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# Daniel High School



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2017 Daniel Lions

## Daniel High School Lions ready for 2017 season

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CENTRAL — No matter how you look at it, the Daniel Lions have had an off couple of seasons.

The traditional powerhouse with five state championships to their name went 6-6 last year under newly appointed Head Coach Jeff Fruster who replaced Randy Robinson last April.

The Lions kicked off

season 2017 on Aug. 18 at home against Berkeley. The game was coached by — you guessed it — Randy Robinson.

Breaking in a new coach is never an easy task — both for players and the staff — but Fruster had the advantage of not being a total newcomer.

He had been a player at Daniel from 1995 through 1998 before joining the coaching staff in 2006 as a line-

backer coach. In 2011, Fruster moved up to Defensive Coordinator before being offered the head job.

The 6-6 season can't be entirely blamed on having a new coach, at the end of the 2014 season Daniel graduated out a significant portion of their upper classmen players and were left sophomore heavy the following year.

In 2015, under Robinson, the Lions had their first losing season since 2006 and wrapped up the year with a frustrating 4-7 record.

But if the Lions are anything, they're predictable. The record books show a noticeable slump in the stats

every four years — followed by a massive rebound.

In 2010 they went 7-5 and in 2006 the Lions went 4-7 — but it's the

years in between where the story lies: Following that 4-7 season, Daniel went 11-2, 13-1 and 13-1 in the next three years.

After that 7-5? They went 11-2, 11-4 and 14-1.

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Daniel looking to turn up the heat.

### 2017 DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL LIONS STARTING ROSTER

| No. | Name              | Class | Position |
|-----|-------------------|-------|----------|
| 2   | Demarcus Jamison  | 11    | WR, CB   |
| 2   | Hampton Earle     | 11    | WR       |
| 4   | Kiandre Sims      | 11    | RB, WR   |
| 4   | Jackson Crosby    | 9     | QB       |
| 7   | Bryson Smith      | 12    | WR, FS   |
| 9   | Josiah Benson     | 9     | WR, FS   |
| 9   | Ben Batson        | 12    | QB       |
| 10  | Noah Lupton       | 11    | QB       |
| 12  | Camron Jones      | 11    | RB, CB   |
| 12  | Josh Mauldin      | 10    | CB, WR   |
| 12  | Dallas Odom       | 10    | QB       |
| 14  | Isaac Weaver      | 12    | WR, LS   |
| 15  | Jake Venables     | 12    | OLB, TE  |
| 19  | Billy Bruce       | 10    | RB, FS   |
| 20  | Nick Watt         | 10    | MLB, RB  |
| 20  | Romaun Myers      | 12    | MLB, RB  |
| 21  | Paris Gideon      | 12    |          |
| 22  | Hack Hamilton     | 10    | WR, CB   |
| 23  | Cameron Young     | 11    | C        |
| 23  | Isaiah Weaver     | 10    | OLB, SB  |
| 24  | Tyler Venables    | 10    | SS, QB   |
| 25  | Marnelius Cobb    | 12    | SS, RB   |
| 27  | Michael Becker    | 12    | FS, SS   |
| 29  | Bubba McAtee      | 10    | CB, WR   |
| 30  | Zeke Thompson     | 10    | DE       |
| 30  | Cam Fuller        | 12    | OLB      |
| 32  | Cody Barnes       | 10    | RB, TE   |
| 33  | Quinton Robinson  | 10    | CB, RB   |
| 33  | Jaylen Reese      | 12    | MLB, RB  |
| 40  | Jacob Delk        | 11    | DE, FB   |
| 48  | Tyland Mattison   | 12    | FB, RB   |
| 51  | Palmer Story      | 12    | DE       |
| 52  | Daymian Green     | 12    | G, DT    |
| 53  | Matt Monaghan     | 11    | MLB, G   |
| 55  | Dillon Bullock    | 12    |          |
| 56  | Jacob Bowman      | 10    | MLB, TE  |
| 57  | Cody Rollins      | 12    | C        |
| 59  | Miguel Vazquez    | 12    | NG, DE   |
| 62  | Trevor Collins    | 11    |          |
| 63  | Dylan Shiflett    | 11    | C        |
| 64  | Aaron Hester      | 10    | NG, T    |
| 72  | Donavan Morris    | 11    | DE, T    |
| 74  | Jay Barlow        | 12    |          |
| 75  | Matthew Alexander |       | DE       |
| 75  | Kahare Teasley    | 11    | T, G     |
| 75  | Ford Fagan        | 9     | C, DE    |
| 80  | Jake Medlin       | 10    | OLB, WR  |
| 84  | Ben Sawyer        | 12    | WR, FS   |
| 95  | Troy Johnson      | 11    | DE, LS   |
| 95  | Jared Kirksey     | 10    | DE       |
| 95  | Devin Sheldon     | 10    | G, DE    |



