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had a chance to sit down recently with one of the greatest high school coaches in the state and southeast.

Yes, I'm talking about our own Bobby Brockman from Glynn Academy.

We had a great conversation the other day and could have talked for hours. Brockman and I go way back as both my sons went to Glynn and Knox played for Bobby some 15+ years ago.

Growing up every kid wanted to go to the soccer camps on Jekyll. It was amazing on those Saturday mornings. Bobby Brockman was a major player in all of this.

I was fortunate to live in Clearwater, FL for 3 years in my late 20's and became enamored with pro soccer, as this was the prime time of the Tampa Bay Rowdies.

Watching pros like Rodney Marsh and Steve Wegerle from the Rowdies take on Giorgio Chinaglia and the New York Cosmos in front of 60k fans was a great way to get indoctrinated into the game.

Years later I was fortunate enough to coach youth soccer on Jekyll and our 3 v 3 team was you guessed it......The Rowdies.

We had a ball and finished 7th in the 3 v 3 nationals in Disney. I don't think I've ever seen 11 and 12 year old kids have so much fun. Well, seeing as though the Rowdies had something going, the next year the Rowdies coach

was Bobby Brockman! We laughed and one of them. laughed about those good times.

good friends over the next few years and I watched the guy accomplish great things on the southside of Brunswick.

How is a 462-95-22 record over 31 years? Well, that's a start but it may not be Bobby's true legacy.

Bobby Brockman didn't coach games, he coached players. And that was for the 400th win and last year's team his greatness. Go find somebody who played for him. Ask them about Bobby. They will all tell you the same things. Simply the best. Over 500 kids and they with the Lassiter win. Seems as though all love the guy.

He always had his teams ready to play. A worker, a mentor, and a leader. Let's look at some of the good times and what Coach Brockman had to say.

Glynn had many good players who Brockman brought up through the Jekyll league.

The best? Bobby mentioned the following and said, "I know I'm gonna history books. A tough second round loss miss some but here I go."

Let's start with the Craven boys. Enough said. Ritchie and Andy had it to an end. Brockman has coached his last all. How about Lee Swafford, David game for Glynn. Blackshear, Matthew Lee, Johnny Melcher and Connor Behrend? All great players moving to the Ocala area. Family issues for the Red and White.

Brockman also mentioned the families that were entwined with the program over the years. Names like the as one of if not the greatest soccer coach Fendigs, Cravens, Plotners, Swaffords and in South Georgia. Bulataos. It truly was more than a team. It was a family that went on for 31 years.

Glynn flourished under Brockman. Try 17 region titles, 9 elite south Georgia. 8 appearances, and 3 Final Fours in 31 years. Add in 15 Region Coach of the Years. So, I had to ask Brockman who were his favorite teams and he said every

The best teams? Coach Brockman Brockman and I grew to be mentioned the 2002 final four team and the 2011 final four squad.

Last but not least was Glynn's Final Four team from last year.

Favorite wins? He mentioned Shiloh in 2002, when we went to Atlanta and took out a good Atlanta squad 4-0.

More recently, Richmond Hill taking out St Pius and Lassiter, two very good Atlanta Schools.

Brockman was particularly happy Lassiter came down to Brunswick with a bad attitude and talked all through the game how Glynn wasn't very good.

I can't say what they were really saying but you get the drift. Well Lassiter, the two-time defending state champs, had a long bus ride back to Atlanta losing 3-2. Don't mess with Coach Bobby!

So now the 2025 season is in the to Veterans 1-0 ended it.

And all good things must come

After 31 years, he is retiring and necessitate the move but he will be back often with camps and visits.

Coach Brockman will go down

He built the Glynn Program and through the liaison with Jekyll had a profound impact on soccer growth in

But his lasting impact is that 31-year-old family he built. Safe travels my friend and God Bless.



THEOBOF HEADING HEADING Jared Curtis Commits To UGA By Michael Spiers



ared Curtis, the No. 1 quarterback in the 2026 recruiting class, is officially back on board with the University of Georgia.

