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Halloween night delivers a matchup so good it's scary as Dalton and Northwest Whitfield each try to carve out a place in the race for the state playoffs — but one team will be going home empty-handed on Friday.

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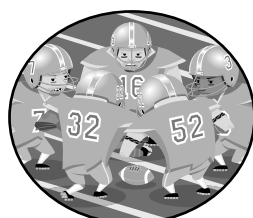


THE TWO-MINUTE DRILL



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Harmon Field hosts another big game when Northwest Whitfield comes to town Friday.

The field on Crawford St.



INSIDE THE huddle

This year's highly anticipated season finale between the Dalton Catamounts and Northwest Whitfield Bruins will be played on a certain field at the corner of Crawford and Cappes. We're talking, of course, about Harmon Field, which has hosted plenty of big games over the years, including two of the past three Bruins-Cats games. Dalton athletic director Ronnie McClurg recently

talked about what makes Harmon Field what it is:

"Harmon Field is a very special place to play. It all starts with the fans and the tailgating. The quarterback club does a great job with that. Every Friday night we have a packed house of spectators who are fans of Catamount football.

"As far as the preparation of the field, we are very fortunate and blessed to have Trammel Lawn Care — based out of Cedartown — contracted to our facility. They do a wonderful job of painting, striping and cutting Harmon Field. They do a fantastic job and I think, because of them, we have as good of a facility as anyone in football. I wouldn't trade Harmon Field for anything. It's such a beautiful site on Friday night. Also, Palmer Griffin, who is the maintenance operation director for the school system, Belinda Parish and Debra Holebrook all work together to make sure the place is clean from A to Z. If we have any particular maintenance problem we just call them. They're terrific.

"At a lot of schools, the field is maintained by coaches, so we feel very blessed. All our coaches have to worry about is coaching."

— As told to Adam Krohn

Five thoughts for this week ...

■ As is the case with most Friday nights each fall, I already have plans for this week. But if I could check out any game in Northwest Georgia this week, simply as a spectator, that didn't involve Dalton and Northwest Whitfield? I'd venture Ridgeland's matchup at LaFayette will be a pretty good one. Both have potentially explosive offenses and it's for the No. 1 seed in Region 6-3A Division "A," which comes with the right to host the region title game next week. Sounds like an entertaining evening.

■ And concerning 6-3A, I officially have no idea what's going on in Division "B." Things were semi- topsy-turvy in that sub-region for a while, with Central Carroll, typically a lightweight, surprising some folks — the Lions came close the past two weeks against Cartersville and Carrollton, traditionally strong programs — but Cedartown was shockingly bad in the win-loss column most of the season before topping Haralson County, then pulling a 35-14 stunner last week against Cartersville.

■ I do know this. If you understand the region playoff process



FIVE-STEP drop

in 7-4A, well, you understand it in 6-3A. (Don't have the space to get too deep into it here, but the top seeds from each sub-region are guaranteed first-round hosts for the state playoffs, while the Nos. 2 and 3 seeds fight it out for the road berths). The major difference is in who the odd team out matches up with during the region playoff week and who travels where. In 7-4A, "A" goes to "B," while the opposite's true in 6-3A.

■ One of the great things about Friday's Dalton-Northwest matchup? You're almost guaranteed at least one play you'll talk about for years to come if you're a fan of either team.

■ Wondering who Dalton or Northwest would see first if either makes the state playoffs? Likely candidates are Loganville and Clarke Central, Nos. 1 and 2 and holding in Region 8-4A.

— Marty Kirkland

FAN OF THE WEEK



■ **Name:** Kara Harris
 ■ **Age:** 8
 ■ **Hometown:** Dalton
 ■ **Favorite team:** Georgia Bulldogs
 ■ **Alma mater:** Eastside Elementary
 ■ **She said it:** "Reach for the stars, never give up."

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Southeast cheerleading captain Kelsey Fowler, 17, led her squad in a cheer after participating in the school's homecoming festivities at halftime of last week's game against LaFayette.

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■ **ABOUT THE COVER:** "It's Halloween. Everyone deserves one good scare." Well, that's what Sheriff Brackett told Laurie Strode in John Carpenter's 1978 horror classic, "Halloween," but with the holiday on a football Friday, area fans are no doubt hoping their frights happen off the gridiron. It's particularly true for Dalton and Northwest Whitfield supporters — the losing side's postseason hopes will disappear like a ghost.

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Frighteningly clear

Bruins, Cats know what's on the line in rivalry showdown

BY LARRY FLEMING

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The winner of Friday night's Region 7-4A Division "A" football showdown between rivals Northwest Whitfield and Dalton at Harmon Field is not guaranteed a spot in the state playoffs, but the loser will absolutely not make the postseason.

So if the intense rivalry is not enough to get players' blood boiling, the high stakes of the game — the winner can gain a state playoff berth by winning its region playoff game on Nov. 7 — certainly should.

"This is the first time I can remember since the teams have been in the same (region) that one of us will be knocked out of the playoffs by the other," Northwest coach Mike Falleur said. "It's the game that will determine which team will get (Division "A"'s No. 3 seed for the region playoffs), so that adds a little bit more to the game than in the past.

"On top of everything else, I don't know a game in this area that draws as much attention from people as this one. I haven't seen one that even comes close."

The Dalton Catamounts (6-2 overall, 3-2 in 7-4A "A") hold a commanding 24-5 lead in the series, with the foundation of that dominance on their wins in 13 of the first 14 meetings. They've also taken the last three,

during which Dalton has held the Bruins (5-3, 3-2) to a total of 10 points while scoring 37. Dalton's highest single-game output in that stretch was 14 points.

Who knows how Friday's game will unfold?

"I have no idea," Dalton coach Adam Winegarden said. "It's funny, there have been years when it has been a high-scoring game and years with low-scoring games."

But there's no escaping the game's significance.

"It has big implications," Winegarden said. "They're the same for both schools. Each team has to win to go to the playoffs. It is what it is. It's do-or-die for both schools. Add to that the fact it's always a great game for both communities and it should be a great atmosphere on Friday."

