

Non-region competition solid for the county teams

Fans can expect to see some quality football games this season in non-region action.

People will flock to region games due to the importance of them. However, do not forget to attend the non-region games. Some of those could be a preview of the playoffs.

The defending Class A state champion has four non-region games on the schedule for this season.

Gleason and Greenfield, both in the same league with the Lions, also have four games out of the region.

Half of Westview's schedule is out of its region with the Chargers playing five games against teams not in Region 7-3A.

The Lions' non-league games include Westview, Scotts Hill, Trenton and Obion Central.

The Lions and Chargers pick up their rivalry in a Friday night game at Hardy Graham Stadium. These two county rivals played in what was decided by a late score last year with the Lions coming out victorious. They may respect one another, but that is about as far as it goes when they meet.

This game always brings in a big crowd and this year will be no different.

Dresden's next non-region game will be the following week as the Lions will host Scotts Hill, which is in Region 6-2A.

Scotts Hill, also called the Lions, went 3-8 last year and made a first-round playoff appearance. They went 9-4 and went to the quarterfinals in 2016. This will be a big test for both programs.

Dresden will then play Trenton later on in the season and Obion Central two weeks later.

Gleason's non-region slate is a bit easier with Fulton County and Fulton City in back-to-back games to open the season. The Bulldogs should come away with a 2-0 record after playing those two games.

The Bulldogs will then be at Halls on Sept. 8. Gleason will be stepping out of its classification when it meets the Tigers, a Class AA team.

Gleason's final out-of-region game will be on Sept. 22 with an away contest against Bruceton. These two teams use to meet regularly as they are former District 13A foes.

Greenfield also has Fulton County and Fulton City on its schedule. The Yellowjackets will open the season at home against Fulton City and this game should send the Bulldogs back to Fulton 0-1.

The Yellowjackets follow up the first week with a meeting against Bruceton. The Tigers were a playoff team last year and it would put a feather in both Greenfield and Gleason's hat if each one can beat the Tigers.

Greenfield's other opponent is Tipton-Rosemark. The Yellowjackets went to Tipton-Rosemark last year and came out on the wrong end of a 37-0 game against the Rebels. The 'Jackets will be looking to avenge that loss at home on Sept. 7.

The Chargers had no choice but to play half of their games against out-of-region teams with only six teams in Region 7-3A.

Westview's game against Dresden has already been discussed. However, it is worth mentioning it again. The Chargers are going to be looking to make a statement against the Lions. A win for the Chargers will be a major confidence boost for them.

Fans can expect both teams to bring everything in the arsenal in this huge county game.

The Chargers will have East Hickman at home in Week 2. The Chargers trounced the Ea-

gles last year to the tune of a 41-14 score.

Westview could be looking at a 2-0 record for the first time since the 2014 season if it enters this game with a win over Dresden.

Westview's homecoming opponent this season is a non-region foe out of Memphis with MLK Prep coming to town once again on Sept. 7. The Chargers whipped up on MLK with 52 points scored as they took out some frustration after getting shut out by Milan in Week 3.

That will leave two non-league games remaining on the schedule with one at Obion County on Sept. 22 and at home on Oct. 6 against Camden.

Westview and Obion Central have had some great games in the past, except for last year when the Chargers got beat 47-10 by the Rebels. This could end up being a good one to see with an improved Westview team.

Camden is no stranger to the Chargers. The Lions and Chargers have met the last two seasons with each game being decided by a total of 10 points. Westview won the last meeting 24-22, Camden won 20-12 two years ago.



FORWARD — Westview running back Cameron Couch attempts to keep his forward motion in last year's game against Milan. Couch is a senior this season as he and the rest of Charger seniors would like nothing better than to get their first win over the Bulldogs.



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