

A dynamic action shot from a football game. A player in a white jersey with blue accents and the number 13 is jumping to catch a football. A player in a black jersey with gold accents and the number 41 is tackling him from the side. The background is a dark blue field with bokeh light effects.

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL **HAWKS**

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ABOUT THE COVER IMAGE

UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL
(UHS) Senior **BROCK KEHLER**
(#41) tackles an opponent.
Kehler is a 2023 West Virginia
All-State Second-Team
Football Selection and was
named to the 2023 First Team
5A Football Team by the Ohio
Valley Coaches Association.
He is also a three-time West
Virginia Wrestling State
Champion for UHS.

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FOOTBALL PROGRAM 2024

The 2024 University Hawks Football program was created by parent volunteers.



UHS Senior **JOSH JORGE** (#12) carries the ball against Oak Hill in the 2023 Hawks' final season match up.

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LET'S GO HAWKS!



A NEW ERA BEGINS



Eric Snyder has known for more than two decades that he wanted to someday be the head football coach at University High School. In 2024, that dream came true.

When former UHS coach John Kelley closed the book on a 37-year career heading the football program earlier this year, Snyder applied for the job. In April, he got the news he's been thinking about since 2002.

"I really can't put into words the happiness I felt when I got the word I would be the next head football coach at University High School," said Snyder. "Since first coming here in 2002, I've been dreaming of this. Now, it's a reality."

He first joined the staff at UHS in August 2002 as an intern football coach, a position he made blossom into one that saw him as kind of an operations manager for the football program. By 2006, Snyder was named head coach of the junior varsity team and led the squad to an undefeated season.

In 2009, he was named defensive coordinator of the varsity team and the defense that year gave up fewer points than any other school in West Virginia.

He coached the varsity defense to its part in a Class AAA state quarterfinal appearance in 2017, but then took on a new role as offensive coordinator in 2021. During that year, Snyder coached the UHS all-time career leading passer and the quarterback with the single game passing record; coordinated a passing offense that set the school record for passing yards in a season with 2,933; and led the varsity offense to its part in an undefeated regular season and Class AAA state quarterfinal appearance.

"As my career at UHS progressed," he said, "I knew more and more what I ultimately wanted. It's an honor and a privilege to lead this football program."



“I ABSOLUTELY BELIEVE IN THE CONCEPT OF TEAM. WE HAVE TO BE ABLE TO FACE CHALLENGES TOGETHER ON AND OFF THE FIELD AND BE ABLE TO PICK EACH OTHER UP.”



UHS Head Football Coach Eric Snyder

As with any house, the strength is in its foundation. Snyder was very particular about the building blocks he needed for the football program.

“Consistency and a good plan of attack in the weight room. Community support, and by that I mean knowledge of our program, financial support of our program, and support of our training, practices, and game events. And commitment, coupling commitment with a true joy and love of the sport for our student-athletes,” Snyder said.

When asked to describe himself in just one word, the new coach replied, “Relentless.”

“You only get one first year. This is something I’ve been looking forward to for a long time. Now it’s here, and I want to go after it,” Snyder said.

He again emphasized the common thread of commitment throughout the program on a daily basis. He stressed the importance of players supporting one another, as well as schematic and philosophical approaches by his full coaching staff, highlighting an environment of constant instruction. And, again, commitment.

“You’re committing yourself to this team,” Snyder said. “You show up and contribute to the maximum of your ability. We are all in a relentless pursuit to be better. I’m a big believer that iron sharpens iron. We all make each other better.”

As he puts together his first team as a head coach, Snyder readily admitted his reliance on the concept of “team.”

“I absolutely believe in the concept of team,” he said. “We share glory on and off the field, now and in the future. We have to be able to face challenges together on and off the field and be able to pick each other up.”

This new head football coach spends his days as a UHS math teacher and said that the core goal of personal development is essential.

