Georgia Southern College in 1964

and his master's degree from Valdosta State College in 1970. He earned his education specialist degree from Valdosta State in 1977.

In 1970 and 1971, he was selected as Cairo High School's STAR teacher and in 1996 he was named Grady County's Man of the Year by the Cairo-Grady County Chamber of Commerce.

Reared on a farm in Tattnall County, Ga., Tootle lettered in baseball and basketball for three years.

Several coaches who served under Tootle will be on hand Friday night for the special ceremony when "Wayne Tootle Field at West Thomas Stadium" will be given its official name. A sign will also be erected in the north end zone atop the championship board proclaiming the new honor.



F. WAYNE TOOTLE served as a Cairo High School math teacher, assistant principal and principal during his career with the Grady County School System. A native of Tattnall County, Ga., Tootle came to Cairo in 1964 to teach math. By 1972 he was a CHS assistant principal and took the helm of the school as principal in 1976. He and his longtime bookkeeper/secretary Carolyn C. Brown both retired in 2001. The two co-workers are shown here dressed as a couple of Syrupmakers in an undated photo courtesy of Carolyn Brown.

“Wayne Tootle laid the foundation for one of the most well known and respected programs in the state of Georgia.”

Cairo has some depth on offense

CHS offensive coordinator Greg Boyce is encouraged when he looks at the depth chart at runningback and quarterback this season. "We have our quarterback, Stacy Masten, back this year and both our fullback and tailback back, as well. In addition to that, we

have some depth at quarterback and the runningbacks, which is always a positive," said Boyce.

"As always, we like to establish the run first. It's important that we are physical and make plays and I think we've got some folks to do that," said Boyce.

The Syrupmakers will have not only their starting quarterback Masten back, but Boyce says Clay Bell and Chad Marshall are two other seniors, and Dillan Gilliard, a junior, that will be ready at the signal calling position, as well. Marcus Gaines is back at fullback and Jeremiah Hill returns at tailback, along with Bruno Sloan, Antonio Wynn and Aric Holmes all set to play fullback. Along with Hill at tailback, Cairo has Jacorie Gaines and Johntavis Johnson, plus a host of even younger players.

At the tight end and receiver slots, Cairo has some experience in William Atkins, Duane Cromartie, Quentarius McNeil-Greene, Quantarious Wimbley and some younger players, who are getting ready as well.

Cairo is maybe the youngest on the offensive line, having to replace several starters from last season.

Last year, the Syrupmaker offense averaged 19.5 points a game, and Boyce expects to see those numbers go up this season. "With experience returning in the backfield, I think we will be more productive this year," said Boyce.



VIDEOGRAPHERS AND BALL BOYS: front row, l-r: R.W. Jones - Ball Boy and Mo Wilson - Ball Boy; back row, l-r: Deandre Masten - Ball Boy, Brent Burdick - Videographer, Jose Gomez - Videographer, and Dawson Connell - Videographer.

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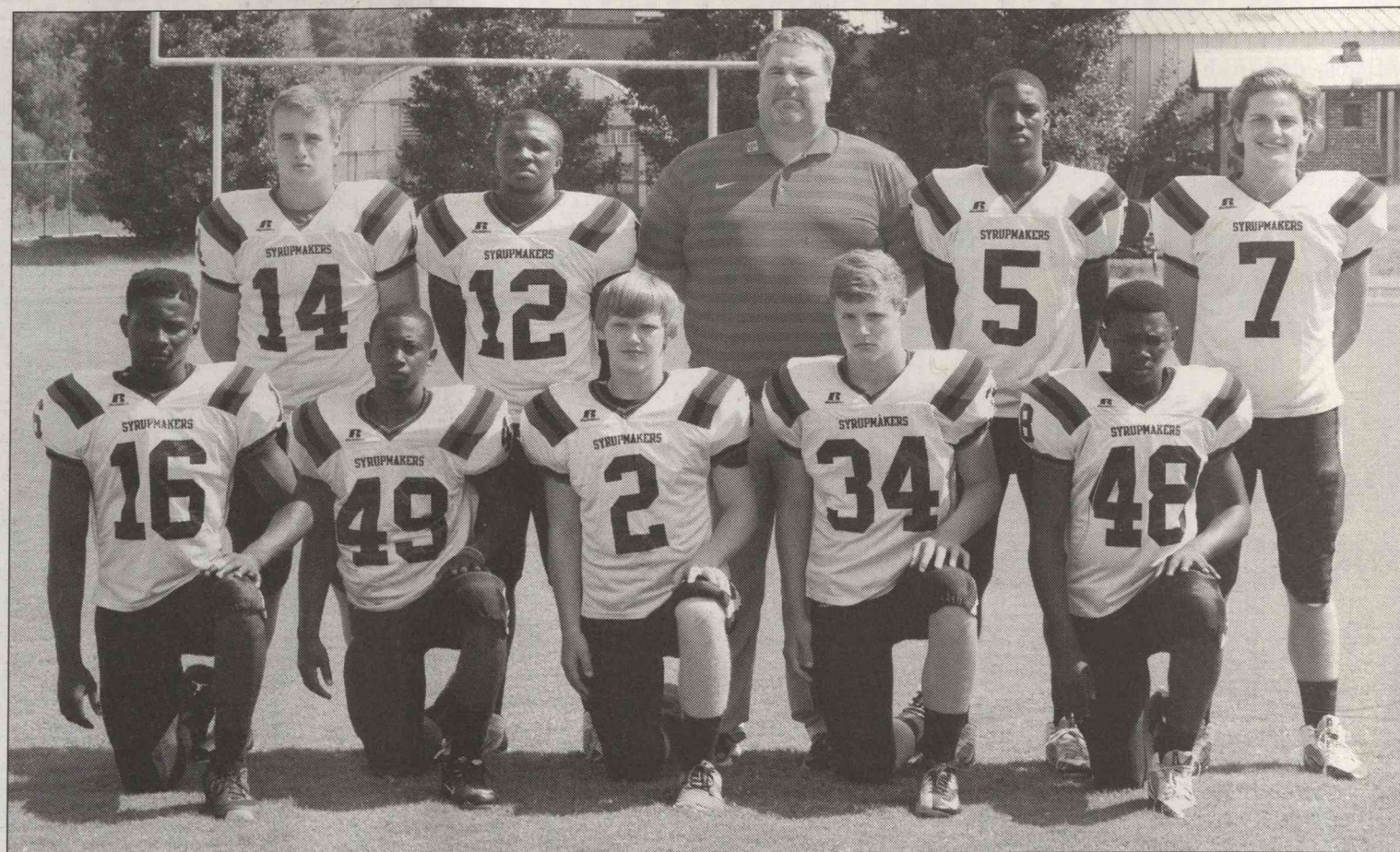
Masten returns as the Syrupmaker signal caller

For the first time since 2008, the Syrupmakers have a starting quarterback returning as we head into the 2014 season. Stacy Masten, who started at quarterback last year as a junior, returns this season for his senior season, along with two other seniors and a junior in back up positions. Behind Masten are seniors Clay Bell and Chad Marshall, along with junior Dillan Gilliard and sophomore Austin Shattles.

"This is the deepest we have been at quarterback in a long time. Behind Stacy, we have two other seniors and a junior who could step in on Friday night, which is a good position to be in," said quarterback coach Greg Boyce. The Syrupmakers also have a couple of sophomores and freshmen working at the quarterback position as well.

With several new starters on the offensive line, Boyce says having an experienced signal caller is a good thing for the offense. "We have some new guys up front, but Stacy played for us last year back there and got a lot of snaps. He's got a year under his belt and will be more comfortable back there running the offense," said Boyce.

Boyce said he is also very comfortable with the players behind Masten. "I think any one of those guys behind Stacy could step in if needed and do what we need to do in a situation where Stacy could not go. It's nice to have some depth at that position," said Boyce.



QUARTERBACKS: front row, l-r: Jacquez Ash, Curtis Washington, Austin Shattles, Jackson Hand and Tahj Vicks; back row, l-r: Dillan Gilliard, Chad Marshall, coach Greg Boyce, Stacy Masten and Clay Bell.

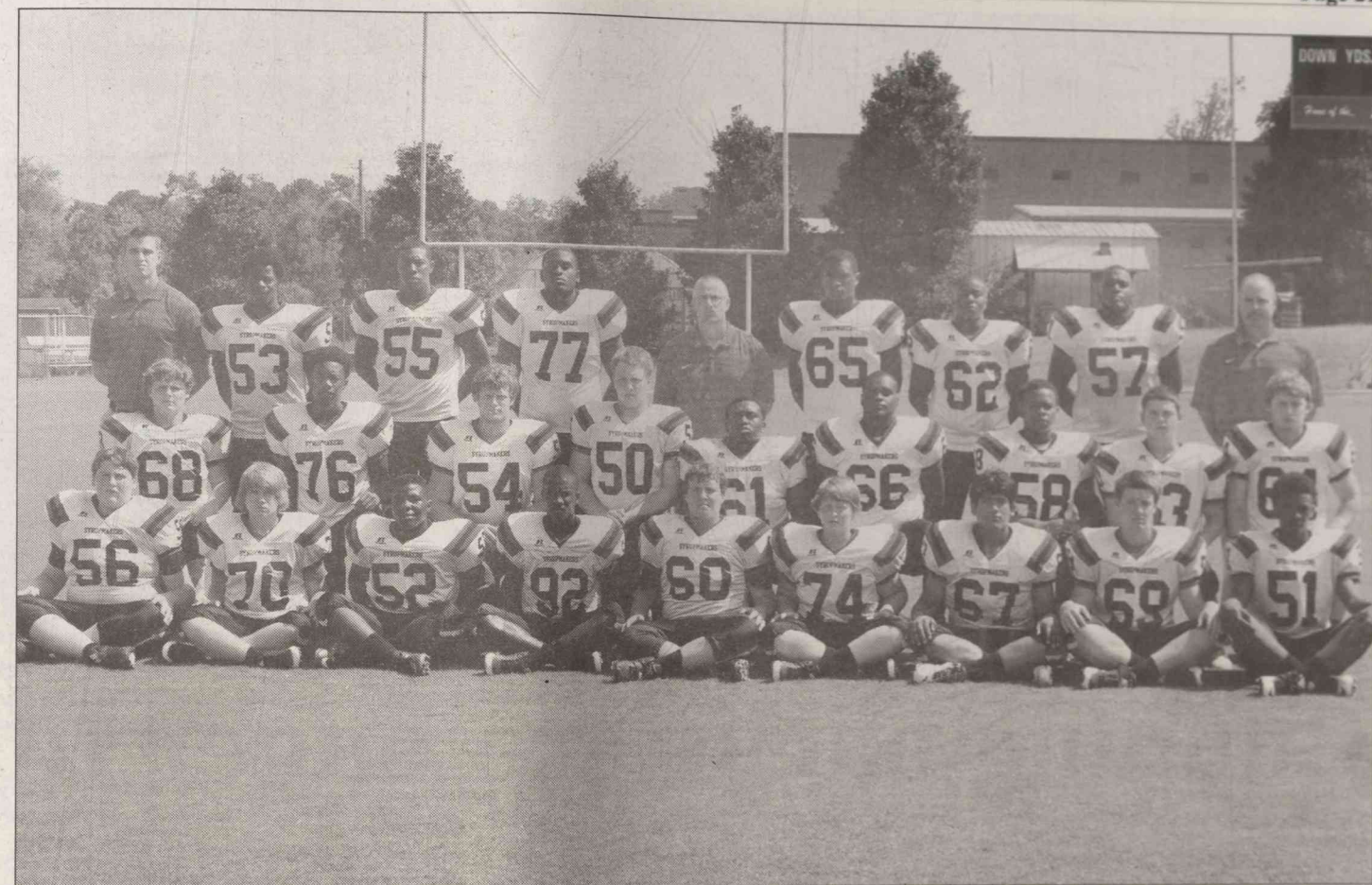
Offensive line looking to gain experience

With only one returning starter from last season, according to coaches, the Syrupmaker offensive line will be battle tested early and will just need to learn through game experience. "It's just a case of some young guys that need game experience. They have worked hard in practice, but nothing can substitute the pace and speed of game experience," said coach Tom Fallaw.

