



From winning the 2022 Region Championship to the Clinton YMCA Football Camp, players & their mentors come in all shapes and sizes. Here's a salute to everyone who pitches in to make our Winning Tradition. - Chronicle Photos by Vic MacDonald

PIGSKIN PREVIEW

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PRACTICE JULY 28



Clinton Scrimmages
Thursday,
August 3rd, 6:00 pm,
Easley and Fountain Inn
at Clinton (cancelled)
Tuesday, August
8th, 7:00 pm, Chapin
scrimmage at Clinton
Friday, August
11th, at York Jamboree,
playing York at about
9 pm - First broadcast
on WPCC and
targetimennetwork on the
internet.

BACKGROUND: In the summer of 2009 the Inter-association Task Force for Preseason Secondary School Athletics* recommended preseason heat-acclimatization guidelines for secondary school athletic programs to minimize the risk of heat illness during preseason football practice.

PURPOSE: The intent of the following “exposure-based proposal” is to promote an acclimatization and recovery model for SCHSL football consistent with the Inter-association Task Force guidelines that also allows coaches to appropriately prepare their teams and fits into the current SCHSL’s preseason football schedule.

PRACTICE TIMELINE:

- Days 1-2: 3 hours of Practice in Helmet and Shorts
 - Divide the time to best benefit your program
- Days 3-4: 3 hours of Practice in Helmet and Shoulder pads permitted
 - Contact with shields, dummies, and sleds permitted
 - Divide the time to best benefit your program
- Day 5: 3 hours of Full Contact Practice in Full Gear permitted
 - Divide the time to best benefit your program
- Days 6-14: Full Contact Practice in Full Gear permitted
 - Must alternate days Long Practice Day and Short Practice Day
 - Long Day: 5 hours of practice permitted
 - Divide the time to best benefit your program
 - Practices must be separated by 2-hours of continuous rest
 - Long Day can follow a Rest Day (even if the day before the Rest Day was Long Day)
 - Short Day: 3 hours of practice permitted
 - Divide the time to best benefit your program
- Days 15+: Full Contact Practice in Full Gear permitted
 - No restrictions on practice



NOTES:

- Practice is defined as a period of time a participant engages in a coach-supervised, school approved, sport or conditioning related physical activity.
- First practice permitted: Friday, July 28, 2023.
- Practice times (including warm-up, stretching, cool-down time, conditioning) shall not exceed 3 hours. • Three days between scrimmages 7 jamborees.
- All practices occurring Days 1-14 must be documented to show compliance.
- All athletes must complete Days 1-4 of the practice timelines before participation in full pads. • Weight room activities do not count as practice time, but must be separated from practice by at least 2 hours of continuous rest to allow for recovery.
 - Exception: No continuous rest period is required if weight room activities are counted as a part of the day’s allotted practice time. (i.e. lift for 1 hour then practice for 2 hours; or practice for 2 hours and then lift for 1 hour)
- A Walk-through is allowed and does not count against practice time. Walk-through is defined as a teaching opportunity with athletes:
 - not wearing protective equipment
 - not using sports-related equipment
 - participating in an indoor, climate-controlled environment.
- Must have a Rest Day after 6 consecutive practice days.
- Scrimmages permitted on either a Long Day or Short Day. A scrimmage will count as 3 hours. • All athletes must have a pre-participation physical exam before athletic participation.
- If weather/lightning postpones practice in progress, the practice may resume after a warm-up (20 minute maximum) and the remainder of allotted practice time may be completed.

Inter-association Task Force includes – Gatorade Sports Science, Amer. College of Sports Med., NATA, NSCA, US Army Research institute, Amer.Orthopaedic Society for Sports Med., Amer. Medical Society for Sports Med., Amer. Academy of Pediatrics

Clinton High School Red Devils - South Carolina 3A Region IV

2022 Record: 13 - 1 Overall, 4 - 0 in Region play - 2022 Playoff Team

Coach: Corey Fountain



Columbia, SC- The South Carolina High School League (SCHSL) 2023 Football State Finals for all five classes will be held at the Oliver C. Dawson Bulldog Stadium (Willie E. Jeffries Field) on the campus of South Carolina State University (SC State) in Orangeburg, SC. The State Finals are Thursday, November 30-Saturday, December 2, 2023.

“We are excited about the move and are looking forward to having SC State serve as the host site for our Football State Finals,” said Dr. Jerome Singleton, Commissioner of the SCHSL.

This is the first time all five State Finals will be held at SC State.

“SC State is proud to welcome high school football teams and their fans to campus this year for the entire slate of state championship games.” SC State President Alexander Conyers said. “Willie E. Jeffries Field is where dreams come true for our collegiate athletes, and we are happy to share that tradition with high school athletes from all over South Carolina.”

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/ AWAY	SCORE	RECORD
8/18/2023	Batesburg-Leesville	A		
8/25/2023	Laurens	A		
9/1/2023	Newberry	H		
9/8/2023	Aiken	H		
9/15/2023	Chapman	H		
9/22/2023	South Aiken	A		
9/29/2023	Union County	H		
10/6/2023		A		
10/13/2023	Woodruff	A		
10/20/2023	Chester	H		
10/27/2023	Emerald	A		

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2023 Individual Ticket Sales

Varsity football tickets will be \$8.00/each and will be sold at both entrances of Wilder Stadium.

You may also purchase varsity football home tickets at Wilson's Curb Market, Arthur State Bank, Steamers, and T & D Market. Tickets will be \$8.00/each.

There will be a \$5.00 parking fee/per car for parking in the old CHS soccer field. CHS JROTC cadets will be assisting with parking in both this lot and the reserved lot.