Dalton won 53-0 in 1980 and 40-0 in 1988 and 35-0 in 2001. The Bruins won 7-0 in 1989 and the Cats posted a 13-6 win to get the rivalry started in 1976. In 2004, Dalton tied its third-highest point output in the series and lost to the Bruins, 38-35, in the series' highest-scoring game.

"I don't see either team scoring a lot of points, but I could be wrong," Falleur said.

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Dalton's Adam Winegarden, in midst of team, has called plays against Northwest Whitfield for years, but Friday will mark his first game as a head coach against the Bruins.

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1983 — Northwest 17, Dalton 7	1993 — Dalton 21, Northwest 16	2007 — Dalton 14, Northwest 7
1984 — Dalton 14, Northwest 10	1998 — Northwest 13, Dalton 7	— Source: ghsfha.org

CATAMOUNTS SPOTLIGHT: *Shaquon Moore*

To the top of the charts

Junior area's best rusher

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Shaquon Moore has proven his point.

"I can run the football," Dalton's junior fullback said.

Point taken.

Moore, a 6-foot, 185-pounder who can run inside or outside with equal effectiveness, has rushed for 757 yards — he averages 6.9 yards per carry — and 14 touchdowns for the Cata-mounts (6-2, 3-2) heading into their Region 7-4A showdown against bitter rival Northwest Whitfield at Harmon Field.

In addition to his running prowess, Moore is dangerous catching passes out of the backfield. He has caught eight passes for 139 yards, an average of 17.4 yards per reception, and two more touchdowns. And he has the ability to turn a short screen pass into a huge gainer.

Simply put, Moore can be a punishing up-the-gut runner, or he can dazzle heavy-footed linemen with his jitterbug moves to the outside and scorch defensive backs with speed.

"Shaquon is definitely a playmaker," Dalton coach Adam Winegarden said. "There are not many weaknesses in his game. He's got a great attitude, very coachable, a good leader on our offense. We use multiple formations on offense and we try to get the ball to him however we can so he can make plays."

Winegarden uses Moore

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in some of the same ways he utilized the talent of Cameron Hudson during the 2006 and 2007 seasons. Get Hudson in space and a lot of good things could happen — the same is true with Moore.

In the Cats' 36-14 victory over Woodland on Sept. 26, in which they piled up 314 yards of total offense and won their fifth straight game to open the season, Moore rushed for 171 yards — all but 10 of Dalton's total against the visiting Wildcats — and touchdowns of 2, 2 and 53 yards. He also snared a pass from quarterback Stryker Brown and turned it into a 53-yard score.

"While we try to get the ball to Shaquon in some ways like we did Cameron, Shaquon is a different type player and we do different things with him," Winegarden said. "But we definitely find ways to get him the ball."

One aspect of Moore's game that Winegarden likes is his consistency.

"From the Calhoun game (the season opener) to last week, he's been steady the whole way," Winegarden said. "Staying healthy is a

big thing with Shaquon. He was banged up quite a bit as a sophomore and at some times this year. When he's full go, he's a force."

In the offseason, one of Moore's objectives is to add about 10 to 15 pounds to bulk up his frame, which would serve him well in his role as the team's workhorse. In eight games, Moore has averaged touching the ball 16 times.

"I'd like to be a little bigger for running inside," Moore said. "Next year I definitely want to be bigger, probably somewhere around 195. That would be good for me."

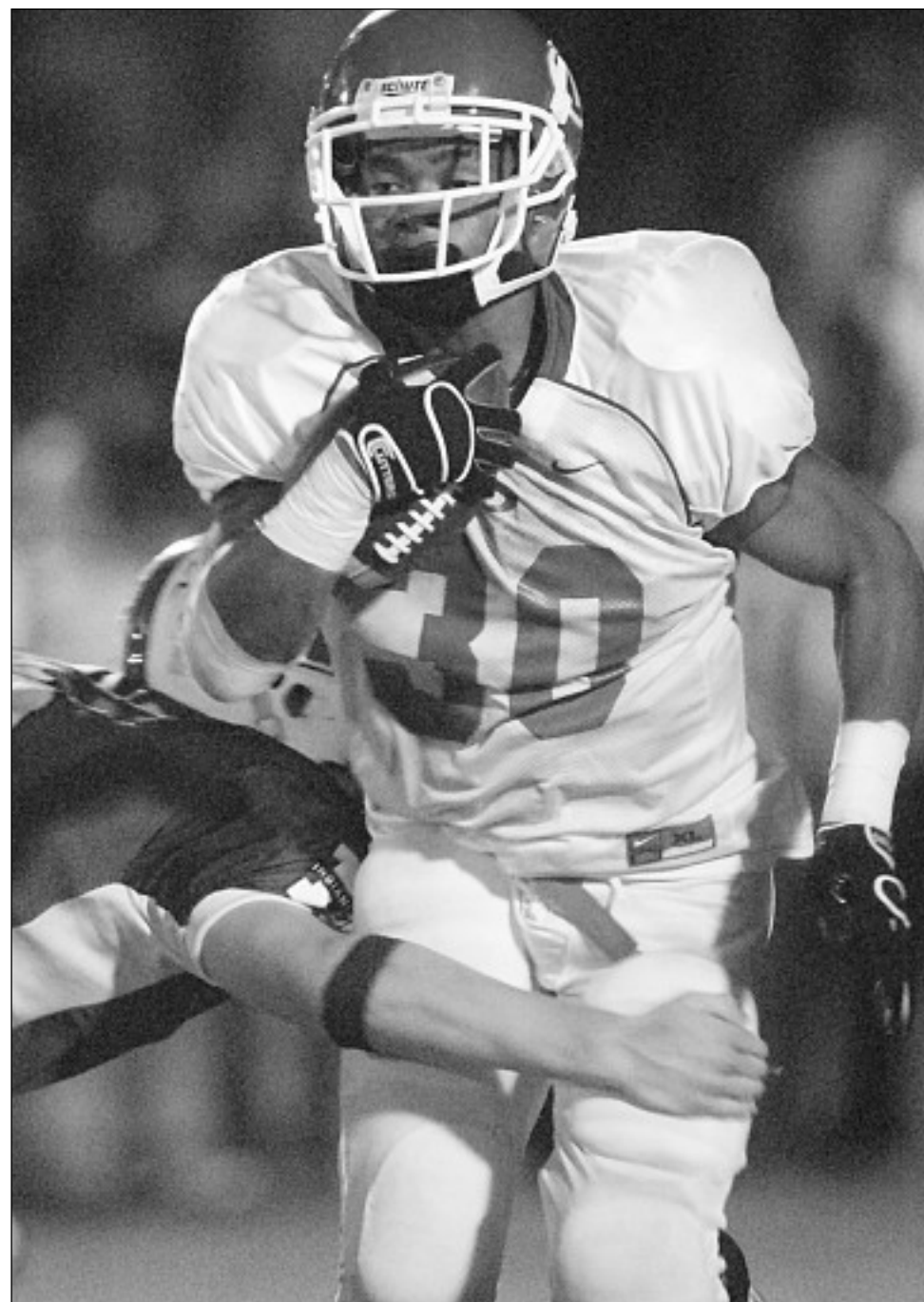
Winegarden said Moore adding weight might be difficult.

