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1	Tucker Free	Sophomore	19	Mason Williams	Sophomore
3	Jace Farmer	Freshman	20	Jack Evan Fields	Freshman
4	Richard Braddy	Junior	23	Brody Fleming	Junior
5	Gannon Smith	Freshman	24	Revan Fortner	Junior
6	Sailor Powell	Junior (Captain)	25	Peyton Lee	Senior (Captain)
7	Clayton Hood	Senior (Captain)	30	Cason Sapp	Sophomore
9	Jaxson Wiggins	Senior (Captain)	31	Braydon Lawson	Sophomore
10	Hayden Powell	Freshman	33	Matthew Fordham	Freshman
11	Ben Griner	Freshman	45	Eli Way	Freshman
12	Nolan Powell	Senior	52	Mason Fleming	Freshman
13	Paxton Dixon	Sophomore	54	Bryan Beasley	Junior
15	Mason Boatright	Freshman	76	Jonah Boatright	Junior (Captain)
17	John-Nathan Martin	Junior (Captain)	99	Joshua Tanner	Sophomore

Coaches: TC Guyer
&
Natavus Robertson





VARSITY FOOTBALL

AUGUST 23	GRACE CHRISTIAN	HOME
AUGUST 30	CRISP	AWAY
SEPTEMBER 6	JOHN HANCOCK	HOME
SEPTEMBER 13	VIDALIA HERITAGE	AWAY
SEPTEMBER 20	SHERWOOD	AWAY
SEPTEMBER 27	**FULLINGTON (HC)	HOME
OCTOBER 4	WESTWOOD	AWAY
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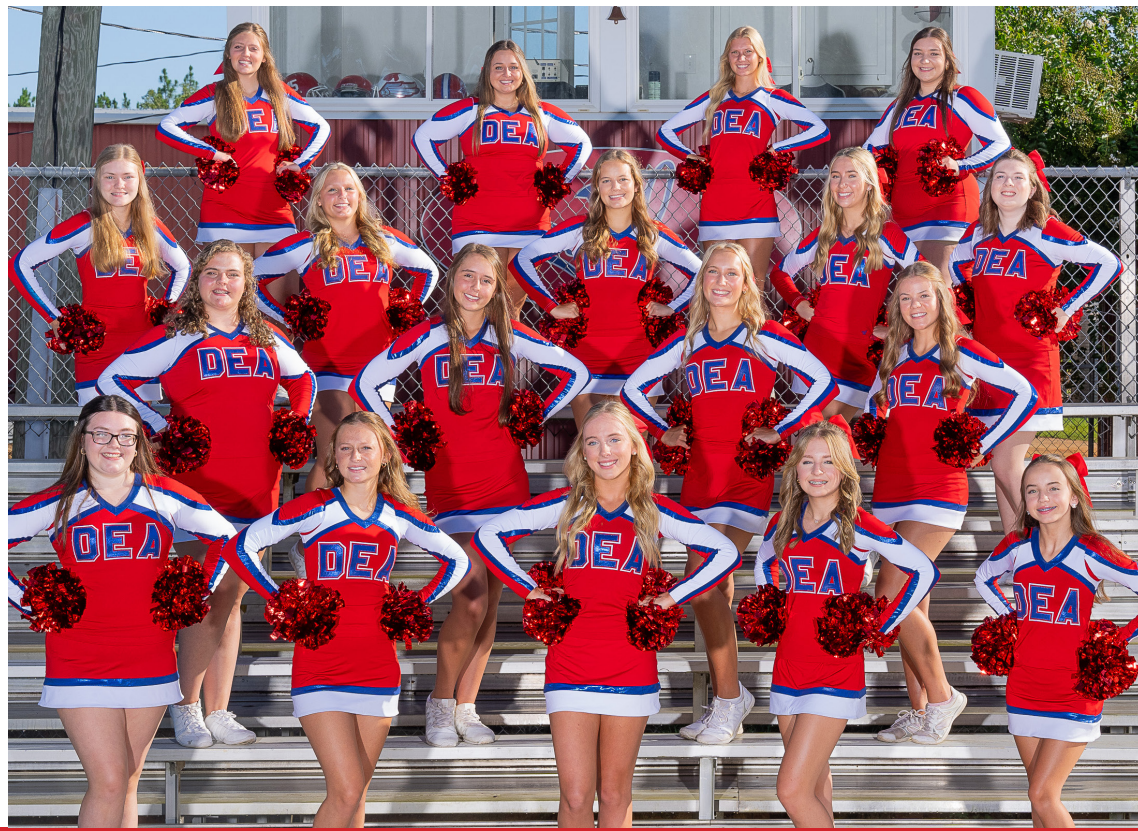
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 Scout Hall - Freshman
 Presley Gowen - Freshman
 Chloe Daniel - Freshman

2nd Row (left to right):

Anna Layne Templeton - Freshman
 Payton Peebles - Sophomore
 Bailey McNure - Sophomore
 Lyla Martin - Freshman

3rd Row (left to right):

Brook Fleming - Sophomore
 Jayden Slater - Junior
 Addalyn Terwilliger - Junior
 Mattie Grace Lane - Junior
 Claire Metcalf - Sophomore

4th Row (left to right):

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 Addie Brown - Senior (Co-Captain)
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Lara McNure (8th), Kate Yeomans (8th), Sophie Young (8th),
Kaley Flowers (8th), Anna Layne Templeton (Freshman)

Back Row (left to right):

Coach Kristi Flowers, Hensley Terwilliger (Freshman),
Payton Peebles (Sophomore), Addalyn Terwilliger (Junior),
Kyli Bell (Senior), Jayden Slater (Junior), Bailey McNure (Sophomore),
Brook Fleming (Sophomore), Coach Daniel Flowers

