



MSHSSA PLAYOFFS - **CLASS 4A STATE QUARTER FINAL**



NOVEMBER 22TH, 2025 - 1:00PM | SULLIVAN, MO HS
TIGERS FOOTBALL



FESTUS TIGERS

FOOTBALL

2025 SEASON SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	LOCATION	OPPONENT
AUG 29	FRI	@ ROLLA	ROLLA
SEPT 5	FRI	VS FRANCIS HOWELL CENTRAL	FRANCIS HOWELL CENTRAL
SEPT 12	FRI	VS WINDSOR (IMPERIAL)	WINDSOR (IMPERIAL)
SEPT 19	FRI	@ DESOTO	DESOTO
SEPT 26	FRI	VS HILLSBORO	HILLSBORO
OCT 3	FRI	@ NORTH COUNTY	NORTH COUNTY
OCT 10	FRI	@ DE SMET JESUIT	DE SMET JESUIT
OCT 17	FRI	VS FARMINGTON	FARMINGTON
OCT 24	FRI	VS JACKSON	JACKSON

2025 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 wouldn't be the same without you.

Here's to a great season!

-The Festus Football Booster Club

Kicking Off a New Chapter in Festus Tigers Football

WELCOME, FANS, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS, TO THE LONG-ANTICIPATED SEASON FOR YOUR FESTUS TIGERS! TONIGHT, EXCITEMENT BUZZES THROUGH THE STANDS AS WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE A PROUD FOOTBALL TRADITION AND THE DAWNING OF A NEW CHAPTER IN TIGERS HISTORY.

REFLECTING ON A REMARKABLE SEASON



LAST YEAR, OUR FESTUS TIGERS ROARED LOUDER THAN EVER BEFORE, TURNING DETERMINATION, GRIT, AND TEAMWORK INTO ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASONS THE PROGRAM HAS EVER KNOWN. THE 2024 TIGERS POSTED AN EXTRAORDINARY 11-3 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.



BUT LAST SEASON'S JOURNEY WAS MORE THAN A DISPLAY OF ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE—IT WAS A HISTORY-MAKING CAMPAIGN. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE STORIED LEGACY OF FESTUS FOOTBALL, THE TIGERS EARNED THEIR WAY TO THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, BREAKING NEW GROUND AND INSPIRING A NEW GENERATION OF PLAYERS AND FANS. ALTHOUGH THE FINAL RESULT WAS JUST OUT OF REACH, THEIR PERFORMANCE ON MISSOURI'S GRANDEST STAGE WILL ECHO THROUGH THE YEARS AND SET A STANDARD FOR ALL WHO WEAR THE BLACK AND GOLD.



SETTING THE STAGE FOR A NEW SEASON

AS THE 2025 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

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GO TIGERS!

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OMAUURI
ANDERSON

TIGERS FOOTBALL  CLASS OF 2026
FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

A portrait of Omauri Anderson, a young man with dark skin and short black hair, wearing a white Tigers football jersey. The background features a black and gold design with the word 'FESTUS' in large, stylized letters.



KYLER
BRADSHAW

TIGERS FOOTBALL  CLASS OF 2026
FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

A portrait of Kyler Bradshaw, a young man with light skin and short brown hair, wearing a white Tigers football jersey. The background features a black and gold design with the word 'FESTUS' in large, stylized letters.



AIDEN
CLIFTON

TIGERS FOOTBALL  CLASS OF 2026
FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

A portrait of Aiden Clifton, a young man with light skin and short brown hair, wearing a white Tigers football jersey. The background features a black and gold design with the word 'FESTUS' in large, stylized letters.



SEDRIC
DROWN

TIGERS FOOTBALL  CLASS OF 2026
FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

A portrait of Sedric Drown, a young man with light skin and short brown hair, wearing a white Tigers football jersey. The background features a black and gold design with the word 'FESTUS' in large, stylized letters.



JACKSON
FRANK

TIGERS FOOTBALL  CLASS OF 2026
FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

A portrait of Jackson Frank, a young man with light skin and short brown hair, wearing a white Tigers football jersey. The background features a black and gold design with the word 'FESTUS' in large, stylized letters.