The Lions play Berkeley at home on Aug. 18.

### 2017 DANIEL HIGH SCHOOL LIONS SCHEDULE

Aug. 18: @ Berkeley  
Aug. 25: @ Easley  
Sept. 1: Seneca  
Sept. 8: Greer  
Sept. 15: @Westside  
Sept. 29: Wren\*  
Oct. 6: Ninety Six  
Oct. 13: @ Belton-Honea Path\*  
Oct. 20: @ Greenville\*  
Oct. 27: Pickens\*  
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# Easley High School



Easley High Roster on page 8

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Easley began its 2017 year with traditional rival, Pickens. Although the Blue Flame has been an “easy win” in recent years, like Easley, the Blue Flame mean business this year.

## Time for Easley High School to shine

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EASLEY — This year is shaping up to be a make or break season for Easley High School Green Wave football as fans are eager to shake off their hit or miss reputation and finally delve back into being a football team with a serious eye on a state championship. Expectations were high when Easley High School Athletic Director Gil Payne announced John Windham would be taking the coaching helm in 2015. But since then, the team has skated by with a 6-5 record in Windham’s first year, followed by a losing 5-6 record in his second.

Basically, there have been too many “close calls” for fans to gain any real encouragement despite talk that the team in on its way back to glory. Easley’s 5-6 season in 2016 did have its highlights. A blowout 49-32 win against powerhouse Wren set the stage for what was expected to be a landslide victory throughout the remainder of the season. A string of bad luck, combined with player injuries set the Green Wave back while Coach Windham implemented his new playbook. The question remain will fans be patient enough to let him “do his thing” as his third year unfolds. “I love Easley football and I’ve been coming to

games since 1987,” said Bill Capshaw. “I think the teams’s going in the right direction, but then again, I thought that for a few years now and it’s frustrating we’re not advancing.” Capshaw said he’s seen a change in the fan base over the past several years with more and more of the high school crowd disappearing. “When you look out into the crowd it’s not today’s kids out there cheering them, it’s the graduates from 20, 30 years ago,” he said. “We need to get these kids today back into some school pride.” Easley began its 2017 year with tradi-



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Coach John Windham is entering his third year at the helm of Easley football.

tional rival, Pickens. But although the Blue Flame has been an “easy win” in recent years, Easley fans would do well to approach Friday’s game with caution — like Easley, the Blue Flame mean business this year.

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### 2017 EASLEY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY SCHEDULE

Aug. 18: Pickens  
Aug. 25: Daniel  
Sept. 1: @ Belton-Honea Path  
Sept. 8: @ Wren  
Sept. 15: Seneca  
Sept. 22: @ Greenville

Sept. 29: @T.L. Hanna\*  
Oct. 6: Westside\*  
Oct. 20: @ Woodmont\*  
Oct. 27: Mann\*  
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# Liberty High School



Liberty opens with Walhalla on Aug. 25.

