

# DANVILLE ADMIRALS F



## GAME SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	18	HAZARD	HAZARD   7:30PM
SEPTEMBER	25	WAYNE COUNTY	ADMIRAL STADIUM   7:30 PM
OCTOBER	2	ALLEN COUNTY-SCOTTSVILLE	ALLEN COUNTY-SCOTTSVILLE   7:30PM
OCTOBER	9	SOMERSET	ADMIRAL STADIUM   7:30PM
OCTOBER	16	WASHINGTON COUNTY	WASHINGTON COUNTY   7:30PM
OCTOBER	23	LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN	ADMIRAL STADIUM   7:30PM
OCTOBER	30	SHELBY VALLEY	ADMIRAL STADIUM   7:30PM
NOVEMBER	6	BOYLE COUNTY	BOYLE COUNTY   7:30PM

The Danville Admirals football program has had great success under Head Coach Clay Clevenger. Clevenger, in his eighth season now with the Admirals, has led the team to two state title games and one championship in 2017.

Since 2017, the Admirals have struggled. Their record last season was 3-7. It's certainly not what the Admiral community is used to, but at the same time, it all has its own philosophy.

Coach Clevenger said they have filled their schedule with tough teams, to better prepare themselves further into their careers.

The Admirals have had some very talented seniors over the past two years. Darrian Bell, a 2019 graduate is now a Division-1 player at the University of Louisville. But outside of their seniors they have been particularly young teams.

In 2019, at one of, if not the most important position- quarterback, they started most of their games with freshman standout Sage Dawson. He performed well despite his lack of experience at the high school level. Playing in tough games like the Ads have been has a done lot to help his potential.

Experienced or not, Clevenger is ready for this team to put the pieces together and really start to hit their stride.

"We have played a tremendously tough schedule

these last few years, we haven't been able to gain confidence during a season to make a solid run. To get back in the championship hunt, we have to be a lot better," he said.

Clevenger sees the potential of this team. He expects them to show off that potential once they gain the needed confidence. He knows this is no simple task with a young roster, but one that must be done to make progress.

"We have some experience coming back. We need to be able to get some confidence and play with an edge. We have some potential, we just need to work hard each day to reach that potential," said Clevenger.

The Admirals roster will feature several names that got heavy minutes last season.

On offense, they return their leading passer, top three running backs and their leading receiver. The more impressive part is nearly all of them will only be juniors for this season.

The young core of running backs features Keelan Story, Brady Johnson and their lead back, Caleb Burns.

Burns finished last season with a total of 1156 rushing yards on just 160 attempts, averaging 7.225 yards per carry and an average of 128.4 yards per game. He also scored 15 touchdowns on the year, averaging 1.7 touchdowns per game.

The receiving core will return Crawford, but is also losing their

second leading receiver in Bell. Bell was a difference maker as a solid outside blocker, but had tremendous athleticism helping him to accumulate 259 receiving yards and three touchdowns. It is now up to the younger core to help develop the passing game, they have the chance to grow alongside their quarterback, Dawson.

Their offensive line only had two 2019 graduates, Hezakaya Thornton and Braeden Turner. They will now have a solid, young front line who hope to have the same success in the running game as they did last season. The young line will also have six seniors to help lead them throughout the year, Hagen Burns, Christian Evans, Alex Gutierrez-Jacobs, Ethan Scott, Colby Stevenson and Catavyon Whitehead-Webb.

The kicking situation is one the Admirals know they have locked in for a while. In just his freshman season, place kicker Sam Walls, started every game, making 27 of his 33 point after attempts, an average of 81.8%. He looks to improve on his numbers, knowing his potential and success is all within his own hands.

The Admirals have an abundance of young offensive talent, but it translates to the other side of the ball as well.

While it is undeniable that 2019 seniors, Bell and Seth Gosser, were a force to be reckoned with on defense, there were still



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