

# Brand new football season for WCP sports

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Press Sports

It is a new season and new outlook once again for the Weakley County Press sports team.

This marks the second year as the sports editor and second football preview special section for me. I am proud to cover the local high school and middle school football teams in the county and watch these young men grow as individuals.

It is always an honor to work with the head coaches and their assistants throughout the football season as they guide their players, hopefully to the playoffs.

The sports department turned out some great content this last school year and kept the coverage up for the local high school and middle school sports just as you, the reader, expect from the Weakley County Press.

This school year should be an exciting one for the sport department as it is confident there will be even more state tournament and meet appearances, and maybe some state champions in all of the sports in the county.

Over the course of these seven years since I have been with The Weakley County Press this newspaper's football preview has had the privilege of being named 'Best Special Section' by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association in the



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non-daily category. That includes the 2017 edition, which made it the seventh straight year as the No. 1 special section.

Many people in the county are familiar with me, having seen me at numerous high school and middle school sporting events. You will be seeing me once again this school year. You will also see some very good photographers at several events.

These photographers, Christel

Thompson Laney, Cristi Wallace and Ameer Northcutt Hayes, work hard at their craft and have spent a lot of time and effort perfecting it.

Each of these photographers is knowledgeable about the sport of football and the county teams.

They all love what they do and watching each football player become better at the sport and as a person.

There is a lot of hard work and effort involved in putting together

this preseason publication and we believe it is another top-of-the-line look at high school football. Putting this together would not be possible if not for the great head coaches, school administrators and parents we have in Weakley County, and for this we thank you for your cooperation.

We added something new two years ago with the addition of the middle/junior high football previews. The head coaches and their coaching staffs work hard to teach the players the fundamentals of the game. After all, most will be seen on the gridiron on Friday nights in the very near future.

The sports department is continuing with the middle school football preview in this year's football special.

There are also group photos of each of the four high school and middle school cheerleading squads. All eight groups do an excellent job on the sidelines each Friday night as they bring their school spirit to the fans.

This year we have kept several of the pieces which have made our preseason edition so special the past five years. There still is a comprehensive look at the playoff history of the teams in Region 7A and Region 7-3A.

There is a preview of the two regions along with a peek at some of the top players in both regions.

Of course there are the season

outlooks for our four high school teams. We are also bringing back a full schedule of games on the back page for both regions. It is a handy item to have as you get to see what the big matchups are each week.

This year we are taking a look at former Dresden standout and UT Martin sophomore quarterback Dresser Winn. The coaches and players have a ton of respect and confidence in their starting quarterback.

One other feature is about how middle school football is beginning the first week of August and how the head coaches would like to change that to a later date in the month.

The Press believes you will enjoy this annual football preview from front to back. As always, we put this together for your enjoyment, to get an outlook on the season and to highlight the great student-athletes we have in Weakley County.

We would not be able to do this if not for the advertisers and of course, you, the readers. The advertisers make it possible for this publication to come out each season. We do all of this for the readers. It is because of you this is published each year. We thank you for your loyalty.

High school football on a fall Friday night is a long-standing tradition for our four county teams.



**Greenfield's Nyrail Jackson lowers his head as he attempts to run by a Lake County player in last year's game against the Falcons.**



**Gleason running back Jamison Lifsey in the open field last season against Bruceton. Gleason and Bruceton will meet in Week 6 this year.**

## Staying Connected

Before reading the in-depth coverage of Friday night's games in the Weakley County Press on Tuesday, check out the paper's Facebook page for updated reports immediately following the action.

The Press will have several of the county's football games covered on Friday night this season with sports editor Randy Cavin and reporter Matt Hubbard each attending a game.

There will also be photographers at most every game this year to provide additional coverage for each of the county's four high schools.

With a strong online presence complementing the paper's award-winning full coverage, The Press expects to provide our readers with the most comprehensive reports as possible on prep football in Weakley County and north-west Tennessee.



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