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## Liberty set to capitalize on strong 2016 season

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LIBERTY — Liberty Red Devil football shocked the Upstate last season when the team made a deep playoff run for top honors — something the team hadn't done in nearly 40 years.

Liberty's hot streak came to an end in the quarter-finals at the hands of Saluda but by its conclusion, the team had cracked the top 100 in the state and earned a new reputation as a team to be taken seriously.

The 2016 season included notable wins against Pendleton, Blue Ridge and Walhalla.

So, what's next for the Red Devils? *More.*

The 2017 roster is upper classmen heavy and Head Coach Kyle Stewart has plenty of experienced players returning to key positions including crowd favorites Austin Epps, Garrett Fricks, Hunter Powell and Kevon Tabron.

Only two freshman made the Varsity team this year: outside line backer Elijah Smith and running back Shaimaine Jamison.

Overall, Liberty went 8-5 last year and 1-2 in regional play but



The 2016 season included notable wins against Pendleton, Blue Ridge and Walhalla.

if Coach Stewart can stick to his game plan and keep the penalties and turnovers to a minimum, that number should improve.

The toughest spot on Liberty's schedule is (as always) Abbeville, last year's class AA state champs. The good news is the Red Devils don't play them until mid-October so the team has a good portion of the season to work out any kinks in the playbook.

Liberty football returns on Aug. 25 in a home game against Walhalla. Walhalla is coming off a 2016 record of 4-8, 1-3 in region.

It's a good game to

start the 2017 season with as Liberty defeated the Razorbacks last year 21-17. A solid win, but not a runaway.

The bad news is Walhalla will already have a couple of games under their belt and will have most likely shaken off any preseason jitters.

The Razorbacks shut out Carolina Academy 9-0 on Aug. 12 and play West-Oak on Friday so it's entirely possible for a 2-0 Walhalla team to stroll into Liberty with a confident, proven



game plan.

How the Devils handle them could be indicative of their season but one thing's for sure: no one is going to make the mistake of considering Liberty an "underdog" this year.



The team turned heads last year making a deep playoff run.

### 2017 LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Aug. 25: Walhalla  
Sept. 1: @ Pickens  
Sept. 8: @ Blue Ridge  
Sept. 15: @ Powdersville  
Sept. 22: West-Oak  
Oct. 6: Crescent  
Oct. 13: Abbeville\*  
Oct. 20: @Ninety Six\*  
Oct. 27: @ Southside Christian\*

\*Denotes conference game

### 2017 LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

| No. | Name              | Grade  | Position  |
|-----|-------------------|--------|-----------|
| 1   | Caleb White       | 12     | P, WR     |
| 1   | JT Smith          | 10     | QB, CB    |
| 2   | Carter Hair       | RB, FS |           |
| 3   | Kevon Tabron      | 12     | RB, CB    |
| 5   | Luke Terry        | 10     | OLB, QB   |
| 7   | Austin Epps       | 10     | RB, CB, P |
| 7   | Austin Kemp       | 12     | K, QB     |
| 10  | Gatlin Bell       | 12     | MLB, FB   |
| 11  | Michael Spruill   | 12     | WR, CB    |
| 14  | Brian Muse        | 10     | WR, DE    |
| 15  | Garrett Fricks    | 12     | QB        |
| 19  | Chrystian Bryan   | 12     | WR, CB    |
| 21  | Ethan Harris      | 12     | FS, WR    |
| 21  | Shawn Moss        | 11     | FS, WR    |
| 23  | Hunter Powell     | 11     | FS, RB    |
| 23  | Billy Williams    | 11     | WR, DE    |
| 24  | Jacob Rogers      | 12     | WR, CB    |
| 26  | Cavaugio Butler   | 12     | RB, CB    |
| 30  | Victor Tetter     | 11     | OLB, TE   |
| 30  | Dustin Patterson  | 10     | WR, SS    |
| 33  | Bray Winchester   | 12     | OLB, RB   |
| 33  | Drayton Riddle    | 10     | MLB       |
| 35  | JT Howard         | 11     | DE, G     |
| 42  | Jacob Lee         | 12     | MLB, RB   |
| 44  | Clay Lollis       | 11     | FB, MLB   |
| 50  | Zane Boozer       | 11     | DE, DT    |
| 54  | Elijah Smith      | 9      | OLB       |
| 54  | Dawson Lovell     | 12     | C         |
| 55  | Jack Brisse       | 11     | DE, OLB   |
| 55  | Dillian Patterson | 10     | DT, G     |
| 56  | Dusty Owens       | 12     | DT, T     |
| 60  | Lawson Maxey      | 10     | T, DE     |
| 61  | Brad Moore        | 10     | DE        |
| 61  | Dylan Phillips    | 12     | G, DT     |
| 64  | Zack Christie     | 10     | G, DE     |
| 72  | Lucas Bates       | 12     | MLB, G    |
| 74  | Dakota Barnes     | 10     | T, DE     |
| 75  | Arnold Crump      | 11     | DE, T     |
| 85  | Austin Simpson    | 10     | WR, FS    |