After decommitting from the Bulldogs last year, the five-star standout from Nashville Christian School made his return to the Dawgs during a commitment ceremony on May 5th that was anything name that keeps coming up when people but low-key.

Curtis walked into the gym early wearing a sleek all-black tracksuit, with his parents dressed in long black coats. The big moment came when he shared the news and rolled a commitment video pounds and is known for throwing darts on the big screen above the gym floor. Oregon made a serious push, but Georgia run first guy, but he moves well, throws came out on top.

So why did Curtis choose to recommit to the Bulldogs? It came down there is a throw he can't make. to coaching. "Just the stability in the Also, like Stafford, Curtis has coaching staff and knowing Coach Smart that "gunslinger" mentality. I've watched and Coach Mike Bobo are there," he said. "Those are my two biggest commitments definitely not afraid to take risks and try the charge for more elite talent. at UGA." Curtis said that consistency to make something happen, even if it meant more to him than anything else, means forcing a throw now and then. including NIL money.

2026 recruiting class got a big boost, going 53-point win over rival Clarksville the future.

rankings. He's the first five-star in the passing yards and 5 total touchdowns. class for the Dawgs, but he might not be the last.

with Jackson Cantwell, a 6-foot-7, 300-pound offensive tackle and the No. 1 overall recruit in the class. Cantwell is who can take over a game, and he's the a large human being.

If Georgia can land Cantwell excited about. too, they'd have the top quarterback and the top lineman in the country. That combination could put UGA on track to have the best recruiting class in the nation, just like when they signed Matthew Stafford back in 2006.

Speaking of Stafford, that's the talk about Curtis. The comparisons make sense. Both are big, strong-armed quarterbacks who weren't afraid to take chances.

Curtis is listed at 6-3 and 225 all over the field. He's not necessarily a on the run, and has serious arm talent. It feels cliché to say this, but I don't think not cash.

a bunch of his highlight reels and he is

With his commitment, Georgia's a perfect stat line. In Nashville Christian's like Georgia just got its quarterback of

from No. 25 to No. 17 in the national Academy, he went 16 for 16 with 259

If you have some time to kill, do yourself a favor and type his name Georgia's hoping to pair Curtis into the search bar on YouTube. You can thank me later.

This cat is the kind of quarterback kind of player Georgia fans should be

In today's college football world, five-star quarterbacks usually come with big-dollar deals. According to reports, Curtis will be part of a strong NIL package at Georgia that will include revenue sharing, endorsement deals, and collective support, but Curtis is adamant that money wasn't the driving factor. His agent said NIL probably made up only 10-15% of the decision.

"If Jared was chasing the best compensation package, this may have been over a long time ago," said Peter Webb, his agent.

In fact, neither Georgia nor Oregon had the highest offer. Curtis chose Georgia because of relationships,

For head coach Kirby Smart and offensive coordinator Mike Bobo, this is a massive win. They brought Curtis back into the fold and now have him leading

With momentum building and top recruits still on the board, the Bulldogs He had a game this past fall with could be in for a huge 2026 class. It looks



Why Your Athlete Needs a Sports Physical



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Parents, does it seem like your "to do" list is never done? Is it time to add 'schedule a sports physical' to it?

There are solid reasons to make time for the pre-participation physical examination (PPE), says Beau Sasser, MD. As a board-certified orthopaedic surgeon and sports medicine specialist with Summit Sports Medicine & Orthopaedic Surgery, Dr. Sasser has seen his share of sports injuries. He also serves as vice chief of Surgery at Southeast Georgia Health System on the Brunswick Campus and director of its Sports Medicine Program.

Beyond protecting young athletes, the PPE is a legal requirement. "The state of Georgia requires that all student athletes have a sports physical before competing in any school-sanctioned sport. The same holds true for most recreational or club leagues. The coach or school can provide the forms your physician needs to sign," Dr. Sasser says.

During the exam, several assessments will help ensure that your child or teen is physically prepared for the sport they are about to play. "We want to ensure their health and safety," explains Dr. Sasser.

