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2026 Festus Football



Tiger Football Fans, Sponsors & Festus Community,

We can't tell you how much we appreciate each and every one of you. Without your support, many of the things the program has accomplished (and will continue to accomplish) wouldn't be possible!

We'd also like to give a special thank you to the cheerleaders, dance team and band. The game just wouldn't be the same without you!

Here's to a great season!

-The Festus Football Booster Club

Festus Tigers Football Creating a Legacy

Welcome fans, families, and friends to the long-anticipated season opener for your Festus Tigers! Tonight, excitement buzzes through the stands as we gather to celebrate a proud football tradition as the Tigers work to continue making history.

Reflecting on Last Season



Last year, our Festus Tigers roared and took their determination, grit, and teamwork all the way to a final 4 state semi-final playoff game for the 2nd season in a row. 1st time in school history. The 2025 Tigers posted an extraordinary 10-3 record, thrilling the Festus community with each hard-fought victory. Week after week, our team displayed unwavering spirit and resilience, facing formidable opponents with heart and discipline.

Festus football returns to high expectations in 2026

FESTUS, MO. – THE FESTUS TIGERS RETURN TO THE GRIDIRON OFF AN INCREDIBLY SUCCESSFUL 2025 CAMPAIGN. THE TIGERS REACHED THE FINAL FOUR IN THE MSHSAA PLAYOFFS FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY, BEFORE FALLING TO EVENTUAL STATE CHAMPION KEARNEY.

FESTUS RETURNS SIX MFCA ALL-DISTRICT HONOREES (AIDEN SCHIRMER, KAM YATES, BRAYDON WILKES, ANTONIO PINKSTON, CARSON GRASS AND PARKER PERRY), THE MOST IN CLASS 4.

AIDEN SCHIRMER RETURNS TO THE FESTUS DEFENSE AFTER A STANDOUT SOPHOMORE YEAR WHERE HE RANKED FOURTH IN THE STATE IN SOLO TACKLES (95) AND IN THE TOP 10 IN TOTAL TACKLES (136). SCHIRMER, WHO STANDS 6'2 AND WEIGHS 210 LBS., IS EXPECTED TO LEAD THE TIGER DEFENSE AND ADD TO AN EXPLOSIVE BACKFIELD ON OFFENSE.

KAMDEN YATES, WHO MISSED THE FIRST PART OF THE 2025 SEASON DUE TO INJURY, WILL LEAD THE TIGER RUSHING ATTACK. YATES, WHO SPLIT CARRIES WITH SENIOR TAILBACK LEAUNTAE WILLIAMS LAST SEASON, IS EXPECTED TO TAKE ON THAT MAJORITY NOW. WILLIAMS RUSHED FOR OVER 1,000 YARDS LAST SEASON, AND YATES WHO HAS RUSHED FOR OVER 1,500 YDS THE LAST TWO SEASONS AND SCORED 29 TOTAL TDS IN ALL 4 PHASES OF THE GAME (RUSHING, RECEIVING, DEFENSIVELY, SPECIAL TEAMS), IS EXPECTED TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE.

DEFENSIVE END ANTONIO PINKSTON RETURNS TO LEAD THE FESTUS DEFENSIVE LINE IN 2026. THE MSHSAA CLASS 4 SECOND TEAM ALL-STATE SELECTION RECORDED SEVEN SACKS LAST SEASON. THE 6'2 DE IS POISED TO HAVE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SEASON AND LEADS A FRONT SEVEN UNIT RETURNING MOST OF ITS STARTERS FROM LAST YEAR, INCLUDING GALIN HALL, BEAU CANADAY AND GIBSON COTHAM.

CARSON GRASS RETURNS FOR HIS FOURTH YEAR STARTING ON THE TIGERS' OFFENSIVE LINE. GRASS, WHO WAS NAMED THE MSHSAA CLASS 4 ALL-STATE SECOND TEAM, IS THE HEART AND SOUL OF THE TIGER O-LINE, WHICH WILL HAVE TO REPLACE SOME KEY STARTERS FROM LAST SEASON.

SENIOR TIGHT END BRAYDON WILKES IS FRESH OFF A 2025 SEASON WHERE HE WAS SELECTED TO THE MSHSAA CLASS 4 ALL-STATE SECOND TEAM ON OFFENSE, AND HE RANKED THIRD ON THE TEAM IN SOLO TACKLES (62) ON DEFENSE. WILKES IS AS DYNAMIC A PLAYER ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BALL AS YOU WILL SEE IN CLASS 4, AND IS EXPECTED TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE THIS YEAR.

QUARTERBACK PARKER PERRY RETURNS TO LEAD THE TIGER OFFENSE AFTER SETTING MULTIPLE SINGLE-SEASON SCHOOL PASSING RECORDS EN ROUTE TO A MSHSAA CLASS 4 THIRD TEAM HONORABLE MENTION ALL-STATE SELECTION. PERRY, WHO WAS NAMED A TOP-10 QB IN THE STATE BY STLBALLCLUB IN THE PRESEASON, RANKED IN THE TOP FIVE IN THE STATE IN PASSING YARDS, PASSING TDS AND PASSING RATIO IN 2025.

HEAD COACH AJ OFODILE ALSO NAMED QUINN O'BRIEN, GUS DRINEN, DYLAN CLINTON, CARTER RUSH, MAX FOGELSONG, ELI TILLEY, GIBSON COTHAM AND KEEGAN WOMACK AS KEY PLAYERS TO WATCH THIS SEASON.

FESTUS BEEFED UP ITS NON-CONFERENCE SCHEDULE IN 2026. THE TIGERS WILL PLAY TWO TEAMS THAT ARE RANKED IN THE TOP-FIVE IN CLASS 4, NO. 2 HANNIBAL AND NO. 5 ST. MARY'S SOUTHSIDE. BOTH HANNIBAL AND ST. MARY'S SOUTHSIDE MADE IT TO THE FINAL FOUR, ALONGSIDE FESTUS, IN 2025.

"GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THEM (HANNIBAL AND ST. MARY'S) GIVES US AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE EXACTLY WHO WE ARE, HOW WE STACK UP AND HOW WE NEED TO IMPROVE." SAID HEAD COACH OFODILE.

FESTUS WILL KICK OFF THE SEASON AGAINST ROCKWOOD SUMMIT. THE FALCONS FINISHED THE 2025 REGULAR SEASON WITH A 7-2 RECORD, WINNING THE SUBURBAN RED CONFERENCE, AND MADE IT TO THE SECOND ROUND OF THE CLASS 5 PLAYOFFS BEFORE FALLING TO EUREKA.

THE FALCON OFFENSE IS CENTERED AROUND SENIOR TAILBACK KINDALL YOUNG, WHO HAS PUT TOGETHER BACK-TO-BACK 1000+ RUSHING YARD SEASONS AND WAS NAMED 2025 SUBURBAN RED CONFERENCE OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR.

THE FALCONS ALSO RETURN TWO MCFA CLASS 5 FIRST TEAM ALL-STATE HONOREES (DB MASON CASSO AND OL DEVIN WALKER), AND FIVE MCFA ALL-DISTRICT PLAYERS (LB JACKSON CORNETT, LONG SNAPPER CLAYTON MACY, YOUNG, WALKER AND CASSO).

FESTUS HAD A RECORD-SETTING YEAR IN 2025, WINNING BOTH ITS CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS; HOWEVER, THE TEAM HAS TURNED THE PAGE AND IS READY FOR AN EXCITING 2026 SEASON.

"HOPEFULLY WE ARE PLAYING A REALLY EXCITING BRAND OF FOOTBALL. WE FEEL LIKE WE HAVE SOME GUYS WHO CAN MAKE SOME PLAYS." SAID HEAD COACH OFODILE.



BUT LAST SEASON'S JOURNEY WAS MORE THAN A DISPLAY OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE—IT WAS A DISPLAY OF HOW HARD WORK AND DEDICATION CAN TAKE YOU A LONG WAYS INTO THE POST-SEASON. IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ALL WHO WEAR THE BLACK AND GOLD PROUD TO BE A PART OF IT.

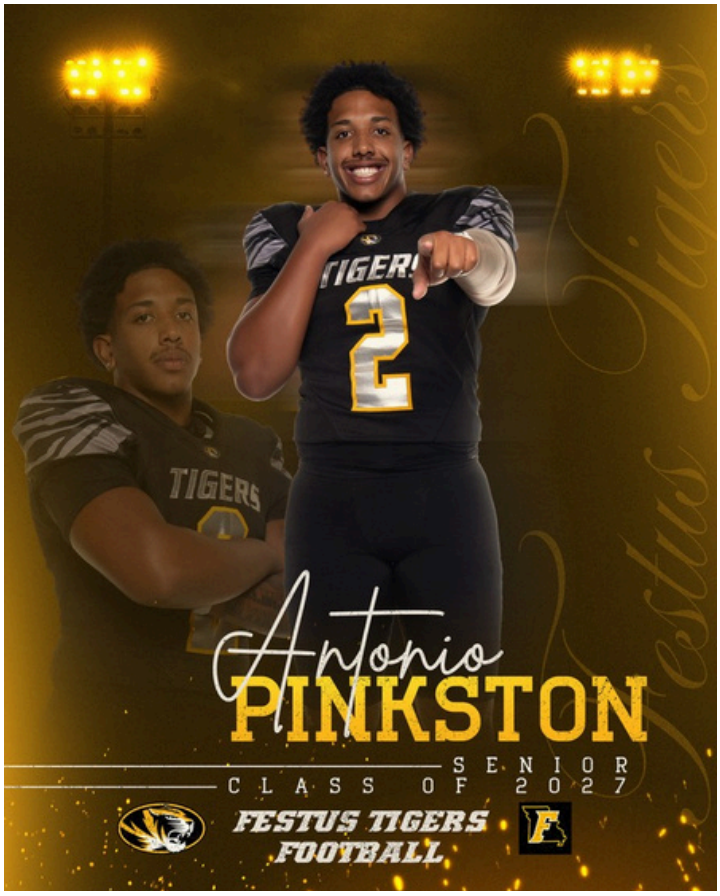


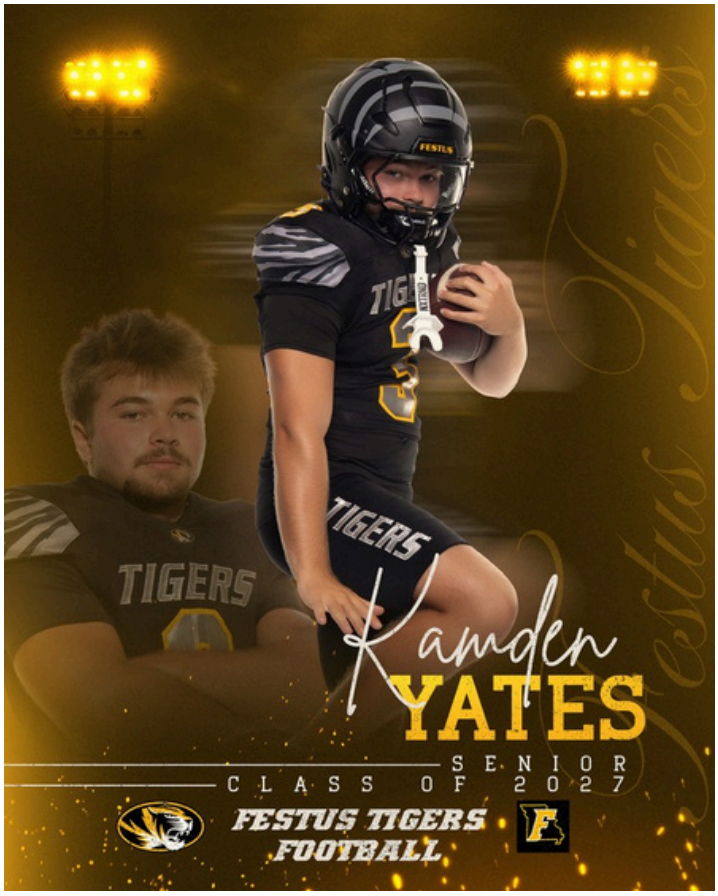
SETTING THE STAGE FOR A NEW SEASON

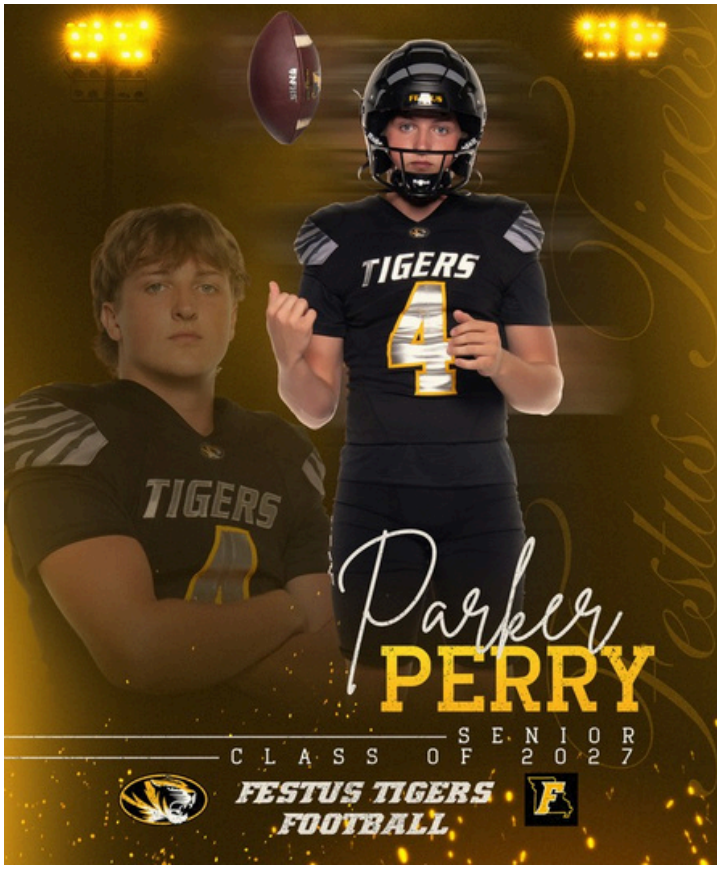
AS THE 2026 SEASON UNFOLDS, THE TIGERS ARE DRIVEN BY THE LESSONS OF LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS AND FUELED BY UNFINISHED BUSINESS. UNDER THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS, A TALENTED SQUAD RETURNS, EAGER TO BUILD ON THE FOUNDATION SET BY THEIR PREDECESSORS. WITH THE SUPPORT OF OUR DEDICATED COACHING STAFF, PASSIONATE FANS, AND THE ENTIRE FESTUS COMMUNITY, THESE TIGERS ARE READY TO WRITE THE NEXT CHAPTER OF GREATNESS.
LET'S FILL THE STANDS WITH TIGER PRIDE, ENCOURAGE OUR TEAM, AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FOOTBALL TO REMEMBER. WHETHER YOU'RE A LIFELONG SUPPORTER OR CHEERING FOR THE FIRST TIME, YOUR ENERGY MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

GO TIGERS!

