



Jo'Vares Harden accepts his award from Daccus Turman

Harden, Cobb, and others recognized at annual football awards banquet

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Head Coach Sid Fritts and players Jo'Vares Harden, Dalen Cobb, Levi Brock, Desmond Cofer, and Joseph Meyers were among the many recognized at the W-WCHS Football Banquet January 24.

Fritts was recognized by Athletic Director Lisa Isham for reaching 250 game victories. Isham also recognized the coaching staff for their extensive pre and post season work.

Harden was selected for the Tiger Lettermen's Club Will Cullars Lettermen's Award. The trophy and plaque are dedicated to recognizing leadership and excellence in academia and athletics. Daccus Turman, a successful athlete who broke Herschel Walker's single season rushing record, according to City Councilman Andy Anderson, presented the award. In his speech, Turman challenged the team to pursue excellence and live extraordinary lives. He further encouraged them to stand out and take the lead, "...in a world of followers."

Dalen Cobb received the Most Valuable Player award from Assistant Coach Alex Bradford. Bradford also acknowledged the rest of the offensive team from biggest to smallest. He additionally recognized the offensive linemen. "None of this would be possible without our big boys up front," Bradford said.

Levi Brock was selected for the Golden Helmet award, which is earned through exceptional academic and athletic skills. According to Offensive Line Coach Isaac Johnson, Brock has one of the highest GPAs of the senior class.

Running Back Coach Raymone Nesbitt presented the Newcomer Award to Desmond Cofer. Nesbitt recognized Cofer's offensive and defensive abilities, highlighting Cofer's big catch in the Lincoln County game.

Joseph Meyers received the Most Improved award from Defensive Coordinator Brantley Smith. Smith said that Meyers had a great sophomore year. With continued improvement, Smith expressed high hopes for Meyers's future.

Head Coach Sid Fritts recognized the all-region players, including:

Cobb as quarterback and player of the year, Jamarquez Tyson as running back, Quinzaibian Jackson and DeAmonte Grant as receivers, Levi Brock as an offensive line-



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man, Ky'lik Cofer as a defensive end, Jo'Vares Harden and Nick Harkins as linebackers, and Desmond Cofer and Joseph Meyers as defensive backs.

Also included were honorable mentions:

Kynijal Willams and Trevontae Gray from the offense, and Kevonta Jones and Nick Harkins from the defense.

All state team members were

team's various sponsors and supporters.

Players that had lettered in football were announced by class. The Senior class included: Levi Brock, Dalen Cobb, Ky'lik Cofer, Austin Fanning, DeAmonte Grant, Jo'Vares Harden, Quinzaibian Jackson, Zaikious Jackson, Kevonta Jones, William Kimbrell, Lawrence Murray, Jamarquez Tyson, and Chris Wilson.

The Junior class included: Desmond Cofer, Jayden Davis, and Trey Johnston.

The Sophomore class included: Trace Callaway, Quentin Cullars, Nick Harkins, Andrew Meech, Joseph Meyers, Curtis Milton, Bryson Porter, and Oakley Safrit.

The Freshmen class included: Calvin Blackburn, Emory Campbell, Jordan Dawson, Carter Johnston, Garrett Hamrick, Braxton Reed, A.J. Stewart, Zach Thompson, Jake Tucker, Quentavious Turner, Pierce Wilkinson, Kelvin Wright, Ja'kyce Wylie, Jaylen Wylie, and Messiah Wynn.

Fritts ensured to thank the

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Snow falls in front of the Wilkes County courthouse

Wilkes County sees snowfall Friday night

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Wilkes County was dusted with snow Friday night for the

first time in several years.

The snowfall began at roughly 7:15 to 7:30 p.m. and remained steady for several hours. At roughly 8 p.m., the

snow began accumulating on various surfaces, including many of the building roofs around the Square as well as the courthouse lawn. Most of

Wilkes County and all of Washington received snow. By noon Saturday, most of the snow had melted. Only what was sheltered by shade remained.