“We’re here to support football players as students, as athletes, as human beings,” said Snyder. “We’re here to send them off into the world as good *people*. I want nothing more than to help them attain their goals and aspirations, and I have every intention to work as diligently as necessary to help make that happen.”



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8/30 - *Bye Week*

9/6 at Parkersburg South - 7 PM

9/13 vs Buckhannon-Upshur - 7 PM

9/20 vs Wheeling Park - 7 PM

9/27 at Fairmont Senior - 7 PM

10/4 vs Butler (PA) - 7 PM

10/11 at Connellsville (PA) - 7 PM

10/18 at Spring Mills - 7 PM

10/25 vs Preston - 7 PM

11/1 at Morgantown - 7 PM

11/8 vs Oak Hill - 7 PM

JV HAWKS

8/26 vs Morgantown - 6 PM

9/2 - *Bye Week*

9/9 vs Parkersburg South - 6 PM

9/16 at Buckhannon-Upshur - 6 PM

9/23 at Wheeling Park - 6 PM

9/30 vs Fairmont Senior - 6 PM

10/7 at Albert Gallatin - 6 PM

10/14 vs Connellsville - 6 PM

10/21 - *Bye Week*

10/28 at Preston - 6 PM

11/4 vs North Marion - 6 PM

FRESHMAN HAWKS

8/28 - *Bye Week*

9/5 at Steubenville - 6 PM

9/11 vs Parkersburg South - 6 PM

9/18 vs Fort Hill (MD) - 6 PM

9/26 vs Bridgeport - 6 PM

10/3 at Mountain Ridge - 6 PM

10/9 at Morgantown - 6 PM

10/16 at John Marshall - 6 PM

*All days & times
subject to change*



2025

Seniors



2024-25 Hawks Seniors Pictured from left to right, front row: Josh Jorge, Nikolas McCray, Brock Kehler, and Max Travis

Back row: Dilon Glover, Josh Brunner, Jamie Harper, Shawn Carter, Jeremiah Robinson, and Antwon Watson.



Ohio Valley Preps added several UHS Hawks to its preseason Top 75 players list and awards watch list for 2024.



GALLOWAY AWARD WATCH

Wide Receiver

KALEIL LEWIS, UHS Class of 2027

The Galloway Award is named after former '90 Bellaire WR Joey Galloway, who went on to have a record-breaking collegiate career at Ohio State before being a top 10 pick in the NFL, where he had a prolific 16-year career.

MEHL AWARD WATCH

Linebacker

BROCK KEHLER, UHS Class of 2025

MARCOS KNISKA, UHS Class of 2026

The Mehl Award is named after '76 All-Ohio Bellaire grad Lance Mehl, who would go on to play for Penn State, where he was named an All-American. After college, he was drafted in the 3rd round by the NY Jets, where he played for nine years. He was a Pro Bowler & All-Pro player in 1985.

GROZA AWARD WATCH

Punter

JIMMY GREGG, UHS Class of 2026

The Groza Award is named after '42 Martins Ferry grad Lou "The Toe" Groza who would attend Ohio State after high school. After joining the Army, he signed with the Cleveland Browns, where he played professionally for 21 seasons. He is considered the most decorated Ohio Valley athlete of all time.



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Class of 2026

Juniors



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Front row, from left - Mark Pyatt, Logan Deel, Buck Jones, Kayden Coles, Khalil Coleman, Marcos Kniska, Jimmy Gregg, and Alex Swihart.

Back row, from left - Tony Vu, Madan Mayle, Ryder Hastings, Aydan Downey, Preston Kerns, Roman Konchesky, Glenn Brown, Chance Dotson, Easton Runyan, Jack Byrer, Jacob Appleton, and Gavin Eakin.

Class of 2027

Sophomores



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Front row, from left - Gavin Stone (change to #54), Luke Braham, Kaleil Lewis, Harrison Helbig, Jack Gamble, Luke Byrer, Tyce Bittner, Jayden Saltsman, and Owen Fisher.

