

2008 PIGSKIN PREVIEW

# 2008 Preseason All-Area Prep Football Team

**OFFENSE**

|    |                  |             |     |
|----|------------------|-------------|-----|
| QB | Brandon Haywood  | Rockmart    | Sr. |
| RB | Lebron Neal      | Coosa       | Sr. |
| RB | P.J. Green       | Rome        | Jr. |
| RB | Brandon Whitaker | Pepperell   | Sr. |
| RB | Senorise Perry   | Chattooga   | Jr. |
| WR | Derek Ramsey     | Calhoun     | Sr. |
| WR | Rashan Smith     | Pepperell   | Sr. |
| OL | Khalis McConnell | Adairsville | Sr. |
| OL | Michael Ozment   | Pepperell   | Sr. |
| OL | Rhett Jackson    | Calhoun     | Sr. |
| OL | David Clemons    | Calhoun     | Sr. |
| OL | Zac Jones        | Rome        | Sr. |

**DEFENSE**

|    |                 |             |     |
|----|-----------------|-------------|-----|
| DL | Matt Kelley     | Pepperell   | Sr. |
| DL | Erik McDaniel   | Calhoun     | Sr. |
| DL | Lorenzo Johnson | Rockmart    | Jr. |
| DL | Damian Goosby   | Rome        | Sr. |
| DL | Catlin Alford   | Adairsville | Jr. |
| LB | Van Calhoun     | Rome        | Sr. |
| LB | Logan Osborne   | Pepperell   | Sr. |
| LB | Demetrius Green | Cedartown   | Sr. |
| LB | Quentin Hight   | Coosa       | Sr. |
| DB | Michael Johnson | Calhoun     | Jr. |
| DB | Kendric Cheeks  | Pepperell   | Sr. |
| DB | Trent Payne     | Sonoraville | Sr. |
| DB | Brandon Brown   | Cedartown   | Sr. |

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

|   |             |           |     |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----|
| K | Conor Young | Rome      | Sr. |
| P | John Poulin | Cedartown | Jr. |

**ATHLETE**

|     |                 |            |     |
|-----|-----------------|------------|-----|
| ATH | Reggie Whatley  | Rome       | Sr. |
| ATH | Collie Powers   | Darlington | Sr. |
| ATH | Timothy Simmons | GSD        | Sr. |
| ATH | Darius Green    | Cedartown  | Sr. |

## STATE'S ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACHES

1. \*Larry Campbell, Lincoln County 414-70-3
2. Dan Pitts (retired 1997) 346-109-4
3. \*Robert Davis, Westside-Macon 343-72-1
4. Bill Chappell (retired 1996) 317-74-9
5. \*Luther Welsh, Thomson 316-164-6
6. Wayman Creel (deceased 1990) 315-105-2
7. Nick Hyder (deceased 1996) 302-48-5
8. T. McFerrin (retired 2004) 301-93-4
9. \*Robert Herring, Newnan 288-117-3
10. Billy Henderson (retired 1996) 286-107-15
11. \*Dwight Hochstetler, Bowdon 284-93-1
12. Graham Hixon (deceased 2005) 279-91-17
13. \*Rodney Walker, Mary Persons 271-128-4
14. John Hill (retired 2000) 270-89-3
15. Wright Bazemore (deceased) 268-51-7
16. Charlie Grisham (deceased) 261-69-13
17. \*Alan Chadwick, Marist 259-43-0
18. Dexter Wood (retired 2004) 257-92-3
19. Charles Winslette West Rome/Stephens County (retired 2005 ) 256-115-4
20. Bobby Gruhn (deceased) 255-103-5  
Jim Lofton (retired 1998) 255-112-3
22. \*Robby Pruitt, Fitzgerald 248-46-1  
Ray Lamb (retired 1992) 248-104-11  
Jim Cavan (deceased 1983) 248-120-23
25. Jim Hughes (retired 1999) 247-102-5
26. Charlie Davidson (retired 1984) 244-96-14
27. Tommy Stringer (retired 2005) 242-174-6
28. Jimmy Dorsey (retired 2008) 237-78-1  
\*Conrad Nix, Northside-Warner Robins 237-115-1
30. Dale Williams (retired 1995) 233-118-3
31. George Hoblitzell (retired) 232-146-2
32. \*Buck Godfrey, Southwest DeKalb 231-73-1
33. Shorty Doyal (deceased) 230-157-6
34. Jerry Sharp, Darlington/East Rome (retired 2001) 229-101-9
35. \*Danny Cronic, (retired 2008) 227-178-1
36. Jim Walsh (retired, 1994) 224-111-2
37. Weyman Sellers (retired, 1986) 223-114-8
38. Buzz Busby (retired, 2006) 220-71-3  
French Johnson (deceased) 220-110-10
40. Bob Griffith (retired) 219-111-1
41. Max Bass (retired, 1994) 217-108-8
42. Al Reaves (retired, 2000) 216-160-6
43. \*Robert Akins, Ringgold 215-139-0
44. \*Ed Pitcher, Bainbridge 211-71-1
45. \*Rick Tomberlin, Valdosta 210-92-0
46. David Dupree (retired, 1983) 210-79-12
47. Milt Miller (retired, 2002) 209-93-0
48. Jack Johnson (retired, 2004) 208-79-0  
Alton Shell (retired, 1990) 208-107-2
50. Jim Scroggins, Cook Co. 207-130-0

\*Active coaches  
**Note:** Lynn Hunnicutt, Pepperell (retired 2007) 186-94-1 and \*John Mullinax, Armuchee 180-133-0 both have 150 or more career wins.



Rome High's linemen work on their technique on the first day of practice Aug. 1 when the Wolves started at sunrise. Ken Caruthers / Rome News-Tribune



Coosa High's Trevor Byers tries to break away as he looks for running room during the Eagles' preseason practice. Brittany Hannah / Rome News-Tribune

## Preseason pains end with gains



Darlington's Rick O'Neal keeps his eyes glued to the ball during a passing drill. Ryan Smith / Rome News-Tribune



Pepperell's Anthony Dillard focuses as he sprints down the field. Brittany Hannah / Rome News-Tribune



Armuchee High's Jake Nix hauls in a pass during one of the hot, humid preseason practices that forced the Indians to go without helmets and pads. Ryan Smith / Rome News-Tribune



Georgia School for the Deaf's Tigers flock together as they use a run to warm up before a practice in Cave Spring. Ken Caruthers / Rome News-Tribune