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COLUMBIA CENTRAL FOOTBALL • THE SENIOR CLASS • KNOXVILLE CENTRAL 40, COLUMBIA CENTRAL 17

Columbia Central's seniors leave a 10-2 season and a program rebuilt

Four years, 30 wins and back-to-back region titles: the class that rebuilt the Lions takes its final bow after Friday's second-round loss



Columbia Central celebrates in the end zone after its fourth-quarter touchdown Friday at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

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COLUMBIA, Tenn. — When Tra'Darius Goff took over at Columbia Central, this year's seniors were freshmen, and he says the program had two players who could lift 225 pounds.

Four seasons later, that class walked off the Lindsey Nelson Stadium turf for the last time Friday night after a 40-17 loss to Knoxville Central in the second round of the TSSAA Class 5A playoffs. They leave behind a 10-2 season, back-to-back region championships, the second-highest scoring average in program records and a weight room that, in Goff's words, they set the tone for.

"This team right here, man, the senior class, four years with these guys, they have been nothing but great for me," Goff told FPSN's Louis Maddox after the game. "They worked hard. They did everything they asked them to do. They're great leaders to the underclassmen. And, you know, I'm totally proud of them."

Asked what those seniors meant to the program, Goff went back to the beginning.

"Oh, man, it's very special. You know, like I said, when I first got here, we had two cats that could lift 225. And to see these guys get in [the] weight room, coach them up, and get personal PRs, you know, and continue to push, they set the tone for what the weight room looked like around here now, as well as how we play football, you know," Goff said. "So I'm totally proud of these guys, and I love them like they [were] my own."

Four years, 30 wins

The year before this class arrived, Central went 3-7. With them, the Lions went 7-4 in 2023, 6-5 in 2024, 7-4 in 2025 and 10-2 this fall, and they made the playoffs all four years.

That is 30-15 over four seasons, playoffs included. It is the most wins Central has had in any four-year stretch since 2011-14. Among the 65 four-year stretches with complete records going back to 1935, the 30 wins tie the 1952-55 and 2001-04 Lions for eighth, and the .667 winning percentage ties 2001-04 for seventh. The only four-year stretches with more wins all involve the Lions of 2007 through 2014, the early 1950s or 1963-66.

The 10 wins this fall are the most by a Columbia Central team since the 2012 Lions went 12-3. In 2025 the Lions won the region title in Goff's third season, and he was named Region 4-5A Coach of the Year. This year they went 4-0 in region play again and won it a second straight time. They scored 442 points, 36.8 per game. Only the 2011 Lions, at 37.4, have averaged more in the 80 seasons with complete scoring records from 1935 through 2026.

The class

It is a big class, and a lot of it was built up front. The FPSN booth called Central "a senior-oriented team, especially on the offensive and defensive line," and Friday's broadcast noted how much of both lines will have to be replaced next fall.

The linemen. Luke O'Neal, the big lineman the booth calls "Big Country," played just about everywhere on the line this season, including nose guard, and the broadcast crew pointed to his growth from his sophomore year to his senior year. Xzavior Murphy, a two-way fullback and defensive lineman, was a captain for the playoff opener; the booth called him an unsung hero up front after he came back from an injury. Jake Lovett, another captain that night, drew praise from the booth as a great blocking lineman. Lovett, Cole Casteel, who also long-snaps, and Seth Lowe opened a big inside hole together on one of Friday's late runs. Vonte Hatton, the center and nose guard, was a "very steady lineman," as the booth put it. Leelan Clark and Britain Duke round out the senior linemen, along with fullback Robert Harden.

Daniel Booker Jr. The quarterback

CENTRAL CONTINUES ON 2A ▸

COUNTY FINALS

FRIDAY, NOV. 13 • TSSAA SECOND ROUND

Lexington 44, Spring Hill 6 — 4A

Knoxville Central 40, Columbia Central 17 — 5A

Both Maury County teams still playing were eliminated. Columbia Central finishes 10-2; Spring Hill finishes 9-3.

THE GAME

Final: Knoxville Central 40, Columbia Central 17

Round: TSSAA Class 5A playoffs, second round

Site: Lindsey Nelson Stadium, Columbia

Broadcast: Front Porch Sports Network, on 103.7 WKRM and at fpsn.live

Columbia Central: 10-2, back-to-back region champions

Next: Knoxville Central hosts Rhea County, Friday, Nov. 20 (TSSAA Game 302)

PLAYER OF THE GAME

Toriano "Toto" Baldwin, Columbia Central. The senior played both ways and had a diving first-half interception. Buffalo Wild Wings Player of the Game on the FPSN broadcast.

NEXT FRIDAY

QUARTERFINALS • NOV. 20 • MIDDLE TENNESSEE TEAMS

Cornersville at **McKenzie**	1A
Wayne Co. at **Greenfield**	1A
Bledsoe Co. at **Cannon Co.**	2A
Marion Co. at **Gordonsville**	2A
Adamsville at **East Nashville**	2A
Tyner at **Forrest**	3A
Dyersburg at **Fairview**	3A
Westview at **Stewart Co.**	3A
Red Bank at **White Co.**	4A

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PLAYOFF FOOTBALL / SECOND ROUND

CENTRAL, CONTINUED FROM 1A

was the 2025 Region 4-5A MVP after throwing for 1,203 yards and 11 touchdowns and running for 1,616 yards and 25 more, according to the school. He was a captain for the playoff opener. He came back Friday for his first start since the Oct. 16 win at Lincoln County, a long layoff to return from in a playoff game. He found his footing in the second half and accounted for both Lions touchdowns, one running and one passing.

Zane Nash. The running back and outside linebacker, another playoff captain, led the Lions' pass rush. In the first-round 42-0 win over Soddy Daisy, he had three sacks, including a strip-sack he recovered himself, and was named co-player of the game. "He's a special guy," Goff said that night. "He's the brains of the defense. … He wreaks havoc, and he's a problem." Nash said then that the rematch with Knoxville Central, which ended Central's 2025 season on this same field, was personal. "It's very personal," he said. "Heartbreak on this very field. … I got hurt at the end of that game."

Toriano "Toto" Baldwin. Baldwin played both ways and took Wildcat snaps when the Lions needed him. He was the Buffalo Wild Wings player of the game Friday. He made a diving interception late in the first half, and on Central's final drive he dragged a pile down to the 1-yard line.

Dallas King. King, a receiver and safety, converted the two-point try after Booker's third-quarter touchdown and caught a pass down to the 14 on the last drive. The FPSN booth singled him out afterward for the heart he played with on both sides of the ball. Last winter he was one of the winners of the program's weekly weight-room belt, the kind of thing Goff was talking about.

Kentavious Campbell. The cornerback, who can also play safety, made one of the defense's best hits Friday, bringing down a much bigger ball carrier. "Campbell's got what we call the dog," the booth said.

Eli Raymer. The kicker and punter was the 2025 Region 4-5A Special Teams Player of the Year and was named to the 2025 Kicking World All-America team as a junior, according to the school. He kicked three field goals on Senior Night, a 31-0 win over Tullahoma, and added another Friday.

Camron Bridges, Kasin Murillo and Thai Turrentine complete the senior class.

Friday night

The finish wasn't the one the seniors wanted. Columbia Central turned the ball over at least five times. The FPSN booth counted three fumbles and an interception in the first half, and Knoxville Central's official athletics account posted another fumble recovery to start the third quarter. Two of the first-half giveaways set up Bobcat touchdowns. The Lions' defense had stopped Knoxville Central on fourth down on the opening drive, but a fumble two plays later gave the Bobcats the ball at the Lions' 14, and Jermon Bishop Jr. scored from 2 yards out.

Raymer's field goal made it 6-3 early in the second quarter. Then Knoxville Central quarterback Kaden Long scored on an 8-yard keeper, and Rondell North returned a punt 90 yards for a touchdown. Baldwin's interception briefly flipped the field, but Knoxville Central intercepted a Lions pass on the next snap, and Bishop scored again with 19 seconds left in the half. The Bobcats led 26-3 at the break.

"Things that we said we couldn't have coming in — penalties and turnovers. We lived in that world," Goff said at halftime.

The seniors kept coming. Booker scored on a short run with 5:05 left in the third quarter, and King's two-point conversion made it 26-11. After Lanier Badgett's 13-yard touchdown run made it 33-11, Booker hit Jamari Brown deep for a touchdown with 11:55 to play, making it 33-17. Long's 6-yard touchdown pass to J.J. Sackie with 4:05 left set the final.

On the last drive, Booker found King down to the 14 and Baldwin carried to the 1. On the final play, the Bobcat defense stuffed a quarterback keeper just short of the goal line.

"They fought, man," Goff said. "Second-round playoff game, you can't put yourself behind the eight ball like you did that first half, man. It's a good team, good quarterback, Mr. Football candidate. … [T]his ain't really [how you want] that season to end, but you know, it is life. You know, sometimes life don't go the way [you] wanted to go. So you got to recover, bounce back, and be better going forward."

This year's offense ended up with the second-highest scoring average in program history, trailing only the 2011 team.

Knoxville Central (11-1), which also ended Central's season in the second round last year, will host Rhea County in the quarterfinals on Friday, Nov. 20.

Quotes from Goff and Nash, and the booth's comments on the Lions' seniors, were transcribed from FPSN / Kennedy Broadcasting broadcasts of Friday's game and the Nov. 6 first-round win over Soddy Daisy, and lightly cleaned up. Scoring was checked against the official TSSAA result (Game 204), MaxPreps, and live posts from Knoxville Central's official athletics account (@CHS_athletics__). Because no public box score was available, the turnover total is given as at least five, and a turnover is tied to points only when the next Knoxville Central score came off that possession. The senior class is from the official Columbia Central roster and MaxPreps. Booker's and Raymer's 2025 honors and the region titles are from Columbia Central football's official account (@CentralLionsFB). Season records and the four-year rankings come from Alabama High School Football Historical Society yearly totals (1935-2020) and MaxPreps schedules (2021-2026), counting playoff games. Four-year stretches that include the seasons with incomplete records (1938-42, 1946-50, 1962 and 1967) are not ranked.

TSSAA CLASS 4A SECOND ROUND • LEXINGTON 44, SPRING HILL 6

Lexington stays unbeaten at 12-0 with 44-6 win over Spring Hill

BY FPSN SPORTS DESK

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LINE SCORE

	1	2	3	4	F
Spring Hill (9-3)	0	0	0	6	**6**
Lexington (12-0)	14	14	9	7	**44**

LEXINGTON, Tenn. — Spring Hill went for it on fourth down on its very first possession Friday night, and unbeaten Lexington answered the stop with a touchdown drive. The Tigers never let the Raiders back into it, scoring the first 44 points on the way to a 44-6 win in the second round of the TSSAA Class 4A playoffs.

The Raiders came in 9-2, a week after Jonah Gipson's last-minute touchdown pass to Sage Gidcomb beat Liberty Creek 16-14 in the first round. Lexington, which beat Millington 45-3 in its opener, has now won 12 straight and reached the quarterfinals for the first time since 2022. The Tigers play at Springfield on Friday, Nov. 20. Spring Hill finishes 9-3 in its second season under coach Josh Taylor.

A fourth-down stop, then two quick scores

Spring Hill's opening drive reached the Lexington 47 before stalling on fourth-and-3. The Tigers took over and needed eight plays to cover 52 yards, with Levi Wilkinson scoring from 4 yards out at 5:04 of the first quarter. Blayne Carrington's kick made it 7-0.

Wilkinson struck again with 13 seconds left in the quarter, this time on a 6-yard run, and Lexington led 14-0 after one. Spring Hill was also pinned deep at one point and had to punt on fourth-and-18 from its own 6.