"He's always on the go," the coach said. "He also plays basketball, but if he can add weight, that's fine with me. The more he matures, and with another year in the weight room, he'll get better."

Something else Moore has going for him, a trait all outstanding backs seem to have, is superb vision.

"Coaches always talk about my vision as a runner," he said. "They tell me God gave me the ability to do what I need to do on the football field. Maybe that's why I've become a pretty good runner. I know I'm a lot better than I was last year. I didn't do so well early last year because I was so nervous starting. That doesn't bother me now."

And it shows.



MATT HAMILTON/The Daily Citizen

Dalton High's Shaquon Moore has often been a hard player for opposing defenses to wrap up this season, during which he's rushed for 757 yards and 14 touchdowns. He's also been a receiving threat out of the backfield, adding eight catches for 139 yards and two more touchdowns.

Game: Cats have won past three

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“Both teams have the potential to score points, but both teams are pretty good defensively. I just don’t see it being a 38-35 type game, but more like in the low 20s to teens.”

Neither team comes into this year’s game on a high. After a 5-0 start, Dalton has dropped two of its last three games to Rome and Sequoyah, the top two teams in Region 7-4A. In between, the Cats knocked off Cass, 42-7.

Dalton scored a combined 37 points against the Chiefs and Wolves, but its proud defense yielded 79, including 28 in the second half to Rome last week after the Cats built a 23-13 half-time lead.

The Bruins limp in having lost back-to-back games to Rome and Sequoyah, managing just 13 points in those two setbacks and allowing the Wolves and Chiefs 34 total points.

“We’re struggling offensively,” Falleur said. “And Dalton, of all the teams we play, is very well-coached, they’re always where they should be, they play hard and are good tacklers. We’re not going to trick them. We have to be sound, stick with what we do, and drive the football on them.”

By now, each team knows the other one extremely well.

Dalton is aware that quarterback Dean Haynes triggers the Bruins’ offense as the team’s leading rusher and passer and anchors the secondary from his free safety slot. The Cats also are aware that Romeo Williams is a ball-hawking cornerback with four defensive touchdowns — three interceptions and one blocked punt — this season and that linebacker Zac Baker patrols the middle defense and end Nermin Delic has the ability to create havoc on the defensive front.

Northwest is cognizant of

Shaquon Moore’s versatility — Dalton’s junior fullback has rushed for an area-leading 757 yards (a 6.9-yards per carry average) and is the Cats’ fourth leading receiver with 139 yards while accounting for 16 touchdowns, the same as Haynes.

The Bruins must account for safety Carter Crutchfield’s whereabouts in the secondary and where he lines up on offense, because he’s the Cats’ leading receiver with 13 catches for 226 yards

The Bruins also know that quarterback Stryker Brown can beat them running or throwing.

The Bruins also have to minimize the defensive impact of linebacker Garren Palmer, who leads the area with 109 tackles, and the disruptive force that is 6-foot-4, 230-pound sack-happy defensive end Jalen Fields.

“We’re ready to play,” Moore said. “This is our big rivalry. We’re pumped.”



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The play of Northwest Whitfield quarterback Dean Haynes, shown outrunning Sequoyah defenders during last week’s 10-7 loss to the Chiefs, will be key for the Bruins as they try to pick up a crucial Region 7-4A Division “A” win at Dalton.

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BRUINS SPOTLIGHT: *Romeo Williams*

18 and he likes it

All-purpose threat does little things well, makes big impact

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Northwest Whitfield coaches have gotten exactly what they wanted out of Romeo Williams this season — a lot.

Especially on defense.

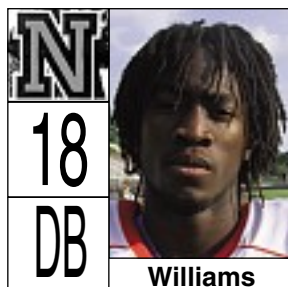
In eight games, Williams has been credited with 47 tackles, three interceptions, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery for defensive coordinator Josh Robinson's unit. Clearly, he'll be one the key players when Northwest takes on archrival Dalton on Friday night at Harmon Field in a game with playoff implications.

On offense, Williams, who plays behind starting running back Drew Smith, has added a combined 63 yards rushing and receiving this season.

"We all expected a lot from him before the season started," Northwest coach Mike Falleur said of the 5-foot-8, 155-pound Williams, a senior and two-year starter in the secondary. "If the other team had a receiver we needed to put somebody on, Romeo was going to be that guy. If we wanted someone more involved against the run, he would be that guy too."

"He's done all that we've expected him to do, which is a good thing for us."

Williams got off to a flying start in the Bruins' season-opening 53-0 win over Southeast. He blocked a punt, picked it up and



scrambled 5 yards for a touchdown. He also intercepted two passes, returning one 60 yards for a touchdown. In the Bruins' 35-7 victory over Cass on Oct. 3, Williams got his third interception of the season, returning it 40 yards for his third defensive touchdown of the season.

