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#52 **KENNETH PRIMUS** DT

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HEIGHT **6'0"**
WEIGHT **205**
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#4 **WESLEY BUSHNELL** LB

SULPHUR HIGH SCHOOL
SULPHUR, LOUISIANA

REBELS 2027 RECRUIT

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POSITION **QB**
HEIGHT **6'0"**
WEIGHT **195**
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#5 **DJ KELLY** QB

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#22 **WILLIE JOHNSON III** QB

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POSITION **WR**
HEIGHT **6'1"**
WEIGHT **165**
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GREYHOUNDS 2027 RECRUIT

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POSITION **FS**
HEIGHT **6'1"**
WEIGHT **200**
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holding on to Him. One day, you will look back and realize that God was
not only beside you; He was carrying you.

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Nothing is too hard for Him.***



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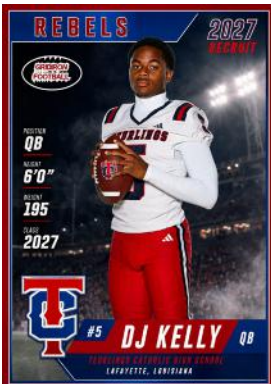
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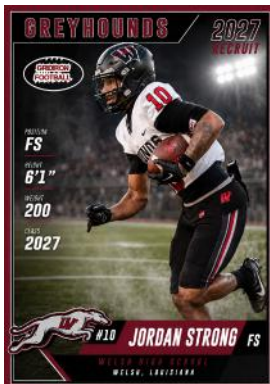
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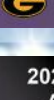



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From Early Production to a Division I Opportunity

Willie Johnson III is a Louisiana Class of 2028 quarterback at Live Oak High School. Gridiron Football first covered Johnson during his time at Northeast Middle School in Zachary, where his work ethic, leadership and production made him a young player to follow.

Johnson recorded 2,904 passing yards, 80% completion percentage, and 41 touchdowns in two years of freshman and junior varsity action. That early efficiency gave him a strong foundation as he continued developing his command of the offense and competing through the next stages of his football career.

His progression has now produced a major recruiting milestone: an official Division I offer from Miami University. With multiple high school seasons still ahead, Johnson has the opportunity to keep developing, add new film and build on the momentum created by his first college opportunity.



Albany High School (Albany, LA) DB Jayden Lapine

Albany High School (Albany, LA) DB Jayden Lapine is the ninth official commitment to play in the 2026 Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game, which will be held on Wednesday, December 30th at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville, Louisiana.

Jayden Lapine was one of the earlier top camp performers for Gridiron Football this off-season as his speed really stood out. The 5'8, 150 pound defensive back had the fastest 40 yard dash of our Live Oak elite camp with a 4.56 time and then followed it up at our Breau Bridge camp with a 4.52, which is our current 7th fastest time this camp series.

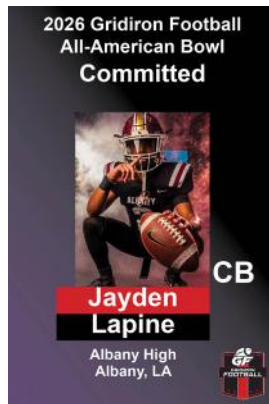
"Both camps were great experiences, and I would definitely come to more. What I learned was, working on and getting

better at my techniques and just having fun and playing with confidence." Albany DB Jayden Lapine

His speed and his coverage ability during 1v1s and 7v7s made him not only a top camp performer but earned him his official invitation to play in this year's Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game.

"I'm very excited that I worked hard enough to get this opportunity and I cannot wait for it. Excited to get my name out there and compete with some of the best players in Louisiana and around the area."

Lapine has also been a top defensive performer already for the Hornets earning multiple honors his junior year. Last season, he was named the school's Defensive MVP, All-Livingston Parish 2nd Team Defense, 2nd Team return specialist, and



Honorable Mention All-District. Although not big, he uses his quickness, speed, and even his size to his advantage.

"Since I am smaller, it is easier for me to make tackles because I can go low and bring down guys that are bigger than me a lot easier than others."

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Abbeville High School

One of the best head coaches in Louisiana returns back to Abbeville High School in Brent Indest. Coach Indest is the winningest coach in program history and overall has achieved 223 wins including a state championship at Catholic New Iberia during his Hall of Fame career.

Coach Indest will try to bring back the magic to Abbeville where he made the Wildcats a playoff contender year in and year out after the program only won three games the last two years. Although the team is lacking depth with only 43 players, the talent is there for the Wildcats to make a big move.

Offensively, the Wildcats will be fun and exciting led by one of Louisiana's most talented 2028 prospects in QB Jacoby Campbell, who recently received an offer to



play wide receiver at LSU. The trenches will be a strong unit led by Zalen Hopkins and Daelon Levine. Levine is an All-District selection that will play both ways while Hopkins is an All-State selection that can squat over 600 pounds in the weight room. OLB Jazavian Briggs and WR/OLB Chasyn Gray are two other

players that are capable of playing at the next level. The key for the Wildcats is to stay healthy with guys playing both ways.

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Abramson Sci Academy School



The Abramson Sci Academy Commodores are coming off a historic season under head coach Gilbert Chartian as they started 2025 5-0 for the first time in school history. Overall, the Commodores finished with a 6-5 record, which includes a first round loss to Haynes Academy. Last year, the team had a senior heavy class led by Gridiron Football All-Americans Makhi Allen and Jaheim Butler.

QB Mynue Zeno will be in more command of the offense after accounting for 3,400 yards as a freshman. He will have some good athletes to give the football to including Keric Watson, who can play multiple positions including wide receiver, cornerback, kick returner, and punt returner. The offensive line will be a main strength led by seniors Jayden Clark and Eric Brack. Both will play both ways and are invited to play in the



2026 Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game.

The defense will be young, but will return some experience including LB Jayden Meyers, who will also play some running back, and LB Malcolm Riley, who led the team in tackles as a freshman. Overall, the Commodores will be younger, but there is still a lot of bright

talent that could help the team accomplish even more history this upcoming season.

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Acadiana High School



After an 0-3 start, the Acadiana Wreckin' Rams won eight of their next nine games before falling to eventual state runner-up St. Augustine in the second round. In 2026, coach Doug Dotson aims to return the Louisiana powerhouse to championship contention.

Acadiana's offense starts with brothers Cohen and Collin Dibetta. Cohen takes over at quarterback, while Collin returns as one of Louisiana's most dynamic playmakers after producing 1,800 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. The four-year starter can contribute at receiver, quarterback, running back, and return specialist. Gabriel Decuir, Malik Gloston, and Kacynn Ollison provide additional vertical threats.

The Rams' signature veer attack features Franklin transfer Dashun Lightfoot, who totaled 2,200 yards and 26 touchdowns last season, alongside All-District selection



Syrian Joseph, Holden Sam, Ashton Barras, and Brooklyn Lewis. Up front, 1st Team All-District selection Isaias Avalos, Keddrick Bourgeois, Brandon Nezzzy, and Ethan Pittman anchor a highly regarded offensive line.

Despite losing Ohio State signee Darryus McKinley, Acadiana expects another stout defense. Lamar offer recipients Joel Dorion and Tylan Nolan lead the front seven alongside Aedan Pierce. The sec-

ondary features Ty Thomas, Makel Narcisse, Tavien Gallien, and Javiontae Sheppard. All-District kicker Josh Marquez also returns, giving Acadiana experience and reliability on special teams for another promising playoff run.

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Albany High School



Albany head coach Travis Mikel enters his second season looking to build on the Hornets' 2025 playoff campaign. Replacing Gridiron Football All-American Offensive MVP Jonah Grob, who rushed for more than 2,000 yards and 35 touchdowns before signing with Bethel College, will be a major challenge.

The Hornets return plenty of talent, including future Gridiron Football All-Americans Kaleb Smith-Hiley and Jayden Lapine. Smith-Hiley earned All-District honors at both running back and linebacker, while Lapine, a three-year starter, moves from cornerback to safety and will contribute at running back and wide receiver. Veteran quarterback Jake Milton also returns after three years as the starter, with Brody Castille expected to play a larger role at running back. Mikel is excited about the depth at receiver, where Eli Miller, Yadrion Williams, Devin Murray, and Reed



Parker give Albany multiple playmakers. The offensive and defensive lines are young, but sophomore Michael Vilardo could emerge as the next standout prospect. At 6-foot-4 and 265 pounds, Vilardo begins his first season of high school football with impressive size and potential.

With 15 returning starters and a strong core of experienced contributors, the Hornets have the pieces in place to build on last season's success and make another postseason run.

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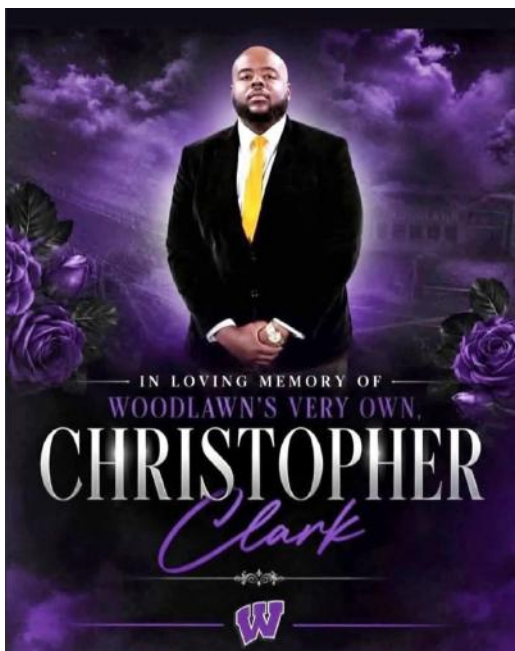
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Alexandria (ASH) Senior High School



Head Coach Thomas Bachman enters his 12th season leading the ASH Trojans after guiding the program to two state runner-up finishes. The Trojans appear poised for another Division I Select State Championship run following a 9-3 quarterfinal campaign in 2025, blending experienced veterans with standout talent.

Offensively, Lamar quarterback commit Karsen Sellers returns for his third season as the starter after throwing more than 60 career touchdown passes. Running backs Kason Williams and Noble Williams form one of Louisiana's top backfield tandems. Maryland receiver commit Alex Fontenot is back after surpassing 1,000 receiving yards and scoring 17 touchdowns last season. Veteran lineman Peter Lofton anchors the offensive front, joining Sellers and Fontenot as key contri-



butors from the 2024 Superdome run.

Defensively, ASH welcomes back nine starters. The front features Mississippi State commit Jaden Bayonne, Bryson Phoenix, Quentin Price, and Gridiron Football camp standout Jeremiah McKinney. The secondary is equally impressive with versatile Old Dominion commit Ja'Kyrin Griffin, instinctive Letravious Williams, and Hammond transfer Reginald Monroe. On special teams,

Eli Fung returns as one of Louisiana's premier kickers, giving the Trojans another dependable weapon as they pursue a championship this fall.

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Amite High School



Eight wins and a second-round playoff appearance would satisfy many programs, but for Zephaniah Powell and the Amite Warriors, the standard is much higher. Under Powell, the Warriors have won more than 100 games and two state championships, making Thanksgiving Week football and title contention the expectation.

Amite should once again be among the top contenders. The offensive line is one of the state's best, anchored by Texas State commit Jaylon Haywood and Vincent Wilson. Larry Burton, Stephen Finn, and David Foster round out a talented unit.

Two-time All-State running back and Gridiron Football Top Camp standout Jamyron Dillon moves to quarterback, where he'll be surrounded by explosive playmakers. Versatile standout Braylin Taylor



can impact the game at wide receiver, cornerback, and in the return game, while Tydarrius Holland, Ulysses Powell, Kyle Ard, Desmon Harrell, Braylin Riley, and Zaylon Foster add depth and big-play ability.

Defensively, the Warriors will rely on a strong front featuring three-year starter Alijah Williams, Zarion Zanders, Kedric Bean, Duante Griffin, Johnny Kelly, and Kymani Muse. The secondary is equally talented with Taylor, Xavier Johnson,

Damarion Taylor, and Amari Moore leading the way. Collin Adamson returns as the team's kicker. With plenty of talent, Amite can make another deep run in the playoffs this fall.

Coach Interview



Player Interviews





Archbishop Hannan High School

The Archbishop Hannan Hawks are building things under head coach Steve Soper. Although the team won only three games last season, the numbers are improving overall with 65 players on the varsity squad heading into 2026.

The Hawks' spread offense returns ten starters. QB Braden Sprang returns after leading the parish in completion percentage last season. Riley Jones makes it an experienced backfield after rushing for 1,200 yards and 19 touchdowns last season. Hunter Lay is the team's leading receiver returning with 600 yards in 2025. Graesyn Broussard, Carter Speerly, and Will Burke round out the receiving core. Finally, four starters return on the offensive line featuring Max Hand, Raymond Solis, Brennan Jarrell, Jackson



Bannerman, and Jude Monier.

The defense will shift to a 3-4 look and return the majority of production despite graduating Gridiron All-American LB Greyson Dupre. At 6'4, 230, Gabe Timmons has the upside to be a dominant edge rusher after posting 11 sacks last season. DT Liam Benton, DE Chase Romero, OLB Cade McHughes, and LB Evan Morales return to anchor the front.

The safety tandem is one of the best in the district led by Paul Hoyt and Ryan Rist, who combine for 165 tackles. Camden Williams and Carter Pernicario both return at cornerback.

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Ascension Catholic High School

Taylor James enjoyed a remarkable debut season in 2025, leading Ascension Catholic to an 11-win campaign and a Division IV Select State Championship appearance before falling to Riverside Academy. Now, the Bulldogs look to make another run to the Dome.

Replacing Gridiron Football Player of the Year Trevin Simon won't be easy, but Ascension Catholic remains loaded with talent. Two-way standout Jacob Julien and Caden Mayes will shoulder the rushing attack, while quarterback Gregory Fernandez returns after accounting for 1,500 total yards and 20 touchdowns. Despite graduating All-American Vaughn Blanchard, the offensive line returns four starters, including three-year starter Cole Cassard, Dayveon Geason, All-District selection Hayden Turner, and Dax Hebert. The receiving corps features experienced targets in All-District selections



Cy Landry and Johnny Viallon alongside Jahkari Jenkins and Harrison LeBoeuf.

The defensive line will feature new faces, but the linebackers and secondary return intact. John Rob Daigle anchors the defense after recording 160 tackles last season, while All-District Kole Folse added 97 tackles and two defensive touchdowns. All-State defensive back Jacob Julien returns after seven interceptions, joined by Landon Thomas,

Michael Blanchard, Raif Melancon, Sheldon Smith, Kohen Folse, and Karson Folse. Michael Blanchard handles kicking duties, while Viallon returns as the punter. Another championship run is well within reach.

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Ascension Episcopal High School

The Ascension Episcopal Blue Gators were right on the doorstep of going to the Superdome after going 11-2 and reaching the Division IV Select Semifinals falling to the eventual state champion Riverside Academy Rebels. Now in his second year as the Blue Gators head coach, Jay Domengeaux is hoping to get them a step further in 2026.

Eli Chauvin and Carson Collette will battle each other for the starting quarterback spot. Whoever wins the job will hand the ball off to two way starter Owen Leblanc, who is a two time All-District selection. 1st Team All-District WR Jack Boudreaux will move primarily into the slot to help the passing game. The offensive line will return three starters up front in three year center Merritt Hawkins, Rhodes Perry, and Andrew Clement.



Defensively, the Blue Gators have one of the best linebacking cores in the state featuring Owen Leblanc, District Defensive MVP Braxton Woodring, and Lucas Cormier. David Kennedy will anchor the defensive line while Austin Adams will lead the backend of the defense. On special teams, the Blue Gators will have a new

kicker and punter. While expectations are high, Coach Domengeaux's number one focus is to get the team to improve as the season goes on.

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Avoyelles High School



Entering year four under Corey Bannister, the Avoyelles Mustangs have taken strides each season. The 2025 season was the first time under Bannister that the Mustangs finished over .500 by winning six games. Now, Avoyelles will hope to build on that even more heading into the 2026 season.

While the offense will still run double wing, they will incorporate some spread as well. Terraj Valant will return at quarterback after starting some games last season. Xavier Scott is expected to have a breakout season after rushing for 478 yards and nine touchdowns in 2025. Kelvin Jones, Jayden Williams, and Terrance Vallot will help the passing game at receiver.

Playing in a 4-3 defense, Coach Bannister hopes this look will allow them to get more pressure. What will help with that is returning one of the state's best defensive



ends in UL Ragin' Cajuns commit Kobe Smith. As an All-Parish Defensive MVP and All-State selection, Smith's goals are to hit 20 sacks this upcoming season. He will have some help from DE Omarion Lavan, CB Hanson Guillot, LB Brayden Murray, Josh Casugay, DL/LB Evan Saucier, and LB Brody Guillot to name a few. The Mus-

tangs will play most of these guys-both ways with 35 players on the team.