2026 Festus Seniors

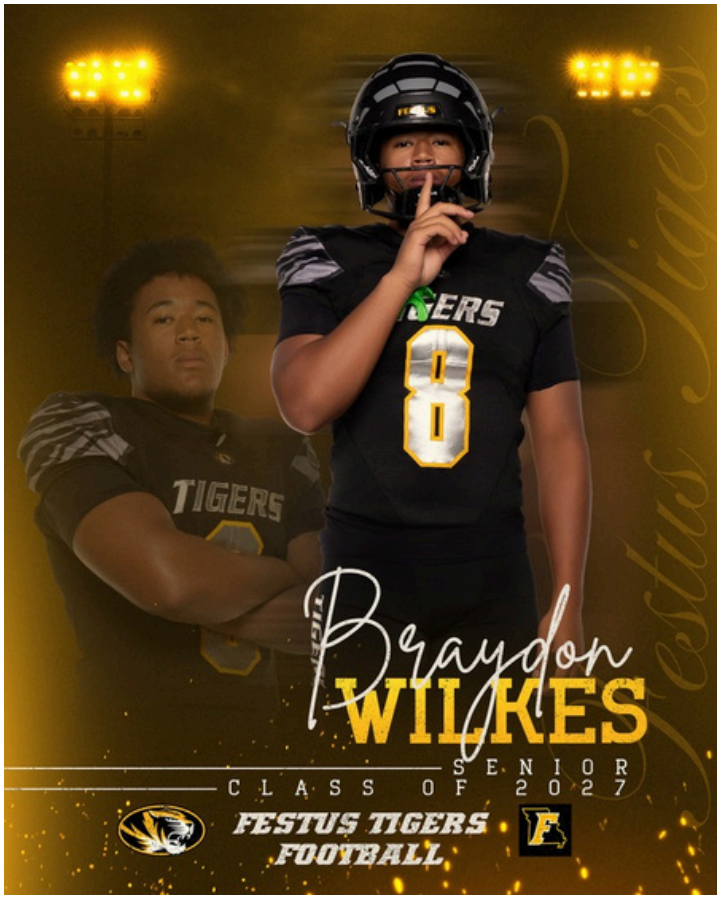


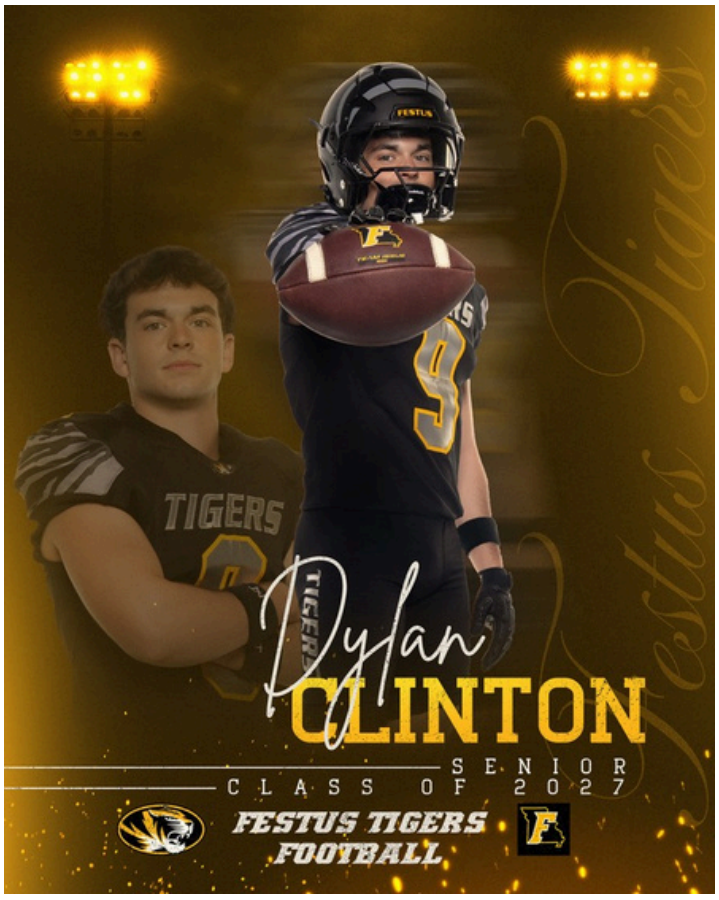


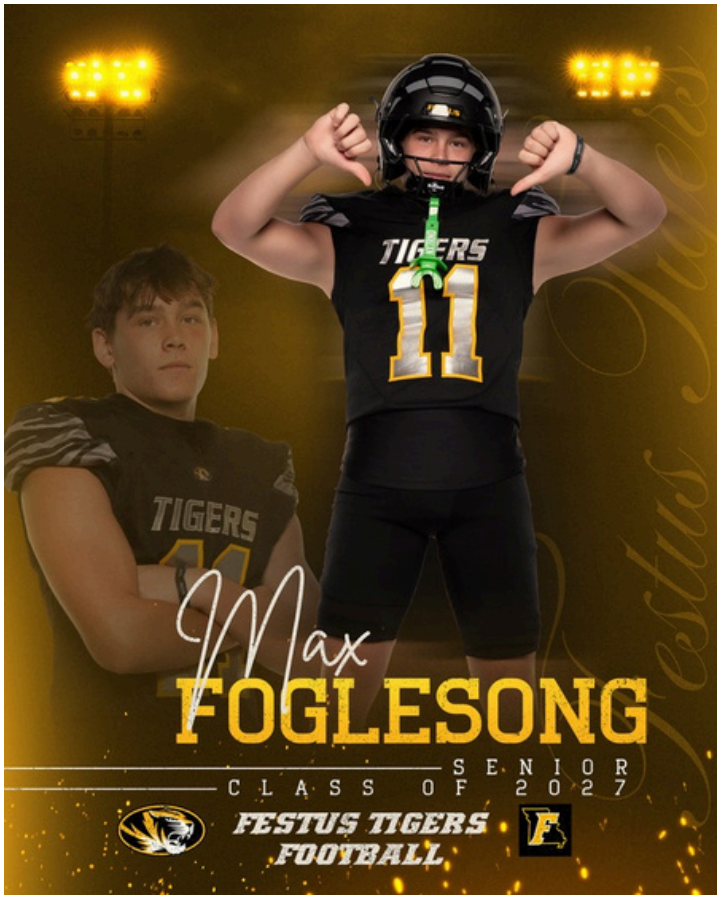


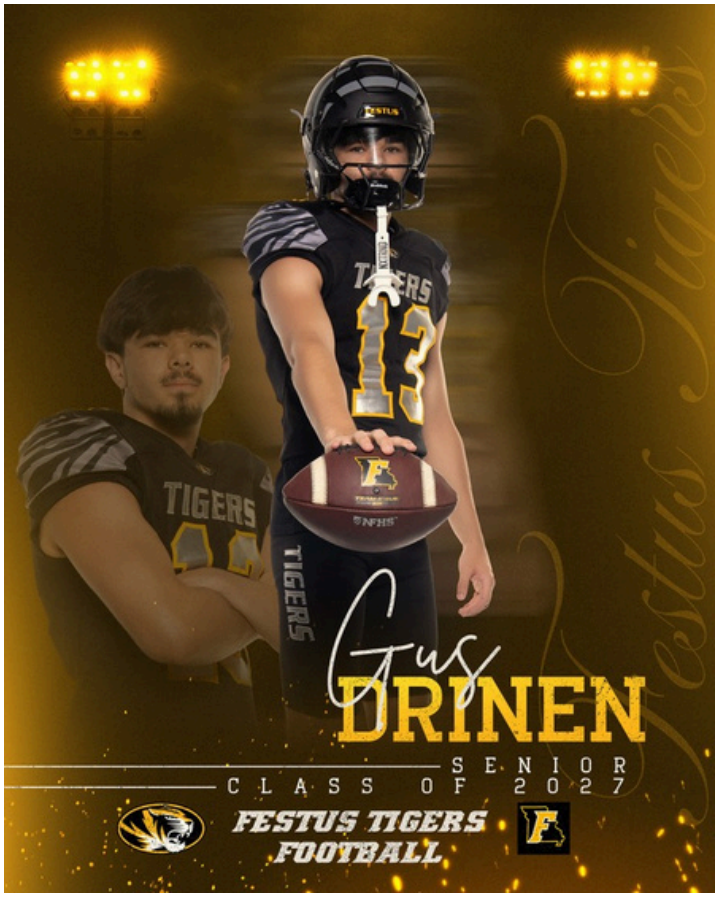


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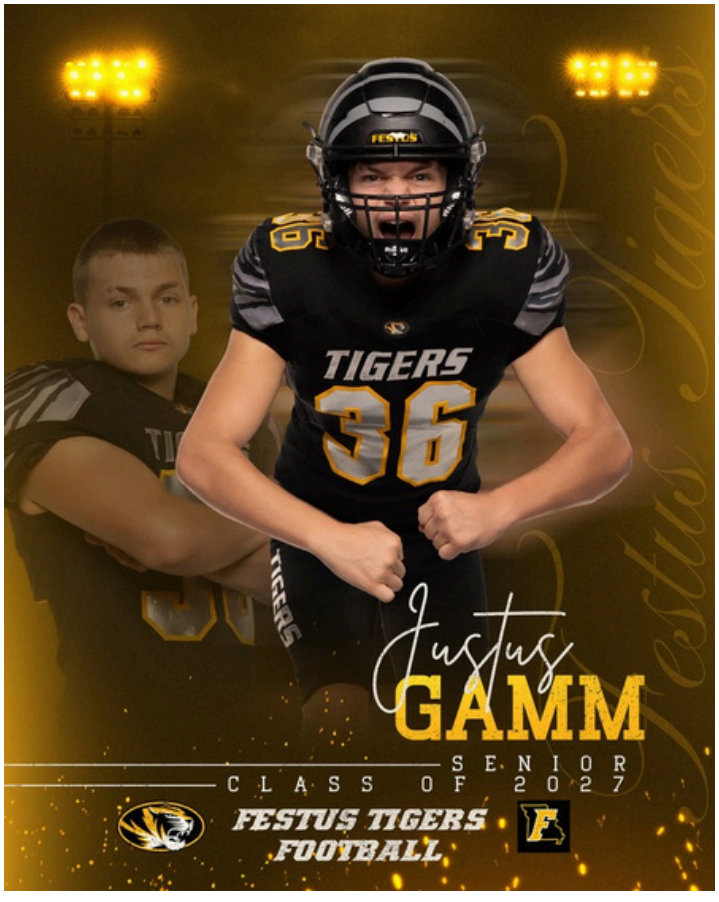


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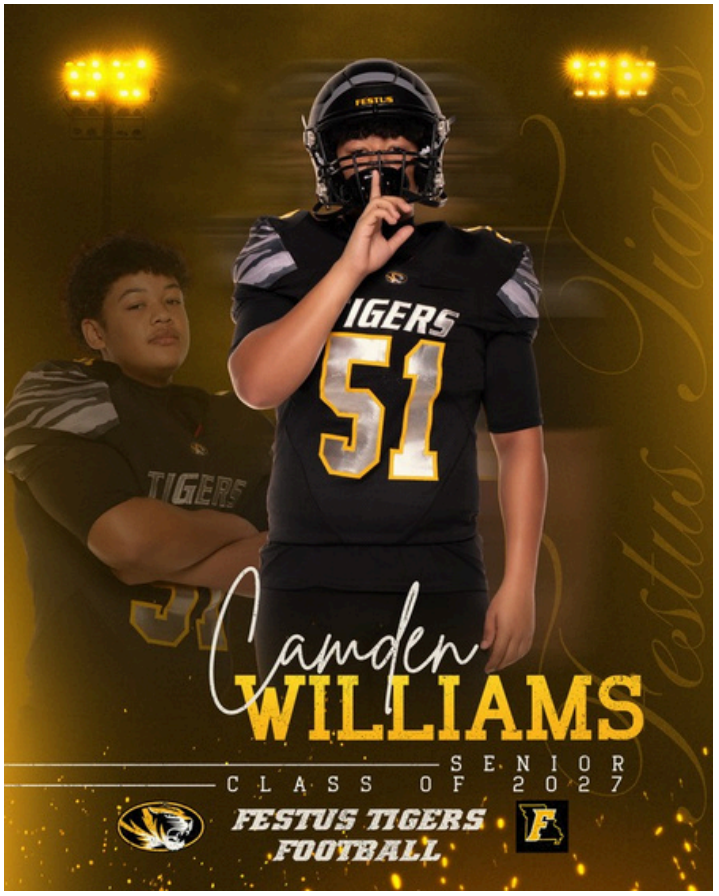






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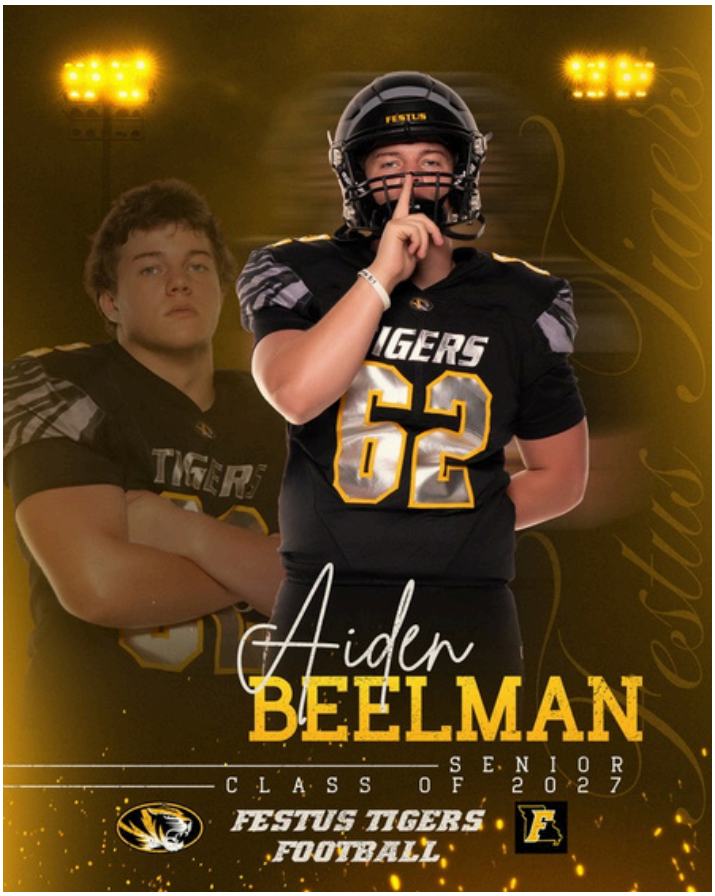