A long strike and a long march

Lexington's passing game needed only one throw to stretch the lead. Ross Wilson found Redding Wilson for a 61-yard touchdown at 10:07 of the second quarter, making it 21-0.

The Tigers closed the half the opposite way, grinding out an 18-play, 85-yard drive that ended with Brady McEarl's 1-yard run with four seconds left. Carrington's kick made it 28-0 at the break.

A goal-line stand, then a costly snap

Spring Hill's defense gave the Raiders a lift to start the third quarter by forcing a turnover, but the offense came up short on a fourth down near midfield. Later in the period, the Raiders turned Lexington away on fourth-and-goal from the 3, with Urijah Galvan breaking up a pass in the end zone.

The stand did not last long on the scoreboard. Spring Hill then had a snap get away, and Gipson was tackled in his own end zone for a safety with 13 seconds left in the quarter. Redding Wilson then returned the free kick all the way as time ran out in the third, and Carrington's kick made it 37-0.

Eli House returned a Spring Hill fumble 15 yards for a touchdown at 10:22 of the fourth quarter, and Carrington's sixth extra point made it 44-0.

White keeps the Raiders off the shutout list

Spring Hill finally broke through with 4:35 left. Senior running back Kasen White scored on a 1-yard run, and the two-point pass failed, leaving the final at 44-6.

White led the Raiders with 36 yards on 12 carries and also caught two passes for 8 yards. Gipson completed 8 of 15 passes for 52 yards without an interception and ran 12 times for 35 yards.

By the numbers

Lexington finished with 19 first downs to Spring Hill's 8 and outgained the Raiders 379-113, including 238-61 on the ground. Wilkinson had a game-high 95 yards on 13 carries with his two touchdowns, and McEarl added 56 yards on 12 carries. Ross Wilson was 5-of-9 passing for 141 yards, and Redding Wilson caught two of those passes for 95 yards to go with his kickoff-return touchdown.

Compiled by the FPSN Sports Desk from the official TSSAA result and bracket, live updates from Lexington's official football account, a WBBJ highlight package and published game statistics.

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TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS / STATEWIDE SCOREBOARD

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

EVERY CLASS: Results from Friday, Nov. 13 (Division I second round, Division II quarterfinals), and the pairings for Friday, Nov. 20 (Division I quarterfinals, Division II semifinals), in all nine TSSAA classes. Quarterfinal hosts are in bold; kickoff times are set by the host schools (TSSAA lists all times as local).

Maury County school | Middle Tennessee school (TSSAA Middle grand division) | G = TSSAA game number

DIVISION I • CLASS 1A

SECOND ROUND • FRI., NOV. 13

Whitwell def. Cosby	**54-46**
Coalfield def. Jo Byrns	**30-0**
South Pittsburg def. Jellico	**62-7**
Greenback def. Clay Co.	**34-32**
Cornersville def. South Fulton	**29-6**
McKenzie def. Dresden	**49-0**
Wayne Co. def. Humboldt	**22-14**
Greenfield def. Eagleville	**29-27**

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

Whitwell at **Coalfield** G301	Fri. 11/20
South Pittsburg at **Greenback** G302	Fri. 11/20
Cornersville at **McKenzie** G303	Fri. 11/20
Wayne Co. at **Greenfield** G304	Fri. 11/20

DIVISION I • CLASS 2A

SECOND ROUND • FRI., NOV. 13

Bledsoe Co. def. Happy Valley	**21-17**
Cannon Co. def. Tellico Plains	**34-20**
Marion Co. def. Oneida	**35-0**
Gordonsville def. Eagleton	**31-0**
Adamsville def. Milan	**35-27**
East Nashville def. Fairley	**34-6**
Huntingdon def. Riverside	**42-0**
MASE def. Summertown	**35-0**

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

Bledsoe Co. at **Cannon Co.** G301	Fri. 11/20
Marion Co. at **Gordonsville** G302	Fri. 11/20
Adamsville at **East Nashville** G303	Fri. 11/20
Huntingdon at **MASE** G304	Fri. 11/20

DIVISION I • CLASS 3A

SECOND ROUND • FRI., NOV. 13

Sequatchie Co. def. Unicoi Co.	**28-27**
Meigs Co. def. Giles Co.	**43-22**
Tyner def. Kingston	**42-7**
Forrest def. Sweetwater	**48-22**
Dyersburg def. Whites Creek	**24-20**
Fairview def. Covington	**28-21**
Westview def. Cheatham Co.	**58-13**
Stewart Co. def. Bolivar Central	**21-9**

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

Sequatchie Co. at **Meigs Co.** G301	Fri. 11/20
Tyner at **Forrest** G302	Fri. 11/20
Dyersburg at **Fairview** G303	Fri. 11/20
Westview at **Stewart Co.** G304	Fri. 11/20

DIVISION I • CLASS 4A

SECOND ROUND • FRI., NOV. 13

Greeneville def. Upperman	**21-7**
Alcoa def. Macon Co.	**42-28**
Red Bank def. Anderson Co.	**14-0**
White Co. def. Gibbs	**47-14**
Marshall Co. def. Crockett Co.	**19-14**
Pearl Cohn def. Lakeland Prep	**42-7**
Lexington def. Spring Hill	**44-6**
Springfield def. Haywood	**41-26**

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

Greeneville at **Alcoa** G301	Fri. 11/20
Red Bank at **White Co.** G302	Fri. 11/20
Marshall Co. at **Pearl Cohn** G303	Fri. 11/20
Lexington at **Springfield** G304	Fri. 11/20

DIVISION I • CLASS 5A

SECOND ROUND • FRI., NOV. 13

Sevier Co. def. Walker Valley	**43-0**
Lincoln Co. def. Powell	**35-32**
Rhea Co. def. Knoxville Halls	**27-26**
Knoxville Central def. Columbia Central	**40-17**
Page def. Henry Co.	**28-14**
Beech def. Memphis Central	**33-7**
Kirkwood def. Nolensville	**28-27**
Munford def. Station Camp	**55-18**

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

Sevier Co. at **Lincoln Co.** G301	Fri. 11/20
Rhea Co. at **Knoxville Central** G302	Fri. 11/20
Page at **Beech** G303	Fri. 11/20
Kirkwood at **Munford** G304	Fri. 11/20

DIVISION I • CLASS 6A

SECOND ROUND • FRI., NOV. 13

Smyrna def. Dobyns-Bennett	**48-6**
Maryville def. Oakland	**22-21**
Riverdale def. Science Hill	**32-6**
Cleveland def. Green Hill	**50-21**
Houston def. Antioch	**28-21**
Whitehaven def. Ravenwood	**17-16**
Collierville def. Clarksville	**42-13**
Southwind def. Brentwood	**28-20**

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

Smyrna at **Maryville** G301	Fri. 11/20
Riverdale at **Cleveland** G302	Fri. 11/20
Houston at **Whitehaven** G303	Fri. 11/20
Collierville at **Southwind** G304	Fri. 11/20

DIVISION II • CLASS A

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 13

Nashville Christian def. Trinity Christian	**42-21**
Jackson Christian def. MTCS	**23-13**
USJ def. Providence Christian	**38-7**
Friendship Christian def. Concord Christian	**45-42**

SEMIFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

Jackson Christian at **Nashville Christian** G301	Fri. 11/20
Friendship Christian at **USJ** G302	Fri. 11/20

DIVISION II • CLASS AA

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 13

Lausanne def. Lakeway Christian	**35-7**
CAK def. ECS	**42-14**
BGA def. Silverdale	**56-21**
Knoxville Grace def. FRA	**25-24**

SEMIFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

CAK at **Lausanne** G301	Fri. 11/20
Knoxville Grace at **BGA** G302	Fri. 11/20

DIVISION II • CLASS AAA

QUARTERFINALS • FRI., NOV. 13

Baylor def. CPA	**49-7**
Briarcrest def. MBA	**41-10**
Lipscomb Academy def. Ensworth	**24-21**
Brentwood Academy def. McCallie	**21-6**

SEMIFINALS • FRI., NOV. 20 (HOST IN BOLD)

Briarcrest at **Baylor** G301	Fri. 11/20
Lipscomb Academy at **Brentwood Academy** G302	Fri. 11/20

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TSSAA FOOTBALL PLAYOFF DATES • BLUECROSS BOWL AT FINLEY STADIUM

NEXT TWO FRIDAYS

Fri., Nov. 20	Division I quarterfinals (Classes 1A–6A) Division II semifinals (Classes A, AA, AAA)	
Fri., Nov. 27	Division I semifinals	

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (TIMES CENTRAL)

Thu., Dec. 3	D-II AA D-II A • D-II AAA	**10 a.m.** **2 p.m. • 6 p.m.**
Fri., Dec. 4	Class 3A Class 1A • Class 5A	**10 a.m.** **2 p.m. • 6 p.m.**
Sat., Dec. 5	Class 4A Class 2A • Class 6A	**10 a.m.** **2 p.m. • 6 p.m.**

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TSSAA REALIGNMENT / 2027-29 DISTRICTS & REGIONS

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

INITIAL TSSAA ALIGNMENT • RELEASED NOV. 6 • APPEALS HEARD NOV. 19

New map, familiar faces: where Maury County lands for 2027-29

Summertown joins the county's small-school district, Spring Hill and Battle Creek soccer change regions, and Mt. Pleasant football picks up two Hickman County rivals

BY FPSN SPORTS DESK

SOURCE: OFFICIAL TSSAA 2027-29 INITIAL ALIGNMENTS



Every Maury County TSSAA school's class and district or region for 2027-29. A green dot marks a new opponent or a new district number. Sport-by-sport breakdowns are on the next page.

FPSN GRAPHIC • SOURCE: TSSAA

The TSSAA has released its initial district and region alignments for the 2027-29 classification cycle. That gives Maury County fans a first look at who their schools will chase for district titles and playoff spots in the 2027-28 and 2028-29 school years.

TSSAA staff posted the alignments for every sport on Nov. 6. The placements aren't final yet. Schools that want to appeal had to file by Monday, Nov. 16, and the TSSAA Board of Control will hear appeals Thursday, Nov. 19, in Mt. Juliet. Scheduling meetings for 2027-29 can't happen until after that meeting.

The new alignment starts with the 2027-28 school year, so the 2027 and 2028 football seasons and the 2027-28 and 2028-29 seasons in basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball.

THE BIG PICTURE

For most Maury County programs, the map looks familiar. Columbia Central keeps its football region and its basketball, baseball and softball district intact, and most Maury schools stay in the same volleyball districts.

The biggest moves: Spring Hill and Battle Creek soccer go from Class AA Region 4, District 8, to Region 6, District 12, keeping Giles County, Lawrence County and Marshall County but losing Murfreesboro Central and Tullahoma. Mt. Pleasant football stays in Class 2A Region 5 but adds East Hickman and Hickman County as Summertown moves to Class 1A. Summertown also joins Class 1A, District 10 in basketball, baseball and softball with Culleoka, Hampshire, Mt. Pleasant, Santa Fe and Eagleville.

Columbia Academy football stays in Division II-AA's Middle Region. Middle Tennessee Christian and Nashville Christian come in, and Davidson Academy moves out. Spring Hill and Battle Creek remain in Class 4A Region 5 football, now four teams after Montgomery Central moved up to Class 5A.

TSSAA divides schools by grades 9-12 enrollment. In Division I, football has six classes. Basketball, baseball and softball have four. Volleyball and soccer have three. In Division II, football has three classes and most other sports have two. ■

KEY DATES: Schools could appeal their placements through Monday, Nov. 16. The TSSAA Board of Control hears appeals Thursday, Nov. 19, in Mt. Juliet. The alignment covers the 2027-28 and 2028-29 school years.