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Breaux Bridge High School



The Breaux Bridge Tigers will be a young team this season as 80% of the players are freshmen and sophomores. Although young, head coach Tyler Pierce believes the talent and buy-in is there to make a run at the playoffs in 2026 after a three-win season in 2025.

The team's best athlete is Dakowen Celestine, and he will be taking reps under center as the Tigers continue their transition from the spread to the split-back veer offensively. At 6'2, 175 pounds, Celestine can fly and has the ability to take it to the house on any given play. Like Celestine, Noah Solomon has big playmaking ability and is also making the transition from playing only defensive back to now playing both ways at running back. Nelson Borel brings physicality to the team not only at wide receiver/tight end, but also as an All-District linebacker.

Coach Pierce wants to get to a point where there is enough depth for starters to play one side of the ball, but, like the three mentioned,



will rely on a lot of two-way players, including RB/LB Cruz Trail, OL/DL Ken'yan Domonter, OL/DL Emmanuel Watson, and RB/LB Kyle Bonin, to name a few.

The Tigers' youthful roster presents both challenges and opportunities, but the foundation is being built for sustained success. If Breaux Bridge can develop consistency, remain healthy, and embrace the demands of its new offensive identity, this

talented group could surprise opponents and position the program for a promising future this season.

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Broadmoor High School



The Broadmoor Buccaneers enter year one of the Jerome Wiltz era. After being on the staff the last three seasons as the Buccaneers' defensive coordinator, Wiltz has now been promoted to head coach. His goal in year one is not only to improve the three win mark from a season ago, but to install discipline in the program.



Offensively, the Buccaneers have some electric skill talent. Left handed quarterback Quentin Williams will be handed the keys to run the offense. He will have two talented running backs to hand the ball off to in Skylar Smith and Trent Wiggins. Johnnte Williams is an electric receiver that has recently received an offer from Louisiana Christian University. Torrance Mitchell and Earl Thibodeaux will lead the offensive

line.

The defense will shift into a 3-4 base front. Three year starter Travarous Scott will command the defensive line as one of the team's most productive players. Scott recently earned an offer from Kentucky State. Aidan Ingham brings versatility as he can play all three levels of the defense. Finally, Brailand Porter returns in the back end of the defense after having 45

tackles and five interceptions last season. This summer, 45 players have been active so these players will have expanded roles both ways.

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Buckeye High School



Aaron York enters his third season as the Buckeye Panthers' head coach after winning six games in 2024 and five games last season. The Panthers started off last season strong, but key injuries down the stretch forced a lot of young players to get action down the stretch.



The good news heading into the 2026 season is that most of those young players are now experienced. The strength of the team is the trenches on both sides of the ball. Three linemen return to man the trenches. Blayden Townsend, Shane White, and Jake Locke will lead the way on the offensive line. Zachary Tam will handle the reigns under center at quarterback. Jackson Tam, Mason Tam, and Wade Jenkins will be running backs by committee while Jackson York and

Fisher York will help in the receiving games.

It is not going to be easy to replace Gridiron Football All-American linebacker Ty Curtis (Louisiana Christian University) on defense, but like the offensive side of the football, the production will come from the entire unit with a lot of the players playing both ways. Overall, the goal for the upcoming season is to not only

have a winning record, but contend for a district title and win the program's first playoff game.

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Bunkie High School

The Bunkie Panthers have enjoyed sustained success under Jimmie Hillman, compiling a 30-5 record over the past three seasons, including a 9-2 mark last year. While regular-season wins have become the norm, the program's focus is now on making a deep postseason run to the Superdome.

In recent years, Gridiron Football All-Americans Dillon Compton (Southern), Zion Lee (Navy), and Lucas Mose helped establish the standard. Now, a veteran group is ready to carry the torch. The Panthers return six starters on both sides of the ball, led by quarterback Austin Fitzgerald. The offensive line brings plenty of experience with four returning starters: center Graham Newton, Madden Sauseda, Thomas Welch, and Ethan Smith. Several talented JV standouts are expected to make an immediate



impact, including running back Ketron Watson and wide receivers Xavier Stafford and Carter Breau.

Defensively, Bunkie is anchored by future Gridiron Football All-Americans Mitchell Couvillion and Jordan Augustine. Couvillion has earned offers from Rhodes College, Lyon College, LCU, and Centenary, while Augustine's versatility allows him to contribute at cornerback, safety, linebacker, or wide receiver. Kayden Dobbins

and Nakavion Dixon strengthen the secondary, linebacker Trip Larwood returns after recording more than 100 tackles last season, and Patrick Lemoine is back for his third year handling kicking and punting duties.

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Capitol High School



New head coach Reginald Ware is trying to “Restore the Roar” back at Capitol High School. After a winless season a year ago, Coach Ware is hoping to restore its winning ways when the late great head coach Roman Bates made the Lions championship contenders in the 90’s.

Coach Ware surrounded himself with experienced assistant coaches in order to bring the program to where it once was. Some of the coaches include former East Iberville head coach Justin Joseph, Brett Love from Collegiate, Brandon Williams from Liberty, and Alvonte Sample to name a few. Moving back to 1A for the upcoming season, the numbers are low, but the key for Coach Ware and his staff is for the players to buy in through workouts and offseason conditioning.



Ware made sure to highlight three players that have exemplified their mission and are doing their part to help build the program. Deion Dixon is the team’s most dynamic weapon as he was a 1st Team All-District wide receiver and 2nd Team All-District kick returner. QB Camren Wilson returns as the team’s Offensive MVP and was also a two time winner of the Lion Award. Finally, offensive lineman Kevin Henderson (6’2, 325) is already making an impact entering his freshman year.

PLAYERS TO WATCH	
Deion Dixon	WR/KR
Camren Wilson	QB
Kevin Henderson	OL

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Carencro High School



The Carencro Golden Bears return to Class 4A in 2026, the same division where they captured their last state championship in 2020. Entering year three under head coach Gavin Peters, Carencro is aiming to contend once again behind a talented junior class.

QB Carson Gurzi, a former Gridiron Football Junior High All-American, has emerged as one of Louisiana’s top 2028 prospects. Last season, he became the school’s all-time leading passer after throwing for nearly 3,000 yards and 32 touchdowns, and expectations are even higher for his junior campaign. Senior running backs Cardaye Batiste and DaMarion Green will split carries, while receivers Khylen Taylor, Malachi Menard, and tight end Derace James Jr. give Gurzi plenty of passing targets. Versatile standout Hayden Monroe will contribute on both sides of the ball. Despite losing standout lineman Mister Finney to



a torn ACL in June, the offensive line returns experienced seniors Gaven Joseph, Mason Roger, and Joel Claiborne.

Monroe anchors the defensive front with Kelvin Helaire, Heaven Batiste, and Shawn Labbe. James also starts at linebacker alongside Dmauri Fisher and Daylan Peak, while Roland Bruno, Jermainy Arceneaux, Dentrell Morrison, and Caden Robinson lead the second-

ary. Kicker Matthew Latham returns after converting two game-winning field goals and recovering 16 onside kicks last season.

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Catholic High School (BR)



The Catholic High Bears enter year four under Hudson Fuller, who has compiled a 33-6 record and led the program to the 2023 state championship. After reaching the semifinals last season, expectations remain high on Hearthstone Drive.

Camden Estep takes over at quarterback, though Huckleberry Finley is also expected to see snaps as Fuller continues his multiple-quarterback approach. Both will benefit from handing the ball to Florida State commit Jayden Miles, one of the nation's top running backs. Justin Batiste and Lamond Robinson give the Bears one of Louisiana's deepest backfields. Gregory Williams Jr., Dyer Chambers, Gary Simpson, Jaden Moffitt, and Jordan Culotta headline the receiving corps.

The offensive line is anchored by Tulane commit Jackson Shaw, Eli Crump, Max Jones, Jacque Robichaux, Hunter Jarreau, Preston Perry, Brody Gregoire, and Weston



Mayeux. Robichaux, Jarreau, and Mayeux are former Gridiron Junior High All-Americans. Tight ends Jude Chamberlain, a Stanford commit, and Hayes Schramm add size and versatility.

Defensively, Shaw joins four-year starter Jayden Vessell, Liam Myers, Jayce Holland, and Jack Stokes up front. While replacing Ohio State signee Blaine Bradford in the secondary won't be easy, Kooper

Rome, Howard Beach, DJay Collins, Gavin Plummer, and Carson Rice provide valuable experience. Graham Nasif and Cason Martinez will handle the kicking duties.

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Catholic New Iberia High School



The Catholic High of New Iberia Panthers are coming off back-to-back 10-win seasons. In three years, head coach Matt Desormeaux has led the Panthers to a 31-7 record, highlighted by the 2024 state championship. Entering year four, the program expects to remain a contender and compete deep into the postseason.

John Parker Robinson takes over at quarterback after patiently waiting his turn. The offense will rely on dynamic playmaker Khylon Edwards, who recorded 33 receptions for 519 yards and eight touchdowns last season. Edwards will also contribute at cornerback, safety, kick returner, and kicker. Cooper Parich steps into the starting running back role replacing program great Owen Morris, while a young offensive line looks to develop as the season progresses.

Defensively, the Panthers return an experienced front led by Jack



Bigler, Jagger LaBauve, and Holden Cormier. Michael Heid, the team's lone returning linebacker, is back after leading the defense with 83 tackles. The secondary should be a major strength with Edwards joined by Gavin Kading and Maddox Nacol, who will contribute on both sides of the ball. Sophomore Kyan Batiste is another standout after totaling 60 tackles and two interceptions as a freshman, con-

tinuing the program's tradition of producing talented defensive backs and giving the Panthers another championship-caliber defense.

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Cecilia High School



After a 1-4 start, the Cecilia Bulldogs caught fire, finishing 7-5 and reaching the Division II Non-Select quarterfinals. Known for peaking in the postseason, Cecilia has made back-to-back Dome appearances, including a 2024 state championship. With a talented senior class returning, the Bulldogs expect to contend for another trip to the Dome in 2026.

The offense is built around LSU commit Braylon Calais, who totaled 2,576 all-purpose yards and 32 touchdowns last season. The versatile playmaker will line up at wide receiver, running back, quarterback, defensive back, and return specialist. New starting quarterback Layne Champagne, nephew of head coach Cody Champagne, takes over the offense. At receiver, 6-foot-4 Ashton Ruffin brings size and big-play ability, while Deondre Briscoe is expected to lead the rushing attack. Northwestern State commit Franky Frank will expand his offensive role while remaining



a standout in the secondary. Up front, James Deluna, Ethan Journet, and Davion Charles return to anchor the offensive line.

Defensively, Cecilia must replace Gridiron Football All-Americans Braylon Jones and Conner Helaire, but returns plenty of experience. Franky Frank, Kennan Batiste, Kaden Journet, Chance Guidry, Dylan Wolfe, Chase Narcisse,

Brandon Lejeune, Broderick Patt Jr., and Damarus Babineaux headline a unit with the talent to keep the Bulldogs among the state's contenders.

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CENTRAL PRIVATE REDHAWKS

After a 4-6 season last year, Cole Holden believes the 2026 Central Private Redhawks have the talent to make the playoffs and contend for the District 9-1A championship.

Central Private is expanding its offense, transitioning from the Wing T to a multiple scheme that better fits what Holden considers his most athletic roster in four seasons. Leading the offense is three-year starting quarterback Zach Browning. When the Redhawks need a big play, they can turn to four-year starter Brody Gibson. The 6-foot-3, 200-pound, two-time All-District tight end is a versatile weapon who can stretch the field as a receiver or line up as a blocker. Gibson also anchors the defense as an All-District defensive end.

Brooks Fogle and Madden Guidry add speed and playmaking ability at receiver, while Drew Martel returns at fullback and Mason Coffey takes over at running back. The of



fensive line is anchored by Wyatt Neal and features returning starters Easton Sullivan, Jacob Russell, Austin Rash, and Beau Dutsch.

The Redhawks also bring back plenty of experience on defense with Gibson, Dutsch, Martel, Guidry, Fogle, and cornerback Cade Phillips leading the way. Special teams remain in capable hands as Gibson handles punting duties, while Guidry returns kicks.

and punts, giving them another opportunity to create explosive plays

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CHEF

The CHEF Patriots are an independent homeschool football team outside the LHSAA, but they continue to prove they can compete at a high level. Longtime coach and Gridiron Football supporter Broderick Fowler Sr. takes over as the Patriots' full-time head coach, bringing a pro-style offense and multiple defensive scheme. He has also assembled an experienced staff, including former LSU quarterback Marcus Randall as offensive coordinator and former Parkview Baptist head coach Jay Mayet as defensive coordinator.

Hunter Miley is one of the team's most versatile athletes, contributing at quarterback, defensive back, kick returner, and punt returner. Keimon Hardieway returns after rushing for more than 1,000 yards in just six games. A dynamic playmaker, he excels as both a runner and receiver. Hardieway impressed at the Gridiron Football Elite Camp and earned an invitation to this year's All-American Bowl. He will



run behind a physical offensive line led by Cannon Mayet, Kirkland Ventress, and Ethan Wheat.

Defensively, the Patriots are anchored by three-year starting safety Collin Rios. At 6-foot, 190 pounds, Rios is a physical presence who delivers big hits. Defensive end Roddy Hebert has also stood out at Gridiron Football camps and earned an All-American Bowl invitation. Those are just a few of the standout players to watch.

PLAYERS TO WATCH	
Hunter Miley	QB/DB
Keimon Hardieway	RB
Collin Rios	S
Roddy Hebert	DE

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Church Point High School



The Church Point Bears are coming off a 9-3 season under head coach Rob Pool. Entering his fourth year, Pool's emphasis is on playing with greater intensity and finishing games. After winning nine games with a young roster in 2025, expectations are even higher for the Bears this fall.

Grant Bertrand takes over as the full-time starting quarterback after filling in for three games last season because of injury. Pool has praised Bertrand's leadership and maturity throughout the offseason. The running game will feature Blathon Citizen, Daylon Leger, Haison Lopez, Whit Stelly, and Caden Miller. At receiver, three-year starter Noah Wiltz returns after proving himself as a reliable target and strong blocker. Ky'len Monroe and Damarcus Boast, also three-year starters, give the Bears an experienced receiving corps. Up front, the offensive line is anchored by three-year starters Jeremiah



Boyd and Elijah Savoie. Boyd, an All-State powerlifter, boasts a 715-pound squat and an 800-pound deadlift, while Savoie recorded 42 tackles and four sacks last season. Both will contribute on both sides of the ball.

Defensively, Boyd, Savoie, Wesley Kirkpatrick, and David Jenkins lead the front, while Noah Clavier, Samuel Babino, Caiden Boudreaux, and Eli Barousse add youth to the secondary. Citizen returns as the veteran leader at cornerback.

PLAYERS TO WATCH	
Grant Bertrand	— QB
Blathon Citizen	— RB/CB
Ky'len Monroe	— WR
Jeremiah Boyd	— OL/DL

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Crowley High School



A new era of Crowley Gents football begins in 2026 as alum Joel Sinclair takes over as head coach. Although the Gents won only two games a season ago, Coach Sinclair expects big things and believes that the program can go back to its winning ways.

Oliver Price is a guy that can plug in and play multiple positions. He will start out at quarterback, but he can also play wide receiver and safety for the team too. There could be multiple guys at quarterback this season, but the bellcow is Isaiah Heathmon, who is a physical downhill runner and has big upside as a junior. Jeremy Evans is a team captain and is dedicated to Coach Sinclair's mission. He is an honor student that will play both sides of the football at wide receiver and cornerback.

While Evans leads by example, TE/DE Cameron Maxwell is the vocal leader of the team and has a high upside at 6'3, 250 pounds. Last sea-



son, he finished with 30 tackles and five sacks. Noah Guidry is perhaps their most physical and most technically sound offensive and defensive lineman. Finally, Collin Lewis brings a strong, physical presence at linebacker. There are a lot of underclassmen, but also a lot of talent.

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Oliver Price	QB/WR/S
Isaiah Heathmon	RB
Jeremy Evans	WR/CB
Cameron Maxwell	TE/DE
Noah Guidry	OL/DL
Collin Lewis	LB
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Delcambre High School



Year one under head coach Cory Brodie was a solid start for Delcambre as the Panthers won five games and reached the playoffs. Entering the 2026 season, Brodie's emphasis has been developing players who can contribute at multiple positions after injuries derailed the team following a 4-1 start last fall.

Leading the way is four-year starter Rix Robin, an All-District standout capable of playing quarterback, running back, fullback, wingback, wide receiver, and safety. Football runs deep in his family, as his grandfather coached at Delcambre and his father was a state championship fullback at Port Barre. Lynkon Delcambre adds even more versatility with experience at quarterback, wide receiver, and cornerback. Sophomore Adrian Godette is an explosive playmaker at running back and cornerback, while Nave Nguyen returns healthy after injury. A four-year starter and former Daily Iberian Freshman of



the Year, Nguyen has proven he can take over games when healthy.

The offensive line is anchored by First Team All-District selection Carson Creighton, who is joined by starting center and nose guard Avery Rogers, and four year starter Kason Menard. Defensively, Kaleb Duplantis returns after leading the Panthers with 74 tackles, while several of Delcambre's top offensive contributors will also start on de-

fense, giving the Panthers experienced two-way talent.

