

WCHS soccer

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James scored two goals in a 3-1 victory, including a 35-foot laser beam to open the scoring. He got the assist from his brother John, while Josiah started the game in net.

The third goal came from sophomore FD de Santiago, who made an immediate impact after returning from a knee injury that cost him almost all of preseason.

"When FD came back, it totally changed everything," said Jackson. "He's such a good player that it changed the dynamics of how we played."

"It was going well, but when he came back Monday we realized we could change some things. We had to adjust our alignment to take advantage of

the skill sets of our top scorers."

Santiago and James Jackson figure to be the team's top offensive threats. John Jackson, Josh Macanus and Jerry Mrema are also capable of making big plays when asked.

Defensively, Jackson believes he has a strong core in front of Josiah in the net.

"We have a strong defense as long as we have everybody there and everybody healthy," said Jackson. "And depth wise, we have several sophomores and freshmen who can fill in easily. This is a deep team with lots of players who have the potential to continue playing soccer at the next level."

Jordan Ruiz, Eton Mendez and Rob Phillips

all have been a fixture defensively early. Ruiz may miss the start of the season due to an injury sustained Tuesday though.

The injury may force Jackson to go to his bench, which has a number of underclassmen. Jackson's complete roster features just five seniors and seven juniors, while having 12 sophomores alone. Ten freshmen are also on the team, making the future outlook for the program very rosy.

The seniors are Mendez, James Jackson, Freddy Franco, Rene Alvarez and Braylon Kirby. The juniors include Macanus, Phillips, Ruiz, Adrian Tejas, Ben Clark, Jax Griffith and Alex Pullon.

The sophomore class features de Santiago, Mrema, David Castro,

Brayden Chisam, Ethan Cowan, Brian de Santiago, Josiah Jackson, Edgar Lopez, Jay Rozier, Jake Toney, Julian Villegas and Angel Zarate.

Rounding out the team are ninth-graders Dominique Betancourt, Daniel Cruz, Tony Curtis, Marvin Franco, John Jackson, Cullen Lopez, Jahier Martinez, Carter Smith and Ethan Thomas.

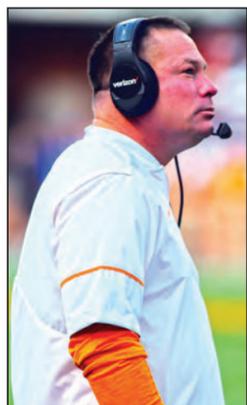
The Pioneer start their season Tuesday, March 13 with an away game against Coffee County. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

SOCCER SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	H/A	TIME
March 13	Coffee County	A	7 p.m.
March 16	Stone Memorial	A	7 p.m.
March 20	DeKalb County*	A	6:30
March 27	Cookeville	H	7 p.m.
March 29	Soddy Daisy	A	6 p.m.
April 3	White County	A	7 p.m.
April 5	Webb School*	H	5 p.m.
April 9	Blackman	A	7:15
April 12	Rhea County	H	7 p.m.
April 17	White County	H	7 p.m.
April 19	Cookeville	A	7 p.m.
April 24	Rhea County	A	7 p.m.
April 26	Soddy Daisy	H	6 p.m.
May 1	Shelbyville	A	7 p.m.
May 3	Ooltewah	H	6 p.m.

JV games will be 2 hours before, unless date marked by *

Jones at Bama pro day, discussing coaching gig



File photo
Butch Jones is expected to take a coaching job at Alabama.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA. (AP) — Alabama's pro day featured some prominent figures in spectator roles, including NFL head coaches, highly rated prospects fresh from the combine and a former Southeastern Conference head coach expected to join the Crimson Tide staff as an analyst.

Besides NFL coaches like New England's Bill Belichick, also on hand was ex-Tennessee coach Butch Jones, who was sporting Alabama jacket. The prospects weren't the only ones preparing for a new gig.

Tide coach Nick Saban says the school is still going through the hiring process for Jones as an analyst. Jones was fired last season by Tennessee.

"I don't know where that is," Saban said. "We have issues that we have to go through to be able to hire somebody from another school and I haven't gotten a report on where that is right now. We are interested in him being a part of our staff."

As usual, plenty of teams are interested in hiring former Alabama players, too.

Head coaches in attendance included: Belichick, Tennessee's Mike Vrabel, Detroit's Matt Patricia, Cincinnati's Marvin Lewis and Pittsburgh's Mike Tomlin. All 32 teams were represented, including a half-dozen general managers.

A good sport



Photo provided
Kim Dykes presented the Kaimen Collins Memorial award to Layne Murphy from Gary Steele Karate. The award is given each year to the player who best exemplifies good sportsmanship. Murphy is the son of Brian and April Murphy.

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