

The Clinton Chronicle's

PIGSKIN PREVIEW

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Austin Copeland

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Red Devils challenge each other, challenged by virus

By Vic MacDonald

For Pigskin Preview 2020

On a defensive emphasis day, Corey Fountain is behind the offensive line of scrimmage, talking closely with quarterbacks and wide receivers.

They are coming up with a plan to challenge the full set of defensive backs and linebackers across the center from them. Fountain is coaching up the receivers to run “north-south,” not “east-west” - they are running short turn and catch, slant patterns, hitch and go, and straight-out fly patterns, with defenders right on their heels.

He yelled to one, “I’ll take that - if you make that turn, you are gone!”

Other coaches are shuttling defensive backs in and out of the line-up as the wide receivers come to the line. That way, when it’s a game, the offense cannot adjust to new personnel.

Next door, on the Clinton High football practice field surrounded by the black-top track, a scaled down offense is pounding away with running backs at a nearly full-scale defense. The defenders are practicing getting hats to the ball,

and anticipating the runningbacks’ moves.

“We have most of our runningbacks back so we’ll be strong in the backfield,” said Fountain, the Red Devils’ head football coach. “Our offensive line is pretty strong. We are rebuilding in the linebackers and defensive line area. We do have Marcus Chalmers back on the defensive line and he’s going to be a key cog in the d-line for us and, hopefully, he can have a good year for us. Most of our secondary is back from last year.”

Just like Gale Sayers or Alvin Kamara, the 2020 season is changing directions on the Red Devils almost daily. They got a work-out with Riverside on Saturday at the Greer Jamboree. But their first two regular season, region games were cancelled or in jeopardy.

Because of COVID-19, Union County postponed football activities until late September - the Yellowjackets were to be Clinton’s opening opponent on Sept. 26.

“Union’s one of the best teams in our conference so we’ll have to be ready for them,” said Fountain, before he knew that the Sept. 26 game would be postponed, because UC won’t start practicing again until Sept. 29.

Also, Broome has postponed football activities - they are

Clinton’s Oct. 2 opponent. That game could be played, but the Centurions out of Spartanburg would have only a couple days to prepare, resuming practice on Sept. 29.

The rest of the schedule is Emerald (Thursday, Sept. 24), Chapman, Woodruff, Laurens and Strom Thurmond. Postponed games could be made up at the end of season, but that runs into the playoffs (top two teams in each region qualify).

All these side-issues are not on the practice field Sept. 15 as Fountain looks over his team at work. “This is a defensive emphasis day for the varsity; our JV had an offensive emphasis day. We’re just trying to get out here in the nice cool weather and get a good practice in. That’s one thing good about starting later in the year, you do get a bit of cooler weather earlier. So we are able to get out here and get after it in full pads today.”

That means coaches don’t have to worry as much about wet-bulb temperatures, cramps and heat exhaustion - they do need to monitor hydration, though, and now there are the challenges of masks, taking temperatures, and questionnaires, all designed to keep the team away from COVID-19,

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Clinton High Football Coach Corey Fountain

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a potentially deadly respiratory ailment.

It is a lesson to athletes in "keeping their head in the game." Fountain said, "We are working on our funda-

mentals every day and getting better every day -- assignments and reading keys, making sure we have the mental part of the game where we need to have it. We've had some physical days the last couple of weeks

so we have some kids banged up. We're trying to scale back the physical side of it so we can get some guys back.

"We're getting our guys as geared up as possible to get better, every day."

Red Devils Preview

2019 Record: 4-7 (2-3)

Season Result: Lost to Camden in 1st round

Head Coach: Corey Fountain (2nd season)

Key players lost: Jacob Hall (OL), Austin Caughman (LB), Darian Grant (OL)

Key players returning: Davis Wilson (QB), Kimon Quarles (RB), Jykorie Gary (RB/S), Shyquan Kinard (RB), C.J. Young (WR), Wilson Wages (WR), Austin Copeland (WR), Justin Copeland (WR), Matthew McKittrick (OL), Marcus Chalmers (DL), Zechariah Johnston (DB), C.K. Vance (DB)



Notes: Corey Fountain's in his second season hopes to open up the offense and build around quarterback Davis Wilson.

