

2023 OPPONENTS' SCHEDULES											
REGION 7-4A	AUG. 18	AUG. 25	SEPT. 1	SEPT. 8	SEPT. 15	SEPT. 22	SEPT. 29	OCT. 6	OCT. 13	OCT. 20	OCT. 27
LAKE CO.	Obion Central (H)	Dyersburg Away	Dresden Away	South Fulton Home	Halls Away	Humboldt Home	Gleason Away	OPEN DATE	Jackson Chr. Away	Greenfield Home	Union City Home (Oct. 26)
WESTVIEW	Dresden Home (Aug. 17)	Obion Central (H)	Scotts Hill Home	Liberty Tech Away	Dyer Co. Away	Ripley Away	Dyersburg Home	Bolivar Home	OPEN DATE	McNairy Away	Covington Away (Oct. 26)
NORTH SIDE	Crockett Co. Away	Liberty Tech Home	Obion Central (A)	Lexington Away	Hardin Co. Home	Dyersburg Home	JCM Away	South Side Away	OPEN DATE	South Gibson Home	Chester Co. Home
FULTON CO., KY	Gleason Home	South Fulton Away	Calloway Co. Home	Obion Central (A)	Murray Away	Ft. Campbell Home	Caverna Home	OPEN DATE	Ballard Mem. Away	Russellville Away	Hopkins Cent. Home
• HAYWOOD	Pure Youth Away	Mem. Bus. Academy Home	Oakland Home	Fayette-Ware Away	Obion Central (A)	Maplewood Away	Trezevant Home	Hardin Co. Away	OPEN DATE	Crockett Co. Home	Dyer Co. Home
DRESDEN	Westview at UTM (Aug. 17)	McKenzie Away	Lake Co. Home	Halls Away	Humboldt Home	Obion Central (H)	Union City Away	South Fulton Away	OPEN DATE	Gleason Home	Greenfield Home (Oct. 26)
• CROCKETT CO.	North Side Home	Ripley Away	Lexington Home	South Side Home	Huntingdon Away	Dyer Co. Home	Obion Central (H)	OPEN DATE	Manassas Home	Haywood Away	Fayette-Ware Away
• FAYETTE-WARE	Bolivar Home	OPEN DATE	Millington Home	Haywood Home	OPEN DATE	Christian Bros. Away	Kirby Home	Obion Central (A)	Dyer Co. Away	Mitchell Away	Crockett Co. Home
• DYER CO.	Dyersburg Away	Trezevant Home	Union City Away	Chester Co. Home	Westview Home	Crockett Co. Away	South Gibson Away	OPEN DATE	Fayette-Ware Home	Obion Central (H)	Haywood Away
CRAIGMONT	Douglass Away (Aug. 19)	Mitchell Home	Mem. Central Away (Aug. 31)	Millington Away	Raleigh-Egypt Home	Kirby Home (Sept. 21)	Ridgeway Away	Whitehaven Away	OPEN DATE	Melrose Home	Obion Central (A)
<div><div>NOV. 3 TSSAA STATE PLAYOFFS FIRST ROUND AT HIGHER SEED</div><div>NOV. 10 TSSAA STATE PLAYOFFS SECOND ROUND AT HIGHER SEED</div><div>NOV. 17 TSSAA STATE PLAYOFFS QUARTERFINALS AT HIGHER SEED</div><div>NOV. 24 TSSAA STATE PLAYOFFS SEMIFINALS AT DESIGNATED SITES</div><div>DEC. 2 TSSAA STATE PLAYOFFS 4A CHAMPIONSHIP AT CHATTANOOGA</div></div>											

## New-look region, new challenges await Rebels in '23 season

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Obion Central is in a new league, but the Rebels are playing many of the same old teams.

OC's 2023 football schedule has a familiar look to it with area rivals Lake County, Westview and Dresden on the slate along with Haywood, Crockett County and Dyer County as Region 7-4A foes.

Obion Central does not have many other well-established rivalries, although three of its Region 7-4A opponents — Haywood, Crockett County and Dyer County — have developed that type of atmosphere for the Rebels in recent years.

Looking at this season, the Rebels have played their 10 opponents a total of just 205 times with an overall record of 83-120-2 against the group.

**LAKE CO. FALCONS**  
**Date:** Aug. 18  
**Site:** Bill Wray Stadium, Tiptonville  
**All-time record:** Lake County leads 21-16-1  
**Last meeting:** The Falcons won 38-30 last season

**The Word:** It was probably the Rebels' most disappointing loss last season, and Central would love nothing more than to kick off the 2023

campaign with a win to both avenge that loss and to build momentum out of the gate. While last year's loss to the Falcons was a downer for all involved, it only served as motivation for the rest of the season and might have actually helped to springboard Central into the playoffs. That loss also broke OC's seven-game winning streak over Lake County, which included a COVID-19 win in 2021. Six games in that win streak came between 1997 and 2002. The Rebels and Falcons played every year between 1963 and 1992.