Nick Pope is the lone returning starter on the line from last year, though several of this year's linemen played a good bit. Along with Pope, others who are probable starters include Koby Pyrz, Tavan Smith, Tony Smith and Maurice Gaines. While these players are probable starters, coaches also list Storm Clark, Patrick Preston, Chris Gurley and Jarvis Calloway, who will see playing time as well.

That test will begin this Friday night as this young group lines up against a quick Thomasville defensive line. The Syrupmakers have an experienced offensive backfield behind this young group of linemen who will be able to make things happen with the right protection.

Right now, the important thing for these guys will be gaining that valuable game experience.



OFFENSIVE LINE: front row, l-r: Riley Maynard, Branson Chester, Nick Smith, Shafford Gordon, Cooper Bass, Barrett Hester, Juan Jimenez, Dalton Newmons and Ty Green; middle row, l-r: Caleb Cooper, Khahil Frazier, Storm Clark, Koby Pyrz, Maurice Gaines, Nicholas Pope, Chris Gurley, Hayden Wynn and Jonathan Simmons; top row, l-r: coach David Coleman, Jahsearii Patterson, Jarvis Calloway, Patrick Preston, coach Tom Fallaw, Tavan Smith, Quan Sherman, Tony Smith and coach David Bell.

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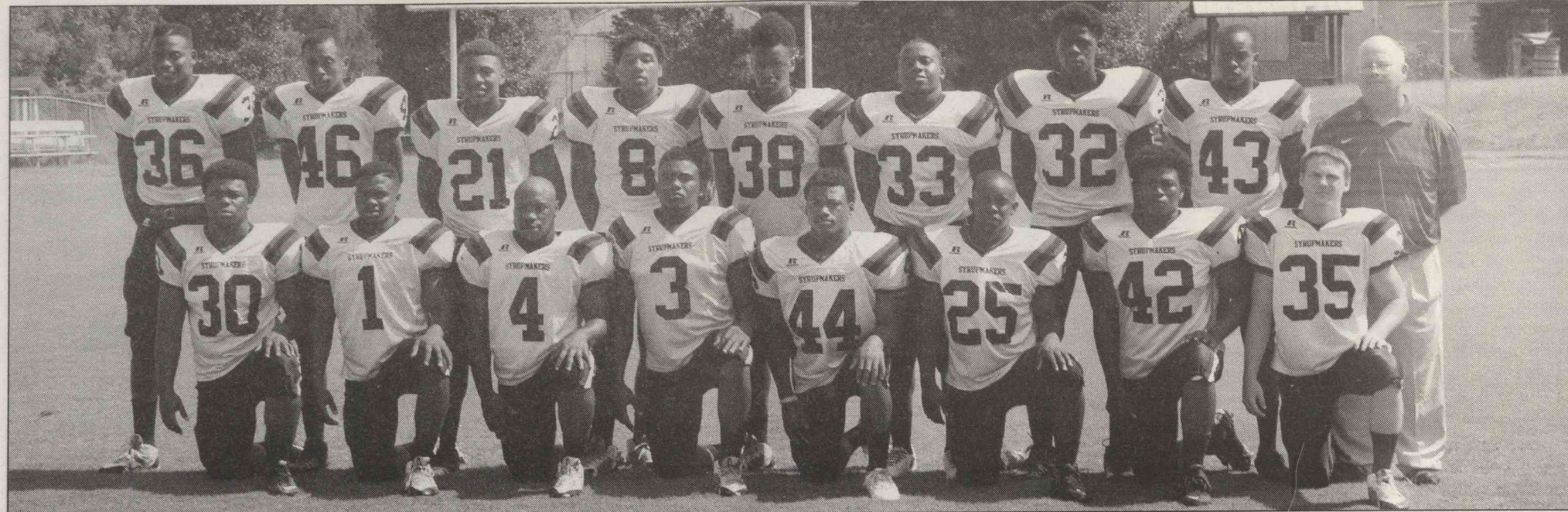
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RUNNING BACKS: front row, l-r: Bunar Sloan, Johntavis Johnson, Jacorie Gaines, Maurice Gaines, Ventabrone Hubbard, DaShawn Walker, D.J. James and Hunter Faircloth; back row, l-r: Jeremiah Hill, DKaylon Prophet, Randolph Scott, Malik Taylor, Aric Holmes, Antonio Wynn, Jahsari Patterson, Zacharius Anderson and coach Tommy York.

Running backs are eager to play ball

Marcus Gaines and Jeremiah Hill started at fullback and runningback last season, playing on defense as well. Going both ways early in the season can take a toll on a player on those hot, steamy late summer nights, but both are looking forward to picking up where they left off last season.

According to runningbacks coach Tommy

York, both should get some help with good depth at both positions. "Marcus and Jeremiah both did a great job back there last year. Those two had a great season last year, they both run hard, block, catch passes, do whatever we ask them to do. This year, we are excited to have them back and have some other guys we can count on back there, too,"

said York.

In addition to Gaines at fullback, the Syrupmakers also have Antonio Wynn, Aric Holmes, Bruno Sloan, Jahsari Patterson, D.J. James and Zacharius Anderson. In addition to Hill at tailback, the Syrupmakers will have Johntavis Johnson and Jacorie Gaines.

"It's been a good summer, these guys all

worked hard in the weightroom and have come out working hard in summer camp. They are eager to get started and I'm looking forward to seeing them work this season and seeing what we can do," said York.

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RECEIVERS: front row, l-r: Anthony James, Justin Baggett, Ernest Cook, JyKevian Cooper, Shelwin McCree, Eric King, Malik Thomas and Jamel Chin; middle row, l-r: Tavares James, DJ Donaldson, Marquee Jackson, Ricky Harrison, Jamal Thomas, Malik Sigler and Edward Morris; top row, l-r: Jamez Peters, Quantarius Wimbley, Quantarius McNeil-Greene, coach Kevin Elliott, William Atkins, Walter Grant and Trivorick Hardy.

Receiving corps is senior laden for 2014

This year's group of receivers are senior laden, with six seniors expected to see playing time and bring leadership to the field on Friday nights.

Seniors Will Atkins, Quantarius McNeil-Greene, Quantarius Wimbley, Jamez Peters,

Tavares James and Trivorick Hardy are going to be called on at receiver this season, according to receivers coach Kevin Elliott.

Elliott also expects to see sophomores Walter Grant and D.J. Donaldson get playing time as well.

Receivers in the Syrupmaker offense not only have to be available on passing downs, but also will be called on to make crucial blocks downfield and on the corners to spring the 'Maker running attack. "There is a lot that goes with being a receiver, not only

being able to catch the ball, but having the ability to make blocks and stay with those blocks," said Elliott.

"We are looking forward to a great season out of our receivers," added Elliott.

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Tight ends must be able to block as well as catch

The position of tight end in the Syrupmaker offense carries two main responsibilities, blocking and pass catching.

"Our tight ends have to be versatile as they are called on to block and be pass catchers," said coach David Coleman. Coleman is excited about his position players this season and says each one has worked hard in the off season to get better. "Duane Cromartie, our senior, is a big and very athletic player. He brings energy and effort in his play. We're really looking for him to show leadership for us this year," said Coleman.

Matt Cromer is a sophomore who Coleman

says is progressing and will be able to contribute this year as well. Other young players that are working hard and developing are Todd Brown and Randy Mayo. Both of these players are athletic kids that can really run and are getting better every day," Coleman added.

TIGHT ENDS: front row, l-r: Gabe Strickland, Randy Mayo, Jackson Reagan and Todd Brown; back row: Duane Cromartie, coach David Coleman and Matt Cromer.




Region 1-AAAA has new faces

The GHSA realigned and reclassified the state's six classifications and regions last winter. However, some region team were not happy with their region and classification and appealed to the GHSA to be moved. Thomas County Central, citing long travel distances as a hardship on the school, asked to be moved down to Region 1-AAAA. The school noted that they were one of the smallest schools in AAAAA and suffered a financial and loss of class time burden in their present alignment. After the appeal was denied twice by the GHSA reclassification committee, the school took their appeal and the threat of a lawsuit to the full executive board of the GHSA and won, effectively moving both TCCHS and Bainbridge, who would then be isolated if they remained in AAAAA down to Region 1 AAAA. They are now the two largest schools in AAAA and will play in Region 1-AAAA.

Some of the smaller schools in region 1-AAAA who asked to remain because of travel and financial reasons then appealed to be moved out of the region, but their appeal was denied. So now, Region 1-AAAA has 10 schools in football and 11 in other sports after the GHSA moved Cook County out of the region in football only.

In football, the region has been split into two subregions. Side A consists of TCCHS, Cairo, Monroe, Crisp County and Albany.



REGION 1-AAAA

<p>SIDE A</p> <p>TCCHS Cairo Monroe Crisp County Albany</p>	<p>SIDE B</p> <p>Bainbridge Westover Americus-Sumter Worth County Dougherty</p>
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over, Americus-Sumter, Worth County and Dougherty. The top three teams from each side will have a playoff game in game 10 to decide the top four teams going to the state playoffs.

CHS Touchdown Club needs you

The Cairo High School Athletic Department knows the value of quality booster clubs and appreciates everything the community does to support them. The goal of the Cairo High School Touchdown Club is to provide money for summer camps, banquets, pregame meals and other projects for Syrupmaker football athletes.

"With the creation of specific booster clubs for many of our other sports, there was a need to create a support club that focuses on football. By focusing our efforts on the football squad and cheerleaders, we hope to create more interest in raising funds for the team and cheerleaders," said CHS Athletic Director Todd Jones. "We have several volunteers that want to help with a certain sport in particular, so this will give those who wish to help with football a chance to join in," said Jones.

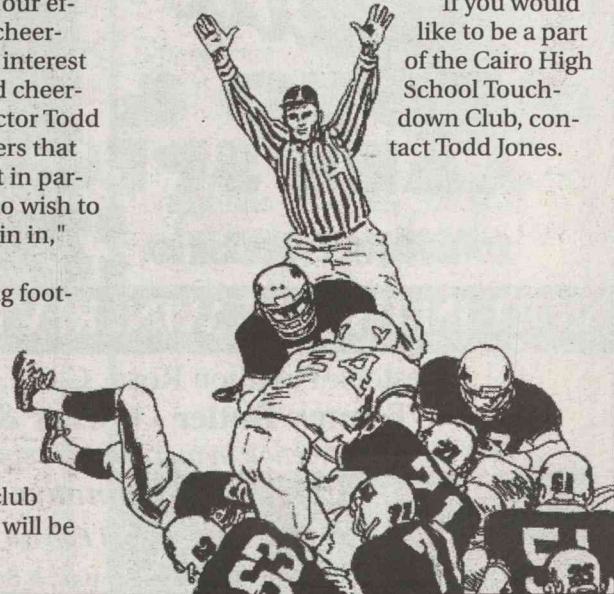
The club raises funds by selling football ads in game programs, on the Syrupmaker Booster board, reserved parking places and game ball raffle tickets, also by holding barbecues, golf tournaments, soft drink sales and more. Once again this year, the club is offering stadium banners that will be

displayed in the north end zone of the stadium.