TRENT
MOSS

TIGERS FOOTBALL  CLASS OF 2026
FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL

A portrait of Trent Moss, a young man with light skin and short brown hair, wearing a white Tigers football jersey. The background features a black and gold design with the word 'FESTUS' in large, stylized letters.

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Class 4 State Quarterfinals

9-2 Festus Tigers

VS

9-3 Sullivan Eagles

THE FESTUS TIGERS PLAY THE SULLIVAN EAGLES IN A CLASS 4A STATE QUARTERFINAL SHOWDOWN TODAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025, AT 1:00 PM. BOTH TEAMS ENTER WITH MOMENTUM, SETTING THE STAGE FOR A HARD-HITTING PLAYOFF BATTLE.

TEAM RECORDS & RECENT FORM

- ***FESTUS TIGERS (9-2 OVERALL):***
- DEFEATED NORTH COUNTY 42-24 IN THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP
- SHUT OUT HILLSBORO 41-0 EARLIER IN PLAYOFFS
- KNOWN FOR EXPLOSIVE OFFENSE AND BALANCED ATTACK, AVERAGING OVER 35 POINTS PER GAME IN RECENT WINS.

SULLIVAN EAGLES (9-3 OVERALL):

- EDGED VIANNEY 29-28 IN A NAIL-BITER
- BEAT UNION 28-21 AND DOMINATED BAYLESS 48-0
- DEFENSE HAS BEEN STOUT, ALLOWING JUST 10 POINTS VS. ST. JAMES AND PITCHING A SHUTOUT AGAINST BAYLESS.

KEY MATCHUPS

• ***FESTUS OFFENSE VS. SULLIVAN DEFENSE:***

FESTUS THRIVES ON QUICK STRIKES AND SPREADING THE BALL AROUND. SULLIVAN'S DEFENSE, HOWEVER, HAS SHOWN RESILIENCE IN CLOSE GAMES, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR ONE-POINT WIN OVER VIANNEY.

• **MOMENTUM & CONFIDENCE:**

FESTUS ENTERS WITH BACK-TO-BACK CONVINCING WINS, WHILE SULLIVAN HAS PROVEN THEY CAN GRIND OUT TIGHT CONTESTS. THIS CONTRAST COULD DEFINE THE GAME'S TEMPO.

⚡ ***WHAT'S AT STAKE***

- WINNER ADVANCES TO THE CLASS 4A STATE SEMIFINALS (FINAL 4).
- FOR FESTUS, IT'S A CHANCE TO CONTINUE THEIR DOMINANT POSTSEASON RUN.
- FOR SULLIVAN, IT'S ABOUT PROVING THEIR GRIT AGAINST ONE OF THE STATE'S MOST BALANCED TEAMS.

District Championship

8-2 Festus Tigers

VS

6-5 North County Raiders

THE CLASS 4A DISTRICT 1 CHAMPIONSHIP IS SET FOR A FRIDAY NIGHT SHOWDOWN AS THE RED-HOT FESTUS TIGERS (8-2) HOST THE SURGING NORTH COUNTY RAIDERS (6-5) AT 7:00 P.M. AT FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL. WITH A STATE SEMIFINAL BERTH ON THE LINE, EXPECT FIREWORKS UNDER THE LIGHTS.

 **GAME PREVIEW: FESTUS TIGERS VS. NORTH COUNTY RAIDERS**

DATE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL, FESTUS, MO

EVENT: MSHSAA CLASS 4 DISTRICT 1 CHAMPIONSHIP

TALE OF THE TAPE

FESTUS ENTERS THE TITLE BOUT WITH MOMENTUM AND CONFIDENCE, HAVING DISMANTLED HILLSBORO 41-0 IN THE DISTRICT SEMIFINAL. THE TIGERS HAVE WON SIX GAMES THIS SEASON BY 25 POINTS OR MORE, SHOWCASING A POTENT OFFENSE AND A DEFENSE THAT'S PEAKING AT THE RIGHT TIME.