2024 SOFTBALL

AUGUST 5	EDMUND BURKE	AWAY	MS 6:00	Varsity 4:00
AUGUST 7	WILLIAM JAMES MIDDLE	AWAY	MS 4:30	
AUGUST 8	EDMUND BURKE	HOME	MS 4:00	Varsity 6:00
AUGUST 13	THOMAS JEFFERSON	AWAY	MS 6:00	Varsity 4:00
AUGUST 15	FULLINGTON	HOME		Varsity 4:00
AUGUST 19	WILLIAM JAMES MIDDLE	HOME	MS 4:30	
AUGUST 20	PINEWOOD	HOME	MS 4:30	Varsity 6:00
AUGUST 22	*VIDALIA HERITAGE	AWAY	MS 4:00	Varsity 6:00
AUGUST 26	*TWIGGS ACADEMY	AWAY	MS 3:30	Varsity 4:30
AUGUST 27	FULLINGTON	AWAY		Varsity 4:00
AUGUST 29	THOMAS JEFFERSON	HOME		Varsity 4:30
SEPTEMBER 3	BULLOCH ACADEMY	AWAY	MS 4:00	Varsity 6:00
SEPTEMBER 5	*CITIZENS CHRISTIAN	HOME	MS 4:00	Varsity 6:00
SEPTEMBER 10	PINEWOOD	AWAY	MS 4:30	Varsity 6:00
SEPTEMBER 12	*VIDALIA HERITAGE	HOME	MS 4:00	Varsity 6:00
SEPTEMBER 17	*TRINITY CHRISTIAN	HOME	MS 4:00	Varsity 5:00
SEPTEMBER 18	BULLOCH ACADEMY	HOME	MS 4:00	Varsity 6:00
SEPTEMBER 23	*TWIGGS ACADEMY	HOME	MS 4:00	Varsity 6:00
SEPTEMBER 24	*FPCA	AWAY		Varsity 4:30
SEPTEMBER 26	*ROBERT TOOMBS	AWAY	MS 4:00	Varsity 6:00
OCTOBER 1	*TRINITY CHRISTIAN	AWAY		Varsity 4:30
OCTOBER 3	*CITIZENS CHRISTIAN	AWAY		Varsity 4:30
OCTOBER 7	*ROBERT TOOMBS	HOME		Varsity 4:00
OCTOBER 10	*FPCA	HOME		Varsity 4:00
OCTOBER 17 -19	GIAA STATE FINALS	TBD		TBD



DEA MIDDLE SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Front Row (left to right):

Blakely Brinson (5th), Sarah Beth Beecher (5th), Bailey Duckworth (5th),
Mary Bess Fields (6th), Spencer Collins (6th), Evie Moore (6th),
Milly Farmer (6th), Layla Clark (6th)

Back Row (left to right):

Coach Kristi Flowers, Lorelee Scarboro (8th), Carrie Johnson (8th),
Lara McNure (8th), Kaley Flowers (8th), Sophie Young (8th),
Kate Yeomans (8th), Rayleigh Faircloth (7th), Coach Daniel Flowers

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Judson Flanders (5th), Lawton Wiggins (7th)

2nd Row (left to right):

Dalton Flowers (6th), Callen Sapp (7th),
Walker Arp (5th), Samuel Durden (7th)

3rd Row (left to right):

Charlie McRae (7th), Tate Wilkes (6th),
Bryton Rowland (6th), Blaine Fordham (7th), Tyran Kirby (6th)

Back Row (left to right):

Bentley Brinson (7th), Ellis Claxton (5th),
Hudson Beecher (8th), Coach Natavus Robertson

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DEA MIDDLE SCHOOL CHEER

Front Row (left to right):

Adah Way (5th), Sarah Beth Beecher (5th), Phoebe Daniel (5th), Milly Farmer (6th), Layla Clark (6th), Addison Griner (5th), Blakely Johnson (5th), Blakely Brinson (5th)

2nd Row (left to right):

Amelia Daughtry (5th), McKenleigh Tankersley (5th), Isabella Smith (5th), Carolyn Vautier (5th), Bethany Henry (7th), Harper Canady (5th), Ayslin O'Keefe (6th)

3rd Row (left to right):

Lauree Douglas (6th), Farrah Williamson (6th), Elena Martin (7th), Rayleigh Faircloth (7th), Mary Bess Fields (6th), Evie Moore (6th), Bailey Duckworth (5th)

4th Row (left to right):

Kinley Jersey (8th), Kaley Flowers (8th), Madeline Griner (8th - Co-Captain), Zoe Polk (8th - Captain), Emma Peebles (8th), Lorealee Scarboro (8th), Preslee Moore (8th)

Not pictured : Ava Williams (6th), Blakely Holland (5th)



Wishing all area schools the best of luck this season!



MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

AUGUST 15	FULLINGTON	HOME
AUGUST 22	VIDALIA HERITAGE	AWAY
AUGUST 27	FULLINGTON	AWAY
SEPTEMBER 5	JOHN HANCOCK	HOME
SEPTEMBER 12	VIDALIA HERITAGE	HOME
SEPTEMBER 19	JOHN HANCOCK	AWAY

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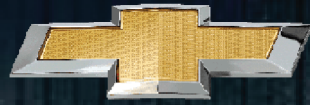
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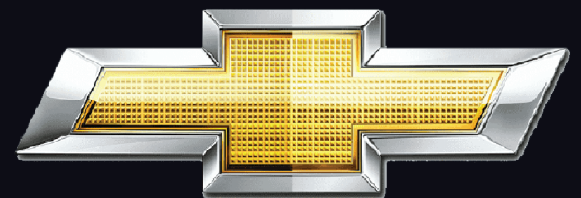


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Bulldogs' 2023 season

by RON WEATHER-FORD

The Bulldogs started out the 2023 season with their annual scrimmage game against Vidalia. The two teams went toe to toe ending with a 14-14 tie at Buck Cravey Field. The Bulldog coaches had a lot to look at before the regular season, fielding their youngest team made up of mostly freshmen and sophomores, a few juniors and only 4 seniors.

ECI began the regular season in Metter against their longest rivalry. Mistakes and three turnovers in their own territory cost the Bulldogs against the Tigers. ECI held Metter to 43 yards of offense for three quarters but found themselves down 17-0. The Bulldogs fought back but lost the game 17-10.

The Bulldogs hosted Lincoln Co. the next Friday night at Rountree Stadium. The Red Devils were

looking to atone for the 42-21 shellacking the Bulldogs gave them in Lincoln in 2022. The Bulldogs were shut out for the first time in several years, losing to Lincoln 28-0.