Back row, from left - Codi Eddy, Jack Tipton, Deuce Williams, Hank Crites, Kyle Weaver, Derrick Kosinski, Gavin Radford, Jaedyn Katchur, Hayden George, and Brady Goodenow.

Class of 2028

Freshmen



Front row, from left - Elijah Morris, TJ Metheny, Dylan Clark, Tristen Geest, Bailee England, Logan Johannsen, Isaiah Davis, Paxton Feagin, Chase Barbabella, and Lincoln Stuart | Middle row, from left - Trevor Sigley, Jaxon King, Ethan Landis, Waylon Fowler, Colby Geisel, Jackson Clawges, Luke Padula, Jaydien Morales, Cooper High, and Branden Custer

Back row, from left - Isaac Cottrill, Spencer Sites, Cannon Hazel, Braiden Rutan, Brayden Phillips, Cayden Larry, Peyton Feagin, Shawn Woody, Julian Redd, Sam Wannemacher, Zayden Burt, MJ Mckenzie, Colton Lawless, Guage Smith, Nico Maisel, Dakari Robinson, Brody Kehler, and Wyatt Caplan

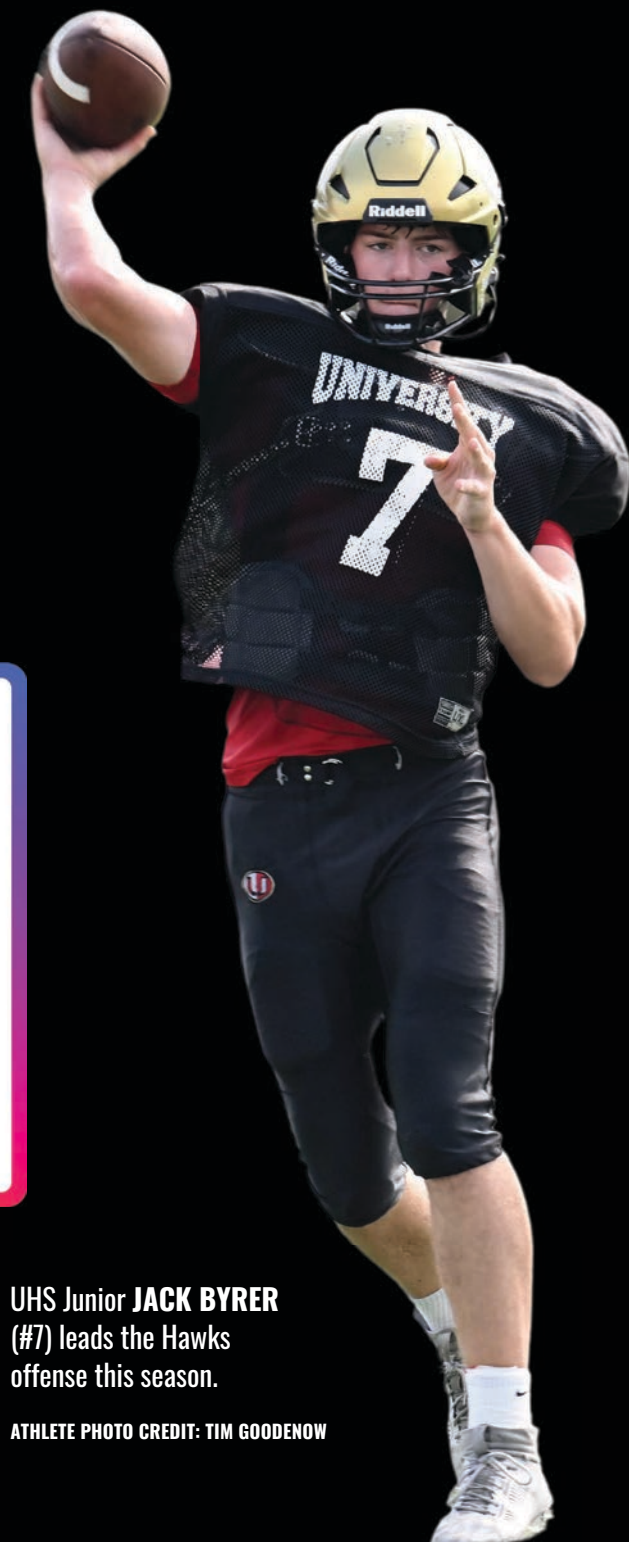
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UHS Junior **JACK BYRER**
(#7) leads the Hawks
offense this season.