"Southeast and Cass are my two best games this season," Williams said. "I got the interceptions in those games."

Williams isn't about to take sole credit for the three picks this season, because he realizes everything in the Bruins' defensive puzzle have to come together for anyone to wind up with any sort of turnover.

"We always try to pressure the quarterback for one thing," Williams said. "And I want to leave enough room between me and a receiver for the quarterback to think he can make the completion. And when I get an interception, it's a great feeling. Returning them for touchdowns is an even greater feeling."

Williams has always had a knack for being able to

make defensive plays. He had two interceptions each in his sophomore and junior seasons, giving him seven in his career with at least two games remaining this year.

"Romeo is one of those guys who plays the game the way it's supposed to be played, and that's hard," Falleur said. "He's not big, but pound-for-pound he's as physical as any player on this team. He'll get after you."

There's more to playing defense than just instincts, though.

"You can't always say why or how he knows where the ball is going to be, but Romeo does a great job preparing during the week for what he's going to see in the game," Falleur said. "If coaches do a good job in letting the kids know what's coming and the player listens, those things certainly help."

"There's not a real secret to this. You prepare for what you are likely to see and go out and do what you're supposed to do."

Robinson said Williams is invaluable.

"It's a team game, sure," Robinson said, "but the things he does for us is special. What he does on special teams is unbelievable. So many times he's the guy we design things around."

"He's got four defensive touchdowns and that's 28 points and you don't even have your offense on the field. That's a special player."



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Northwest Whitfield's Romeo Williams, in helmet, accepted congratulations from teammates including Aren Ivester (41) after blocking a punt, scooping up the football and taking it to the end zone in a season-opening victory at Southeast. The senior has continued to be an all-purpose threat for the Bruins.

INDIANS SPOTLIGHT: *Dustin Anderson*

Stepping in and up

Sophomore was ready to go when Indians needed him

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Though Murray County has struggled to dent the win column since opening this season with a victory, there are always positives for the Indians to use toward next year.


One bright spot is running back Dustin Anderson.

Only a sophomore, Anderson was supposed to use this year to gain experience on the practice field and with the junior varsity team and gain an understanding for what life would be like on the varsity. He was content filling that role.

Unfortunately for Murray County, a string of injuries hit the Indians' backfield, sending starters Jacob Bajer and Jake White and reserve Zac Dills to the sideline. Three weeks ago at Rome when White — also a sophomore — got hurt, Murray coach Josh Lowe was running short on options. He had no choice but to go with the inexperienced Anderson, but he expected his young running back to be ready.

"We'd had our depth charts set for some time so he knew he was next in line if someone went down," Lowe said. "That's how we'd practiced and prepared, so he knew he was one play away from being on the field."

Lowe called Anderson's name late in the first quarter, telling him it was his time to step into a bigger role.

	
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"I thought, 'This is my chance to show them what I have,'" Anderson said. "I was kind of nervous because it was a big game and (Rome) is really good. When I went in, I told myself to just stay calm and do what I know to do and what I've been taught to do."

With that, Anderson went to work. And he didn't disappoint.

Late in the fourth quarter, his 11-yard touchdown run prevented a shutout, an effort that even drew applause from Wolves fans.

"It was a play where the center leads and I just run up the middle," said Anderson of his first varsity score. "I was real excited. It was a rough game for us and I was just glad that we were able to get some points on the board."

"We were feeling it on that drive and I figured, hey, we've gone all the way down the field, so here is our chance to score."

Anderson's touchdown run capped a six-minute, 72-yard drive and he finished with 41 yards rushing yards on nine carries.

But Anderson was only getting started.

The following week in Chatsworth against Woodland, Anderson broke a scoreless tie late in the first quarter with a 6-yard run, helping his team to a 14-7 halftime lead. When the final horn sounded, Anderson had more than doubled his rushing yardage from the previous week with 92 yards on 16 carries.

As was the case against Rome, Anderson prevented another Indians shutout last week against Cass with a fourth-quarter touchdown run covering 55 yards.

"Maybe I was surprised with the early success," said Lowe of the touchdowns. "But I wasn't surprised that he was ready to play, not with his work ethic. He puts in a lot of effort, he enjoys football and he works hard."

In three games, Anderson has three rushing touchdowns, tying him for the team lead with fellow sophomore Mickey Guerrero, who like Anderson, joined the backfield rotation later in the season because of the injuries.

It's no wonder the two have clicked so well in the backfield. They've been teammates since their middle school days at Bagley and are close friends off the field.

"We hang out all the time," Anderson said. "It's exciting to play beside each other. We always have, just not at the varsity level."



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Murray County coach Josh Lowe, far left, has trusted Dustin Anderson, next to Lowe, with a bigger workload in the backfield late in the season and the sophomore has given the offense some fireworks in return. Anderson's 55-yard touchdown run was the Indians' lone score last week against Cass.

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RAIDERS SPOTLIGHT: *Josh Wilson*

Hello, Mr. Wilson!

First-year varsity starter gets up close, personal with QBs

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The 2008 season almost didn't happen for Southeast senior defensive end Josh Wilson.

After playing as a tight end last season on the junior varsity team, Wilson had grown tired of the day-to-day grind of football. The game had simply become boring.

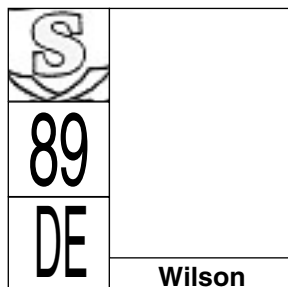
"He had decided he wasn't going to play his senior year," said Raiders coach David Crane, who was hired this spring following the resignation of Jon Lovin-good after two seasons.

That left Crane — whose primary goal was to increase the number of players from last year's team (37 at the end of 2007) — with the challenge of changing Wilson's mind.

Crane quickly went to work before last school year ended.

"He pulled me out of class and asked me why I wasn't planning on playing," Wilson said. "I told him that, to me, football just wasn't fun anymore. With him being the good guy that he is — a good, persuasive talker — he talked me into coming out to spring practice, which started the next day."