According to Dr. Sasser, a sports physical exam:

- Evaluates overall health
- Determines physical fitness and conditioning
- Assesses previous or current injuries
- Checks for conditions that might make a person susceptible to injury
- Assesses developmental maturity

A sports physical is similar to a routine physical, with additional objectives. "The physician checks whether the athlete has certain health conditions such as diabetes, asthma, chest pain or a family history of heart attack, all of which are affected by rigorous physical activity and must be effectively managed. They will also ask if your child has had any previous surgeries or recent illnesses," says Dr. Sasser.

Measuring height and weight seems routine, but it's important since growth spurts and weight gain can impact the joints, muscles and bones. In addition to evaluating musculoskeletal structure, the doctor will examine your child's vision. If your athlete wears eyeglasses or contacts, proper eye protection should also be discussed.

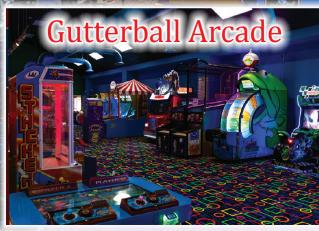
The fitness check portion of the exam evaluates posture, strength, flexibility and joints to spot areas that might be injury-prone and discusses ways to strengthen those areas.

During the PPE, parents should mention which sport their son or daughter is playing, how often and at what level and share any concerns or questions they have.

One final point: A sports exam doesn't eliminate the need for routine checkups. "A routine annual physical allows you to keep up with routine immunizations, evaluate your child's growth and development and address any other concerns you have about their physical or emotional health," Dr. Sasser adds.

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he Hurricanes won 10 games for only the second time in 20 years. Their explosive offense led

the nation in scoring (43.9 points) and produced the No. 1 pick in the NFL Draft. Still, 2024 still felt like a disappointment.

Miami's defense was sabotage in action finishing 69th in scoring (25.3 points) and allowing 61 plays of 20-plus yards (94th nationally).

defense (16.9 points) that finished in 2024. Miami gave up 30+ points in six of its 13 games last season. Meanwhile, Iowa was the only team that scored 30 points on Minnesota last year.

Miami made a concerted effort to retool its secondary by bringing in six transfers, headlined by Xavier Lucas from Wisconsin and, most recently, Houston/Auburn transfer Keionte Scott.

Miami has holes to fill on Florida. offense, too. In addition to Cam Ward, the Hurricanes lost their top four program has since faded given some wideouts (Xavier Restrepo, Jacolby recent financial issues, the school's George, Isaiah Horton and Sam attitude towards utilizing NIL to build Brown) and tight end Elijah Arroyo. its roster hasn't budged.

He'll have to develop chemistry 12th in yards per play allowed (4.76) with a new set of receivers and acclimate to a new offense quickly and get more help from the revamped defense than Ward did — for Miami to win the ACC for the first time and earn a Playoff spot.

The Canes NIL presence has alwavs been well known. LifeWallet CEO John Ruiz made the Hurricanes an immediate player in the name, image, and likeness space by doling out millions to bring talent to South

While his involvement with the



Their defensive performance was why Miami missed the College Football Playoff with a 42-38 loss at Syracuse in the final weekend of the regular season to knock them out of the conference championship.

Often praised for his recruiting, coach Mario Cristobal elevated Miami, a team who signed top 10 recruiting classes in 2023 and 2024. The Hurricanes don't play defense, which falls on coaching.

Cristobal hired Minnesota defensive coordinator Corey Hetherman, who led a top 10 scoring

Most notably, there was the high-profile addition of Carson Beck, for 2025 it's between \$20-\$25 million. Georgia's top quarterback. Praise be the transfer portal!

Miami is very fortunate to keep their momentum on offense.

In addition, Miami landed several receiver transfers: CJ Daniels and Georgia for the most estimated (LSU/Liberty), Keelan Marion (BYU) and Tony Johnson (Cincinnati).

while recovering from an elbow injury a college football playoff slot? he suffered in the SEC Championship Game.

Miami's NIL estimated spin

Miami's investment paid off on the recruiting trail where they were able to convince top prospects have replaced Ward immediately and to spurn notable programs in order to sign with The U.

The Canes are just below Texas NIL spend in the country.