JV/Middle football home game tickets will be \$6.00, sold at the gate.

As always, GO BIG RED!



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Laurens High School Raiders - South Carolina 4A Region II

2022 Record: 4 - 7 Overall, 3 - 1 in Region play - 2022 Playoff Team

Coach: Daryl Smith



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Touchdown Club 2023
Speakers Bureau
All meetings are on Thursdays at 11:45 a.m. at The Ridge in Laurens, SC

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/ AWAY	SCORE	RECORD
8/18/2023	Hillcrest	H		
8/25/2023	Clinton	H		
9/1/2023	Belton Honea Path	H		
9/8/2023	Chapman	A		
9/15/2023	Union County	A		
9/22/2023	TL Hanna	A		
9/29/2023	Greer	H		
10/6/2023	Riverside	A		
10/13/2023	Wade Hampton	H		
10/20/2023	Eastside	A		
10/27/2023		A		

August 24 Laurens County High School Football Coaches

September 7 Coach Steve Englehart, Presbyterian C. Head Football Coach

September 21 Coach Todd Knight, Newberry College Head Football Coach

October 5 Coach Mike Ayers, Former Wofford College Head Coach (next page)

October 19 Coach Scott Earley, New Executive Director of SCACA

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November 2 Levon Kirkland, VP of Development, SC Football Hall of Fame

November 16 Patrick DiMarco - U S C and Danny Pearman - Clemson

*December 6 ALL COUNTY BANQUET – recognizing All County Team
Todd Summers, WSPA TV Sports Anchor
Host: L C W C S
Caterer: Lee's BBQ

*The Post Season Banquet will be on WEDNESDAY, December 6th at 7 pm

THE SAINTS

Thornwell Charter School football: Aug. 25, at Calhoun Falls Charter; Sept. 8, at McCormick; 15, Clear Dot Charter (of Columbia) **The First varsity home game on the Thornwell campus in 18 Years;** 22, Great Falls; 29, at Greenville Hurricanes; Oct. 6, at Anderson Christian; 20, American Leadership Academy (of Lexington); 27, Ware Shoals.

2023 Laurens Academy Varsity Football				
Date	School	Location	Time	Notes
8/18	Augusta Eagles	Away	7:00	played in North Augusta
8/25	Richard Winn Academy	Home	7:30	
9/1	Newberry Academy	Away	7:30	
9/8	Oakbrook Prep	Home	7:30	
9/15	Wardlaw Academy*	Away	7:30	
9/22	Jefferson Davis Academy	Away	7:30	
9/29	Faith Christian	Home	7:30	Grandparents Day
10/6	Open	Open	Open	
10/13	WW King*	Home	7:30	Homecoming
10/20	Newberry Academy*	Home	7:30	Senior Night
10/27	Richard Winn Academy*	Away	7:30	
	*Denotes Region Game			
	Coaching Staff and Administration			
	Head Coach: Jolly Doolittle			
	Assistant Coaches: Luke Tollison, Travis Plowden, and Gerald Kirton			
	Headmaster: Todd Kirk			
	Athletic Director: Travis Plowden			
	Cheer Coach: Tiffany Tarver			



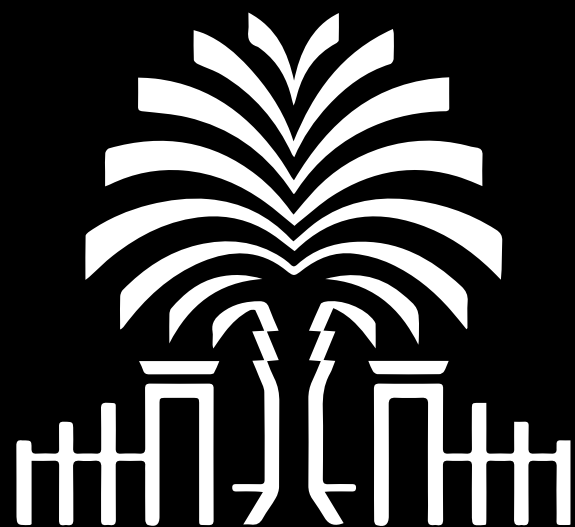
Always an informative and entertaining speaker, Mike Ayers became a member of the South Carolina Football Hall of Fame at the 10th Annual Enshirement, in April, held in Greenville. For three decades, Ayers guided the Wofford Terriers from the NAIA and NCAA Division II ranks to Division I and the Southern Conference. Along the way, the team made appearances in the Division II Playoffs in 1990 and 1991, the Division I FCS Playoffs in 2003, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2016 and 2017, and claimed Southern Conference titles in 2003, 2007, 2010, 2012 and 2017.

The Wofford Terriers play host to Presbyterian College on Sept. 16 in Spartanburg.

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Date	Clinton Little Devils
8/19	JAMBOREE
8/26	Upstate Titans
9/2	Gaffney Elite Indians
9/9	@Carolina Rhinos
9/16	@Metro Warriors
9/23	@Carolina Elite Stars
9/30	Lugoff Demon Elite
10/7	Woodruff Wolfpack
10/14	@Palmetto Wolverines
10/21	@Make-up week

Games in Red are conference games

*If no games need to be made up during Make-up week you will be assigned another opponent.

Clinton Little Devils Association, Inc.

Support comes in all kinds. Clinton High School football coach, Corey Fountain, came out and spoke to the boys about becoming men on and off the field. He talked about work ethic and values. It seemed to carry into practice. The kids had a great practice.