The Red Devils have a great group of runners led by Kimon Quarles, along with a young group of receivers.

The secondary is the strength of the team with three key returners in C.K. Vance, Zeke Johnston, and Jykorie Gary.

Marcus Chalmers leads the defensive line. Linebacker will need new faces to step up.

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Head Coach
at Limestone University

November 19
Connor Shaw- USC
Jeff Davis- Clemson

December 2
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William Watts



Kimon Quarles



Zeke Johnston

Spectator guidelines for fall sports

Limited attendance and specific requirements have been put in place for all fall athletic events, to ensure safety protocols mandated by the South Carolina High School league are followed.

Seating capacity will now be limited to 20 percent for all sports. Varsity and Junior Varsity Football games will be limited to 1,300 spectators at Wilder Stadium; Varsity and JV Volleyball games will be limited to 300 spectators; and Middle School Volleyball was limited to 150 spectators.

Ticket distribution and sales by Clinton Middle and High School will include the following guidelines:

Senior Citizen Passes and All Season Sports Passes will not be honored.

Spectators entering a venue will be required to wear a mask or face covering and social distance at games.

Spectators will not be allowed on the field or court prior or after games.

Spectators should remain in their seats unless visiting the concession stand or restroom. All spectators must remain six feet apart while standing in line.

Potential spectators are asked to remain at

home if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19, are under quarantine for close contact or exhibit signs of illness.

When purchasing tickets, spectators are asked to have the correct dollar amount.

Admission to games are as follows:

Varsity Football: \$7

Middle School and JV Football: \$5

Middle School, JV, and Varsity Volleyball: \$5

Girls Tennis and Cross Country: Free.

Varsity Football opens Thursday

Schedule changes necessitated as Clinton's football opponents have postponed football activities, due to the coronavirus, mean a Season-Opener Tomorrow for the varsity Red Devils.

Clinton will play host to Emerald tomorrow (Sept. 24), 7:30 p.m. at Wilder Stadium (capacity: 1,300).

The JV Red Devils will travel to the Emerald Vikings in Greenwood TONIGHT, 6 p.m.

Games against Union County (which postponed football activities and could not play Sept. 24 and 25) will be rescheduled for a later date.

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Clinton High School 2020 Varsity Football Schedule

September 24: Emerald, 7:30 p.m.

October 2: Broome, 7:30 p.m.

October 9: at Chapman, 7:30 p.m.

October 16: Emerald, 7:30 p.m.

October 23: Woodruff, 7:30 p.m.

October 30: Laurens, 7:30 p.m.

November 6: Strom Thurmond, 7:30

Note: Union County game to be rescheduled.