Will it translate into wins on Beck didn't throw in the spring Saturday, an ACC championship and

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he 2025 season is shaping up to be a turning point for the Atlanta in primetime this year. Falcons.

the team, thanks to a mix of fresh talent, major roster shakeups, and a schedule full of primetime matchups. One name already making headlines is rookie linebacker Jalon Walker. He rookie James Pearce, and hopefully has the makings of a superstar.

Walker, a former Georgia Bulldog and Butkus Award winner, was a first-round pick this year and already has big expectations on his shoulders.

He made a name for himself in Athens with a monster 2024 season, and now he's bringing that fire to the NFL, hoping to spark a new era for Atlanta's defense.

of the biggest games on the Falcons' upcoming schedule will have a full- him away. circle moment for Georgia fans.

Angeles Rams on Monday Night that Derek Carr is retiring and the Football, and that means Walker will go New Orleans Saints are left with only head-to-head with Rams quarterback, rookie Tyler Shough and the unproven and fellow Bulldog legend, Matthew Spencer Rattler? Stafford.

pick back in 2009 and is still one of the most respected QBs in the league. It'll be the first time these two Bulldogs share the field, and it's happening right easy, but the Falcons are clearly aiming back in Georgia.

But that's just one of several big-time games on Atlanta's radar. The Falcons are set to appear in five primetime games this season, which shows the league sees them as a team worth watching.

They'll host the Bills and Rams from the nest. on Monday Night Football, hit the road to take on the Vikings and 49ers ride. on Sunday Night Football, and battle the Bucs on Thursday Night Football.

Oh, and don't forget, the Birds

are heading to Berlin in Week 10 to play the Colts in the NFL's first-ever game in the German capital.

Last year, the Falcons went 3-2 under the lights, picking up wins against the Eagles, Raiders, and Bucs. They handled the spotlight relatively well last season, and they'll get plenty more chances to show that they belong

Of course, the team isn't There's a new energy around without its challenges. Grady Jarrett, a longtime anchor on the defensive line, is no longer with the team and his absence leaves some big shoes to fill.

That's where Walker, fellow a few veteran additions come into play. There's even talk that Atlanta could bring in someone like Jadeveon Clowney to help solidify the front seven.

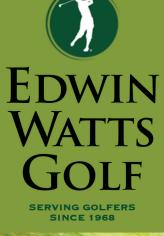
And then there's the quarterback situation. It appears Michael Penix Jr. is firmly entrenched as the starter, but it's going to be fascinating to see if the Falcons hold on to Kirk Cousins, who would potentially be the highest paid And speaking of Bulldogs, one backup quarterback in league history if some other team doesn't try to pry

Would Atlanta consider dealing The Falcons will face the Los him to a conference rival after the news

Still, there's plenty to be excited Stafford was the No. 1 overall about. Drake London is blossoming into a star, the defense is getting younger and faster, and the schedule is packed with marquee matchups. It won't be to build something sustainable.

The success of the Falcons will depend on how the pieces come together, but with so many eyes on Atlanta in 2025, fans won't have to wait long to find out if this team is ready to "Rise Up", or if they struggle to fly

Either way, it should be a wild



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The Top 2 SEC Teams By Robert Craft



grand proclamations about the upcoming SEC football season. The transfer portal has closed (at least for departures), and there are no season-changing athletes on the market.

So, as we unwind this offseason proclamations:

1. The SEC's two best teams are clearly Texas and Georgia, and in that order.

2. After that, it's wide open.

this year's slate is essentially the same, just reason they got there. with the home sites flipped.

15 in Athens. They met in October last year and managed a rematch in Atlanta. That they could do so again was buttressed by their offseasons.

Texas: In perhaps the smoothest inally, the coast is clear to make quarterback transition ever, Arch Manning steps in after two years of occasional starts for Quinn Ewers, who played well for Texas but wasn't so irreplaceable that the NFL deigned to pick him in the first six rounds of the NFL draft.