▸ Sport-by-sport district charts: page 5A

COLUMBIA CENTRAL

Football: Class 5A, Region 4, unchanged: Franklin Co., Lawrence Co., Lincoln Co., Tullahoma. **Basketball/baseball/softball:** 4A, Region 6, District 12, unchanged: Independence, Page, Summit. **Soccer:** AAA, Region 5, District 9. Tullahoma joins, Warren Co. leaves. **Volleyball:** AAA, Region 5, District 9, unchanged.

SPRING HILL & BATTLE CREEK

The two schools share the same placement in every sport. **Football:** 4A, Region 5 with Creek Wood and Marshall Co.; Montgomery Central moves to 5A. **Basketball/baseball/softball:** 3A, Region 6, District 11, unchanged: Creek Wood, Fairview, Montgomery Central. **Soccer:** AA, Region 6, District 12 (new number) with Giles Co., Lawrence Co., Marshall Co. **Volleyball:** AA, Region 4, District 8, unchanged.

MT. PLEASANT

Football: 2A, Region 5: Adamsville, Decatur Co. Riverside, East Hickman (new), Hickman Co. (new), Lewis Co., Loretto, Scotts Hill. **Basketball/baseball/softball:** 1A, Region 5, District 10, adds Summertown. **Soccer:** A, Region 5, District 10: Cornersville, Culleoka, Loretto, Richland; Lewis Co. and Wayne Co. leave. **Volleyball:** A, Region 6, District 11, unchanged.

CULLEOKA

Basketball/baseball/softball: 1A, District 10, adds Summertown. **Soccer:** A, District 10, as above. **Volleyball:** A, Region 3, District 6, adds Cannon Co., with Eagleville, Fayetteville, Moore Co., Santa Fe. Not listed in TSSAA's football alignment.

HAMPSHIRE

Basketball/baseball/softball: 1A, District 10, adds Summertown. **Volleyball:** A, Region 6, District 11, unchanged. Not listed in TSSAA's football or soccer alignments.

SANTA FE

Basketball/baseball/softball: 1A, District 10, adds Summertown. **Volleyball:** A, Region 3, District 6, adds Cannon Co. Not listed in TSSAA's football or soccer alignments.

COLUMBIA ACADEMY

Football: Division II-AA, Middle Region: Battle Ground Academy, Franklin Road Academy, Goodpasture, Grace Christian-Franklin, Middle Tennessee Christian (new), Nashville Christian (new), Pope John Paul II. **All other listed sports:** Division II-A, Middle Region, District 3 with Zion Christian and eight others; St. Cecilia moves to Division II-AA.

ZION CHRISTIAN

Basketball, baseball, softball, soccer, volleyball: Division II-A, Middle Region, District 3, the same district as Columbia Academy, which keeps the Columbia rivalry inside district play. Not listed in TSSAA's football alignment.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Board of Control will hear appeals Nov. 19. After that, the alignments become final, and schools can start building 2027-28 district schedules. FPSN will report any change that affects a Maury County team. ■

Sources: TSSAA classification page and 2027-29 initial district/region listings (tssaa.org/classification; portal.tssaa.org/common/classification), compared with TSSAA's current 2025-27 listings; TSSAA "School Classifications by Sport for the 2027-2029 Cycle," "Overview of the Classification Cycle" and Board of Control calendar; Upper Cumberland Reporter and Daily Post-Athenian reports on the appeal deadline and meeting site, Nov. 2026. "Not listed" means the

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SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

HOW TO READ IT: Maury County schools are in orange. A green **NEW** tag marks a school joining the district or region, and the line under each box lists schools leaving. Boys and girls basketball, baseball and softball use identical districts, so the basketball chart covers all four. Boys and girls soccer are also identical.



Football regions for the 2027 and 2028 seasons.

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Basketball districts, which are also the baseball and softball districts.

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Boys and girls soccer districts.

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Volleyball districts for the 2027 and 2028 seasons.

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STILL INITIAL

These are TSSAA's initial 2027-29 placements. Schools could appeal through Nov. 16, and the Board of Control hears appeals Nov. 19 in Mt. Juliet. FPSN will update these charts if the board changes a Maury County placement. TSSAA also aligns cross country, track and field, golf, tennis, wrestling, bowling, lacrosse and girls' flag football, which aren't shown here.

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WRESTLING / 2026-27 SEASON PREVIEW

FROM THE MCPS SPORTS ZONE COACHES SHOW ON FPSN

SEASON OPENS NOV. 16 • SPRING HILL • BATTLE CREEK • COLUMBIA CENTRAL

Mat season is here: Maury County wrestlers ready to build the standard

Spring Hill chases more state medals, Battle Creek grows in Year 2, and Columbia Central likes what it sees in the room

BY FPSN SPORTS DESK

INTERVIEWS: MCPS SPORTS ZONE COACHES SHOW, NOV. 11, ON FPSN



Spring Hill wrestling coach Kortney Darnell (second from right) and four of her Raiders join the hosts of the Maury County Public Schools Sports Zone Coaches Show on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at Buffalo Wild Wings in Spring Hill.

FPSN BROADCAST IMAGE

Football still owns Friday nights, but Maury County wrestling rooms are already busy. Three Maury County Public Schools programs brought coaches and wrestlers to the first hour of Wednesday night's Maury County Public Schools Sports Zone Coaches Show, which aired live on the Front Porch Sports Network from Buffalo Wild Wings at The Crossings in Spring Hill. Hosts Drake Colley and Landen Secrest talked with Columbia Central, Battle Creek and Spring Hill.

The timing fits. TSSAA wrestling teams could start practicing Oct. 26, and Monday, Nov. 16, is the first date teams may compete. The Division I state duals are Jan. 30 at the Williamson County Ag Expo Center. The Division I individual state championships move to McKenzie Arena in Chattanooga for Feb. 19-20.

SPRING HILL: "BUILD THE STANDARD"

No Maury County program has done more on the mat lately than Spring Hill. Last February the Raiders sent five wrestlers to the Class A state tournament, brought home four medals and finished sixth in the team standings.

Head coach Kortney Darnell was part of the program before she ran it. She grew up around the sport as a coach's daughter. In high school she was a manager for her father's team, because the only option then was wrestling boys. "I wasn't about to wrestle boys at 138 pounds," she said. "My dad wouldn't let me, but I kind of just absorbed everything about the culture."

She got involved again when her own children started wrestling in AAU. When then-coach Moss was getting ready to retire, he asked her to take over. "I was actually working in a completely different field," Darnell said. "So I really pretty much quit my job to do this." She believes she was one of the first women in Tennessee to coach a boys' wrestling team.

She brought four wrestlers she has coached together since their AAU and middle school days. Carter Hostetler, a senior, finished third in the state at 120 pounds last season. Darnell called him "one of my leaders in the room." He also wrestles for the Young Guns club and competes nationally; Hostetler said he was at a national event a couple of weeks ago.

> ***"I would probably say all four of these guys will be at state this year."***
>
> SPRING HILL COACH KORTNEY DARNELL

Blake Baruth, a senior, will wrestle around 175. Darnell said he was a sectional qualifier last year but had to medically forfeit his last postseason match; otherwise he could have been the Raiders' sixth state qualifier. "But that's OK," she said. "We're gonna make it this year."

Preston Martin, a senior, is expected around 157. Darnell described him as "a big leader" who calls teammates out and leads warmups. Junior Brayden Unger, who will be around 150, was a sectional qualifier last season. He is also Darnell's son, which she says makes clean eating "kind of a lifestyle at our home."

"I would probably say all four of these guys will be at state this year," Darnell said.

She has had nine state qualifiers and seven state placers in her career, she said. The team's theme this season is "build the standard," and it comes with a team handbook and code of conduct. "Anyone coming into our program or has been in my program for a long time just knows that I'm going to hold them to a standard," she said.

Unger said his approach depends on the opponent, and that he has "a pretty big tool belt." In season, his treat is honey: "It's a great source of carbs and sugar, especially before a match."

Darnell also made a pitch to parents. "Your kids are going to learn how to overcome things," she said. "They're going to learn how to not give up on themselves. It's going to push their bodies, their minds, everything further than any other sport's going to."

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Battle Creek coach Scott Johnson and Grizzlies wrestlers talk about Year 2 of the program on the coaches show.

FPSN BROADCAST IMAGE



Columbia Central assistant coach Ryan Webb and Lions wrestlers Eli Witherspoon, Micah Evans and Wyatt Bridge on the coaches show.

FPSN BROADCAST IMAGE

BATTLE CREEK: YEAR 2 FOR THE GRIZZLIES

Battle Creek is still a young program, and head coach Scott Johnson's first season was mostly about teaching. Most of last year's team were freshmen who had wrestled in middle school, Johnson said. "It was a year of learning, learning technique, learning how to execute the fundamentals."

The exception was Gavin Pelkey, who transferred from Summit. He went on to qualify for the Class A state tournament in Franklin at 132 pounds. His father, assistant coach Philip Pelkey, works at Columbia Central and is a former head coach at Centennial. "We just feel very blessed to have all his experience and knowledge as a part of our staff," Johnson said.

When asked who sets the tone in practice, Johnson named Pelkey right away. "He's out there leading warmups," Johnson said. "He really does set the tone in a lot of ways."

Pelkey, now a senior, said he wasn't happy with how his state trip went. "And this year I just want to win a ring," he said.

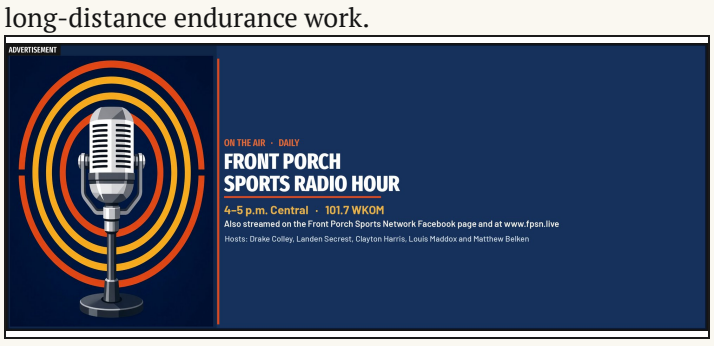
There are more girls in the program, too. Johnson said Battle Creek had two girls last year and has nine this season. He credited assistant coach Jason Terrillion, who is also the head coach at Battle Creek Middle, for "pulling all kinds of kids into wrestling." Freshman Ivorie Cox represented the girls on the show. She said wrestling came up at her lunch table in seventh grade, and it was her friends who first got her into it. "I did also grow up with brothers," she said, "so being aggressive from a young age" came naturally.

> ***"This year I just want to win a ring."***
> BATTLE CREEK SENIOR GAVIN PELKEY

Abraham Descalzo, a senior, joins Battle Creek this year from Page. He previously wrestled in California. In the last 30 seconds before a match, he said, "I'm listening to music and just trying to get in the zone."

Cooper Hughes, a sophomore, plays the national anthem on electric guitar before Battle Creek's home matches. He wrestled at 190 last season and expects to be around 200 to 215 this year. "I think the practicing aspect of it helps a lot," Hughes said. "Just repetitiveness, making it a routine to where it's just instinctual."

Sophomore Reid Barker, who Johnson said may have led the team in regular-season wins last year, called wrestling conditioning "fast paced, kind of like pulses" rather than long-distance endurance work.



COLUMBIA CENTRAL: "WE HAVE A BETTER TEAM"

Columbia Central sent assistant coach Ryan Webb, who is also head coach of the Columbia Wrestling Club youth program, along with Elijah "Eli" Witherspoon, Micah Evans and Wyatt Bridge.

"Honestly, we're starting to grow a lot," Webb said. "The team this year is looking pretty good." He said this is the first year two new wrestlers are coming up to Central from the youth program in town.

Webb also explained how dual-meet scoring works for newcomers. High school wrestling has 13 weight classes. A pin earns six team points, a regular decision earns three, and the team with the most points at the end wins.