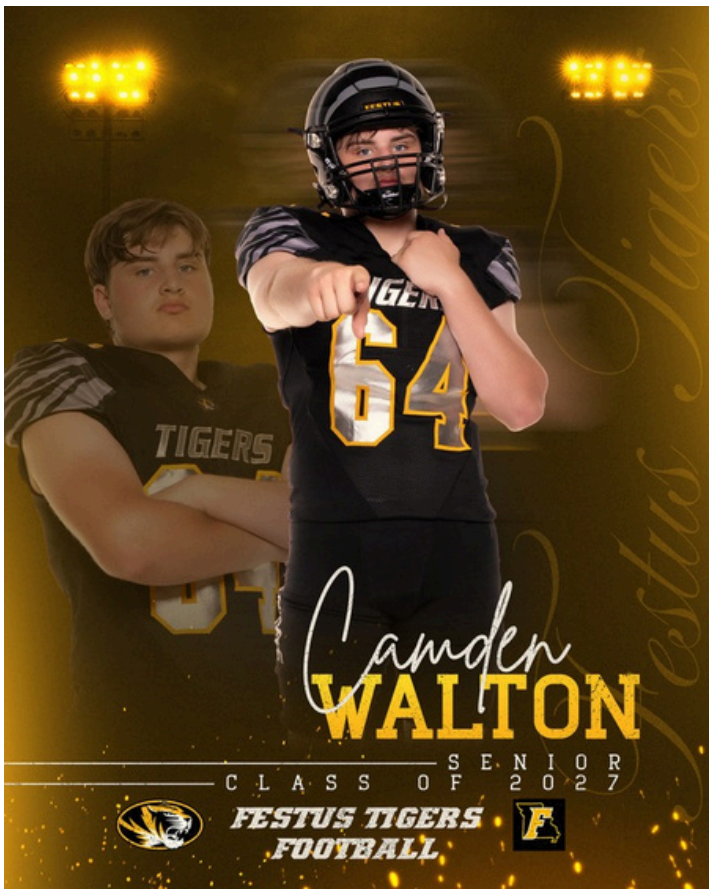






2026 Festus Seniors







Season Opener
Festus Tigers
vs
Rockwood Summit Eagles

THE FESTUS TIGERS HOST THE ROCKWOOD SUMMIT EAGLES. FESTUS FINISHED 10-3 LAST SEASON AND ROCKWOOD SUMMIT'S RECORD WAS 8-3. IT WILL BE A COMPETITIVE MATCHUP FOR A SEASON OPENER!

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- **MATCHUP: FESTUS TIGERS (0-0) VS. ROCKWOOD SUMMIT EAGLES (0–0)**
- **LOCATION: FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL, FESTUS, MO**
- **DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, AUGUST 28TH – 7:00 PM**

KEYS FOR FESTUS:

- **ESTABLISH THE RUN EARLY TO KEEP SUMMIT'S DEFENSE HONEST.**
- **LIMIT TURNOVERS**
- **PLAY AS A TEAM AND RALLY TO THE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVELY**
- **PLAY SMART AND KNOW ASSIGNMENT**

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Tigers drop season opener to Rockwood Summit after wild fourth quarter

FESTUS, MO. – The Festus Tigers lost to the Rockwood Summit Falcons 38-34 in the season opener at Tiger Stadium on Friday night.

Festus outgained Rockwood Summit by nearly 100 yards (451/367). Quarterback Parker Perry finished the game 15-of-25 for 338 yards, with four touchdowns, and one interception.

Running back Kam Yates totaled 280 total yards and scored five times. The senior carried the ball 19 times for 60 yards (3.15 YPC) and caught eight passes for an eye-popping 220 yards (27.5 YPC).

Two-way player Aiden Schirmer added 47 rushing yards on seven attempts. Tight end Braydon Wilkes caught five passes for 65 yards.

Festus put up a late fight, scoring 28 points in the fourth quarter, but was 3-for-11 on third down (27%) and turned the ball over twice.

The Tigers started the game with a key stop on a fourth-and-short on Rockwood Summit's opening drive. Festus linebackers Schirmer and Wilkes stuffed Falcon's QB McCoy Brown at the 50-yard line, giving the Tigers the ball.

Yates provided the early spark for Festus with multiple first-down runs. Perry then hit Wilkes on an 18-yard catch-and-run to set up the Tigers on the 10-yard line. However, a dropped touchdown, a delay-of-game penalty and a missed field goal ended the Tigers' opening drive without a point.

Rockwood Summit then marched down the field and, after a near interception by Schirmer at the goal line, connected on a 26-yard field goal to take a 3-0 lead as the first quarter neared its close.

On the Tigers' first play of their second possession, Perry threw to Yates in the flat. Yates, trying to shake a tackle, fumbled the ball and the Falcons recovered deep in Tiger territory. After the play, several Falcons swarmed Perry, who tried to make a play on the loose ball. Perry, who Defensive End Adam Calvert was repeatedly stomping on, grabbed onto a pair of legs in defense. Both players were penalized, and Rockwood Summit took over on the 15-yard line.

On the very next play, Brown hit wide receiver Sam Passanise on a fade route for the first touchdown of the game. Kicker Blake Boschert missed the PAT wide right, and Rockwood Summit led 9-0 with four seconds remaining in the first quarter.



Festus got the ball back and marched down the field with a near six-minute, 80-yard drive capped by Kam Yates's 25-yard catch-and-run score to put them on the board. A missed PAT kept the Tigers down 9-6 with just over six minutes left in the second quarter.

With five minutes remaining until halftime, Tiger DB Quinn O'Brien picked off Brown, and a 13-yard return set up the Festus offense in Falcon territory with a chance to take its first lead of the game.

However, Perry was sacked on a 4th down, and Rockwood Summit took over from its own 33-yard line with just over three-and-a-half minutes remaining. Rockwood Summit then punted, Perry threw a deep interception and the Falcons ran out the clock to take a 9-6 lead into halftime.

The lone third-quarter score came on Brown's 1-yard punch-in run; Boschert missed his second PAT of the night, and Rockwood Summit added to the lead, 15-6.

The fourth quarter turned into the Kam Yates show. The senior brought his team within one with a 1-yard rushing TD and two-point conversion, the appetizer to a monster evening. Yates then caught 46-yard and 86-yard touchdown passes from Perry, putting Festus up 28-23 deep into the fourth quarter.

While the hometown crowd was still celebrating, Rockwood Summit's Jabari Harris returned the ensuing kickoff 67 yards for a touchdown to put the Falcons back up 31-28.

Not to be outdone, Yates added another long score. His final TD of the game was a 52-yard catch-and-run from Perry, and Festus led 34-31 with 2:23 remaining.

To put Yates' phenomenal night into perspective, the running back had a career-high four-touchdown game last season in a 41-0 win over Hillsboro. The senior tied that alone in only the fourth quarter. Yates ended the night with FIVE touchdowns and 280 yards of total offense; he averaged 10.4 yards per touch on Friday.

Rockwood Summit got the ball back with 2:20 left in the game on its own 25-yard line. The Falcons moved the ball down the field; Brown picked up a big 3rd down with his legs in Tiger territory, then hit Passanise for a 17-yard pickup with 8.4 seconds left.

On the next play, Brown rolled to his left and hit running back Kindall Young for a game-winning 3-yard TD pass. Rockwood Summit won the game 38-34.

The Tigers will hit the road to take on St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School in St. Louis. The Dragons started the year 0-1 following a 42-14 loss against IC Catholic Prep.
St. Mary's made it to the final four in last season's Class 4 State Championship Playoffs, before losing 41-0 to Hannibal. St. Mary's won back-to-back State Championships in 2021 (Class 3) and 2022 (Class 4).



Week 2
Festus Tigers
vs
St. Mary's Dragons

THE FESTUS TIGERS TRAVEL TO ST. MARY'S SOUTH SIDE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN ST. LOUIS TO TAKE ON THE DRAGONS. BOTH TEAMS LOST THEIR SEASON OPENERS BUT PLAYED HIGH LEVEL GAMES AGAINST HIGH LEVEL OPPONENTS.

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- **MATCHUP: FESTUS TIGERS (0-1) VS. ST. MARY'S DRAGONS (0–1)**
- **LOCATION: ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL - ST. LOUIS, MO**
- **DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH – 7:00 PM**

KEYS FOR FESTUS:

- **ESTABLISH THE RUN EARLY TO KEEP SUMMIT'S DEFENSE HONEST.**
- **LIMIT TURNOVERS**
- **PLAY AS A TEAM AND RALLY TO THE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVELY**
- **PLAY SMART AND KNOW ASSIGNMENT**



Tigers' defensive effort not enough in loss at St. Mary's

FESTUS, Mo. – The Festus Tigers lost to the St. Mary's South Side Catholic Dragons 14-12 on Friday night in St. Louis. Festus had a chance to tie the game on a two-point conversion late in the game, but Kamden Yates was tackled a yard short of the goal line.

Yates recorded a career-high 24 carries in Friday's loss, rushing for 34 yards. The senior's previous career-high was 23 carries last season against Hillsboro on Nov 8 (187 yards, 4 TDs).

Senior WR/DB Max Foglesong caught two passes, both for touchdowns, and tallied 34 receiving yards.

The Tigers gained 264 yards on Friday and had three turnovers. While the team did convert 50% of its third downs, Festus went 1-for-3 on fourth-down attempts.

Festus' defense was the star of the night. The Tiger D allowed less than 150 total yards and forced the Dragon offense to punt seven times. St. Mary's freshman quarterback Ja'Khori Battle completed only three passes for 13 yards.

The Tigers started the game with an onside kick, even with the ball being deflected; St. Mary's ultimately recovered and started its opening drive on its own 42-yard-line. Braydon Wilkes recorded a tackle for loss on the opening play from scrimmage, the Dragons drew false start and delay of game penalties and later punted after losing eleven yards on their opening possession.

Festus' offense didn't do much better on its first try. Yates' first rushing attempt was stuffed for a four-yard loss on first down, a swing pass to Yates resulted in a seven-yard loss on second down and quarterback Parker Perry scrambled for a nine-yard gain on third down.

Facing a fourth-and-long, the Tigers opted to punt. However, a deflected snap was recovered by St. Mary's, and the Dragons returned the mishap to the Tiger 10-yard line.

Both offenses combined for negative 13 yards and a turnover on their first drives. The start of the game was only a preview of the defensive struggle to come.

Two plays after the fumble recovery, Dragons runningback Milano Mitchell Jr. punched-in a 1-yard rushing TD and St. Mary's drew first blood. The PAT conversion resulted in a 7-0 Dragon lead, the only scoring that took place in the first quarter.

Festus responded with a 58-yard kickoff return by Quinn O'Brien, who would later enter the game at quarterback, to set up the Tiger offense inside Dragon territory. Later, Festus faced a 4th and 10 on St. Mary's 31 yard-line.

The Tiger offense stayed on the field, and Perry hit Dylan Clinton for a 17 yard pickup to keep the drive alive. But the attack was snuffed out on a later fourth down try, and St. Mary's took the ball back.

The Tigers' lone score of the first half came on a perfect 17-yard pass from Perry to Foglesong on a run-pass-option play to put Festus on the board midway through the second quarter. The PAT attempt was no good, and Festus trailed 7-6.

The one point deficit held until halftime, Festus aimed to start the second half strong but the plan went awry.

The Tiger offense went three-and-out after the break, and St. Mary's responded in a big way. On the first play after the punt, Mitchell Jr. bounced a run outside and took it 65 yards for the running back's second TD of the game. St. Mary's converted its PAT and led 14-6.

Things only got worse for Festus on its second possession. On a third-and-long Perry faced heavy pressure, rolled to his right and found Yates in the flat. While the running back was trying to advance the ball down the field, Perry was taken down hard by Dragon DE Antonio Wilson far after the ball was thrown.

A roughing the passer penalty kept the drive alive, however after Perry handed off to Yates on the ensuing first down he left the game and did not return. The Tiger QB suffered a shoulder injury and will miss an indefinite amount of time. Quinn O'Brien, who took over for the injured Perry, will assume QB duties moving forward.

With its starting quarterback out of the game, Festus had to rely on its defense. The unit responded in a major way. The Tiger D did not allow St. Mary's to score the rest of the way, and gave Festus a chance to tie the game.

That chance came on the Tigers' final possession of the game. Festus got the ball on their own 21-yard with less than five minutes remaining. On the first play, O'Brien took an option play ten yards for a Tiger first down. However, the QB caught a calf cramp and had to exit. That forced Festus to use its emergency quarterback, Wilkes. The full time TE/LB took four snaps at quarterback before O'Brien was able to return.

A few plays later O'Brien, bad leg and all, took a QB-keeper 28 yards to set Festus up on the Dragon 18-yard line and the Tigers had life late. O'Brien then found Foglesong on a deep curl, the wide receiver broke two tackles and scored with 44 seconds left. Festus was a two-point conversion away from tying the game, but Yates was stuffed at the one yard line and the Tigers lost 14-12.

While Festus' offense struggled, O'Brien showed flashes of brilliance late in the game. The Tigers will rely on O'Brien to lead the offense for the time being with Perry sidelined.

The Festus D was as stout as ever in St. Louis. The lone Dragon points came on a short-field possession and a 65-yard rush. Outside of those two instances, the Tiger defense kept St. Mary's at bay and gave Festus a chance to win.

The road trip continues next week for Festus. The team will head to Windsor to take on the Owls on Sept. 11. The upcoming game mirrors last season's week three matchup between the schools, a game Festus won 56-14.

Windsor (Imperial, Mo.) started the year 2-0 with wins over Jefferson and Lutheran South. The Owls averaged 49 points on offense in the first two weeks, and won by an average of 16 points.

The high powered Owl attack will be a tough test for Festus. But if Friday's performance showed anything, the Tiger D is up for the challenge.

Week 3
Festus Tigers
vs
Windsor Owls

THE FESTUS TIGERS TRAVEL TO WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL TO TAKE ON THE OWLS.

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- **MATCHUP: FESTUS TIGERS (0-2) VS. WINDSOR OWLS (2-0)**
- **LOCATION: WINDSOR HS - IMPERIAL, MO**
- **DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH – 7:00 PM**

KEYS FOR FESTUS:

- **ESTABLISH THE RUN AND USE ATHLETISCISM TO BEAT WINDSOR DEFENSE**
- **LIMIT TURNOVERS**
- **PLAY AS A TEAM AND RALLY TO THE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVELY**
- **PLAY SMART AND KNOW ASSIGNMENT**
- **PLAY WITH HIGH INTENSITY**



Tigers get back to form in blowout win over Windsor

Festus bounces back in 47-6 road win for its first victory

FESTUS, Mo. – The Festus Tigers beat the Windsor Owls 47-6 on Friday night in Imperial, MO. The blowout marked the team's first win this season after starting 0-2.