The Longhorns then armed and take a look around, here are two grand Manning this spring with help from million-dollar deals, but they shored up the Bay Area: receiver Emmet Mosley V (Stanford) and tight end Cal Endries (Cal). These additions will pair with Ryan players in the post-spring window AND Wingo and DeAndre Moore returning this season, both finishing in the top five

team saw plenty of injuries last year, and championship game, transfers will be the

The post-winter window was Texas and Georgia meet on Nov. successful enough. Georgia needed receivers and got them: Noah Thomas (Texas A&M) out wide and Zachariah Branch (USC) in the slot, plus Zachariah's brother Zion Branch and two others for depth at safety.

> The post-spring window may have been just as big.

> Elo Modozie (Army) could start right away, and tailback Josh McCray (Illinois) gives the Bulldogs an experienced tailback, which was badly needed after Trevor Étienne went pro.

> These weren't eye-popping, multiweak spots.

> Also, Georgia didn't lose any key didn't suffer any long-term injuries during spring practice.



teams are the two that made the conference championship game and were the last two SEC teams in the College Football Playoff.

It's just the obvious conclusion, especially after a spring that saw both programs only solidify their spots, especially through the portal.

When predicting third place and onward, a glut of candidates exists and none is a clear favorite? Inevitably, some team will emerge to challenge or perhaps leapfrog Texas and Georgia, maybe there's more than one team who does it.

At this stage, picking teams requires a confidence level that today's facts

What did we expect? The two best in receiving yards on last year's team .

On defense, Texas signed five defensive linemen between the two portal periods. Right now, they have one of the best front sevens in college football, if not the best.

Between that, the projected passing game and the program's status as the only team to make the last two CFPs.

Not to mention their surprisingly manageable schedule this year, it's easy to pick the Longhorns as national preseason No. 1.

Georgia: Kirby Smart has never been heavy on the portal.

He prefers to use it strategically. don't match. There are plenty of candidates This year's portal haul is consistent to with plenty of flaws among them. There previous years, but this year, especially if will be carnage in any SEC schedule; each Georgia ends up returning to the national

Georgia's roster is fortified for another national championship run, with things depending on two spots: starting quarterback Gunner Stockton and a young offensive line. The theme of spring practice was that the team feels good about Stockton.

There's no guarantee Texas or Georgia win the conference title or even make the Playoff, but would you bet against it?

As things stand now, they are clearly the two best teams in the SEC. And the teams who emerge behind or through them will be fascinating to watch.

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he college football spring transfer portal window closed April 25th. Let's take a look at the top transfer portal recruiting classes going into the summer.

#1 LSU: The Tigers are bringing in 18 players. They have 12 four-stars and 5 three-star players.

Some of the standout players are: S Tamarcus Cooley (NC State), DL Bernard Gooden (USF), S A.J. Hauley (Houston), Edge Patrick Payton (Florida State), TE Donovan Green (Texas A&M), DL Sydir Mitchell (Texas), CB Mansoor Delane (Virginia Tech), Jack Pyburn (Florida), IOL Braelin Moore (Virginia Tech), WR Destyn Hill (Florida State), WR Nic Anderson (Oklahoma), WR Barion Brown (Kentucky), IOL Josh Thompson (Northwestern) and Edge Jimari Butler (Nebraska).

I expect LSU to be a top 10 team in the preseason poll.

#3 Miami: The Hurricanes have 19 commits. Nine of them are four-stars and 9 are three-stars.

The biggest star is QB Carson Beck (Georgia). He's hoping to follow in Cam Ward's footsteps because he transferred in from Washington State the year before. He was the top pick in the 2025 NFL draft.

Some of the other players are: CB Keionte Scott (Houston), S Jakobe Thomas (Tennessee), LB Mohamed Toure (Rutgers), LB Kamal Bonner (NC State), WR Keelan Marion (BYU), WR Tony Johnson (Cincinnati), TE Alex Bauman (Tulane), IOL James Brockermeyer (TCU), CB Xavier Lucas (Wisconsin), CB Charles Brantley (Michigan State), TE Jack Nickel (UAB), S Zechariah Poyser (Jacksonville State), WR CJ Daniels (LSU) and Ethan O'Connor.

The defense was the Achilles' heel last season so they added plenty of

talent on that side of the ball. I think they will start the season just outside the top 10.