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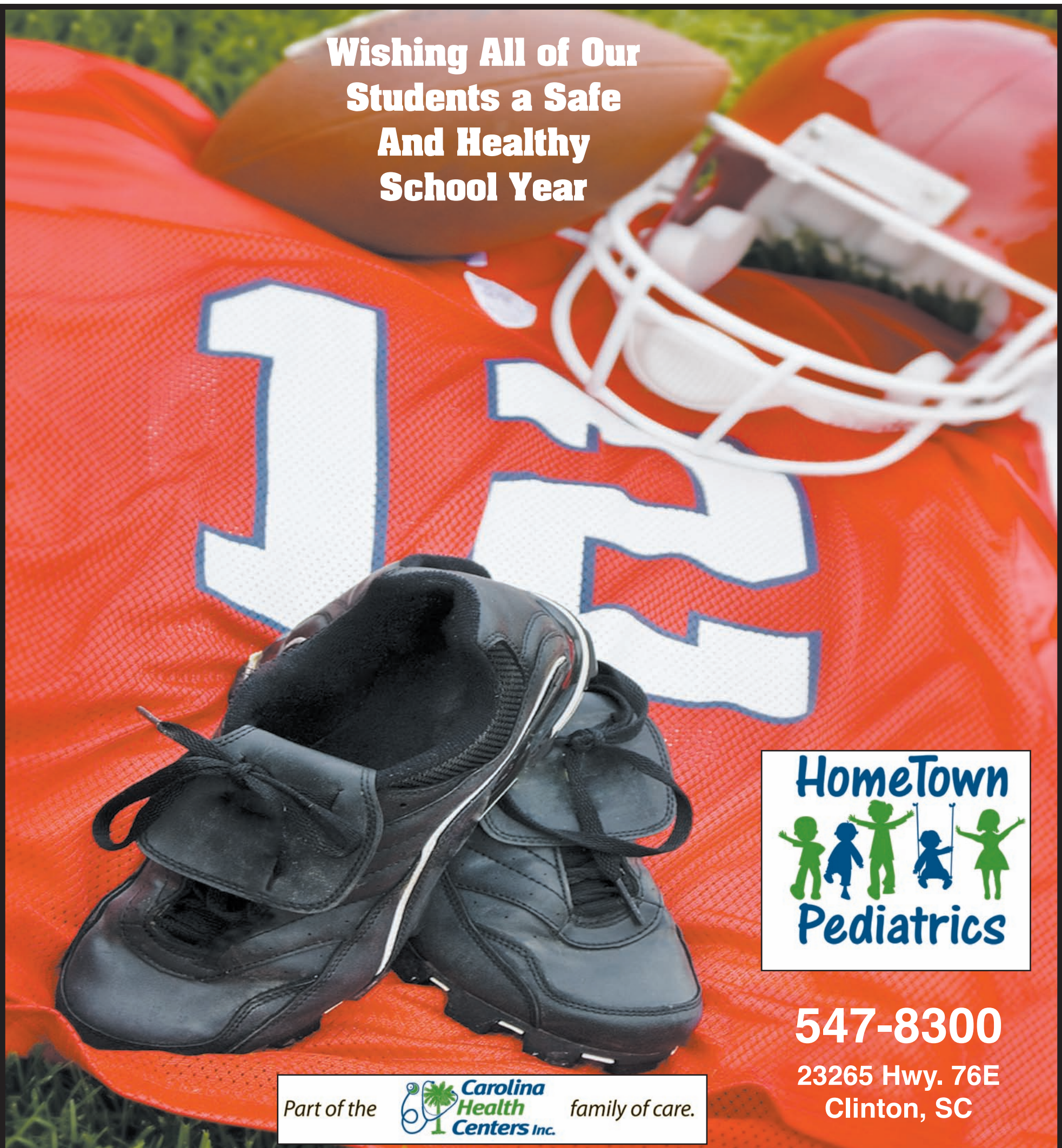
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PC Football: A team that prays together, stays together. PC's 2020 football season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Spangler: The Blue Hose to the new normal

As head coach Tommy Spangler waits to begin his 10th season at the helm for the Presbyterian College football program, the athletics communication staff caught up with Spangler to discuss how the 2020 football team and staff have adapted to the new normal and challenges brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

HOW HAS FALL PROGRESSED

It's a different kind of different so far for us this fall, but changes, adjustments, and fixing issues are what we're used to handling. Having to deal with all the protocols and issues that come with COVID-19 will make us better in the long run. It's a more challenging process because of how we have to practice, go through the locker room and the weight room, and keep social distancing and always wearing our masks all the time we are doing any of those things.

I think our kids have done a tremendous job with their attitudes number one because we are not only trying to battle and improve and get better on the field we are also trying to battle COVID-19, and it has made it a challenge on everyone throughout the program. I'm pleased with the progress that we have been able to make, especially considering the limitations we currently have to handle. I hope things improve, and the NCAA changes what we are allowed to do, which hopefully includes putting the pads on.

I have to put myself in their shoes when it comes to jockeying class, which is different this fall and coming down to

get scanned in daily and making sure we're masked up, sending so many guys in the locker room at a time and the practice field at a certain time. A lot of athletes are competitors, and a lot of them are at their best when the challenges are the toughest and right now were battling a lot of challenges and making the best of it.

STUDENTS RESPONSE TO THE NEW NORMAL

Well, what we would typically do is have a sizable group here in July working out and preparing for the season and be able to get through a lot of the first issues when a team reports but we didn't have that this year. We reported on August 9, and we brought in over 115 guys. I'm encouraged by how the kids have responded to the guidelines, protocols, and how we go about it.