> ***"I'm 100% going to get out there and surprise some people."***
> COLUMBIA CENTRAL'S MICAH EVANS

Evans said the preseason feels different. "This year, we have a better team at this stage of the season in the preseason than we have ever had, at least since I've been here," he said. He said Witherspoon especially pushes his teammates in practice. Evans is wrestling at 165 this season and expects to be on the lighter side of the class. "I'm 100% going to get out there and surprise some people, especially for my size," he said.

Witherspoon, a senior, didn't start wrestling until his sophomore year. He said the grit of the sport hooked him, because it was unlike anything he had done before. His go-to move when he needs two points is a snap to a blast double. "You level change, you get down, and your forehead goes straight to their chest, and you take it out," he said.

Bridge, Central's heavyweight, said he trains with an unusual group of partners. "In practice I wrestle the coaches mainly because no one else is as heavy," he said. He is pushing to beat a Centennial wrestler who has gotten the better of him in past seasons. The best advice a coach ever gave him was "head up, chest up."

AROUND THE MAT

The hosts asked every wrestler what they eat or drink first after making weight on a Saturday morning. Bridge reaches for sweet tea, and it has to be Milo's. Evans goes for a blue raspberry electrolyte drink and a peanut butter sandwich. Peanut butter, honey and bananas were the favorites across all three teams.

All three programs compete in TSSAA Division I. Spring Hill and Battle Creek are in Class A, Region 5, and Columbia Central is in Class AA, Region 6.

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KEY DATES

- **Oct. 26:** first practice date
- **Nov. 16:** first contest date
- **Jan. 22-23, 2027:** DI dual regions and sectionals
- **Jan. 30:** DI and DII state duals, Williamson Co. Ag Expo Center
- **Feb. 6:** DI regions
- **Feb. 13:** DI sectionals
- **Feb. 19-20:** DI individual state championships, McKenzie Arena, Chattanooga

WHERE THEY WRESTLE

Spring Hill: Division I, Class A, Region 5. Coach Kortney Darnell.

Battle Creek: Division I, Class A, Region 5. Coach Scott Johnson.

Columbia Central: Division I, Class AA, Region 6. Coach Ryan Johnson.

Girls wrestling at all three schools is single-class, Region 6.

LAST SEASON, BY THE NUMBERS

5 Spring Hill state qualifiers in Class A

4 Raider state medalists, including Carter Hostetler (3rd, 120)

6th Spring Hill's Class A team finish

1 Battle Creek state qualifier: Gavin Pelkey (132)

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WT.	WRESTLER	FINISH
120	**Hostetler**	3rd
126	**Nielsen**	2nd
138	**Vera**	3rd
165	**Highland**	2nd
285	**C. Baruth**	Qualifier

BATTLE CREEK

132	**Pelkey**	Qualifier

Last names as listed in the TSSAA state results.

Sources: interviews from the Nov. 11, 2026, MCPS Sports Zone Coaches Show on FPSN. Names were checked against TSSAA 2026-27 school rosters and directories, school sites and FloWrestling. Dates are from TSSAA's 2026-27 wrestling calendar. 2026 results are from TSSAA's Division I Class A state championship brackets and results.

BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY / 2026-27 PREVIEW

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL / MEDIA DAY

Media Day: what every MCPS team said

Coaches and players from all seven Maury County Public Schools high schools previewed the 2026-27 season at FPSN's Basketball Media Day

BY FPSN SPORTS DESK

FROM FPSN'S MEDIA DAY BROADCAST, NOV. 14, 2026

MEDIA DAY: FPSN's High School Basketball Media Day aired live Saturday, Nov. 14, from Buffalo Wild Wings at The Crossings in Spring Hill. Host Landen Secrest talked with coaches and players from Columbia Central, Spring Hill, Battle Creek, Mt. Pleasant, Santa Fe, Culleoka and Hampshire. The full show is on the Front Porch Sports Network YouTube channel.

HAMPSHIRE GIRLS

New coach, eight players and a culture reset

Panel: coach Robbie Davis; Hannah Kelley, Amelia "Millie" Norris, Joenie Sims. Senior Jaycee Travis was away on a college visit.

Robbie Davis is in his first year coaching high school girls, and he has eight players. He said the Lady Hawks have gone back to basics. "You can't run before you can walk," Davis said.

He said the players have bought in after some losing seasons. "That's kind of been our motto is we're going to start building a culture," he said. He wants the program's fifth-grade managers to know they are just as important as the seniors. A Big Sister/Little Sister program and a youth camp are part of that effort.

Norris moved to Hampshire from Arlington. She said the size of the school is what she loves. "Everybody knows everybody. Everybody's related to everybody," she said.

The Lady Hawks are home Thursday against Lancaster Christian and Friday against Riverside Christian.

HAMPSHIRE BOYS

Hawks have the numbers for a JV team

Panel: coach Clay Tyree; Mason Sikes, Dakota Disbro. Assistant: Robbie Davis.

Sixth-year coach Clay Tyree called himself "hesitantly optimistic." Sixteen players tried out, and Tyree kept all of them. That gives Hampshire a JV team for the first time since he arrived.

Dakota Disbro, a left-hander, was one of last season's leading scorers. Mason Sikes is a shooter who came off the bench last year. Point guard Therin Brown started out as a team manager in sixth grade. "I wish I had 12 of him on the team," Tyree said. Kameron Nicholson is new to the group. The Hawks lost Dalen Sims.

Tyree played for Jimmy Young at Spring Hill. He expects district games to be dogfights and named Eagleville among the teams to beat. Sikes set the bar high: "I think we have a really great chance this year to do things that haven't been done in 20-plus years."

Hampshire opens Tuesday at home against Agathos Classical.

CULLEOKA GIRLS

Sims promises a physical Lady Warriors team

Panel: coach Cameron Sims; Phynlee Keeling, Presley Sims. Assistant: Kennedy Kloke.

Cameron Sims took over the program in late April. He is a Santa Fe graduate and a lineman for Columbia Power, and he coaches as a volunteer. He said he coached youth teams of second graders and was tough on them. "If second graders can handle it, high schoolers can handle it," he said.

Sims made a bold promise: "We will have the most physical, dominant team in the district." Asked about matching up with more athletic teams, he said, "If you got dog in you, it don't matter if it's a chihuahua."

Keeling is a senior coming back from injuries. Presley Sims, the coach's daughter, is a freshman. Juniors Kenzie Kloke and Lindsey Pigue are expected to lead, and freshman Emerson Massey joins the group. The team must replace Izzy Hargrove and Kendall Reischman.

Culleoka opens Tuesday at Forrest.

CULLEOKA BOYS

Experienced Warriors back for Lovett

Panel: coach Mike Lovett; Cody McMillan, Trenton Kelley.

Mike Lovett, Culleoka's 10th-year coach, believes this could be one of the best groups he has had. The roster has seven juniors and two seniors, Cody McMillan and Trenton Kelley. Kelley has started since his sophomore year.

The coach was blunt about junior Ashton Rubert. "Ashton is probably the best true point guard in our region," he said. Junior Peyton Willoughby, at 6-foot-5, and Mason Pearce return as well. The Warriors lost two three-year starters.

The coach said Culleoka has to win by being the smarter team, and Eagleville is the district measuring stick. The Warriors will also wear Blue Devils throwback jerseys this season.

Culleoka plays Tuesday at Forrest and Friday at Zion Christian.

MT. PLEASANT BOYS

Football-heavy Tigers focus on defense

Panel: coach Derek Boyd; Preston Haywood, Junior Nelson. Assistants: Jeshawn Miller, Christion Brewer.

Coach Derek Boyd said 12 of his 15 players also played football. That is the most two-sport athletes he has ever had. Because of football, the Tigers do not open until Dec. 1.

Boyd took responsibility for parts of last season and named his priority. "Defensively, we have to be better," he said.

Senior Preston Haywood is the shooter. He uses a shooting machine to put up hundreds of shots in a session, and he said he does not feel any pressure to carry the scoring. Senior Junior Nelson, a football player, is back in organized basketball for the first time in a while. The Tigers must replace Zion Hollis and Jayden McClure.

The team took a bonding trip to Vanderbilt. Mt. Pleasant opens Tuesday, Dec. 1, at home against Franklin Classical.

MT. PLEASANT GIRLS

Lady Tigers away at a play day

Not on the panel.

The Lady Tigers missed Media Day because they were playing in a play day in Wilson County. Secrest noted that senior Kylee Martin returns. Mt. Pleasant opens Tuesday at St. Cecilia.

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SANTA FE BOYS

Slaughter welcomes higher expectations

Panel: coach Jeremy Slaughter; Jax Slaughter, Anthony Hardin, Judson Slaughter.

Jeremy Slaughter is in his second season coaching his alma mater. His son Jax, a senior, runs the point. Jax said he wants the Wildcats to go further this year and wants fewer turnovers in his own game. Senior Anthony Hardin gives Santa Fe a physical post presence. Sophomore Judson Slaughter and senior Thomas Brady are also in the mix.

The coach welcomed the expectations that come with last season. "I'd much rather, you know, be playing to some expectations than no expectations at all," he said. He added that he wants Santa Fe known as a school that is good at basketball. He said Eagleville lost its starting lineup.

Santa Fe opens Tuesday at Cornersville and is home Friday against Perry County.

SANTA FE GIRLS

Lady Wildcats still feel the title game

Panel: Addison Prince, Andie Repp.

Junior Addison Prince is still thinking about last season's district final. "I think we could have beat Eagleville in the championship," she said. She said she knows she could have played better.

Senior post Andie Repp said she likes playing defense. Santa Fe has 10 players, led by senior point guard Kendall Massey and junior Autumn Crunk. Younger players Katy Crutcher, Harlow Hoeldtke, Ella White and Isabel Young also figure in. The Lady Wildcats beat Culleoka in last season's district tournament.

Coach Derrick Adkison's team opens Tuesday at Cornersville.



Hampshire's girls basketball panel on the FPSN Basketball Media Day set Saturday at Buffalo Wild Wings at The Crossings in Spring Hill.

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Santa Fe's boys basketball panel takes its turn on the Media Day broadcast.

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SPRING HILL BOYS

Young starts over with a new Raiders roster

Panel: coach Jimmy Young and Raiders players. Assistant: Dalton Resta.

Jimmy Young has coached for more than 30 years. He said Spring Hill lost almost all of its scoring and has one returning varsity player. Everyone else is new. Ashton Hoffman and Jalen Knight are among those gone.

Young said the season depends on his players. "It all comes down to if the kids buy into what you're doing," he said. The Raiders will play zone and use traps and presses. Assistant Dalton Resta is a former Spring Hill player.

Spring Hill opens Friday, Dec. 4, at home against Marshall County.

SPRING HILL GIRLS

Lady Raiders add depth for Armstrong

Panel: coach Cory Armstrong; Natalie Boersma, Drue Herring, Kiana Taylor. Assistant: Chad Brothers.

Second-year coach Cory Armstrong has two seniors and a deeper bench than last season. "I just know that my girls are gonna come out and compete," he said.

Senior Natalie Boersma, a soccer goalkeeper, is in her first season of high school basketball. Junior Drue Herring and Kiana Taylor return. Herring said last season was a struggle with only two subs on the bench.

Assistant Chad Brothers has coached at Central, Battle Creek and Spring Hill. He said he wants the players to fall in love with the sport and to know what winning basketball feels like.

The Lady Raiders open Friday, Dec. 4, against Marshall County.

BATTLE CREEK BOYS

Grizzlies aim for March

Panel: coach Donnie Chambers; Landon Lester, Landon Fox. Assistant: Jason Hall.

Donnie Chambers did not hide his goal. "I'd like to go all the way. I'd like to be playing deep in March," he said.