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The Denham Springs Yellow Jackets have to replace a large senior class of 41 players. A lot of teams would say that losing a big crop of seniors like that would force a team to rebuild, but for Brett Beard and the rest of the Yellow Jackets, they believe that this is just a reload after eight wins and a district title in 2025.

There will be a new quarterback starting this season as right now it is a competition between Andre Adams and Devin Kinchen. Whoever wins the job will hand the ball off to one of the best in the district in Tanner Koerner, who will also return kicks and punts. 1st Team All-Parish WR Trey Seals returns after having 600 yards and nine touchdowns last season. The offensive line will be a strength of the team returning three year starter Bryson McCabe, Evan Sikes, Caden Campbell, and Darius Gascon.

The defense only returns two starters. LB Bryson Smith is the team



leader on defense and will handle all the dirty work while others will compete for starting roles throughout fall camp. Perhaps, the Yellow Jackets' biggest defensive weapon is punter Luke Wilson, who is not only one of the best in the state, but in the country.



PLAYERS TO WATCH

Tanner Koerner — RB/RET

Trey Seals — WR

Bryson Smith — LB

Luke Wilson — P

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DeRidder High School



The DeRidder Dragons enter year 12 under head coach Brad Parmley with momentum after finishing the 2025 season strong. Injuries slowed the Dragons early, but once healthy they won six games, including a home playoff victory over Eunice. With eight returning offensive starters and six returning on defense, DeRidder is positioned to build on last season's success.

Quarterback Michael Parmley returns for his second season as the starter. He will lead an offense featuring Jaiden Cooper, who rushed for 600 yards as a sophomore, and Daniel Mazyck, whose playmaking ability will earn him a larger role at running back. At receiver, 6-foot-4 First Team All-District standout Jayden Merriwether provides a dangerous deep threat alongside returning target Cassie Montgomery. Four offensive linemen are back to provide experience and stability in LJ Joubert, Tom Poczontek, Alex Rochelle, and Gavin McNabb.



Defensively, six starters return to anchor a unit that showed steady improvement. Paxton Romine, recognized as an Elite Dragon for his work in the weight room, and 6-foot-5 outside linebacker Ayren Woods, who has drawn college interest, headline the front seven. In the secondary, Mazyck returns after an outstanding season that included 96 tackles and five interceptions, making him one of the area's top defensive playmakers entering the 2026 season.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Michael Parmley — QB

Jaiden Cooper — RB

Jayden Merriwether — WR

Daniel Mazyck — RB/DB

Ayren Woods — OLB

DANIEL MAZYCK:
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East Feliciana High School

The East Feliciana Tigers took a major step forward in 2025, winning nine games and advancing to the Division IV Non-Select Quarterfinals. After breaking through the second round, Darius Matthews has his sights set on a state championship. His staff features several East Feliciana standouts, including Danny Johnson, Kendell Beckwith, and Rashon Caesar.

Four-year starting quarterback Markus Cannon returns after accounting for more than 2,000 total yards and 19 touchdowns. The Tigers boast a deep backfield with Makyle Cannon, Alanthony Gibbs, Matthew King, and Tonny Ringo Jr. Versatile athlete Ryan Moore Jr. is one of the state's most explosive playmakers after totaling 2,000 all-purpose yards and 15 touchdowns last season. Zachary



ry transfer Darrian Hogan and three-year starter Keshawn Toney strengthen the receiving corps. Up front, East Feliciana has its deepest offensive line in years, led by Britson Galmon, Derigez Parker, Patrick Miller, Carl Harrell III, David Gros, and Keith Coleman.

Defensively, three-year starter Jayvon Jackson anchors the line after recording 38 tackles and five sacks. Four-year starter Alanthony Gibbs leads the line backers following a First Team

All-District season with 66 tackles. Playmakers including the Cannon brothers, Moore, Hogan, King, Toney, and Aiden Johnson provide versatility and athleticism across the defense as the Tigers pursue another deep playoff run.

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Ellender High School

Aaron Butler came in late last year when he took the head coaching job at Ellender, but he waited no time to start making an impact with the program. After only winning one game the previous two seasons, the Patriots won three in his first year. The focus for the Ellender Memorial Patriots is to get stronger in the weight room in order to return back to the playoffs.

What helps is the Patriots return their starting quarterback Travonta Allridge, who is a great athlete at 6'4, 190 pounds and is the winner of the Patriot Award last season. The offense does have to replace Gridiron Football All-American WR LaDainian Perna, but there are some skill weapons expected to step up including WR Charcolby Donaldson, RB Jaiden Gamboa, WR Jahine Woodside,



and WR Colby Boutain. The offensive line will include Joshua Robertson, Jayden Billiot, Charles Simmons, and Denzell Williams.

Omari Butler returns as one of the area's best defensive linemen at 6'0, 300 pounds. He finished last season with 5 TFLs and 3 sacks. LB Norman Porche, DE/LB Jerron Williams, DT Nicholas Mosely LB

Kylan Cockerham, CB Chavez Collins, CB Dmiren Green, and some other offensive players will contribute on defense. Enoc Padilla returns as the team's kicker/punter.

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Elton High School

Head coach Marcus Lejeune has transformed the Elton Indians from a once winless team into a consistent playoff contender. Elton has posted back-to-back outstanding seasons, winning nine games in 2024 and eight in 2025. Following a narrow second-round playoff loss to North Iberville, the Indians enter 2026 believing they have the talent to make a deep post-season run.

Leading the offense is McNeese State commit Makelin Lemoine, one of Louisiana's top running backs after rushing for 2,446 yards and 40 touchdowns last season. First Team All-State selection Lemoine is joined by First Team All-District quarterback and linebacker Davin Simon, who recorded more than 100 tackles while drawing college interest. Calvin Thomas provides quality depth at run-



ing back, while three-year starter Dmarian Poullard adds versatility after earning All-District honors at safety and expanding his offensive role. Dreyllan Delaphous contributes as a physical runner and defensive lineman.

Three-year starter Chris Ardo is poised for a breakout season at tight end and defensive end. Aaron Gobert, a four-year starter at 6-foot-1, 340 pounds, anchors the offensive line alongside returning guard Sam

Valdez. Receivers Draven Hanley and Derek George give the Indians reliable passing targets. With an experienced core, Elton has the pieces to emerge as one of Division IV Non-Select's top contenders.

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Episcopal High School

After a first-round playoff loss to De La Salle in 2025, the Episcopal Knights are determined to return to their usual postseason success. Before last season, the Knights had reached the quarterfinals seven consecutive years. Head coach Travis Bourgeois enters his 27th season with 190 career victories and a veteran group led by 16 seniors eager to restore the program's standard.

The biggest question entering 2026 is replacing nearly 90 percent of last season's offensive production in the Wing T offense. Michael Kelleher and Eli Miller are competing to replace record-setting quarterback Zack Hu. Aiden Bradford is expected to lead the rushing attack after gaining 400 yards last season, while Luke Dickerson and fullback Chandler Amacker provide additional



experience in the backfield. Noah Henderson and Drew Freel return to anchor the offensive line.

With eight returning starters, the defense is expected to lead the way while the offense develops. All-District defensive tackle Chandler Amacker, a state champion powerlifter, will wear the prestigious No. 8 jersey honoring the late Jimmy Williams. Defensive end Henry Kucharchuk, linebacker

William Mullins, All-District linebacker/defensive back Max Ribes, and defensive backs Landry Boyce and Brandon Kong headline the unit. Returning specialist Trace Macias also provides stability after earning a Gridiron Football Bowl Game invitation.

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Erath High School

Erath is coming off a magical 2025 season in which the Bobcats finished 10-0 in the regular season. Although their playoff run ended earlier than expected with a second-round Division III Non-Select loss to Union Parish, excitement remains high around head coach Eric LeBlanc's program, which has 102 players suited up for 2026.

The Bobcats have a small senior class, but many sophomores gained valuable experience last season. Replacing Gridiron Football All-American quarterback Jack Landry, now at Nicholls State, will be a major task. Landen DeRouen takes over under center with returning receivers Ayden Tallmore and Tate Collins providing experienced targets while also starting in the secondary. Ean LeBlanc impressed during the spring and is set to lead the backfield, while Connor Toups, a standout sprinter on the track team's 4x100 relay, will contribute at running back and



start at safety. All-District guard Lane Goutierrez and center Cohen Landry lead a rebuilt offensive line featuring three new starters.

Defensively, Erath returns only two starters in defensive end Cardin Nguyen and defensive tackle Jacob Hargrave. Jackson Harrington, Jude Broussard, Jackson Stoute, Jacob Richard, Owen Collins, Carter Boutte, and Carter Champagne are

expected to fill key starting roles as the Bobcats rely on another talented but youthful group.

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Fisher High School

The Fisher Gators overcame tremendous adversity in 2025 after a fire destroyed the program's football equipment shortly after head coach Randal Agee was hired. Thanks to donations from Patrick Taylor, Thomas Jefferson, Carver, John Ehret, and St. Augustine, the Gators were able to field a team, making their season and a victory even more remarkable. Now, with that experience behind them, Fisher enters 2026 looking to take another step forward.

Experience will be a major strength as the Gators return five seniors and 14 starters, including seven on offense. Jeremy Kinley is back at quarterback, while Tristan Ritchie returns at running back alongside three-time All-District standout Randy Lacrosse, who has contributed at quarterback, linebacker, and defensive line during his career. Alex Martinez, a three-year defensive starter, moves to receiver



after an impressive 7-on-7 offseason and joins returning starter Kolton Berthelon. Up front, Raymon Terrazas, Landen Diamond, and Lucas Plaisance provide veteran leadership.

The defense should be the team's foundation. Lacrosse teams with Hudson and Cullen Mamolo to anchor the defensive front, while Blaine Parria, Slade Rogers, Randy Rudolph, and Ben Ritchie return at linebacker.

Nathan Burling leads the secondary with new starters Corbin Black and Aiden Young as Fisher aims to continue its upward climb in 2026.

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Franklin High School

Expectations are high for Franklin as Tremayne Johnson enters his ninth season. Despite winning four games and reaching the Division IV Non-Select playoffs in 2025, Johnson believes the Hornets fell short of their potential. With improved talent and leadership, Franklin hopes to make a deeper postseason run in 2026.

The Hornets will utilize a two-quarterback system featuring returning starter Jahiri Perry and promising sophomore Dylan Hawkins. Junior running back Bridrick Joseph is poised for a breakout season after earning First Team All-District honors and scoring seven touchdowns last year. He also returns as one of the team's top linebackers after recording 64 tackles. Tre Edmond is another explosive playmaker who will contribute at running back and receiver. Jamiyah Perry, Zhakhi Brown, Quincy Freeman, and Daylan George provide athleticism and versatility, making



an impact on both offense and in the secondary.

Up front, four-year starting center Xavier Thomas anchors the offensive line. The 6-foot-1, 300-pound All-District standout is a team leader, while three-year starter Lebron Joseph adds experience on the offensive line and at linebacker. Franklin has the skill and veteran leadership to compete for a deeper playoff run, but Coach Johnson believes the key to success is play

ing with pride and representing the Hornets every time they take the field.

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Franklinton High School

The Franklinton Demons proved their 2024 Superdome appearance was no fluke by winning nine games and reaching the quarterfinals in 2025. Entering 2026, expectations remain high under legendary head coach Nick Saltaformaggio, who has won more than 200 games and guided three teams to the Superdome.

Replacing all-time leading passer in quarterback Jacob Crain is no easy task, but the Demons are confident in 6-foot-3 quarterback Kerston Diddon. The athletic signal caller impressed throughout the offseason and earned a Gridiron Football All-American Bowl invitation. He inherits a loaded group of playmakers, including speed back Ricardo Burris, power back Steven Tate, All-State receiver Jayden Burkhalter, who had 1,279 yards and 17 touchdowns, and Chakyn McClain, who moves to offense after starring at defensive back. Former quarterback Rhett Anderson, along with tight ends



Preston Venable and Todd Hammond, gives Diddon additional reliable targets. Although all five offensive linemen graduated, Coach Saltaformaggio believes a talented young group led by Javonte Wood can develop quickly.

The defense returns nine starters and should again be a strength. McClain headlines a veteran unit featuring Tyler Magee, De'Montre Taylor, Taylor McCray, J.W. Magee, Nick Chauvin, Devin Harris, Caleb

Garrett, Marshawn Wilson, and others. Franklinton also returns all of its specialists, including dependable kicker Liam Young.

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Glen Oaks High School

Glen Oaks enters the 2026 season under new leadership as Byron Wade takes over as head coach of the Panthers. After last year's playoff appearance, Wade is aiming to elevate expectations even higher, just as he did at Belaire, where he guided the Bengals to their first postseason berth in 17 years.

The Panthers will operate a power spread offense with a balanced approach. Quarterback Jyrus Reado returns as the starter and has embraced Wade's system throughout the offseason. Running back Cardarieous Jackson isn't the biggest player, but his physical running style makes him difficult to tackle. After totaling 1,494 yards last season, he'll also be featured more in the passing game. Sophomore Melvin Tickle, a 6-foot-2 playmaker, has been a standout throughout spring practice and 7-on-7 competition, making him a breakout candidate. Freshman Lathan Burkhalter is expected to



contribute immediately after starting as a middle school workhorse.

Four-year starter Jeremiah Smith remains a key two-way contributor at wide receiver and defensive back. Preston Bell anchors both lines with his physical presence. Linebacker Ryland Cotton, the team's strongest player at 6-foot-1, 230 pounds, is a legitimate college prospect. LB Trayvion Whitehead, DE Kennedy Ambrose, and DE DeWayne Freeman round out a

defense expected to be a strength this season.

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Glenbrook High School

Coming off a 3-6 campaign, the Glenbrook Apaches are still a young football team heading into the 2026 season with only five seniors. Although the numbers are low in terms of seniors, all five have been vital to the program. Also, there are plenty of sophomores and juniors that have gained plenty of experience because of last season.

There is no question that the Apaches' biggest strength is their offensive line as three of those seniors start up front. Nolan Still and Franklin Bridwell have started since their ninth grade year and both have been very productive throughout their career. Still is a three time All-District selection while Bridwell is a two time All-District selection and also lineman of the year for the team. Aiden Nehls is the third senior and is the biggest at 6'4, 308 pounds.



Ryan Reagan returns as the starting quarterback and Carson Whitehead will get to run behind one of the best offensive lines in 1A. Two exciting receivers will make plays for the passing game in All-District selection Darron Hollingsworth and 6'3 target Carson Powell. The defense will run a new scheme this season and will be led by guys like All-District linebacker Hudson Glascock and Davis Edwards, who had six interceptions in 2025.

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Ryan Reagan	QB
Nolan Still	OL
Darron Hollingsworth	WR
Hudson Glascock	LB

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Grant High School

Grant could be one of the state's most improved teams in 2026. Jarvous Felton believes the Cougars have the talent to make a playoff run after a 3-7 season that was hampered by injuries. This offseason has focused on building confidence and helping the team realize its potential.

The offense is led by Tulane commit Aymaud Sykes, one of Louisiana's fastest running backs. Sykes clocked a 4.29-second 40-yard dash at the Gridiron Football Camp and rushed for 2,198 yards and 35 touchdowns last season, including a state-record 10-touchdown performance against Montgomery. New quarterback Gage Hossieni has impressed throughout the offseason and showed steady development during Gridiron camps. Four-year starter Keith McKinney and Shawn Williams are explosive athletes who will contribute on both offense and defense. Although only two offensive line starters return, Bentley Sibley, Damien



Bracey, Aiden Dombrowski, and Kaiden Roberts all gained valuable experience last season.

Defensively, Grant must replace Gridiron Football All-Americans Jake Glass and Braeden Slone, but much of the unit returns intact. Linebacker Matthew Cooper, who recorded 140 tackles last season, headlines the defense alongside dependable four-year starter Cullen Carbo. McKinney, Williams,

Jarvon Davis, Beau Crawford, Colt Williams, Kylon Duhon, Ethan Seals, Greyson Stroud, Marcarius Cooper, and Jaedyn Williams are additional players to watch.

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J.S. Clark High School

The 2026 season will be a historic one for the J.S. Clark Bulldogs led by second year head coach Jestin Kelly as this will be the first year that the program will be playing for district honors after playing a sub varsity schedule where they had plenty of success including going 9-1 last fall.

What helps is that the Bulldogs still have their key core of guys that have been with the program since the very beginning. RB/FS Austin Simon and WR/CB Jeremy Sonnier are not only exciting playmakers, but four year starters that have laid the foundation for J.S. Clark. QB Kevin Johnwell has also been there since the start and has stepped up as a leader this offseason. Johnwell will also play linebacker too and will share quarterback reps with Paul Lee.

While Simon and Sonnier set the tone as skill players, Denver Andrus does the same in the trenches



as a two way starter on the offensive and defensive line. Jahmar Doucet, Diandrae Riggs, and Koean Manuel also are anchors up front. LB D'Marcus Gloston, WR/S Jayden Sonnier, OLB Jayden Wilson, S Cohlen Hall, WR/CB Dresean Payne, and WR/DB Marion Leday are some other players that will get playing time.