**WESTVIEW CHARGERS**  
**Date:** Aug. 25  
**Site:** Hardy Graham Stadium/H.K. Grantham Field  
**All-time record:** Westview leads 21-14  
**Last meeting:** The Chargers cruised to a 49-8 win in 2020  
**The Word:** Westview returns to the Central schedule after a two-year hiatus, and the Rebels are hoping to fare better than the last two meetings — losses of 49-8 (2020) and 52-16 (2019). The all-time series, which dates back to Martin becoming Westview High School in 1970, has been filled with mini-streaks. Central won four straight from 1972-82, while the Chargers have put together a three-game

winning streak five different times.

**NORTH SIDE INDIANS**  
**Date:** Sept. 1  
**Site:** Rebel Field  
**All-time record:** North Side leads 5-1  
**Last meeting:** OC blanked the Indians 24-0 last season  
**The Word:** Obion Central's shutout win over North Side last year was its first victory after five straight losses in the rarely-played series. The teams played in 1987 and 1988 as well as 2015 and 2016 prior to the recent stretch of games.

**FULTON CO. PILOTS**  
**Date:** Sept. 8  
**Site:** Rebel Field  
**All-time record:** Obion Central leads 10-2  
**Last meeting:** OC posted a 35-6 win in 2010  
**The Word:** Fulton County returns to the Rebel schedule for the first time since 2010. The two teams have played each other only 12 times — six of those meetings in the 1960s and four more in the 1980s in addition to the most recent pair of games. While Central has dominated the series, one of Fulton County's wins came in the Rebels' first playoff year of 1985.

**HAYWOOD TOMCATS**  
**Date:** Sept. 15

**Site:** Rebel Field  
**All-time record:** Haywood leads 17-1

**Last meeting:** The 'Cats rolled 48-13 last season

**The Word:** Haywood will be the first region opponent on the Rebels' schedule this year, rather than the last as has been the case in recent seasons. The Tomcat program, a state powerhouse for most of its history of 100-plus years, has dominated this series with 17 wins in 18 tries, including the last nine in a row. Central's lone win was a big one — 56-6 in 2011, which happened to be the celebration of Haywood's 100 years of playing football. The 'Cats finished 1-9 that season, but have since righted their ship. Haywood finished as the state 4A runner-up in both 2018 and 2020 and has taken an undefeated record into the state semifinals each of the past two years. Josh Puckett, well known in West Tennessee, takes over as the Tomcats' head coach this season.

**DRESDEN LIONS**  
**Date:** Sept. 22  
**Site:** Rotary Field, Dresden  
**All-time record:** Series tied 13-13  
**Last meeting:** OC doubled the Lions 42-21 last season  
**The Word:** The series with Dresden has a history of

being chippy. The series is all even after 26 previous meetings, with Central winning four of the past five games. The two squads squared off every year from 1961 to 1968 with the Lions winning the first six.

**CROCKETT CO. CAVALIERS**  
**Date:** Sept. 29  
**Site:** Cavalier Stadium, Alamo  
**All-time record:** Crockett County leads 15-10  
**Last meeting:** OC won 28-14 last season  
**The Word:** Crockett County is another program that has become a region opponent for the Rebels over the past two decades with the clubs having played every year since 2005. Over that span, the Cavaliers own a 14-4 overall record. Central has won the past two games, however, and last year's 28-14 triumph helped push Central into the postseason. OC won the first six games in the series over a span from 1983 through 1996.

**FAYETTE-WARE WILDCATS**  
**Date:** Oct. 6  
**Site:** Rebel Field  
**All-time record:** OC leads 2-0-1  
**Last meeting:** Central won 28-14 in 1990  
**The Word:** Obion Central

has played Fayette-Ware only three times, and the Wildcats have scored 14 points in all three games. The first meeting was a tie in 1972, and the Rebels claimed wins of 56-14 and 28-14 in 1989 and 1990, respectively.

**DYER CO. CHOCTAWS**  
**Date:** Oct. 20  
**Site:** Choctaw Stadium, Newbern  
**All-time record:** Dyer County leads 23-15  
**Last meeting:** The Choctaws won 42-12 in 2020  
**The Word:** Dyer County has become the dominant team in this series, winning the last eight games and scoring more than 40 points in four of those contests. Prior to that, Obion Central had won five of six games to pull even in a series that dates back to 1967.

**CRAIGMONT CHIEFS**  
**Date:** Oct. 27  
**Site:** Rebel Field  
**All-time record:** Craigmont leads 2-1  
**Last meeting:** OC advanced to the second round of the playoffs with a 36-28 win in 2017.  
**The Word:** Craigmont was a region opponent for the Rebels twice, in 1993 and 1994, both Central losses, as well as a playoff foe once, OC winning that game 36-28 in 2017.

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