The Tigers went to Windsor with something to prove. Festus dropped its first two games of the year by a combined six points. Week three's matchup with the Owls wouldn't get any easier for the Tigers, who were without starting quarterback Parker Perry. Windsor started the year 2-0, with blowout wins over Jefferson R-7 and Lutheran South, and averaged 49 points per game.

Festus made a statement on the game's opening drive. After a short kick, Windsor started on its own 32-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage defensive lineman Beau Canaday exploded off the ball and dropped Windsor fullback Teagan Gannon for a minimal gain. Linebacker, and part-time kicker, Braydon Wilkes responded with a tackle at the line of scrimmage of his own, and the Tiger defense forced a fumble, recovered by Windsor, on third down forcing an Owl punt.

The Festus defense, which held St. Mary's to less than 50 passing yards a week prior, had a big test against Windsor. The Owls ran the triple-option offense, which had proven to be difficult for opposing defenses to defend this season. The Tiger defense kept the team in the game in a tough two-point loss last Friday, the unit did even more against Windsor in week three.

The Tiger offense took over on its own 42-yard line and needed only three plays to draw first blood. Running back Kam Yates rushed for 18 yards on the first play from scrimmage, and quarterback Quinn O'Brien took a QB-keeper seven yards to set Festus up on the Owls 34-yard line. The next play was a thing of beauty, Festus executed a perfect power run play that saw offensive linemen Keegan Womack, Camden Walton and Eli Tilley all pull to the other side of the line to clear a path for Yates who ran almost untouched into the end zone.

Windsor jumped offsides and Festus opted for a two-point conversion. While the attempt was stuffed, Festus led 6-0 early in the first, and the route was on.

Festus dominated all three phases of the game in the first half. The Tiger defense was not fooled by the Owls triple option attack, and held Windsor to less than 40 rushing yards in the second half.

The Owls crossed the 50-yard line only once, running three plays in Tiger territory before attempting their lone pass of the first half, which fell incomplete on 4th down for the first of three turnovers on downs.

Festus' offense mainly kept the ball on the ground, feeding Yates early and often. The Senior rushed for three touchdowns in the first half, Aiden Schirmer added a rushing TD and tight end Braydon Wilkes, who also took snaps as a wildcat QB, scored on a 42-yard catch-and-run.

O'Brien threw the ball sparingly in the first half, and not out of a lack of faith from his playcallers. The Tigers had so much success running the ball, they never had to go to the air. The QB had two rushes of 10+ yards, and scored on a two point conversion, to add to the ground assault.

Even Festus' special teams unit got in on the fun. Midway through the second quarter, after yet another Tiger touchdown, Windsor fumbled the kickoff and sophomore Bennett Spraul picked up the loose ball and took it the distance for the first Tiger special teams TD of the season. Spraul, who also kicks PATs for the Tigers, connected on his first point of the season as well.

When it was all said and done, the first half horn sounded and Festus led 41-0. Festus scored six touchdowns in the first half, almost reaching its previous season total entering the game (7).

The Tigers entered Friday with more questions than answers. They were coming off back to back losses, and lost their starting quarterback the week before. While only losing both games by a combined six points, the Tigers hadn't lost back-to-back games since 2022 (Week 5 @ Hillsboro, Week 6 vs North County).

To put it into reference, the Seniors on this year's squad weren't even in High School the last time Festus dropped two straight games. With a program coming off back-to-back 10+ win seasons, a rough start can startle some.

However, this Tiger team showed just how much fight they had on Friday night. They didn't let the outside noise bother them, they just played darn good football.

Just in case you thought Yates and company would lay off the gas after the break, the Senior returned the second-half kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown. While the PAT was no good, Festus led 47-0 mere seconds into the second half.

Instead of running up the score in the second half, Festus opted to put its younger players in the game and keep the ball on the ground. The Tigers did not reach the end zone for the rest of the game, but they didn't need to. Festus already made its statement. This team is tough, and will not quit.

Windsor's lone score of the contest came after a Tiger turnover on downs deep in Owl territory. The home team went on an 80+ yard drive, capped off by a 1-yard rushing touchdown to get on the board late in the fourth. The two point conversion failed, and Festus won 47-6.
With their first win under their belt, the Tigers shift their attention to DeSoto for Friday night's game at Tiger Stadium.

The Dragons enter 1-2 on the season, with losses to St. Vincent (14-7) and North County (35-22). DeSoto's lone win came against Perryville in week two, where the Dragon offense put up 54 points.

Friday's affair is a rematch of last season's week four contest, a game which Festus won on the road 33-0. This will be Festus' final tune-up before it hits the road and heads to Hillsboro for Highway A bragging rights.

Week 4 Festus Tigers vs Desoto Dragons



THE FESTUS TIGERS HOST THE DESOTO DRAGONS AT TIGER STADIUM.

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- **MATCHUP: FESTUS TIGERS (1-2) VS. DESOTO DRAGONS (1-2)**
- **LOCATION: TIGER STADIUM - FESTUS, MO**
- **DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH – 7:00 PM**

KEYS FOR FESTUS:

- **ESTABLISH THE RUN AND USE ATHLETISCISM TO BEAT DESOTO'S DEFENSE**
- **LIMIT TURNOVERS**
- **PLAY AS A TEAM AND RALLY TO THE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVELY**
- **PLAY SMART AND KNOW ASSIGNMENT**
- **PLAY WITH HIGH INTENSITY**





2019 FESTUS R-VI HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE - PFC ANDREW J. HABSIEGER

A YOUNG MAN IN MILITARY UNIFORM STANDS IN FRONT OF AN AMERICAN FLAG.PFC ANDREW J. HABSIEGER, THE 2019 INDUCTEE INTO THE FESTUS R-VI HALL OF FAME, WAS BORN ON NOVEMBER 25, 1985, TO BRENDA AND MIKE HABSIEGER. PFC HABSIEGER GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY IN BAGHDAD, IRAQ, ON MARCH 24, 2008, AT THE AGE OF 22. EVERYONE WHO KNEW HIM TESTIFIES TO HIS LEADERSHIP, CHARACTER, SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIETY.

A 2004 FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, PFC ANDREW HABSIEGER EXCELLED IN FOOTBALL IN SCHOOL. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL RADIO DREAM TEAM IN BOTH HIS JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEARS. HE PLAYED HIS ENTIRE SENIOR SEASON WITH A BROKEN FOOT. HE WAS ALSO A BASEBALL CATCHER, AN A+ SCHOLAR AND A MEMBER OF RENAISSANCE CLUB AND THE LIBRARY STAFF.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER GRADUATION, PFC HABSIEGER TRIED TO ENLIST IN THE U.S. MARINE CORPS, BUT BECAUSE OF A HISTORY OF MIGRAINE HEADACHES, THE MARINE CORPS REJECTED HIS APPLICATION. UNDETERRED, HABSIEGER TURNED TO THE ARMY. BUT, THERE TOO, HE ENCOUNTERED OBSTACLES. ARMY RECRUITERS TOLD HIM HE MUST BE MIGRAINE-FREE FOR AT LEAST A YEAR BEFORE HE COULD BE ACCEPTED. AFTER ENLISTING THE HELP OF A DOCTOR, AND AFTER A RELENTLESS LETTER-WRITING CAMPAIGN TO CONGRESSMEN, SENATORS AND MILITARY LEADERS, THE ARMY FINALLY ACCEPTED HIM, AND HE ENTERED BOOT CAMP IN FEBRUARY OF 2007, NEARLY THREE YEARS AFTER GRADUATION.

PFC HABSIEGER ARRIVED IN IRAQ IN OCTOBER 2007. JUST SIX MONTHS LATER, ON EASTER SUNDAY 2008, WHILE ON A “ROUTINE” PATROL IN BAGHDAD, HABSIEGER’S UNIT CAME UNDER FIRE. THE BRADLEY FIGHTING VEHICLE HE WAS IN WAS DESTROYED; ANDY LOST HIS LIFE IN THE ATTACK.

THE MEMORY AND LEGACY OF PFC ANDREW HABSIEGER LIVES ON BEYOND HIS 22 YEARS ON EARTH. THE ANDREW HABSIEGER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP HAS PROVIDED MORE THAN $125,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO 87 STUDENTS SINCE IT BEGAN IN 2009. THE FISHER HOUSE AT JEFFERSON BARRACKS, A HOUSE WHERE MILITARY FAMILIES STAY FREE OF CHARGE WHILE A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL, COLLECTED MORE DONATIONS IN ANDY'S NAME THAN IN THE NAME OF ANY OTHER VETERAN. SPEAKING OF THE HABSIEGER FOUNDATION, ANDY'S MOTHER COMMENTED, "AS LONG AS THEY ARE OUT THERE DOING WHAT THEY ARE DOING, ANDY WON'T BE FORGOTTEN."

PFC ANDREW HABSIEGER ALWAYS CHAMPIONED THE UNDERDOG AND WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO CONFRONT BULLIES. CLASSMATES TELL COUNTLESS STORIES OF HOW ANDY HELPED STUDENTS BEING BULLIED OR HARASSED BY OTHER STUDENTS. AFTER HIS DEATH, A FELLOW SOLDIER TOLD HIS PARENTS HOW ANDY STOOD UP FOR HIM IN FRONT OF OTHER SOLDIERS WHO RIDICULED HIM FOR HIS SMALL STATURE AND LACK OF ENGLISH-SPEAKING SKILLS. ANDY'S FRIENDS SAY THAT'S JUST WHO HE WAS.

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JUNIOR SAID, "THE TRUE NEIGHBOR WILL RISK HIS POSITION, HIS PRESTIGE, AND EVEN HIS LIFE FOR THE WELFARE OF OTHERS." PFC ANDREW HABSIEGER RISKED HIS POSITION AND PRESTIGE STANDING UP TO THE BULLIES. HE ULTIMATELY GAVE HIS LIFE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM. THE ENGLISH CLERGYMAN ROBERT SOUTH ONCE SAID, "IF THERE BE ANY TRUER MEASURE OF A MAN THAN BY WHAT HE DOES, IT MUST BE BY WHAT HE GIVES." PFC ANDREW HABSIEGER GAVE HIS LIFE, BY THAT MEASURE; HE IS A GREAT MAN, A ROLE MODEL FOR STUDENTS IN THE FESTUS R-VI SCHOOL DISTRICT AND FOR OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY. AS THE 26TH PERSON INDUCTED INTO THE FESTUS R-VI HALL OF FAME (IN 2019), PFC ANDREW J. HABSIEGER WILL FOREVER BE A SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT IT MEANS TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY.





YATES AND WILKES SHINE IN TIGERS' WIN OVER DESOTO

THE SENIOR DUO COMBINED FOR NEARLY 300 YARDS AND FIVE SCORES

FESTUS, MO. – THE FESTUS TIGERS BEAT THE DESOTO DRAGONS 36-8 AT TIGER STADIUM ON FRIDAY. THE WIN PUSHES THE TIGERS TO A 2-2 RECORD BEFORE THE HIGHWAY A RIVALRY MATCHUP IN HILLSBORO.

SENIOR RUNNING BACK KAM YATES RUSHED FOR 255 YARDS ON 22 CARRIES (11.6 YPC), THREE TOUCHDOWNS AND TWO TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS. YATES NOW HAS 12 TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS THIS SEASON, RANKING TOP TEN IN THE STATE.

SENIOR TIGHT END BRAYDON WILKES LED THE TEAM IN RECEIVING, CATCHING SIX PASSES FOR 43 YARDS AND TWO SCORES. THE TIGERS' DO-IT-ALL MAN HAS TAKEN SNAPS AT QUARTERBACK, KICKED AND IS A FULL-TIME STARTER ON BOTH OFFENSE AND DEFENSE THIS SEASON.

JUNIOR QUARTERBACK QUINN O'BRIEN COMPLETED 76% OF HIS PASSES (11-FOR-14) FOR 116 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS. O'BRIEN ALSO RUSHED FIVE TIMES FOR 12 YARDS.

THE FESTUS DEFENSE HELD ITS OPPONENT UNDER 40 PASSING YARDS FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE WEEK. DESOTO QUARTERBACK CANNON KISNER COMPLETED ONLY FOUR PASSES FOR 30 YARDS AGAINST FESTUS. YATES PICKED OFF KISNER IN THE SECOND QUARTER FOR THE RD/DB'S FIRST INTERCEPTION OF THE YEAR.

THE TIGER DEFENSE ALLOWED AN AVERAGE OF 9.3 POINTS PER GAME IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS AND GOT THE PARTY STARTED ON FRIDAY NIGHT IN FESTUS.

AFTER A SHORT KICK FROM FESTUS, DESOTO PICKED UP A FIRST DOWN AFTER ONLY TWO PLAYS FROM SCRIMMAGE. WILKES MADE HIS FIRST OF MANY IMPACTS ON THE GAME, RECORDING A TACKLE FOR LOSS ON SECOND DOWN, THEN TRACKED DOWN A WIDE RECEIVER FOR A SHORT GAIN ON THIRD DOWN TO FORCE A DRAGON PUNT.

WILKES, WHO ADDED "PUNT-RETURNER" TO HIS ALREADY LENGTHY SEASON RESUME, RETURNED THE PUNT FOR 15 YARDS TO SET UP FESTUS ON ITS OWN 32-YARD LINE. ON THE TIGERS' FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE, YATES TOOK A POWER RUN PLAY 68 YARDS TO THE END ZONE.

A KEY BLOCK FROM JUNIOR GUARD ELI TILLEY, WHO PULLED TO THE LEFT SIDE AND CRUSHED A WOULD-BE TACKLER, ALONG WITH A DOWNFIELD BLOCK FROM WR KEYSHAWN HALL ALLOWED YATES TO RUN UNTOUCHED FOR THE GAME'S OPENING SCORE. FESTUS' PAT ATTEMPT WAS NO GOOD, AND THE TIGERS LED 6-0 JUST OVER FIVE MINUTES INTO THE GAME.

THE REST OF THE FIRST QUARTER BECAME THE BRAYDON WILKES SHOW. ON DESOTO'S ENSUING DRIVE, WILKES SNIFFED OUT A JET RUN AND TRACKED DOWN THE RUNNER FOR A FIVE-YARD LOSS. WILKES' SECOND TFL OF THE FIRST QUARTER HELPED SHUT DOWN THE DRAGON DRIVE AND FORCED ANOTHER PUNT.

FESTUS MARCHED THE BALL DOWN THE FIELD VIA RUNS FROM YATES AND AIDEN SCHIRMER. WITH JUST OVER TWO MINUTES LEFT IN THE FIRST QUARTER, O'BRIEN HIT WILKES, WHO WAS SPLIT OUT AS A WIDE RECEIVER, ON A 15-YARD POST FOR A TOUCHDOWN. THE 6'1", 235-LB WILKES RAN OVER TWO DRAGON DBS FOR HIS FIRST OF TWO TOUCHDOWNS ON THE NIGHT.