Still, the key is you can have all these protocols and guidelines, but unless you are truly executing them day in and day out and doing what you are truly supposed to do every day, it's a challenge for everything to be successful. Our staff has done a great job helping our guys do what they are supposed to be doing day in and day out.

We have to remember that they are young kids, and some may not want to take it as seriously as others do. Still, I think they have done a good job adjusting and taking it seriously, and we have to remember that we have to continue to get better as a football team. Based on what we have been able

to do so far this fall in the 2-3 weeks since we have come back to campus, I am extremely encouraged by what we have accomplished on the field. If we had to play a game next week, I would be concerned, but we don't have to.

THINGS YOU LIKE AND THINGS YOU WANT TO IMPROVE ON IN COMING WEEKS:

From the standpoint of the players improving on the things we're asking of them, such as individual fundamentals, overall conditioning, and things they are doing in the weight room, I see a lot of strides. Let's face it football is a very competitive sport; it's a great team sport, but there's still a lot of one-on-one battles, and at this point, we are not getting some of that due to our current restrictions. We can judge how competitive it is based on what we're allowed to do but not having those one-on-one battles. Seeing how a kid responds to getting beat or responding to having success is something we haven't been able to judge, however, due to our practice limits thus far.

Hopefully, we can get back to a point soon where we can practice with larger groups and pads from time to time and play the game the way it's meant to be played. I am not saying what we're doing now isn't beneficial because it is. We are trying to develop a lot of fundamentals and conditioning and mental/cerebral schematic issues that we are trying to get better at. I am encouraged by where we are, but it is truly one day at a time.



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Clemson University Tigers

Football Schedule

Oct. 3: Virginia Cavaliers
 Oct. 10: Miami
 Oct. 17: at Georgia Tech
 Oct. 24: Syracuse
 Oct. 31: Boston College
 Nov. 7: at Notre Dame
 Nov. 21: at Florida State
 Nov. 28: Pitt
 Dec. 5: at Virginia Tech

University of South Carolina Gamecocks Football Schedule

Sept. 26: Tennessee
 Oct. 3: at Florida
 Oct. 10: at Vanderbilt
 Oct. 17: Auburn
 Oct. 24: at LSU
 Nov. 7: Texas A&M
 Nov. 14: at Mississippi
 Nov. 21: Missouri
 Nov. 28: Georgia
 Dec. 5: at Kentucky

Clinton High School

Red Devils

Football Schedule

Sept. 24: Emerald, 7:30 p.m.
 Oct. 2: Broome, 7:20
 Oct. 9: at Chapman, 7:30
 Oct. 16: Emerald, 7:30
 Oct. 23: Woodruff, 7:30
 Oct. 30: Laurens, 7:30
 Nov. 6: Strom Thurmond, 7:30

Laurens High School Raiders

Football Schedule

Sept. 25: at Greenwood
 Oct. 2: Greenville
 Oct. 9: Eastside
 Oct. 16: Aiken
 Oct. 23: at Greer
 Oct. 30: at Clinton

Nov. 6: Hillcrest

Laurens Academy Crusaders

Football Schedule

25-Sep Northside Christian
 Lexington 7:30
 2-Oct Richard Winn* Home
 7:30
 9-Oct Jefferson Davis Acad-
 emy* Blackville 7:30
 16-Oct WW King Academy*
 Home 7:30
 23-Oct Wardlaw Academy*
 Johnston 7:00
 30-Oct Newberry Academy*
 Home 7:30

Carolina Panthers

Football Schedule

Sept. 27: at Los Angeles Charg-
 ers, 4:05 p.m., CBS
 Oct. 4: vs. Arizona Cardinals, 1
 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 11: at Atlanta Falcons, 1
 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 18: vs. Chicago Bears, 1
 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 25: at New Orleans Saints,
 1 p.m., Fox
 Oct. 29: vs. Atlanta Falcons,
 8:20 p.m., Fox/NFLN/Amazon
 Nov. 8: at Kansas City Chiefs, 1
 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 15: vs. Tampa Bay Bucca-
 neers, 1 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 22: vs. Detroit Lions, 1
 p.m., Fox
 Nov. 29: at Minnesota Vikings,
 1 p.m., Fox
 Dec. 13: vs. Denver Broncos, 1
 p.m., CBS
 Dec. 19 or 20: at Green Bay
 Packers, TBD
 Dec. 27: at Washington Red-
 skins, 1 p.m., CBS
 Jan. 3: vs. New Orleans Saints,
 1 p.m., Fox



PC Coach Tommy Spangler speaks to the Laurens County Touchdown Club.

