

# Meet the 2018 cover boys

You have seen the cover of this 2018 high school football preview. Now it is time to meet those four young gentlemen.

One thing we wanted to do with this year's football preview is use the young men who are more versatile in their roles on each team. Seth Jones of Gleason is the only player of the four who plays on both offensive and defensive lines.

The other three, Clay Cantrell of Westview, Dresden's Drake Yates and Grant Huffstetler of Greenfield can play several positions.

Cantrell plays wide receiver and in the defensive secondary for the Chargers. He has also been used at running back in the past and can play any position in the defensive backfield.

Yates and Huffstetler can be put at any position offensively where they can get the ball in their hands. Both are speedy and are a threat to score when they touch the ball.

One thing about Yates and Huffstetler — each can play quarterback as both were used there by their teams last season.

They were all asked a series of questions after the photo shoot at UT Martin's Hardy Graham Stadium for the cover in hopes that our readers could get to know a little more about them.

We found out what the best thing about playing football is for each one and what their favorite pastime activities are.

They all have their own game-day preparation and each one has people who inspire them most.

And all four of our cover guys



**Grant Huffstetler**

would love to play college football for the same team.

Now let us meet these four young men who grace the cover of the 2018 football preview and will lead their teams throughout the season.

**Grant Huffstetler  
Greenfield**

1. Best thing about playing football? Playing with guys that you've been friends with your whole life.
2. Who inspires you the most in football? My dad and granddad.
3. What is your game-day preparation like? Waking up to a big breakfast and drinking as much water as possible.
4. If you could change one rule in football, what would it be? The targeting penalty. It needs to be laid off a little.
5. What is your favorite pas-



**Clay Cantrell**

time? Playing baseball and hunting.

6. Which collegiate or NFL team would you like to play for? The Vols and Dallas Cowboys.

7. What is your favorite inspirational quote? "The bigger they are, the harder they fall."

**Clay Cantrell  
Westview**

1. Best thing about playing football? The excitement from the fans.
2. Who inspires you the most in football? My grandpa.
3. What is your game-day preparation like? Rest while drinking plenty of water.
4. If you could change one rule in football, what would it be? The advancement of the onside kick because once you recover you could gain more yards.
5. What is your favorite pas-



**Seth Jones**

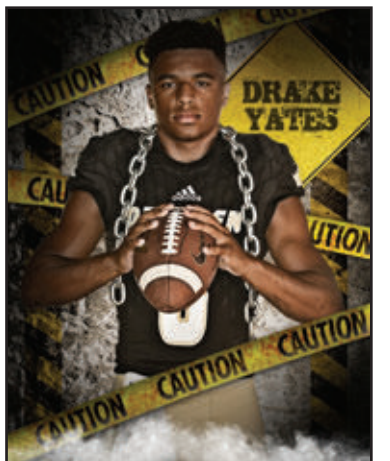
time? Being active with friends.

6. Which collegiate or NFL team would you like to play for? The Tennessee Vols.

7. What is your favorite inspirational quote? "What doesn't kill you will make you stronger."

**Seth Jones  
Gleason**

1. Best thing about playing football? Tackling.
2. Who inspires you the most in football? Tom Brady.
3. What is your game-day preparation like? Carb loading and drinking lots of water.
4. If you could change one rule in football, what would it be? Nothing.
5. What is your favorite pastime? Hanging out with friends.
6. Which collegiate or NFL team would you like to play for? The Vols and Patriots.



**Drake Yates**

7. What is your favorite inspirational quote? No quote.

**Drake Yates  
Dresden**

1. Best thing about playing football? Learning and having fun.
2. Who inspires you the most in football? Inky Johnson.
3. What is your game-day preparation like? Watching film and listening to music.
4. If you could change one rule in football, what would it be? Targeting a player while diving for the ball. It's unfair for the defensive player.
5. What is your favorite pastime? State championships.
6. Which collegiate or NFL team would you like to play for? The Tennessee Vols and New Orleans Saints
7. What is your favorite inspirational quote? "Trust the process."

## Rivalries we need to see again

Once upon a time there were some great rivalries played involving the county's four teams and at one time there were five high school teams in Weakley County.

Sharon no longer has a high school and football team. However, the Eagles were involved in rivalries with several teams. Most of them with the other county high school teams.

Dresden, Greenfield, Westview and Gleason all had traditional rivalries that no longer exist. It would be nice to see some of them renewed.

Games the Lions use to play when it was in District 13A, and in Class AA were some of the most heated in the area. Some of those teams were McKenzie, Huntingdon, Bruceton, and even Milan.

The Rebels, Mustangs and Tigers are in a different region now, but they are still in the same classification. Big crowds were always expected when the Lions hooked up annually with the Rebels, Mustangs and Tigers.

Dresden had some of its greatest battles against McKenzie and Huntingdon. The Lions and Mustangs met on the field in the season finale from 2011-14. Cars were lined up along Highway 22 when the game was played at Dresden. It was the same way when the Lions played McKenzie at home. Those are two teams that would be nice to see back on the schedule.

Gleason also used to have McKenzie and Huntingdon regularly on the schedule. The Bulldogs did not have much success with those two teams, but the game drew big crowds and created an awesome high school football atmosphere, especially the McKenzie games.

The Bulldogs and Rebels are just a few miles apart and this is one rivalry that should be renewed.

Greenfield is the one team in the county, which has basically kept its rivalries intact over the years. It annually plays South Fulton, Gleason, Fulton City, West Carroll, Lake County, Humboldt, and recently had to put Dresden back on the schedule due to being in the same region once again.

There are a couple of teams the Yellowjackets no longer play, but were good games to go see. Gibson County comes to mind. The Pioneers and Yellowjackets were normally evenly matched. Greenfield and Gibson County did meet in the Dyer County Jamboree and maybe that will lead to the both teams playing each other once again on a regular basis.

Matching up the Yellowjackets with McKenzie is another rivalry that could be renewed. It is a short bus ride between the two towns on Highway 124. There would not be any travels concerns and it would be good for each of the town's economies if these two teams could play each other once again.

One team comes to mind for Westview and it a rivalry that is way past overdue in renewing. The game that should and needs to be on the schedule annually is the Chargers against Union City.

This was one of the greatest rivalries in all of northwest Tennessee. It has been a decade since the Chargers and Tornados last met. This was one of the top games to attend and it really got heated up when Westview use to be called Martin High School it began the amazing 42-0 streak against Union City.

Then the Tornados ended it in the season opener in 1971. There was no love lost when that happened as the Martin fans despised UC.

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