According to Jones, support from the community is highly valued. "Our community always does an outstanding job supporting our young people.

Without the support of the community and local businesses, there is no way we could provide many of the things we do for our athletes. We are very appreciative of our sponsors for all of our booster clubs," said Jones

If you would like to be a part of the Cairo High School Touchdown Club, contact Todd Jones.



New faces on Cairo's special teams

For the past several years, Cairo has been fortunate to have a steady flow of kickers, punters and other special team members. Last year's group of kickers, snappers and holders all graduated, and with the back-up kicker moving away over the summer, coach Tom Fallaw and special teams coach Tommy York had to begin a search for some fresh faces.

Koby Pyrz, who was the back up last season, will handle the deep snaps on kicks and punts, with Clay Bell and Dillan Gilliard backing him up. Bell will also serve as the holder for extra points and field goals.

After losing Taylor Donalson, a two-year starter at kicker and punter, the Syrupmakers opened a search for his replacement. "We had to replace everyone on special teams. Our back-up kicker moved over the summer, which opened things up even more. We have a lot of good competition going on at punter. Clay Bell, Austin Shattles, Jackson Hand, Parker Duncan, Lexston Bearss and Cole Phillips are all competing hard and working at improving their skills. Right now, it looks like Bell will be our starter there, but the other guys are right there with him. Aldair Cortes will handle the kickoffs, extra points and field goals," said York.



SPECIAL TEAMS: bottom row, l-r: Dillan Gilliard, Koby Pyrz, Austin Shattles and Clay Bell; top row, l-r: Parker Duncan, coach Tommy York, Aldair Cortes and Lexston Bearss.

The Syrupmakers spend a good part of every practice on special teams so, although they are new to the positions, everyone will get plenty of reps going into the season.

Stout defense is a Cairo Syrupmaker tradition that lives on

The Syrupmaker defense has a reputation state wide. Opposing coaches are baffled at their ability to swarm to the ball and play at the speedy and aggressive level they turn on every Friday. That tradition, that reputation dates back as long as most folks can remember, and this year will be no different.

Veteran coach Steve Devoursney, coming off a 2013 AAAA state championship as the head coach at Griffin High School, has joined the Syrupmaker staff as the defensive coordinator. "I've known about the Syrupmakers and their reputation for years. I have coached with coach Fallaw and know what he expects on defense, and I'm excited to come here and keep that alive. Our focus is to keep things simple so our guys can focus on making the plays. We want 11 men to the ball and to make a good hard play on the ball carrier," said Devoursney.

According to the new defensive coordinator, fans won't see many changes on defense. "Cairo football is a program. It's a program built on pride and tradition that works, the younger guys come in and see what level we play at, and they know they are expected to get to that level. We will run an 8-man front and may be more multiple than in the past, and show some different looks, but it will still be Cairo defense, because that is what we expect," said Devoursney.

As opposing coaches have said many times, in 2014, look for Cairo to be Cairo on defense.

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Andre Hadley anchors defensive line this season

After the loss of two seniors who made a big impact on the defensive line last season, Cairo defensive line coach David Johnson is looking to another starter from 2013 to anchor his group and provide the leadership needed to be successful. "Andre Hadley

played great as a junior and had an outstanding year and he is back for his senior year. He made some big plays last year, and we are looking for him to continue that this season and be our leader out there on the line," said Johnson.

Johnson also has Jarvis Calloway, who moves from defensive end to defensive tackle, Antonio Wynn, who has been a pleasant surprise for Johnson, Hunter Faircloth, Quan Sherman and Jeremiah Gordon.

As far as who Johnson would call starters,

"We play as a unit. We will rotate three or four of those guys in all night to stay fresh out there, especially early in the season," said Johnson.

Defensive ends know their role

According to defensive ends coach Shane Wheeler, the Syrupmaker defensive ends have been working hard this summer and they know their role. "Hats and hands, keep those linemen off the linebackers and let them make plays, that's their job, stop everything at the first level" said Wheeler.

At defensive end, the Syrupmakers have senior Duane Cromartie and juniors Malik Taylor and Quintarious Stinson. "All three of those guys have done a great job getting ready this season. I can interchange them throughout the game and we don't want to lose a step with whomever is in there," said Wheeler.

According to Wheeler, "If our guys do their job, the linebackers can do theirs and our defense will have a great night."



DEFENSIVE ENDS: front row: Jahsearii Patterson, Todd Brown, Khahil Frazier, Matt Cromer, Ty Green and Dalton Newmons; top row, l-r: coach Isiah Chance, Duane Cromartie, Quinatrious Stinson, Tavan Smith, Malik Taylor and coach Shane Wheeler.

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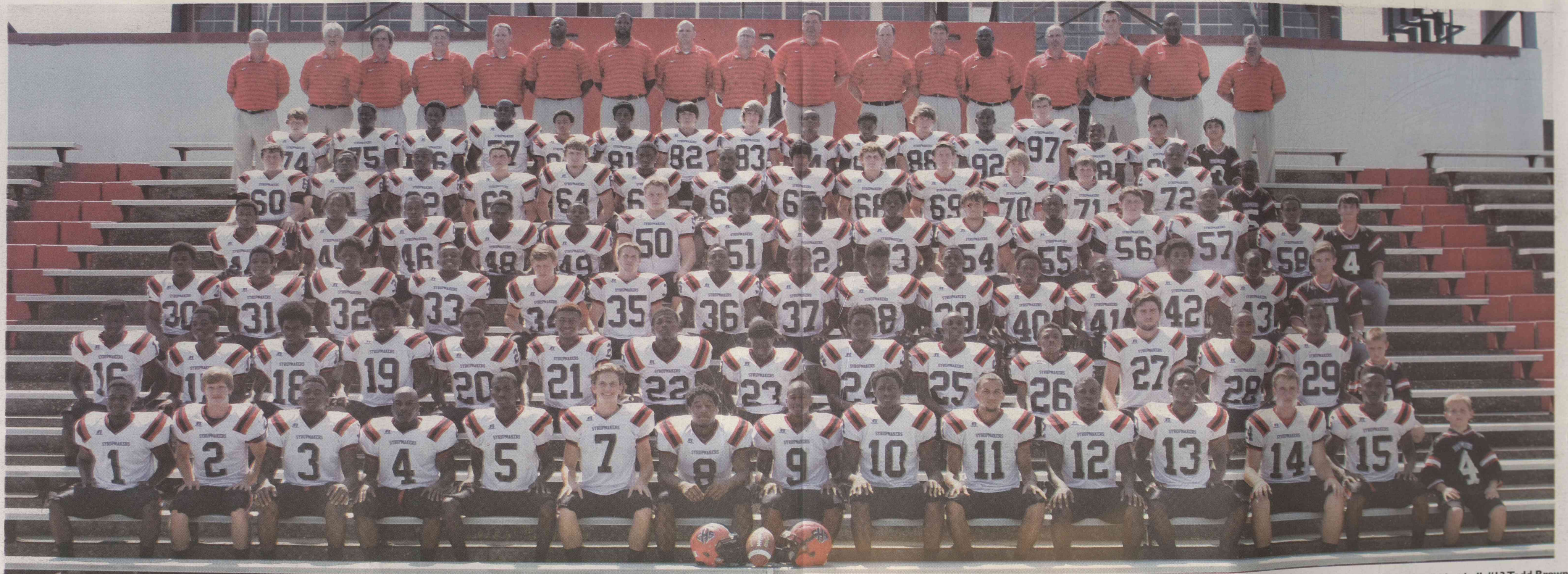
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Marcus Gaines is the defensive signal caller

On the offensive side of the ball everyone looks to the quarterback for the next play. Defensively, there has to be that signal caller on the field as well and inside linebacker Marcus Gaines is the guy set to relay those defensive calls.

"Marcus is the leader out there on our defense. We will look to him to get the defensive calls in and get everyone set. He's a senior, he knows his role well," said coach Steve Devoursney.

In addition to Gaines, Devoursney also has Jacorie Gaines, another senior, at inside linebacker, and Walter Grant, who the coach says is better every day. Other players include Malik Sigler, another senior, Edward Morris, a junior, and Zach Anderson, a sophomore.

"I have really liked our guys' effort out there this summer. They play hard. They have worked really hard in the weightroom this summer and have that desire to get better, and they work at it every day," said Devoursney.



LINEBACKERS: bottom row, l-r: Marcus Gaines, Aric Holmes, Jackson Hand, Ventabione Hubbard, Nick Smith and Edward Morris; top row: Walter Grant, Jacorie Gaines, coach Steve Devoursney, Malik Sigler and Zacharius Anderson.

Outside linebackers are improving

It has been said that your "attitude" defines your "altitude." If that is the case, the CHS 2014 outside linebackers should be flying high this year, according to coach Chris Henderson.

"My guys really come practice ready to work and with a positive attitude every day. I have a veteran group with exception of Randolph Scott, who is a 10th grader," said Henderson.

Although the group is still new to their position, they bring in football experience and are getting better each week. Jeremiah Hill, Johntavis Johnson and Chad Marshall are all seniors this year. "It's a pleasure working with this group of talented young men, and I also have some younger players that are going to contribute on Friday nights as well," said Henderson.

Asked about his goals for his position players this season, Henderson said, "We are just going to approach the season one game at a time and try to improve each week. I'm excited and can't wait to face off against some of southwest Georgia's best teams," Henderson said.

"As a former Syrupmaker myself, I'm so excited I may run out of the tunnel with players with a helmet on myself," Henderson said with a grin.



BANDITS & ROVERS: front row, l-r: Dillan Gilliard, Curtis Washington, DeShawn Walker, Randolph Scott, Tahj Vicks and Jahsari Patterson; top row, l-r: coach Jonathan Ross, Randy Mayo, Chad Marshall, Johntavis Johnson, Jeremiah Hill, Jacquez Ash and coach Chris Henderson.

