

Choctaw:

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customers for local businesses that hopefully bring in some additional revenue helping out this city that we love. We want to show off this city that we love. We hope this gets our kids even more exposure. We want people to know where Choctaw, Oklahoma is. We're known for having a great football team now, and have always been known for having a great community and great schools. Our athletic programs in general are taking off."

Choctaw coaches believe this year's challenging schedule will help their motivated team sharpen their skills each week.

"We're trying to find the best versions of ourselves in everything we do, and we're proud of what we did a year ago but that has nothing to do with the 2021 season," said Corbin. "We have to go earn everything again."

Challenge Accepted

For the first time ever, the Jackets have plans to test themselves against elite teams from a total of four states this season.

The Jackets will be facing top-tier pro-

grams from Oklahoma's 6A-II-2, but first they'll face teams from Virginia, Arkansas and Texas.

With a hole in the schedule, CHS coaches say they tried to find a local opponent, but no one accepted the challenge. That opened an opportunity for Beacon Hill to make the journey from Virginia to Choctaw, Aug. 27.

Last season CHS returned to a state final for the first time since 1960, and only lost to one Oklahoma team, Class 6A-II State Champion Bixby.

However, the Yellowjackets will be looking for revenge when Springdale travels from Arkansas to Bill Jensen Field, Sept. 3. The Bulldogs caught the Jackets early last season handing them a 46-18 loss in the season opener.

Sept. 10 the Jackets travel to Dallas to take on Jesuit High School. Last year the Rangers finished 6-4 in Texas' top classification, losing to Arlington High 49-37 in the opening round of the 6A-Division II playoffs.

District Schedule

Sept. 24 Booker T. Washington: When Choctaw broke a 30-year playoff drought, Booker T. Washington was waiting in the

CHS SCHEDULE

Aug. 27	Beacon Hill (Virginia)
Sept. 3	Springdale (Arkansas)
Sept. 10	at Dallas Jesuit (TX)
Sept. 24	Booker T. Washington
Oct. 1	at Ponca City
Oct. 8	Bixby
Oct. 14	at Muskogee
Oct. 22	at Sand Springs
Oct. 29	Putnam City West
Nov. 5	at Bartlesville

first round. In 2014 and 2015 Tulsa Washington ended Choctaw's postseason runs. When they met again last season Choctaw had a new look as the Jackets captured their first ever win over Booker T., 26-22.

Oct. 1 Ponca City: CHS faced Ponca City for the first time since 2009 last year, and the Jackets captured a 20-14 win over the improving program. Historically, Choctaw is 4-3 overall against Ponca.

Oct. 8 Bixby: Bixby, a team that has made the 6A-II final every year since the class was created in 2014, is looking for a fourth

straight District 6A II-2 title. Since 2014 they've claimed six state titles and taken runner-up once. The Jackets had their first two games against Bixby last year. Bixby defeated Choctaw 17-14 for the state title.

Oct. 14 Muskogee: In 2019, the Jackets faced Muskogee for the first time. The Jackets claimed a 29-21 victory, which was the first playoff win for CHS in 38 years. Last year Choctaw kept their record perfect against the Roughers taking a 26-10 win.

Oct. 22 Sand Springs: Choctaw dominated the Sandites 34-9 last season. The Jackets are 5-2 in the all-time series.

Oct. 29 Putnam City West: When the Jackets moved to the east division, regular challenger PC West came along. Choctaw has defeated Putnam West the last four seasons. In the last 15 meetings, Choctaw has won all but three contests, and each of those three losses were decided by three points or less. CHS won 55-12 last year.

Nov. 5 Bartlesville: The last time Bartlesville claimed a district crown was the same year Choctaw earned their only state title, 1960. The two programs met for the first time last year, and it was Choctaw's game. Last season Choctaw beat up on Bartlesville, 61-21. They managed three wins on the year.



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