Blue Hose earn preseason honors

Seven Blue Hose earned honors being named to the Phil Steele 2020 Preseason All-Independent Team. The publication also announced its FCS All-American teams and senior linebacker Colby Campbell was named to the fourth team defense.

Campbell is the first Blue Hose to earn All-American honors since 2011 when Justin Bethel earned the honors from three different publications (Sports Network, College Sports Journal and Phil Steele FCS Magazine).

The senior was joined by wide receiver Keith Pearson, offensive lineman Ethan Williams, defensive lineman Tanner Wilhelm, defensive backs Rod Haygood and Jeffrey Smyth and punt returner Mack Simmons who were all named to the first team all-independent conference team.

Campbell also was named the preseason defensive player of the year by the publication.

Colby Campbell, LB (4th Team All-American, 1st Team All-Independent, Preseason Independent Defensive Player of the Year)

In 2019, Colby Campbell rewrote the Blue Hose career record book as he played and started in all 12 games while totaling a Big South single-season tackle record with 150 stops. Campbell also totaled a team-high 16.5 tackles for loss and a D1 program record nine sacks. He added four pass breakups, an interception and forced fumble during the 2019 campaign. Campbell recorded 10 games with at least 10 tackles which includes a single-game D1 program record 20 tackles against Kennesaw State. He opened the 2020 campaign with 13 tackles and 3.5 tackles for loss against Mercer, while following it up with 12 tackles against Jacksonville. Campbell filled the stat page up against Eastern Kentucky with 14 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks. He concluded the 2020 regular season with 16 tackles against Charleston Southern and 17 stops against St. Andrews. In the game against St. Andrews, Campbell added three sacks and 4.5 tackles for loss as well. He paced the Big South with 12.5 tackles per game, and led the league with 12.8 tackles per game in league con-

tests. He ranked third in all of FCS with 12.5 tackles per game. Following the 2019 season he was named to the first-team Big South All-Conference team as voted on by league coaches.

Keith Pearson, WR (1st Team All-Independent)

Pearson led the Blue Hose in receiving yards with 777, which sits second in the Blue Hose DI single-season record book. He had 71 catches for 777 yards and three touchdowns on the year. He set the single-season record in Presbyterian's DI record book for catches with 71 grabs. Pearson finished tied for first in the Big South in receptions, tied for first in receptions per game, fifth in receiving yards and sixth in yards per game. He became the seventh player in Presbyterian's DI history to record 1,000 receiving yards and the eighth player to eclipse 100 career catches. He had seven games with at least five catches, while also recording three 100 yard games. He had 116 yards on eight catches at Hampton, while following that up with nine catches for 129 yards against Charleston Southern. In the Blue Hose season finale against St. Andrews, Pearson recorded a career-high 10 catches for 138 yards while picking up his first multi-touchdown game of his career.

Rod Haygood, DB (1st Team All-Independent)

In 2019, Haygood played in 10 games while starting in nine contests in the PC secondary. He totaled 39 tackles to go along with a team-high three interceptions and was tied for the team lead with four pass breakups. He totaled a career-high seven tackles and interception against Eastern Kentucky. In the season-opener against Mercer he totaled five tackles, an interception and pass breakup. He recorded six tackles against Merrimack and added five tackles against North Alabama. Haygood had five games with at least four tackles.

Ethan Williams, OL (1st Team All-Independent)

Williams played in 11 games during the 2019 season while making 10 starts, seven of those starts came at left tackle with two at right tackle and one at right guard. The Blue Hose offensive line helped PC's rushing attack aver-

age 131.2 yards per game throughout the 2019 campaign. The Blue Hose backfield totaled four 100-yard rushing games (Jarius Jeter x3, Zola Davis).