On September 8, the Bulldogs saw the seventh ranked Dublin Irish visit. The Bulldogs upset the heavily favored Irish 10-7. The difference in the game was a 37-yard field goal by Oisin Matthews early in the third quarter. Facing

their second top ten ranked team in as many weeks, the Bulldogs took the short drive to Swainsboro with a match-up against the second ranked Tigers. With the score 13-10 at the end of the third quarter, the Tigers wore down the younger and smaller Bulldog defense in the fourth, to defeat the Bulldogs 27-12. Johnson Co. came calling on September 22, to face the Bulldogs. Both defenses played well with

the Bulldogs holding a 9-0 lead at the half. Both teams found the endzone in the second half, with ECI taking the low scoring game, 15-7. Playing their sixth non-region game of the season, the Bulldogs traveled to Jefferson Co. the last weekend in September. ECI spoiled the Warriors' homecoming with a 42-8 win.

The Bulldogs played their first region game of (Continued on page 15)

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2024-25 ECI Varsity Football Schedule

Date:	Opponent	Home/Away
8/9/24	Vidalia (Scrimmage)	Home
8/16/24	Wilcox County	Away
8/23/24	Swainsboro	Home
8/30/24	OPEN	
9/6/24	McIntosh County Academy	Home
9/13/24	Jenkins County	Away
9/20/24	Bryan County	Home
9/27/24	Metter	Away
10/4/24	Savannah (HC)	Home
10/11/24	Portal	Away
10/18/24	OPEN	
10/25/24	Claxton (Senior Night)	Home
11/1/24	Screven County	Away

Bulldogs' 2023 season...

(From page 14) the season when they traveled to Portal to take on the improved Panthers. ECI couldn't corral the Panthers' elusive quarterback who did everything except singing the national anthem, with a passing TD, rushing TD, scoop and score TD and a punt return for touchdown. The Bulldogs were shut out for the second time last season, as Portal defeated the Bulldogs for the first time since 2011, 40-0. McIntosh Co.

took the long ride to Twin City on October 20. The defense made amends for their performance against the Panthers the week before, holding the Buccaneers to just 55 yards of offense during the game. ECI won their first region game 35-7. The Bulldogs crossed the river to face their neighbors in Millen on October 27. Another group of mistakes had the Bulldogs down 6-0, after ECI ran 23 plays to the Eagles'

just 3 plays. The Eagles pulled away in the game taking the game 28-7. The Bulldogs played their last regular season game at Rountree stadium the next Friday night against Montgomery Co. ECI led 35-0 at halftime and let the younger players take over the rest of the game, winning 42-6. With Portal defeating Jenkins Co. for the region championship, the Bulldogs entered the state playoffs as the num-

ber three seed. The Bulldogs traveled to Lanier Co. in the first round. The Bulldogs took a 28-7 lead against Lanier and looked to have the game in hand. But Lanier turn the game around in the second half scoring 28 points of their own, forcing the game into overtime tied at 35-35. The Bulldogs scored in three plays in overtime, but EP try was no good and only led by six with Lanier having their chance

to tie and go ahead. ECI shut the door against Lanier holding them out of the endzone to take the game 41-35 in overtime. The Bulldogs took the 4-hour drive to Blakely Co. to face Early Co. in the second round of the playoffs. Like the game against Lanier, the Bulldogs jumped out to a halftime lead 21-13. For the second week, the ECI couldn't hold the lead in the second half, losing to the Bobcats 43-34.

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**Marquis Edmond
(TE/ LB)**

Marquis is making a position change from the OL to the TE position. He's shown a unique ability to run great routes and surprisingly good hands this spring and summer. He will also be counted on to help anchor the LB position on defense.

**MJ Williams
(TE/LB)**

MJ has worn many hats the last three years and this year is no different. He can play just about anywhere on the field and has shown great adaptability in doing so. Look for him to line up anywhere from TE to LB to DE any point during a game.

**Brian Steele
(RB/LB)**

Brian has settled in as a run stopping LB for the dogs on defense and bruising FB on offense. He has the ability to be a force on both sides of the ball for the dogs. He recently received his first offer to play at the next level and is looking for many more to come.

**Clayton Stripling
(RB/DB)**

Clayton is coming off shoulder surgery in the off season and continues to rehabilitate as we speak. He has played a pile of varsity snaps in his career and is a great asset to our team in many capacities. He looks to be ready for action in early September.



**Oisín Matthews
(Punter/PK)**

Oisín is on pace to be the most highly recruited kicker of my coaching career. He holds an offer from Georgia Southern University and has had a very busy summer travelling the countryside at various high-profile camps. He handles all the kicking duties for the dogs.

**Kanyon Thompson
(OL/LB)**

Kanyon had his 2023 campaign cut short by a nagging ankle injury that ultimately required surgery. He is a guy that could line up in about five different positions for the dogs. His football IQ is probably his biggest asset along with his never quit mentality.

**Jordan Hill
(OL/DL)**

Jordan adds depth for the dogs along the offense and defensive line. He has a rare combination of size and athleticism. The sky is the limit for him.

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Young and experienced Bulldogs

by RON WEATHERFORD
 Young and experienced may seem a contradiction in terms, but it best describes the 2024 ECI Bulldogs. At times during last season, the Bulldogs had as many as 4-5 freshmen on the offensive side of the ball. You rarely find any freshman starting on the offensive line, they are just not ready to face larger and more experienced senior defensive linemen. But the 2023 team had no choice to put those 3-4 freshman into the fire.

Head football coach, Chris Kearson, had this to say about the upcoming season. "The 2024 ECI Bulldogs will not

look much different on paper than the previous year. The most youthful position on the team was more than likely the offensive line. There were times we had 3-4 freshmen asked to carry the load up front for the Dawgs. Up to 10 freshmen started for the Bulldogs in 2023. While last year's team grew up on the fly, they have hit the ground running in 2024. A great off season in the weight room has helped tremendously in preparation non-region and region foes."