Wilson determined that Crane brought to Southeast a new sense of passion and a different style of coaching. After attending spring practice, Wilson discovered he still had a place in his heart for the rough-and-tumble sport.



"I came out for spring practice," Wilson said. "And I heard the whistle blow for the end of practice and I was like, is it over already? Coach had made practice so much fun. And over the summer, we had a midnight practice and that was fun."

And the season continues to be fun for Wilson, who, for the first time in his prep career, is a varsity starter.

Last week against LaFayette, he had his biggest game of the season, recording sacks on consecutive plays in the second quarter. The Ramblers had started the possession in great position around midfield. But thanks to Wilson, they suddenly faced third-and-30 and ultimately punted. Wilson's play on that series made Crane proud.

"It's rewarding as a coach, knowing Josh and what kind of a hard-working kid he is," Crane said. "He wasn't even going to play and here he is on senior homecoming night making two big plays."

Despite recording the sacks, Wilson saw his achievement as routine.

"It pretty much just felt

like another tackle," said Wilson, who is fifth on the team with 38 stops. He has also forced a fumble and recovered two.

But his nonchalant response to his performance is an overall reflection of his calm demeanor, of which Crane has taken notice.

"One thing about Josh is he doesn't get rattled," Crane said. "He stays the same and plays hard no matter the down or distance. He gives a consistent effort every time."

Wilson's humble approach to such a violent sport comes in part from another hobby — enjoying the outdoors. His favorite activity is fishing. For him, the outdoors provide a release.

"It's just time to be by myself, relax and recollect on things that have happened and are going to happen in the future," he said. "Being outside is what I have always loved to do."

Years from now, Wilson may look back and recall the decision to give football a second chance.

"Oh, I would have regretted (not playing)," he said. "That would have been horrible. It would have made my senior year really bad. I'm glad I chose to play."


"Even though we may not have a good record, we've gotten better each week and we stick together no matter what. I really do enjoy playing with the guys we have on this team right now."



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Josh Wilson (89) has made the most of his decision to stick out football for one final season and turned in two sacks on back-to-back plays last week.

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Chito Chibuye, NW	76	398	5.2	1
Drew Smith, NW	43	378	8.8	4
Chris White, DAL	63	349	5.5	5
Tre Beck, DAL	55	318	5.8	2
Austin Williams, MC	101	287	2.8	1
Mike Martin, NW	29	252	8.7	3
Stryker Brown, DAL	50	225	4.5	1
Dustin Anderson, MC	34	221	6.5	3
Jake White, MC	47	187	3.9	0
Tanner McCutcheon, SE	39	180	4.6	1
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PASSING

	COM	ATT	YDS	TD	INT
Tanner McCutcheon, SE	110	224	1,185	8	20
Stryker Brown, DAL	54	96	827	7	4
Dean Haynes, NW	54	102	666	2	2
Austin Williams, MC	28	64	291	4	4

RECEIVING

	REC	YDS	AVG	TD
Jeremy Bishop, SE	34	399	11.7	3
Damond O'Neal, SE	32	357	11.1	1
Carter Crutchfield, DAL	13	226	17.4	1
Zach Harper, SE	18	201	11.2	2
Tevin Collins, DAL	10	188	18.8	2
Wesley Bell, NW	10	176	17.6	1

Caleb Moore, SE	15	171	11.4	1
Drew Smith, NW	14	142	10.1	0
Tre Beck, DAL	10	141	14.1	0
Shaquon Moore, DAL	8	139	17.4	2
Clayton Geary, NW	10	131	13.1	1
Luke Mealer, MC	7	116	16.6	3
Nermin Delic, NW	4	90	22.5	0
Chris White, DAL	9	74	8.2	0
Jordan Darnell, NW	5	71	14.2	0
Mickey Guerrero, MC	6	62	10.3	0
Zac Dills, MC	5	53	10.6	1
Reaves Coker, DAL	2	49	24.5	0

SCORING

	TD	XP	FG	TOT
Shaquon Moore, DAL	16	0	0	96
Dean Haynes, NW	14	1	0	86
Carmelo Apodaca, SE	6	0	0	36
Jose Garcia, DAL	0	30	2	36
Beau Blackwood, DAL	5	0	0	30
Drew Smith, NW	4	0	0	24
Chris White, DAL	4	0	0	24
Romeo Williams, NW	4	0	0	24
Luke Mealer, MC	4	0	0	24
Oscar Solarzano, NW	0	19	0	19
Mike Martin, NW	3	0	0	18
Jeremy Bishop, SE	3	0	0	18
Mickey Guerrero, MC	3	0	0	18
Tre Beck, DAL	3	0	0	18
Michael Lopez, MC	0	8	2	14
Jesus Serna, SE	0	7	2	13
Chad Keeter, NW	2	0	0	12
Tevin Collins, DAL	2	0	0	12
Zach Harper, SE	2	0	0	12
Damond O'Neal, SE	1	2	0	8
Austin Williams, MC	1	1	0	8
Clayton Geary, NW	1	0	0	6
Stryker Brown, DAL	1	0	0	6
Jason McFarland, SE	1	0	0	6

Jordan Darnell, NW	1	0	0	6
Wesley Bell, NW	1	0	0	6
Zac Dills, MC	1	0	0	6
Dustin Anderson, MC	1	0	0	6
Chito Chibuye, NW	1	0	0	6
Tanner McCutcheon, SE	1	0	0	6
Carter Gillean, SE	1	0	0	6
Reaves Coker, DAL	1	0	0	6
Zach Sloan, NW	0	1	0	2
Josh West, SE	0	1	0	2
Zac Baker, NW	0	1	0	2
Julio Mora, DAL	0	1	0	1
Carlos Ojeda, SE	0	1	0	1

PUNTING

	NO	YDS	AVG
Ben Crump, MC	22	767	34.9
Drew Smith, NW	22	701	31.9
Toombs Norman, DAL	17	499	29.3
Carlos Ojeda, SE	6	182	30.3
Jason McFarland, SE	12	281	23.4