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# Pickens High School



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Pickens takes on Easley on Friday.

## Pickens Blue Flame looking to turn some heads in 2017

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PICKENS — It’s no secret Pickens has found itself in a tight spot as of late when it comes to football. Last season the Blue Flame won just two games, the year before that, four.

In fact, since 2010, the team has had just two winning seasons: in 2010 and 2013 — both of which just barely skated by with 6-5 records.

A serious play off run hasn’t been an option for far too long.

Bottom line? For the past few years, it’s been tough to be a Blue Flame fan. But as the old adage goes: when you’re down, the only place left to go is up — and that’s exactly where the new Head Coach Chad Smith intends to take them.

Smith comes to Pickens from Clover and over the years has earned a well deserved reputation for having a

| 2017 PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER |                   |       |          |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------|----------|--|
| No.                             | Name              | Grade | Position |  |
| 5                               | Cameron Galloway  | 11    | RB, MLB  |  |
| 6                               | Jacob Chappell    | 12    | SS, WR   |  |
| 7                               | Nate Thomas       | 12    | WR, FS   |  |
| 8                               | Jarod Barton      | 11    | WR, OLB  |  |
| 9                               | Dawson Gilstrap   | 11    | FS       |  |
| 11                              | Cole Beaty        | 10    | QB       |  |
| 12                              | Tanner Stegall    | 12    | QB       |  |
| 14                              | Will Alexander    | 12    | WR, CB   |  |
| 18                              | Daniel Hooper     | 12    | WR, CB   |  |
| 19                              | Collin Hinkle     | 11    | MLB, TE  |  |
| 27                              | Dalton Greer      | 10    | MLB, TE  |  |
| 27                              | Malik Kobach      | 12    | RB, OLB  |  |
| 40                              | Bryson Capps      | 12    | FB, MLB  |  |
| 42                              | Griffin Patterson | 12    | OLB, TE  |  |
| 44                              | Stone Prince      | 12    | FB, OLB  |  |
| 51                              | Andrew Mccoy      | 11    | DE, G    |  |
| 52                              | Kyle Clardy       | 11    | DE, TE   |  |
| 54                              | Dawson Lovell     | 12    | C, DT    |  |
| 61                              | Tyler Usery       | 11    | G, DE    |  |
| 62                              | Hunter Galloway   | 12    | DE, G    |  |
| 63                              | Griffin Oshields  | 10    | DE, C    |  |
| 66                              | Hudson Burgess    | 12    | C, DE    |  |
| 68                              | Yosvany Diaz      | 12    | G, T     |  |
| 73                              | Nick Collier      | 11    | NG       |  |
| 74                              | Kent Townsend     | 12    | DE, T    |  |
| 75                              | Braden Gravely    | 11    | C, G     |  |
| 76                              | Jared Croley      | 11    | T, DT    |  |
| 78                              | Quinton Lawson    | 11    | T, DE    |  |
| 81                              | Brandon Moore     | 12    | WR, OLB  |  |
| 88                              | Trenton Riddle    | 10    | K        |  |

knack for turning struggling football programs into serious competitors.

