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AUGUST 22, 2026
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BUFORD FOOTBALL

GAME NOTES: BUFORD VS GAINESVILLE

SATURDAY | 5:03 PM | ESPN2

GAME INFORMATION

Gainesville at Buford | Saturday, August 22, 2026 | 5:03 p.m. ET

Phillip Beard Stadium | ESPN2 and ESPN App | Regular-season opener | Non-region

BUFORD WOLVES

Head coach: Bryant Appling

Classification: GHSA Class 7A

Region: Region 8-7A

2025: 15-0 | Class 6A state champion | National champion

Program: 15 GHSA state championships

GAINESVILLE RED ELEPHANTS

Head coach: Santavious Bryant

Classification: GHSA Class 6A

Region: Region 7-6A

2025: 12-3 | Reached the Class 5A title game

Preseason: No. 6 in Georgia by High School on SI

REGION 8-7A

Buford | Central Gwinnett | Collins Hill | Dacula | Discovery | Mill Creek | Seckinger

Buford moves from Class 6A to the state's highest classification in 2026.

REGION 7-6A

Alpharetta | Gainesville | Johns Creek | Lanier | Milton | Riverwood | Roswell

Gainesville moves from Class 5A to Class 6A in 2026.

BUFORD MATCHUP NOTES

The defending state and national champion Wolves open 2026 at home against a Gainesville program coming off a 12-win season.

Buford has won five of six all-time meetings, including the most recent game in 2013, and is 9-0 at Phillip Beard Stadium.

15-0	15	5-1	9-0
BUFORD'S 2025 RECORD	STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	SERIES ADVANTAGE	AT PHILLIP BEARD

BUFORD FOOTBALL

SERIES + GAME DAY

ALL-TIME SERIES RESULTS

2013 - at Gainesville: Buford 38, Gainesville 14

2012 - at Buford: Gainesville 19, Buford 15

2011 - at Buford: Buford 49, Gainesville 0

2010 - at Gainesville: Buford 40, Gainesville 19

2005 - at Gainesville: Buford 31, Gainesville 17

2004 - at Buford: Buford 31, Gainesville 14

SERIES SNAPSHOT

Buford leads: 5-1

Current streak: Buford, 1 win

At Buford: 2-1

At Gainesville: 3-0

Last meeting: 2013

Largest win: 49-0 (2011)

TICKETS + ENTRY

Tickets: $8 | GoFan only

Large crowd expected; arrive early to avoid entrance lines.

Accepted: BAC passes, BCSS teacher badges, Buford Golden passes and GHSA passes.

BROADCAST + VENUE

Kickoff: Approximately 5:03 p.m. ET

Broadcast: ESPN2 and ESPN App

Venue: Phillip Beard Stadium

Buford venue record: 9-0

AUGUST 22 HISTORY

This is only Buford's second August 22 game in 84 seasons.

The Wolves' previous August 22 appearance came in 2025, when Buford defeated Benedictine 42-14.

QUICK REFERENCE

Buford: Class 7A, Region 8 | Gainesville: Class 6A, Region 7 | Non-region matchup

Series: Buford 5-1 | Last meeting: Buford 38-14 in 2013 | Phillip Beard: Buford 9-0