Point guard Landon Lester and senior Landon Fox lead the group. Chambers' staff has worked with Fox since middle school. Jack Whitworth and Brodie Orton return, along with Jordan Murphy, who had never played organized basketball before high school and led the state in blocks after his second year. Sophomore Bryson Merryman and two transfers add to a roster Chambers said can go 15 deep.

"I will be very disappointed if we're not competitive in every district game that we play this year," Chambers said.

The Grizzlies play Monday at Franklin Christian, Thursday at BGA and Friday at Summit.

BATTLE CREEK GIRLS

Lady Grizzlies bring everybody back

Panel: coach Conway; Emalee McCord, Audrey Woolridge, Katelynn Langeland.

Battle Creek's girls lost no one from last season. "We haven't lost anybody," McCord said. She added that many of the players have been together for three-plus years. Coach Conway summed up the style: "We play rough, we play hard, and we play forever."

Langeland is one of the area's top 3-point shooters. Conway wants her driving more, and she may also bring the ball up. Woolridge, a senior who came over from Spring Hill, wants to be dominant down low and on the boards. McCord has been a team captain. Senior Megan Parkinson returns, and newcomer Evie Pooley adds a playmaking guard.

The players called Spring Hill their biggest game. The Lady Grizzlies open Monday at Franklin Christian.

CENTRAL BOYS

Lions play faster and shoot better

Panel: coach Joe Washington; James Stewart, Ke'morion Long, Joshua Green.

Coach Joe Washington, a Memphis native, said this is a totally different team from last year. The Lions want to play faster, and they are shooting the ball much better. They won all three games at the preseason showcase they hosted, against Shelbyville, Antioch and CA.

Ke'morion Long, a shooter, and lefty point guard Joshua Green lead a group that also includes senior big man James Stewart. Kingston Booker and Tae'shaun Moore have battled for the top spot in the team's weekly player rankings, and Brendan Secrest is in the mix as well. Newcomers include D'Ontae Holder, plus Seth Vogeltanz and Hezekiah Harper, who came from Spring Hill.

"We can have three to four different lineups at any given time," Washington said.

Central plays Tuesday at Siegel, Thursday against Smyrna and Saturday against Loretto.

CENTRAL GIRLS

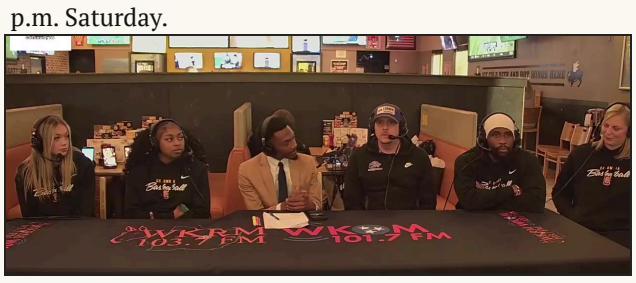
Lady Lions add pieces and confidence

Panel: coach Thomas Stanley, Courtney English, Maria Zimdars; Natasia Barner, Sydney Bratton.

Coach Thomas Stanley said this is the first summer the group has played basketball together. Transfer Molly Bratton, Sydney's sister, arrives from Battle Creek. Freshmen Myla Moschella and Aalayah Moore also join, along with posts Pauleisha Radley and Tristyn Shaw. Assistant Maria Zimdars coached four years at the University of Tennessee Southern. "How you do anything is how you do everything," she said.

Point guard Natasia Barner wants to improve on defense. Sydney Bratton, the only senior, said the team went into last season expecting to lose. This year, she said, the players believe they can win. Stanley praised her toughness. "We know we're better when she's on the floor for us," he said.

Central plays Tuesday at Siegel, hosts Smyrna in a noon in-school game Thursday and hosts Loretto at 5 p.m. Saturday.



Columbia Central's girls basketball panel on the Media Day set.

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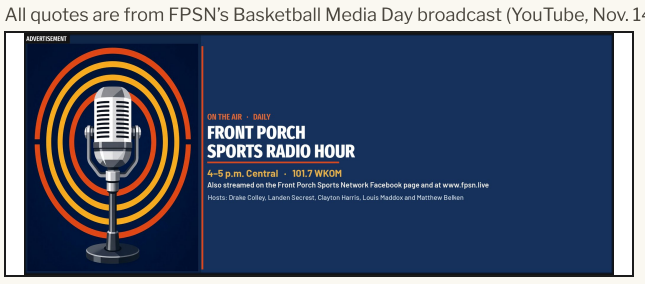
OPENING NIGHT

First listed 2026-27 game for each team, CoachT.com, retrieved Nov. 14, 2026

	GIRLS	BOYS
Columbia Central	Tue 11/17 at Siegel 6p	Tue 11/17 at Siegel 7:30p
Spring Hill	Fri 12/4 vs. Marshall County 6p	Fri 12/4 vs. Marshall County 7:30p
Mt. Pleasant	Tue 11/17 at St. Cecilia Academy 6p	Tue 12/1 vs. Franklin Classical 7:30p
Battle Creek	Mon 11/16 at Franklin Christian 6p	Mon 11/16 at Franklin Christian 7:30p
Culleoka	Tue 11/17 at Forrest 6p	Tue 11/17 at Forrest 7:30p
Hampshire	Thu 11/19 vs. Lancaster Christian 6p	Tue 11/17 vs. Agathos Classical 6p*
Santa Fe	Tue 11/17 at Cornersville 6p	Tue 11/17 at Cornersville 7:30p

* TSSAA lists this game at 7:30 p.m.; CoachT lists 6. See this week's schedules for full listings.

All quotes are from FPSN's Basketball Media Day broadcast (YouTube, Nov. 14, 2026). Names were checked against TSSAA 2026-27 rosters and MaxPreps.



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THE WEEK AHEAD / MCPS SCHEDULES, NOV. 15-21

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

THIS WEEK: Every Maury County Public Schools team with a game or match listed Sunday, Nov. 15 through Saturday, Nov. 21. "Hoops G/B" is girls and boys basketball, with times listed girls / boys. "vs." is a home game, "at" is away. Schedules change; check with the school before you go.

HIGH SCHOOLS

CoachT.com (basketball) • TSSAAsports.com (bowling, wrestling)

COLUMBIA CENTRAL

LIONS

Mon 11/16	Bowling	vs. **Lawrence Co.**	3:15p
Tue 11/17	Hoops G/B	at **Siegel** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p
Tue 11/17	Wrestling	vs. **Smyrna**	5:30p
Wed 11/18	Bowling	at **Tullahoma**	3:30p
Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	vs. **Smyrna** Daytime game; time per TSSAA and coach	12p / 1:30p
Sat 11/21	Hoops G/B	vs. **Loretto**	5p / 6:30p

SPRING HILL

RAIDERS

No games listed Nov. 15-21 on CoachT or TSSAA.

Basketball opens Fri., Dec. 4, vs. Marshall County (girls 6, boys 7:30), per CoachT.

FOOTBALL: Spring Hill's season ended Friday with a 44-6 loss at Lexington in the Class 4A second round. The Raiders finish 9-3.

▸ Story: page 2A

MT. PLEASANT

TIGERS

Mon 11/16	Bowling	at **Marshall Co.** Fun Time Bowl	3:30p
Tue 11/17	Hoops G	at **St. Cecilia Academy** Hall of Champions	6p

Boys open Tue., Dec. 1, vs. Franklin Classical (7:30 per CoachT)

▸ Full Mt. Pleasant schedule: page 11A ▸ Media Day preview: page 8A

BATTLE CREEK

GRIZZLIES

Mon 11/16	Hoops G/B	at **Franklin Christian** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p
Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	at **BGA** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p
Fri 11/20	Hoops G/B	at **Summit** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p

CULLEOKA

WARRIORS

Tue 11/17	Hoops G/B	at **Forrest** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p
Fri 11/20	Hoops G/B	at **Zion Christian** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p

HAMPSHIRE

HAWKS

Tue 11/17	Hoops B	vs. **Agathos Classical**	6p
Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	vs. **Lancaster Christian** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p
Fri 11/20	Hoops G/B	vs. **Riverside Christian** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p

SANTA FE

WILDCATS

Mon 11/16	Bowling	**Boys Individuals Tournament** Tenn Pin Alley	10a
Tue 11/17	Hoops G/B	at **Cornersville** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p
Tue 11/17	Bowling	at **Franklin Co.**	3:15p
Fri 11/20	Hoops G/B	vs. **Perry County** Hall of Champions	6p / 7:30p

TIMES THAT DON'T MATCH. CoachT and TSSAA disagree on these. CoachT is printed unless noted. Central vs. Smyrna, Thu., Nov. 19: TSSAA's noon/1:30 is printed because Central girls coach Thomas Stanley said on FPSN's Media Day broadcast that the girls tip at noon (CoachT lists 12:30/2). Mt. Pleasant girls at St. Cecilia, Tue., Nov. 17 (CoachT 6; TSSAA 6:30). Hampshire boys vs. Agathos, Tue., Nov. 17 (CoachT 6; TSSAA 7:30). Culleoka boys at Zion Christian, Fri., Nov. 20 (CoachT 7:30; TSSAA 6). Santa Fe boys vs. Perry County, Fri., Nov. 20 (CoachT 7:30; TSSAA 6). Culleoka girls at Forrest and Santa Fe girls and boys at Cornersville (Tue., Nov. 17) are on CoachT but not on TSSAA; the Culleoka girls and Santa Fe boys coaches both named those Tuesday openers on the Media Day broadcast. † TSSAA lists Spring Hill Middle wrestling vs. Christiana at 5:30 a.m.; that is probably 5:30 p.m. Confirm with the school.

▸ **Full 2026-27 season schedules** for all seven high schools: page 11A • ▸ **Opening night** for every program: page 9A • ▸ **Weekly sports radio lineup:** page 11A

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

TSSAAsports.com school schedules

WHITTHORNE MS

Mon 11/16	Hoops G/B	vs. **E.A. Cox**	6p / 7:15p
Tue 11/17	Hoops G/B	vs. **Freedom**	6p / 7p
Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	vs. **Antioch**	6p / 7:15p
Sat 11/21	Hoops B	vs. **JV Thanksgiving Classic**	TBA

E.A. COX MS

Mon 11/16	Hoops G/B	at **Whitthorne**	6p / 7:15p

▸ E.A. Cox at Whitthorne Monday is one of three county matchups this week. See **County Clashes** below.

SPRING HILL MS

Tue 11/17	Hoops G/B	vs. **Mt. Pleasant**	6p / 7:15p
Wed 11/18	Wrestling	vs. **Christiana**	5:30†
Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	vs. **Spring Station**	6p / 7:15p

MT. PLEASANT MS

Tue 11/17	Hoops G/B	at **Spring Hill**	6p / 7:15p

BATTLE CREEK MS

Tue 11/17	Hoops G/B	vs. **Spring Station**	6p / 7p
Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	at **Hillsboro**	6p / 7p

CULLEOKA MS

Mon 11/16	Hoops G/B	at **Cornersville**	6p / 7p
Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	vs. **Hampshire**	6p / 7:15p

HAMPSHIRE MS

Mon 11/16	Hoops G/B	at **Poplar Grove**	6p / 7:15p
Tue 11/17	Hoops G/B	vs. **Agathos**	5p / 6:15p
Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	at **Culleoka**	6p / 7:15p

SANTA FE MS

Thu 11/19	Hoops G/B	vs. **Poplar Grove**	6p / 7:30p
Mon 11/16		vs. **Eagleville**, district opener Posted by Santa Fe School Athletics; not on the TSSAA school schedule. Time not posted.	