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No	Name	Grade	Height	Weight	Positions
0	Shawn Carter	12	5'8"	135	WR/DB/KR/PR
1	Josh Jorge	12	6'0"	175	RB/LB
2	Kaleil Lewis	10	6'4"	195	WR/DB
3	Harrison Helbig	10	6'4"	165	QB/H
4	Luke Braham	10	6'5"	210	TE/DE/LS
5	Logan Deel	11	6'0"	165	WR/DB
6	Roman Konchesky	11	6'1"	182	TE/DE
7	Jack Byrer	11	6'3"	205	QB/DE/LS
8	Jimmy Gregg	11	6'1"	200	P/K/H
9	Kayden Coles	11	5'10"	155	WR/DB
10	Easton Runyan	11	6'1"	150	WR/LB
11	Hayden George	10	5'9"	160	WR/DB/KR/PR
12	Luke Byrer	10	6'2"	175	WR/DB/LS/H
13	Jaedyn Katchur	10	5'10"	157	WR/DB/K/P
15	Kyle Weaver	10	5'10"	160	WR/DB/KR/PR
17	Jack Tipton	10	5'7"	150	QB/H
18	Jackson Clawges	9	6'0"	165	TE/LB
19	Nico Maisel	9	5'5"	130	QB/DB
20	Brody Kehler	9	5'10"	165	RB/LB/KR/PR
21	Jeremiah Robinson	12	5'7"	145	RB/DB
22	Colton Lawless	9	5'6"	110	WR/DB
23	Gavin Radford	10	5'8"	145	WR/DB
24	Derrick Kosinski	10	5'10"	165	RB/LB
25	Nikolas McCray	12	6'2"	165	WR/LB
27	Marcos Kniska	11	6'0"	200	RB/LB
28	Tony Vu	11	5'9"	175	WR/DB
30	Codi Eddy	10	5'5"	145	RB/DB
33	Kevin Hernandez	12	5'7"	150	K
36	Trevor Sigley	9	5'11"	160	TE/DE
40	Logan Johannsen	9	5'2"	135	RB/DB
41	Brock Kehler	12	6'3"	233	TE/LB
42	Khalil Coleman	11	5'8"	135	WR/DB
44	Buck Jones	11	5'8"	175	RB/LB
45	Max Travis	12	6'0"	205	DE/LS
47	Gavin Eakin	11	5'10"	170	TE/LB
50	Jack Gamble	10	6'1"	234	OL/DL
51	Deuce Williams	10	5'9"	195	OL/DL
52	Madan Mayle	11	5'11"	230	OL/DL
54	Gavin Stone	10	5'11"	200	TE/DE
55	Ryder Hastings	11	5'8"	205	OL/DL/LB
56	Hank Crites	10	5'9"	170	OL/DL
57	Josh Brunner	12	5'10"	260	OL/DL
58	Owen Fisher	10	6'2"	205	OL/DL
60	Jacob Appleton	11	6'0"	280	OL/DL
61	Colby Geisel	9	6'0"	190	OL/DL

