

Arrows at 4-0 to start region play at Madison Central

By Danny C. Davis

It has been a very good start to the 2018 football season for the Clinton Arrows. CHS is 4-0 with upset road wins over South Panola and Brandon and find themselves ranked #5 on *The Clarion-Ledger* statewide Super 10 poll. The Arrows have started 4-0 for only the second time since 2009.

But the challenge gets tougher for Clinton as they head into the most difficult Region play in the state in Class 6A. It all begins against #10 ranked and rival Madison Central on the road Friday night September 21. Later on, CHS hosts #3-ranked Northwest Rankin and ends the regular season hosting #1-ranked Starkville. CHS also travels to yearly playoff contender Warren Central later on. Only the top four teams will make the playoff, so the Arrows have to keep improving to stay in contention for the playoffs.

"I like where we are right now," said Arrows head coach Judd Boswell. "These guys have done everything we've ask them to do and have played well. But it is a whole new season with region play, and we just have to get better every week."



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The Arrows beat Germantown 47-14 and begin region play on September 21 at Madison Central.

Clinton and Madison Central will be meeting for the twenty-sixth time since Madison Central formed in 1994 and started playing football. Madison Central leads the series 15-10. CHS has won three of the last

four, but the Jaguars won seven in a row from CHS from 2007 until 2013. Madison won last year 27-3. The Arrows won two times in 2016, 31-20 in the regular season and 38-34 in the playoffs, and won 47-35 in 2015.

The Jaguars are led by junior quarterback Jimmy Holiday, who threw for almost 1,000 yards and twelve TDs last year and ran 800 yards and another twelve TDs. Madison Central's defense has been stingy, with their only loss coming to Brandon.

On September 7, Clinton got a big 47-14 win over Germantown at Arrow Field. Despite three Maverick turnovers in the first half, the Arrows held a 14-0 advantage at intermission.

Arrow QB Hunter Hulsey ran for two yards to score first for the Arrows. Senior running back Greg Evans tallied on a 3 yard run in the second quarter to put CHS out in front at the half.

CHS had a 28-point third period to go up 42-0. Hulsey threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to Omar Roberts and an 81-yard pass scoring play to Tyree Carr. Torrey Johnson scored on a 15-yard run, and linebacker Ryan Davis intercepted a pass and returned it 25 yards for a touchdown.

Kicker Tucker Barefoot converted six extra points and kicked off six of seven kicks into the end zone and punted well.

The Arrows defensive starters didn't give up any points and forced three turnovers in the first half.

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