Tanner Wilhelm, DL (1st Team All-Independent)

The Fyffe, Alabama native played in all 12 games last season, while making eight starts on the Presbyterian defensive line. Wilhelm totaled 53 tackles, 6.0 tackles for loss and four sacks, while adding a forced fumble, quarterback hurry, pass breakup and blocked kick. He recorded a pair of contests with seven tackles against both Campbell and Hampton, while adding six stops against North Alabama. Wilhelm totaled a pair of sacks in games against Campbell and Gardner-Webb. He also added a forced fumble and quarterback hurry against Charleston Southern and recorded a blocked kick at Hampton.

Jeffrey Smyth, DB (1st Team All-Independent)

Smyth played in all 12 games during his freshman year, while making six starts. Smyth totaled 63 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss, one interception and three pass breakups. He finished second amongst freshman defensive backs in the Big South with his 63 stops in 2019. Smyth recorded three games with 10+ tackles including a season-high 13 tackles along with a tfl and interception against Gardner-Webb which netted him the Big South Freshman of the week honors following the 24-14 victory against Gardner-Webb. He also had 11 tackles against Kennesaw State and 10 stops against Merrimack.

Mack Simmons, PR (1st Team All-Independent)

During his freshman campaign, Simmons played and started in all 12 games as he recorded 36 catches for 304 yards, while also picking up six kick returns for 79 yards and a team-high eight punt returns for 56 yards. Simmons had a season-high five catches against Eastern Kentucky and recorded a season-high 56 yards receiving in a 24-14 victory against Gardner-Webb. He recorded at least one catch in all 12 games during the 2019 season. He recorded a season-high six punt return in the Blue Hose season finale against St. Andrews.





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PC - Big South: FALL SPORTS SEASONS DELAYED, SUSPENDED

The Big South Conference has announced that it is delaying its fall sports seasons with the intent of playing in the spring.

Fall sports at Presbyterian College affected by the conference's decision include men's and women's cross country, men's and women's soccer, and volleyball.

Additionally, fall competitions in the sports of football, men's and women's golf, men's and women's tennis, and out-of-season competitions in spring sports have been suspended, as well.

PC is an Independent in NCAA Division I Football.

The Big South Conference stated in a press release that it has made the decision as the health and well-being of its student-athletes is its top priority.

"We are all broken-hearted that we will not be able to provide competitive opportunities for Big South student-athletes this fall," commented Big South Conference Commissioner Kyle Kallander. "However, the path forward must protect the health and safety of our student-athletes, and some of the current trends and unknowns with COVID-19 have made that a huge challenge. Our intention is to shift these fall seasons to the spring as we would like nothing more than to crown Big South champions in all 19 of our sports this year if possible."

At PC, the opportunity for conditioning, strength training, and other practice opportunities in all sports will be permitted, provided health and safety conditions support such activities.

Conditions include adherence to departmental return-to-play protocols.

"The collegiate athletics experience at Presbyterian is very important to fulfilling the College's educational and developmental missions," said Rob Acunto, PC's Director of Athletics. "Any degree of non-competition this fall is deeply disappointing to PC student-athletes, coaches, and fans. However, health and safety remain the highest priority, and because of that, the decision has been made to suspend fall season competition."

PC Athletics is committed to exploring options that may provide future competitive experiences for fall sport student-athletes. The athletic department recognizes those options will be based on steps that may eventually be taken by the NCAA and the conference membership, the college said in a statement.

Blue Hose Football coaching staff is announced

Presbyterian College and Head Football Coach Tommy Spangler announced multiple staff additions ahead of the 2020 season.

Former Blue Hose Kamren Mack has returned to PC as he will coach the defensive line, while Stewart Hunt joins the staff as running backs coach. Tymere Zimmerman has joined the PC family to coach the wide receivers, and Bryce Suber has joined the Blue Hose and will coach the secondary.

Along with these four additions, Pierce Spangler has transitioned over to lead the linebacker room during the 2020 campaign.

"Overall, we have a very young group of coaches this season. If you take out myself and Coach Haltiwanger, we are really young," Tommy Spangler.