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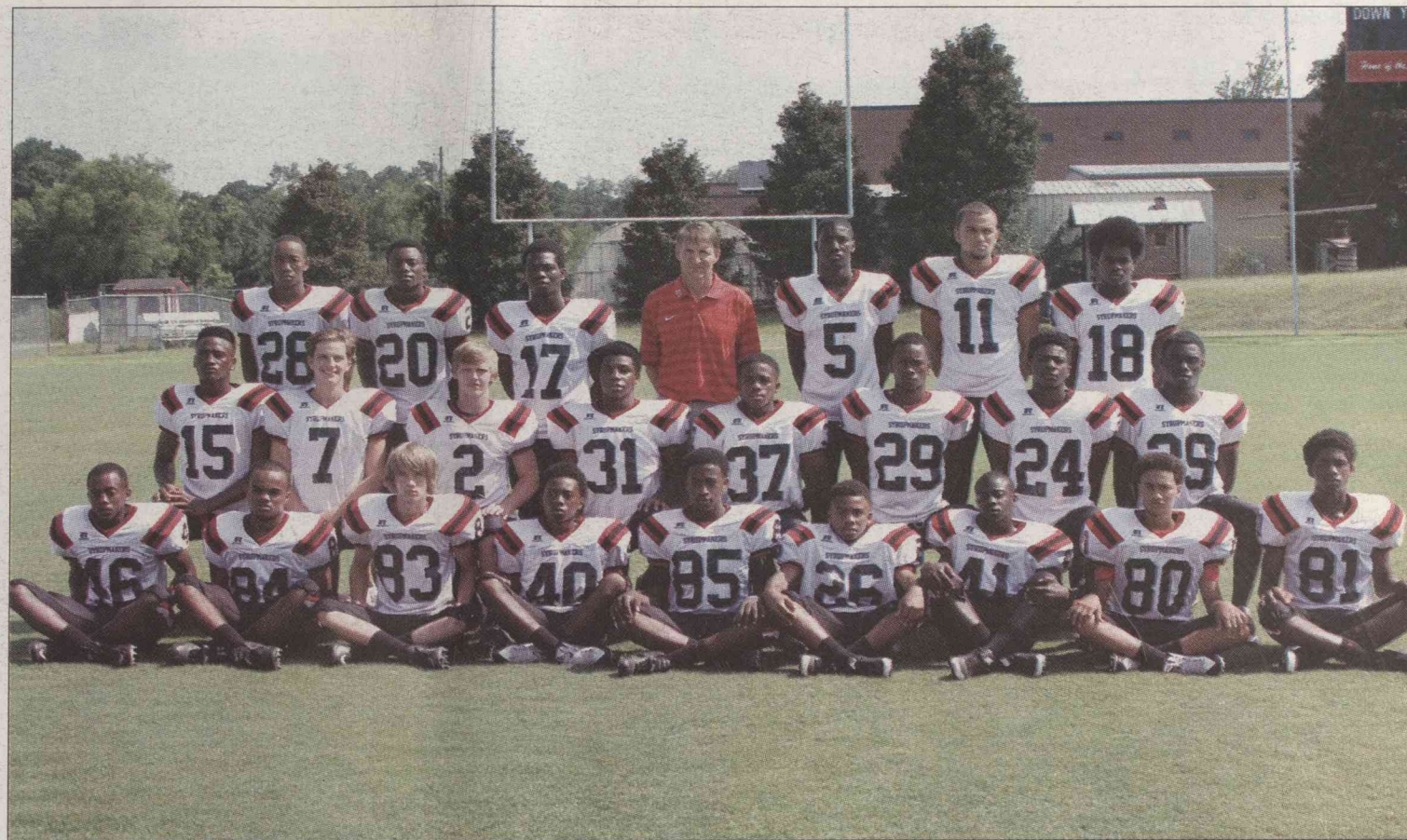
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Syrupmaker secondary coming together

Like pieces of a big multifaceted puzzle, coach Jody Allen says his players are fitting together and learning their roles. "We've got a bunch of guys back there that work hard every day and come out there to figure out what role they play and how to make us better every day," said Allen.

"William Atkins and Jamez Peters are two seniors that have gotten a lot of work back there. They will play some offense, too, so we have some other guys who can step in as well," said Allen. Other pieces of the secondary puzzle include seniors Quantarius Wimbley, Quentarius McNeil-Greene, Stacy Masten and Trivorick Hardy. "Those guys are seniors as well. They are our leaders out there, and they also play offense, so everything has to have a fit, and they have to know their role in the big picture when they are in there," said Allen.

The puzzle is coming together and will be ready for a big year starting this Friday night.



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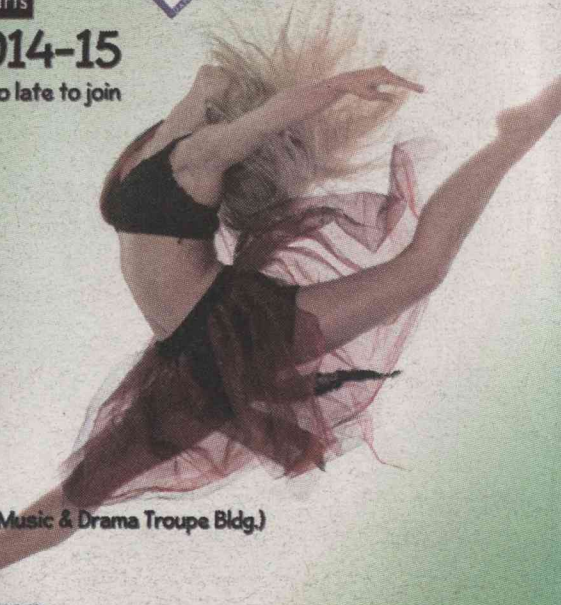
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Middle School football feeds high school program

The Washington Middle School Tiger football team is where valuable game experience is gained as young players are first introduced to the way Syrupmaker football is played.

The 7th grade teams play their home games at West Thomas Stadium on Wednesdays and the 8th grade team plays their home games there on Thursday afternoon. It is those Fall afternoons that give the younger players a taste of what's to come in just a few years. Both teams have built successful programs and many of those younger players are now Syrupmakers.

Several of those players get their first taste of football at Barber Park on the recreation level, with some coaches being former Syrupmaker football players themselves. In middle school, longtime coaches Zack Wilson, who coaches the 8th grade program, and Don Hancock, who is the 7th grade coach, and their staffs work hard to build the fundamentals the players will need for the Syrupmaker program.

The 7th grade Tiger football team finished the 2013 regular season undefeated with a perfect 6-0 record, and many of those players are back for their 8th grade season this year. Meanwhile, a new group of 7th graders have also hit the practice field in preparation for their Fall afternoons at West Thomas Stadium and, hopefully, one day be Syrupmakers.

2014 WMS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

8th Grade

September 4, 2014	Thomasville	Home	5:00
September 11, 2014	TCC	Away	5:00
September 18, 2014	Bainbridge	Away	5:00
September 25, 2014	Thomasville	Away	5:00
October 2, 2014	TCC	Home	5:00
October 9, 2014	Bainbridge	Home	5:00

7th Grade

August 27, 2014	Thomasville	Away	5:00
September 10, 2014	TCC	Home	5:00
September 17, 2014	Bainbridge	Home	5:00
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2013 Syrupmaker football season in review

The 2013 Cairo High School Syrupmaker football season was somewhat like a crazy roller coaster ride as the Syrupmakers experienced the disappointments of losing to rivals Thomasville and Thomas County Central, losing their first region game in 24 games and the excitement of beating the Bainbridge Bearcats, setting a new single game rushing record, getting the 600th win in the program with a win over Americus-Sumter and clinching a first round playoff game with a shutout over Monroe.

The Syrupmakers faced 2013 with several new coaches after key coaches left Cairo in the spring. Defensive coordinator Jeff Littleton took the head coaching job at Bainbridge High School and took with him defensive coach Brian Hill and strength and line coach Jason Whitaker. However, the Syrupmakers seemed to adjust well to the off season changes and mounted a charge in the region as the season went on.

"You never like to lose to your rivals, or lose region games, but I thought we got better as the season went along. There were times we didn't finish drives or take advantage of opportunities, but our guys played hard all season," said Cairo coach Tom Fallaw.

Here now is a brief look back at the 2013 season.

THOMASVILLE WINS SYRUP PITCHER (0-1)

After an hour and four minute delay due to a vicious line of thunderstorms that moved through the Cairo-Thomasville area, the "Battle of the Syrup Pitcher" and the 2013 season finally got under way a little after 9 p.m. on Friday night Aug. 30. The Syrupmakers wasted little time taking the lead on the Bulldogs with 6:51 to play in the first quarter when Tiakail Anderson picked up a loose ball at the Thomasville 3-yard line and scampered in the end zone to give Cairo a 7-0 lead after Taylor Donalson's extra point. The Syrupmakers extended their lead with a 26-yard field goal by Donalson with 5:51 to play in the half. As the halftime buzzer sounded, it appeared the Syrupmakers were on their way to their ninth win in a row, holding a 10-0 lead and allowing the Bulldogs just 16 yards of offense and one first down. However, the Bulldogs came back in the second half, scoring 21 unanswered points to pick up their first win over the Syrupmakers in 8 years.

SYRUPMAKERS HOLD OFF BAINBRIDGE (1-1)

It was a flashback, of sorts, to 1982 as a big goal line stand gave the victors a one touchdown win before a packed West Thomas Stadium in the annual Bainbridge-Cairo match

up. However, unlike 1982, this time it was the Cairo Syrupmakers (1-1) that came up with the big goal line stand, twice, to fend off a late comeback by the Bainbridge Bearcats (1-1), and picked up a 6-0 nonregion win. The Syrupmakers scored on a 1-yard plunge by Jeremiah Hill in the second quarter, but missed the extra point. The Syrupmaker defense shut out the Bearcats and preserved the first win of the season.

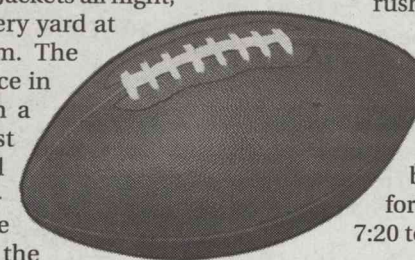
TCCHS BLANKS CAIRO 21-0 (1-2)

The Cairo Syrupmaker defense fought the high powered split veer attack of the Thomas County Central Yellow Jackets all night, making them earn every yard at West Thomas Stadium. The Jackets scored just twice in the first half, once on a 31-yard run in the first quarter and a 13-yard pass in the final 3 seconds of the half to take a 14-0 lead going into the locker room at halftime. Meanwhile, the Syrupmaker offense struggled to find any success in the first half, gaining just 4 yards on 9 first half plays. In the second half, the Syrupmaker defense continued to control the Jacket offense with the exception of just two plays late in the third quarter, one long pass which set up a 34-yard run by De-

ondre Cooksey to give TCCHS the 21-0 win.

CAIRO COOLS OFF CRISP COUNTY (2-2)

The Cairo Syrupmakers beat the Crisp County Cougars 24-6, who were off to their best start since 2006. The Syrupmaker defense held the visitors to just one first down all night and 36 yards of total offense. Cairo managed just one field goal in the first quarter and gave up a touchdown on a blocked punt to trail 6-3 at the half. However, the Syrupmaker offense got in gear in the second half. Cairo's Jeremiah Hill had a big night, rushing for 125 yards on 17 carries and scoring on runs of 5 and 3 yards. Cairo quarterback Stacy Masten threw his first touchdown pass of the season when he found Will Atkins behind the Cougar secondary for a 30-yard touchdown toss with 7:20 to play in the game.



WESTOVER ENDS CAIRO'S REGION WIN STREAK (2-3)

The Cairo High School Syrupmakers saw their 24-game region win streak come to an end as the Westover Patriots scored early, then held on to beat the Syrupmakers 14-9 at Hugh Mills Stadium in Albany. After an in-

terception on Cairo's opening drive of the game, Westover scored to make it 7-0. The Syrupmakers picked up a safety on a mis-handled punt at the start of the 4th quarter for their first score of the night. Westover scored again with 4:22 to play in the game. Then, the Syrupmakers took the ball and drove 80 yards for a touchdown. Westover moved to 2-0 in region play, dropping the Syrupmakers to second place in the region with a 1-1 record in region play.