How? Well, his game plan is simple: Get back to the basics and increase student participation. Is it really that easy? Well, he’s done it before. Successfully.

In 2010 Smith took the head job at Easley and guided the Green Wave from a previous year 1-10 record to a 9-3. Not bad for a first year coach.

A year later he hit 11-1 and was subsequently named Upper State 4A Coach of the Year.

Smith did the same thing at Clover when he took a 0-11 team and turned them into legitimate playoff contenders.

In short? He is exactly the right coach for Pickens, at exactly the right time: the fuel to give that extra spark to a once dimming Blue Flame.

Last year Pickens

went 2-8 overall, with an 0-4 record in region. If the Blue Flame doesn’t want a repeat of last year they need to buckle down, watch the turnovers and control the clock — especially with some of the pass happy teams in their region.

If Smith executes his game plan effectively and players step up, expect to see Pickens’ 147 state ranking begin to rise, fast.

Fans who have loyally (or stubbornly) stood by their “boys in blue” should be in for a real



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Things looking up for Pickens football.

treat come Friday as Pickens takes on their bitter rivals, the Easley Green Wave.

But unlike previous years, this game should finally be the knock-down, no holds barred, grid iron turf battle for bragging rights that fans on both sides have been waiting for.

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2017 PICKENS HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Aug. 18: @ Easley  
Aug. 25: Pendleton  
Sept. 1: Liberty  
Sept. 8: @ West Oak  
Sept. 22: Seneca  
Sept. 29: Greenville Sr.\*  
Oct. 6: Belton-Honea Path\*  
Oct. 13: @ Wren\*  
Oct. 20: @ Travelers Rest  
Oct. 27: @ D.W. Daniel\*  
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# Powdersville High School



Now in their sixth season, the Patriots again begin their season with traditional powerhouse, BHP on Aug. 25 at home.

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## Powdersville looking to go all the way

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POWDERSVILLE — Considering what they’ve accomplished, it’s hard to believe the Powdersville Patriots have only had a Varsity team for five years.

But in that short amount of time Coach Robert Mustar has taken his players to unexpected heights, including a serious run for the Class AAA State Championship last season.

Unfortunately, Powdersville’s run ended with a loss at the quarter finals at the hands of Chapman 27-22.

Chapman went on to win the whole thing.

But still, fans were treated to a stellar sea-



Powdersville went 12-2 and a perfect 5-0 in region last year.

son with notable wins against nearly everyone: Seneca, Pendleton, Lib-

erty and Southside all fell to the Patriots as did Carolina Academy on Sept. 30 in a huge 70-0 blowout.

But the season didn’t start off like that.

The first game of the season ended up being a 10 point loss against Belton-Honea Path but instead of marring the season, the game set the Pat’s teeth on edge and Mustar’s players doubled down — not losing again in regular season play.

Fans were especially delighted with the game in week two 41-28 win on the road against rival school, Wren.

Overall, Powdersville went 12-2 in the 2016 season and marked up a perfect 5-0 in regional play. They finished their year ranked 42 in the state.

Now in their sixth season, the Patriots again

begin their season with traditional powerhouse, BHP on Aug. 25 at home.

Should Powdersville come out on top, there is very little in the way of their schedule to get in their way afterwards and the school could very well be looking at an undefeated season — and another shot at the state championship.

Powdersville comes into the year ranked 55 in the state and is made up of almost entirely Juniors and Seniors. Only four Sophomores made the cut and no freshman appear on the 2017 roster.

Fan favorites and veteran players EJ Humphrey, Jordan Meekins, Dylan Taylor and Keith Becknell are all slated to return.