With just five region teams the last couple of seasons, coach Kearson had to scramble to find six non-region

games. This season the Bulldogs expand their region to nine teams with another realignment in regions for the next two years, until the GHSA decides to play with the enrollment numbers again. Five teams dropped down to class A division 2 to join the Bulldogs' region this season. Bryan Co., Metter, Claxton, Savannah High School, and Screven Co. join the Bulldogs in region 3 this season. Screven had the numbers to stay in Division one in class A but petitioned the GHSA to drop down to play against the smaller schools. Along with the new additions, the region still

has Jenkins Co., Portal, and McIntosh Co. The Bulldogs lose last season's region opponent, Montgomery Co. who move back over to region four. "With these old and new matchups, the 2024 season has some great region showdowns this season," comment coach Kearson.

Although it's not always proper to single out a single player to watch in team sports, the Bulldog have a player that has garnered some interest in the college ranks after his freshman season. Sophomore running back/defensive back Chase Johnson has been offered by two SEC teams as a tenth

grader. Tennessee was the first to show interest and offer a football scholarship. A few days later Auburn matched the Vols offer to the versatile athlete. With three more years left to play, that interest will spread throughout the recruiting circles.

The Bulldogs begin the season in Rochelle, GA on August 16, to play Wilcox Co. Both the Bulldog's state championships went through Wilcox. ECI defeated the Patriots in 2007 in Cordele to win the championship. They beat Wilcox again in Rochelle in the semis, before defeating Dooly to capture their sec- (Continued on page19)

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Young and experienced...

(From pae 18)
 on-class A crown. The second game of the season has 2023 state runner-up Swainsboro Tigers visiting Rountree Stadium in the home opener on August 23, for their last non-region game. The Tigers lost some key offensive and defensive players, but always field size and speed. The Bulldogs play their second home game of the season and begin region play on September 6, when McIntosh Co. visits Twin City. The Buccaneers were in disarray last season losing players to suspension and injuries before their game against ECI. They will be looking to make amends to their 35-7 loss last season to the Bulldogs. The Bulldogs will cross the river on September 13, to play their

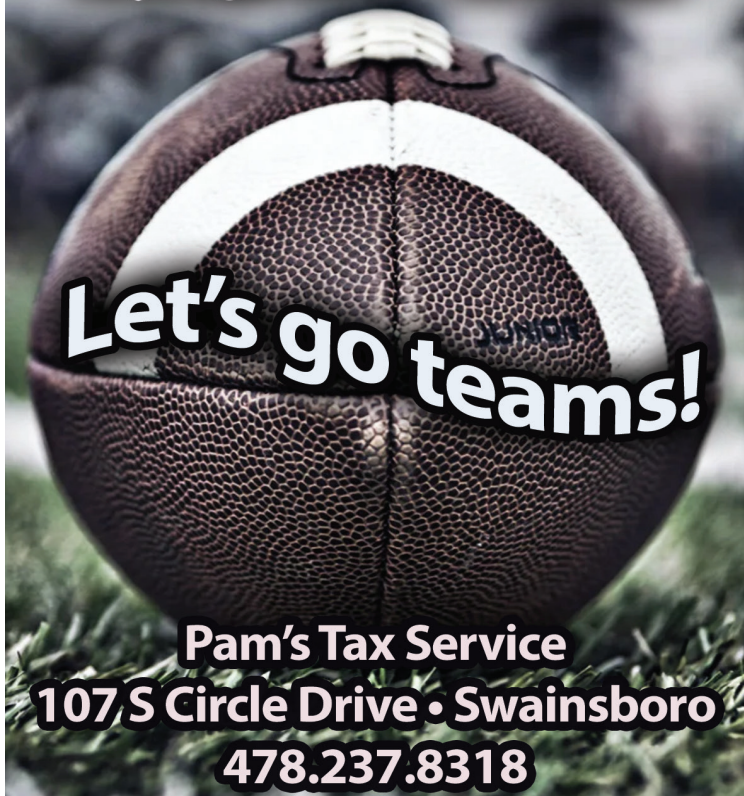
neighborhood bash against Jenkins Co. The Bulldogs will be looking to end the two-game losing streak against the Eagles.

Bryan Co. jumps back on the Bulldog's schedule and region this season. ECI will host the Redskins on September 20. Bryan was 12-2 last season, winning their region 3 in Class A division one with a 4-0 region record.

The Bulldogs will travel to Metter the last weekend in September to face their longest active rivalry. The Bulldogs will be looking to stop the run the Tigers have had them the few seasons. The Bulldogs will host Savannah High School on October 4. The Bluejackets have been hemorrhaging numbers the last few seasons. They moved from AAA in 2021 to

the smallest division in class A division 2 this season. The Bulldogs will travel to 2023 region champions, Portal, the next Friday night and will be looking to make amends for the shellacking the Panthers gave ECI last season. The Bulldogs will play their third Tiger team on October 25 when Claxton visits Rountree for the first time in several years. The Bulldogs visit Sylvania on November first and will try to keep the screeching chicken from making too much noise on the PA system when they face the Gamecocks in the last regular season game. The Bulldogs played their annual scrimmage game on Friday August 9, against Vidalia. Results against the Indians are elsewhere in the sports pages of The Forest Blade.