FOR THOSE KEEPING SCORE, WILKES HAS PLAYED QUARTERBACK, TIGHT END, WIDE RECEIVER, FULLBACK, PUNT RETURNER, LINEBACKER, DEFENSIVE END, PUNTER AND KICKER FOR FESTUS THIS YEAR. IF THAT ISN'T SOME SORT OF RECORD, IT SHOULD BE.

ON THE TIGERS' TWO-POINT CONVERSION, YATES TOOK AN OUTSIDE ZONE RUN TO THE END ZONE, AND THE FESTUS LED 14-0 IN THE FIRST QUARTER. WILKES, OF COURSE, HAD A BIG PANCAKE BLOCK THAT HELPED SPRING YATES TO PAYDIRT.

DESOTO, TRAILING BY TWO SCORES, WENT TO ITS BAG OF TRICKS ON THE NEXT KICKOFF. A SERIES OF HANDOFFS TEMPORARILY CONFUSED THE TIGER COVERAGE, AND DESOTO PULLED OFF A BIG RETURN TO SET UP ON THEIR OWN 45-YARD LINE. THE TIGER DEFENSE, NOW WISE TO THE TRICKERY, THEN FORCED A THREE-AND-OUT. IN THREE DRAGONS' OFFENSIVE SERIES, THEY HAD YET TO RUN A PLAY IN TIGER TERRITORY.

THAT STREAK CAME TO AN END AFTER FESTUS HAD TO PUNT DEEP IN ITS OWN TERRITORY AFTER ITS NEXT POSSESSION. DESOTO STARTED THE DRIVE ON FESTUS' 39-YARD LINE AND FINISHED WITH A TURNOVER. ON A THIRD-AND-LONG, KISNER DROPPED BACK AND TOSSED UP A PRAYER INTO YATES' AWAITING ARMS.

BOTH SIDES TRADED SCORES AFTER WILKES' LONE BLEMISH ON THE NIGHT. WILKES HAULED IN AN O'BRIEN PASS, THEN RUMBLED 18 YARDS INTO DRAGON TERRITORY. DESOTO NEEDED THREE DEFENDERS TO BRING WILKES DOWN, ONE STRIPPED THE BALL FROM THE TIGHT END'S HANDS, AND THE DRAGONS RECOVERED.

DESOTO SCORED ON A 14-YARD KISNER QB POWER RUN, AND THE DRAGONS ADDED A TWO-POINT CONVERSION TO MAKE IT A SIX-POINT GAME WITH JUST OVER A MINUTE LEFT IN THE HALF.

DESPITE THE SHORT CLOCK, FESTUS NEEDED ONLY FIVE PLAYS TO DRIVE 90 YARDS TO EXTEND THE LEAD. YATES GOT IT ROLLING WITH A 47-YARD RUSH, WILKES ADDED A 19-YARD CATCH AND KEYSHAWN HALL RECORDED AN 18-YARD GRAB TO SET FESTUS UP AT THE 6-YARD LINE.

WITH 20 SECONDS REMAINING, O'BRIEN ROLLED RIGHT AND FOUND WILKES IN THE END ZONE FOR HIS SECOND TD OF THE GAME. YATES TACKED ON A TWO-POINT CONVERSION ON A RUSH, AND JUST LIKE THAT, FESTUS TOOK A 22-8 LEAD INTO HALFTIME.

FESTUS DOMINATED THE SECOND HALF. YATES ADDED A 9-YARD RUSHING TD AND O'BRIEN PUNCHED IN ANOTHER FROM 8 YARDS AWAY. THE DEFENSE PITCHED A SECOND-HALF SHUTOUT TO SECURE A 36-8 WIN IN FRONT OF THE HOME CROWD.

THE TIGERS WILL HIT THE ROAD AND HEAD TO HILLSBORO FOR A HIGHWAY A RIVALRY SHOWDOWN. FESTUS HAS WON THREE STRAIGHT GAMES AGAINST THE HAWKS, INCLUDING TWO LAST YEAR. THE FIRST WAS A DOMINANT 40-14 WIN AT HOME IN WEEK FIVE, AND THEN THE TIGERS SHUT OUT THE HAWKS 41-0 IN THE DISTRICT SEMIFINALS.

HILLSBORO ENTERS THE MATCHUP 4-0 WITH WINS OVER KENNETT, HAZELWOOD EAST, HOLT AND NORTH COUNTY. THE HAWKS AVERAGED AN EYE-POPPING 45.8 POINTS PER GAME AND WON BY AN AVERAGE OF 32.8 POINTS.

THE HAWKS RETURN FOUR MEMBERS OF THE 2025 MFCA ALL-DISTRICT TEAM. SENIOR RUNNING BACK TREY ZIMMERLY, SENIOR DEFENSIVE BACK AUSTON ROSS, JUNIOR DEFENSIVE BACK PRESTON ROSS AND SENIOR LINEBACKER LANDON GONZALES.

FRIDAY'S MATCHUP WILL BE HELD AT HAWK STADIUM IN HILLSBORO. THE LAST TIME THE TIGERS PLAYED IN HILLSBORO, THEY WON A 14-7 DEFENSIVE SHOWDOWN. THIS YEAR'S FESTUS SQUAD HAS PROVEN TO BE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF SCORING, SEEMINGLY AT WILL. WHILE THE TIGER DEFENSE HAS BEEN SOUND LATELY, THE HIGHWAY A RIVALRY MATCHUP WILL BE THE UNIT'S BIGGEST TEST TO DATE.

Week 5
Festus Tigers
vs
Hillsboro Hawks

THE FESTUS TIGERS TRAVEL TO HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL TO TAKE ON THE HAWKS.

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- **MATCHUP: FESTUS TIGERS (2-2) VS. HILLSBORO HAWKS (4-0)**
- **LOCATION: HILLSBORO HS - HILLSBORO, MO**
- **DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH – 7:00 PM**

KEYS FOR FESTUS:

- **ESTABLISH THE RUN AND USE ATHLETISCISM TO BEAT HILLSBORO'S DEFENSE**
- **LIMIT TURNOVERS**
- **PLAY AS A TEAM AND RALLY TO THE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVELY**
- **PLAY SMART AND KNOW ASSIGNMENT**
- **PLAY WITH HIGH INTENSITY**



TIGERS SHUT OUT HILLSBORO, CLAIM HIGHWAY A BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

FESTUS BLANKED THE HAWKS 20-0 FOR ITS FOURTH STRAIGHT WIN OVER HILLSBORO

FESTUS, MO. – THE FESTUS TIGERS (3-2) BEAT THE HILLSBORO HAWKS (4-1) 20-0 AT HAWK STADIUM IN HILLSBORO, MO., ON FRIDAY. IT WAS THE FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME THIS YEAR THE FESTUS DEFENSE ALLOWED 12 POINTS OR FEWER.

FESTUS IS NOW 4-0 AGAINST HILLSBORO SINCE 2024, THE LONGEST TIGER WINNING STREAK OVER THE HAWKS IN 15 YEARS (7-0, 2005-2011). FESTUS HAS OUTSCORED HILLSBORO 115-21 DURING THE CURRENT STREAK. 28 PLAYERS ON THE CURRENT TIGER TEAM ARE JUNIORS OR YOUNGER; THEY HAVE NEVER LOST TO HILLSBORO.

THE TIGERS ARE OVER .500 FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR. AFTER STARTING THE YEAR 0-2, FESTUS HAS WON THREE STRAIGHT GAMES, OUTSCORING OPPONENTS 103-14 AND AVERAGING 29.7 POINTS PER GAME DURING THE STRETCH.

QUARTERBACK QUINN O'BRIEN COMPLETED 71% OF HIS PASSES (10-FOR-14) FOR A CAREER-HIGH 221 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS. O'BRIEN ADDED 13 RUSHING YARDS ON SIX ATTEMPTS.

RUNNING BACK KAM YATES RUSHED FOR 143 YARDS ON 26 ATTEMPTS (5.5 YPC) AND WAS HELD OUT OF THE END ZONE FOR JUST THE SECOND TIME THIS SEASON. YATES ADDED A 62-YARD CATCH-AND-RUN, HIS LONE RECEPTION, TO TALLY OVER 200 TOTAL YARDS. AIDEN SCHIRMER CARRIED THE BALL THREE TIMES FOR NINE YARDS, INCLUDING A TOUCHDOWN.

WIDE RECEIVER DYLAN CLINTON HAD A CAREER NIGHT, CATCHING THREE PASSES FOR 143 YARDS AND A TOUCHDOWN. TIGHT END BRAYDON WILKES CAUGHT FIVE PASSES FOR 36 YARDS AND A TD.

THE TIGER DEFENSE WAS THE STAR OF THE NIGHT. FESTUS POSTED ITS FIRST SHUTOUT OF THE SEASON; IT HELD HILLSBORO TO 162 TOTAL YARDS AND FORCED THREE TURNOVERS. THE TIGER D ALLOWED JUST 55 RUSHING YARDS ON THE NIGHT, THE FEWEST GIVEN UP THIS SEASON.

FESTUS SET THE TONE EARLY ON FRIDAY. ON THE GAME'S OPENING DRIVE, THE TIGERS MARCHED 78 YARDS ON 11 PLAYS TO DRAW FIRST BLOOD. CLINTON REELED IN HIS FIRST OF SEVERAL BIG CATCHES OF THE NIGHT TO KEEP THE DRIVE ALIVE, A 30-YARD STRIKE TO PUT FESTUS IN HAWK TERRITORY.

THE TIGERS FED YATES EARLY AND OFTEN, AND THE SENIOR TAILBACK HELPED PUSH FESTUS DEEP INTO ENEMY TERRITORY. BUT IT WAS SCHIRMER WHO PUNCHED IN A 6-YARD TOUCHDOWN TO PUT THE TIGERS ON THE BOARD. FESTUS' PAT ATTEMPT WAS BLOCKED, AND THE TIGERS LED 6-0 EARLY.

HILLSBORO RESPONDED WITH A BIG KICKOFF RETURN, AND THE HAWKS STARTED THEIR FIRST POSSESSION ON THE TIGERS' 47-YARD LINE. DESPITE THAT FACT, HILLSBORO RAN ONLY ONE PLAY IN TIGER TERRITORY: A 4TH-DOWN PUNT. BEFORE THE HAWKS COULD RUN A PLAY, A FALSE START BACKED THEM UP BEHIND THE 50-YARD LINE.

SENIOR GALIN HALL MADE HIS PRESENCE FELT RIGHT AWAY; THE DE HAD A TACKLE FOR LOSS ON FIRST DOWN, THEN COMBINED WITH ANTONIO PINKSTON FOR A SACK ON SECOND DOWN TO SHUT DOWN THE HAWKS.

THE GAME'S EARLY TURNING POINT CAME JUST THREE MINUTES INTO THE SECOND QUARTER. FOLLOWING A FESTUS PUNT, HILLSBORO DROVE THE LENGTH OF THE FIELD, SURVIVING MORE TFLS FROM HALL AND BEAU CANADY, AND FACED A 3RD-AND-FIVE FROM THE FESTUS 13-YARD LINE.

HILLSBORO ATTEMPTED A PITCH PLAY AND SCHRIMER FORCED A FUMBLE, RECOVERED BY LIAM O'BRIEN, TO GIVE FESTUS THE BALL BACK. IT WAS THE FIRST OF THREE HILLSBORO FUMBLES.

THE TIGERS' ENSUING DRIVE WAS PROMISING, BUT SNUFFED OUT BY PENALTIES. YATES HAD A BIG RUN TO MOVE THE STICKS ON 3RD DOWN, BUT A HOLDING CALL MOVED FESTUS BACK. BEFORE WILKES COULD PUNT ON FOURTH DOWN, TWO SEPARATE PRE-SNAP PENALTIES BACKED FESTUS UP EVEN MORE.

IN AN INTENSE RIVALRY GAME, PENALTIES ARE TO BE EXPECTED, AND BOTH SIDES HAD THEIR FAIR SHARE OF YELLOW MARKERS ON FRIDAY.

FESTUS FORCED A QUICK THREE-AND-OUT TO GET THE BALL BACK WITH JUST OVER 4 MINUTES LEFT IN THE HALF. YATES RUSHED FOR SEVEN YARDS ON FIRST DOWN, AND FESTUS NEARED THE MIDFIELD LINE WITH THE CLOCK ROLLING.

HOWEVER, BACK-TO-BACK FALSE STARTS BACKED UP THE TIGER OFFENSE, NOW FACING 2ND-AND-13. GOING BACK TO THE TIGERS' LAST DRIVE, IN THE SPAN OF TWO PLAYS, THE TIGERS LOST 20 YARDS DUE TO PRE-SNAP PENALTIES.

O'BRIEN DECIDED ENOUGH WAS ENOUGH. THE QB EXECUTED A BEAUTIFUL PLAY-ACTION PASS, STAYED IN THE POCKET DESPITE TAKING A BIG HIT, AND FIRED TO CLINTON ON A POST PATTERN FOR A 64-YARD CATCH-AND-RUN SCORE.

FOLLOWING THE TD, THE TIGERS WENT FOR TWO, AND O'BRIEN ROLLED OUT OF THE POCKET AND FOUND WILKES IN THE CORNER OF THE END ZONE TO PUT FESTUS UP 14-0.

DESPITE THE DOUBLE-DIGIT LEAD, THE TIGER DEFENSE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF SLOWING. WITH HILLSBORO TRYING TO CROSS INTO TIGER TERRITORY, LINEBACKERS ARIC LUO AND WILKES COMBINED FOR A STRIP-SACK, RECOVERED BY GIBSON COTHAM, TO GIVE FESTUS THE BALL BACK.

FESTUS WENT FOUR-AND-OUT ON ITS ENSUING DRIVE. HILLSBORO TOOK OVER WITH 16 SECONDS LEFT, AND WERE CONTENT TO KNEEL OUT THE CLOCK. FESTUS LED 14-0 GOING INTO THE BREAK.

FOLLOWING A SERIES OF PUNTS BY BOTH SIDES OUT OF HALFTIME, HILLSBORO DROVE DOWN THE FIELD AND LOOKED TO GET ON THE BOARD WITH JUST OVER FIVE MINUTES LEFT IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE HAWKS CAME OUT IN THE WISHBONE OFFENSE. A HANDOFF TO THE FULLBACK LOOKED LIKE A SURE-THING TOUCHDOWN UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE, THAT WAS WHEN LIAM O'BRIEN FORCED HIS SECOND FUMBLE OF THE NIGHT.

O'BRIEN FLEW IN FROM HIS SAFETY SPOT AND JUST JARRED THE BALL LOOSE BEFORE HILLSBORO COULD BREAK THE PLANE. LUO RECOVERED THE BALL IN THE ENDZONE, AND FESTUS TOOK OVER.