PLAYERS TO WATCH	
Austin Simon	RB/FS
Jeremy Sonnier	WR/CB
Kevin Johnwell	QB/LB
Denver Andrus	OL/DL

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Jennings High School

The Jennings Bulldogs are coming off an impressive 2025 season, winning eight games and advancing to the second round of the Division II Non-Select Playoffs before falling to Franklinton. Entering his fourth season, state championship-winning coach Bret Fuselier has elevated expectations for the Bulldogs.

Jennings returns one of the area's top quarterbacks in four-year starter Chris Ned. The All-State standout has earned offers from McNeese State, Nicholls State, and Louisiana Tech, and will again start at safety on defense. The Bulldogs, long known for producing standout running backs, have another talented ball carrier in Dailen Nixon, whose vision and physical running style make him a key offensive weapon. Up front, Jennings benefits from the rare luxury of returning all five



offensive linemen, led by three-year starter and two-time All-District selection Ayden Leger.

Defensively, the Bulldogs must replace seven starters, including Gridiron Football All-Americans Nate Broussard, Zion Leonard, and Gerald Watson. However, they return an experienced starter at every level. All-State defensive end DeJohn Zeno headlines the front, while Trevon Gallow returns at linebacker. William

Leblanc enters his third season as the starting safety alongside Ned, giving Jennings a veteran secondary. Senior linebacker Preston Fontenot has patiently waited for his opportunity and is expected to make a significant impact this season.

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Jewel Sumner High School

The Jewel Sumner Cowboys are coming off a historic 2025 season, finishing with the first undefeated regular season in school history and falling just one play short of the semifinals against eventual state runner-up Calvary Baptist Academy. Under head coach Ross Currier, the Cowboys have established themselves as a legitimate state championship contender.

Although the Wing-T offense must replace standouts Eli Neyland, Jamohn Dyson, and Jeremiah Brooks, the new backfield may be even more explosive. Quarterback Kelyn Miller, running backs Rashaud Shy, Jah'Kori Brown, Loranger transfer Ryland James, and Kennedy James give Sumner elite 4.4-4.6/40 speed. Ryland James is recovering from an ACL injury but is expected back by district play. Despite



replacing two Gridiron Football All-Americans up front, the offensive line remains a strength. All-District selections Luis Moreno and Jayden Besse lead the group, joined by Kayne Russell, Zakayden Elzie, Jayden Freeman, and tight end John Speed.

The Cowboys should again be one of the area's most physical teams. Jayon Varnado anchors the defensive line, while Jahkeem Brown and Jimmy Fredieu provide pressure off

the edge. Brennen Brumfield, KJ Williams, and Khaydent McCabe lead the linebackers. The secondary is the team's biggest strength with returning veterans Rashaud Shy, Ryland James, and Vincent Sims leading the way.

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Jonesboro Hodge High

The Jonesboro-Hodge Tigers are coming off a successful 2025 season, finishing 9-4 and advancing to the Division IV Non-Select quarterfinals before falling to eventual state champion Haynesville. Longtime coach Terrance Blankenship now turns to another senior-led group, including three former Gridiron Football Junior High All-Americans, to build on last year's success.

The Tigers must replace Gridiron Football All-Americans Landon Boston and Dakota Knox, two of the program's offensive cornerstones. This season, production is expected to come by committee. Ty-sen Burks and King Campbell are competing for the starting quarterback job, with Burks shifting back to wide receiver if Campbell earns the role. Cameron Jackson, Corey Campbell,



who played in last year's Gridiron Football Junior High Game, and Lontrevious Burns will share carries in the backfield, while Burks, Burns, Ja'Marion Johnson, Victor Johnson, and JaQuan Qualls provide a deep group of receiving targets.

At 6-foot-4, 334 pounds, Michael Malone is an intriguing prospect enjoying a strong off-season and will anchor both the offensive and defensive lines alongside Dylan Hayes. As is common at the Class 1A level,

many players will contribute on both sides of the ball. Burns is expected to start at linebacker, Qualls and Burks at cornerback, and Victor Johnson at safety, giving Jonesboro-Hodge experienced playmakers throughout the defense.

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Kaplan High School

New Kaplan coach Vin-nie Bullara has wasted little time getting ac-climated after taking over the program just a month ago. He inherits a strong foundation with the Pirates coming off a 7-5 season and a second-round appearance in the Division III Non-Select Playoffs. As always, Kaplan is expected to play a physical, hard-nosed brand of football.

Jaiden Hargrave returns at quarterback after rushing for more than 700 yards last season, while De'Maurion Cormier, who accounted for over 1,500 total yards, headlines the rushing attack. Second Team All-District selection Matthew Breaux embodies Kaplan's identity with his toughness and versatility, contributing at running back and safety. Sophomore Jeremy Roy emerged as an All-District playmaker as a



freshman and will again make an impact at receiver and safety. All-District standout Kodi Clement is another elite athlete whose size, speed, and track background make him a major threat on both sides of the ball.

The Pirates are also strong in the trenches with 6-foot-5, 348-pound Carter Hebert anchoring both the offensive and defensive lines after an impressive off-season. Grant Saltzman and Owen Theall provide additional experience up front.

Defensively, Roy, Clement, Cormier, Breaux, Jacob Devoltz, Rashad Boudreaux, and Van Guidry give Kaplan an athletic, physical unit capable of building on last season's success.

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Kentwood High School

A 7-5 season may satisfy many programs, but it fell short of expectations for the nine-time state champion Kentwood Kangaroos. Head coach Cornelius Blount believes his veteran squad can return to championship contention after reaching the semifinals in his first season. Kentwood returns 18 seniors, including 13 players with at least three years of starting experience.

The Kangaroos once again feature plenty of athletic playmakers. Ahmade Bickham Jr., a 6-foot-4 standout with a Grambling offer, can play quarterback or wide receiver, but Kaleb Magee is expected to take over at quarterback, allowing Bickham to thrive as a versatile offensive weapon. Several defensive standouts will also contribute on offense, highlighting the team's depth.

Defensively, Kentwood returns every starter, giving the Kangaroos one of the most experienced units



in Class 1A. DE Richard Otis, who also plays tight end, recorded eight sacks last season and serves as the defensive captain. Four-year starter Chance Briggs is another leader after totaling eight interceptions and is expected to contribute offensively as well. Linebacker Terryl Smith returns after having 175 tackles, while Ivan Williams anchors both lines. Jamarrious Campbell, Chance Knighten, Adrian Burton, Kendell Zanders, and Ricky Briggs

are experienced two-way contributors who add depth and leadership to a team aiming for another deep playoff run.

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Lafayette Christian

The Lafayette Christian Academy Knights narrowly missed a return to the Superdome last season, falling 49-48 to eventual state champion Dunham in a semifinal thriller. Despite an 11-win season, the program is focused on returning to championship form after winning four straight state titles from 2017-2020.

LCA graduated eight college signees, but the roster still has the depth to make another title run. The biggest question is replacing UL signee Braylon Walker at quarterback, where Ty Hills and Kyzer White are competing for the starting job. Running back Caiden Bellard also transferred to U-High, but the receiving corps is loaded. Brelin Briscoe provides a big target, Kaden Ledet is an explosive playmaker, and freshman Mason Alexander is already turning heads. Three-year starter Gavin Aguiard and All-District tackle Lane Broussard lead an experienced offensive



line alongside Cullen Sontag, Mason Talbot, and Liam Collins.

Defensively, South Alabama commit Josh Wilson returns after recording seven sacks and headlines the front with Brayden Lanclos and Joseph Adams. Kaleb Simon anchors the linebackers with Deion Poole, Triston Alexander, and Keldrick Williams joining the unit. The secondary is the team's biggest strength, featuring All-District corner Kerrance Vallot alongside

returning starters Davion Batiste and Sky Ryan, giving the Knights an experienced, playmaking defensive backfield.

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Lafayette High School

The Lafayette Mighty Lions enjoyed a successful first season under alumnus Stephen Hearen, finishing 6-4 in the regular season and earning a Division I Select playoff berth. After a strong offseason, the Lions are aiming to build on that success and take another step forward.

Leading the offense is Dartmouth commit Richmond Saunier, one of the state's top quarterbacks. The 6-foot-3, 205-pound senior threw for 1,600 yards and accounted for 20 touchdowns last season while emerging as the team's unquestioned leader. Lafayette also added a major weapon in Lamar commit Jaden Celestine, who transferred from Comeaux after rushing for 1,600 yards and 24 touchdowns last season. Jordan Nyumba, Cooper Bolivar, Leiland Joseph, Brensyn Farnsworth, Damarion Bernard, Gresham Hargett, and Hayes Swain add depth at the skill positions. Evan Dulaney and Jamari Perkins return to anchor the



offensive line, while former left tackle Amore Shelvin moves to defense.

The defense also received a boost from Comeaux transfers Alex Satchell and Amontee Abraham. Satchell recorded more than 100 tackles last season and is committed to the Gridiron Football All-American Bowl. The secondary is anchored by versatile three-

year starter Kyle Savoy and Owen Dozier George, whose athleticism and playmaking ability provide stability in the defensive backfield.

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Lakeshore High School

After Brent Indest left Lakeshore High School to become the head coach at Abbeville, assistant Hunter Bonvillain was promoted after four years on staff. Bonvillain inherits a Titans team coming off an 8-3 season that included a district championship, a first-round playoff bye, and a second-round appearance. Expectations remain high as Lakeshore looks to contend for another district title and deep playoff run.

Senior quarterback Brody Loudermilk returns after accounting for 3,982 total yards and 26 touchdowns, leading the Titans' Gun T offense. He'll be supported by powerful running back Alex Addison, speedy wingback Gareth Hernandez, and four-year starter Elijah Galiano at split end. James Vance, JJ Velthouse, and Blaise Omond add depth at wingback.

Up front, All-District guards Luke Logue and Ben Sandman anchor the offensive line alongside center Dawson Latiolais and tackle Ross



Guzman, while Santiago Mendieta and Mason Fricke compete for the other tackle spot. Tight end duties will be shared by Tristian Coulon, Dayton Magee, and Colton Loomis.

Defensively, Magee, Fricke, and Elijah Tusan lead the line. Coulon, Velthouse, Vance, two-time All-District linebacker Landon Hollingshead, Hank Griffin, and Phillip Leger headline a physical linebacker corp. Hernandez, Galiano, and Kyler Morel pace a young

secondary, while Jackson Schemmel returns as the Titans' dependable kicker.

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Liberty Magnet High School

New head coach Devyn Baker hopes to bring stability to a Liberty Magnet program that has had four head coaches in four years. Despite the turnover and competing in one of Louisiana's toughest districts, the Patriots finished 6-5 last season and will look to build on that success.

Liberty Magnet's offense will again rely on a strong rushing attack led by Abednego Stephens and Jaxon Broussard. Stephens, a Second Team All-District selection, rushed for 600 yards and five touchdowns while showcasing his speed and elusiveness. Broussard complements him with a physical, downhill running style. Their production should ease the transition at quarterback, where Husein Salem, Koi Bruce, Jovani Jones, or Raphael Velasco will replace Brice Preston following his transfer. Caleb Handy is the team's top big-play threat at wide receiver and could also contribute defensively. Bryson Moses,



Bryson Smith, and Blake Broussard add depth at receiver, while Ian Morris, Brandon Hatch, and Cedric Johnson anchor the offensive line.

Defensively, cornerback Jermaine Williams returns after recording an interception and four pass break-ups last season. Three-year starter Dakari Davis provides versatility and pass-rushing ability at defensive end or outside linebacker.

Khyree Cummings, Mason Patton, Jaylen Bradley, and Jeremiah Thomas are expected to play key roles as the Patriots develop a young defense.

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Livonia

Livonia could be one of Louisiana's breakout teams in 2026 after finishing 4-7 last season. Head coach Khalil Thomas believes the Wildcats are close after several one-score losses and has emphasized finishing games this offseason.

The Wildcats boast one of the state's most explosive skill groups, led by First Team All-District receiver CJ Aguillard. The Southern and Grambling recruit totaled 1,441 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns last season while showcasing elite 4.4 speed. He is paired with 6-foot-4 receiver Bo Stewart, an All-District standout with Nicholls State and Missouri State offers, to form a dangerous receiving duo. Jamyrie Lambert, a Second Team All-District flex player, is a versatile weapon after finishing second in the district in rushing touchdowns and third in the district in interceptions. All three are Gridiron Football camp standouts. Lambert and Anthony Gauthier will share carries. Chandler Aguillard takes over



at quarterback after an impressive summer in 7-on-7 competition.

Darian Harris, Dmarkis Munson, Ethan Darensbourg, and Jacorryan Franklin lead the offensive line. Defensively, Franklin joins 2nd Team All-District selections Willie Williams and Donovan Williams on the defensive front. Linebacker Jamarion Campbell returns after a 130-tackle season and is joined by

Demarkus Chaney and Alex Rushing. Three-year starter Aldric Collier and Marcus Bowser headline the secondary.

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Logansport

Entering his 13th season leading the Logansport Tigers, Kevin Magee has cemented his legacy at the school. A former state championship quarterback, Magee has also won a state title as head coach and surpassed 100 victories. In 2025, Logansport won nine games and reached the Division IV Non-Select quarterfinals before falling to Jeanerette. The Tigers expect to contend for another trip to the Dome in 2026.

Collin Magee enters his first full season as the starting quarterback after earning late-season reps last year and making offseason progress. His transition should benefit from the return of all three starting receivers. Three-year starter Kaiton Packett, a first-team all-district selection, combines strong hand-eye coordination with 4.5 speed. Jazavien Barnes adds another explosive option, giving Logansport a dangerous outside tandem. Three offensive line starters also return, with two newcomers joining the unit.



Two-way standout Jaydon Perkins will anchor the line and defense. He and his brother, H-back Jaylon Perkins, form one of Louisiana's top 2028-class defensive end tandems. Both have drawn Division I interest and play with relentless motors. Jaydon earned first-team all-district, all-state and District Defensive MVP honors; Jaylon was first-team all-district and second-team all-state. Two new line

backers will develop throughout the season, while the receivers will contribute in the secondary.

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Loranger High

In his second season as Loranger's head coach, Chris Powell wants improved communication, speed and strength after injuries derailed a promising 2025 campaign. The Wolves lost their starting quarterback for two games and their All-State running back after four and a half games, yet earned four wins and a playoff berth before falling to St. Michael in the opening round.

Although Loranger returns only a few starters, its move to Class 3A should improve its ability to compete. Amite transfer Braylon Tate takes over at quarterback after emerging as a leader. A Gridiron Football Camp Top Performer, Tate will also contribute at strong safety. Jamarion Freeman, who filled in at quarterback last season, will play running back, receiver and strong safety. All-District return specialist Cameron McKnight will receive opportunities at receiver following Rylan James' transfer to Jewel Sumner.



All-District center Tyler Alexander moves to left tackle, joining Blaise Luneau, Jaiden Hines, Jase Rogers and Brendan Hardy up front. Alexander, Hines and tight end Tajh Batiste will anchor the defensive line. Batiste brings physicality and hands. Two-way standout Kerrion Butler returns after earning first-team All-District honors at linebacker and recording at least two takeaways in every district game.

Nathaniel Gaubert, a leader since his freshman year, returns at outside linebacker.

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Mamou

After serving as Marksville's offensive coordinator, Daniel Scully has accepted the challenge of leading the Mamou Green Demons. Despite finishing 4-6 last season, Scully has high expectations and believes Mamou can win plenty of games in 2026.

The offense will feature a three-headed backfield led by All-District running back and receiver Zamaurri Brown. At 6-foot, 204 pounds, Brown is one of the state's most underrated prospects after producing 1,228 all-purpose yards and 14 touchdowns last season. He will share carries with talented running backs Branigan Berzas and Decoreyon Arceneaux, who will both start at linebacker defensively.

Dual-threat quarterback Jayden Ardoin can challenge defenses with his arm and legs and has led by example throughout the offseason. Young receiver Jamarion Edwards also enjoyed a productive summer. Although the offensive line is



young, Scully remains confident in the group. All-District selection Eli Miller and Ethan Jason will anchor the unit.

Mamou's defensive front could be among the best in the area and should set the tone for the entire defense. Miller, Jason, Jamarieon Fisher, Semaj Ben and Ian Tezeno form a deep and talented rotation capable of controlling the line of

scrimmage. In the secondary, Ernest Dugas could become a difference-maker after making the transition from basketball to football.

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Many

Entering his second season as head coach at Many High School, Tyler Hassell continues his mission to restore the Tigers' championship tradition established under Jess Curtis, who led Many to three state titles. Hassell inherited a program riding an 11-game losing streak but made immediate progress, winning six games and hosting a playoff game against Red River. With 65 players on the roster, the Tigers have bought into Hassell's vision.