"Set your goals high, and don't stop till you get there." – Bo Jackson

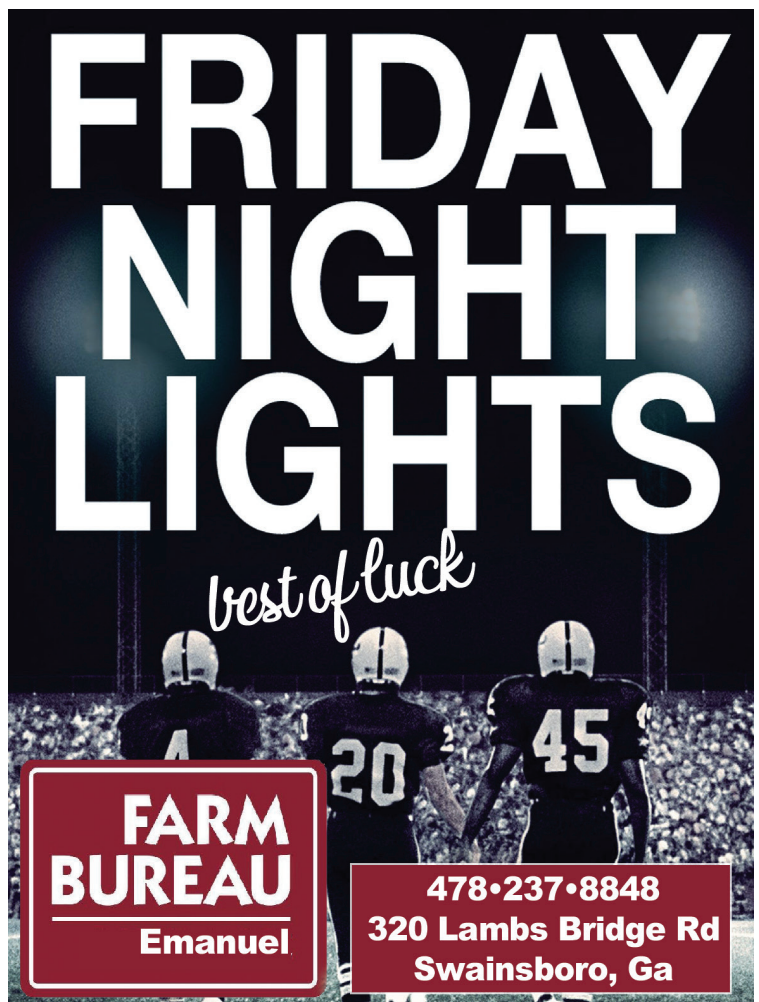


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Great expectations

by RON WEATHERFORD
Great expectations is the title of a Charles Dickens novel. But it is also the words that best describes the outlook for the 2024 Lady Dawg softball season. After a state championship and graduating eight seniors in 2022, region 3 teams were licking their chops to get the Bulldogs off the region pedestal, with only two seniors and a freshman pulling most of the duty in the circle.

The 2023 team shocked the region and state, winning the region championship, returning to the Elite 8 of the state playoffs. "Expect-

ing big things out of this team," commented head coach Frank Wimberly. "We graduated two seniors from the 2023 squad who finished fifth in the state." The Lady Dawgs return the entire infield, which includes five first team all-region players and three first team all-state players.

Returning on the infield are region offensive player of the year and first team all-state shortstop, Jayna Kearson. First team all-region and second team all-state pitcher Mary Katherine Durden returns to the circle. Her battery mate, Dot Rus-

sell, returns behind the plate as first team all-region and second team all-state honors. Rounding out the infield are first team all-region players Lola Walden, and Kayanna Thompson and second team Kinley Grimes. The Dawgs also return second team all-region outfielders Abbey Marsh and Jenna Roberson. Coach Wimberly had the following to say about his returning players. "We return all-state shortstop Jayna Kearson who batted .474 last season with 29 RBI and three home runs. All-state pitcher Mary Katherine Durden will again be our workhorse on

the rubber. MK, a freshman, was the youngest pitcher in Columbus and was the only returning pitcher from Columbus. All-region utility player Kayanna Thompson, pitches, plays infield and outfield, and can do it all! All-region Lola Walden will help hold down the middle of the infield and anchor the middle of the lineup. Dot Russell will continue to be the primary catcher and build on last season's .366 average with only three strikeouts in 100 plus AB. Seniors Maddie Funderburke, Abbey Marsh and Kinley Grimes have solidified their

roles on the field and in the locker room." Wimberly finished up his comments talking about his upcoming freshman players. "We also have a very talented, large group of freshmen moving up that will contribute early to the 2024 squad."

The Lady Dawg have been on the field keeping sharp for the upcoming season with summer ball and hosting the Lady Dawgs Skill camp in June. The season began for the team on August 1, when they hosted Toombs Co. and traveled to Jesup to take on Wayne County on August 3.

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ECI Softball

C-Team Schedule 2024

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
8/6	Johnson Co.	Wrightsville	4:30
8/8	Portal	Twin City	4:30
8/13	Metter	Metter	4:00
8/15	Toombs Co.	Twin City	4:30
8/19	Screven Co.	Sylvania	4:30
8/22	Jenkins Co.	Twin City	4:30
8/26	Toombs Co.	Lyons	4:30
8/29	Metter	Twin City	4:30
9/5	Screven Co.	Twin City	4:30
9/9	Johnson Co.	Twin City	4:30
9/12	Jenkins Co.	Millen	4:00
9/18	Portal	Portal	4:30
9/23-9/28	Playoffs	TBD	TBA



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Dylan Steel

Damos Handsom

Skylar Walden

Tucker Bryant

Ashton Johnson

Jeremiah Tarver

Skyler Wilcher

Xavion Stokes

Maddox Sherrod

Braylen Jones

7th Grade

Liam Simmons

Brayden Burke

Eli Lane

Lane Sherrod

Hunter Fullmore

Jamir Robinson

Caprice Handsom

Kelvin Branch

Bruno Lopez

Yerik Perez

Kaycee Davis

Justin Nobles

Ayden Williams

Gracen Fail

JJ Allen

Carter Steel

KJ Dawson

Javon James

Jason Mendez

Bentley Peebles

Ayden Carlyle

6th Grade

David Johnson

Brayden Smith

Malik Vinson

Zane Robertson

Hudson Ware

Tanner Mitchell

Ab Johnson

Brayden Telgen

Justin Zeigler

Tanner Baird

Mason Fann

Coaches

Greg Kennedy
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Chase Ellison
Schuyler Johnson

<i>Emanuel County Institute</i>					
<i>2024 JV Football Schedule</i>					
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>H/A</u>			
22-Aug	Jenkins Co/Bryan Co	(Jenkins)	Away		5:00
29-Aug	Portal/Jenkins Co	(Portal)	Away		5:00
5-Sep	Bryan Co/Jenkins Co	(Bryan)	Away		5:00
12-Sep	Open				
19-Sep	Jenkins Co/Bryan Co		Home		5:00
26-Sep	Open				
3-Oct	Open				
10-Oct	Jenkins Co/Portal	(Portal)	Away		5:00
17-Oct	Open				
24-Oct	Open				
**Game times are set at 5:00					



Emanuel County Institute Middle School Football Schedule			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Thur. Aug. 22	North Tattnall	Reidsville	5:00
Thur. Aug. 29	Toombs County	Twin City	5:00
Thur. Sep. 5	South Tattnall	Glennville	5:00
Thur. Sep. 12	Open		
Wed. Sep. 18	Metter	Twin City	5:00
Wed. Sep 25	Bryan County	Pembroke	5:00
Thur. Oct. 3	Jenkins County	Twin City	5:00
Thur. Oct 10	Playoffs	TBA	5:00
Thur. Oct. 17	Championship	TBA	5:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dates are subject to change depending on JV schedule conflicts and availability of officials. 			