No	Name	Grade	Height	Weight	Positions
62	Isaac Cottrill	9	5'7"	155	OL/LB
63	Tristen Geest	9	5'6"	172	OL/DL
65	Dilon Glover	12	5'9"	225	OL/DL
66	Jaydien Morales	9	6'2"	178	OL/DL
67	Aydan Downey	11	5'11"	170	OL/DL
68	Caden Larry	9	5'9"	265	OL/DL
69	Chance Dotson	11	6'0"	185	OL/DL
70	Paxton Feagin	9	5'6"	161	OL/DL
71	Dakari Robinson	9	6'0"	185	OL/DL
72	Peyton Feagin	9	5'6"	161	OL/DL
73	Jamie Harper	12	5'6"	215	OL/DL
74	Jayden Saltsman	10	6'1"	238	OL/DL
75	Waylon Fowler	9	6'1"	280	OL/DL
76	Tyce Bittner	10	6'2"	230	OL/DL
77	Preston Kerns	11	5'10"	230	OL/DL
78	Guage Smith	9	6'0"	230	OL/DL
79	Luke Padula	9	6'1"	270	OL/DL
80	MJ Mckenzie	9	5'8"	155	WR/DB/KR/PR
81	Branden Custer	9	5'10"	140	WR/DB/KR/PR
82	Mark Pyatt	11	5'9"	150	WR/DB
84	Cooper High	9	5'10"	165	TE/LB
85	Levi Phillips	10			TE/LB
86	Glenn Brown	11	6'0"	155	WR/DB
87	Brady Goodenow	10	5'9"	155	TE/DE/K
88	Antwon Watson	12	5'6"	185	RB/LB
89	Alex Swihart	11	6'0"	160	WR/DB
	Davion Pollard	9	5'10"	130	WR/DB
	TJ Metheny	9	5'6"	160	RB/LB
	Wyatt Caplan	9	5'8"	160	QB/DB
	Elijah Morris	9	5'9"	140	RB/DB
	Jaxon King	9	5'9"	150	WR/DB
	Bailee England	9	5'5"	150	TE/LB
	Sam Wannemacher	9	5'9"	120	WR/DB
	Shawn Woody	9	5'11"	165	TE/LB
	Lincoln Stuart	9	5'6"	130	WR/LB
	Zayden Burt	9	5'10"	155	WR/DB
	Braiden Rutan	9	5'10"	160	WR/DB
	Spencer Sites	9	5'10"	175	RB/LB
	Isaiah Davis	9	5'3"	100	RB/DB
	Cannon Hazel	9	5'6"	175	RB/LB
	Brayden Phillips	9	5'6"	130	RB/DB
	Chase Barbabella	9	5'7"	125	WR/DB
	Ethan Landis	9	5'10"	155	OL/DL
	Dylan Clark	9	6'0"	220	OL/DL
	Julian Redd	9	6'0"	180	TE/DL