Clinton Middle School Wildcat
Football Schedule

All games 5 pm
8-30 Jamboree @ Wilder
Stadium
9-7 Wright
9-14 @Brewer
9-21 @Westview
9-28 Northside
10-5 @Jet
10-12 BYE
10-19 Merriwether
10-26 McCormick
11-1 @Saluda

ClintonJV Red Devil Football
Schedule

All games 6 pm
8-17 Batesburg-Leesville
8-24 Laurens
8-31 @Newberry
9-7 @Aiken
9-14 @Chapman
9-28 @Union County
10-5 BYE
10-12 Woodruff
10-19 @Chester
10-26 Emerald



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- Package includes 1 membership with meal, 1 banquet ticket, sponsor recognition on all game day programs and banquet program.
- **Price @ \$150 each**

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_____ **Please Invoice**

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Contact: _____

Telephone: _____ **Email:** _____

For more information contact: Marlene Owings 864-833-2716 mowings@laurenscounty.org



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The Devils' Den-Zone

The Clinton High School Athletic Department, along with District 56, are proud to announce "The Devils' Den-Zone" at Wilder Stadium. As you enter Wilder Stadium, you will see many improvements made to our facility. A kicking net has been added on the hill for spectator safety. A new retaining wall has been built that runs the entire width of the end zone. There is now more sidewalk space in front of our concession building, making the flow of traffic to and from the concession stand and restrooms better. In addition to more room to walk, there will be 80 stadium seats installed to the top of the North Complex in the endzone. There will be two rows of seats on each side of the new kicking net with 40 seats to the left of the goalpost and 40 seats to the right of the goalpost.

We are extremely excited about the improvements made to Wilder Stadium. With the completion of this project, some changes will be made to enhance the game experience for our loyal fans. In the past, many Red Devil fans sat on what is affectionately known as "The Hill". Historically, children would also run and play ball on "The Hill". However, construction of the "Devils' Den-Zone" means "The Hill" no longer exists. Children should now be in seats for their safety.

As always, season ticket holders will have reserved seats in the home stands. In addition, this new endzone seating area will be pre-sold and reserved. For THIS season only, the Devils' Den-Zone seats will be offered to corporate sponsors and designated officials. The remaining seats will be reserved for Senior Citizens and handicapped spectators on a first come, first served basis. We may have to change how these seats are allocated after this year. Devils' Den-Zone seating requires a special pass that will be provided to our corporate sponsors or a Senior Citizen Card. To ensure everyone's safety and ability to see the game, you must have a ticket or pass to be admitted to this area. Standing along the rail cannot be allowed.

We want to thank Red Devil Nation for their continued support and look forward to seeing you pack Wilder Stadium.

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Good Luck on your Upcoming Season!

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2023 - 2024 CHS Athletic Booster Club

The CHS Athletic Booster Club strives to touch the lives of Clinton High School and Clinton Middle School student-athletes, the schools, and the Clinton community. With your financial support, we will be able to purchase additional equipment /uniform items requested by the coaches in order to support our athletes and athletic programs at CMS and CHS.

When you support the CHS Athletic Booster Club, you will receive a window decal showing your level of support. Those who join at the "Commitment to Excellence" level will receive one All Season Pass. In addition, only Booster Club members will have the opportunity to purchase the \$85 All Season Pass which enables one person to attend all regular season games in District 56 except for varsity football.

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NAME: _____

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E-MAIL: _____

LEVEL OF SUPPORT: _____

Number of ALL SEASON PASSES (\$85 each) _____

Name of your Student Athlete: _____ Grade Level: _____

The Booster Club will award a \$500 college scholarship to a graduating male and female student-athlete whose parents join the Booster Club prior to January 31, 2024. Applications will be available in the spring from the guidance office.

Please send application for membership and check to:

Clinton High School Athletic Booster Club
P.O. Box 1131
Clinton, SC 29325



THE DEVILS' DEN-ZONE

The 2023 football campaign marks the 100+ year of CHS Red Devils Football. Our records show that Clinton High played three football games that are recorded in 1921 and 1922, but the first FULL season of Clinton football was played in 1923.

Melanie Dillingham
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group
Your Red Devils won
the North Greenville 7
on 7, going 7-1! #GBR



SCRIMMAGE - AUGUST 8



CAN'T TOUCH THIS -- Damious Holmes (52) and Adarell Swindler (55) know that if the opposing quarterback is wearing the red jersey he is untouchable, so they just gave the Chapin signal-caller a Welcome-to-Wilder nudge during scrimmage action. - Photos by Vic MacDonald





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100 Years of Red Devil Football

The CHS Athletic Booster Club and Clinton High School athletics are proud to announce a very special celebration of Clinton football history. The Clinton High School Athletics Booster Club will sponsor a 100 Years of Clinton Red Devils Football celebration!