2023 Lady Dawgs...NUTS!

by RON WEATHERFORD

In the Battle of the Bulge, with Hitler's last grasp trying to turn the WWII around, the Germans had the city of Bastogne, Belgium surrounded. The German commander sent four members of his Panzer division under white flag to discuss surrender of the Americans holding the town. Brig. General Anthony McAuliffe replied to the German commander with one word, "Nuts!" There is a back story to that one word reply and can be researched. The Americans held on to the town until part of Patton's army arrived.

Enough from the Ardennes Highlands. After winning the state softball championship in 2022, the Lady Dawgs graduated eight seniors. That's a next season

killer for most teams, especially in the smallest class A division 2. Along with that the Dawgs would enter the season with a freshman pitcher who had never pitched a varsity game. Most of the state and definitely the region had written off any chances of the Bulldogs winning another region championship or returning to Columbus in the state playoffs. Some in the region, you might say, were sending notes for the Lady Dawgs to surrender. But coach Wimberly and his 2023 team sent back one word, "NUTS!" The Lady Dawgs not only won another region championship with a 7-1 record, but also returned to the Elite 8 round of the state playoffs and ended the season ranked fifth in Class A Division 2.

Wishing all our teams the best of luck this season!

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2024 ECI VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM AND COACHES

Player	Number	Class
Kayanna Thompson	2	Sr.
Ronnee' Russell	3	Jr.
Mary Katherine Durden	4	So.
Hadleigh Henry	5	Fr.
Jayna Kearson	6	Sr.
A'jlah Nobles	7	So.
Lola Walden	8	Jr.
Kinley Grimes	9	Sr.
Jenna Grace Roberson	10	Jr.
Tatiana Smith	11	Fr.
Caidence Gordon	12	Fr.
Abbey Marsh	13	Sr.
Makaylin Mincey	14	Fr.
Charley Mitchell	15	Fr.
Maddie Funderburk	20	Sr.
Senaria Hillman	21	Fr.

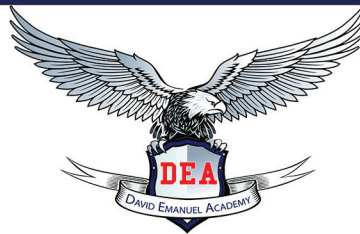
ECI Softball Varsity Schedule 2024			
DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
8/1	Toombs Co	Twin City	4:00, 6:00
8/3	Wayne Diamond Day	Jesup	TBA
8/6	Vidalia	Vidalia	4:00, 6:00
8/7	BA (JV Only)	Statesboro	5:00
8/8	Statesboro	Statesboro	5:30
8/13	Claxton	Twin City	5:30
8/15	Metter	Metter	5:30
8/16-17	Crisp Co. Trn	Cordele	TBA
8/20	McIntosh	Twin City	4:00, 6:00
8/22	Screven Co.	Sylvania	5:30
8/24	Coastal Ga Classic	GSU	11:15, 1:30
8/26	Toombs Co.	Lyons	4:00, 6:00
8/27	Portal	Twin City	5:30
8/29	Jenkins Co.	Millen	5:30
9/3	Vidalia	Twin City	4:00, 6:00
9/5	Bryan Co.	Pembroke	5:30
9/10	Claxton	Claxton	5:30
9/12	Metter	Twin City	5:30
9/16	Appling Co.	Baxley	5:30
9/19	Screven Co.	Twin City	5:30
9/24	Portal	Portal	5:30
9/26	Jenkins Co.	Twin City	5:30
10/1	Bryan Co.	Twin City	5:30
10/8	Pierce	Twin City	5:30
10/14-15	1 st Round State Playoffs	TBA	TBA



2024 ECI C TEAM SOFTBALL AND COACHES

Name	Grade	Jersey Number
Colbie Radford	8	1
Chanlee Youmans	8	14
Madalyn Fann	8	4
Sadie Holden	8	13
JaNiya Mack	8	6
JaMiya Mack	8	7
Brodee Cate Johnson	8	2
Hendley Blackburn	7	5
Ansley Frye	7	10
Amelia Taylor	7	19
Bristol Dorsey	7	33
Carley Freeman	7	9
Blaire Johnson	7	15
Jada Griner	7	22
Addison Rich	6	24
Taylor Bell	6	3
Mallory Funderburk	6	20
Anna Caroline Frye	6	11
Natalie Bunn	6	21

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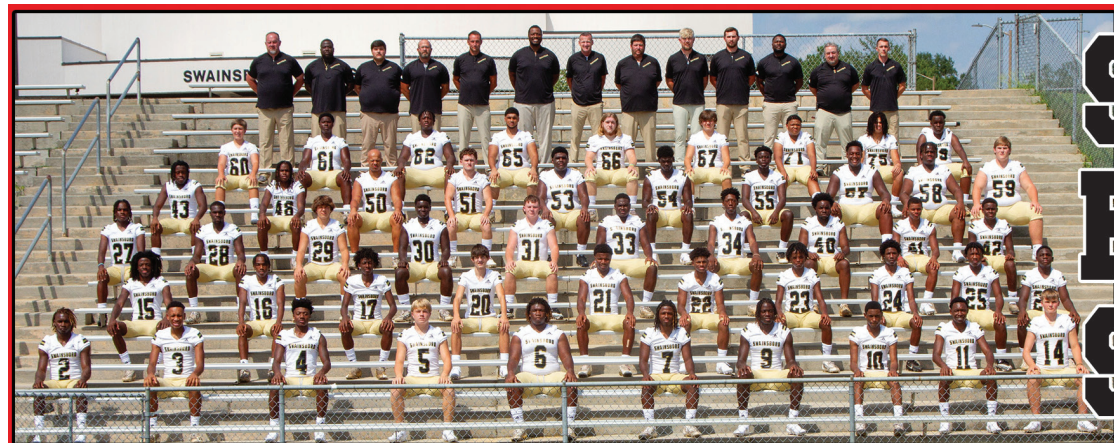