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Pats eye another shot at the championship.

| 2017 POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER |                    |       |             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|-------|-------------|
| No.                                  | Name               | Grade | Position    |
| 5                                    | Ej Humphrey        | 12    | RB, SS      |
| 6                                    | Blake Durham       | 12    | RB, DE      |
| 9                                    | Jordan Meekins     | 12    | WR          |
| 10                                   | Gavin Agin         | 12    | CB          |
| 12                                   | Brian Lowery       | 10    | QB          |
| 13                                   | Tay Cureton        | 11    | QB, OLB, SS |
| 14                                   | Daniel Redmon      | 10    | OLB         |
| 15                                   | Dylan Taylor       | 12    | FS          |
| 16                                   | Collin Beck        | 11    | K, P        |
| 22                                   | Keith Becknell     | 12    | QB, RB, OLB |
| 23                                   | Allen Hill         | 12    | CB, FS      |
| 23                                   | Sam Mcconnell      | 11    | FS, SS      |
| 33                                   | Cade Barton        | 11    | MLB         |
| 40                                   | Douglas Richardson | 11    | MLB         |
| 43                                   | Tyler Scholl       | 11    | WR          |
| 51                                   | Maddie Golden      | 12    | LS, DE      |
| 53                                   | Tyrick Seabrook    | 11    | DT, MLB     |
| 59                                   | Braylen Dirton     | 12    | G           |
| 60                                   | Quenton Brown      | 12    | C, G        |
| 67                                   | Connor Powers      | 12    | T, G        |
| 71                                   | Baier Collin       | 12    | DE, G       |
| 74                                   | Connor Graham      | 10    | DT, T, G    |
| 74                                   | Mason Wright       | 10    | DE          |
| 81                                   | Kyle Booth         | 12    | FS          |
| 83                                   | Tristan Mohr       | 12    | OLB, SS     |

| 2017 POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE |  |
|----------------------------------------|--|
| Aug. 25: Belton-Honea Path             |  |
| Sept. 1: Wren                          |  |
| Sept. 8: @ Seneca                      |  |
| Sept. 15: Liberty                      |  |
| Sept. 22: @ Pendleton                  |  |
| Sept. 29: @ Carolina Academy*          |  |
| Oct. 6: Emerald*                       |  |
| Oct. 13: @ Southside*                  |  |
| Oct. 20: Berea*                        |  |
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# Wren High School



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'Canes looking to step up the D for this season.

## Wren Hurricanes looking to make a big splash this season

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PIEDMONT — The Hurricanes of Wren High School are looking to make a big splash this season, even if it's without their former star starting quarterback Jay Ulrich.

"He's a great kid — but he's just one kid. We've got a whole team ready to step up," said Head Coach Jeff Tate last year when asked how the 'Canes would adjust their offensive scheme once Ulrich left for his new position with the Gamecocks.

"Don't get me wrong, we'll miss him, but this is how the game is played. Nothing is permanent," he said.

Permanence is another thing the Hurricanes have been struggling with: Despite putting up some serious numbers in the past few years, the team suffered their first losing season last year since Tate took the job from Mickey Moss in 2009.

Last year Wren went 5-6, losing four in a row to Powdersville, Easley, Woodmont and Palmetto, respectively. Belton-Honea Path in week 10 and a play off game against Ridge View mid-November rounded out the defeats for the 2016 season.

Still, there were perks.