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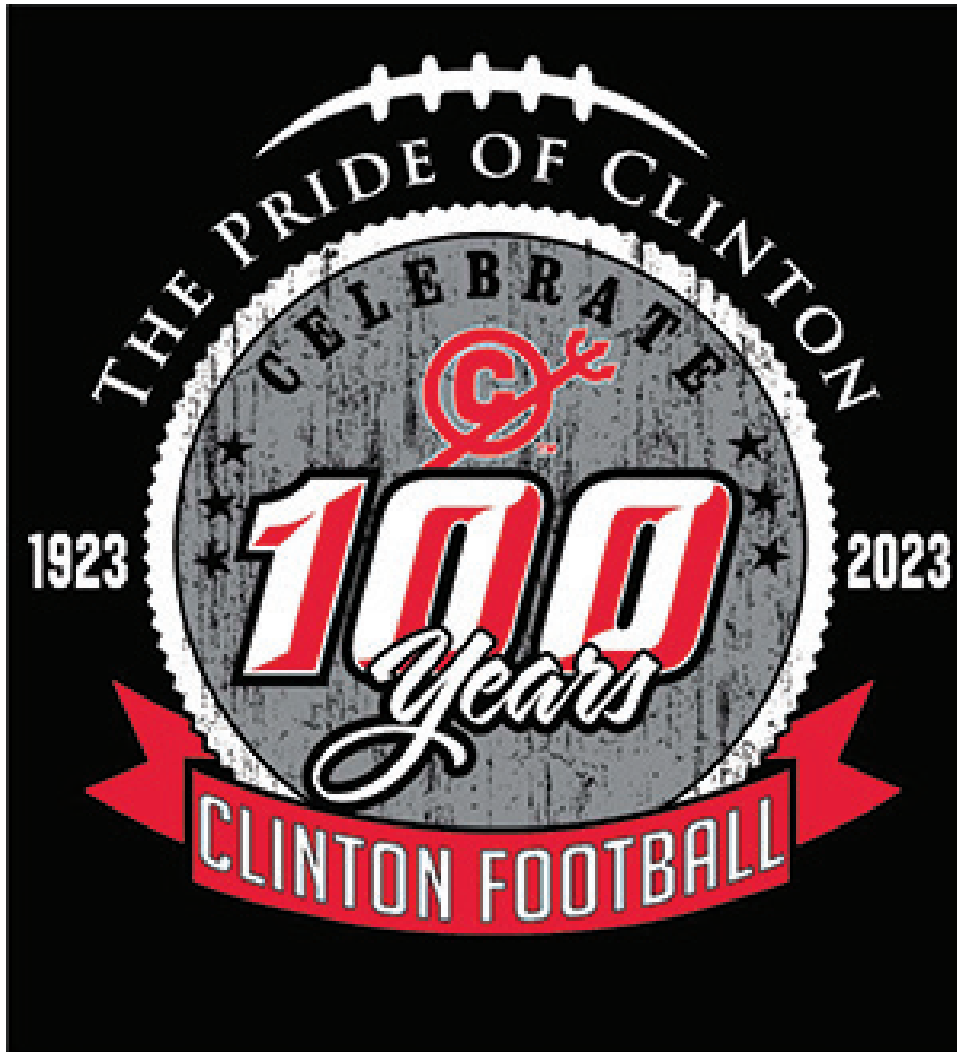
Clinton High School Athletics and Laurens County School District 56 have joined with the booster club to honor our football history throughout 2023 football season. CHS will have a season-long celebration with special events, items, memorabilia, and special programs planned for each week of the 2023 football campaign.

Our booster club works side-by-side with our local radio station, WPCC, and we will once again work together to commemorate this special celebration. The CHS broadcast crew will celebrate our 100+ years with special features on each Red Devils' broadcast this year, especially on the popular Saturday Morning Rewind show.

The home Clinton vs Chapman game on September 15, will be the official game night of the 100+ Celebration, and we invite all Red Devil Football players from every generation to be there. What a night it will be to have "The Pride of Clinton" all together for one very special celebration.

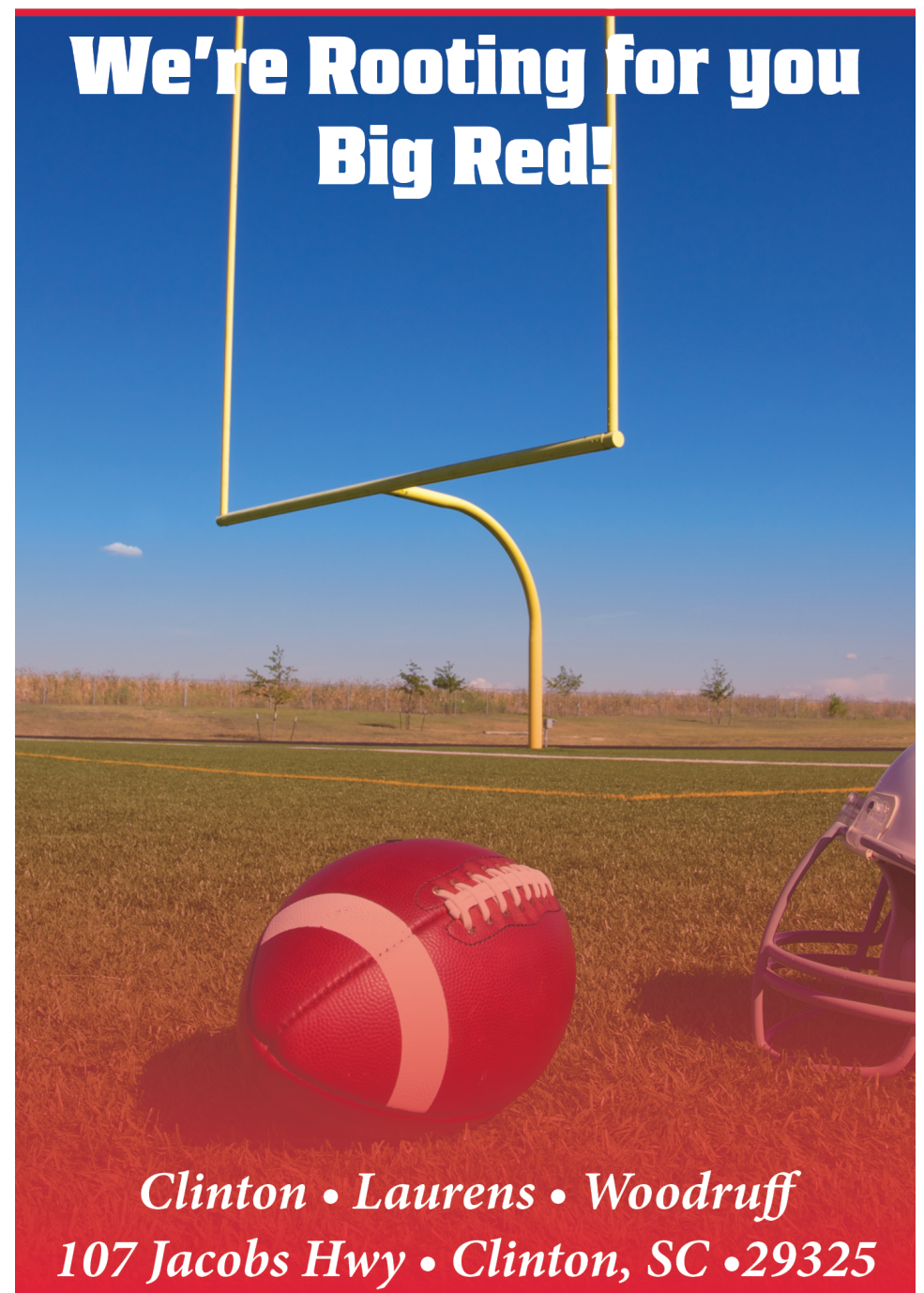
Plans include having our Red Devils wear the specially designed 100 Year logo (below). There will also be items our community can purchase in our Red Devil store inside Wilder Stadium during home football games.