#4 Ole Miss: The Rebels are adding 29 transfer players, making them one of the deepest classes. They have 10 four-stars and 19 three-stars.

They include: QB Maealiuaki Smith (Oklahoma State), OT Terez Davis (Maryland), CB Tavoy Feagin (Clemson), WR Harrison Wallace III (Penn State), WR Traylon Ray (West Virginia), OT Percy Lewis (Auburn), S Kapena Gushiken (Washington State), WR Deuce Alexander (Wake Forest) and IOL Delano Townsend (UAB).

They lost quarterback Jaxson Dart who was a first round pick in the NFL draft. They have enough talent to start the season in the top 20.

#6 Florida State: FSU showed us how badly building a team from the transfer portal can go last year.

They imploded and went 2-10 after being ranked in the top 10 in the preseason. Let's see if things will be better in 2025. Out of their 23 commits they have 8 four-stars and 15 three-stars.

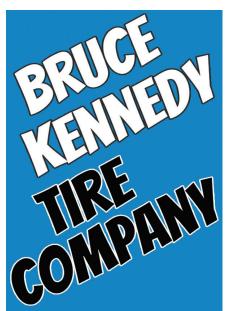
Some of them are: RB Gavin Sawchuk (Oklahoma), OT Josh Raymond (Vanderbilt), CB Jeremiah Wilson (Houston), S Jarvis Boatwright Jr. (USC), WR Squirrel White (Tennessee), DL Jayson Jenkins (Tennessee) and OT Micah Pettus (Ole Miss).

We will see if the Seminoles can bounce back.

#8 Auburn: The Tigers were 5-7 last season and only won two conference games. They have 19 commits with 6 four-stars and 12 three-stars.

This includes: LB Caleb Wheatland (Maryland), S Taye Seymore (Georgia Tech), TE Preston Howard (Maryland), OT Mason Murphy (USC), CB Raion Strader (Miami OH), WR Eric Singleton Jr. (Georgia Tech), OT Xavier Chaplin (Virginia Tech) and QB Jackson Arnold (Oklahoma).

I think they can start the season as a Top 25 team.



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for the Brunswick High Pirates is right around the corner and with the Pirates coming off a great season with a team loaded with talent, I can't wait to see how Reigning 2024 All Region 1-AAAAA Coach of the Year Garrett Grady is leading his team into this season.

Brunswick finished up last year with 6 Offensive All-Region 1st Team selections, which were QB Grant Moore, TE Heze Kent, WR Waseem Murray, OL Chase Richardson, OL Kasiyah Charlton, and WR Jamarious Towns.

The Pirates also had 6 Defensive All-Region 1st Team selections, which were DL Lance Brown, LB Caleb Butler, LB Jeremiah Robbins, CB Sekhi Ashley, LB Kregg Richardson, CB Aviyon Addison, and J'Shawn Towns, who was the 2024 All Region 1-AAAAA Defensive Player of the Year.

The off season didn't start off as the Pirates had expected. They are missing one big piece of their program right now, Coach Grady said "We were without our Defensive Coordinator Coach Thomas Tedder this Spring. Our thoughts & prayers are with him and his family. We are going to Coach and play at the highest level to honor him. He had a medical emergency and is still recovering."

Although Brunswick had a few key playmakers graduate this year, they still have a loaded roster of players that are fired up to play their hearts out for Coach Tedder.

The team is also continuing to

team was shaping up prior to this year's Spring Game he told me "I thought the Michigan, and Northwestern State. entire Spring Practice we got better over a phenomenal job coaching and teaching our guys fundamentals." "During the Spring Game

our guys competed at a high level and communicated well on both sides of the ball." said Coach Grady following the Pirates 2025 Spring Game, which was held earlier this month.

Starting Quarterback Grant Moore who has Multiple D1 offers from Schools such as Murray State, Samford, Eastern Kentucky, did not participate this year, because he is in the final stages of coming back from a shoulder injury that happened this past baseball season.

With Moore not playing it left a defensive player of the year spot. lot of time for other quarterbacks Keagan Walker and Eli Overton to show off their skills and get some good reps in front of a good crowd.