"Great coaches develop like great players as it starts with a tremendous attitude and work ethic - I feel we have that with this football staff. I am very much looking forward to witnessing their growth and development as leaders of young men over the coming years."

TYMERE ZIMMERMAN

Zimmerman comes to Presbyterian after spending the last five seasons as the offensive coordinator at Lower Richland High School. Zimmerman is set to lead the wide receivers in his first season at Presbyterian. Before his time at Lower Richland, Zimmerman spent two seasons at Lexington High School, where he was also responsible for the wide receivers. He started his coaching career in 2009 at Marlboro County High School, where he coached for three seasons,

Before joining the coaching ranks, Zimmerman was a two-sport athlete at Newberry College as he shattered records on the football field throughout his career. He was a four-time all-South Atlantic Conference Honoree, including first-team honorees three times (2004-06), while being named an All-American during his junior and senior years.

Zimmerman's continues to hold the receiving records at Newberry as he put up an astounding 250 catches, 3,051 yards, and 40 touchdowns during his time with the Wolves. He also holds the scoring record at Newberry with 248 points. He currently is tied atop the list in school history with 12 games of at least 100 yards receiving including a career-high 167 yards' vs. Wingate in 2003. Tymere and his wife Brionna have three kids (Jordyn, Kobe, and Skylar).

STEWART HUNT

Hunt comes to Presbyterian after spending the last two seasons as an offensive assistant at Furman University. Hunt will lead the running backs at Presbyterian for the 2020 season. Before joining the Paladins, Hunt spent two seasons as a graduate assistant for the North Greenville baseball program.

During his time with the Paladins, he worked primarily with the wide receivers and special team units. On the special team's side of the ball, he worked with Grayson Atkins who was named all-American in back to back seasons and currently holds the Paladin field goal percentage record at 80.4%. In the wide receiver room, Hunt worked with Thomas Gordon, who set the Furman school record for career receiving yards (2,552) and sits third in the career list with 159 catches.

Hunt spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at North Greenville and was a part of



a conference championship team in 2018. During the 2015 season as a senior captain, he also was a part of a conference championship.

KAMREN MACK

Mack returns to Presbyterian after spending time at Georgia State University, earning his master's degree in sports administration. He also worked as a graduate assistant in the Panthers athletic department. Mack will work with Roland Matthews in coaching the defensive line beginning in 2020.

Mack was also a four-year letter winner for the Blue Hose as a member of the defensive line as he appeared in 34 games while making 20 starts throughout his time at PC. He racked up 82 tackles, 13.0 tackles for loss, and 6.5 sacks. The Lithonia, GA native currently sits tied for 5th with a pair of blocked kicks and placed 10th in the PC D1 era career record books with 6.5 sacks.

BRYCE SUBER

Suber joins the Blue Hose after spending last season as a defensive back quality control coach at Furman University. Suber will work with the defensive backs in his first year in Clinton.

Before his time at Furman, he spent a season as a graduate assistant at Austin Peay, earning his master's degree in Strategic Leadership. Before starting his coaching career, Suber was a member of the East Tennessee State football program.

PIERCE SPANGLER

Spangler returns for his fourth season with the Blue Hose after spending the prior two coaching the defensive ends; Spangler will transition in 2020 to coach the linebackers.

During the 2019 season, he helped lead Tanner Wilhelm to 53 tackles and 6.0 tackles for loss(tfl) on the year with 4.0 sacks. In 2018 he helped lead Gyasi Yeldell to a second-team all-conference selection that saw him have a solid year with 51 tackles, 9.5 tfl, 5.5 sacks, and a pair of forced fumbles.

In 2017, during his first year as a full-time staff member at PC, Spangler assisted with the linebackers. Spangler volunteered at PC in 2015 and 2016, working with the linebackers and special teams. Spangler was a member of the Louisiana Tech baseball team from 2013-2015.



Cheer Camp



Pictured left are the children of Renee Brown: Corbin (#16) plays with the 8U team; Alyssa cheers with the 10U and 12U squads and Emori is a future cheerleader.



Little Devils



Clinton Little Devils: More than just football

With the onset of COVID-19 came the uncertainty of football all across the United States. All leagues from youth football to the NFL pondered whether they would be able to have a football season, even if abbreviated.