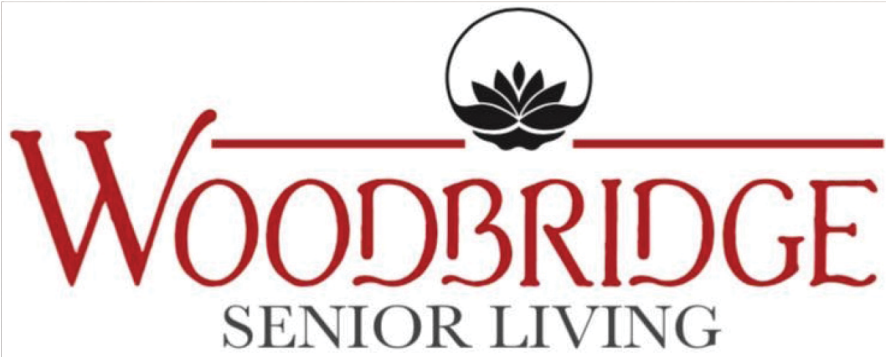
The entire Clinton community is proud of all our Red Devil teams and players, in every sport! As CHS principal Dr. Martha Brothers says each day, it is a good day to be a Red Devil! GO BIG RED!



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\$1 per ticket
\$5 - 6 tickets
\$10 - 12 tickets
\$20 - 25 tickets

John Gardner 19h Shared with Public

When you catch the home opener September 1st against Newberry, bring some cash to enter for a chance to win a Clinton Red Yeti Tundra 45 cooler! The Lady Red Devils will be raffling off the cooler to help raise money for equipment, apparel and tournament fees for the upcoming season! Check the flyer out. See you in Wilder Stadium September 1st!

**Competitive
Cheer
2023-2024**



9/30 - Battle at the Bluff @ Riverbluff HS

10/7 - Ram Cheerleading Invitational @ Hillcrest HS

10/10 - Tomahawk Cheer Classic @ Gilbert HS

10/28 - Spirit Spooktacular @ Riverside HS

11/4 - Debbie Rogers Cheer Classic @ Colonial Life Arena

COLLEGES

ANDERSON – Trojan fans are invited to reserve their spot at the 2023 Anderson Trojans Football Kickoff Event, which is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 7 at Spero Financial Field.

Celebrate Trojan football with great food and fellowship with Head Coach Bobby Lamb, while welcoming his staff and AU's inaugural football class.

With the first-ever AU football game slated for Sept. 7, 2024, guests will be able to get a head start on the inaugural season by witnessing part of a football practice session (arrive early to watch practice), enjoy catered BBQ courtesy of Sullivan's Metropolitan Grill and take part in a meet & greet with Head Coach Bobby Lamb and the entire coaching staff.

Visit the link below to purchase a ticket for \$25 or for fans looking to further support Trojan Athletics even further, join the Trojan Athletic Fund

(TAF) at the Gold Level or higher to receive four free tickets to the Kickoff Event and all other benefits the TAF has to offer.

When: Sept. 7 (6 p.m. – 8 p.m.)

Where: Trojan Fieldhouse / Spero Financial Field / 431 Williamston Rd.

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Tickets- \$25/person

ROCK HILL (TheSAC.com) – Newberry has been voted as the conference favorite by the South Atlantic Conference football head coaches for the second consecutive year, the League announced. The Wolves collected six first-place votes and 114 points in the poll.

Football Championship under Coach Todd Knight's leadership in 2022, finishing the season with a record of 9-2 overall and 7-2 in the conference. The Wolves return five preseason All-SAC selections, including tight end Tommy Washington, long snapper Blake Arnoult, offensive lineman Noah Mangum, and defensive linemen Devante Gambrell and Malik Devine-Brown.

At No. 2 in the poll was Wingate with 109 points and four first place votes.

2023 Preseason Southern Conference Coaches Poll

Team (1st-place votes) Total

T1. Furman (5) 59

T1. Samford (4) 59

3. Mercer 49

4. Chattanooga 47

5. Western Carolina 35

6. ETSU 29

7. Wofford 22

8. The Citadel 14

9. VMI 10

FRESNO, Calif. - Rob Acunto has been hired as Fresno State's deputy director of athletics, Fresno State director of athletics Terry Tumey announced.