2026 WOLVES ROSTER

BUFORD FOOTBALL

#	NAME	POS	GR	HT
0	Tank Watson	LB/TE	SR	6'3
1	Silas Nuckles	DB/RB	SR	5'11
2	Ethan Hauser	LB	SR	6'3
3	Ashton Thomas	WR/DB	SR	5'10
4	Jameer Cantrell	DB/RB	SR	5'10
5	Brendon Davis	DB	JR	6'0
5	DJ Hunter	QB	SR	6'2
6	Malikai Speed	DB	SR	5'10
7	Ryan Tharpe	LB	SR	6'1
8	Joshua Echols	LB	SR	6'0
9	Brady Wagner	LB/TE	SR	6'0
10	Brayden Thompson	QB	SO	6'0
11	Owen Muraski	TE/LB	SR	5'7
12	Ian Chafin	WR	SR	5'11
13	Braylon Williams	WR/DB	JR	5'9
14	Tripp Chatmon	LB/RB	JR	5'9
15	Beck Brosius	RB/LB	SR	5'11
16	AJ Granville	RB	SO	5'9
17	Bryce Thompson	WR/DB	JR	5'8
17	Brandon Gwin	QB	SR	5'8
18	Justin Hawthorne	LB	SR	6'0
19	Jaxson Patterson	WR/DB	SO	6'2
20	Ahmad King	RB	JR	5'11
21	Giovanni Day	DB	SR	5'10
22	Will Wyatt	LB	JR	6'1
22	RJ Walker	WR/LB	FR	6'2
23	DJ Ford	DB	JR	6'2
24	Brock Lowe	LB	SR	5'11
25	Junior Norwood	WR/LB	JR	6'0
26	Sheddrick Diggs	WR	SR	5'8
27	Terrance Atkins	DB	SR	5'8
28	Roland Bradley	DB/RB	JR	5'10
29	Seven Rashad	TE	JR	6'5
30	Keshon Blow	RB/LB	JR	5'7
31	Christian Bridges	WR/DB	SO	6'0
31	Mason Degon	LB/TE	SO	5'8
32	Bryce Carey	TE	JR	5'8
33	Marcus Webb II	WR/DB	JR	6'0
34	Armani Osorio	WR/LB	JR	5'9
35	Robert Haynes	TE/DE	SR	6'4
35	Mason Vanscoy	LB/TE	SO	6'0
36	Eli Sutton	DB/WR	SO	6'0
37	Maddox Parra	LB	JR	6'0
38	Chris Owens	DB/WR	SO	5'10
39	Zaxtyn Kirchoff	LS/LB	JR	5'10
40	Reese Holland	LB/TE	SO	6'0
42	Dylan Schultz	TE/LB	JR	6'0
43	Micheal Turner	DL/TE	FR	6'1
43	Jean-Marc Leboehi	RB/LB	SO	5'9
43	Evan Manley	DL/TE	SR	6'1
45	Miles Stack	DL/TE	JR	6'3
46	Antonio Redmon	LB	JR	6'1
47	Luke Nabors	DL/OL	JR	6'4
47	Carson Lee		FR	
48	Alexander Wilson	LB	JR	5'11
49	JT Anthony	TE/DL	SO	6'3
49	Messiah Taylor	DL/TE	FR	6'1
51	Filip Dinca	OL	SO	6'1
52	Jewlyan Dillard	OL/DL	SR	6'1
52	Greyson Thomas	OL/DL	SO	5'10
55	Justin Thomas	OL/DL	SR	6'2
55	Tavaris Gregg	OL/DL	JR	5'10
56	Carmelo McKinnon	OL/DL	SO	5'9
56	Krystian Walcott	OL/DL	SR	6'4
59	Gray Richardson	DL/TE	SR	6'4
59	Jacob Cochran	DL/TE	SO	5'7
60	Joshua Brown	LS/LB	SO	5'5
60	Simon Bruce	DL/TE	SO	6'2
60	Zane Dyer	OL	FR	5'11
61	Camilo Sanchez	OL/DL	SO	5'6
63	Ahmari Hams	OL	JR	6'3
64	William McLeod II	LB	SO	5'6
66	Branden Cessna	DL/OL	JR	6'0
67	Zackarie Salvatori	DL	JR	5'11
68	Reece Gongwer	OL/DL	SO	6'2
68	London Hansard	OL/DL	SO	5'7
70	Noah Nixon	OL	SR	6'3
71	Logan Smith	DL/OL	FR	6'0
73	Angelo Brown	LB/TE	SR	5'11
73	Jawad Khachan	LB/TE	JR	5'9
75	Eli Davenport	LB/TE	SO	6'1
75	Carson Whyte	DL	SO	6'1
76	Blaine McGee	OL/DL	SO	6'2
77	Charlie Ervin	OL/DL	SR	5'11
78	Junior Perez	OL/DL	SO	5'7
79	Eli Williams	OL	JR	6'4
80	Brian Lawrence	DB/WR	SO	5'4
80	Asher Wells	WR/DB	SO	6'1
82	Tyler Ferguson	WR	SO	5'7
83	Jaxon Wade	FS/WR	FR	6'0
84	Bryson Bradley	WR/DB	SO	5'7
85	CJ Cason	DB/WR	SO	5'10
85	Ayden Meeks-Simelton	WR/DB	SO	5'10
86	Anthony Saul	DB/WR	SO	5'8
87	Wyatt Etheridge	WR/DB	SO	6'1
88	Braylen Isaac	WR/DB	SO	5'8
89	Aarian Garrison	LB/TE	SO	5'8
89	Rio Haynes	QB	SO	6'2
90	Evan Griffeth	K	JR	6'0
90	Christian Oates	TE/DL	SO	6'3
91	Gavin Pierce	K	SO	5'7
92	Mason Jackson	RB/LB	SO	5'9
92	Carter Prehar		FR	
93	King Beckwith	DB/WR	SO	5'8
94	Austin Cook	K	SR	6'0
95	Valentino Lorenzo	K	JR	5'9
96	Tony Martelli	K	SO	6'1
97	Demarcus Jones	LB/RB	SO	5'5
97	Jordan Lynn	WR/DB	SO	5'1
97	Vinson Washington		FR	
98	Lucas Grier	K	JR	5'10
99	Jack Rudloff	K	SO	5'8