SOURCES. High school basketball: CoachT.com team schedule pages for each school (coacht.com/tennessee/inside/schedule.cfm?schoolid=89, 474, 357, 206447, 101, 203, 438; sportid 2 girls, 3 boys), retrieved Sat., Nov. 14, about 6 p.m. CT, and cross-checked against TSSAAsports.com. Bowling, wrestling and every middle school: TSSAAsports.com school schedule pages (tssaasports.com/sports/schedules/?schoolid=...). CoachT's Maury County middle school pages list no 2026-27 games, and TSSAA has no 2026-27 listings for Battle Creek High School bowling or wrestling. No MCPS swimming meets are listed on either site.

COUNTY CLASHES THIS WEEK

MCPS VS. MCPS • MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL (GIRLS / BOYS)

Mon., Nov. 16	E.A. Cox	*at*	**Whitthorne** — 6 / 7:15 p.m.
Tue., Nov. 17	Mt. Pleasant	*at*	**Spring Hill** — 6 / 7:15 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 19	Hampshire	*at*	**Culleoka** — 6 / 7:15 p.m.

From the TSSAA school schedules listed on this page. No high school games this week match two MCPS schools.

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2026-27 HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL / FULL SEASON

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

CLIP AND SAVE: Full 2026-27 varsity basketball schedules for the seven MCPS high school programs, as listed on CoachT.com Saturday, Nov. 14. G = girls tip time, B = boys. * = district game. N = neutral site. Shaded rows are this week. — = that team is not listed for that date.

COLUMBIA CENTRAL
LIONS

Date	Opponent	G	B
11/17	at **Siegel**	6p	7:30p
11/19	vs. **Smyrna**	12p	1:30p
11/21	vs. **Loretto**	5p	6:30p
11/23	vs. **Cane Ridge** N	6p	—
11/23	vs. **Providence Christian** N	—	12p
11/24	vs. **Creek Wood** N	6p	—
12/1	at **West Creek**	6p	7:30p
12/4	vs. **Lawrence County**	6p	7:30p
12/7	at **Dickson County**	6p	7:30p
12/11	at **Oakland**	6p	7:30p
12/15	at **Lawrence County**	6p	7:30p
12/23	vs. **Wooddale** N	—	5:30p
12/28	vs. **Summertown** N	9a	—
12/29	vs. **Wayne County** N	3p	—
1/5	vs. **Franklin**	6p	7:30p
1/9	vs. **Dickson County**	6p	7:30p
1/12	vs. **Ravenwood**	6p	7:30p
1/15	at **Ensworth**	6p	7:30p
1/19	vs. **Nolensville**	6p	7:30p
1/22	at **Centennial**	6p	7:30p
1/23	vs. **Spring Hill**	6p	7:30p
1/26	vs. **Brentwood**	6p	7:30p
2/2	vs. **Summit***	6p	7:30p
2/5	vs. **Page***	6p	7:30p
2/9	at **Independence***	6p	7:30p
2/11	at **Summit***	6p	7:30p
2/16	at **Page***	6p	7:30p
2/19	vs. **Independence***	6p	7:30p

SPRING HILL
RAIDERS

Date	Opponent	G	B
12/4	vs. **Marshall County**	6p	7:30p
12/7	at **Lewis County**	6p	7:30p
12/11	vs. **Giles County**	6p	7:30p
12/14	vs. **Santa Fe**	6p	7:30p
12/15	at **East Hickman**	6p	7:30p
12/17	vs. **Marshall County**	6p	7:30p
1/8	at **Montgomery Central***	6p	7:30p
1/11	vs. **Lewis County**	6p	7:30p
1/12	at **Fairview***	6p	7:30p
1/15	vs. **Creek Wood***	6p	7:30p
1/19	vs. **Battle Creek***	6p	7:30p
1/21	at **Giles County**	6p	7:30p
1/23	at **Columbia**	6p	7:30p
1/26	vs. **Montgomery Central***	6p	7:30p
1/28	at **Culleoka**	6p	7:30p
1/29	vs. **Fairview***	6p	7:30p
2/2	at **Creek Wood***	6p	7:30p
2/5	at **Battle Creek***	6p	7:30p
2/8	vs. **Culleoka**	6p	7:30p
2/9	vs. **East Hickman**	6p	7:30p

RAIDERS TIP OFF DEC. 4 vs. Marshall County at home: girls 6 p.m., boys 7:30.

▸ Media Day preview of both Spring Hill teams: page 9A.

MT. PLEASANT
TIGERS

Date	Opponent	G	B
11/17	at **St. Cecilia Academy**	6p	—
12/1	vs. **Franklin Classical**	6p	7:30p
12/4	at **Cornersville**	6p	7:30p
12/7	vs. **Battle Creek**	6p	7:30p
12/8	at **Collinwood**	6p	7:30p
12/11	vs. **Summertown**	6p	7:30p
12/18	at **Forrest**	6p	7:30p
12/18	vs. **Clarksburg**	6p	7:15p
12/21	vs. **Franklin Classical**	6:30p	8p
12/22	vs. **Zion Christian**	6:30p	—
12/22	vs. **East Hickman**	—	8p
1/5	at **Summertown**	6p	7:30p
1/7	vs. **Forrest**	6p	7:30p
1/8	vs. **Culleoka***	6p	7:30p
1/12	vs. **Hampshire***	6p	7:30p
1/15	at **Eagleville***	6p	7:30p
1/19	vs. **Santa Fe***	6p	7:30p
1/21	vs. **Lewis County**	6p	7:30p
1/26	at **Culleoka***	6p	7:30p
1/28	vs. **Frank Hughes**	6p	7:30p
1/29	at **Hampshire***	6p	7:30p
2/2	vs. **Eagleville***	6p	7:30p
2/5	at **Santa Fe***	6p	7:30p
2/8	at **Fairview**	6p	7:30p
2/9	vs. **Collinwood**	6p	7:30p
2/11	at **Battle Creek**	6p	7:30p
2/12	at **Fayetteville**	6p	7:30p

BATTLE CREEK
GRIZZLIES

Date	Opponent	G	B
11/16	at **Franklin Christian**	6p	7:30p
11/19	at **BGA**	6p	7:30p
11/20	at **Summit**	6p	7:30p
11/30	vs. **Santa Fe**	6p	7:30p
12/1	vs. **Murfreesboro Central Magnet**	6p	7:30p
12/4	vs. **East Hickman**	6p	7:30p
12/7	at **Mt. Pleasant**	6p	7:30p
12/8	at **Hampshire**	6p	7:30p
12/11	at **Forrest**	6p	7:30p
12/15	at **Murfreesboro Central Magnet**	6p	7:30p
12/17	vs. **Moore County**	TBA	TBA
12/18	at **Santa Fe**	6p	7:30p
1/5	vs. **Montgomery Central***	6p	7:30p
1/8	vs. **Fairview***	6p	7:30p
1/12	vs. **Creek Wood***	6p	7:30p
1/18	at **Marshall County**	6p	7:30p
1/19	at **Spring Hill***	6p	7:30p
1/22	at **Montgomery Central***	6p	7:30p
1/25	vs. **Forrest**	6p	7:30p
1/26	at **Fairview***	6p	7:30p
1/29	at **Creek Wood***	6p	7:30p
2/2	at **East Hickman**	6p	7:30p
2/5	vs. **Spring Hill***	6p	7:30p
2/9	vs. **Hampshire**	6p	7:30p
2/11	vs. **Mt. Pleasant**	6p	7:30p

CULLEOKA
WARRIORS

Date	Opponent	G	B
11/17	at **Forrest**	6p	7:30p
11/20	at **Zion Christian**	6p	7:30p
12/1	vs. **Huntland**	6p	7:30p
12/4	vs. **Collinwood**	6p	7:30p
12/8	vs. **Moore County**	TBA	TBA
12/11	at **Huntland**	6p	7:30p
12/15	at **Moore County**	TBA	TBA
12/21	vs. **East Hickman** N	—	2p
12/22	vs. **Zion Christian** N	—	2p
12/28	at **Forrest**	6p	—
1/5	vs. **Eagleville***	6p	7:30p
1/8	at **Mt. Pleasant***	6p	7:30p
1/12	at **Collinwood**	6p	7:30p
1/15	at **Santa Fe***	6p	7:30p
1/19	vs. **Hampshire***	6p	7:30p
1/22	at **Eagleville***	6p	7:30p
1/26	vs. **Mt. Pleasant***	6p	7:30p
1/28	vs. **Spring Hill**	6p	7:30p
2/1	at **Cornersville**	7:30p	—
2/2	vs. **Santa Fe***	6p	7:30p
2/5	at **Hampshire***	6p	7:30p
2/8	at **Spring Hill**	6p	7:30p
2/11	vs. **Cornersville**	6p	7:30p

HAMPSHIRE
HAWKS

Date	Opponent	G	B
11/17	vs. **Agathos Classical**	—	6p
11/19	vs. **Lancaster Christian**	6p	7:30p
11/20	vs. **Riverside Christian**	6p	7:30p
11/24	at **Frank Hughes**	6p	7:30p
12/1	at **Agathos Classical**	—	6p
12/7	at **Collinwood**	6p	7:30p
12/8	vs. **Battle Creek**	6p	7:30p
12/11	vs. **Franklin Classical**	6p	7:30p
12/12	at **East Hickman**	6p	7:30p
12/15	at **Riverside Christian**	6p	7:30p
1/5	at **Santa Fe***	6p	7:30p
1/8	vs. **Eagleville***	6p	7:30p
1/12	at **Mt. Pleasant***	6p	7:30p
1/15	at **Cornersville**	6p	7:30p
1/19	at **Culleoka***	6p	7:30p
1/22	vs. **Santa Fe***	6p	7:30p
1/25	vs. **Collinwood**	6p	7:30p
1/26	at **Eagleville***	6p	7:30p
1/29	vs. **Mt. Pleasant***	6p	7:30p
2/1	vs. **Frank Hughes**	6p	7:30p
2/2	vs. **Cornersville**	6p	7:30p
2/5	vs. **Culleoka***	6p	7:30p
2/9	at **Battle Creek**	6p	7:30p

SANTA FE
WILDCATS

Date	Opponent	G	B
11/17	at **Cornersville**	6p	7:30p
11/20	vs. **Perry County**	6p	7:30p
11/23	at **Zion Christian**	6p	7:30p
11/24	at **Moore County**	TBA	TBA
11/30	at **Battle Creek**	6p	7:30p
12/1	vs. **East Hickman**	6p	7:30p
12/8	vs. **Cornersville**	6p	7:30p
12/11	at **Fairview**	6p	7:30p
12/14	at **Spring Hill**	6p	7:30p
12/18	vs. **Battle Creek**	6p	7:30p
12/21	vs. **Zion Christian** N	3:30p	5p
12/22	vs. **Franklin Classical** N	3:30p	5p
1/5	vs. **Hampshire***	6p	7:30p
1/8	vs. **Marshall County**	6p	7:30p
1/12	at **Eagleville***	6p	7:30p
1/15	vs. **Culleoka***	6p	7:30p
1/19	at **Mt. Pleasant***	6p	7:30p
1/22	at **Hampshire***	6p	7:30p
1/26	at **East Hickman**	6p	7:30p
1/29	vs. **Eagleville***	6p	7:30p
2/2	at **Culleoka***	6p	7:30p
2/5	vs. **Mt. Pleasant***	6p	7:30p
2/9	vs. **Fairview**	6p	7:30p
2/12	at **Marshall County**	6p	7:30p

SOURCES
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Opening-week games tagged "Hall of Champions" on CoachT are printed as listed.

Middle school schedules: TSSAAsports.com (see this week's listings on the previous page).

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NFL • SUNDAY, NOV. 15

Jacksonville at Tennessee Titans — Noon kickoff
Titans Radio Network • 101.7 WKOM • Nissan Stadium
Pregame starts at 11 a.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL • SAT., NOV. 21

LSU at Tennessee — 2:30 p.m. kickoff
Vol Network • 103.7 WKRM-FM and 1340 AM
Pregame starts at noon

Chattanooga at Alabama — 1 p.m. kickoff
Crimson Tide Sports Network • 101.7 WKOM
Pregame starts at 10 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL

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All times Central. Sources: tennesseetitans.com and Titans Radio (Titans); Vol Network affiliate update, Nov. 9 (Tennessee); ESPN and WKOM (Alabama).