DEFENSE

	TAC	FF	FR	INT
Garren Palmer, DAL	109	1	0	1
Zack Sneed, SE	91	3	1	1
Zac Baker, NW	89	1	3	0
Jay Motley, NW	84	0	1	0
Ethan Watson, MC	79	0	1	0
Carmelo Apodaca, SE	71	3	1	0
Carlos Prieto, DAL	67	0	3	0
Jalen Fields, DAL	59	1	0	0
Blake Thornton, NW	58	1	0	0
Martin Self, DAL	58	0	0	0
Zac Dills, MC	54	0	0	0
Justin White, NW	54	3	0	0
Justin Adams, NW	54	0	0	0
Chris Quarles, NW	53	0	1	0

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THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Northwest (5-3, 3-2) at Dalton (6-2, 3-2)

■ **WHEN:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **WHERE:** Harmon Field, Dalton
 ■ **COST:** \$7
 ■ **RADIO:** WBLJ-1230 AM (Northwest Whitfield); WYYU-104.5 FM (Dalton)
 ■ **LAST WEEK:** Northwest lost to Sequoyah, 10-7; Dalton lost to Rome, 41-23
 ■ **LAST TIME:** Dalton beat Northwest, 14-7, OT (2007)
 ■ **THE SERIES:** Dalton leads, 24-5
 ■ **COACHES:** Mike Falleur, Northwest (45-28, seventh season); Adam Winegarden, Dalton (6-2, first season)
 ■ **TOP PLAYERS:** Northwest — QB/DB Dean Haynes (Sr., 6-0, 180), LB Zac Baker (Sr., 6-1, 210), WR/DB Drew Smith (Sr., 6-0, 175); Dalton — FB Shaquon Moore (Jr., 6-0 185), OL Watts Dantzler (So., 6-6, 290), LB Garren Palmer (Sr., 6-2, 195)
 ■ **WHEN NORTHWEST HAS THE BALL:** Dean Haynes, Chito Chibuye and Drew Smith have combined for 1,416 yards rushing with 19 touchdowns. Collectively, they average 7 yards per carry. Haynes has added 666 yards passing with two touchdowns and Smith is the Bruins' second-leading receiver with 14 catches for 142 yards. Wesley Bell is the team's leading receiver with 10 catches for 176 yards and a touchdown. The Bruins have churned out 3,478 yards in total offense, including 2,737 on the ground.

■ **WHEN DALTON HAS THE BALL:** The Catamounts have the ability to strike quickly from just about anywhere on the field. If their speed backs get to the corner it's trouble for opposing defenses. Shaquon Moore is the area's leading rusher with 757 yards and 14 touchdowns. Chris White and Tre Beck have 349 and 318 yards rushing, respectively, and quarterback Stryker Brown has picked up 225. When Brown throws the football, he most often connects with Carter Crutchfield (12 catches, 226 yards) or one of his backfield mates — Beck (141 yards) Moore (139 yards) and White (74).

■ **DID YOU KNOW?:** Dalton won 13 of the first 14 games against Northwest Whitfield. Two of the Bruins' victories in the series came in 1998-99 by a combined score of 37-14. The Catamounts have won the last three meetings by a combined 37-10.

■ **QUOTE THAT:** "One of us will be knocked out of the playoffs, so this game means a bit more than what it has in the past. On top of everything else, I don't know of a game in this area that draws as much attention from people as this one. I haven't seen one that even comes close." — Northwest Whitfield coach Mike Falleur.

Murray County (1-7, 0-5) at Sequoyah (7-1, 4-1)

■ **WHEN:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **WHERE:** Skip Pope Stadium, Canton
 ■ **COST:** \$7
 ■ **RADIO:** None
 ■ **LAST WEEK:** Murray County lost to Cass, 30-7; Sequoyah beat Northwest Whitfield, 10-7
 ■ **LAST TIME:** Sequoyah beat Murray, 31-13 (2003)
 ■ **THE SERIES:** Sequoyah leads, 2-0
 ■ **COACHES:** Josh Lowe, Murray (1-17, second season); Sid Maxwell, Sequoyah (93-66, seventh season)
 ■ **TOP PLAYERS:** Murray — LB Ethan Watson (Sr., 6-0, 200), PK Michael Lopez (Sr., 5-9, 165), RB Mickey Guerrero (Jr., 6-0, 190); Sequoyah — LB Ben Farist (Sr., 6-3, 245), QB Ben Rogers (6-1, 160), RB Dalton Trevino (Jr., 5-10, 190)

■ **WHEN MURRAY HAS THE BALL:** Last week against Cass, Josh Lowe and his coaching staff had planned to run a more balanced offensive attack as opposed to the run-heavy approach they normally take. But rainy weather led to poor field conditions and the Indians were forced to abandon that plan. This week, weather permitting, look for them to make a second go at using a balanced attack. Starting quarterback Austin Williams will be out this week with an injury, so backup James Hefner will step in and start in his place for the second straight week. Look for Luke Mealer in the passing game and Mickey Guerrero and Dustin Anderson in the running game. Fullback Jake White is also questionable.

■ **WHEN SEQUOYAH HAS THE BALL:** The Chiefs have enjoyed a lot of success with a punch-you-in-the-mouth running attack led by Dominique Swope, who had been unstoppable against area teams Dalton and Northwest Whitfield, combining for 388 rushing yards and three touchdowns. In goal-line situations, quarterback Ben Rogers is a lock to run in for a score. If the Indians make a goal line stand, the Chiefs have a sure-shot kicker in sophomore Brett Snyder, who nailed a 33-yard field goal in last week's 10-7 win at Northwest Whitfield.

■ **DID YOU KNOW?:** The last meeting between the Indians and Chiefs in 2003 was actually a lot closer than the final 30-13 score. The Indians went into the fourth quarter trailing 16-13 against the heavily favored Chiefs, but a 21-yard pass from Cullen Harper to Michael Murphy, followed by a Curtis Andresko 55-yard interception return for another score sealed the deal for Sequoyah.

■ **QUOTE THAT:** "I think Sequoyah is the best team in the region this year." — Murray County coach Josh Lowe.