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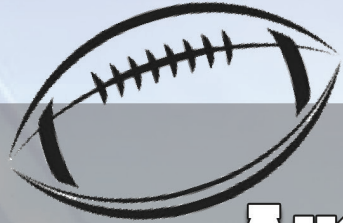
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2024 ECI BAND, DANCE LINE AND COACHES

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ECI FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



AUGUST 9 VIDALIA HOME 7:30 PM

AUGUST 16 WILCOX Co AWAY 7:30 PM

AUGUST 23 SWAINSBORO HOME 7:30 PM

AUGUST 30 OPEN

SEPTEMBER 6 McINTOSH COUNTY ACADEMY HOME 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 13 JENKINS COUNTY AWAY 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 20 BRYAN COUNTY HOME 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 27 METTER AWAY 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 4 SAVANNAH -HC- HOME 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 11 PORTAL AWAY 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 18 OPEN

OCTOBER 25 CLAXTON -SN- HOME 7:30 PM

NOVEMBER 1 SCREVEN COUNTY AWAY 7:30 PM



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 Brown, Rentavious
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 Gregory, Brian
 McLeod, Wendell
 Strobridge, Xavier
 Tarver, Bryson
 Turner, Sammy "Trey"
 Williams, Jylerris

Juniors

Benjamin, Ka'Dorian
 Douglas, Daivion
 Edenfield, Kason
 Foskey, Aiden
 Hughes, BJ
 Kirkland, Christian
 Linton, Elijah
 Mason, Peyton
 Morgan, Lavaris
 Reese, Wesley
 Robertson, Maddox
 Watkins, Marcus
 Worthen, Garrett
 Young, Keyshun

Sophomores

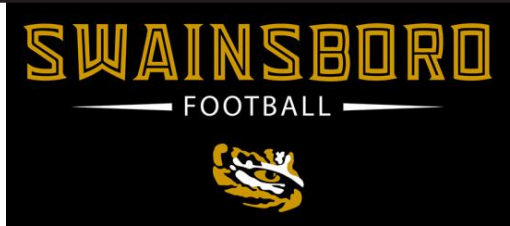
Benjamin, Shannon
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 Danford, Marco
 Floyd, Ajontae
 Gardner, Simon
 Hughes, Derrick
 Lockett, Recardo
 McCastle, Ashton
 Miller, X'zavier
 Moody, Jarvon
 Poole, Tristan
 Smith, Jabios
 Tarver, Christian
 Wilcher, Jayden
 Williams, Daveyhon

Freshmen

Allen, Johnnie
 Braswell, Callen
 Butler, O'rion
 Claxton, Landon
 Cuyler, DJ
 Dukes, Kamaurion
 Holmes, Jamauri
 Mason, Ethan
 Osbourne, Kayden
 Rodgers, Daniel
 Smith, Kamori
 White, Chris
 Williams, Javarri
 Worthen, Ty'Kevious



2024 SWAINSBORO HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR ATHLETES



2024

August 9	Jefferson County (Scrimmage)	Home	7:00 pm
August 16	Dublin	Home	7:30 pm
August 23	Emanuel County Institute	Away	7:30 pm
August 30	Metter (SR)	Home	7:30 pm
September 6	Appling County (HC)	Home	7:30 pm
September 13	Thomson	Away	7:30 pm
September 20	Crisp County	Away	7:30 pm
September 27	Open		
October 4	Toombs County *	Away	8:00 pm
October 11	Savannah Country Day *	Home	7:30 pm
October 18	Vidalia *	Away	7:30 pm
October 25	Savannah Christian *	Home	7:30 pm

November 1 Open

(HC) Homecoming (SR) Senior Night * Region Game

JV Football Schedule

Aug 22	Toombs County	Home	5:00 pm
Aug 29	Vidalia	Away	5:00 pm
Sept 5	Toombs County	Away	5:00 pm
Sept 12	Metter	Away	5:00 pm
Sept 19	Dublin	Home	5:00 pm
Sept 26	Vidalia	Home	5:00 pm
October 3	Metter	Home	5:00 pm

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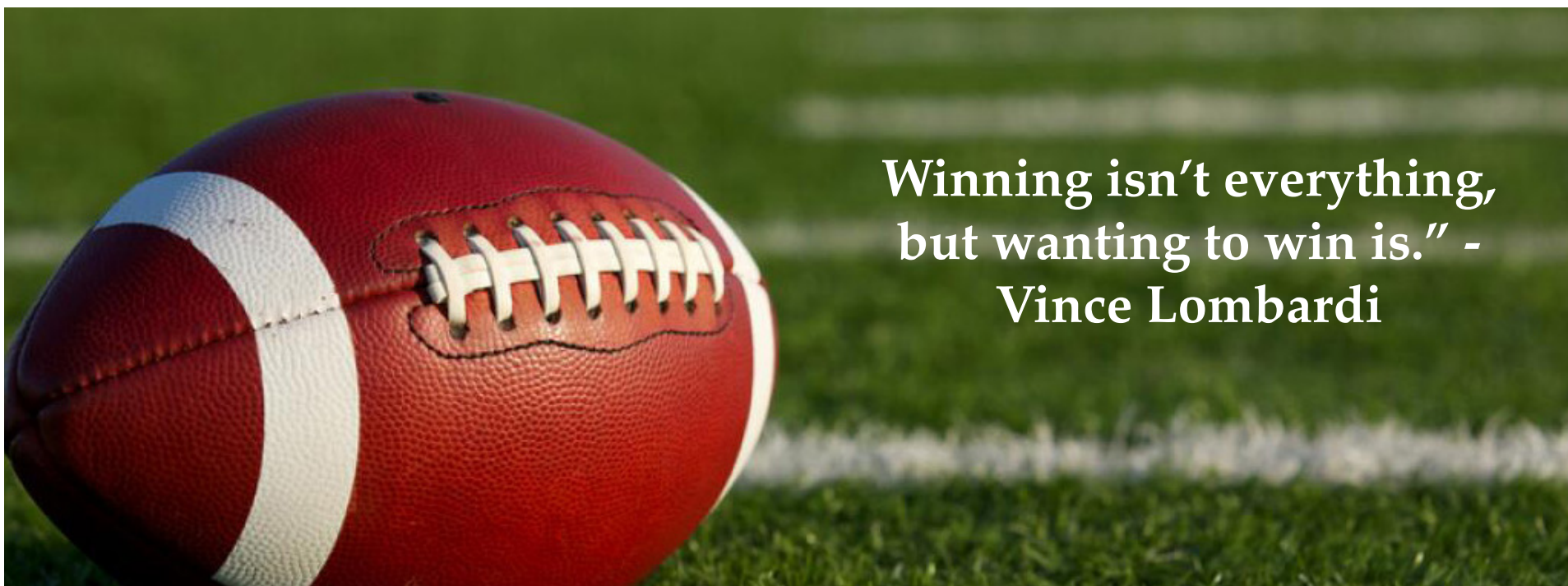
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Vince Lombardi