Acunto brings over 25 years of experience in all aspects of intercollegiate athletics to Fresno State. He spent the last four years as Athletic Director at Presbyterian College (2019-23). He had prior stops at UTEP, The Citadel, American University, Cornell, and the Atlantic 10 Conference.

"I am excited to add Rob Acunto to the Bulldog family," said Director of Athletics Terry Tumey. "Rob has a myriad of different experiences throughout his career and his leadership will help to advance our athletic programs during an incredibly important time period as we continue our efforts with the Elevate campaign."

At Fresno State, Acunto will oversee all internal operations, including but not limited to compliance, academic services, human resources and personnel, and sports administration.

"I am honored and grateful that Terry Tumey has given me the opportunity to join Fresno State Athletics," said Acunto. "The University and Bulldog Athletics have big aspirations and are clearly on the rise, and I am excited to be part of a university, an athletics program and a city that embraces and celebrates a fearless, blue collar, and overachiever mindset."

During his time at Presbyterian College, Acunto put an emphasis on student-athlete success and academic achievement. That was exemplified by the student-athlete grade point average exceeding the general student population grade point average each semester since his arrival at PC. The Blue Hose also set a Big South Conference record for having seven teams earn NCAA APR Public Recognition Awards for having an APR score in the top 10% of their sport nationally. Additionally, over 60% of PC student-athletes have earned Big South Conference Presidential Honor Roll recognition each year, and multiple sports programs and student-athletes have received national recognition for their outstanding academic achievement.

Immediately upon his arrival to PC, Acunto had to fill head coach vacancies in lacrosse and women's golf. In addition to those two successful hires, he has since hired seven other head coaches and brought on board high-performing administrators for corporate & ticket sales, marketing, strategic communications, compliance & academic services, sports medicine and video productions. Acunto has also prioritized student-athlete health, safety, and well-being, including the creation of a student-athlete nutritional fueling station and the addition of two athletic training positions.

ESPN College Game Day Week 1: South Carolina vs. North Carolina Location: Charlotte

ESPN is passing on Colorado-TCU, Boise State-Washington, and West Virginia-Penn State for a neutral-site game in Charlotte.

"WE'RE COMING TO THE QUEEN CITY! See you Week 1 in Charlotte for a battle of the Carolinas," the network announced on July 24 from their College GameDay Twitter account on in late July. As of Aug. 8, the Tar Heels are a 3-point favorite — and a moneyline favorite of -145 — in the series' first regular-season game since 2019. The over/under total is 62.5.



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SEPT 8TH @ MCCORMICK	OCT 6TH @ ANDERSON CHRISTIAN
SEPT 15TH CLEAR DOT	OCT 20TH AMERICAN LEADERSHIP
SEPT 22ND GREAT FALLS	OCT 27TH WARE SHOALS

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PC: Friday, Aug. 4: “Our first day is always like Christmas,” Head Coach Steve Englehart said, post-practice. “We had nearly 100 players on campus during the summer, which is so impressive and just goes to



show how committed our guys are to getting where we want this program to be. Our mix of familiarity and newer players is going to carry over well as we go through the preseason. I was impressed with how businesslike this opening practice was handled. Immediately we get a sense of how hungry our guys are to succeed, and they’re chomping at the bit to keep up the pace they’re at right now.”



**Good Luck Red Devils!
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Pioneer Football League Puts Kibby on Preseason All-Conference Team

ST. LOUIS, Mo. – Nabbing his second all-league honor within a three-day window, incoming sophomore wide receiver Dominic Kibby of the Presbyterian College football program has been selected to the 2023 preseason All-PFL team.

Announced by league officials, Kibby is one of just three at his position to earn the all-conference spotlight, poised for another potentially superb season if his rookie statistics are anything to judge.

A 6'1" rising star from Catonsville, Maryland, Kibby was the most prolific offensive weapon for head coach Steve Englehart – then in his debut season for the Blue Hose – after posting a 796-yard campaign, the highest number among all Pioneer Football League players.

The only receiver in the 11-team division to grasp four separate 100-yard outings – completing that feat as a rookie, nonetheless – Kibby's 72.4 yards per game and 19.4 yards per catch were both conference-leading numbers.

Due to this and much more, the newbie was given a postseason second-team nod from the PFL and a spot on the Hero Sports FCS Freshman All-America team.

Taking it to the end zone seven times across his first year at the college level, Dominic compiled 975 all-purpose yards when factoring in additional

kickoff return duties, a figure that ranked sixth in the PFL.

Overall, his near-800-yard receiving tally launched the up-and-comer to the fourth-highest mark over a single season in Presbyterian's 15-year NCAA Division I history (since 2007) and the most among any freshman to don the blue and scarlet over that period.

Kibby grabbed 14 receptions over his final two games a season ago, including a performance for the ages in the Blue Hose's Bailey Memorial finale against Dayton (November 5).

Against the Flyers, he raced to a 212-yard day on only seven snags (30 yards per catch), scoring three touchdowns to earn an FCS National Freshman of the Week accolade.

One of two 200-yard efforts across the entire conference for the 2022 campaign, Kibby joined the company of Jalen Jones (2018-21) and Terrance Butler (2005-08) as the only three PC players to record a 200-yard outcome since the school joined the D-I ranks.

He'd go on to reach another triple-digit showing in the season finale at Stetson (November 19), accounting for 316 yards through the air in those last two matchups. Earlier in the semester, Kibby would provide over 200 all-purpose yards (129

receiving, 71 kick return) in a head-to-head battle with eventual PFL regular season champion St. Thomas (October 22).