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For the second straight Friday night, Murray County will be without starting quarterback Austin Williams, above, who was injured by a hit late in the Indians' game against Woodland-Bartow on Oct. 17. The signal-calling duties will be entrusted to James Hefner once more as the Indians head to Sequoyah.

Southeast (1-7, 1-3) at LFO (3-5, 1-3)

■ **WHEN:** Friday, 7:30 p.m.
 ■ **WHERE:** Tommy Cash Stadium, Fort Oglethorpe
 ■ **COST:** \$7
 ■ **RADIO:** None
 ■ **LAST WEEK:** Southeast lost to LaFayette, 43-0; Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe lost to Ringgold, 20-7
 ■ **LAST TIME:** LFO beat Southeast, 28-13 (2007)
 ■ **THE SERIES:** LFO leads 15-13
 ■ **COACHES:** David Crane, Southeast (1-7, first season); Todd Windham, LFO (5-13, second season)
 ■ **TOP PLAYERS:** Southeast — OL Jimmy Nussbaumer (Sr., 6-0, 240), RB/LB Carmelo Apodaca (Sr., 5-9, 190), WR Jeremy Bishop (Jr., 5-11, 160); LFO — QB/WR/RB Cody Commons (Jr., 5-9, 165), RB LaGreg Burns (6-0, 205), DE Derek Laney (Jr., 6-2, 220)
 ■ **WHEN SOUTHEAST HAS THE BALL:** The Raiders have stuck to their guns this year with their up-tempo spread offense. Quarterback Tanner McCutcheon does a good job of spreading his passes to different receivers, including

Jeremy Bishop, Damond O'Neal, Zach Harper and Caleb Moore. Carmelo Apodaca and Kevin Southerland anchor the running game. Defensively, the Warriors will give the Raiders different looks as they are known to line up in both three- and four-man lines. The Raiders will have to be prepared to make adjustments.

■ **WHEN LFO HAS THE BALL:** Entering the season, Cody Commons was the Warriors' starting quarterback. But four weeks ago he suffered a shoulder injury that still lingers. For now, he serves primarily as a running back and wide receiver and is still an effective weapon the Raiders will have to account for. In Commons' place, Windham is rotating senior Dylan Jackson and sophomore Greg Burton. Windham describes the LFO offense as similar to that of the Raiders, as they too operate from the spread. LaGreg Burns serves as the team's primary running back.

■ **DID YOU KNOW?:** In his second year as coach of LFO, Todd Windham has directed his team to three victories, equaling the win total of the previous three years combined.

■ **QUOTE THAT:** "To me, based on the film I've seen, they look like a much better team than their record indicates." — LFO coach Todd Windham on Southeast.

REGION 7

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Division A

	Overall	Reg.	PF	PA
Rome	8-1	6-0	300	104
Sequoyah	7-1	4-1	218	101
Dalton	7-1	3-2	254	145
Northwest Whitfield	5-3	3-2	213	122
Woodland-Bartow	4-4	1-4	250	218
Cass	3-5	1-4	92	175
Murray County	1-7	0-5	89	326

Division B

	Overall	Reg.	PF	PA
Sprayberry	5-3	4-0	255	166
Hillgrove	5-3	3-1	187	115
Hiram	5-3	3-1	167	169
South Paulding	3-5	1-3	135	124
Paulding County	2-6	1-3	129	257
Osborne	1-7	0-4	75	247

REGION 6

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Division A

	Overall	Reg.	PF	PA
LaFayette	6-2	4-0	287	138
Ridgeland	6-2	4-0	202	132
Ringgold	3-5	2-2	202	171
Lakeview-FO	3-5	1-3	228	131
Southeast	1-7	1-3	130	299
Heritage-Catoosa	0-8	0-4	50	402

Division B

	Overall	Reg.	PF	PA
Carrollton	7-1	3-0	265	84
Central Carroll	4-5	2-2	178	169
Cedartown	3-5	2-1	176	231
Cartersville	5-3	1-2	181	188
Haralson County	1-7	0-3	136	272

CARROLLTON (7-1)

Westminster	L	24-7	Cartersville	W	21-3
Douglas County	W	17-14	Haralson County	W	52-6
Avondale	W	65-0	Central Carroll	W	21-14
Whitewater	W	24-23	Oct. 31 — at Cedartown		
Heritage-Catoosa	W	58-0	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

CARTERSVILLE (5-3)

Cass	W	25-20	Carrollton	L	21-3
Rockmart	W	39-28	Central Carroll	W	28-22
Calhoun	W	17-7	Cedartown	L	35-14
Westminster	L	48-21	Oct. 31 — at Haralson County		
LaFayette	W	34-7	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

CEDARTOWN (3-5)

Rockmart	W	21-12	Central Carroll	L	35-14
Pepperell	L	41-14	Haralson County	W	35-20
Coosa	L	19-14	Cartersville	W	35-14
Chattooga	L	48-22	Oct. 31 — Carrollton		
Ridgeland	L	42-21	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

CENTRAL CARROLL (4-5)

Villa Rica	L	34-0	Haralson County	W	28-14
Bremen	L	28-14	Cedartown	W	35-14
Northside Columbus	W	24-6	Cartersville	L	28-22
Coosa	W	27-7	Carrollton	L	21-14
Ringgold	L	17-14	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

HARALSON COUNTY (1-7)

Hillgrove	L	39-0	Central Carroll	L	28-14
Bowdon	L	42-14	Carrollton	L	52-6
West Laurens	L	24-21	Cedartown	L	35-20
Paulding County	L	27-12	Oct. 31 — Cartersville		
Southeast	W	49-25	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

HERITAGE-CATOOSA (0-8)

Sonorville	L	42-6	LaFayette	L	54-3
Gordon Central	L	49-9	LFO	L	64-0
Gordon Lee	L	40-7	Ridgeland	L	40-8
Southeast	L	55-17	Oct. 31 — at Ringgold		
Carrollton	L	58-0	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

LAFAYETTE (6-2)

North Paulding	W	50-15	Heritage-Catoosa	W	54-3
Trion	L	15-12	Ringgold	W	28-26
Murray County	W	57-14	Southeast	W	43-0
LFO	W	36-33	Oct. 31 — Ridgeland		
Cartersville	L	34-7	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