COLLEGE FOOTBALL / SEC ROUNDUP

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

WEEK 11 • ALL 16 SEC TEAMS

SEC roundup: the weekend around the league

Scores, leaders and what's left to play, with Ole Miss and Oklahoma pushed to Sunday by Friday's FAA ground stop

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FINAL — SEC Network • Nashville

3 Alabama 8-2	21
Vanderbilt 4-6	6

No. 3 Alabama (8-2) beat Vanderbilt (4-6) 21-6 on the road at FirstBank Stadium. Alabama led 7-3 at halftime. For Alabama, Keelon Russell completed 22 of 33 passes for 217 yards and 3 touchdowns; Daniel Hill ran 14 times for 89 yards; Ryan Coleman-Williams caught 7 passes for 68 yards. Vanderbilt's leaders: Jared Curtis completed 25 of 40 passes for 223 yards; Sedrick Alexander ran 6 times for 27 yards. Alabama outgained Vanderbilt 309-235 in total yards, and turnovers were Alabama 2, Vanderbilt 0. Attendance: 35,000.

TEAM STATS	ALA	VAN
First downs	19	10
Total yards	309	235
Rushing	92	12
Passing	217	223
3rd down	6-15	2-15
Turnovers	2	0

LEADERS

ALA *Pass:* Keelon Russell 22/33, 217 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT; *Rush:* Daniel Hill 14 car, 89 yds; *Rec:* Ryan Coleman-Williams 7 rec, 68 yds

VAN *Pass:* Jared Curtis 25/40, 223 yds; *Rush:* Sedrick Alexander 6 car, 27 yds; *Rec:* Junior Sherrill 7 rec, 100 yds

FINAL — ESPN • College Station

8 Tennessee 8-2	22
Texas A&M 4-6	7

No. 8 Tennessee (8-2) beat Texas A&M (4-6) 22-7 on the road at Kyle Field. Texas A&M led 7-6 at halftime before Tennessee rallied. For Tennessee, George MacIntyre completed 13 of 17 passes for 109 yards; DeSean Bishop ran 34 times for 97 yards; Mike Matthews caught 2 passes for 42 yards. Texas A&M's leaders: Marcel Reed completed 9 of 22 passes for 71 yards; KJ Edwards ran 7 times for 44 yards and a touchdown. Tennessee outgained Texas A&M 310-179 in total yards, and turnovers were Tennessee 0, Texas A&M 2. Attendance: 108,504.

TEAM STATS	TENN	TA&M
First downs	18	8
Total yards	310	179
Rushing	196	86
Passing	114	93
3rd down	5-17	2-11
Turnovers	0	2

LEADERS

TENN *Pass:* George MacIntyre 13/17, 109 yds; *Rush:* DeSean Bishop 34 car, 97 yds; *Rec:* Mike Matthews 2 rec, 42 yds

TA&M *Pass:* Marcel Reed 9/22, 71 yds, 1 INT; *Rush:* KJ Edwards 7 car, 44 yds, 1 TD; *Rec:* Mario Craver 5 rec, 49 yds

FINAL — ABC / Disney+ • Athens

22 Missouri 6-4	21
1 Georgia 9-1	48

No. 1 Georgia (9-1) beat No. 22 Missouri (6-4) 48-21 at Sanford Stadium. Georgia led 31-7 at halftime. For Georgia, Gunner Stockton completed 18 of 24 passes for 252 yards and a touchdown; Nate Frazier ran 14 times for 72 yards and 3 touchdowns; Craig Dandridge caught 6 passes for 85 yards. Missouri's leaders: Austin Simmons completed 17 of 25 passes for 175 yards and 3 touchdowns; Jamal Roberts ran 19 times for 62 yards. Georgia outgained Missouri 468-286 in total yards, and turnovers were Georgia 1, Missouri 1. Attendance: 93,033.

TEAM STATS	MIZ	UGA
First downs	15	23
Total yards	286	468
Rushing	102	182
Passing	184	286
3rd down	2-11	4-9
Turnovers	1	1

LEADERS

MIZ *Pass:* Austin Simmons 17/25, 175 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT; *Rush:* Jamal Roberts 19 car, 62 yds; *Rec:* Donovan Olugbode 4 rec, 67 yds, 1 TD

UGA *Pass:* Gunner Stockton 18/24, 252 yds, 1 TD; *Rush:* Nate Frazier 14 car, 72 yds, 3 TD; *Rec:* Craig Dandridge 6 rec, 85 yds

FINAL — SEC Network • Starkville

Auburn 6-4	41
Mississippi State 4-6	9

Auburn (6-4) beat Mississippi State (4-6) 41-9 on the road at Davis Wade Stadium. Auburn led 27-7 at halftime. For Auburn, Byrum Brown completed 19 of 26 passes for 232 yards and 3 touchdowns; Jeremiah Cobb ran 10 times for 50 yards and a touchdown; Keshaun Singleton caught 7 passes for 103 yards and 2 touchdowns. Mississippi State's leaders: AJ Swann completed 6 of 13 passes for 138 yards and a touchdown; Fluff Bothwell ran 12 times for 36 yards. Auburn outgained Mississippi State 371-262 in total yards, and turnovers were Auburn 1, Mississippi State 4. Attendance: 49,275.

TEAM STATS	AUB	MSST
First downs	21	17
Total yards	371	262
Rushing	142	46
Passing	229	216
3rd down	4-14	3-16
Turnovers	1	4

LEADERS

AUB *Pass:* Byrum Brown 19/26, 232 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT; *Rush:* Jeremiah Cobb 10 car, 50 yds, 1 TD; *Rec:* Keshaun Singleton 7 rec, 103 yds, 2 TD

MSST *Pass:* AJ Swann 6/13, 138 yds, 1 TD; *Rush:* Fluff Bothwell 12 car, 36 yds; *Rec:* Anthony Evans III 4 rec, 89 yds

FINAL — ESPN • Lexington

Florida 6-4	21
11 Kentucky 7-3	14

Florida (6-4) beat No. 11 Kentucky (7-3) 21-14 on the road at Kroger Field. Kentucky led 7-2 at halftime before Florida rallied. For Florida, Aaron Philo completed 16 of 24 passes for 119 yards; Aaron Philo ran 15 times for 102 yards and a touchdown; Bailey Stockton caught 4 passes for 34 yards. Kentucky's leaders: Kenny Minchey completed 15 of 26 passes for 181 yards and a touchdown; Jason Patterson ran 5 times for 22 yards. Florida outgained Kentucky 330-242 in total yards, and turnovers were Florida 0, Kentucky 1. Attendance: 61,866.

TEAM STATS	FLA	UK
First downs	19	14
Total yards	330	242
Rushing	211	61
Passing	119	181
3rd down	9-17	5-10
Turnovers	0	1

LEADERS

FLA *Pass:* Aaron Philo 16/24, 119 yds; *Rush:* Aaron Philo 15 car, 102 yds, 1 TD; *Rec:* Bailey Stockton 4 rec, 34 yds

UK *Pass:* Kenny Minchey 15/26, 181 yds, 1 TD; *Rush:* Jason Patterson 5 car, 22 yds; *Rec:* DJ Miller 4 rec, 80 yds

FINAL — ABC • Baton Rouge

6 Texas 8-2	22
21 LSU 6-4	21

No. 6 Texas (8-2) beat No. 21 LSU (6-4) 22-21 on the road at Tiger Stadium (LA). LSU led 14-10 at halftime before Texas rallied. For Texas, Arch Manning completed 19 of 35 passes for 174 yards and a touchdown; Arch Manning ran 12 times for 35 yards and a touchdown; Ryan Wingo caught 6 passes for 68 yards. LSU's leaders: Sam Leavitt completed 27 of 37 passes for 244 yards and 2 touchdowns; Dilin Jones ran 19 times for 125 yards and a touchdown. LSU outgained Texas 366-273 in total yards, and turnovers were Texas 3, LSU 3. Attendance: 102,321.

TEAM STATS	TEX	LSU
First downs	20	19
Total yards	273	366
Rushing	99	122
Passing	174	244
3rd down	7-17	7-14
Turnovers	3	3

LEADERS

TEX *Pass:* Arch Manning 19/35, 174 yds, 1 TD, 3 INT; *Rush:* Arch Manning 12 car, 35 yds, 1 TD; *Rec:* Ryan Wingo 6 rec, 68 yds

LSU *Pass:* Sam Leavitt 27/37, 244 yds, 2 TD, 3 INT; *Rush:* Dilin Jones 19 car, 125 yds, 1 TD; *Rec:* Eugene Wilson III 7 rec, 96 yds

FINAL — SEC Network • Fayetteville

17 South Carolina 6-4	6
Arkansas 4-6	34

Arkansas (4-6) beat No. 17 South Carolina (6-4) 34-6 at Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium. Arkansas led 17-0 at halftime. For Arkansas, KJ Jackson completed 15 of 24 passes for 188 yards and 2 touchdowns; Cam Settles ran 17 times for 64 yards; Chris Marshall caught 4 passes for 63 yards and a touchdown. South Carolina's leaders: Cutter Woods completed 24 of 43 passes for 271 yards; Jabree Coleman ran 16 times for 77 yards and a touchdown. South Carolina outgained Arkansas 369-355 in total yards, and turnovers were Arkansas 0, South Carolina 4. Attendance: 63,334.

TEAM STATS	SC	ARK
First downs	19	21
Total yards	369	355
Rushing	98	167
Passing	271	188
3rd down	8-17	5-15
Turnovers	4	0

LEADERS

SC *Pass:* Cutter Woods 24/43, 271 yds, 3 INT; *Rush:* Jabree Coleman 16 car, 77 yds, 1 TD; *Rec:* Mazeo Bennett Jr. 4 rec, 61 yds

ARK *Pass:* KJ Jackson 15/24, 188 yds, 2 TD; *Rush:* Cam Settles 17 car, 64 yds; *Rec:* Chris Marshall 4 rec, 63 yds, 1 TD

FINAL — SEC Network • Norman

Ole Miss 19 Ole Miss 6-4	17
Oklahoma 6-4	24

Oklahoma (6-4) beat No. 19 Ole Miss (6-4) 24-17 at Memorial Stadium (Norman, OK). Isaiah Sategna III returned a punt 75 yards for a touchdown as the Sooners built a 14-0 first-quarter lead, and Ole Miss pulled within a touchdown on Lucas Carneiro's 41-yard field goal with 42 seconds left before Oklahoma held on. It was played Sunday after the SEC moved it from Saturday because of Friday's FAA ground stop. Oklahoma led 14-7 at halftime. For Oklahoma, John Mateer completed 10 of 19 passes for 111 yards; John Mateer ran 16 times for 70 yards and a touchdown; Rocky Beers caught 4 passes for 39 yards. Ole Miss's leaders: Trinidad Chambliss completed 14 of 27 passes for 127 yards and a touchdown; Trinidad Chambliss ran 11 times for 84 yards. Ole Miss outgained Oklahoma 306-299 in total yards, and turnovers were Oklahoma 0, Ole Miss 0. Attendance: 83,226.