SYRUPMAKERS POUND RAMS (3-3)

Jeremiah Hill set a new Syrupmaker single game rushing record with 265 yards on 18 carries, out gaining the entire Worth County offense, as Cairo racked up 42 points to beat Worth County 42-28 in Sylvester. Worth County scored first after the Syrupmakers mishandled a punt at their own 15-yard line. However, the Syrupmaker offense, which had struggled to find points this season, answered on Hill's first score of the night, a 15-yard run. However, that score was short lived as the Rams returned the ensuing kickoff 91 yards to take a 14-7 lead. Cairo tied the game again, this time on quarterback Stacy Masten's 3-yard run. With the game tied at 14-14, the Rams added a 24-yard field goal to take a 17-14 lead to the locker room. In the second half, it was more of the Syrupmaker offense as Cairo took the lead for good and outscored the Rams 42-28. Hill ended the night with three TDs.

CAIRO BEATS ALBANY 20-6 (4-3)

The Cairo High School Syrupmakers scored first and held on for a 20-6 over the Albany High School Indians in Albany in another important region match up. On the Syrupmakers' first score of the night, Cairo quarterback Stacy Masten connected with senior wide receiver Reese Wooten on a 58-yard touchdown pass after Wooten got behind the Indian secondary on a perfectly executed play. The game remained 7-0 until late in the third quarter when Cairo's Drex Hill picked off a pass and raced 43 yards for a Syrupmaker touchdown with 2:28 to play in the quarter. Albany then responded with their only score of the night, but the Syrupmakers blocked the extra point making the score 14-6 with 6:45 to play in the game. Cairo's final score came on a 3-yard plunge by Jeremiah Hill, who finished the night with 21 carries and 157 yards.

CAIRO WINS NUMBER 600 (5-3)

The Cairo Syrupmakers achieved an amazing milestone in school history with their 35-7 win over the Americus-Sumter Panthers. The win over the Panthers was not only an important region win, but also marked the 600th win in the program's history. Cairo is one of only eight teams in the entire state of Georgia to reach 600 victories. The Syrupmakers quickly found themselves trailing 7-0 in the opening minutes of the game, but quickly answered as Jeremiah Hill

scored the first of his three touchdowns on the night with a 20-yard run. Reese Wooten and Marcus Gaines would score next and Cairo led 21-7 at the half. Jeremiah Hill added two more scores and the Syrupmakers put the historic win in the record books. Defensively, the Syrupmakers throttled the Panthers in the second half, holding the visiting offense to just 40 yards of offense total.

SYRUPMAKERS POUR IT ON MONROE (6-3)

The pouring rain didn't slow the Syrupmakers as they clinched the number two spot in the region with a 34-0 win over the Monroe Tornados with the defense picking up a big region shutout. Cairo scored first on two Taylor Donalson field goals in the first half to lead 6-0 at the half. In the second half, Cairo's running game went into high gear as the Syrupmakers amassed 370 yards on 55 carries. Jeremiah Hill and Bryan Soles scored for the Syrupmakers on multiple occasions, and the Syrupmaker defense allowed the Tornados just 92 yards of offense and only one drive past the 50-yard line. With the win, the Syrupmakers assured themselves a first round home playoff game.

CAIRO TRAMPLES TROJANS 28-15 (7-3)

The Dougherty Trojans didn't look like an 0-9 team as they scored first, taking the ball in for a quick score and added one more at the end of the game. However, the Cairo Syrupmakers put up 28 points in between those

scores to finish the regular season with a 28-15 win over the Dougherty Trojans. Cairo answered the call on their first drive of the night when Bryan Soles went in from 2 yards out. Cairo then added two more scores, one on a one-yard touchdown by Jeremiah Hill. Don-tavious Gurley then scored on a 31-yard pass from Stacy Masten just before the half to give the Syrupmakers a 21-7 pad. Quentarious McNeil-Greene raced 78 yards on the opening kickoff of the second half to give the Syrupmakers 28-7 lead. The Trojans added their other score of the night with 2:43 to play in the game when Ricardo Sloan scooped up a Syrupmaker fumble and returned it 33 yards for a touchdown.

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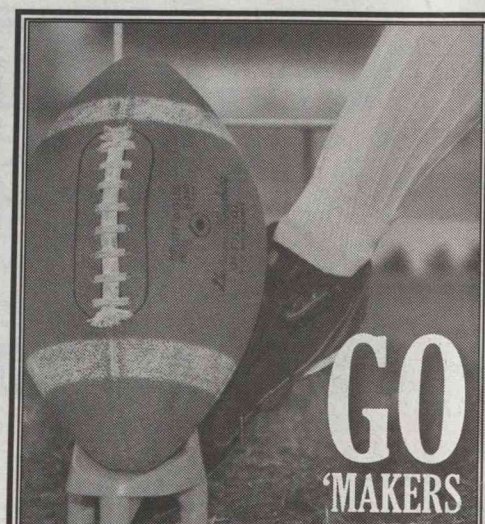
SYRUPMAKERS' SEASON (7-4)

It doesn't happen very often, but the Cairo Syrupmakers saw their season come to an abrupt end in the first round of the state AAAA playoffs. For the first time since 2005, the Syrupmakers ended their season after just one game in the state playoffs. The Statesboro Blue Devils took advantage of six Cairo turnovers and shut the Syrupmakers out 21-0 to advance to the second round of the state playoffs. With the loss, Cairo High School says good-bye to a senior class that had a part in winning three region titles, a trip to the semifinals and quarterfinals, finishing with a record of 39-11 in their four years as Syrupmakers.

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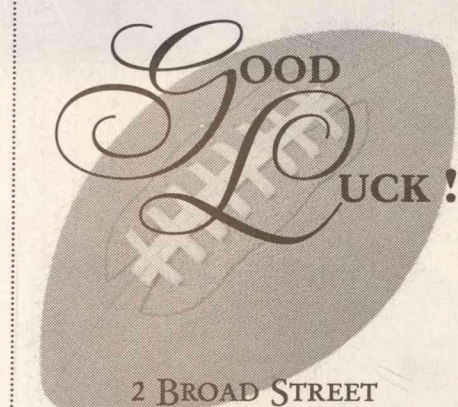
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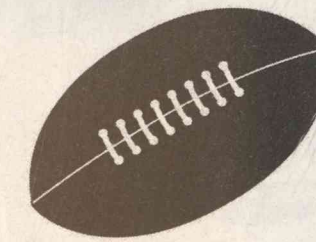
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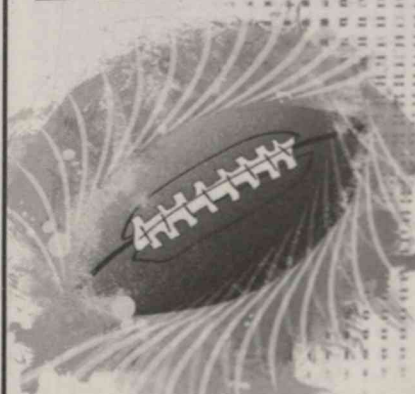
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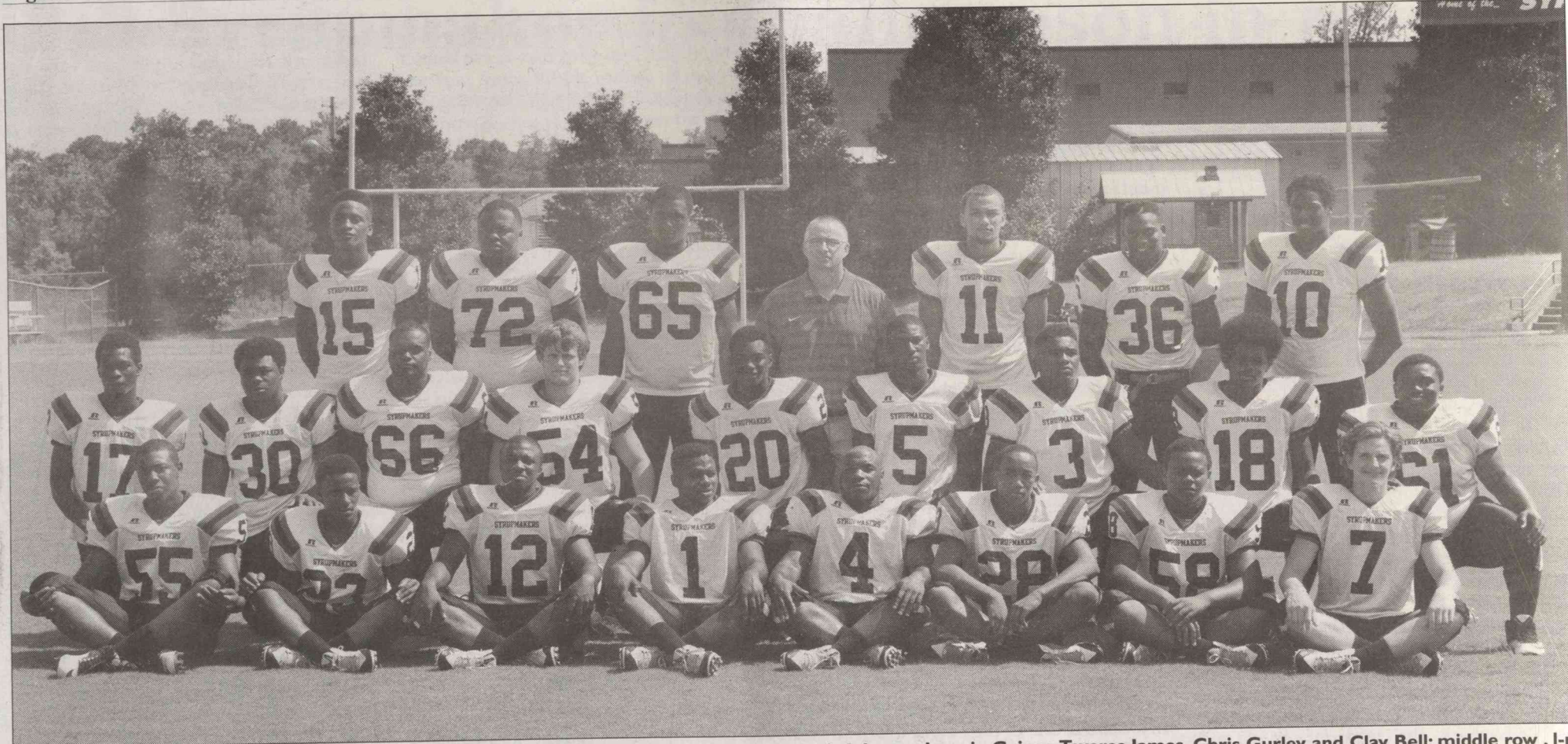
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2007

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STATE QUARTERFINALS
1962, 1967, 1994, 1995, 2009, 2010

REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS
1963, 1964, 1967, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004,
2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012

Syrupmakers playing on the college level

Cairo High School takes great pride in the number of former Syrupmakers continuing their education and getting to continue their athletic careers on the college level. Some of those former Syrupmakers are: P.J. Davis - Georgia Tech, Steven Bench - University of South Florida, T.J. Gurley - South Carolina, J.J. Cooper - St. Augustine College, Brian

Walker - Fort Valley State, Anthony Mosely - Southern University, Jevante Brown - Huntingdon College, Quintin Jones - Sewanee, Reese Wooten - Marshall, and Tyler Shepherd - Reinhardt College. The Messenger will feature weekly updates of their games and performances throughout the football season.



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Cairo High School Fellowship of Christian Athletes has new leader

It's a new year and a chapter for the Cairo high School Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The FCA, one of the largest clubs on campus, is now sponsored by CHS teacher Whitney Brown. However, longtime sponsors coach Tommy, Julie York and coach Lucy Baker will still be on hand, advising and supporting the club new sponsor.