Wren capped their 4A season out ranked 89 in the state and managed a very respectable 3-1 in

### 2017 WREN HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

| No. | Name               | Grade | Position   |
|-----|--------------------|-------|------------|
| 1   | Tyrell Jackson     | 11    | QB, WR, FS |
| 4   | Logan Clark        | 12    | TE, DE     |
| 5   | Trey McGowens      | 12    | WR, FS     |
| 6   | Clay McCroskey     | 12    | NG, RB     |
| 8   | Trey Gray          | 12    | WR, RB     |
| 9   | Tekye Pickens      | 12    | OLB, RB    |
| 10  | Isaac Crisp        | 12    | SS, OLB    |
| 11  | Tyrese Franklin    | 12    | CB, WR     |
| 13  | Carson Galloway    | 10    | OLB, LS    |
| 14  | Luke Bryant        | 11    | WR, QB     |
| 15  | Tyler Cherry       | 10    | QB         |
| 16  | Carter Willis      | 11    | FS, CB     |
| 17  | Brayden Pickens    | 11    | K, P       |
| 20  | Harrison Morgan    | 10    | FS, WR     |
| 22  | Teaundre Young     | 11    | FS, OLB    |
| 23  | Daniel Taffer      | 11    | WR, FS     |
| 24  | Thomas Hughes      | 12    | WR         |
| 30  | Joel Miller        | 12    | CB         |
| 31  | Caden Kosek        | 12    | OLB, SS    |
| 33  | Jake Van arsdale   | 11    | DT         |
| 35  | Cameron Lucas      | 12    | SS, FS     |
| 47  | Kaleb Wright       | 12    | MLB, OLB   |
| 55  | Sam Duncan         | 11    | G, DT      |
| 57  | Billy Gibson       | 12    | C          |
| 59  | Blake Pilgrim      | 10    | DE, LS     |
| 63  | Josh Norton        | 12    | G          |
| 63  | Joshua Norton      | 12    | G, T       |
| 67  | Connor Bostic      | 12    | DE         |
| 70  | Caleb Odom         | 10    | T          |
| 72  | Carter Vest        | 11    | T, DE      |
| 74  | Riley Perkins      | 11    | G, T       |
| 75  | Jack Spence        | 11    | G          |
| 77  | Jaquan Jackson     | 12    | T, G       |
| 79  | Brandon Moore      | 10    | T          |
| 83  | Kelvon Blassingame | 11    | WR, RB     |
| 85  | Brady Davis        | 12    | WR, TE     |
| 90  | Mauricio Holcombe  | 12    | DE, DT     |

region record.

They are also one of the most offensive teams in the Upstate and put up an average of 36 points per game. In fact, the 'Canes never failed to put up less than two touchdowns a game in the 2016 season and in four of

their losses they still managed more than 26 points on the board.

Which leads to the defense.

There's a saying that good offences win games but great defenses win championships. It's a saying the Hurricanes need to take



Courtesy photos

Wren's Kelly Bryant, middle, celebrates his touchdown with teammates Wren's Bailey Rogers (4), left, and Wren's A.J. Barton (51), right, against Walhalla during the first quarter at Wren High School in Piedmont.



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### 2017 WREN HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Aug. 18: Hillcrest  
Aug. 26: James Island  
Sept. 1: @ Powdersville  
Sept. 8: Easley  
Sept. 15: @ Woodmont  
Sept. 22: Palmetto  
Sept. 29: @ Daniel\*  
Oct. 6: @ Greenville\*  
Oct. 13: Pickens\*  
Oct. 20: Belton-Honea Path\*  
Oct. 27: @ Eastside  
\*Denotes conference game

Good Luck to all Pickens County Football Teams!



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Good Luck to Our  
Easley Green Wave

As we kick off another exciting football season, we'd like to wish the Easley High School Football Team good luck and much success.

You're the best on the field and we'll be cheering for you all the way to championships!



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# Wren

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game of the season — the Nov. 18 playoff game against Ridge-

mont — Wren put up a staggering 47 points on the scoreboard, a season high.

Now, it should go without saying that if you put

47 points up, you should not only be winning that game — but you should be spiking the ball in the end zone.

Unfortunately  
for the Hurri-

canes, Ridgemont players had apparently eaten their Wheaties that morning and as impressive as 47 was, 70 was better.

A solid defense without turnovers is key to Wren reclaiming dominance in their conference.

Reach Kasie Strickland at 864-855-0355.