The Pirates might not have had their star quarterback in the game, but they did have both of their star running backs, Josiah Gibbons who has offers from West Virginia, Tulane, East Carolina, Arkansas State, Liberty, and Kennesaw Here is a look at the full Brunswick High State, and Nigel Gardner who has offers Pirates 2025 Schedule: from Eastern Kentucky, Arkansas State, and Eastern Carolina.

Those two have the privilege of 8/22: vs Wayne County having a wall of an offensive line led by UCF Commit Kasiyah Charlton, and Chase Richadson who has many Big D1 Offers from Georgia Southern, Kentucky, Army, Navy, West Virginia, Appalachian State, Georgia State, and many others.

Besides the depth in the run game, Moore will also have 2 monster 10/17: @ Lakeside weapons at his disposal in the passing 10/24: BYE game. Wide receiver Waseem Murray is 10/31: vs South Effingham

quickly develop and get better every day. coming off an amazing 2024 season for the When I asked Coach Grady about how the Pirates where he was able to receive solid offers from Georgia Southern, Central

The other big target Grant will the 10 days we were allowed to practice. have in the Passing game is 6'5 265 lb, The effort was great and our coaches did 4 Star TE Heze Kent. Kent is going into his senior season with the Pirates and has received a total of 47 Offers to play college football.

He has his options narrowed down to the Top 5, and will be accounting his commitment between Florida, Miami, Florida State, Georgia Tech, and Texas on July 12th, 2025.

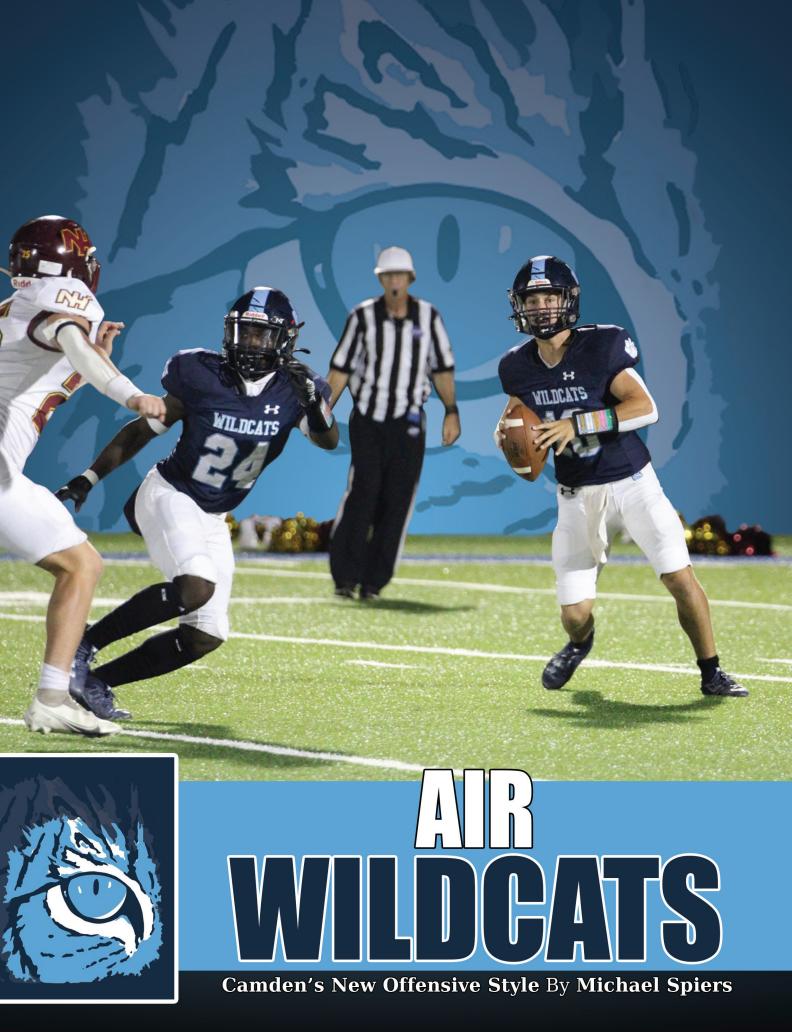
So, we've covered the talent all around the offensive side, but we can't forget about stud CB Aviyon Addison, who just received his first offer from Arkansas State.