Coaching Staff: Bryant Appling, Head Coach; Drew Anthony, Davin Bryant, Kyree Carter, Keith Chambers, JJ Chatmon, Gus Condon, Izaan Cross, Drew Dasher, Fyrone Davis, Ryan Edwards, Clay Gant, Brandon Gill, Ryan Hill, Danny LaMontagne, Brandon Lane, Ryan Liccardo, Kyle Manley, LeJacque Martin, Michael May, Jalen Pearson, Bryan Rogers, Corey Thompson, Artie Ulmer, Malone VanGorder, Onsha Whittaker, Matt Winslette

Administration: Dr. Amy Chafin, Superintendent; Marty Bozoian, Principal; Tony Wolfe, District Athletic Director; Tom Beuglas, BHS Athletic Director

Cheerleading: Chrissy Woodson, Director of Cheerleading Operations & Varsity Sideline; Sarah Ellington, JV Sideline; Katherine Wisor, 9th Grade Sideline; Mackenzie Holton, Sideline Assistant

Trainers: Chris Demaline, Melissa Skelton, Jay Neirenhausen, Logan Streety

Managers: Abby Anthony, Bryanna Appling, Emma Dejarnette, Sianna Fowlkes, Emmy Haynes, Zubeyda Kachan, Sadie Mawdesley, Valentina Noguera, Bridgett Pinon-Ramirez, Zoe Wilson