## 2017 EASLEY HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

| No. | Name                | Grade | Position     |
|-----|---------------------|-------|--------------|
| 1   | Jeremy Harried      | 11    | RB, SB       |
| 2   | Bailey Catoe        | 12    | WR           |
| 3   | Tyler Catoe         | 12    | WR, SB       |
| 4   | El-asia Muhammad    | 12    | OLB, CB, FS  |
| 5   | Cavario Cureton     | 12    | CB, SS, SB   |
| 6   | Dylan Lyda          | 10    | OLB, MLB     |
| 7   | Anthony Goodwin     | 11    | SS, CB       |
| 8   | Isaiah Ferguson     | 11    | WR, QB, SS   |
| 10  | Craig Barksdale     | 12    | DT, NG, DE   |
| 11  | Quenten Phillips    | 12    | DE, TE       |
| 13  | Gabe McKinney       | 12    | CB, FS, SS   |
| 14  | Nathan Baker        | 12    | K, P         |
| 15  | Weston Black        | 11    | QB           |
| 16  | Tyler Kelly         | 11    | WR, SB       |
| 17  | Dawson Wilson       | 11    | OLB, DE      |
| 18  | Mj Hydrick          | 11    | LS, WR       |
| 19  | Jamal Grant         | 12    | CB, FS       |
| 19  | Ethan Boyles        | 11    | K, WR        |
| 20  | Darius Jamison      | 12    | SS, CB       |
| 21  | Shaquan Blassingame | 12    | WR           |
| 24  | Malcolm Coles       | 12    | RB, FB       |
| 25  | Prince Scurry       | 10    | CB, FS, SS   |
| 26  | Cody Collins        | 12    | FS, SS       |
| 27  | Brandon Tisdale     | 11    | RB           |
| 28  | Chase Turmon        | 10    | FS, CB, SS   |
| 30  | Berry Butler        | 11    | FS, SS, OLB  |
| 33  | Joshua Hill         | 10    | OLB, MLB, DE |
| 36  | Shabba Little       | 11    | OLB, MLB, DE |
| 39  | Doug Miller         | 11    | RB           |
| 40  | Dorian Robinson     | 12    | MLB, OLB     |
| 40  | Vance Pressley      | 12    | OLB, DE      |
| 42  | Kynjel Doss         | 11    | CB, WR       |
| 44  | Cole Powell         | 12    | DE, MLB      |
| 45  | Justice Blane       | 11    | MLB, RB      |
| 49  | Eric Willard        | 10    | MLB, OLB     |
| 52  | Josh Sheriff        | 11    | DE, NG       |
| 55  | Abimael Rojas       | 11    | DT           |
| 57  | Reece Lewis         | 11    | T            |
| 65  | Jackson Wilson      | 10    | T, C         |
| 74  | Chop Collins        | 11    | T, G         |
| 75  | Alexx Brezeale      | 11    | G, C         |
| 78  | TJ Solis            | 12    | G, T         |
| 81  | Garrett Rookard     | 12    | WR, K        |
| 82  | Matt Cronin         | 12    | FB, C, LS    |
| 86  | Matt Hare           | 11    | P, WR        |
| 88  | Marquez Jenkins     | 11    | MLB, DE      |
| 90  | Mauricio Holcombe   | 12    | DT           |
| 95  | Michael Jones       | 12    | DE, DT, NG   |

A large graphic for Pickens Auto Repair. The background is a stylized football field with yard lines and numbers. The text "GO PICKENS BLUE FLAME!" is written in a large, bold, blue font with a white outline across the middle. Below this, "PICKENS AUTO REPAIR" is written in a bold, black font. At the bottom, the address "105 West Jones Avenue | Pickens, SC 29671", phone number "864.878.6348", website "www.pickensautorepair.mechanicnet.com", and hours of operation "Monday thru Friday 7:30am to 5:30 pm" are listed. A Facebook logo is in the bottom right corner.

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