"We will be meeting every Thursday morning in the old gym as usual. One of our plans this year is to focus on a different sports team each month and minister to the members and coaches of those teams, but we are not just for athletes, the FCA open to all of our students," said Brown.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is the largest Christian campus ministry in the world. It is on more campuses than the next three largest campus ministries combined. In the past year, FCA reached more than 350,000 people on over 7,100 campuses and worked with more than 46,000 coaches and athletes at camps across the globe.

The club meets in the old gym because its location is closer to the school. One of the goals of the club is to train young people to be witnesses for Christ. "We are a non-denominational group that is open to everyone, we just want to help teach our kids to tell others about Christ. Some can do it by example, by telling others, or just getting their friends to follow them to the meeting on Thursdays," Brown said.



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Whitney Brown also invites youth pastors to attend the weekly meeting. "It's a great opportunity for the area youth pastors to get

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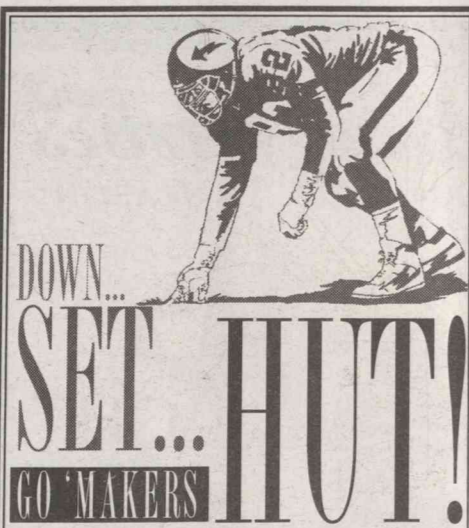


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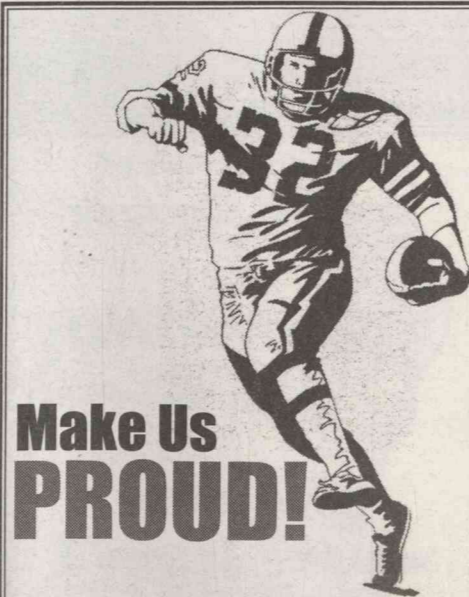
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J.J. Wilcox ready for second year in NFL

As a Syrupmaker, J.J. Wilcox blossomed his junior and senior year into an impact player on the football and baseball fields. At Georgia Southern University, Wilcox played for three years on the offensive side of the ball before moving to free safety as a senior. Most players need several years at one position to build the skills and talent to make it to the next level, the NFL. However, in just one season on defense, J.J. Wilcox caught the attention of NFL scouts and was drafted by the Dallas Cowboys in the third round.

“I just want to keep getting better and just keep working and help this team out and just improve and get some more wins”

His rookie season got off to a rough start after he lost his beloved mother Marshall, her death coming shortly after he joined the Cowboys and was about to be named a starter. After taking some time off to grieve with his family in Cairo, Wilcox returned to Dallas and went back to work, gaining that starting role at free safety. Wilcox had 38 tackles and started five games, missing three with a knee injury.

In the off season, Wilcox has worked hard to keep that starting role and the Cowboys

are putting their belief in him. According to sources in Dallas, they are now seeing the efforts that Wilcox put in during the off season starting to bear fruit. One of the guys who put in the extra efforts to help J.J. progress recently told the media that he is seeing the results that they are looking for in Wilcox.

Still, Wilcox knows he cannot take anything for granted. Nothing is guaranteed in the National Football League and he is continuing to put in the effort to perfect his craft. J.J. Wilcox is working on getting better each day and putting in the efforts that will set him apart from the competition. "I just want to keep getting better and just keep working and help this team out and just improve and get some more wins," said Wilcox.

Wilcox is starting to become the player that the Dallas Cowboys thought he would be when they invested a third-round draft pick on a small school safety who only had a single season of experience on defense. He intends to prove himself worthy of Dallas taking that risk.

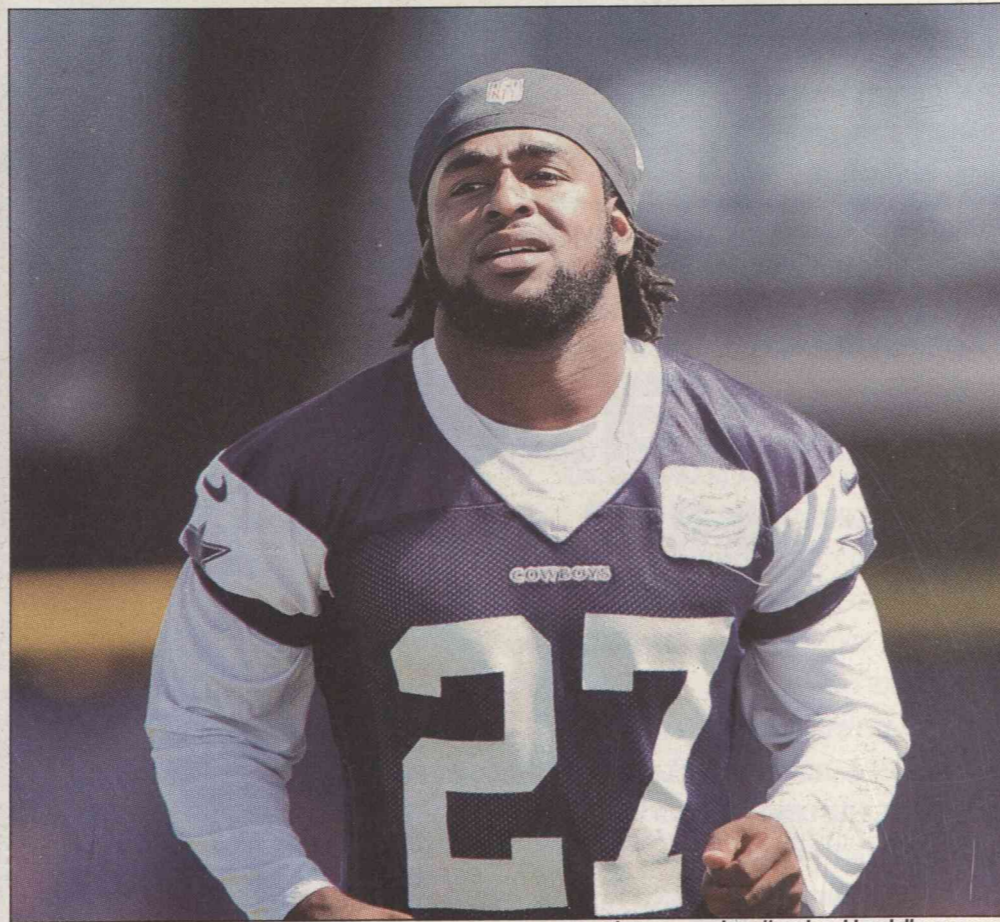


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Sara Morgan Cox is ready for her unique role

There are many athletic sport team mascots in the world, but there is only one Syrup Pitcher mascot. This year, that unique role goes to Cairo High School senior Sara Morgan Cox. Sara Morgan is a Cairo High School dual enrollment senior and the daughter of Daña and Stan Mobley, and Jerry and Vicki Cox.

The Syrupmaker mascot is a unique tradition carried on by a Cairo High School student each year. Prospective mascots must try out for the job and if they are selected, they must learn all the cheers and routines the cheerleaders do and wear the famous sparkly Syrup Pitcher outfit on the sidelines of Syrupmaker football games.

This year's Syrupmaker mascot is a true one-of-a-kind young lady. Cox's bright smile and outgoing personality make her a natural for the one-of-a-kind role. "I can remember as a little girl watching Kelsie Carraway as the Syrup Pitcher and I knew then, that one day

I was going to wear that Syrup Pitcher costume," said Sara Morgan.

Cox promises Syrupmaker fans lots of entertainment on the sidelines of Cairo High School football games this Fall. "I am really excited about being the Syrup Pitcher. I'm going to be all over the place down on the sidelines, getting the crowd fired up, doing cheers, dancing, and even interacting with our band as much as possible. I want it to be as fun as possible" said Cox.

Also, Sara Morgan is excited to announce that she will be bringing back the silver Syrup Pitcher costume this year, a change from the red one used the last several years.

So fans, get ready! The 2014 edition of the Cairo High School Syrup Pitcher is ready to get you on your feet and cheering for our Syrupmakers!



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2014 Syrupmaker Marching Band



Syrupmaker Band mixes it up with Earth, Wind & Fire

So here is the riddle for football halftime fans in Grady County: what do you get when you combine the musical genres of R&B, soul, jazz, pop, funk, disco, Latin, African and gospel? Why you have the Cairo High School "Syrupmaker" Marching Band with their 2014 halftime production representing the music of Earth, Wind and Fire (EWF) of course.

According to director Michael Thomas, the Syrupmaker Band will present several musical numbers from EWF, who are recognized as one of the most successful and critically acclaimed bands of the twentieth century. The show will open with geometric drill designs plus visual design cues that represent the history of EWF as the "Syrupmaker" Band performs music from the hits Get-away, September and Rock That! Thomas stated, "The music is challenging. It combines so many musical styles and tempo changes that our musicians really have to constantly work toward a total team effort. The reward for this huge amount of work is the music is uplifting and just fun to perform."

The band will next introduce a dynamic

arrangement from the pen of Michael Sweeney entitled Fantasy. This arrangement opens with a fantastic woodwind ensemble sound that is quickly answered by the "Amen" from the brass. The percussion battery then suddenly kicks the work into a double time tempo that features a groove in the bass line. The work develops with many melodic and dynamic changes until it changes its time back to the original tempo in a smooth transition while recapping the introduction. Fantasy then ends in a cool

musical twist with the woodwinds sounding the final chord.

Finally, to conclude the show, the marching band presents that traditional mark of pride that all Syrupmakers love, Battle Hymn.

All of this show is presented visually by the Syrupmaker Majorette team. They have been working all summer toward learning routines, and these ladies will be featuring new uniforms for the 2014 season. The routines have been choreographed by Ashley Bearden. There are 12 majorettes with Captain Selea DeValle and Co-Captain Morgan Asbell. The majorette line is under the sponsorship of Ms. Emily Bearden



MAJORETTE CORPS: front row, l-r: Selea Devalle and Morgan Asbell; second row, l-r: Anna Moore and Kaylee Ezell; third row, l-r: Elizabeth Watkins, Katie Rathel, Lauren Waldron and Regan Howell; back row, l-r: D'anna Mathis, Destiny Tise, Hannah Maxwell and Erin Connell.

Director Thomas has also said that fans should not be surprised to find the show edited, added to and changed during the football season. "As has become our method, it is our intention to develop this show both educationally for our student musicians and for the entertainment of our audiences."

This year's band started in full the month of July. The band leadership organized and began the detailed process of building the

200-member ensemble. The band is conducted on the field by Drum Major Rebecca Roberts. At this time, the band is still working on electing the band captain and transportation officer.