THE TIGERS' NEXT DRIVE WAS IN DANGER EARLY. AFTER A HOLDING PENALTY, FESTUS FACED A 3RD-AND-13 TO TRY AND KEEP THE DRIVE ALIVE. QUINN O'BRIEN FOUND YATES ON A CORNER ROUTE AND THE RB BROKE TWO TACKLES AND SCAMPERED 62 YARDS DOWN THE FIELD TO PUT THE TIGERS DEEP INTO ENEMY TERRITORY.

BEFORE ANOTHER PLAY, THE FLAG FEST CONTINUED. A FESTUS HOLD NEGATED A SCHIRMER FIRST DOWN RUN, THEN A TIGER FALSE START BACKED THEM UP EVEN MORE. THEN HILLSBORO JUMPED OFF SIDES, AND FESTUS WAS STILL 10 YARDS BEHIND THE STICKS ON FIRST DOWN.

O'BRIEN THEN FOUND CLINTON FOR A BIG GAIN TO PUT FESTUS EIGHT YARDS AWAY FROM PAYDIRT. THE TIGERS CAME OUT IN A HEAVY FORMATION, WITH SCHRIMER AND PINKSTON BOTH AT FULLBACK AND WILKES TAKING THE SNAP.

THE BIG MAN BROKE TWO TACKLES AND RUMBLED INTO THE END ZONE, HOWEVER A FLAG NEGATED THE PLAY.

TWO PLAYS LATER, WILKES WOULD NOT BE DENIED BY EITHER THE REFEREES OR THE HILLSBORO DEFENSE. O'BRIEN THREW TO WILKES IN THE FLAT AND THE TIGHT END BROKE ANOTHER TACKLE BEFORE SCORING. LUCKILY, NO FLAGS WERE THROWN.

A TWO-POINT RUSH ATTEMPT BY WILKES WAS STOPPED SHORT, AND FESTUS LED 20-0 WITH TWO MINUTES REMAINING IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

WITH A BIG LEAD, THE TIGERS KEPT THE BALL ON THE GROUND. THE FESTUS DEFENSE STOOD TALL, REFUSING TO LET ITS HATED RIVAL INTO THE ENDZONE, AND THE GAME ENDED WITH FESTUS ON TOP 20-0.

THE TIGERS RETURN HOME ON FRIDAY FOR A MATCHUP WITH NORTH COUNTY (2-3). THE RAIDERS ARE 1-2 ON THE ROAD THIS SEASON, WITH LOSSES TO SOUTHERN BOONE (41-13) AND HILLSBORO (45-13). NORTH

COUNTY ENTERS THE MATCHUP FRESH OFF ITS FIRST ROAD WIN, BEATING LUTHERAN (ST. PETERS, MO.) 48-12 LAST WEEK.

NORTH COUNTY HAS HAD AN UP AND DOWN SEASON SO FAR. IN ITS THREE LOSSES, THE RAIDERS GAVE UP 40+ POINTS IN EACH OF THEM AND LOST BY AN AVERAGE OF 35 POINTS. IN ITS TWO WINS, NORTH COUNTY HAS SCORED 35 AND 48 POINTS AND HELD ITS OPPONENT TO 22 POINTS OR LESS.

THE RAIDERS RETURN FOUR MEMBERS OF THE 2025 MFCA CLASS 4 ALL-DISTRICT TEAM, KICKER COLE MULLINS (SR.), LINEBACKER JAXON SCHERFFIUS (SR.), QUARTERBACK BRAYDEE MCCLURE (SR.) AND LINEBACKER NOAH LASHLEY (SR.).

LAST SEASON, FESTUS BEAT NORTH COUNTY TWICE. ON OCTOBER 3, FESTUS WON 46-21 IN BONNE TERRE, MO., THEN BEAT THE RAIDERS AT HOME 42-24 TO WIN THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP ON NOVEMBER 14.

SINCE WEEK TWO, THE TIGER DEFENSE HAS ALLOWED A TOTAL OF 36 POINTS (9 POINTS PER GAME), AND LOOKS TO KEEP THE TRAIN ROLLING AT TIGER STADIUM ON FRIDAY.

Week 6
Festus Tigers
vs
North County Raiders

HOMECOMING!

THE FESTUS TIGERS TAKE ON THE RAIDERS FOR HOMECOMING

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- **MATCHUP: FESTUS TIGERS (3-2) VS. NORTH COUNTY RAIDERS (2-3)**
- **LOCATION: TIGER STADIUM FESTUS, MO**
- **DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2ND – 7:00 PM**

KEYS FOR FESTUS:

- **ESTABLISH THE RUN AND USE ATHLETISCISM TO BEAT NORTH COUNTY'S DEFENSE**
- **LIMIT TURNOVERS**
- **PLAY AS A TEAM AND RALLY TO THE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVELY**
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YATES' RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT SECURES CONFERENCE TITLE FOR TIGERS

THE SENIOR RUNNING BACK TURNED HEADS AND RECORD-BOOK PAGES ON FRIDAY

FESTUS, MO. – THE FESTUS TIGERS (4-2, 4-0) BEAT THE NORTH COUNTY RAIDERS (2-4, 1-2) 55-31 AT TIGER STADIUM ON FRIDAY NIGHT. WITH THE WIN, THE TIGERS CLAIMED THE MAFC RED CONFERENCE TITLE FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON.

SENIOR RUNNING BACK KAM YATES RUSHED FOR A SCHOOL-RECORD 341 YARDS ON 29 CARRIES (11.8 YPC) AND TACKED ON THREE RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS. YATES' EFFORT IS THE NEW 35TH BEST SINGLE-GAME RUSHING PERFORMANCE IN MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL HISTORY (PREV: BROCK WEST, 323 YARDS, LEBANON HS, SEPT. 7, 2012). THE RUNNING BACK ALSO CAUGHT ONE PASS FOR 15 YARDS TO TOTAL 356 YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE.

YATES' RECORD BREAKING NIGHT HELPED PUSH THE SENIOR INTO THE STATE TOP TEN IN SEVERAL KEY CATEGORIES. THE TIGER RUNNING BACK RANKS 4TH IN TOTAL YARDS (1245), 6TH IN RUSHING YARDS (915) AND 6TH IN POINTS SCORED (100).

FESTUS THREW THE FIRST PUNCH OF THE NIGHT ON THE GAME'S OPENING KICKOFF. THE TIGERS ATTEMPTED AN ONSIDE KICK, RECOVERED BY CARTER RUSH AFTER A KEY BLOCK FROM LIAM O'BRIEN, AND STARTED THE GAME ON NORTH COUNTY'S 45-YARD LINE.

THE TIGERS PROMPTLY MARCHED DOWN THE FIELD IN ONLY FOUR PLAYS TO DRAW FIRST BLOOD. YATES RUSHED THREE TIMES, PICKING UP A FIRST DOWN, THEN TWO OFFSIDES PENALTIES ON THE RAIDERS MOVED THE BALL TO THE 24-YARD LINE.

AFTER FEEDING YATES FOR THE FIRST THREE PLAYS, O'BRIEN AND COMPANY EXECUTED A PERFECT PLAY-ACTION PASS TO A WIDE OPEN BRAYDON WILKES WHO RAN UNTOUCHED INTO THE ENDZONE. BENNETT SPRAUL CONVERTED THE PAT AND THE TIGERS LED 7-0 IN UNDER TWO MINUTES INTO THE GAME.

WILKES, THE TIGERS' SUPER-UTILITY MAN, CAUGHT THREE PASSES FOR 79 YARDS (26.3 YPC) AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS ON FRIDAY NIGHT. THE 6'1'' SENIOR ADDED A TWO-YARD RUSHING TD TO COMPLETE THE HAT TRICK.

WHILE THE TIGER OFFENSE, YATES ESPECIALLY, WILL RECEIVE THE HEADLINES FROM FRIDAY'S WIN, FESTUS' DEFENSE WAS IN PRIME FORM EARLY ON. NORTH COUNTY'S FIRST TWO DRIVES STARTED AT MIDFIELD. IN A TOTAL OF EIGHT PLAYS, THE RAIDERS GAINED -2 YARDS AND PUNTED TWICE. DEFENSIVE ENDS GALIN HALL AND ANTONIO PINKSTON WERE IN THE BACKFIELD ALL NIGHT. IF ANYTHING WERE TO GET BEHIND THEM, LINEBACKER AIDEN SCHIRMER WAS THERE FOR COVERAGE.

FESTUS HELD NORTH COUNTY TO 67 RUSHING YARDS ON FRIDAY NIGHT, THE UNIT'S SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK ALLOWING LESS THAN 70 RUSHING YARDS. NORTH COUNTY QB BRAYDEE MCCLURE WAS SACKED THREE TIMES AND THREW TWO INTERCEPTIONS.

WILKES STARTED AND CAPPED OFF FESTUS' NEXT SCORING DRIVE, SETTING HIS OFFENSE UP IN GREAT FIELD POSITION AFTER A 21-YARD PUNT RETURN. THE TIGERS AGAIN SET UP PLAY-ACTION PASSES WITH RUNS FROM YATES, WHO PICKED UP 12 YARDS ON THREE CARRIES, BEFORE O'BRIEN DROPPED BACK AND LAUNCHED A 40-YARD STRIKE TO RUSH TO PUT FESTUS ON THE 5-YARD LINE.

O'BRIEN THREW ONLY NINE TIMES ON FRIDAY, COMPLETING SIX PASSES FOR 170 YARDS AND THREE TOUCHDOWNS. THE TIGER SIGNAL CALLER HAD A CAREER-HIGH 28.3 YARDS PER COMPLETION. O'BRIEN ADDED 29 RUSHING YARDS AND TD ON EIGHT ATTEMPTS. THE FOUR TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS MARKED A NEW CAREER-HIGH FOR THE JUNIOR.

TWO PLAYS LATER, THE TIGERS' SET UP IN THEIR HEAVY FORMATION; THREE OFFENSIVE LINEMAN ON THE RIGHT SIDE, HALL IN A LEFT TACKLE, SCHRIMER AND PINKSTON AS FULLBACKS AND WILKES TAKING THE SNAP AS A POWER QB. AS PER USUAL, WILKES WALKED UNTOUCHED INTO THE ENDZONE AND FESTUS LED 14-0 WITH THREE MINUTES LEFT IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

AT THIS POINT, THE HOME CROWD WAS READY FOR ANOTHER BLOWOUT. LAST YEAR, FESTUS BEAT NORTH COUNTY 46-21 IN BONNE TERRE, MO. HOWEVER, THE RAIDERS PUNCHED BACK.

NORTH COUNTY LOST FOUR YARDS ON ITS FIRST TWO PLAYS, AT THAT POINT TOTALING -6 YARDS. THEN, ON THIRD-AND-LONG MCCLURE THREW UP A PRAYER 32-YARDS DOWN THE FIELD. DESPITE TIGHT COVERAGE (AND A DEFENSIVE PASS INTERFERENCE FLAG) IAN MARLER SOMEHOW CAME DOWN WITH THE BALL TO KEEP THE RAIDER DRIVE ALIVE.

THE VERY NEXT PLAY, MCCLURE ROLLED TO HIS LEFT TO AVOID HEAVY PRESSURE AND HIT NOAH LINDSEY FOR A 26-YARD CATCH AND RUN SCORE.

DESPITE THE LOSS, MCCLURE THREW FOR 305 YARDS AND THREE TOUCHDOWNS (11-FOR-24), AND LED THE TEAM IN RUSHING YARDS (39). FRIDAY MARKED THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON FESTUS ALLOWED OVER 300 PASSING YARDS.

NORTH COUNTY CONVERTED THE PAT AND TRAILED 14-7, WHICH MARKED THE FINAL TIME FESTUS LED BY ONLY ONE SCORE ON FRIDAY.

THE TIGERS THEN WENT ON A 21-0 RUN, KICK-STARTED BY AN 80-YARD RUSHING TD BY YATES ON A DOUBLE-TRAP PLAY WHERE KEEGAN WOMACK AND ELI TILLEY PULLED TO THE LEFT SIDE TO CLEAR A PATH FOR THE RUNNING BACK.

THE LONG RUN WAS THE FIRST OF THREE 50+ YARD RUSHING SCORES BY YATES ON HIS HISTORIC NIGHT.

THEY SAY, “WHEN IT RAINS IT POURS.” THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED IN THE SECOND QUARTER FOR THE FESTUS OFFENSE. O’BRIEN RAN FOR A 40-YARD TD, THEN THE TIGER OFFENSE CAME BACK AND WILKES COMPLETED HIS HAT TRICK WITH A 25-YARD RECEIVING TD. FESTUS LED 35-7 MERE MINUTES INTO THE SECOND.

NORTH COUNTY ADDED A PAIR OF JESSE JOHNSON TOUCHDOWNS BEFORE HALFTIME, WHILE THE FESTUS OFFENSE SCORED ON A YATES 51-YARD RUSH AND A 36-YARD RECEIVING SCORE FROM DYLAN CLINTON TO GIVE FESTUS A 49-21 LEAD BEFORE HALFTIME.

THERE WERE SIX TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS IN THE SECOND QUARTER, TEN TOTAL TDS IN THE FIRST HALF, AND A COMBINED 70 POINTS. ALL OF THOSE ARE SEASON HIGHS FOR FESTUS AND ITS OPPONENT THIS SEASON. FOR THOSE WHO LIKE OFFENSE, THIS WAS YOUR SUPER BOWL.

FOLLOWING THE BREAK, NORTH COUNTY WENT ON A 10-0 RUN. THE RAIDERS CONVERTED ON A 27-YARD FIELD GOAL, AND JAXON SCHERFFIUS SCORED ON A 62-YARD CATCH-AND-RUN TO BRING THE SCORE TO 49-31.

FESTUS, CONTENT TO KEEP THE BALL ON THE GROUND, BROKE THROUGH AGAIN. YATES CAPPED OFF HIS HISTORIC NIGHT WITH A 54-YARD RUSHING TOUCHDOWN. THE PAT WAS NO GOOD AND FESTUS CRUISED TO A 55-31 WIN.

THE FESTUS OFFENSE OPERATED AT MAX CAPACITY ON FRIDAY, SCORING A SEASON HIGH 55 POINTS, THANKS LARGELY IN PART TO THE USUAL THREE SUSPECTS: WILKES, YATES AND O’BRIEN.

HOWEVER, SPRAUL WAS THE UNSUNG HERO. THE KICKER CONVERTED ON ALL BUT ONE OF HIS EIGHT PAT ATTEMPTS ON FRIDAY. THE KICKING GAME HAS BEEN UP AND DOWN THIS SEASON FOR THE TIGERS, BUT SPRAUL WAS FANTASTIC. IF THE TIGERS WANT TO MAKE ANOTHER DEEP PLAYOFF RUN, THEY WILL NEED TO RELY ON THEIR KICKER.