The offense will revolve around 1st Team All-District running back Daniel Thomas, who rushed for an impressive 2,267 yards and 31 touchdowns last season. Thomas remains the bellcow, while JJ Stills will help shoulder the workload. That strong rushing attack should take pressure off whoever wins the ongoing quarterback competition.

Many's offensive line should be one of the team's biggest strengths. All-District selection and standout



powerlifter Gage Sanders leads the unit alongside James Tullis and Tre McCormic. Their ability to control the line of scrimmage will be crucial to the Tigers' split-backfield attack.

Defensively, Many must replace eight starters, making experience a major concern. Veterans such as Stills and Sanders will be counted on to contribute both ways while

helping a young defense develop. If that unit improves throughout the season, the Tigers could take another significant step forward.

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Marksville High School

Entering his fourth season at Marksville, Josh Harper has seen the Tigers come full circle. This senior class is the first that has been with Harper from the beginning, helping transform a 1-9 program into one coming off a 9-3 season. After a 62-60 overtime playoff loss to Mansfield, Marksville believes this group can take another step.

Offensively, everything revolves around Tulane commit Devin Lavalais. Although committed to the Green Wave as a defensive back, Lavalais stars at quarterback for Marksville after producing 3,495 total yards and 50 touchdowns last season. Seven other starters return around him. Four-year starter Jaden Price, who holds an offer from Stephen F. Austin, is the go-to receiver. Noah Volker, Kyan Carmouche, and Jayden Holmes provide additional weapons, while Brayden Ramos, Derrick Woods, Keyshawn Moore, and Roderick Johnson anchor an experienced offensive line.



The biggest emphasis defensively is becoming more physical. Captain Dashawn Jones sets the tone with his consistency and versatility, allowing him to play in coverage or near the line of scrimmage. Lavalais and Price will also contribute in the secondary. Linebacker Jaxon Beauclair brings another physical presence, while several offensive linemen will play both ways. With experience throughout the roster,

Marksville enters the season with high expectations.

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Montgomery High School

The Montgomery Tigers begin year three under head coach Taylor Williams, who is the son of former longtime Montgomery head coach Brian Williams. Last season, the Tigers exceeded expectations as they were competitive winning five games and making it to the playoffs. Coach Williams and the Tigers hope to improve and take it a step further in 2026.

The offense has to replace four year starter and Gridiron Football All-American quarterback Mason Jordan and fellow Gridiron Football All-American wide receiver Hayden Ganey, but there is still some offensive firepower coming back. Malachi Butler will be the new quarterback and brings athleticism to the position as a dual threat. He will have All-State wide receiver Eli Bullock to throw the ball to after having 65 catches for 1,136 yards and 14 touchdowns last season. Kairyn Bonnier is having an expanded role as a wide receiver



after making All-District as a defensive back in 2025.

The offensive and defensive line returns All-District selection Logan Roberts to anchor both units. Like Roberts, the players mentioned above all will have an impact on defense as Butler will start at linebacker while Bullock and Bonnier will start in the secondary. Coach Williams has praised the leadership as the best since he's been there.

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Malachi Butler	QB/LB
Eli Bullock	WR/DB
Kairyn Bonnier	WR/DB
Logan Roberts	OL/DL

North Central High

Under the leadership of head coach Dwight Collins, the North Central Hurricanes made the playoffs for the first time in a long time winning four games last season. For a historically losing football program that is more known for its basketball program, Coach Collins is doing a great job of transitioning some of that success from the hardwood to the football field and getting his players to buy in.

The focal point of the offense is two-way standout Tayshaun Mirvil, who made All-District at running back and All-District at line-backer last season. Mirvil is a great athlete with 4.4/40 speed, can jump out of a building, and is not afraid to hit anybody either. Also, offensively, Donovan Laws is a talented sophomore receiver that can long jump 21 feet and be another explosive playmaker. The running game is going to be a lot stronger as the Hurricanes will not only bring in a new quarterback in Braxton Huff,



but they will have an experienced offensive line led by Cayson Gordon and Jason Augustine.

On defense, Ethan Bush is the leader of the secondary and motivates everybody on the team. With the Hurricanes playing 1A football, a lot of the offensive guys will start on defense.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Tayshaun Mirvil		RB/LB
Donovan Laws		WR
Braxton Huff		QB
Ethan Bush		DB

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North Iberville

The North Iberville Bears enter a new era under former Zachary defensive coordinator Steven Thomas, a four-time state champion. Thomas replaces Joshua Gast, who left for St. Paul's after laying a strong foundation. Coming off a 10-win season and Division IV Non-Select Quarterfinal appearance, the Bears have championship expectations.

The offense revolves around former Gridiron Football Junior High All-Americans Brajon Melancon and Jeremy Favorite. Committed to Kansas State, Melancon is one of Louisiana's top two-way players, posting 775 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns, five interceptions, and four return touchdowns last season. Favorite earned All-State honors after rushing for 1,800 yards and 23 touchdowns and holds offers from Nicholls State and Lamar.

North Iberville's skill talent goes even deeper. Aiden Melancon provides explosiveness at running



back and receiver, while Clarence Walls, Braylon Christmas, Dekai Butler, freshman Landen Carter, and eighth grader Dustin Dixon can contribute on both sides. Former Gridiron Football Junior High All-American Javontae Thomas takes over at quarterback.

The biggest question is development in the trenches. Owen Pool and Brinten Harris provide size and experience up front. Defensively, three-time All-District line-backer Jaedon Lathers adds tough-

ness after transferring from Livonia. If the Bears control the line of scrimmage, their speed and talent give them a legitimate champion-

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North Vermilion

The North Vermilion Patriots are trying to prove that the 2025 season was an anomaly after a winless season. Roderick Moy did not have a lot of seniors last year and as a result, a lot of younger players had to start. Those younger players now have a year of experience under their belt and the buy-in has been as good as ever with 85% participation rate this summer.

Jaxsen Frederick returns as the starting quarterback from last season. The offensive backfield returns more experience in three year starting running back Gage Wise. Fullback Avery Stutes is the lead blocker for Wise and will get some carries himself. He is also a great receiver out of the backfield after having 200 yards receiving last season against Rayne. Aaron Smith embraces being the leader of the offensive line and takes care of the guys behind him. Jackson Semien, Deagen Broussard, and



Cayne Breaux are some of the leading receivers to watch out for in the passing game.

Gabriel Seaux is a big leader on a senior laden defense for the Patriots. Perhaps, their most talented prospect is Tremaine Cormier, who could be a college prospect. Cormier is fast, strong, the mean streak, and all the physical tools to be great.

★ PLAYERS TO WATCH ★	
Jaxsen Frederick	QB
Gage Wise	RB
Avery Stutes	FB
Aaron Smith	OL

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Northwood Lena

The Northwood Lena Gators are coming off a 2-8 season, which was mostly derailed last fall because of injuries. Out of the seven seniors, four of them went down with major injuries. The bright spot for Tommy Moore and the Gators is that a lot of young players got experience because of the injuries. Entering his sixth season leading the Gators, this will be the youngest football team that Moore has coached, but the experience gained last year will certainly help this program not only this season, but in the long run.

The offense will certainly revolve around the talents of two-way player Kadorian Brown. Coach Moore says that Brown is a player that has to get the ball in his hands 90% of the time. As a 2nd Team All-District and All-CenLa Honorable Mention selection, Moore will make a huge impact both as a wide receiver and as a safety. He is coming off a great offseason as a



Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer.

On the defensive side of the football, Landon George is a leader for the team and will also make an impact on the offensive side of the ball as well. Being a 1A team, the majority of the players will start on both sides.

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Kadorian Brown	WR/S
Landon George	ATH

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Notre Dame

Notre Dame enters another season as a state championship contender under legendary head coach Lewis Cook. The Louisiana Hall of Famer has 417 career victories and five state championships in 53 years of coaching. Last season, the Pios won 10 games and finished one yard short of reaching the Superdome in an overtime semifinal loss to Calvary Baptist Academy.

Offensively, Parker Menard takes over at quarterback following the graduation of Drew Lejeune. A strong running game should help ease his transition. Notre Dame returns three offensive line starters in All-District selection Brodie Lejeune, Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer Scott Sibley, and Brayan Frey. Second Team All-District running back William Lavergne will be the centerpiece of the Pios' physical rushing attack. With new faces at quarterback and receiver, expect Notre Dame to lean heavily on its ground game.



The defense returns five starters, led by All-District middle linebacker Jack Vondenstein. Brayden Frey earned All-District and All-Parish honors at safety and will make the calls in the secondary. Linebacker Dallas Beslin, defensive lineman Drake Bertrand, and safety Jackson Trahan also return. Cornerback will be the biggest question mark, but with Cook's experience and a strong veteran core, Notre Dame

should again contend for a trip to the Dome.

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Oberlin High School

The Oberlin Tigers are now under new leadership as Robert Etheridge has taken the head coaching job. Coach Etheridge previously spent the last couple of years at Rayne High School and he is going to use that experience to help elevate the Tigers' football program that is coming off a two win season.

At the 1A level, there are five to seven players that will be expected to contribute on both sides of the football. Hunter Montou is entering his first season as the starting quarterback. Montou is a good thrower of the football and a talented baseball player coming off a productive offseason. Devante Simmons is expected to do a lot this year as a returning starter. As an All-District contributor, Simmons will be highly involved at running back, wide receiver, and cornerback. He has been challenged by Coach Etheridge to learn a lot of the positions and just plug and play at any spot if needed.



Paityn Declouete has been the team's most improved player over the offseason and will contribute at both wide receiver and cornerback. Tatum Ortego is the team's most versatile and experienced lineman. He will play center and nose guard. Finally, freshman offensive/defensive lineman Noah Beard is expected to make an early impact.

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Opelousas

The Opelousas Tigers found momentum late last season, winning a playoff game against Pearl River before falling 7-6 to Belle Chasse in the second round of the Division II Non-Select Playoffs. Former LSU national champion linebacker Harry Coleman took over late in the offseason last year, but with a full season under his belt, he believes the Tigers can make a major jump in 2026.

Coleman expects this group to be one of Opelousas' best. The senior class was part of the Tigers' state championship team as freshmen and hopes to bookend its career with another title run. Four-year starter Collin Rideau returns as one of Louisiana's top dual-threat quarterbacks after producing 2,093 total yards and 33 touchdowns. Jaylon Owens is a Swiss Army Knife who earned All-District honors at receiver, defensive back, and return specialist. Caden Arvie is another dynamic playmaker who earned



All-District honors in the second-year and return game.

Running back Joseph Clues returns after a breakout freshman season that earned him 1st Team All-District honors. Veterans Shane Broussard and Daedon Roby anchor the offensive line. Defensively, Marley Richard brings tremendous upside. At 6'2", the decorated defensive back combines length, range, excel

lent ball skills, and deceptive speed, giving Opelousas another potential difference-maker during its championship pursuit.

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Opelousas Catholic

Kent Masson takes over Opelousas Catholic after spending 20 years as an assistant at Teurlings Catholic. Hired in April to lead both the football and wrestling programs, Masson brings a new philosophy to the Vikings. After relying heavily on the pass in recent years, Opelousas Catholic will emphasize the running game.

Coming off a 7-5 season and second-round playoff appearance, Kaleb Tezeno takes over at quarterback. His athleticism fits the new offense. Center John Parker Fontenot anchors an experienced offensive line alongside Owen Richard, Kye Latiolais, and Cole Daigle. Braxton Harris leads the running back rotation, while transfer Colt Thomas provides another weapon. Evan Duplechain will be a versatile chess piece at running back, receiver, linebacker, and safety.

Defensively, Ethan Belleau and Tezeno provide veteran leadership.



Belleau earned 1st Team All-District honors after recording over 100 tackles and consistently putting teammates in the right positions. Tezeno also earned 1st Team All-District honors at safety after collecting five interceptions and 13 pass breakups. Jacob Glynn, Duplechain, Fontenot, Daigle, Thomas, Bennett Citron, Ben Minyard, and Carter Sivant are additional players to watch defensively. Aiden Lafleur takes over the kicking

duties. Despite a new coach, a new offensive identity, and returning only five seniors, the Vikings expect to remain a consistent playoff contender.

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Patterson

Former Patterson linebacker Tremaine Lightfoot has returned home to lead his alma mater. After three head coaches in four years, Lightfoot hopes to bring stability, consistency, and discipline. Those are traits that he learned playing for Mark Hudspeth at UL from 2012-2016.

Coming off a two-win season, Patterson must replace Gridiron Football All-Americans Hayven Keller, Linzy Howard, and Javyn Christopher, but plenty of talent returns. Athletic 6'3" quarterback Donte Haywood has a strong arm and several weapons. At 6'5", Greg Johnson is a physical jump-ball threat and accomplished three-sport athlete. All-District receiver Jamall Pollard and Jailyn McDaniel bring 4.4 speed, while vocal leader Jaidyn Hillebrandt will contribute at receiver and safety.

All-District standout Daylan Jones may be Patterson's top overall player. His football IQ and versatility



allow him to make plays as a runner, receiver, and linebacker.

The Lumberjacks also possess excellent size up front. At 6'4", 240 pounds, Ja'Kayden Blanchard has drawn interest from UL and will contribute at tight end, H-back, and defensive end. The 6'5" Javyn Watson provides another two-way lineman, while Zilin Blackston brings additional size at tackle.

With intriguing skill talent and impressive size, Lightfoot believes Patterson can make a major jump in 2026 if the team can focus on the little things.

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Peabody

After taking over at Peabody late last offseason, Jamar Washington now has a full year to establish his culture and standards. Coming off a two-win season, the Warhorses return only six seniors, making this a young team entering 2026. Still, Washington has been encouraged by the offseason progress, including a 7-on-7 campaign that saw Peabody increase its win total from three to eight.

The offense features one of Louisiana's most explosive playmakers in Jonathan Hargrove. The 5'8", 165-pound athlete was a Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer and earned All-District honors in all three phases last season. Hargrove accounted for 1,750 yards and 14 touchdowns as a running back and receiver, making him a player Washington wants on the field as much as possible. Zaiden Bolden takes over at quarterback, with Markeric LaCour and Defonte Leonard serving as two of his top receiving targets.



Defensively, All-District linebacker Malik Jackson and defensive end/linebacker Christian McNeal serve as captains and leaders. McNeal has taken another step forward in his leadership role this offseason. Jeremiah Blue emerged during the second half of last season after taking over a starting cornerback spot and eventually earning All-District honors. Demarius Hall is another

player expected to make an impact in Peabody's secondary.

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Pickering High School

When John Daugherty inherited the Pickering head coaching job, the Red Devils had the longest losing streak in the state. The last two years, the Red Devils not only finally put an end to the losing streak, but in the process, has made them competitive by winning four games in 2024 and five games in 2025. The next step for the team is to finish games as the Red Devils could have easily won seven games last season.

With 11 seniors returning, the expectations are for this program to continue its drastic improvement. There has been a heavy investment this offseason in the weight room. Taylan Ourson returns to lead the spread offense after accounting for over 1,000 yards and 15 touchdowns. Two-way starter Caleb Falls is a ball magnet not only at wide receiver, but at defensive back as he had five interceptions last season.

The defense will run a 3-3 stack front and will be running to the



football creating chaos. The leader of the defense is Hunter Noel, who has been with Coach Daugherty since the beginning. As a four year starter, Noel is the team's Defensive MVP at linebacker and is one of the team's strongest players after finishing fourth in the state in powerlifting.

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Taylan Ourson	QB
Caleb Falls	WR/DB
Hunter Noel	LB

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Pineville High School

Year one under head coach Justin Charles was a success at Pineville as the Rebels won four games, their most since 2018. Now, Pineville looks to take another step forward while competing in one of Louisiana's toughest districts.

The Rebels must replace Gridiron Football All-American running back Ayden Tate, but their run-first identity remains. Josh Jones, Colton Duncan, and Landon Melbourne will form a deep backfield rotation. Up front, Philip Beitz, Tristan Lesikar, Tristan Johnson, Christian Holmes, and Caleb Leake give Pineville an offensive line averaging nearly 300 pounds.

Dynamic weapon Kelmario Phillips provides the explosiveness after producing 1,300 yards and 11 touchdowns last season. With 4.4 speed, he is one of the state's most dangerous playmakers. Caleb Coleman takes over at quarterback, while former starter Carter Smith offers versatility at quarterback,



running back, fullback, and receiver.

Defensively, Pineville must replace production up front but returns Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer Gerald Tatum and 6'4", 300-pound sophomore Anthony Guillory. Linebacker should be a major strength. Three-year starter Micah Roberts returns after recording 75 tackles and three in interceptions last season, while four-year starter Jyran Pearson provides

additional experience. With size, speed, and veteran leadership, Pineville has the pieces to continue its progress under Charles.

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Rayne High School

The Rayne Wolves begin a new era under Daniel Lotief, who takes over as head coach. Originally coming to Rayne to become the defensive coordinator, Lotief's role changed to being the head coach after Kaine Guidry left to take an assistant principal job at Church Point. Coach Lotief has been around two great mentors in his dad Tank Lotief and Lewis Cook at Notre Dame. After a four win season and a playoff appearance, Coach Lotief hopes to flip the win-loss record in 2026.