TEAM STATS	MISS	OU
First downs	19	19
Total yards	306	299
Rushing	179	188
Passing	127	111
3rd down	4-12	9-16
Turnovers	0	0

LEADERS

MISS *Pass:* Trinidad Chambliss 14/27, 127 yds, 1 TD; *Rush:* Trinidad Chambliss 11 car, 84 yds; *Rec:* Caleb Odom 4 rec, 56 yds, 1 TD

OU *Pass:* John Mateer 10/19, 111 yds; *Rush:* John Mateer 16 car, 70 yds, 1 TD; *Rec:* Rocky Beers 4 rec, 39 yds

Scores, records, leaders and team statistics from ESPN's scoreboard and game box scores, checked 2026-11-15 16:06 CT; games not final at that check are marked. Rankings are the AP poll numbers ESPN displays. Ole Miss-Oklahoma move: SEC announcement, Nov. 14, 2026. Team logos: ESPN (a.espncdn.com). All times Central.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL / TOP 25 SCOREBOARD & SEC STANDINGS

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

AP TOP 25 SCOREBOARD

Every ranked team's week 11 game • ESPN, checked 2026-11-15 16:06 CT

AWAY		HOME	SCORE	STATUS
22 Missouri	at	1 **Georgia**	21-48	Final
2 **Utah**	at	23 Arizona	40-39	Final
3 **Alabama**	at	Vanderbilt	21-6	Final
Illinois	at	4 **UCLA**	14-22	Final
Boston College	at	5 **Notre Dame**	7-41	Final
6 **Texas**	at	21 LSU	22-21	Final
Duke	at	7 **Miami**	25-36	Final
8 **Tennessee**	at	Texas A&M	22-7	Final
18 USC	at	9 **Indiana**	13-27	Final
Baylor	at	10 **BYU**	7-28	Final
Florida	at	11 Kentucky	21-14	Final
12 **Texas Tech**	at	25 Oklahoma State	52-27	Final
13 **Wake Forest**	at	SMU	49-7	Final
14 Houston	at	**Colorado**	32-42	Final
Purdue	at	15 **Iowa**	7-28	Final
Michigan	at	16 **Oregon**	7-31	Final
17 South Carolina	at	**Arkansas**	6-34	Final
19 Ole Miss	at	**Oklahoma**	17-24	Final
Northwestern	at	20 **Ohio State**	19-28	Final
Oregon State	at	24 **Boise State**	41-46	Final

SEC STANDINGS

ESPN conference standings • † = this weekend's game not final when checked

	TEAM	SEC	ALL	STRK
1	Georgia	7-1	9-1	W3
2	Alabama	6-2	8-2	W3
3	Texas	5-2	8-2	W4
4	Tennessee	5-2	8-2	W2
5	Kentucky	5-3	7-3	L2
6	Oklahoma	4-3	6-4	W2
7	Florida	4-4	6-4	W1
8	Ole Miss	4-4	6-4	L2
9	South Carolina	4-4	6-4	L1
10	Auburn	4-4	6-4	W2
11	LSU	3-4	6-4	L2
12	Missouri	3-4	6-4	L2
13	Arkansas	2-5	4-6	W1
14	Mississippi State	2-6	4-6	L6
15	Texas A&M	1-6	4-6	L3
16	Vanderbilt	1-6	4-6	L1

SEC NEXT WEEK • SAT., NOV. 21 • ALL 16 TEAMS

Kickoff times Central and TV as listed by ESPN (TV TBA = not yet announced), checked 2026-11-15 16:06 CT

Sat. 11 a.m. CT • SECN+
Wofford at **Ole Miss**

Sat. 11 a.m. CT • TV TBA
Vanderbilt at **Florida**

Sat. 11 a.m. CT • TV TBA
Texas A&M at **Oklahoma**

Sat. 12 p.m. CT • SECN+
Tennessee Tech at
Mississippi State

Sat. 1 p.m. CT • SECN+
Chattanooga at **Alabama**

Sat. 2:30 p.m. CT • ESPN
Arkansas at **Texas**

Sat. 2:30 p.m. CT • ABC
LSU at **Tennessee**

Sat. 2:30 p.m. CT • SEC Network
Samford at **Auburn**

Sat. 6:30 p.m. CT • ABC
Georgia at
South Carolina

Sat. 6:30 p.m. CT • SEC Network
Kentucky at **Missouri**

Top 25 rankings are the AP poll numbers shown by ESPN for week 11. "In progress" and scheduled games are updated on each refresh before press. Team logos: ESPN (a.espncdn.com).

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MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL / WHITTHORNE VS. PAGE

SUNDAY, NOV. 15, 2026

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL • MONDAY, NOV. 9 • AT WHITTHORNE

Whitthorne boys hold off Page 42–39; Page girls win 56–32

BOYS: Whitthorne 42, Page 39 • GIRLS: Page 56, Whitthorne 32



Whitthorne's boys come together after holding off Page 42–39 Monday.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL



Page and Whitthorne in the second quarter of the girls game.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL

BY FPSN SPORTS DESK

FPSN BROADCAST OF PAGE AT WHITTHORNE, NOV. 9 • WHITTHORNE NAMES FROM TSSAA ROSTERS

COLUMBIA — Whitthorne's boys held on through a frantic final 10 seconds to beat Page 42–39 Monday night at Whitthorne Middle School, after Page's girls pulled away for a 56–32 win in the opener. FPSN streamed both games live.

Boys: Whitthorne 42, Page 39

Page led 7–6 after one quarter before Whitthorne took control late in the first half. Zay Webster beat the halftime buzzer with a 3-pointer to make it 17–10, and Page added a technical free throw for a 17–11 score at the break.

Page answered in the third quarter, taking an 18–17 lead, and the teams were tied at 22, 24 and 26. A Webster free throw sent Whitthorne into the fourth quarter ahead 27–26.

Jayden Bellafant opened the fourth with a steal and layup for a 29–26 lead, but Page hit a 3 to go back in front 30–29. Whitthorne regained the lead at 31–30, and Webster made all three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt for a 34–30 edge with 2:04 left. Webster added two technical free throws, and Steve Hardin's bank shot made it 38–31.

Page would not go away. A 3-pointer and a steal-and-score cut the deficit to 40–36, and after Gray Holloway's free throws pushed it back to 42–36, a Page step-back 3 made it 42–39 with 8.3 seconds left. Whitthorne turned the ball over on the ensuing inbound, but Page could not convert in the final seconds, and the Tigers held on.

Girls: Page 56, Whitthorne 32

Page led nearly from the start. Page's No. 34, identified on the broadcast as Aubrey Flowers, scored the Panthers' first eight points, and a buzzer-beater closed the first quarter with Page ahead 16–9.

Whitthorne's Jordyn Frierson hit three 3-pointers in the first half to keep the Tigers within reach, and Page led 24–17 at halftime.

The Panthers stretched the lead to 42–28 after three quarters despite a step-back 3 from Whitthorne's Earah Armstrong late in the third, then pulled away for the 56–32 final.

Scores are from the FPSN broadcast scorebug and live call. Individual scoring totals were not available.



Whitthorne sets up for the last shot of the first half against Page.

FPSN BROADCAST STILL

BY THE QUARTER

MONDAY, NOV. 9 • AT WHITTHORNE MIDDLE SCHOOL

BOYS

	1	2	3	4	F
Page	7	4	15	13	**39**
Whitthorne	6	11	10	15	**42**

BOYS: HOW IT TURNED

17–10	Zay Webster's buzzer-beating 3 puts Whitthorne up at the half.
34–30	Webster makes all three free throws after a foul on a 3-point try, 2:04 left.
42–39	Page's step-back 3 with 8.3 seconds left; Whitthorne holds on.

GIRLS

	1	2	3	4	F
Page	16	8	18	14	**56**
Whitthorne	9	8	11	4	**32**

16–9	Page's No. 34 scores the Panthers' first eight points; a buzzer-beater ends the first quarter.

Quarter scores from the running score on the FPSN broadcast. Individual totals were not available.

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CULLEOKA UNIT SCHOOL • NEWS & NOTES

Culleoka roundup: Cheer squad punches nationals ticket, Riley bowls at regional

BY FPSN SPORTS DESK

CULLEOKA UNIT SCHOOL ATHLETICS

3rd	10th	41-25 • 45-22	39-7 • 48-11
HS COED CHEER • BIRMINGHAM	OF 52 • RILEY	MS BASKETBALL	MS HOMECOMING
NATIONALS BID	GIRLS INDIVIDUAL REGIONAL	AT LEOMA • MON., NOV. 9	VS. CHRIST LIFE

CHEER: THIRD IN BIRMINGHAM, ON TO DISNEY

Culleoka High School's coed cheer team is headed to nationals. The squad placed third in the High School Coed Cheer Team division at a competition in Birmingham and earned a bid to nationals at Walt Disney World, according to Culleoka Unit School Athletics.

BOWLING: RILEY 10TH IN A FIELD OF 52

Addison Kate Riley finished 10th out of 52 bowlers at the High School Girls' Individual Regional Bowling Tournament. Only the top six advanced to the state tournament.

Riley is one of four Culleoka students who bowl for Columbia Central High School, coached by Randy Cook. The others are Levi Davis, Andrew Glasco and Wyatt Clemenshaw. The boys' individual regional qualifier is Monday, Nov. 16.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL: TWO WINS AT LEOMA

Culleoka Middle School won twice at Leoma on Monday, Nov. 9, 41-25 and 45-22, according to final scores the school posted. The post pictured a girls player and a boys player but did not say which score went with which team.

Culleoka's varsity basketball seasons open Tuesday, Nov. 17.

HOMECOMING: MIDDLE SCHOOL TEAMS SWEEP CHRIST LIFE

Culleoka Middle School's basketball teams swept Christ Life Academy at their homecoming on Thursday, Nov. 12. The Lady Warriors won 39-7, and the Warriors won 48-11.

SANTA FE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Santa Fe Middle boys roll to 9-0

BY FPSN SPORTS DESK

SANTA FE SCHOOL ATHLETICS

9-0	49-21	50-29	39-26
SFMS BOYS RECORD	BOYS • AT MT. PLEASANT	BOYS • VS. BATTLE CREEK	LADY WILDCATS
	THURSDAY		VS. BATTLE CREEK

BOYS: PERFECT START HEADS INTO DISTRICT PLAY

Santa Fe Middle School's boys basketball team is still unbeaten. The Wildcats won 49-21 at Mt. Pleasant on Thursday to improve to 9-0, according to Santa Fe School Athletics.

That came after a 50-29 win over Battle Creek earlier in the week that made them 8-0.

Next up is the first district game of the season: Santa Fe hosts defending district champion Eagleville on Monday, Nov. 16.

GIRLS: LADY WILDCATS TOP BATTLE CREEK

The Santa Fe Middle School girls beat Battle Creek 39-26, the school's athletics page reported.

CULLEOKA THIS WEEK

NOV. 16–21 • GIRLS / BOYS BASKETBALL

HIGH SCHOOL

Tue., Nov. 17	at Forrest (varsity openers)	6 / 7:30 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 20	at Zion Christian	6 / 7:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mon., Nov. 16	at Cornersville	6 / 7 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 19	vs. Hampshire	6 / 7:15 p.m.

From the schedules on page 10A (CoachT.com and TSSAA). Confirm times with the school.

SANTA FE THIS WEEK

NOV. 16–21 • BASKETBALL AND BOWLING

HIGH SCHOOL

Mon., Nov. 16	Bowling: boys individuals, Tenn Pin Alley	10 a.m.
Tue., Nov. 17	Basketball at Cornersville	6 / 7:30 p.m.
Tue., Nov. 17	Bowling at Franklin Co.	3:15 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 20	Basketball vs. Perry County	6 / 7:30 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Mon., Nov. 16	vs. Eagleville District opener, per Santa Fe School Athletics	
Thu., Nov. 19	vs. Poplar Grove Per TSSAA school schedule	6 / 7:30 p.m.

From the schedules on page 10A and the school's post. Confirm times with the school.

Compiled from recent social media posts by Culleoka Unit School Athletics and Santa Fe School Athletics. Bowlers' names as posted by the school.

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