I see Addison having an amazing 2025 season and making a run for that

Brunswick High will scrimmage at home against the Ware County Gators. Then the season starts on the road on August 15th in Kingsland against the Camden County Wildcats and will finish their regular season at home against the South Effingham Mustangs.

8/8: vs Ware County 8/15: @ Camden County 8/29: BYE 9/5: vs Effingham 9/12: @ Evans 9/19: vs Greenbrier 9/26: @ Glynn Academy (Brunswick) 10/3: vs Bradwell 10/10: @ Statesboro







his fall's football season will be the second for head coach Travis Roland with the Camden County Wildcats. And what a difference a year makes.

Both Roland and Offensive Coordinator Grant Alford arrived in Kingsland following the 2023 season. That season saw the Wildcats make it to the final four of the state playoffs and then the retirement of Hall of Fame coach, Jeff Herron.

The cupboard was not bare by any stretch of the imagination upon the new coaches' arrival, but Roland and Alford brought with them a completely different style of football.

The Wildcats have been evolving into more of a passing offense as compared to Herron's vaunted Wing-T, smashmouth style of football.

Earlier this month, at Chris Gillman Stadium in Kingsland, the Wildcats put on their annual Blue/White Spring Extravaganza. It was definitely an offensive showcase where the football was put into the air with regularity.

The format of the contest was basically a scripted scrimmage with series featuring the Attack (first team) offense against the Attack defense from different distances and situations.

It started with drives from downs, followed by series from the ability was on full display. defense's 35-yard line, and then some goal-line work from the 10-yard line.

out with the Bite (second team) offense and defense, and the Claw (third team) offense and defense.

The most exciting part of the for the QB1 spot.

One contender for the position is rising senior Parks Riendeau, who has keys to this Wildcat Offense; he could been the unquestioned leader of the team and has been the starting quarterback for the past two seasons.

The other is rising junior Will Jackson, who transferred to Camden from a school in central Florida back in in week 8, on October 3rd. December. At 6'4" and 205lbs, Jackson has prototypical size for the QB position The full Camden County football schedule and he already has multiple offers from for 2025 is: Division 1 schools, including South Carolina, Arkansas and Virginia Tech.

Rieandeau displayed complete Aug. 22: East Lake, Fla., 7:30 p.m. control of the offense, his group scoring Aug. 29: West Broward, Fla., 7:30 p.m. touchdowns on each of his first two possessions.

One a scoring pass to rising senior receiver Jeremiah Bass, and the other a touchdown toss rising junior and all-around star athlete, Sean Green.

Riendeau's poise and decisionmaking skills will make him tough to BYE beat. He knew exactly where to go with Oct. 24: at Colquitt, 7:30 p.m. the ball each opportunity, and utilized his Oct. 31: at Tift, 7:30 p.m. two senior running backs, Julien Daily and Antwan Williams, with confidence.

Jackson also got his opportunity the offense's own 30-yard line for the to operate the Attack offense, and if he opportunity to pick up multiple first was a little tentative at first, his athletic

> Jackson has a similar ability that his NFL namesake, Lamar Jackson, These same scenarios were played possesses. With what appears to be no more than a tiny flick of the wrist, he is able to launch a football 40 yards down the field with accuracy and precision.

He also threw multiple touchdown evening was watching two players battle passes to emerging star senior receiver, Tyler Mapel.

Whichever player is given the be in for a record-breaking year.

Camden County kicks the fall season by hosting the Brunswick Pirates in Kingsland on August 15th and won't hit the road until a trip to Richmond Hill

Aug. 8: Benedictine (scrimmage) 7:30 p.m. Aug. 15: Brunswick, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 5: Ribault, Fla., 7:30 p.m.

BYE

Sept. 19: Royal Palm Beach, Fla., 7:30 p.m. (Homecoming)

Sept. 26: Valdosta, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 3: at Richmond Hill, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 10: Lowndes, 7:30 p.m.



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