Principal: Kim Greene

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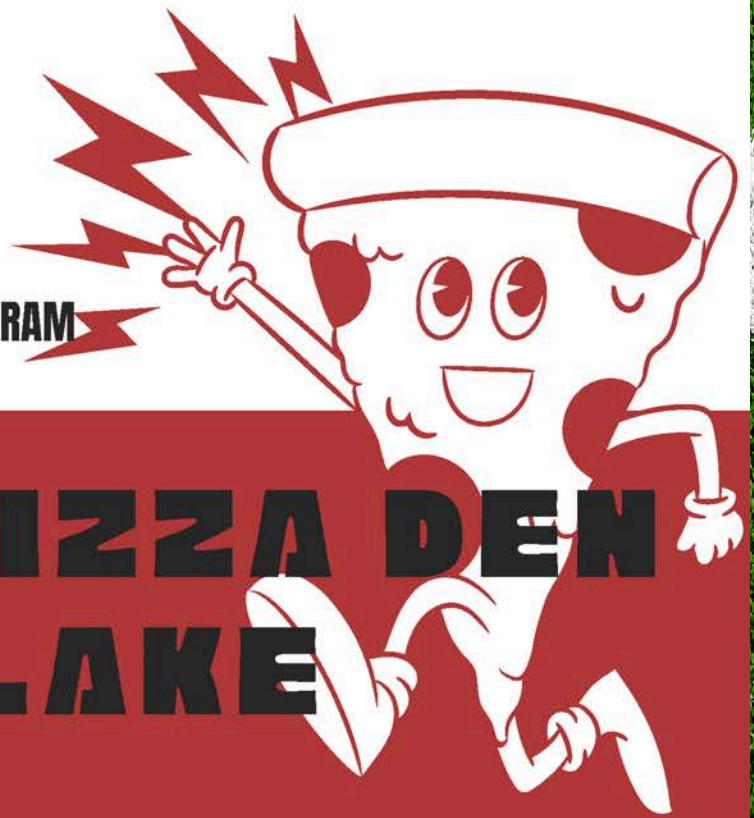
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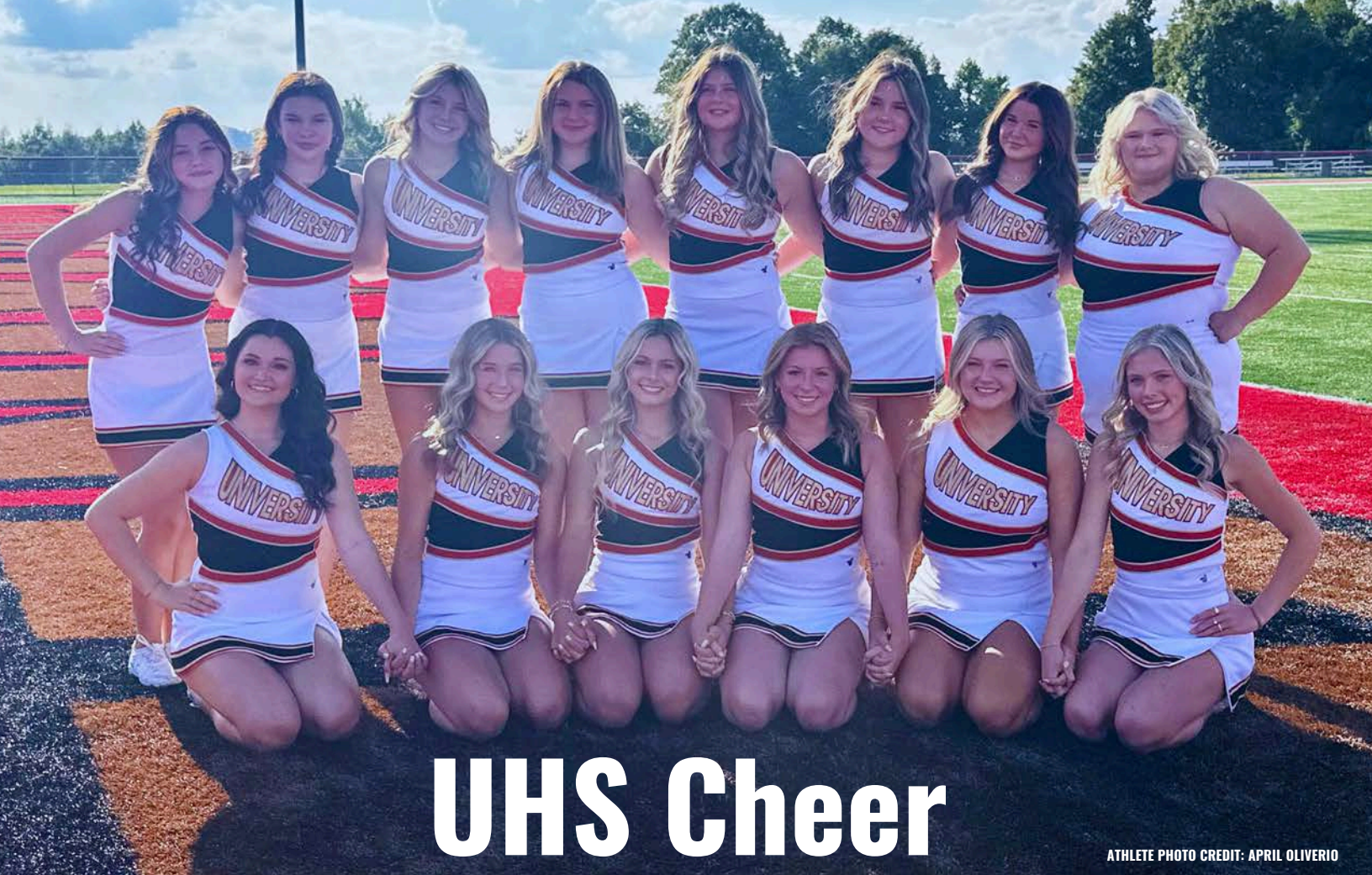
UHS Hawks Football Coaching and Training Staff