The senior, junior and sophomore classes, as always, are well represented with some fine talent. The large number of marching

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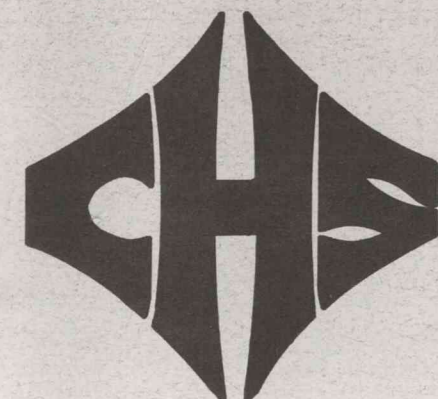
2014 Syrupmaker Band Roster

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marching and entertaining.”
 “I would like to say a special ‘Thank You’ to Amy Amaro, Patrick Ballew, Brad Moore, Emily Bearden, Ashley Bearden, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Pollock plus our Band Booster parents, Randy Bearden and the many alumni and supporters that helped the band complete Band Camp 2014.

“We look forward to hitting the field to support the team, cheerleaders and ROTC and can't wait to perform for our Syrupmaker fans, the greatest audience anywhere!”

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Grady County Sports Hall of Fame spotlights area's best

Six years ago a group of local citizens came together to form the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame. The purpose of the group is to recognize outstanding local athletes, officials and citizens who have made a major contribution to the sports tradition of Cairo and Grady County. The Hall of Fame is located in the VanLandingham Center in downtown Cairo, across from the Grady County Courthouse.

The goal of the Hall of Fame board is to recognize those athletes and others who have gone on to successful careers in and out of sports and have demonstrated good personal character throughout their lives and identify as positive role models. "There are athletes in our county who have excelled in many sports and taken their abilities as far as a world-wide stage. But not only that, we have many citizens and former citizens that helped on the local level to build, improve and support our local athletic teams and individual athletes," said board Chairman Richard VanLandingham.

The purpose and focus of the Hall, according to the chairman, puts the spotlight on past area athletes, "We wanted to put together a group of local citizens who have a special interest in Grady County and our athletic programs and who could properly honor these athletes and other citizens who have contributed so much to our community and represented our schools, athletic pro-

grams and our way of life not only here, but through the nation and even the world."

Nominations for the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame will be accepted this fall for the sixth group of inductees in March. Ac-

be eligible for recognition, inductees must be at least 40 years of age, a current or past participant in sports in Grady County, including athletes, coaches, referees, trainers or citizens who have made exceptional con-

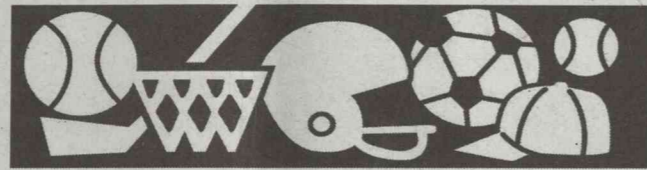
Also, a possible inductee should have met one or more of the following qualifications to be considered: be a native of Grady County or attended and participated in athletics in high school in Grady County, or made their home in Grady County for a sufficient length of time to be considered a resident of Grady County.

Current inductees of the Grady County Sports Hall of Fame include CHS Syrupmaid and Olympic Gold medalist Teresa Edwards, CHS grads and former NFL greats Bill Stanfill and Bobby Walden, former CHS coaches Tommy Taylor, West Thomas and Ralph Jones, sports benefactors Julien B. Roddenbery and Art Williams, former Washington Consolidated High School standout basketball player the Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons, professional boxer Joe Knight, CHS stars Larry Green, Lewis Gainey and Melvin Ray, Whigham standout Stephanie Hines-Smith, former Whigham High School coach Aubrey Corbitt, CHS track star Dick Crane, CHS grad and NFL player Frank Richter, and CHS track star Billy Maxwell. Other members include, Syrupmaker, FSU Seminole and Dallas Cowboy David Ponder, the late coach Gazyette McCord, and Whigham basketball great Stacy Butler. This past year, Hall of Fame inductees included the late Howard Thrower Jr., Charles Prince, Thomas "Tommy" Taylor and Duke Donaldson.

This past year also included special recog-

ording to VanLandingham, it will be the primary responsibility of the citizens of Grady County to nominate possible inductees. To

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inition of the 1923 Cairo Syrupmaker football. The team is the first in school history to win 10 games in a season. For the first time, the Hall of Fame also recognized three CHS student athletes who have signed college

athletic scholarships this year. Kayla Wilbourn, the first CHS female golfer to sign a scholarship, signed with the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Annie Ross, the first CHS soccer player to sign a division one

scholarship, signed with Gardner-Webb University and Reese Wooten, a CHS football player who has signed to play at Marshall. The Hall of Fame also recognized past state championship teams this past year, the

1968-1969 state champion CHS track teams were recognized, along with the 1968 Whigham Boys State Championship basketball team.

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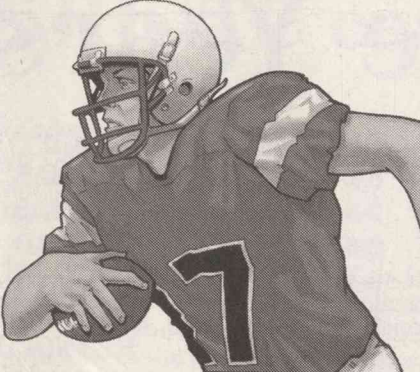
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4	Jacorie Gaines.....12	RB/LB
5	Stacy Masten.....12	QB/LB
7	Clay Bell.....12	QB/P
8	Malik Taylor.....11	DE/RB
9	Edward Morris.....11	WR/LB
10	Duane Cromartie.....12	TE/DE
11	William Atkins.....12	WR
12	Chad Marshall.....12	QB/DB
13	Todd Brown.....10	QB/OLB
14	Dillan Gilliard.....11	QB/OLB
15	Jamez Peters.....12	QB/DB
16	Jacquez Ash.....10	QB/LB
17	Quantarius McNeil-Greene.....12	WR/DB
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19	Quintiarious Stinson.....11	DE
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21	Randolph Scott.....10	RB/DB
22	Walter Grant.....10	WR/LB
23	Malik Sigler.....12	WR/LB
24	Jamal Thomas.....10	WR/DB
25	DaShawn Walker.....10	RB/LB
26	JyKevian Cooper.....9	RB/DE
27	Parker Duncan.....11	P
28	Tavares James.....12	WR/DB
29	D.J. Donaldson.....10	WR/DB
30	Bruno Sloan.....12	RB/DL
31	Ricky Harrison.....10	RB/OLB
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33	Antonio Wynn.....11	RB/DL
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35	Hunter Faircloth.....11	RB/OLB
36	Jeremiah Hill.....12	RB/LB
37	Marquece Jackson.....10	RB/DB
38	Aric Holmes.....10	WR/LB
40	Jamel Chin.....9	RB
41	Malik Thomas.....9	RB/DB
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43	Zacharius Anderson.....10	RB/LB
44	Ventabione Hubbard.....9	RB/DB
45	Randy Mayo.....10	RB/LB
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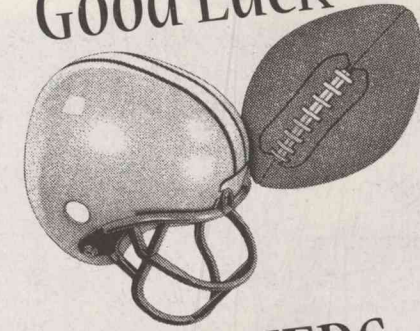


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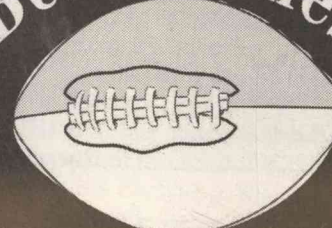


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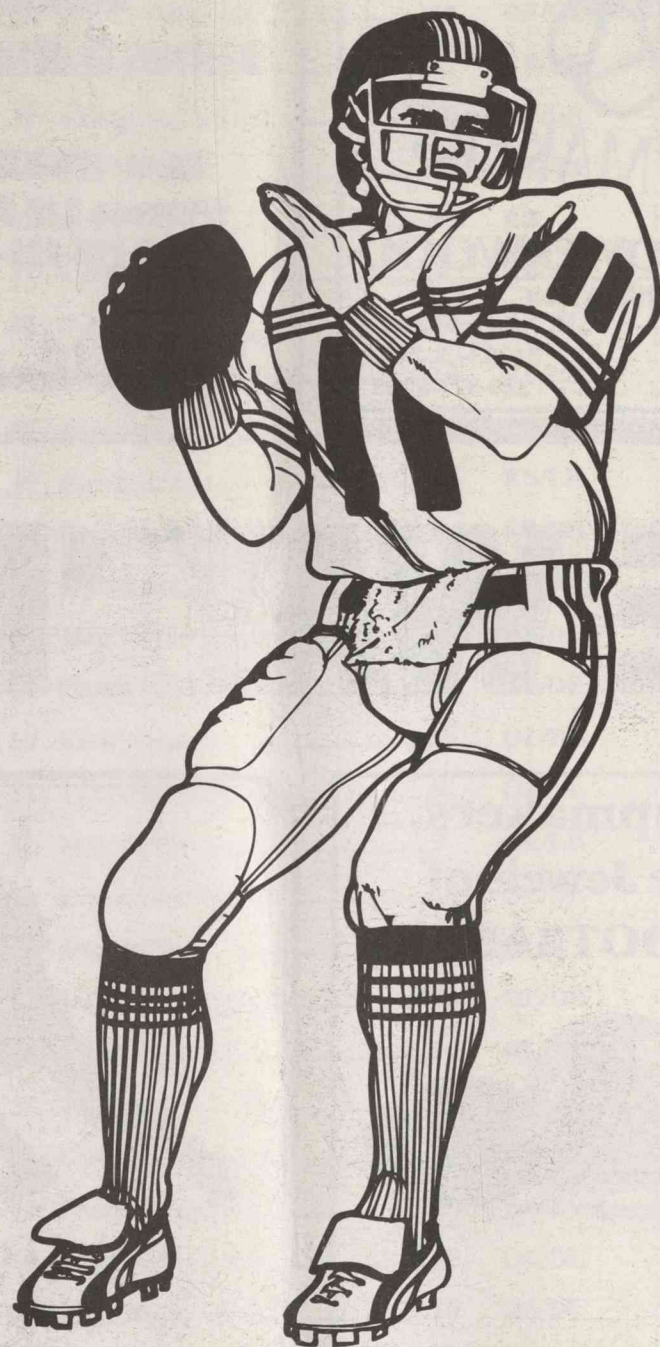
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Cairo Football Through The Years