Band of Wolves: Erik Mason, Director; Bridget Wildes, Assistant Director

Buford High School: Mascot - Wolves; Colors - Kelly Green & Vegas Gold

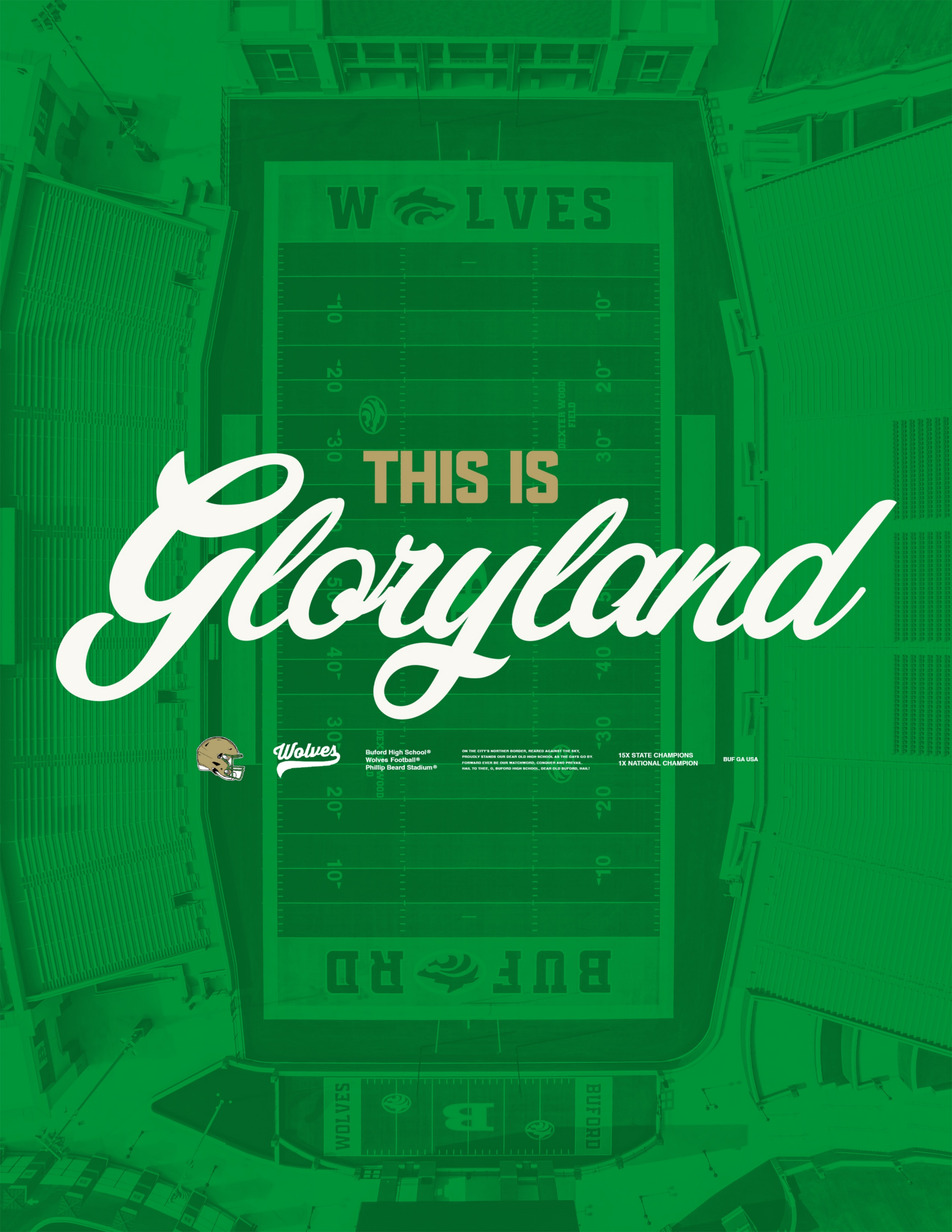
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GAINESVILLE FOOTBALL