Pictured from left, front row: Jesse Sutherland, Kaden Rice, Ryan Ekey, Josh Gibson, Malachi Marple, Jaeden Hammack, and Jay Schiavello.

Pictured from left, back row: Katie McGahagan (Trainer), Dominic Lough, Rich Braham, Stone Wolfley, Eric Snyder, Andy Dotson, Tony Setley, and Rowan Morlachetta (Trainer).

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Front row, (l-r) - Lauren Byrd, Hailey Wise, Katie Jones, Kirstyn Rosenberger, Madisyn Warnick, Bella Oliverio
 Back row - Arden Unger, Abby Golden, Kyia George, Bree Wolfe, Gracie Reed, Lilly Henderson, Gwennyth Smith, and Caitlyn Stone.
Not pictured: Owen Cosner

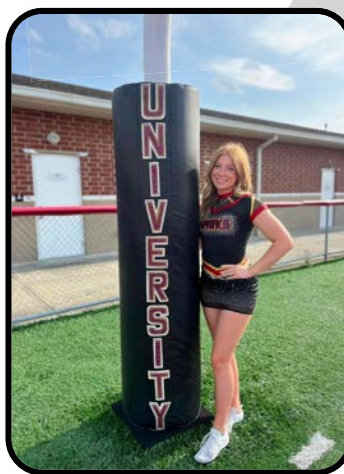
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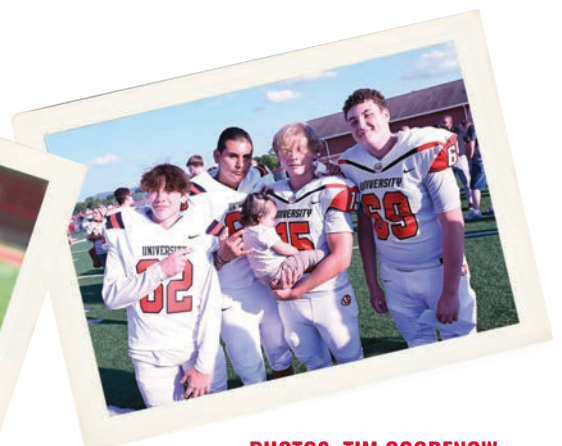
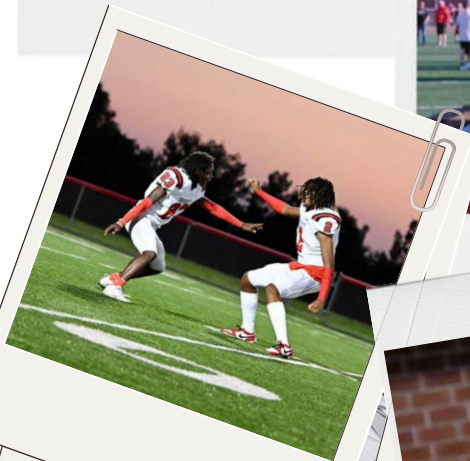
The event, presented by Trilogry Innovations, Inc., was designed to recognize Hawks Football by involving the team, parents, school, and Morgantown communities for the start of the 2024 season. Hawks FanFest included official team photos, opportunities for fans to get their photos taken with their favorite Hawks football players and coaches, player introductions, cheerleader introductions, a gathering of food trucks, raffles, and spirit item giveaways.