The offense will be a heavy run attack as there is a quarterback competition between Dallas Bercier, Austin Goins, and Ryken Morgan. All-District selection Chase Cary will be heavily featured at multiple positions including running back, safety, outside linebacker,



and even is a fourth option at quarterback.

Reed Romero is the only returning starter on the offensive line and like Cary, will be moved around different positions including center, guard, and tackle. The Wolves will run a lot behind him and Nolton Senegal, who is a good athlete that is developing into a leader. Both Romero and Senegal will contribute on the defensive

line as well. Syncere Smith has stood out immediately to Coach Lotief and will make an impact at wide receiver and cornerback.

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Rosepine

Head coach David Weldon is excited about Rosepine's potential in 2026. After a one-win season, Weldon has been impressed with the Eagles' offseason work ethic, particularly from a senior class that has stepped up and even led practices. Rosepine also has a full coaching staff that includes former head coach Johnny Cryer.

Jaden Hooper takes over at quarterback with several talented targets. Brynnum Chaney, who also can play running back, headlines the group after earning 1st Team All-State honors at receiver and kick returner. The Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer is coming off a strong junior season. Tight end Austin Lounsberry earned 2nd Team All-District and 1st Team All-Parish honors, while Jaedon Sandeval provides another receiving option.



Four-year starter Tug Haymon anchors the offensive line after earning 1st Team All-District honors. Haymon was also a Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer, along with fellow lineman Jayden Grubbs. Brent Bourget will also contribute up front.

Defensively, All-District linebacker Carson Broussard and All-District defensive end Wyatt Colletti lead the way. Defensive end Levi Kennedy, cornerback Griffin Carter, linebacker/

fullback Brayden Bergeron, and safeties Collin Cline and Daxtyn Wagster complete an experienced group. With stronger leadership and several proven playmakers, Rosepine believes it has the pieces to make significant improvement this fall.

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Scotlandville Magnet High

The Scotlandville Hornets look to bounce back after a 1-9 season in 2025. In his second tenure leading the program, Richard Oliver is working to restore the culture from his previous stint. Moving back down to Class 4A, where Scotlandville previously competed for state championships, could help accelerate the turnaround.

Junior Keaven Grows returns for his third season as the starting quarterback after starting four games as a freshman and all of last season. Oliver has praised Grows' football IQ and leadership, and he will also contribute at defensive back. Da'Myreon Jones gives the spread offense versatility with his ability to line up at running back or slot receiver. Jones can score anytime he touches the ball. Charleston Scott is another player to watch after impressing on junior varsity and



in the weight room. He will contribute at running back and linebacker.

Corey Northern Jr., 6'4" Jarden Carmouche, and Jordan Watkins provide Grows with receiving options. Damien Ford, Caleb Levy, Dontrell Turner, Jaden Gillis, and David Allen give Scotlandville a big, veteran offensive line.

Defensively, Grows and Scott will contribute both ways, while linebacker Connie

McFarland will be another key piece. With experience returning and a move to Class 4A, Scotlandville hopes to take a major step forward in 2026.

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Slaughter Community Charter School

The Slaughter Community Charter Knights continue improving under head coach Patrick Clarkston. The Knights won eight games for the second straight year in 2025 before falling to Jewel Sumner once again in the second round of the Division III Select Playoffs. Despite personnel changes, expectations remain high for another winning season and playoff run.

Gage Falgoust takes over at quarterback after waiting his turn. An outstanding student and potential class valedictorian, Falgoust's intelligence and knowledge of the offense have created high expectations. Albert Eubanks may be the team's top player. Entering his fourth year as a starter, Eubanks brings speed and athleticism while contributing at running back, free safety, and special teams.



Dewayne Miller leads the offensive line and will start both ways. His impressive strength makes him someone the Knights will frequently run behind. Defensively, Keller Spinks is the centerpiece after leading the team in tackles for three consecutive seasons. The 1st Team All-District and Honorable Mention All-State linebacker recorded 143 tackles last year.

Slaughter returns six offensive and five defensive starters, including Colton Borg, Gabriel

Adams, Keejaun McCray Jr., Marley Perry, Jamicah Jackson, Joaquin Adams, Phillip McKnight II, James Weber, Kruz Corban, Dixon Hopkins, Jacori Webb, and Lavell Matthews, giving Clarkston another experienced group.

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Springfield

After 19 seasons under Ryan Serpas, the Springfield Bulldogs enter a new era with Tony Salim as head coach. Salim, also the school's baseball coach, has assembled an impressive staff featuring two former Southeastern Louisiana football greats. Former St. Thomas Aquinas, Mandeville, and Live Oak head coach Hutch Gonzales takes over as offensive coordinator, while former All-Conference defensive back Ian Goodly leads the defense.

Springfield will transition to a spread offense built around a deep receiving corps. All-District and All-Parish selection Gauge Flocke headlines the group with his speed from the slot. On the outside, 6'2" basketball standouts Chase Burches and Nyciere Mitchell provide size and athleticism. Burches is also the district MVP in basketball. Brock Cothorn, Elijah Logan, and Logan Ballard provide additional depth while also contributing in the secondary.



Brady Stewart takes over at quarterback, and Salim has praised his arm strength, discipline, and high football IQ. Bryson Richard provides toughness and leadership as an All-District and All-Parish tight end and linebacker.

Zack Starkey, Dylan Wall, and Denley Laudermilk will anchor the trenches. Laudermilk is the younger brother of Gridiron Football All-American Laiken Laudermilk. Coming off a two-win season,

Springfield hopes its new coaching staff, schemes, and talented receiving corps can spark a significant turnaround.

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St. Martin's Episcopal

The St. Martin's Episcopal Saints enter 2026 after winning six games and making the playoffs last season. Entering his fourth year, head coach Kevin Dizer is encouraged by a senior class featuring several four-year contributors. Their leadership and the development of younger players will be crucial.

Four-year starter Gabe Savarese leads the Saints after recording 131 tackles last season. The old-school two-way standout is a two-time All-District selection, two-time Team Defensive MVP, and All-State Honorable Mention. Savarese is a favorite of Coach Dizer's and will also take on an expanded role at fullback.

Terrill Green Jr. takes over at quarterback with an experienced receiving corps. Three-year starter Kade Vinju and All-District selection Cooper Wakefield combined for 67 catches, 843 yards, and four touchdowns last season. Both will



also start defensively in the secondary. Destin Brooks leads the defensive line after transforming from 280 to 255 pounds while becoming stronger and quicker. Brennan Raines, Alex Diaz, and Mac Devinney return along the offensive line and will open holes for Savarese and running back Gabe Richards.

Defensively, Savarese joins 1st Team All-District linebacker Ethan Williams and returning starter Carter Furman to form an expe-

rienced unit. Vinju and Wakefield headline the secondary, giving St. Martin's plenty of proven veteran leadership entering the season.

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St. Mary's

After having successful stops at North Central and Catholic Pointe Coupee, Jacob Carruth headed closer to home to take the head coaching job at St. Mary's. Coming off a 6-6 season in which the Tigers got an upset road playoff victory against the St. John Eagles, Coach Carruth is looking to improve on that success, get the team competing for a district championship, and practice during Thanksgiving week.

Coach Carruth wants to play an exciting, high intensity brand of football, especially on offense. Preston Tilley returns as the team's starting quarterback where he will have an expanded role this year. Joining him is returning starting running back John Paul Thibodaux, who was an All-District and All-State Honorable Mention selection after rushing for 1,350 yards last season. Tilley will spread the football around to playmakers Carter Hogg, Michael French, Brady Childress,



and tight end Dennison Morgan to make it a balanced offensive attack.

Defensively, Kane Dorton leads the other side of the football. Dorton is a two time All-District selection that is coming off having 82 tackles and an interception last season. He has the versatility to play linebacker or even in the secondary. Being a 1A school, a majority of the offensive players will start on defense as well.

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St. Paul's

After helping rebuild Liberty as offensive coordinator and leading North Iberville to 10 wins and a quarterfinal appearance as a head coach, Josh Gast returns to his alma mater, St. Paul's. Gast replaces legendary coach Ken Sears, who won nearly 200 games during 27 seasons. Familiar with the program, Gast believes the transition has gone smoothly.

The Wolves will use Gast's spread offense while incorporating tight ends and fullbacks. First Team All-District quarterback Brady Pierson returns after impressing Gast with his passing ability. Patrick Gahagan will contribute at running back and receiver, while All-District receiver Daniel Hartly is poised for a breakout season.

Up front, St. Paul's features 6'4", 320-pound Andrew Shofstahl, one of Louisiana's top 2028 linemen after receiving a LSU offer this summer. The Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer earned All-District, All-Parish, and All-



State honors. Senior center Matthew Meyer provides additional experience.

Defensively, First Team All-District selection Adam Connell moves to linebacker while occasionally playing fullback. Chris Bevolto transitions from tight end to defensive end, and William Kenny provides senior leadership at linebacker. The secondary should be a strength behind 2028 prospects Rodrick Payne Jr., who holds a Georgia State offer, and All-District defensive back and return specialist Christian Martin, who received a Tulane offer this offseason.

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Sulphur High School

Legendary coach David Feaster takes over at Sulphur after winning nearly 200 games during stops at Many, Minden, Leesville, Parkway, and Glenbrook. Feaster has called Sulphur the best job he has accepted and plans to bring an exciting brand of football to the Golden Tors.

At quarterback, 6'3", 225-pound Noah Courtney possesses tremendous upside with his strong arm, attitude, and two remaining years of eligibility. Former starter Dalton Shirley moves to the secondary but provides an experienced backup option.

Jaden Lilly gives Sulphur a 6'3" receiver with excellent hands and track speed. Feaster, who previously coached Terrace Marshall Jr., has praised Lilly and Tracy Washington. Washington brings 4.35 speed and will contribute on both sides, moving from cornerback to safety while receiving offensive opportunities.



Linebacker Wesley Bushnell returns after recording nearly 180 tackles last season. As one of Sulphur's strongest and fastest athletes, he will make the fulltime transition to fullback. Cullen St. Germain, Wyatt Hackler, Jamari Kelly, Rico Johnson, and Bryson Mier provide additional offensive options. Ty Gaudet, Amar Holmon, Camden Gullett, and Drew Couvillion lead an undersized but cohesive offensive line.

Defensive contributors include Dekota Warren, Tucker Warren, Keegan Landreneaux, Carter Edwards, Landry Taylor, Cole Fenetz, Ruben Flores, Lucas Quarles, Baylor Sherill, and Alexander Dollar.

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Terrebonne High School

Entering his fifth season at Terrebonne, Tyler Lewis continues building the Tigers into a consistent winner. Terrebonne won eight games and reached the second round of the Division I Non-Select Playoffs last season while setting a program record with eight seniors signing to play college football. Although the 2026 team may be less talented, its work ethic has made it one of Lewis' favorites.

The Tigers must replace their quarterback, three offensive linemen, and two dynamic running backs. Offensively, they will lean on captain Terrance Diggs, a two-time All-District receiver and elite return specialist who recorded 676 receiving yards and eight touchdowns last season. Logan Lewis is another playmaking receiver and quarterback candidate, joining Chase Cagle and Bennett Price in the competition. Rolando Melancon and Jormichael Williams add receiving depth, while Wyatt Bonvillian and Waylon Lirette lead a



rebuilt offensive line.

Defensively, Terrebonne features experienced linebackers and an outstanding secondary. Seniors Mason Coleman and Chance Cunningham anchor the middle of the defense. Captain Kevin Bass, a two-time All-District safety, returns after recording 96 tackles. Malik Matthews and LCU-offered Jakyr Brown join Bass at safety, while Cameron McKay and Jeremiah Sylvestor handle the cornerback

positions. That veteran secondary should rank among the district's best and provide stability while Terrebonne rebuilds offensively.

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The Dunham School

The Dunham Tigers enter 2026 seeking another championship after finishing 13-1 and winning the second state title in program history. After appearing in consecutive Division III Select championship games, Dunham has the talent to repeat under head coach Neil Weiner.

The Tigers return the nation's top quarterback in Alabama commit Elijah Haven. The five-star prospect earned Gatorade Player of the Year honors after setting state records with 62 passing touchdowns and 73 total touchdowns while producing 4,724 yards. Already Louisiana's career passing touchdown leader, the four-year starter still has another season remaining.

Although Dunham must replace several receivers, Haven will have another talented group of weapons. CJ De Leon returns after being ineligible following his transfer last season. Four-star Live Oak transfer Calvin Ursin brings offers from several top Power Four programs.



Will Dantin and Jarone Harris will take on expanded offensive roles, while Penn commit Milo Johnston gives Dunham one of Louisiana's top tight ends. Tedrick Mills, Myles Taylor, Luke Kimball, and Phoenix Deslattes anchor an experienced offensive line.

Defensively, six starters return. Two-time All-District defensive end Charlie Myers and 1st Team All-District selection Richard Bonneval provide leadership up front. James Johnson and Jackson Jantzi return at linebacker, while Harris,

Dantin, and Ursin help complete an athletic secondary.

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Tioga

Tioga enters 2026 after winning eight games and reaching the second round of the Division I Select Playoffs last season. Longtime assistant Dan Christman begins his second year as head coach with the youngest, but potentially biggest team he has seen at Tioga. Despite replacing significant leadership, the Indians expect to remain competitive against a demanding schedule.

Only four seniors return offensively, and Tioga must replace starters at quarterback, running back, and receiver. Dual-threat quarterback Ronnie Stevens succeeds veteran Cace Malone. Three seniors will contribute extensively on both sides. Kentrell Bates moves into an expanded receiving role while playing cornerback and safety. Tight end Tarver Landry returns after recording 290 receiving yards and will also start at defensive end. First Team All-District safety Jackson Tarver will receive additional carries at running back.

Tioga will replace current Ole Miss



receiver Kervin Johnson Jr.'s production by committee. Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer Mario Jacobs anchors an offensive line averaging over 270 pounds.

Defensively, 6'4", 230-pound end Wesley Sherman brings pass-rushing ability after earning offers from Centenary and Millsaps. Four-year starting kicker Ethan Bridges also returns and has been invited to participate in the Gridiron Football

All-American Bowl Game. Tioga's size and two-way veterans should help its young roster develop.

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U-High

U-High enters 2026 chasing its first state championship since 2021. The Cubs won 10 games last season before falling to eventual champion St. Charles Catholic in the Division II Select Semifinals. Despite losing a talented senior class, expectations remain high.

The Cubs added two major transfers in quarterback Knox Kiffin and running back Caiden Bellard. Kiffin, who is LSU head coach Lane Kiffin's son, transferred from Oxford and has impressed with his arm strength and football IQ. Bellard arrives from Lafayette Christian after rushing for over 1,500 yards and 21 touchdowns. He joins Gridiron Football All-American Corbin Odell, who recorded 828 yards and 11 touchdowns while averaging eight yards per carry.

The offensive line must replace



three starters. UL commit Maisson Smith returns at left tackle alongside center Jacques Hart. Kevin Smith, Kameron Grigsby, and Emmanuel Moses will also contribute offensively at receiver.

Moses, a UNLV commit, will primarily play free safety while returning kicks and receiving offensive touches like his brothers Dylan and Keylan. Derrick Hooker and Jackson Hester will contribute both ways in the

trenches. Talamesi Albert, Mackie Musgrove, and Kayden Sims lead the linebackers. Granger Collins and Carson Nichols join Grigsby and Moses in a talented secondary capable of helping the Cubs make another championship run.

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Ville Platte High School

Ville Platte enters 2026 with momentum after reaching the playoffs for the first time in 15 years under first-year head coach Roy Serie. The Bulldogs finished 4-7 and lost to Loreauville in the opening round of the Division III Non-Select Playoffs, but ending the long postseason drought showed the program is moving forward.

This season carries special meaning for the Bulldogs, who are dedicating it to teammate Javion Semien after he was shot while traveling to football practice. With the motto "Do It For Javion," Serie's team plans to play every Friday with maximum effort and make its teammate proud.

Zion Thomas returns at quarterback and leads by example. He will also contribute at safety. Tommy Murray, the team's fast-



est player, is a shutdown cornerback who will also provide explosiveness at receiver.

Although Ville Platte must replace 19 seniors, the Bulldogs still have several offensive weapons. Kendarius Doucet, Aden Strauss, Isaiah Seri, Raylin Gallow, Keelan Thomas, Aaron Seriale, and Landon Pappillion will provide options in the passing game.

The biggest concern is the line, where only Keith Doucet and

Gary LeJeune return. Doucet is one of the team's strongest and most coachable players. Both linemen will start on offense and defense while providing needed leadership.

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Washington Marion High School

Former Donaldsonville offensive coordinator Sterling Mobley takes over at Washington-Marion with hopes of restoring the program's proud tradition. The Indians competed for district and state championships throughout the 1980s and 1990s, and Mobley wants to bring that standard back following a three-win season in 2025. His foundation will emphasize discipline, loyalty, consistency, physicality, and mental toughness.