Looking Ahead

Presbyterian kicks off its 111th season of gridiron action, traveling to Murray State on September 2 for a 6:00 ET start. The nonconference duel will serve as the first-ever meeting between the two programs.

Following the '23 home opener versus Virginia-Lynchburg on September 9 and a short trip to Wofford seven days later, the Blue Hose will close their slate with eight straight PFL encounters that begins with an Indianapolis visit to face Butler on the final day of the month.

From there, coach Englehart's club will flip between home and away designations until the season's end in mid-November, PC's third full season as a Pioneer Football League member.

Recently celebrating its 30th anniversary last fall, the PFL is the nation's lone non-scholarship football-only conference, representing 11 different institutions in 10 separate states. On August 1, Greg Walter was appointed as the league's second-ever commissioner after serving as the conference's associate commissioner for the past decade.

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PLAYERS TO WATCH

For the third consecutive summer, a quartet of Presbyterian College football players have been chosen for the Phil Steele preseason All-Pioneer Football League tally.

It was announced that sophomore wide receiver Dominic Kibby and junior linebacker Alex Herriott acquired a spot on the All-PFL first team, followed by Patch Bennett and Worth Warner on the league's third team.

Year two of the Steve Englehart era is set to begin in nearly one month, as the Blue Hose await their 111th season on September 2 in a visit to Murray State. PC will conduct their first official practice of the preseason this Friday.

Presbyterian prepares for its third full year as a member of the PFL – the nation's lone football-only NCAA FCS conference – and will finish out the 2023 slate with eight consecutive divisional bouts to begin on September 30 at Butler.

Dominic Kibby (So. | WR | Catonsville, Md.) – All-PFL First Team

Submitting one of the best freshman performances by any Blue Hose player in the school's 15-year Division I history, Kibby led the way for coach Englehart's receiving core during his inaugural semester with the program by catching 41 passes for 796 yards. Displaying more touchdowns (seven) and points responsible for (42) than any other offensive name on the club, Kibby led all receivers in the PFL with totals 72.4 yards per contest and 19.4 yards per reception. These eye-popping numbers granted Dominic a spot on the FCS Freshman All-America team (per Hero Sports), accumulating 975 all-purpose yards and becoming the only wideout in the conference last year to post four separate outings of 100+ yards through the air. Capped by a 212-yard effort against Dayton in the '22 home finale (enough to discern him as the National Freshman of the Week), Kibby amassed the highest number of receiving yards over a single campaign by any PC rookie in the D-I era (since 2007), placing fourth all-time in that category among all classes.

Alex Herriott (Jr. | LB | Hanahan, S.C.) – All-PFL First Team

Joining Kibby on Phil Steele's preseason all-league first team squad, Herriott figures to have another imposing fall as a preeminent bruiser on the Blue Hose defense. Gathering a team-high 93 tackles across his sophomore stint – the second year in a row that the Hanahan native led the way for the team in that department – Herriott calculated 53 solo stops, seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage, and a team-best four sacks last season. His TFL's added up for 27 lost yards against the opposing offense, hitting the double-digit marker in tackles on four different dates. The highlight of Alex's second year came against Valparaiso (October 8), producing a career-high 16 tackles (11 of them by himself), before landing an additional 11 stops the following week at San Diego. Herriott tallied at least seven stops versus eight separate opponents, a postseason all-league honorable mention as the fourth-most efficient tackler in the conference.

Worth Warner (Sr. | TE | Raleigh, N.C.) – All-PFL Third Team

Finding a significant jump in production as a third-year tight end in 2022, Warner was recognized by the league on the preseason all-PFL third team after appearing in and starting all 11 contests a season ago. Hailing from Raleigh, North Carolina, the incoming senior registered



116 receiving yards beside 10 total catches, two of which guided him to the end zone against Virginia-Lynchburg (September 10). Warner's 11 yards-per-catch ranked as the third-highest on PC's roster, hauling in a season-long 21-yarder in the final game of the schedule at Stetson in November.

Patch Bennett (Jr. | OL | Blackshear, Ga.) – All-PFL Third Team

Rounding out Presbyterian's representation on Phil Steele's pre-'23 assembly, Bennett earns a third-team nod after manning the center position in all 11 bouts for Englehart's crew as a sophomore. Remaining at the forefront of PC's offensive line, Patch was part of an offense that gathered nearly 3,300 total yards altogether (956 rushing, 2,342 passing), one of two o-linemen for the Blue Hose to start each encounter a year ago. Next to his outlook as a vital piece of the team's offensive presence, the Blackshear, Ga. native was named to the College Sports Communicators (CSC) Academic All-District team thanks to a 3.63 grade-point average with a major in Business Administration.