YEAR	RECORD	COACH
1921	0-1-0	HADDOCK
1922	2-7-0	EGGERS
1923	10-2-0	SCOTT
1924	3-4-2	BLAKLEY
1925	4-5-0	HIXON
1926	2-3-2	WIGHT
1927	3-5-0	ESKEW
1928	5-2-0	HERNDON
1929	8-0-1	HERNDON
1930	4-5-0	HERNDON
1931	6-1-3	HERNDON
1932	5-3-0	HERNDON
1933	3-5-0	HERNDON
1934	5-4-0	HERNDON
1935	6-2-0	HERNDON
1936	7-1-2	HERNDON
1937	4-3-1	HERNDON
1938	3-5-0	HERNDON
1939	4-4-1	HERNDON
1940	4-4-0	HERNDON
1941	6-3-0	HERNDON
1942	7-3-0	HERNDON
1943	3-6-1	WILLIAMS
1944	5-5-0	WILLIAMS
1945	5-3-1	WILLIAMS
1946	11-1-0	WEST
1947	2-6-2	WEST
1948	2-7-0	WEST
1949	5-4-1	MILLER
1950	1-8-0	NUNNALLY
1951	6-4-0	SHIVER
1952	7-3-0	SHIVER
1953	4-5-0	SHIVER
1954	6-4-0	THOMAS
1955	5-5-0	THOMAS
1956	9-1-0	THOMAS
1957	7-1-2	THOMAS
1958	9-1-0	THOMAS
1959	5-4-0	THOMAS
1960	8-1-1	THOMAS
1961	6-2-2	THOMAS
1962	9-2-0	THOMAS
1963	10-2-0	THOMAS
1964	9-2-1	THOMAS
1965	6-3-1	THOMAS
1966	7-2-1	THOMAS
1967	6-2-2	THOMAS



YEAR	RECORD	COACH
1968	8-2-0	THOMAS
1969	7-3-0	THOMAS
1970	2-6-2	McCORD
1971	8-1-1	McCORD
1972	3-6-1	REYNOLDS
1973	3-7-0	REYNOLDS
1974	1-9-0	LEROY
1975	6-4-0	LEROY
1976	8-2-0	LEROY
1977	2-8-0	LEROY
1978	5-5-0	LEROY
1979	8-3-0	JOHNSON
1980	7-3-0	JOHNSON
1981	11-1-0	JOHNSON
1982	7-3-0	JOHNSON
1983	6-4-0	JOHNSON
1984	9-3-0	HELMS
1985	8-3-0	HELMS
1986	6-4-0	HELMS
1987	2-8-0	HELMS
1988	6-4-0	JONES
1989	6-5-0	JONES
1990	15-0-0	JONES
1991	6-4-0	JONES
1992	9-1-0	JONES
1993	7-4-0	JONES
1994	12-1-0	JONES
1995	11-2-0	SHEPERD
1996	6-4-0	SHEPERD
1997	8-4-0	HODGES
1998	9-5-0	HODGES
1999	11-3-0	HODGES
2000	12-2-0	FIELD
2001	8-4-0	FIELD
2002	3-7-0	FIELD
2003	5-6-0	FALLAW
2004	10-2-0	FALLAW
2005	7-4-0	FALLAW
2006	10-2-0	FALLAW
2007	13-2-0	FALLAW
2008	14-0-0	FALLAW
2009	9-4-0	FALLAW
2010	12-1-0	FALLAW
2011	11-3-0	FALLAW
2012	9-3-0	FALLAW
2013	7-4-0	FALLAW

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NJROTC cadets are a big part of football Friday nights

By Cadet Third Class
Petty Officer Asia Garland
Cairo High School
NJROTC Public Affairs Officer

The Cairo High School NJROTC is really stepping up their game this year. Cadet Lieutenant Commander DeAngelo Addison took over in May as the unit's new commanding officer and has set the goal of winning the Navy JROTC Area 12 most improved unit award, as well as the Unit Achievement Award for the 2014-2015 school year. Assisted by the unit executive officer, Cadet Lieutenant Tristan Lovin, an excellent cadet staff and a total of over 120 cadets, Cadet Addison will have plenty of superb help to make that vision a reality.

The unit also has a new Naval Science instructor, Master Sergeant Randy Griffin. He brings over 12 years of experience as a NJROTC instructor and drill coach to Cairo. His goals for the year are to focus on drilling more as a team, to continuously improve and to qualify for the Area 12 championship drill meet in February. Master Sergeant Griffin said that a big part of reaching that goal is to teach the cadets "To never give up."

The unit started the year in July with an amazing "New Cadet Indoctrination Class" in which the incoming NS1 cadets learned many new things that will help us on our long journey ahead. The five-day camp held on the CHS campus gave the new cadets to the unit the opportunity to experience a small segment of each of the NJROTC areas of competition: Drill Teams, Rifle Team, Orienteering and Academics. The attending cadets have already earned their first promotion, are taking a leadership role in their daily NJROTC classes and will be the leaders of the unit in the very near future.

Cairo's NJROTC has, since its inception in 2000, been a part of the school's Friday night football tradition. Each year, the cadets provide assistance to the Red and Black fans in parking their cars in a quick, orderly and, hopefully, less stressful fashion so they can be on their way to the game.

Once in the stadium, the NJROTC cadets raise the national flag at the south end of West Thomas Stadium for everyone to see while the Syrupmaker Band plays the National Anthem. This provides the Syrupmaker faithful the opportunity to show respect and honor for our American values.

Members of the Cairo NJROTC Color Guard will also be there to present the colors. Led by the Color Guard Commander Master Chief Petty Officer Raymond Sullivan, the



cadets will march on both sides of the field and present the colors in a show of respect for our country and those who have given their lives in its defense.

The Cairo High School Navy Junior ROTC will be there every game this season to back the Red and Black.

Cheerleaders are set to cheer on the Syrupmakers

The Cairo High School cheerleaders are set to cheer on their Syrupmakers for another season at West Thomas Stadium. This summer, the girls attended the UCA camp at Panama City and several girls were recognized for outstanding performances.

Hannah Harrison, Aubrey Gainous, Meredith Mitchell, Kaylyn Brinson and Hunter Tuggle were all nominated as All-American Cheerleaders and Meredith Mitchell received an All-American bid. Aubrey Gainous was chosen for a Leadership Pin by the camp staff. The recipient of the Leadership Pin is the person who best personifies the qualities of a cheerleader - leadership, courtesy, confidence, spirit and cooperation.

In addition to the individual honors, the varsity squad earned trophies for Game Day Performance, Sideline Skills and 2nd place in Overall Camp Performance.

The girls spent the month of June conditioning and working on developing routines for pep rallies. They also created spirit signs. In addition, the cheerleaders volunteered at the Grady County Boys and Girls Club and senior Keyana Brinson led a group of cheerleaders as volunteers at the Cliff Hammonds basketball camp.

To wrap up a busy summer, the Syrupmaker cheerleaders taught a two-day camp for the Varsity Cheerleaders and WMS cheerleaders.

The teams are coached again this football season by Cheryl Cruel Simmons and Lynlee Barrett.



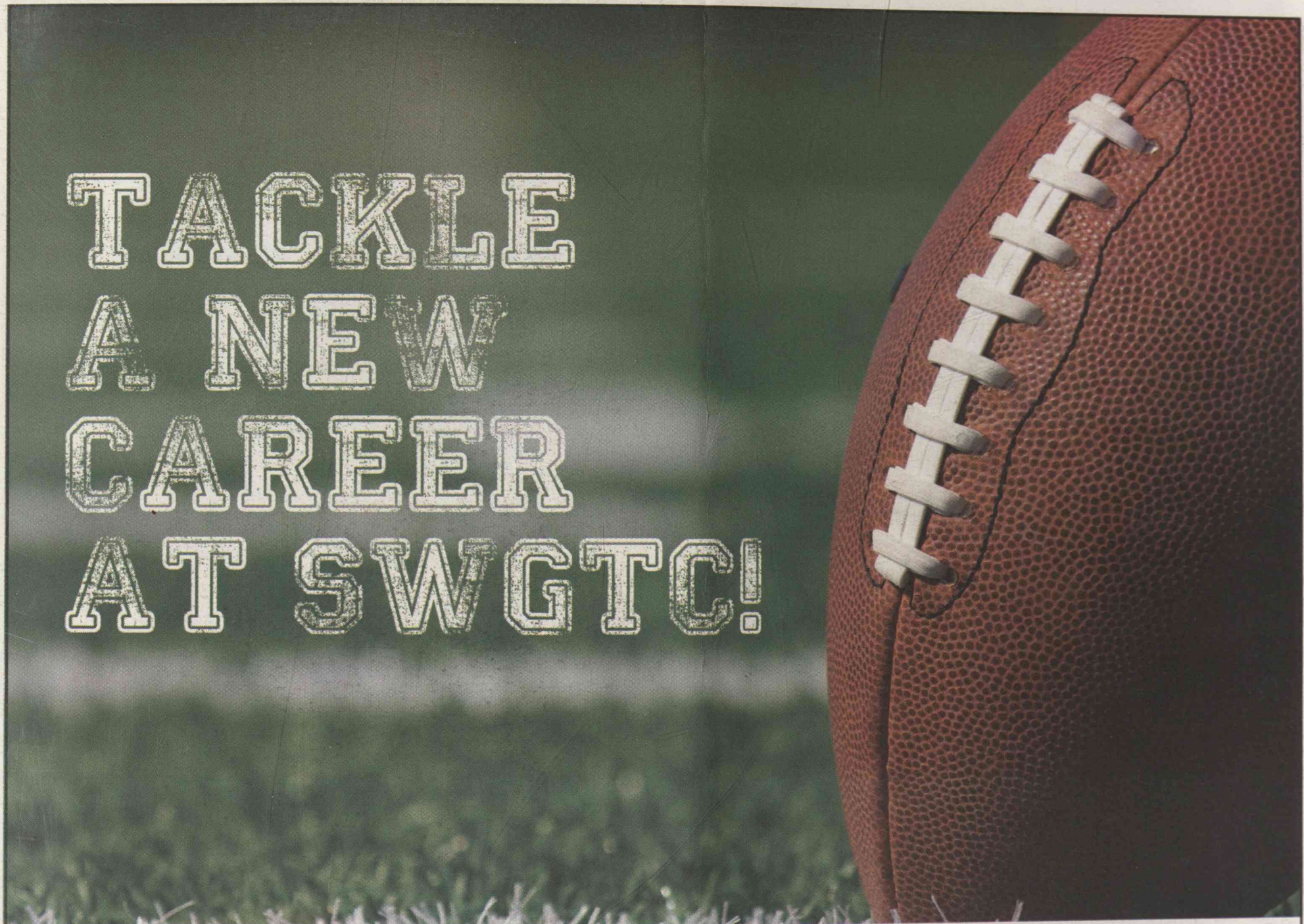
VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: front row, l-r: KeYanna Thomas, Co-Captain Hannah Harrison, Meredith Mitchell and Keyana Brinson; middle row: Kellyn Taylor, Madison Moore, J'ajah Frazier, Aubrey Gainous and Carlee Nelson; back row, l-r: Co-Captain Keazsa Greene, Tanner Starr, Kaylyn Brinson, Jessica Griffin, Sara Morgan Cox, Hunter Tuggle, Denisha Williams, Madison Brown and Keren Wilson.



JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: front row, l-r: Imani Prince, Madison Brown, Sydney Hutchins, Baylee Schafer, Taylor Lee and Kennedy Wilson; back row, l-r: Anijah Peters, Iesha Wilcox, Kaylee Nelson, Asia Garland, Maitland Freeman, Eva Grace Knight, Na'Asia Gurley and Nestle Butler; not pictured: Lily Morales and Tyijah Stafford.



SENIOR CHEERLEADERS: shown are, l-r: Denisha Williams, Kaylyn Brinson, J'ajah Frazier, Hannah Harrison, Keyana Brinson, Sara Morgan Cox, Aubrey Gainous, Keazsa Greene, Hunter Tuggle, Jessica Griffin and Madison Brown.



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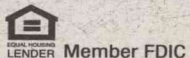
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