R'Lon Porter will be the centerpiece of the team after leading the district in rushing last season. A versatile athlete, Porter can make plays whenever the football is in his hands. Mobley plans to use him at running back, quarterback, and on defense to maximize his impact.

Returning starter Hearnest Arvie has fully embraced



Mobley's vision. At 6'3" and 200 pounds, Arvie has added size and strength and will contribute at tight end and defensive end.

Davian Flagg returns to anchor the offensive line after missing last season because of an injury. Flagg earned 1st Team All-District honors at center as a sophomore and appears to have regained that form. Alexander Jackson also returns after receiving significant offensive line snaps.

At receiver, Joseph Simien is coming off an impressive freshman season in which he earned All-District honors and caught six touchdown passes. These players will form the foundation of Mobley's rebuilding effort.

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Welsh High School

Welsh enjoyed a successful 2025 season with a young roster under head coach Ronnie Courville. The Greyhounds won five games, including a playoff victory, before falling 34-31 to Logansport in the second round of the Division IV Non-Select Playoffs. With more experience returning, Welsh hopes to take another step forward. When it comes to Welsh, Coach Courville expects toughness.

Four-year starter Jordan Strong has impressed throughout the Gridiron Football Elite Camp circuit. The All-District, All-Parish, and All-State standout battled injuries last season but enters 2026 bigger and faster. He has also committed to play in the Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game.

Four-year starting lineman Hagan Bryant will join Strong in the bowl game. Although



undersized, Bryant's athleticism and intensity provides Welsh an edge. All-Parish and All-District selection Noah LeFranc also overcomes his size with effort and leadership.

Pocket passer Grant Haydel returns for his second season as starting quarterback after throwing for 1,800 yards and 22 touchdowns. Strong and Gridiron Football Elite Camp Top Performer Bryson Prudhomme give him talented targets. Three-year starting receiver Devanta Castille

provides unselfish leadership. Hunter LeJeune has been the team's most improved player this offseason and will contribute at running back and safety. Welsh's veteran core should make the Greyhounds a dangerous playoff team.

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West Jefferson

After spending nearly 25 seasons at McDonogh 35 High School including the last six as head coach, Frank Daggs has now taken a new challenge head on as he took the head coaching position at West Jefferson High School back in April. Coming off a two win season and no playoff appearances the last four years, Coach Daggs expects his team to be consistent and hard nosed starting in 2026.

Coach Daggs has praised the leadership of four seniors that he brought to Gridiron Football Media Day as players that have bought into his vision. Dominic McFarland is a defensive back that led the team in sacks and tackles for loss. McFarland's attitude and work ethic has stood out to Daggs early on. Edric Ussin will be the team's quarterback this season



and lead the offense.

On the offensive line, Meshar Laine is the team's best player and will anchor the trenches. The 5'11, 255 pound prospect is coming off a 2nd Team All-District campaign last year. Finally, Kendrick Murray is a two way starter that will make an impact on offense at running back and at safety on defense. These will be some of the guys that will

lead the rebuild for the West Jefferson Buccaneers.

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Westminster Christian Academy-Op

Westminster Christian Academy Opelousas enters 2026 after an unforgettable season. The Crusaders completed an undefeated regular season and reached the Division IV Select Semifinals before falling to Ascension Catholic. After being one game short of making the Superdome, Byron Porter has now shifted the program's focus toward another championship run.

Texas State commit Kyle Horde returns for his fourth year as a starter. The 6'2", 220-pound two-way standout earned 1st Team All-District, All-Parish, and All-State honors while being named district and parish MVP. Horde rushed for 1,168 yards and 17 touchdowns while recording 116 tackles at linebacker.

Jack Hunt forms a dangerous combination with Horde. The



four-year starter recorded 100 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, five sacks, and an interception while scoring eight offensive touchdowns. All-State defensive end Matthew Lalonde added 50 tackles, 11 sacks, and 14 tackles for loss and will also start along the offensive line.

Garrett Noel takes over at quarterback following Stephen George's graduation. Cayden Brown will be one of his receiving options after recording

two interceptions in the spring game against Loreauville.

Marquese Butler returns as a two-way tackle and defensive end after starting every game as a freshman. Alex Thomas and Tonnerick Hayes give the Crusaders one of Louisiana's strongest defensive interiors.

Coach
Interview



Player
Interviews



Westminster Christian - Lafayette

Westminster Christian Academy Lafayette has quickly established itself in the LHSAA under head coach Kent Gable. After winning seven games and falling one point short of a playoff victory in 2024, the Chargers again won seven games last season and earned their first postseason victory against Sacred Heart. Entering their third LHSAA season, the Chargers may have their most talented and experienced roster yet.

Pierce Gable returns after earning All-State honors on both sides of the football as a freshman. One of Louisiana's top 2029 prospects, he rushed for 1,300 yards while recording 75 tackles and 10 sacks. He has attracted college interest following a busy offseason camp schedule.

Gable will share carries with



Gable will share carries with Ethan Simon, who is back to full strength after a fractured leg ended his junior season. Simon previously earned All-State honors as a sophomore. Zach Ortis has emerged as a two-way starter at receiver and cornerback, while Abe Lemoine returns as a receiving target after recovering from an ACL injury.

Junior quarterback Zade Prejean returns after finishing last season strongly and possesses

significant upside. Defensively, Henry Waldmeier will start at guard and linebacker after earning 2nd Team All-District honors. All-State lineman Michael Landry also returns to anchor the trenches for an experienced Chargers team.

Coach
Interview



Player
Interviews



White Castle High School

Guy Morgan's first season at White Castle included growing pains as the Bulldogs went winless in 2025. This offseason, Morgan has emphasized giving players more repetitions while scaling back the intensity of workouts. Although White Castle graduated 16 seniors, a 40-player roster shows that the program is buying into his approach.

The offense will rely on a deep and talented running back rotation. Second Team All-Parish and All-District selection Dakyrin Edwards will share carries with 1st Team All-District standout Bryce Bell, who rushed for 1,000 yards last season, and promising eighth grader Khylin Martin. Bell, who recorded six interceptions in 2025, and Edwards will also make an impact defensively.

Jammy Batiste takes over at



quarterback after earning 2nd Team All-District honors at receiver and cornerback last season. Morgan has praised Batiste's competitiveness and the energy he brings to practice each day.

Defensively, Chris Williams Jr. returns from Denham Springs to lead the line. His strength and versatility allow him to play anywhere across the front. Linebacker Jaden McCoy is another player to watch. At

6'0" and 210 pounds, McCoy possesses the size and speed to make plays from sideline to sideline. Those defensive standouts will lead White Castle's rebuilding effort.

Coach
Interview



Player
Interviews



Woodlawn High School

Tramon Douglas took over Woodlawn late last offseason, but the Panthers still won four games and remained in playoff contention. With a full offseason to prepare, Douglas has emphasized playing physically, fast, and intelligently.

Woodlawn must replace several standouts, including Gridiron Football All-American Defensive MVP Cayden Randall (Southeastern), Grambling signee RJ Fleming, and Baylor signee Tyrone Morgan. However, the Panthers still possess plenty of talent.

Twins Jordan and Jaylon Knox will take on larger roles. Jordan enjoyed an outstanding offseason and has become more explosive, leading Douglas to call him one of Louisiana's biggest sleepers. Jaylon is a lockdown cornerback and has great 1 on 1 battles with his brother during practice.

The receiving corps features Omar Morehouse, a quick playmaker with excellent ball skills, former



Gridiron Football Junior High All-American Troy Ramos, and Austin Primus. Primus has made tremendous progress since his freshman season and can also play quarterback if needed.

All-District center Kedrick Weatherspoon anchors the offensive line alongside U-High transfer Noah Thomas. Kyle Lee provides leadership on the defensive line after contributing there and on offense throughout his career. The second-

ary should be a strength behind the Knox brothers, former Gridiron Football Junior High All-American Imari Buckner, and All-District selection Cayden Turner.

Coach
Interview



Player
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Westlake High School (Westlake, LA) RB/LS Dax Duhon

Westlake High School (Westlake, LA) RB/LS Dax Duhon is the tenth official commitment to play in the 2026 Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game, which will take place on Wednesday, December 30th at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville, Louisiana.

Duhon was one of our top camp performers and earned an invitation to play in the bowl game after a standout performance at our camp held at St. Louis Catholic High School in Lake Charles, Louisiana. There, he recorded a 4.25 shuttle which is one of the quickest at the camp. He also showcased his versatility during 1v1s, 7v7 as a pass catcher and route runner while also even long snapping at the camp as well.

"I thought it was a great camp.

I thought it was one of the best I've had. It wasn't like you are just standing in line all day to wait to get a couple of reps. You actually were able to compete, you learned stuff, and you got more time with the coaches."

"It helped me notice the technique like how I should be running my 40, my running form, and if I need to be smoother. It showed me I got a long way to go."

Although not a burner and not super big at 5'9, 195 pounds, Duhon is a tough, physical, patient, and deceptive runner that will make defenses pay if you are not careful. He is also a veteran long snapper that has been doing it for the Rams the last four years. Not only a standout multipurpose athlete for the Rams, Duhon is a standout wrestler too earning



All-District honors and was in the state wrestling tournament last year.

Dax Duhon has a 3.75 GPA in the classroom showing that he is a true student athlete in the classroom as well. See him this December at the Gridiron Football All-American Bowl at LCU.



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Madison Prep Academy (Baton Rouge, LA)

DE Rocco Duhon

Madison Prep Academy (Baton Rouge, LA) DE Rocco Duhon is the 11th official commitment to play in the 2026 Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game, which will take place on Wednesday, December 30th at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville, Louisiana.

Rocco is not the first Duhon to be represented as a Gridiron Football All-American as his older brother Kingston Duhon played in last year's Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game and ended up signing to play college football at Erskine College.

"Getting invited to play in the Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game is an amazing opportunity to show off my skills, show how good I am as a player, and impress the coach-

es."

Rocco Duhon is making his own name and earned his bowl game invitation at one of our offseason camps at Live Oak High School.

"It was an amazing learning experience working with these people. I have gained a lot of knowledge from my experience at the camp."

So far, Duhon has impressed many coaches so far as he has already received offers from Erskine College, Centenary College, Millsaps, and Salt Lake Yeti. The 6'3, 230 pounds edge rusher was a menace in rushing the quarterback earning 2nd Team All-District honors last season. He is relentless, good with his hands, has a high motor, and when he gets to the quarterback, Duhon is looking to strip the ball away.



Now, his goal for the upcoming season is to earn 1st Team All-District honors, lead the Chargers to a championship, and get DI offers along the way.

My strength, effort, and ability to disrupt plays in the backfield is what makes me stand out. I play every snap with intensity and don't stop until the whistle."

Teurlings Catholic (Lafayette, LA)

QB DJ Kelly

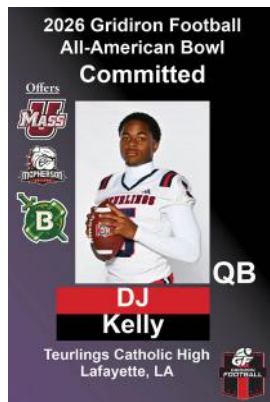
Teurlings Catholic High School (Lafayette, Louisiana) QB DJ Kelly is the 12th official commitment to play in the 2026 Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game, which will take place at Louisiana Christian University in Pineville, Louisiana. Kelly is the first of eight talented quarterbacks that will be playing in this year's bowl game.

Kelly will enter his senior year starting at quarterback for the Teurlings Catholic Rebels after playing his previous three years at Ascension Episcopal High School. Playing for the Blue Gators, the 6'0, 195-pound dual threat quarterback showed off his versatility as a Swiss Army Knife.

In his freshman year, Kelly

made an immediate impact at both quarterback and wide receiver as he was named Offensive MVP and Team MVP. He also made All-District as a utility player and won the Swiss Army Knife Award. His most efficient performance came in a victory over Breau Bridge where he completed 9 of 13 passes, ran for 140 yards, and accounted for five overall touchdowns. With the ability to impact the game throwing, running, or catching, he gives the Rebels an exciting offensive option while also making him a nightmare for opposing defensive coordinators.

"My skillset is at quarterback. I am a dual threat quarterback. I can give you the run and the pass. Not only that, but I have a focus stamina. I get better as



the game goes on. I know what I can do at quarterback. My goal is to become the best quarterback in Louisiana. Shoot for the stars and you are going to get to the sky."

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TOP UNDERCLASSMEN

Zachary QB Willie Johnson III
Northeast RB/WR Jayden Jones
Live Oak OL Daston McGee
Livonia DT Jacorryan Franklin
St. Thomas More QB Mark Guthrie
Kaplan OL Carter Hebert
Northwest QB Jermaine Clark
Rosepine OL Brent Bourget
St. Louis Catholic QB Kannan Patel
Grant QB Gage Hossieni
Barbe LB Julion Rideau
Church Point ATH Kylen Monroe
Leesville DB Ashton Hackett
Leesville WR/DB Julius Brown
Rosepine OL/DL Jayden Grubbs
Welsh WR Bryson Prudhomme
Sacred Heart OL Liam Vidrine
North Iberville WR/DB Clarence Walls
John F. Kennedy QB Asher Preatto
Amite QB/RB Ja'Myron Dillon
Catholic OL Hunter Jarreau
Mandeville DB Gavin Boudlauch

TOP BROAD JUMPS

★ 10' • AYMAUD SYKES / BRAJON MELANCON ★

(Tie) Aymaud Sykes, Brajon Melancon 10'
(Tie) Kaleb Smith-Hiley, Torrin Ledet 9'11
(Tie) CJ Aguillard, Corbin Odell 9'10
Cedrick Jones Jr. 9'9
(Tie) Julius Brown, Spencer Collins Jr. 9'7
(Tie) Mitchell Couvillion, Ken Jones 9'6
(Tie) Marvin Dixon Jr., Michael Lange 9'5 1/2
(Tie) Jordan Strong, Bo Stewart, Hunter Noel,
Ahmad Wilson, Dominick Avery 9'5
(Tie) Riley Jones, Jeremyah Merriwether,
DJ Kelly 9'4
Preston Guidry 9'3 1/2

TOP 40-YARD DASH TIMES

★ 4.29 • AYMAUD SYKES ★

Aymaud Sykes 4.29
Corbin Odell 4.40
Darius Williams 4.43
Torrin Ledet 4.47
Deandre Moore 4.48
CJ Aguillard 4.49
(Tie) Jayden Lapine, Daniel Breaud 4.52
Nathan Thornton 4.54
(Tie) Gabriel Neuville, Clarence Walls 4.58
(Tie) Ken Jones, Spencer Collins Jr. 4.59

TOP SHUTTLE TIMES

★ 3.98 • JORDAN STRONG ★

Jordan Strong 3.98
Tristan Klock 4.13
Aymaud Sykes 4.15
Wesley Bushnell 4.19
Bo Stewart 4.21
(Tie) Dean Thomas, Gage Hossieni, Clarence Walls 4.22
Ahmad Wilson 4.23
(Tie) Alexander Satchell, Connor Joyce, Dax Duhon,
Michael Lange, Spencer Collins Jr., Roddy Hebert,
Corbin Odell 4.25
(Tie) Jermaine Clark, Cohen Hendrix, CJ Aguillard 4.28
(Tie) Jayden Lapine, Ty Micciotto, William Hawkins,
Kylen Monroe, Wyatt Monceaux, Lawston Broussard,
Brynnum Chaney 4.31



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PLAYERS WHO HAVE PLAYED AND SIGNED FROM PAST GRIDIRON FOOTBALL ALL-AMERICAN BOWL GAMES

2018

DI FBS

2018 OL- AJ Gillie, UL
2018 LB- Tayte Langley, LSU
2018 LB- Aaron Beinfeld, LSU
2018 DB- Khiry Morrison, La Tech
2018 OL- Brett Pope, La Tech
2018 RB- Charlie Norman, ULM
2018 QB- Ben West, Army
2018 DE- Adrian Brickham, Rice
2018 DE- Deion McNeal, ULM
2018 OL- Joshua Ratcliff, S. Miss
2018 K Nolan Heitmeier, UTSA

DI FCS

2018 DB- Tyson Ford, NSU
2018 K- Reece Aultman, SLU
2018 RB- Freddie Mango, GSU
2018 OL- Ryan McKenzie, Alcorn
2018 WR- Gage Rapp, McNeese
2018 OL- Aaron McDaniel, McNeese
2018 OL- Juwan Felix, McNeese
2018 WR Devin Thierry, NSU
2018 OL Deandre Richard, NSU
2018 LB Liam Rowan, Elon
2018 DB Calvin Watson, SLU
2018 DE Antonio Blanch, APB

DII

2018 OL- Grant Jenny, Ark Tech
2018 WR- Clayton Howard, UMC
2018 DB Phillip Jackson, Ark Mon
2018 K Cayden Reynolds, Delta St
2018 RB Joshua Jones, Harding
2018 OL Grant Jenny, Ark Tech
2018 LB Chris Sehring, Delta St
2018 DB Byron Lockhart, NMH