#	NAME	POS	GR
0	Jai'lil Goley	DB	JR
1	Nigel Newkirk	RB	SR
2	JaMarcus Sims	DB	SR
3	Zachary Ingram	DB	SR
5	Dwight Lewis	RB	JR
6	Darryn Williams	LB	SR
7	Jeremiah Proctor	DB	SR
8	Damauri Bailey	DB	SR
9	Kharim Hughley	QB	SR
10	Chance Davis	LB	SO
10	Sean Cooley	QB	FR
11	Trent Wilcox	WR	SO
12	Doyle Morrison	WR	JR
13	Tim Cole	LB	SO
13	Cooper Papka	QB	SO
14	Colin Luke	DB	JR
15	Legend Wilmont	WR	JR
16	Konner Hall	WR	SO
17	Sergio Ruiz	TE	SR
18	Collin Porterfield	WR	SR
19	Chase Walker	DB	SR
20	Ar'Shawn Sampson	RB	FR
21	Jacorey Hunt	DB	JR
22	Jaden Fossung	DB	SO
23	Jordan Blassingame	DB	JR
24	Jordan Brown	RB	SR
25	HP Williams	WR	SO
25	Andres Jeffrey	DB	FR
26	Syer Bryce	LB	SR
27	Bryce Lyons	RB	SR
27	DeUndre' Thomas	WR/DB	JR
28	AJ Watson	TE	SR
29	Jason Johnson	LB	SO
30	Max Williams	LB	JR
30	Axel Alfaro	K	SO
31	Frankie Smith	DB	JR

#	NAME	POS	GR
31	Christopher Cheek	RB	SO
32	Dallas Ferguson	DB	JR
32	Amarion Vick	RB	FR
33	Andrew Cheek	DB	SO
33	Kareem Moore	DB	SO
34	Quavis Carruth	LB	SO
34	Nikko Deleon	DB	FR
35	Shane Pannell	DB	JR
35	Isaiah Carruth	RB	SO
36	Jacques Dixon	RB	SO
36	David Huynh	DB	SO
37	Jaquan Thompson	DB	SO
37	Kingston Cheeks	RB	FR
38	Princeton Moore	DB	FR
38	Roman Sears	TE	FR
39	Devin Duperval	DB	SO
39	Daylan Young	DB	SO
40	Kenvonte Gaskin	DL	JR
40	Josiah Proctor	DB	SO
41	Samuel Williams	DL	SO
42	D.J. Colburn	LB	FR
43	Brooks Stafford	TE	SO
44	Terrell Russell	DL	JR
45	Oliver Ibarra	TE	JR
46	Caleb Izaguirre	DB	SO
47	Khalil Harris	DB	FR
48	Jeremiah Sanchez	TE	SO
49	Vicky Lufuluabo	DL	SO
50	Ethan Aguirre	OL	JR
51	DeMarcus Simmons	DL	JR
53	Kemon Wilkins	DL	FR
54	A.J. Jenkins	DL	FR
55	Carl Noisette	OL	JR
56	Bentley Adams	LB	FR
57	Carter Mathis	OL	SR
58	Aiden Howard	DL	SO

#	NAME	POS	GR
59	Noah Baumgardner	DL	FR
60	Milo Wise	OL	SO
61	Kaiden Green	OL	JR
62	Tidas Hampton	OL	FR
63	Braxdon Trimier	OL	SO
63	Kevin Aguirre	DL	FR
64	Spencer Walker	OL	FR
65	Malachi Young	OL	SO
66	Camden Jackson-Picklesimer	OL	FR
68	Matthew Sanchez	OL	FR
71	Bryson Hurt	OL	SR
72	Cape McGarvey	OL	8
74	Olandon Mayweather	OL	JR
75	Connor Vandiver	OL	JR
77	Tyler Ford	OL	SR
80	Kam Barnes	WR	SO
80	Cody DuBose-Winfrey	WR	FR
81	Damarien Parrott	WR	JR
82	Dwayne Carter	K	SR
83	Amar'e Kelly	WR	SO
84	Thomas Bates	WR	JR
85	Selleck McCain	WR	SO
86	Trent Oliver	WR	JR
86	Kyree Jackson	WR	FR
87	Kyan Russell	WR	FR
88	Dawson Gray	TE	SR
89	Andrew Jackson	WR	FR
91	Yannis Richardson	DL	JR
92	Kalil Lee	DL	SO
93	Adarean Swanigan	DL	SO
94	Josiah Sandridge	DL	FR
95	Logan Gailey	K	JR
97	Kendrick Holland	DL	JR
98	Kylen Jones	DL	JR
99	CJ Terry	DL	SR


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