NORTH COUNTY, HOWEVER, IS RIDING A FIVE-GAME WIN STREAK, INCLUDING A DOMINANT 51-7 VICTORY OVER PERRYVILLE. THE RAIDERS HAVE FOUND THEIR RHYTHM LATE IN THE SEASON, AND THEIR OFFENSE IS CLICKING JUST IN TIME FOR THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR

FESTUS TIGERS: BUILT FOR THE BIG STAGE

FESTUS HAS HAD NORTH COUNTY'S NUMBER IN RECENT YEARS, WINNING 8 OF THEIR LAST 10 MEETINGS, INCLUDING A 46-21 ROAD WIN EARLIER THIS SEASON. THE TIGERS' BALANCED ATTACK AND HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE MAKE THEM A FORMIDABLE FORCE. THEIR DEFENSE HAS BEEN ESPECIALLY STINGY, POSTING MULTIPLE SHUTOUTS AND HOLDING OPPONENTS UNDER 15 POINTS IN SEVERAL GAMES.

NORTH COUNTY RAIDERS: UNDERDOGS WITH BITE

DON'T LET THE 6-5 RECORD FOOL YOU—NORTH COUNTY IS SURGING. THEIR RECENT WINS OVER DESOTO, ST. CLAIR, AND WINDSOR HAVE BEEN CONVINCING, AND THEIR OFFENSE IS HEATING UP AT THE PERFECT TIME. THEY'LL NEED TO FLIP THE SCRIPT FROM THEIR LAST MEETING WITH FESTUS AND BRING A NEW LEVEL OF INTENSITY.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

THE WINNER PUNCHES THEIR TICKET TO THE CLASS 4 STATE SEMIFINALS AND TAKES A MASSIVE STEP TOWARD COLUMBIA. FOR FESTUS, IT'S A CHANCE TO REAFFIRM THEIR DOMINANCE. FOR NORTH COUNTY, IT'S A SHOT AT REDEMPTION AND A STATEMENT WIN.

TIGERS COMPLETE SWEEP OF HILLSBORO, ADVANCE TO DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP

The bragging rights for the Highway A rivalry were back up for grabs Friday night as Festus met archrival Hillsboro in the district semifinals. The Tigers came in riding the confidence of a 40-14 win over the Hawks in late September, and chasing a bit of history

Since 1998, the two programs have played twice in the same season four times. Hillsboro swept Festus in three of those years ('15,'22,'23). The only split came in 2014, when Festus won the regular-season meeting before Hillsboro ended the Tigers' season on Halloween night. Entering this year, Hillsboro had also taken 15 out of the last 18 matchups.

Despite recent history, running back Kamden Yates and company saw Friday as a chance to flip the script, establish Festus as the team to beat in District I moving forward, and make it three straight over their archrival.

When the teams met in Week 5, Festus stumbled early and had to claw back. Slow starts have been an unfortunate theme for the Tigers this fall. But after landing in the top four of Class 4 and earning a bye week to reset, it was clear the Tigers were itching to get back on the field.

Festus wasted no time, as they blanked Hillsboro 21-0 in the first quarter. Big chunk plays were the key to success for the Tigers, with Leuntae Williams and Yates both ripping off 30+ yard rushing scores. The Festus defense got in on the action as well.

Junior end Galin Hall returned a fumble over 30 yards for a scoop-and-score. It was another big moment from the defensive end Festus had leaned on heavily down the stretch. Hall had picked up the slack after Antonio Pinkston went down earlier in the year, and got to play free on Friday night when Pinkston returned to the lineup.

From there, it was the Yates show. After halftime, the Tigers' running back picked up three more touchdowns on the ground. The junior RB dominated the day for Festus, tallying a season-high 187 rushing yards and four touchdowns. Yates' 8.13 yards per carry also marked a season best since returning from injury in September.

With Yates' dominance, Williams enjoyed a lighter workload. The senior tailback made the most of his six carries, rushing for 57 yards and a score. With the performance, Williams crossed the 1,000-yard mark on the season, and now ranks in the top 15 in the state in yards per carry (min. 140 attempts).