DIII

2018 QB- Adam Blanchard, Belhaven
2018 RB- Jarius Boyd, LC
2018 WR- Jarred Simpson, LC
2018 OL- Zane Blanchard, LC

2018 WR Chaynery Johnson, LC
2018 WR Jaquez Jones, ETBU
2018 DB Jovon Moore, LC
2018 OL Cade Foster, LC
2018 DB Austyn Benoit, Cent

Juco

2018 OL Dalton Clark, Hocking
2018 DB Trey Eddins Jr., MS Delta

2019

DI FBS

2019 BD Tyler Mansfield, La Tech
2019 LB Jabbar Triplett, Arizona
2019 DT Kenean Caldwell, Kansas
2019 K Austin McCready, Memphis
2019 LS John Bergeron, Ole Miss
2019 OL Riley Lawrence, LSU

DI FCS

2019 CB Christopher McNair, Alco
2019 DB Sterling McKeithen, Nicol
2019 DB Tahj Adams, APB
2019 OL Robert Pizzolato, Nich
2019 LB Kendal Rowan, Lamar
2019 WR Mike Wicker, Southern
2019 P Marquise McKnight, Gram
2019 LB Jaylon Turner, Gram
2019 OL Nicholas Smith, SLU
2019 OL Quentin Ross, NSU
2019 WR Caleb Blanchard, SLU
2019 DE Tra'mond Williams, Gram

DII

2019 DE Jacob Humphery, UTPB
2019 DE Justin Hollins, MS College
2019 WR Tyler Williams, Ark Tech
2019 WR Jadon Johnson, Wayne
2019 LB Terrence Jordan, Lane
2019 OL Christian Corkran, Ark Tec

DIII

2019 RB D'Ante Gallashaw, Belhaven
2019 LB Scott Wisby, LC
2019 OL Kerry Davis, ETBU
2019 LB Hayden Seneca, LC
2019 OL Reece Eyre, Hendrix
2019 OL Wyatt Shuff, LC
2019 OL Gabe Rankins, Belhaven
2019 WR Caleb Williams, LC

NAIA

2019 LB Peyton Maracantel, LSUA
2019 RB Steveland Williams, Lang
2019 RB Demetri Wright, Avila
2019 DB Edmond Webe, St Mary
2019 DE Colby Thrasher, Peru St

2020

Canceled Due To Covid

2021

DI FBS

2021 OL Adameon Botley, ULM
2021 QB Ethan Frey, LSU
2021 DB Devontae Mozee, La Tech
2021 DB Mason Edwards, Utah St
2021 OL Colin Larson, ULM
2021 S Wydett Williams Jr, ULM
2021 RB Amani Givens, La Tech
2021 WR Patrick Williams, AZ ST

DI FCS

2021 DB Trajon Freeman, Gram
2021 LB Hayden Cormier, Nich
2021 OL Zane Hooper, SLU
2021 QB Tydre Malone, Gram
2021 TE Kaleb Vizier, McNeese
2021 LB Jaquel Mack, NSU
2021 OL Cameron Jackson, Woffor
2021 OL Logan Potter, SLU



ALL-AMERICAN BOWL ALUMNI

COLLEGE SUCCESS STORIES • 2021-2024



★ DII ★

2021 RB Orlando Scales, ECU
2021 DB Kadian Kinler, Anderson
2021 DB Sharone Finister Jr., CSU

★ DIII ★

2021 DE Javeon Andrews, MHB
2021 OL Trenton Harrison, Lagran
2021 OL Conor Diaz, Millsaps
2021 RB Caleb Gallashaw, Bel
2021 WR Joseph Schlatre, Bel
2021 LB Bradley Warren, Central
2021 DL Micheal Anderson Jr, Bel

★ NAIA ★

2021 DB Noah James, LCU
2021 LB Savion Adams, LCU
2021 DB Dyllan Lawson, LCU
2021 DB Javari Sanders, TxWU
2021 DE Stephen Everfield, LCU
2021 RB Payten Roberts, OU
2021 RB Malik Patterson, OU
2021 WR Jalarrion Newson, LCU
2021 WR Austin Jackson, Waldolf

★ JUCO ★

2021 DB Quentin Gholston, DCCC
2021 OL Amery Edwards, Co-Lin
2021 DL Zamian Waller, Hinds
2021 DL Ellis Mckneely Jr, PRCC

2022

★ DI FBS ★

2022 LB Hayden Darbonne, UL
2022 DE Kieran Davis, ECU
2022 DE Kellan Hall, ULM

★ DI FCS ★

2022 DB Donte Glass, SLU
2022 LB Gage Hildreth, McNeese
2022 DE Tyrin Wise, SLU
2022 S Treylan James, PVAM
2022 WR Daniel Cooper, N. Alab
2022 QB Mills Dawson, W Illinois
2022 WR Tramon Douglas, Grambling
2022 DB Markeis Batiste, Southern

★ DII ★

2022 QB Caylon Davis, Lane
2022 S Aden Cline, FHSU
2022 DB Jalen Guillard, Ark Mon
2022 OL Wesley Moore, Henderso
2022 WR Cooper Sanders, SAU
2022 DB Zion Buck, CSU
2022 OL Alfred Washington, Ark Tech

★ DIII ★

2022 WR Bryson Meeks, ETBU
2022 RB Rubin K Seastrunk, Cen
2022 LB Hunter Fontenot, Cent
2022 OL Reagan Bolin Cent
2022 OL Cale Buhler, Hunt

★ NAIA ★

2022 WR Donte Morgan, LCU
2022 DB Kameron J. Triplett, LCU
2022 WR Semaj Hayes, LCU
2022 TE Cameron Randall, LCU
2022 QB Bryce Curtis, LCU
2022 WR Brenden Mcmillan, LCU
2022 LB Kendarris Lawrence, NA
2022 OL Micah Marceaux, LCU
2022 DB Sean Glover, Faulkner
2022 WR Chavo Thomas, LCU
2022 RB/LB Joshua Perfect, LCU
2022 DL Kaleb Whins, CMU
2022 LB Elijah Henderson, NA
2022 TE Trayon Day, CMU

★ JUCO ★

2022 RB Bobby Ray Sheppard, JM
2022 DT Dashawn Clark, Menn W.
2022 TE Carlos Bazert, Butler
2022 DE Devin Strange, Cisco
2022 OL Cam Shultz, Jones Colleg

2023

★ DI FBS ★

2023 S Ja'Corian Norris, UL
2023 RB Braeden George, Navy
2023 DE Mackenzie Ardoin, Navy
2023 OT Mitch Hodnett, TCU
2023 DE Jalen Anderson, FL State

★ DI FCS ★

2023 RB Kaden Dixon, NAU
2023 WR Amyrion Mingo, UPB
2023 OL Joseph Milton, NSU
2023 OL Travis Cedotal, McNeese
2023 WR Dartavin Depass, GSU
2023 DT Diego Spears, McNeese
2023 LB Peyton McFarland, GSU
2023 QB Beau Perez, SLU
2023 DB Mason Warren, Southern
2023 DE Kaine Olivier, NSU

★ DII ★

2023 DB Tadaris Wright, UWA
2023 DB Dequincy Wilson, NSU
2023 LB Hutch Grace, OBU
2023 LB Jalil Matthews, Ark Mon
2023 RB Jayden Gurzi, Queen's
2023 K Shawn Haenicke-Prevost, TX A&M Kingsport
2023 DT Demerion Dupas, Henderson

★ DIII ★

2023 QB John Sampognaro, Mil
2023 LB Vincent Butcher, Cent
2023 LB Lawrence Rivers, GU
2023 OL Adam Wiggins, Cent
2023 OL Alton Risin, St Olaf
2023 LB Isaiah Grant, Cent
2023 WR Granville Anderson, Tuft
2023 DB Dwayne Mills, Cent

2023 LB Chris Cooper, Bel
2023 OL Cedric May, ETBU

★ NAIA ★

2023 LB Zeke Carwile, CU
2023 DB Alex Simon, Clarke
2023 OL Brenn Ray, LCU
2023 WR Jayden Sonnier, LCU
2023 DT Travail Hamilton, Bethel
2023 RB Zerrick Jones, Tx College
2023 RB James Owens, LCU
2023 QB Samuel Tullios, LCU
2023 RB Douglas Thornton, LCU
2023 TE Hayden Johnson, LCU
2023 LB Cedric Allen Jr., Culver-St
2023 DB Maximus Kadrmas, DSU
2023 OL Blaine Savoie, LCU
2023 WR Lance Rumbelow, Calum

★ JUCO ★

2023 DE Christopher White, Butler
2023 RB Jacobi Jefferson, PRCC
2023 DT Ryan McVay, PRCC
2023 DE Nasir Hudson, Indy
2023 WR Jamari Evans, Tyler
2023 RB Michi Bean, SMCC
2023 LS Grant Denicola, CCC
2023 DT Braylon Dusanig, Indy
2023 DE Jalen Anderson, PRCC
2023 LB Gabryel Leslie, JM
2023 LB Gorey Ledet Jr, DCCC

2024

★ DI FBS ★

2024 CB Caleb Ricks, SD State
2024 DE DeReyon Jenkins Jr., Rice
2024 RB Jaylon Nichols, U.N.C.

★ DI FCS ★

2024 RB RB Chad Elzy Jr., SLU
2024 WR Ellis Stewart, Nichols
2024 WR Jimmie Duncan, NSU
2024 CB Caleb Ricks, Idaho
2024 RB Rejohn Zeno, McNeese St
2024 S Jacob Miranda, NSU
2024 LB Chase Cresson, Morehead St
2024 QB Dillon Compton, Southern
2024 DE Lyndon Vallery, Southern
2024 DB Caleb Cooper, East Tenn St
2024 OL Beau Webb, Nichols St
2024 RB Cayden Jones, SLU
2024 LB Jeremiah Coleman, Southern
2024 OL Preston Jones, Nichols St
2024 OL Daniel Cole, Murray State
2024 DT Courtlyn Houston, Lamar

★ DII ★

2024 QB Rida Ghazzali, West Ala.
2024 OL Jace Williams, Ark Mont
2024 WR Raijon Sims, Emporia State
2024 CB Chrissean Jones, West Ala.
2024 RB Makin Lenard, Ouachita Bap



THE LEGACY CONTINUES

★ 2024-2025 COLLEGE COMMITS & PRO ALUMNI ★

2024 DB Kaleb Daniels, Ark Mont
2024 DL Isaiah McFarland, Ark Tech

DIH

2024 DE Jakayn Roy, Crown
2024 WR Theo Dunn, Centenary
2024 DB Jatari Harris, ETBU
2024 LB Brian Amune Jr., Crown
2024 OL LJ Hayles, Centenary
2024 WR Chase McCall, Centenary
2024 WR Kade Whitehead, Cent
2024 QB Keagan Ables,
Hardin-Simmons
2024 DE Lynford Noriega,
Mary Hardin-Baylor
2024 DB Jay Wright, Millsaps
2024 CB Hayden Jackson,
Mary Hardin-Baylor
2024 RB Caleb Joseph, Centenary
2024 DB Andrew England, Rhodes
2024 WR Stone Celestin, Trinity
2024 OL Peyton Mays, LaGrange
2024 WR Keenan Butler, Trine
2024 DL DaMorion Burks,
Virginia at Lynchburg

NAIA

2024 WR Darius Washington, LCU
2024 QB James Lucas IV, Sterling
2024 WR Uriah Wade, LCU
2024 LB Landon Fredieu, LCU
2024 S Jaden Lewis, Evangel
2024 DB Isaiah McKinney, LCU
2024 LB Gavin Borland, LCU
2024 DL Kourtland Elie, LCU
2024 OL Landon Mouton, LCU
2024 OL Ryker Airhart, UPIKE
2024 WR Timothy Johnson,
Langston
2024 CB Taiyler Bradsher, Peru State
2024 LB Khaliq Bell, Ottawa
2024 LB Jamaal LaCaze Jr., Ottawa
2024 LS Wyatt Reed, Peru State
2024 WR Justin Oubre, LCU

JUCO

2024 DE Dorrior Hollins,
Pearl RiverCC
2024 OL Dwayne Beverly, Blinn
2024 QB Nino Freeman, Hutchinson
2024 WR Demil Garrett, Kilgore
2024 DE Titus Harrell, John Melvin
2024 S Jaiven Lewis, Victor Valley
2024 RB/WR Tyrin Singleton,
John Melvin
2024 OL Caiden Young, John Melvin

2025

DI FBS

2025 Zion Lee, Navy

DI FCS

2025 DB Cayden Randall, SLU
2025 DE Jake Glass, NSU
2025 LB Kohen Clues, Southern
2025 RB Zalen Bennett,
Jackson State
2025 QB Jack Landry, Nichols State
2025 DB Vince Delaney, Miss Valley
2025 RB Trevin Simon,
Columbia University
2025 DE Jamie Covington, Southern
2025 LB Christopher Nelson,
Chicago State University

DII

2025 LB Desmen Hood Jr., Pitt State
2025 DL Nate Broussard, Ark Mont
2025 DE Isaac Garba, Ark Mont
2025 DE Kingston Duhon,
Erskine College

DIH

2025 WR Devin Miles, Belhaven
2025 WR Jameon Brown, Millikin
2025 LB Greyson Dupre, Millsaps
2025 DE Zion Leonard,
Lyon College
2025 LB Khyrie Francisco,
Centenary
2025 WR Jarrison Reese,
Huntingdon College
2025 OL Andre Campbell, Millsaps
2025 RB Laiken Laudermilk,
Centenary
2025 WR Johnny McCarty, Millsaps
2025 OL Jordell Baise, Millsaps

NAIA

2025 DB Kendrick Cahee Jr., LCU
2025 RB Jonah Grob, Bethel
2025 DB Don Brooks,
Nelson University
2025 LB Braeden Slone, LCU
2025 LB Bryson Vaughn,
Arizona Christian
2025 OL Kaden Keiser,
Texas A&M Texarkana
2025 OL Ian Wallace, LCU
2025 RB Landon Boston, Ottawa
2025 LB Ty Curtis, LCU
2025 LB Eric Williams II,
St. Mary of the Woods College
2025 LB Alonzo Joseph, Sterling
2025 OL Torrey Landry Jr., LCU
2025 OL Theodore Wogomon, LCU
2025 DE Aydan Self, Ottawa
2025 OL Ashton Broussard, LCU
2025 OT Jordan Holmes, LCU
2025 LB Jylon Dade, LCU
2025 TE Jaylin Thomas,
Culver-Stockton
2025 DT Jace Spikes, LCU

2025 DB Marquale Williams,
Sterling
2025 LB Kaleb Broussard, Nelson

JUCO

2025 DT Andrion Battle, Northwest
2025 TE Gage Davis, MDCC
2025 OL Xion Miller, NMCC
2025 OL Jackson Taylor, Coahoma
2025 DL Zion Hogan, Coffeyville
2025 DB Jaidon Henderson,
Ark Baptist
2025 TE Kei'Mare Campbell,
Mississippi Cyclones
2025 RB Ayden Tate, Kilgore
2025 QB Hayven Keller, CCC
2025 QB Jacob Crain, PRCC
2025 DB Broderick Fowler Jr.,
Salt Lake CC
2025 CB Christopher Vick, CCC
2025 OL Jacorian Newman, CCC
2025 OL Jenser Villanueva
Calderon, MGCCC
2025 RB Skyler Edwards, Tyler JC
2025 OL Landon Bissel, CCC

NFL / PRO ALUMNI

The following are former Gridiron
Football All-Americans that has
made the Pros.

AJ Gillie — Seahawks
Ethan Frey — Astros (MLB)
Wydet Williams Jr. — Cardinals

HOW TO BE INVITED

Every year we get hundreds
of emails asking to play in this
All-American Bowl Game. We do
not accept just anyone to play. Every
player must have a minimum of a 2.8
GPA, have Hudl film, be recommended
by their head coach, and for Lou-
isiana residents attend one of our
events.

This past year (2025), we had four
Senior teams (Lions, Tigers, Knights,
and Demons). We played two games
with a 15 min championship round
between the two winners. This game
had more than 500k total viewers on
YouTube and thousands in attendance.

With nearly 400 prospects to have
signed to date, over 500k total view-
ers from one years game, and the na-
tional attention through ESPN; this
game has become one of the premiere
games in the country.

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The 2025 Gridiron Football All-American Bowl Game returns December 27th–30th at Louisiana Christian University, bringing together top high school talent from across the nation to compete in front of college coaches. This prestigious event has helped over 98% of its participants receive scholarship offers, with more than \$100 million in scholarships awarded by colleges over the past seven years.

More than just a game, the Bowl Week features the annual "7on7 with the Pros" on December 28th, where seven former NFL and college standouts spend seven minutes each motivating and inspiring athletes, parents, and guests. This unique mentorship session has become a cornerstone of the Gridiron Bowl experience, offering invaluable life and leadership lessons.

The event also has a growing economic impact on the Central Louisiana (CenLa) region, driving tourism, hotel bookings, and local business engagement during Bowl Week. With a strong track record of helping kids and uplifting communities, the 2025 Bowl Game promises to be the most impactful yet.

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