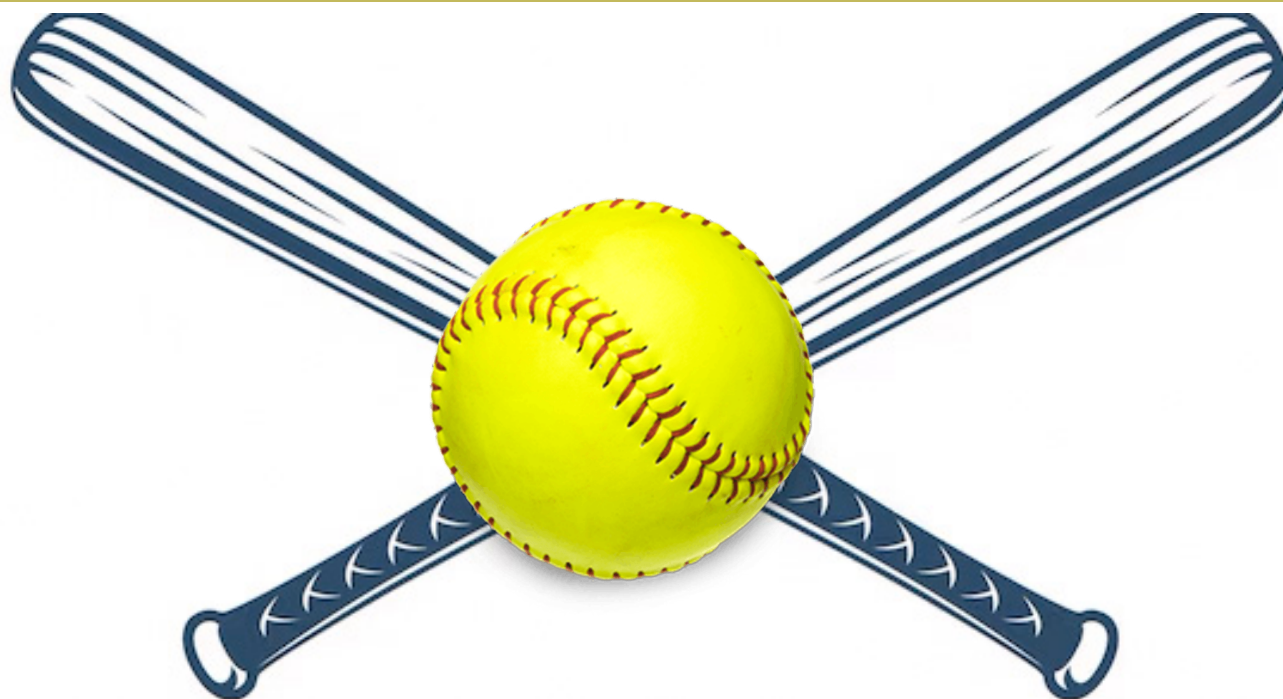


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Kayla Crabb
Jordi Armstrong
Jalaya Freeman
Aacaylah Murphy
Berklie Bishop
Kyleigh Hostilo
Carly Jersey
Holli Schoen
Ariel Tapley
Tra'Myra Brown
Chloe Boulineau
Elizabeth (Izzy) Baird
Sara Smith
Melony Binion

Go hard every play.
 You don't want to leave
 anything behind and
 regret it years down the
 road...that you didn't
 give it all when you
 could have!

2024 Lady Tigers Softball Schedule

August 1	GSIC	HOME	5:30
August 6	Metter	AWAY	5:30
August 8	Savannah Christian	AWAY	6:00
August 10	Harlem Tournamnet	Patriots Park	10:00/12:00
August 12	Statesboro	AWAY	5:30
August 13	Johnson Co.	HOME	6:00
August 15	Toombs	HOME	6:00
August 19	Statesboro	HOME	5:30
August 20	St. Vincent's	AWAY	6:00
August 22	Vidalia	HOME	6:00
August 28	Savannah Christian	HOME	6:00
August 29	Treutlen Co.	AWAY	5:30
September 3	Tatnall Co.	AWAY	6:00
September 5	Toombs	AWAY	6:00
September 7	Portal Diamond Day	AWAY	9:00/11:00
September 9	Cross Creek		
September 10	St. Vincent's	HOME	6:00
September 12	Vidalia	AWAY	6:00
September 16	Johnson Co.	AWAY	6:00
September 17	Savannah Christian	AWAY	6:00
September 19	Wheeler Co.	HOME	6:00
September 24	Toombs	HOME	6:00
Septmber 26	St. Vincent's	AWAY	6:00
October 1	Vidalia	HOME	6:00
October 3	GSIC	AWAY	5:30
October 7	Burke Co.	HOME	6:00

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SHS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

AUGUST 9 JEFFERSON Co HOME 7:00 PM

AUGUST 16 DUBLIN HOME 7:30 PM

AUGUST 23 ECI AWAY 7:30 PM

AUGUST 30 METTER HOME 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 6 APPLYING HOME Co 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 13 THOMSON AWAY 7:30 PM

SEPTEMBER 20 CRISP AWAY Co 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 4 TOOMBS Co AWAY 8:00 PM

OCTOBER 11 SAVANNAH COUNTRY DAY HOME 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 18 VIDALIA AWAY 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 25 SAVANNAH CHRISTIAN HOME 7:30 PM



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