LAKEVIEW-FORT OGLETHORPE (3-5)

Coosa	L	19-12	Ridgeland	L	28-20
Gordon Lee	L	14-6	Heritage-Catoosa	W	64-0
North Paulding	W	56-14	Ringgold	L	20-7
LaFayette	L	65-0	Oct. 31 — Southeast		
Mt. Paran Christian	W	30-0	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

RIDGELAND (6-2)

Gordon Lee	W	10-6	Ringgold	W	28-26
Calhoun	L	28-8	Southeast	W	33-7
Darlington	L	16-13	Heritage-Catoosa	W	40-8
Cedartown	W	42-21	Oct. 31 — at LaFayette		
LFO	W	28-20	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

RINGGOLD (3-5)

Murphy, N.C.	L	48-27	Ridgeland	L	28-26
Adairsville	L	20-17	LaFayette	L	28-26
South Paulding	L	26-21	LFO	W	20-7
Central Carroll	W	17-14	Oct. 31 — Heritage-Catoosa		
Southeast	W	48-0	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

SOUTHEAST (1-7)

Northwest Whitfield	L	53-0	Ringgold	L	48-0
Model	L	20-14	Ridgeland	L	33-7
Sonorville	L	36-29	LaFayette	L	43-0
Heritage-Catoosa	W	55-17	Oct. 31 — at LFO		
Haralson County	L	49-25	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Carrollton at Cedartown
 Cartersville at Haralson County
 Heritage-Catoosa at Ringgold
 Ridgeland at LaFayette
 Southeast at LFO
 Cass at Woodland-Bartow
 Northwest Whitfield at Dalton
 Paulding County at Hillgrove
 Sprayberry at Hiram
 Murray County at Sequoyah
 Osborne at South Paulding
 (Central Carroll, Rome OFF)

CASS (3-5)

Cartersville	L	25-20	Dalton	L	42-7
South Paulding	W	6-3	Sequoyah	L	20-0
Hiram	W	22-15	Murray County	W	30-7
Rome	L	28-0	Oct. 31 — at Woodland		
Northwest Whitfield	L	35-7	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

DALTON (6-2)

Calhoun	W	30-7	Sequoyah	L	38-14
Sprayberry	W	34-14	Cass	W	42-7
South Paulding	W	28-14	Rome	L	43-21
Murray County	W	47-10	Oct. 31 — Northwest Whitfield		
Woodland-Bartow	W	36-14	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

HILLGROVE (5-3)

Haralson County	W	39-0	Osborne	W	27-3
Rome	L	21-7	Sprayberry	L	29-26
Sequoyah	L	28-6	Hiram	W	30-13
Decatur	W	35-15	Oct. 31 — Paulding County		
South Paulding	W	17-6	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

HIRAM (5-3)

Washington	W	27-19	South Paulding	W	7-3
Northwest Whitfield	W	21-14	Osborne	W	30-16
Cass	L	22-15	Hillgrove	L	30-13
Northgate	L	27-10	Oct. 31 — Sprayberry		
Paulding County	W	44-38	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

MURRAY COUNTY (1-7)

East Hall	W	17-13	Rome	L	63-8
Osborne	L	36-0	Woodland-Bartow	L	45-21
LaFayette	L	57-14	Cass	L	30-7
Dalton	L	47-10	Oct. 31 — at Sequoyah		
Northwest Whitfield	L	35-12	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

NORTHWEST WHITFIELD (5-3)

Southeast	W	53-0	Cass	W	35-7
Hiram	L	21-14	Rome	L	24-6
Sprayberry	W	21-20	Sequoyah	L	10-7
Woodland-Bartow	W	42-28	Oct. 31 — at Dalton		
Murray County	W	35-12	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

OSBORNE (1-7)

Pebblebrook	L	34-7	Hillgrove	L	27-3
Murray County	W	36-0	Hiram	L	30-16
Woodland-Bartow	L	48-0	Paulding County	L	16-0
Sandy Creek	L	42-7	Oct. 31 — at South Paulding		
Sprayberry	L	50-7	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

PAULDING COUNTY (2-6)

Pepperell	L	32-0	Sprayberry	L	56-7
Woodland-Bartow	L	48-21	South Paulding	L	17-10
Rome	L	48-10	Osborne	W	16-0
Haralson County	W	27-12	Oct. 31 — at Hillgrove		
Hiram	L	44-38	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

ROME (8-1)

East Paulding	L	10-7	Woodland-Bartow	W	42-19
Hillgrove	W	21-7	Murray County	W	63-8
Paulding County	W	48-10	Northwest Whitfield	W	24-6
Cass	W	28-0	Dalton	W	41-23
Sequoyah	W	26-21	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

SEQUOYAH (7-1)

Cherokee	W	24-7	Woodland-Bartow	W	42-7
Creekview	W	35-34	Cass	W	20-0
Hillgrove	W	28-6	Northwest Whitfield	W	10-7
Rome	L	26-21	Oct. 31 — Murray County		
Dalton	W	38-14	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

SOUTH PAULDING (3-5)

Allatoona	W	51-0	Hiram	L	7-3
Cass	L	6-3	Paulding County	W	17-10
Dalton	L	28-14	Sprayberry	L	35-15
Ringgold	W	26-21	Oct. 31 — Osborne		
Hillgrove	L	17-6	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

SPRAYBERRY (5-3)

Lassiter	L	42-28	Paulding County	W	56-7
Dalton	L	34-14	Hillgrove	W	29-26
Northwest Whitfield	L	21-20	South Paulding	W	35-15
Starr's Mill	W	23-14	Oct. 31 — at Hiram		
Osborne	W	50-7	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

WOODLAND-BARTOW (4-4)

Adairsville	W	41-14	Rome	L	42-19
Paulding County	W	48-21	Sequoyah	L	42-7
Osborne	W	48-0	Murray County	W	45-21
Northwest Whitfield	L	42-28	Oct. 31 — Cass		
Dalton	L	36-14	Nov. 7 — Region playoff		

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