FESTUS HAS ONE OF ITS BIGGEST TESTS OF THE SEASON COMING UP. THE HANNIBAL PIRATES COME TO TOWN ON FRIDAY NIGHT. HANNIBAL MADE IT TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP LAST SEASON, BEFORE LOSING TO KEARNEY 21-14, AFTER A 11-3 SEASON (5-0 IN DISTRICT).

HANNIBAL RETURNS SEVEN MEMBERS OF THE MFCA 2025 ALL-DISTRICT TEAM (CLASS 4, DISTRICT 5). RUNNING BACK AND SPECIALIST DARRION WASHINGTON (SR.), DEFENSIVE LINEMAN CHRISTIAN NEISEN (JR.), OFFENSIVE LINEMAN PHILLIP MARTIN III (JR.), QUARTERBACK WYETH DORSEY (SR.), WIDE RECEIVER REID HOLLIDAY (SR.) AND DEFENSIVE BACK KADE HOSKINS (SR.).
THE PIRATES ARE ONE OF THE BEST FOOTBALL PROGRAMS IN THE STATE, WITH FIVE 10+ WIN SEASONS IN THE LAST SIX YEARS. WITH A PLETHORA OF FINAL FOUR APPEARANCES AS OF LATE, FRIDAY NIGHT COULD BE A PLAYOFF PREVIEW FOR THE FESTUS FAITHFUL AT TIGER STADIUM.

Week 7 Festus Tigers
vs
Hannibal Pirates

SENIOR NIGHT!

THE FESTUS TIGERS TAKE ON THE PIRATES

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- **MATCHUP: FESTUS TIGERS (4-2) VS. HANNIBAL PIRATES (3-3)**
- **LOCATION: TIGER STADIUM FESTUS, MO**
- **DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH – 7:00 PM**

KEYS FOR FESTUS:

- **ESTABLISH THE RUN AND USE ATHLETISCISM TO BEAT HANNIBAL'S DEFENSE**
- **LIMIT TURNOVERS**
- **PLAY AS A TEAM AND RALLY TO THE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVELY**
- **PLAY SMART AND KNOW ASSIGNMENT**
- **PLAY WITH HIGH INTENSITY**



TIGERS OUTLAST HANNIBAL TO WIN FIFTH STRAIGHT GAME
BRAYDON WILKES SHINES AS TIGERS HOLD ON TO VICTORY

FESTUS, MO. – THE FESTUS TIGERS (5-2) BEAT THE HANNIBAL PIRATES (3-4) 21-12 ON SENIOR NIGHT AT TIGER STADIUM. THE TIGERS' FIVE-GAME WIN STREAK IS ONE WIN SHORT OF LAST SEASON'S SIX GAME STREAK, AND TWO WINS BEHIND A RECORD (SINCE 2000) SEVEN GAME WIN STREAK SET IN 2007 AND DONE AGAIN IN 2020.

SENIORS ANTONIO PINKSTON, KAM YATES, PARKER PERRY, GALIN HALL, BRAYDON WILKES, DYLAN CLINTON, MAX FOGLESONG, GUS DRINEN, LIAM O'BRIEN, LANDEN NAUMANN, CHASE BARKS, JUSTUS GAMM, MICHAEL FARRIES, CAMDEN WILLIAMS, CARSON GRASS, GARRETT BURGAN, AIDEN BEELMAN AND CAMDEN WALTON WERE ALL HONORED PREGAME FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO FESTUS FOOTBALL.

THE TIGERS HAD THEIR WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM HEADING INTO A WEEK 7 MATCHUP WITH HANNIBAL. THE PIRATES FINISHED THE 2025 SEASON 11-3 AND MADE IT TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP WHERE THEY LOST TO KEARNY. HANNIBAL HAD PUT TOGETHER FIVE DOUBLE-DIGIT WIN SEASONS OVER THE LAST SIX YEARS.

HOWEVER, THIS PIRATE TEAM CAME TO FESTUS TIGER TURF 3-3 ON THE SEASON, AND LOOKED TO GET BACK ON TRACK AFTER A HEARTBREAKING 29-26 LOSS AGAINST ST. DOMINIC THE WEEK BEFORE.

HANNIBAL RUNS THE PRO SET OFFENSE FEATURING TWO TIGHT ENDS, TWO RUNNING BACKS IN THREE-POINT STANCES IN THE BACKFIELD AND ONLY ONE WIDE RECEIVER ON THE OUTSIDE. THIS RUN-HEAVY ATTACK HAD PROVEN TO BE DIFFICULT TO DEFEND, AND GAVE FESTUS SOME ISSUES EARLY ON.

AFTER A SQUIB KICK FROM FESTUS ON THE GAME'S OPENING WHISTLE, HANNIBAL STARTED THE NIGHT ON ITS OWN 43-YARD LINE. THE PIRATES METHODICALLY MOVED DOWN THE FIELD, AND WERE SET UP DEEP IN TIGER TERRITORY FACING THE SECOND 4TH DOWN OF THE DRIVE.

THE PRO SET OFFENSE IS DESIGNED TO BREAK THE OPPOSING TEAM'S SPIRIT. RUN AFTER RUN, THREE YARD GAIN AFTER THREE YARD GAIN. THIS OFFENSE IS MADE TO GRIND DOWN THE DEFENSE, SCORE EARLY, RUN DOWN THE CLOCK AND FORCE THE OPPOSITION TO THROW THE BALL WITH LITTLE TIME LEFT.

HANNIBAL DID EXACTLY THAT, IN 12 PLAYS (ONLY ONE PASS) THE PIRATES MARCHED TO THE FESTUS 15-YARD LINE AND FACED A 4TH AND SIX TO KEEP THE DRIVE ALIVE. BEFORE THE BALL WAS SNAPPED, THE PIRATES HAD ALREADY TAKEN OVER SIX MINUTES OFF THE CLOCK.

A PRE-SNAP PENALTY MOVED HANNIBAL BACK, NOW STARING DOWN A 4TH-AND-11, AND A PIRATE PASS INTO THE ENDZONE WAS JUST TOO FAR OUT OF REACH. THE FESTUS DEFENSE STOOD TALL. THE TIGERS, ALREADY

FACING A CHALLENGE IN HANNIBAL'S RUN-HEAVY APPROACH, WERE WITHOUT STAR LINEBACKER AIDEN SCHIRMER, WHO MISSED THE GAME DUE TO INJURY.

HANNIBAL'S FIRST DRIVE WENT 37 YARDS IN 13 PLAYS, TOOK OVER SIX AND A HALF MINUTES, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY; IT RESULTED IN ZERO POINTS.

FESTUS TOOK OVER AND PUT TOGETHER A LONG DRIVE OF ITS OWN. THE TIGERS MAINLY KEPT THE BALL ON THE GROUND, WITH HANDOFFS TO YATES AND QB KEEPERS FROM QUINN O'BRIEN. O'BRIEN COMPLETED THREE PASSES ON THE DRIVE, TWO SCREENS TO YATES AND A BIG CHUNK PLAY ON A PASS TO WILKES (LATER SHORTENED DUE TO A DOWNFIELD HOLD).

WHEN IT WAS ALL SAID AND DONE, FESTUS MARCHED 80 YARDS IN 12 PLAYS. YATES PUNCHED IN A 4-YARD TOSS ON THE FIRST PLAY OF THE SECOND QUARTER TO GIVE THE TIGERS THE LEAD. BENNETT SPRAUL'S PAT WAS GOOD, AND FESTUS LED 7-0 JUST SIX SECONDS INTO THE SECOND.

HANNIBAL GOT BACK TO ITS ROOTS ONCE IT GOT THE BALL BACK. AFTER A SHORT KICK, THE PIRATES STARTED AT THEIR OWN 35-YARD LINE AND MARCHED RIGHT DOWN THE FIELD. HANNIBAL RAN 12 PLAYS, 11 OF THEM BEING RUSHES.

IN ITS FIRST TWO SERIES, HANNIBAL RAN 25 TOTAL PLAYS, PASSED ONLY THREE TIMES RESULTING IN JUST ONE COMPLETION. IN THE WORDS OF RON SWANSON FROM PARKS AND RECREATION, "I KNOW WHAT I'M ABOUT, SON." HANNIBAL KNOWS WHAT IT'S ABOUT, AND THAT IS RUNNING THE BALL.

HANNIBAL PUNCHED IN A 1-YARD QB KEEPER, AND BROUGHT THE SCORE WITHIN ONE WITH NEARLY HALF OF THE SECOND QUARTER GONE ON ONE POSSESSION. HANNIBAL'S PAT MISSED WIDE LEFT, AND THE TIGERS HELD ONTO A 7-6 LEAD.

BOTH SIDES THEN TRADED SCORELESS POSSESSIONS, AND THE TIGERS' TOOK THEIR ONE-POINT ADVANTAGE INTO HALFTIME.

AFTER THE BREAK, FESTUS WASTED NO TIME GETTING BACK TO ITS SCORING WAYS. ON THE FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE AFTER HALFTIME, O'BRIEN DROPPED BACK AND FOUND WILKES UP THE SEAM FOR A 34-YARD CONNECTION.

A FEW PLAYS LATER, O'BRIEN FAKED A HANDOFF TO YATES BEFORE GIVING IT TO WILKES WHO RAN 23 YARDS INTO THE ENDZONE TO EXTEND THE FESTUS LEAD. THE TIGERS WENT 81 YARDS IN ONLY SIX PLAYS, THREE OF WHICH WENT TO WILKES. SPRAUL CONNECTED ON HIS SECOND PAT OF THE NIGHT, AND FESTUS LED 14-6.

HANNIBAL, NOW TRAILING BY EIGHT, WAS FORCED OUT OF ITS RUN-HEAVY OFFENSE AND WENT TO THE AIR. ON THE PIRATES SECOND OFFENSIVE PLAY OF THE HALF, YATES INTERCEPTED AN OVERTHROWN PASS AND WEAVED HIS WAY 63-YARDS DOWN THE FIELD TO SET THE OFFENSE UP IN PRIME POSITION.

ALREADY DEEP IN PIRATE TERRITORY, FESTUS NEEDED ONLY FIVE PLAYS TO SCORE. WILKES HAD AN EIGHT YARD CARRY FALL ONE YARD SHORT, THEN FESTUS CAME BACK OUT IN ITS HEAVY FORMATION WITH PINKSTON AND ARIC LUO PLAYING FULLBACK, AND WILKES PUNCHED IT IN FROM ONE YARD AWAY.

SPRAUL CONNECTED ON HIS THIRD PAT, FINISHING THE NIGHT A PERFECT THREE-FOR-THREE. THE FESTUS FIGHTIN' BRAYDON WILKES'S, OH I MEAN FESTUS TIGERS LED 21-6.

THE TIGERS HAD MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT THE GAME AWAY BUT COULD NOT CAPITALIZE. FESTUS HAD TWO 4TH DOWN TRIES INSIDE THE HANNIBAL TEN-YARD-LINE AND CAME AWAY WITH ZERO POINTS. BOTH ATTEMPTS WERE INCOMPLETE PASSES INTENDED FOR WILKES. THE LADDER CAME AFTER HANNIBAL TRIED, AND FAILED, A FAKE PUNT INSIDE ITS OWN 15 WHICH WAS SNUFFED OUT BY PINKSTON AND GALIN HALL.

THE HANNIBALL OFFENSE RODE THE MOMENTUM GAINED FROM BACK-TO-BACK GOALLINE STANDS AND WENT DOWN THE FIELD. THE PIRATES USED 13 PLAYS TO MARCH NEARLY 90 YARDS, CAPPED OFF BY A POP PASS TO THE TIGHT END FOR A 15-YARD TD.

HANNIBAL WENT FOR TWO, BUT KEYSHAWN HALL HAD OTHER PLANS. THE TIGER DB FLEW DOWN FROM HIS COVERAGE SPOT TO MAKE A TERRIFIC OPEN-FIELD TACKLE TO KEEP THE TWO POSSESSION LEAD INTACT.

DUE TO THE METHODIC NATURE OF THE HANNIBAL OFFENSE, THE PIRATES TOOK TOO MUCH TIME OFF THE CLOCK, AND FESTUS WON 21-12 IN FRONT OF ITS HOME CROWD ON SENIOR NIGHT.

IT TOOK A PHENOMENAL DEFENSIVE EFFORT FROM FESTUS, ESPECIALLY FROM LUO (WHO FILLED IN FOR THE INJURED SCHIRMER AT LINEBACKER). THE TIGER D FORCED MULTIPLE TURNOVERS, AND KEPT THE "WEAR 'EM OUT" HANNIBAL OFFENSE IN CHECK ALL NIGHT.

THE TIGERS HIT THE ROAD AND HEAD TO POPLAR BLUFF, MO., TO TAKE ON THE MULES. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME FESTUS WILL PLAY POPLAR BLUFF SINCE 2017, A GAME THE MULES WON 34-10 AT TIGER STADIUM.

POPLAR BLUFF ENTERS THE MATCHUP 1-6 ON THE SEASON, AND 0-4 IN THE SE MISSOURI NORTH. THE MULES HAVE LOST FOUR STRAIGHT GAMES BY A COMBINED 147 POINTS, AVERAGING JUST NINE POINTS PER GAME ON OFFENSE DURING THAT STRETCH.

THE MULES RETURN TWO MEMBERS OF THE CLASS 5 MFCA ALL-DISTRICT 2025 TEAM; OFFENSIVE LINEMAN KARSEN DICKEN (SR.) AND PUNTER COLT CLIFFORD (SR.)

DO NOT LET THE RECORD FOOL YOU, JUST BECAUSE THE MULES ARE 1-6 DOES NOT MEAN THEY WILL TAKE TOO KINDLY TO THE TIGERS COMING TO TOWN. OFTENTIMES THOSE NOT-SO-GREAT RECORD TEAMS ARE THE ONES THAT WILL SNEAK UP ON YOU WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT.

WITH A WIN ON FRIDAY IN POPLAR BLUFF, MO., THE TIGERS COULD EXTEND THEIR WIN STREAK TO SIX GAMES, WITH A CHANCE TO TIE A SCHOOL RECORD (SINCE 2000) SEVEN GAME WIN STREAK IN KIRKSVILLE NEXT FRIDAY.