The full list of All-Pioneer Football League entries can be found below:

All-PFL First Team Offense
 QB – Bret Bushka, Butler
 RB – Shawn Shipman, St. Thomas
 RB – James Louis, Morehead State
 FB – Eli Stewart, Drake
 WR – Andrew McElroy, St. Thomas
 WR – Dominic Kibby, Presbyterian
 WR – Solomon Davis, Valparaiso
 TE – Derek Kline, San Diego
 OL – Alec Rasmussen, St. Thomas
 OL – Beck Kipperman, Davidson
 OL – Jimmy Poremba, Drake
 OL – David Tkatch, Dayton
 OL – Gilbert Deglau, Davidson

All-PFL First Team Defense

DL – Finn Claypool, Drake
 DL – Jonathan Hammond, Davidson
 DL – Will Buck, San Diego
 DL – Jacob Saewitz, San Diego
 LB – Jonathan Bunce, St. Thomas
 LB – Mike Arrington, Marist
 LB – Alex Herriott, Presbyterian
 LB – Chase Lyons, San Diego
 DB – Rassie Littlejohn, Stetson
 DB – Nick Murray, San Diego
 DB – Cooper Krezek, Morehead State
 DB – Yusuf Leak, St. Thomas

All-PFL First Team Special Teams

K – Luka Zurak, Butler
 P – Luka Zurak, Butler
 KR – Andrew McElroy, St. Thomas
 PR – Andrew McElroy, St. Thomas
 AP – Re-al Mitchell, San Diego
 LS – Justin Iaccio, Marist

All-PFL Second Team Offense

QB – Brady Meitz, Stetson
 RB – Dorian Boyland, Drake
 RB – Amin Woods, Marist
 FB – Cameron Heald, Butler
 WR – Luke Wooten, Butler
 WR – Colin Howard, Drake
 WR – Trey Radocha, Drake
 TE – Evan Jernegan, Valparaiso
 OL – Shea Albrecht, St. Thomas
 OL – Parker Althaus, Drake
 OL – Ross Palmer, Drake
 OL – Adam Dolan, Butler
 OL – Jason Laliberte, St. Thomas

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2023 Football Schedule

Date	Time	At	Opponent	Location	TV	Radio	Result
September 2, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Away	Murray State	Murray, KY			
September 9, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Home	Virginia University of Lynchburg	Clinton, SC / Bailey Memorial Stadium			
September 16, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Away	Wofford	Spartanburg, SC			
September 30, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Away	Butler	Indianapolis, IN			
October 7, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Home	Stetson	Clinton, SC / Bailey Memorial Stadium			
October 14, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Away	Dayton	Dayton, OH			
October 21, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Home	Marist	Clinton, SC / Bailey Memorial Stadium			
October 28, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Away	Davidson	Davidson, NC			
November 4, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Home	San Diego	Clinton, SC / Bailey Memorial Stadium			
November 11, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Away	Drake	Des Moines, IA			
November 18, 2023 (Saturday)	TBA	Home	Morehead State	Clinton, SC / Bailey Memorial Stadium			

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All-PFL Second Team Defense

DL – Sam Schadeck, Dayton
 DL – Sam Hafner, Valparaiso
 DL – Jake Shipla, Drake
 DL – Kevin Spelman, Valparaiso
 LB – Nathan Arthur, Dayton
 LB – Luke Herzog, St. Thomas
 LB – Tanner Pollack, Drake
 LB – Arthur Pinckney, Marist
 DB – Cole Hildebrand, Dayton
 DB – Will Mason, Butler
 DB – Eric Haney, San Diego
 DB – Daniel Carter, Davidson

All-PFL Second Team Special Teams

K – Sam Webster, Dayton
 P – Evan Matthes, Valparaiso
 KR – Luke Brenner, Dayton
 PR – Sam Bubonics, Dayton
 AP – Mark McCurdy, Davidson
 LS – Brady McKnight, Morehead
 State

All-PFL Third Team Offense

QB – Brock Bagozzi, Marist
 RB – Joey Suchy, Butler
 RB – Michael Neel, Dayton
 FB – Landon Reed, St. Thomas
 WR – Derek Willits, Dayton
 WR – Sam Bubonics, Dayton

WR – Nazeviah Burris, Stetson

TE – Worth Warner, Presbyterian
 OL – Bennett Krebs, Drake
 OL – Jaxsen Spears, Morehead State
 OL – Ibrahim Giwa, Marist
 OL – Aaron Hopkins, Davidson
 OL – Patch Bennett, Presbyterian

All-PFL Third Team Defense

DL – Julian Rawlins, Davidson
 DL – Jack Belskis, Butler
 DL – Aaron Warren, Davidson
 DL – Austin Korba, Butler
 LB – Tyler Ruscher, Marist
 LB – Jagger Pagano, San Diego
 LB – John Tessman, Davidson
 LB – Evan Annis, Valparaiso
 DB – Joey Lukrich, Drake
 DB – Tony Graham, Drake
 DB – Grif Wurtz, St. Thomas
 DB – Isaiah Smith, Marist

All-PFL Third Team Special Teams

K – Aidan Lehman, San Diego
 P – Marshall Golick, Stetson
 KR – Joey Audia, Butler
 PR – Aaron Maione, Davidson
 AP – Andrew McElroy, St. Thomas
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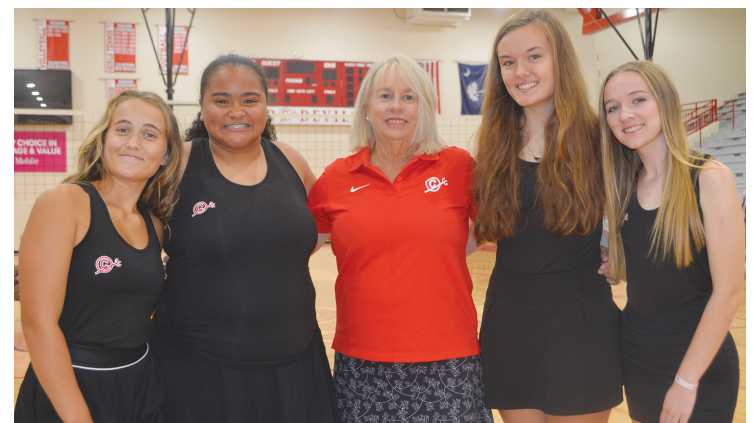
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