




Greenfield YellowJackets



RED ZONE

THE PROGRAM

REGION: 7-1A
LAST YEAR: 5-6
COACH: Don Pitt
CAREER: 13-38 (5th Year)
RECORD AT GHS: 13-38
ALL-TIME PLAYOFF
BERTHS: 9
PLAYOFF RECORD: 3-9

2018 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent
A. 17	Fulton City
A. 24	@Bruceton
A. 31	*South Fulton
S. 7	*Tip-Rosemark
S. 14	*Dresden
S. 21	@Fulton County
S. 28	*Humboldt
O. 5	Open
O. 12	*@Gleason
O. 19	*@Lake County
O. 26	*@West Carroll

2017 RESULTS

Opponent	Score
Fulton City	W 20-0
Bruceton	L 45-8
*South Fulton	L 28-8
Tipton-Rosemark	L 37-0
*Dresden	L 42-0
Fulton County	W 53-6
*Humboldt	W 19-7
*Gleason	W 40-8
*Lake County	L 39-8
*West Carroll	W 14-0

Class A Playoffs

Westwood	L 35-0
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2017 TOTALS

Points Scored	170
Average/Game	15.4
Points Allowed	247
Average/Game	22.4



Head Coach Don Pitt



Greenfield will hope senior running back Nyrail Jackson can lead the Yellowjackets back to the playoffs.

'Jackets want to taste playoffs again;
Plenty of potential, motivation for G'field
to make make return trip to the postseason

Randy Cavin
Sports Editor

Greenfield has every right to be excited about the prospects it has for the 2018 high school season.

The Yellowjackets are coming off their first playoff appearance in 14 years and they are bringing back enough from last season's playoff team to make another run at the postseason.

Head coach Don Pitt is probably more excited about getting the season started than anyone else in Greenfield, including his players. He had a taste of the playoffs for the first time in his four years of being the head coach.

He thinks he has the right number of returning starters to go back to the playoffs in his fifth season. "We are looking at eight returning starters on defense and seven on offense," Pitt said. "That is a lot of guys who have been starting. They have a lot of time out on the field and they are going to be back this year."

The head coach has the mixture of returning starters on both sides of the ball. He has experienced players in the trenches on both side of the ball and his offensive backfield has the potential to be up near the top in Region 7A.

"We have a real experienced backfield with Grant Huffstetler and Nyrail Jackson," Pitt said. "I am looking for big things out of them. They have had a great offseason and have done a lot of training with going to camps. I think they are really focused."

Huffstetler and Jackson are both seniors. Huffstetler will be the starting quarterback and Jackson will get the job at running back. Both seniors possess a lot of speed and are capable of breaking free for a long run at any given time.

Pitt likes to use the spread offense, but he kind of got away from that last season as he wanted to run the ball more. Jackson and

Huffstetler gave the Yellowjackets the ability to to that. Greenfield is expected to stay that course this year.

"Grant and Nyrail are play-makers," the head coach said. "Grant can run a lot as the quarterback, so we are running a lot of read plays with him and Nyrail gives up a good option. They are going to be the workhorses for us."

The 'Jackets were the fourth seed in the playoffs out of the region. Their speed in the backfield, combined with some experience on the offensive line, gives them the possibility to move up to the third seed this season.

Pitt is a realistic head coach and he knows winning the region will be tough to do against Lake County and Dresden. Right now the Falcons are the favored team to finish first as they only lost one starter from last season.

The Falcons have what may be the top running back on this end of the state in Dezmon Johnson. He should be in the mix for the Mr. Football award in December.

Dresden has been the king of the region for several years and the Lions have all of the confidence in the world to claim it again. They still have Drake Yates, Tyrone Jones and several other returning starters.

However, the Lions have lost an awful lot of talent to graduation over the last two years. Pitt thinks his team has the potential to battle the Lions for the No. 2 seed. The game he knows the Yellowjackets have to win is Week 3 against South Fulton.

Pitt feels a win against the Red Devils to start the region schedule is the jumping off point for his team.

"The game I am looking forward to is our home game against South Fulton," Pitt said. "That game will see where we sit. It will determine how good we can finish. That is a big game for us."

Greenfield will also have to

contend with an improved West Carroll team this season. The War Eagles have an experienced senior quarterback and a lot of size on the offensive and defensive line.

Defensively, the Yellowjackets should be solid. They have struggled the last few years against the run, but having experience in the trenches, along with some talented linebackers, should help them hit the gaps more efficiently.

OFFENSE

Opposing teams will no doubt load the box as they will attempt to keep Huffstetler and Jackson contained. That is easier said than done as the Yellowjackets have good people on the offensive line, and it's loaded with experienced players.

The Yellowjackets have senior offensive linemen Jacob Arnold, Dalton Mills, Andrew Capps and junior Luke Allen. Pitt has a few other players he can insert on the line.

"We have three returning starters there with Jacob Arnold, Andrew Capps and Luke Allen," the head coach said. "Seth Davidson, we have moved him to center from tight end. He gives us another senior lineman. We have Brennan Dodson and William Cantrell competing for the right tackle position."

"It is good to have competition for the positions. The good thing about having some extra guys is we can rest them, rotate and they will not have to go both ways."

Providing some extra blocking out of the backfield will be senior fullback Landon Brock. Pitt also has Samuel Thum he can put in at fullback. The only drawback to using Thum a lot at fullback is he is only a freshman.

Do not expect the Yellowjackets to run the ball all of the time. Pitt still likes to take a shot down

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5 TO WATCH



Jacob Arnold
Sr. • OL/DL



Nyrail Jackson
Jr. WR/DB



Kelly Ricketts
Jr. • WR/DB



Grant Huffstetler
Sr. • QB/DB



Andrew Capps
Sr. • OL/LB