Week 8 Festus Tigers
vs
Poplar Bluff Mules

THE FESTUS TIGERS TAKE ON THE PIRATES

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- MATCHUP: FESTUS TIGERS (5-2) VS. POPLAR BLUFF MULES (1-5)
- LOCATION: POPLAR BLUFF HS, POPLAR BLUFF, MO
- DATE/TIME: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH – 7:00 PM

KEYS FOR FESTUS:

- ESTABLISH THE RUN AND USE ATHLETISCISM TO BEAT POPLAR BLUFF'S DEFENSE
- LIMIT TURNOVERS
- PLAY AS A TEAM AND RALLY TO THE FOOTBALL DEFENSIVELY
- PLAY SMART AND KNOW ASSIGNMENT
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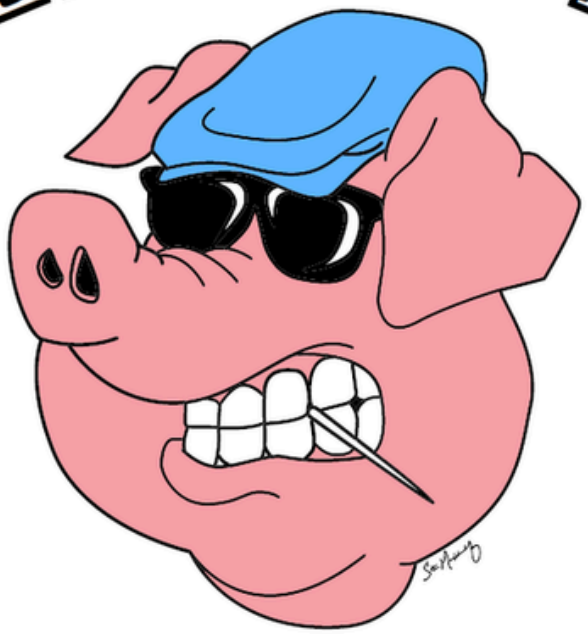
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2026 Festus Varsity Roster

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Height	Weight
0	Jamar Hibbler	9	RB/DB	5'7	155
1	Keyshawn Hall	11	DB	5'10	150
2	Antonio Pinkston	12	DE	6'2	245
3	Kamden Yates	12	RB	5'8	175
4	Parker Perry	12	QB	6'1	205
5	Aiden Schirmer	11	LB	6'2	210
6	Carter Rush	11	WR	5'11	170
7	Galin Hall	12	DE	6'1	220
8	Braydon Wilkes	12	TE	6'1	235
9	Dylan Clinton	12	WR	5'8	160
10	Quinnten O'Brien	11	QB	5'10	180
11	Max Foglesong	12	DB	5'11	195
12	Michael Hankins	9	QB	5'10	150
13	Gus Drinen	12	WR	6'2	170
14	Eli Bequette	9	WR	5'5	130
15	Nash Fenwick	10	DB/WR	6'0	165
16	Bradley Hodges	9	K	6'1	180
17	Devario Taylor	11	LB	5'9	175
18	Jumi Fitzgerald	10	DB/WR	6'0	165
19	Nolan Hoppmann	9	DB	5'6	135
22	Shane Reese	9	RB/DB	5'11	155
23	Bennett Spraul	10	RB/LB	5'10	185
24	Liam O'Brien	12	DB	5'11	195

2026 Festus Varsity Roster

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.	Height	Weight
26	Landen Naumann	12	DB	5'8	145
28	Myles Farries	11	LB	5'10	185
30	Chase Barks	12	DE	6'5	180
32	Aric Luo	11	LB	6'0	210
33	Aden Brown	10	TE	6'0	175
34	Joe Hindman	10	TE	6'0	185
36	Justus Gamm	12	LB	5'11	165
40	Gibson Cotham	11	DT	6'0	245
42	Mike Farries	12	DT	5'7	190
51	Camden Williams	12	OL	5'9	235
52	Liam Moser	10	DL/OL	6'0	210
53	Aiden Buechting	10	DL/OL	5'11	205
54	Carson Grass	12	DL/OL	5'11	255
55	Keegan Womack	10	OL	6'5	255
56	Beau Canaday	11	DE	6'3	225
58	Garrett Burgan	12	DT	5'11	195
60	Elijah Martin	9	OL	5'10	240
62	Aiden Beelman	12	LB	5'8	210
63	Oliver Moutray	10	OL/DL	5'11	190
64	Camden Walton	12	OL/DL	6'0	210
66	Ivan Turrubiates	10	OL	5'9	255
72	Eli Tilley	11	OL	6'3	260
90	Rashad Bryant	11	DL	6'2	265

2026 JV Roster

#	Name	Yr.	Pos.
12	Michael Hankins	9	QB
13	Kamden Bayer	9	WR/DB
14	Eli Bequette	9	WR/DB
15	Nash Fenwick	10	WR/DB
16	Bradley Hodges	9	K/DL
17	Jamar Hibbler	9	RB/DB
18	Jurni Fitzgerald	10	WR/DB
19	Nolan Hoppmann	9	WR/DB
20	Joseph Colburn	10	LB
22	Shane Reese	9	RB/DB
23	Benntt Spraul	10	RB/LB
25	Ian Koessel	9	DB
26	Lucas Hemphill	9	DB
27	Blake Hilton	9	WR
27	Sylar Bowman	9	TE
28	Lucas Moxley	9	WR/DB
29	Jansen Schnurr	9	RB/DB
30	Aiden Bowman	9	DL
31	Jacob Collier	10	TE/DB
32	Aiden Bowman	9	DB
33	Aiden Brown	10	TE/LB
34	Joe Hindman	10	TE/LB
35	Mason Compton	9	RB/LB
36	Mason Edwards	9	OL/DL
37	Logan Haferkamp	10	DB
38	Austin Habsieger	9	LB
39	Jude Meadows	9	LB
44	Brody Bell	9	WR/DB
47	Ethan smith	9	LB
51	Kamdin Laws	9	OL
52	Liam Moser	10	OL/DL
53	Aiden Buechting	10	OL/DT
57	Ethan Smith	9	DT
58	Eyan Kettler	9	DL
60	Landon Barks	10	OL/DL
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CONCEPT 1

You can gain a rate of return on your money before you spend it.

Money sitting in the bank makes approx. 0% ROR. MeManownehyi lesi,t thineg b iann tkh em baakneks mapapk theMire manownehyil eb,y t hloea bnainngk ymoaurk emso their money by loaning your money back to yourself.

CONCEPT 2

Your net income has the potential for great growth.

Most people experience opportunity loss on their income.

CONCEPT 3

The equity in your home can make a rate of return.

Many currently experience 0% ROR on the equity in their home.

CONCEPT 4

There are better places to save than in government accounts.

Tax sheltered accounts are profit sharing plans with the government.

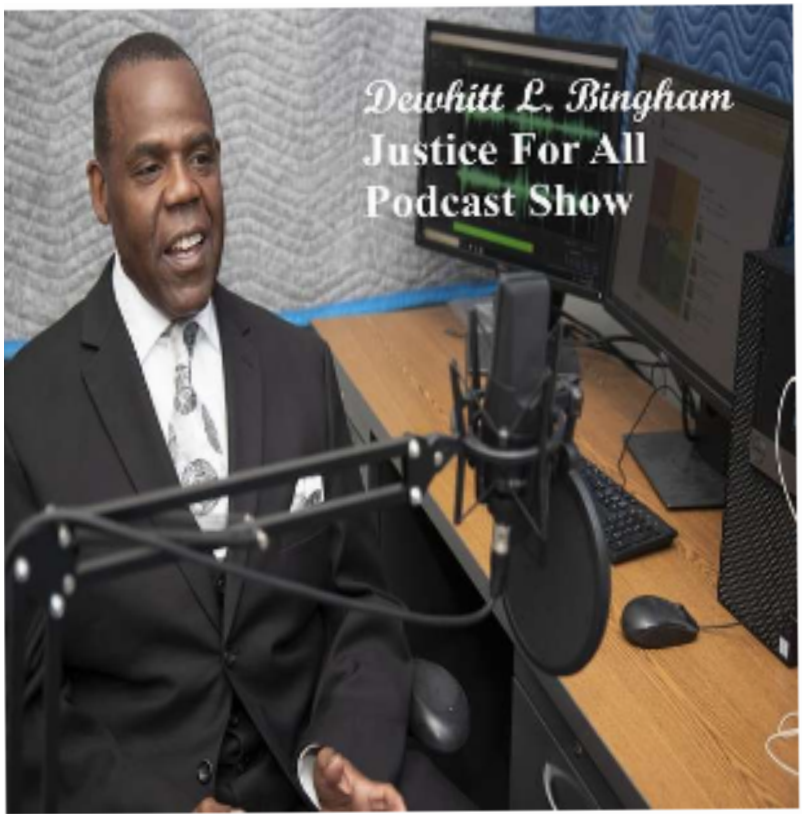
CONCEPT 5

You can leverage cash flow efficient loans.

There is a difference between efficient and inefficient cash flow loans.

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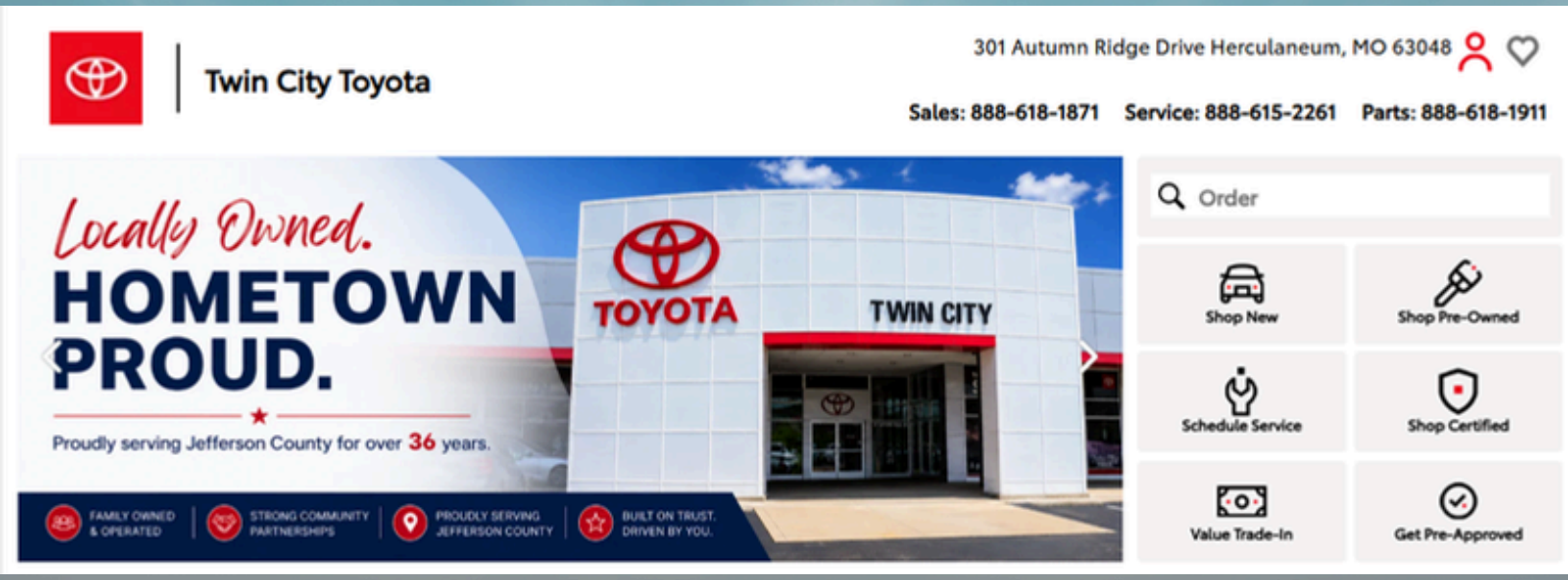
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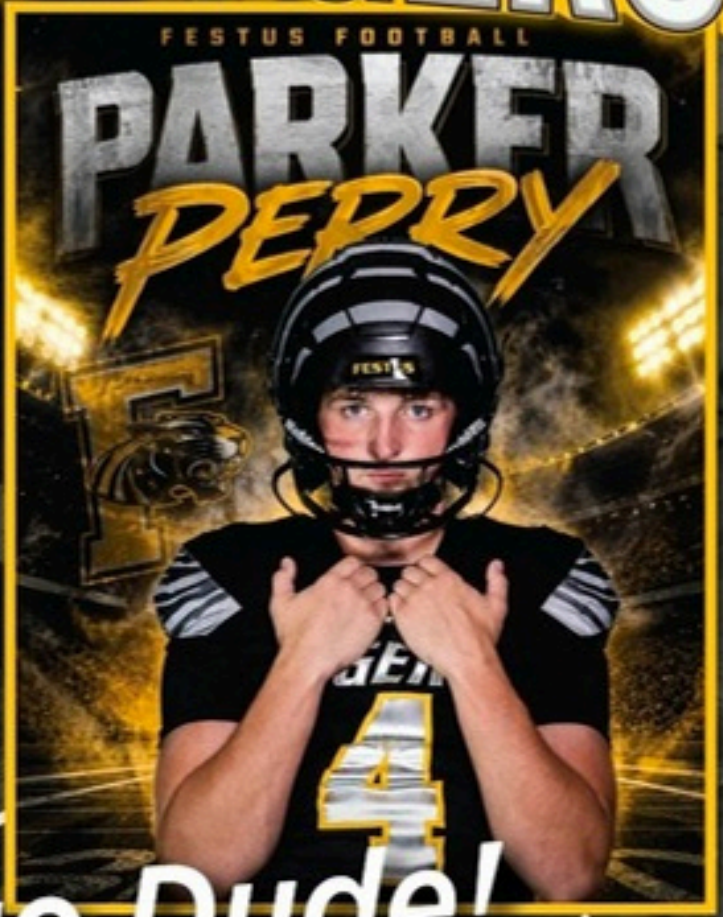
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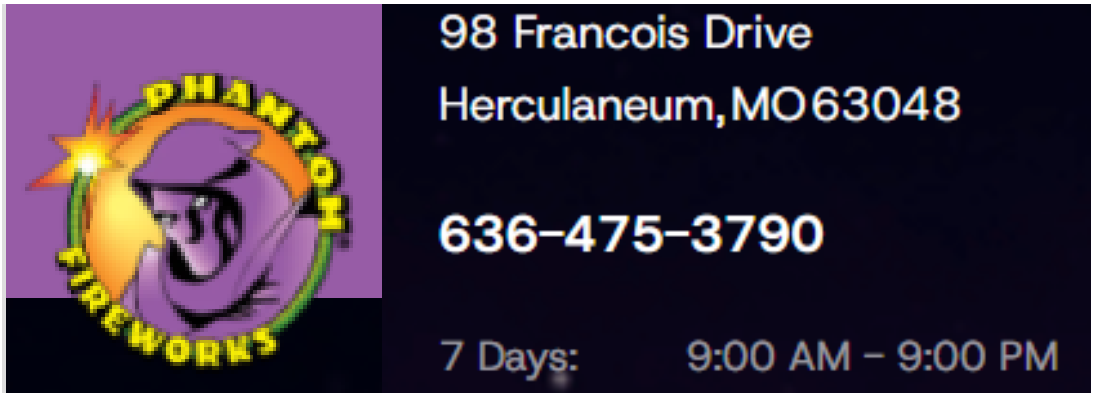
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