The Clinton Little Devils, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that welcomes girls and boys from ages 5-12 to cheer and play tackle football, had this same dilemma. We were in communications with the Pop Warner SC Midlands League which we had played under for the past two years. In July, the SC Midlands as well as many other Pop Warner leagues decided not to play during the fall season. At the time this decision was made, we had already registered many kids who wanted to play football as well as cheerleaders who wanted to cheer. Hearing of another organization that was going to cautiously pursue youth football in the fall, the Clinton Little Devils opted to leave Pop Warner and play in our 4th year under the South Carolina Youth Football Association. Recruiting continued and plans to play while implementing and practicing safety precautions were set in place.

In August, Clinton Little Devils Association, Inc. hosted a 4-day camp for players interested in playing tackle football during the 2020 fall season. The focus was on conditioning and teaching some of the basics of football. On the last day of the camp, Defensive End Lavon Hooks from the Pittsburgh Steelers came and worked with the participants of the camp. Lavon was on the injured reserve list and hoping to return to the team during the 2020 season.

The Clinton Little Devils also hosted a cheer camp for girls interested in cheering during the 2020 season. With the assistance of Shana Spann, Cheer coach from Presbyterian College, over twenty young girls participated. Our cheer teams for the season includes 23



Lavon Hooks

high energy girls learning new routines under the guidance of Kisha Redd, CLD head coach and Deborah Anderson, CLD assistant coach. These ladies work hard not only to teach the girls, but also to prepare the routines for the girls to learn.

The concept of 'more than just football' continues to be our concept as we provide various avenues for kids to engage in other activities. Just this past week, some of the players joined the Clinton Canopy at the Martha Dendy Park to pick up trash and pull up weeds around some of the trees and plants. Those participating included Jy'Shun Ivory, Jairus Scurry, Zipporah Scurry, Devin Butler, Kenyon Butler, Austin Boyd, Chris Boyd, Tristen Boyd, Kim Butler and Annette Lee. This event was rewarding to the kids as they asked questions about the various plants and weeds....one being, why the weeds have to grow in the flowers anyway? Doing work, while having fun, can be rewarding and not seem like work.

Clinton Little Devils Schedule		
Date	Event	Location
September 5 th , 2020	Jamboree	Greenwood, SC
September 12 th , 2020	vs Asheville Xtreme	Clinton, SC
September 19 th , 2020	vs Sumter Spartans	Clinton, SC
September 26 th , 2020	at New Era Hurricanes	Greenwood, SC
October 3 rd , 2020	vs Northeast Wolfpack	Clinton, SC
October 10 th , 2020	vs Columbia Knights	Clinton, SC
October 17 th , 2020	at Electric City Chargers	Anderson, SC
October 24 th , 2020	vs Upstate Titans	Clinton, SC
October 31 st , 2020	at GASA Raptors	Greenwood, SC

With age cutoffs of August 1, 2020 and rosters having to be finalized as of September 15, 2020, we have three teams participating:

8U team has players ranging in ages of 6-8. The coaching staff for the 8U team is Head Coach James (JR) Baker, Assistant Coaches Ken Turner and Chauncey Payne. Team Mom is Brandy Koon.

10U team has players ranging in ages from 9-10. The coaching staff for the 10U team is Head Coach Travis Peake, Assistant Coaches Kenny Hill and Calvin Williams. Team Mom is Shanna Kiselak.

12U team has players ranging in ages 11-12. The coaching staff for the 12U is Head Coach Lee Spann, Assistant Coaches Dwayne Rueter, Derrick Gilliam and Cliff Knight.

The regular season for the CLD started September 12th. All three teams missed the opportunity to get the win, but will work hard during the next 7 weeks of games.

All home games are played at the Clinton High School track field. The schedule for the

season is shown above.

The Clinton Little Devils Association is very thankful to the generous support of School District 56 and the community from both individuals, churches and businesses. We thank the parents for their dedication to the kids in getting them to practice and the games.

Please like our Facebook page to keep up with schedules. www.facebook.com/CLDA2017. Website: www.ClintonLittleDevils.com

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Congratulations Seniors & Good Luck to All the Red Devils!

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