"FanFest was a great way to bring together our fans," said Hawks senior Brock Kehler. "We've never had anything like this before and it was a really unique way to get fans involved and excited for the season."

FanFest represented one of the new fundraising events for the UHS football team. Senior Josh Jorge said the event got the team even more excited for the 2024 season.

"Fanfest had a great turnout and that means a lot to the team," Jorge said. "I think any time you can do something where you bring the team and fans together, and you mix in food and fun, that's fantastic."

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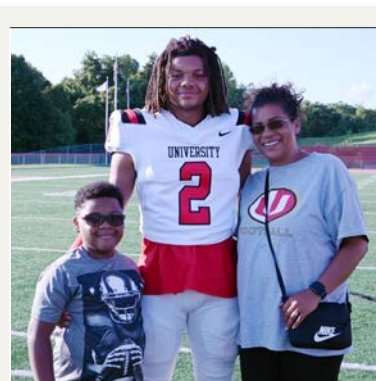
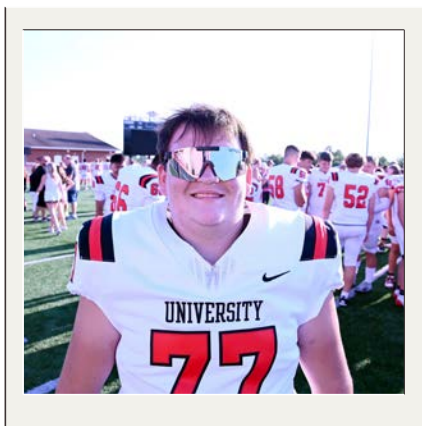
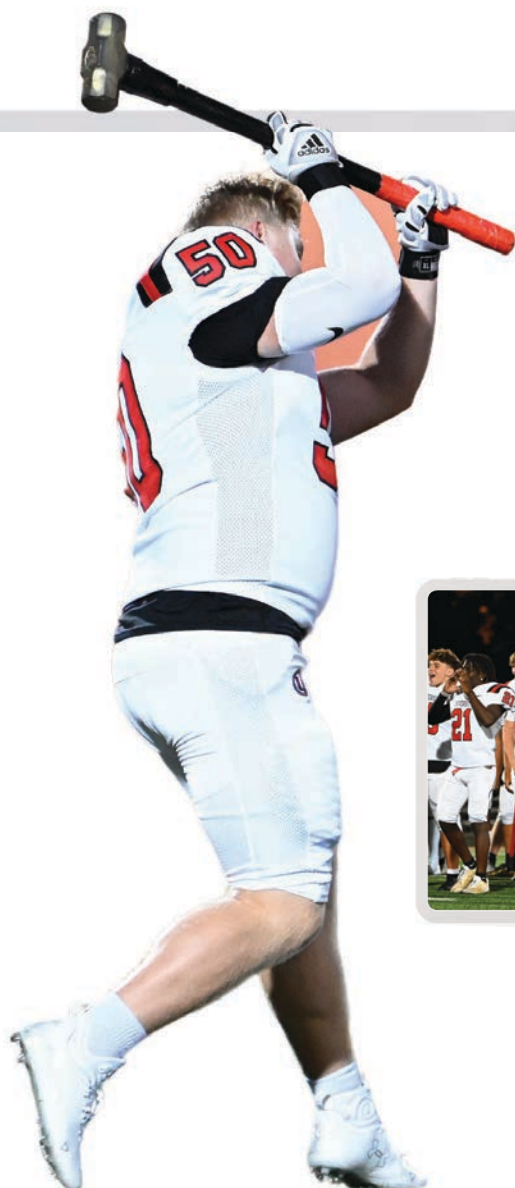
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