Junior quarterback Parker Perry's numbers won't jump off the page the same way as some of his regular-season performances, but the signal caller did enough to get the win. Perry finished the night 11/18 for 149 yards. While he did not throw a touchdown, his 29-1 TD-INT ratio is still the best in Missouri, and his 155.03 passing ratio ranks second in the state behind CBC's Nick McClellan.

Next to Yates, the real winner of the day was the Tiger defense. After allowing an average of 43.75 points during October, the Festus D stepped up in a big way. Not only shutting out the Hawks for a dominant 41-0 final score, but holding Hillsboro to 65 total yards of offense. The Hawks' run-first approach was stifled, resulting in only 1.72 yards per carry on 25 attempts.

The linebacking corps was especially stout. Aiden Schirmer, Aiden Clifton, and Braydon Wilkes all turned in impressive performances to send Festus to the district championship.

With the win, Festus advances to the district championship for a rematch with North County. The Tigers beat the Raiders 46-21 in Bonne Terre back in early October, leaning heavily on the ground game. Yates rushed for 141 yards on 19 carries that night, while Williams added 96 yards on just 10 attempts.

Still, the Tigers will expect a battle. In that Week 6 matchup, North County became the first team to post more than 100 yards both rushing and passing against Festus.

Friday's winner will claim the district crown and advance to the Class 4 quarterfinals to face the winner of Vianney/Sullivan.

District Semifinals

7-2 Festus Tigers ***VS*** ***5-5 Hillsboro Hawks***

TONIGHT'S DISTRICT SEMIFINAL BETWEEN THE FESTUS TIGERS AND HILLSBORO HAWKS KICKS OFF AT 7:00 P.M. IN A HIGH-STAKES CLASS 4 PLAYOFF CLASH. FESTUS ENTERS WITH A 7-2 RECORD AND A DOMINANT REGULAR-SEASON WIN OVER HILLSBORO, BUT THE HAWKS ARE SURGING AFTER A PLAYOFF VICTORY AND LOOKING FOR REVENGE.

 **GAME PREVIEW: FESTUS TIGERS VS. HILLSBORO HAWKS**

 **LOCATION: NEUTRAL SITE**

 **KICKOFF: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025 @ 7:00 P.M.**

 **STAKES: MSHSAA CLASS 4 DISTRICT SEMIFINAL**

TEAM MOMENTUM & RECENT FORM

• FESTUS TIGERS (7-2)

- COMING OFF A TOUGH 62-21 LOSS TO JACKSON, THEIR FIRST HOME DEFEAT OF THE SEASON.
- AVERAGING 36.7 POINTS PER GAME, WITH STRONG FIRST-HALF SCORING (10.5 IN Q1, 8.8 IN Q2).
- WON THE REGULAR-SEASON MATCHUP VS. HILLSBORO 40-14 ON SEPTEMBER 26.

• HILLSBORO HAWKS (5-5)

- RIDING HIGH AFTER A 35-21 PLAYOFF WIN OVER THE BULLDOGS LAST WEEK.
- AVERAGING 25.4 POINTS PER GAME, WITH CONSISTENT SCORING ACROSS ALL QUARTERS.

KEYS TO THE GAME

• FESTUS

- BOUNCE BACK FROM LAST WEEK'S LOSS WITH SHARPER DEFENSIVE EXECUTION.
- LEAN ON EARLY SCORING MOMENTUM TO CONTROL THE TEMPO.
- PROTECT THE BALL—TURNOVERS COULD SWING THIS REMATCH.

• HILLSBORO

- BUILD OFF PLAYOFF MOMENTUM AND KEEP FESTUS' OFFENSE OFF THE FIELD.
- WIN THE BATTLE IN THE TRENCHES TO SLOW DOWN THE TIGERS' RUN GAME.
- CAPITALIZE ON SECOND-HALF OPPORTUNITIES—FESTUS SCORES LESS IN Q4.

FINAL WORD

THIS SEMIFINAL IS MORE THAN A REMATCH—IT'S A TEST OF RESILIENCE AND PLAYOFF GRIT. FESTUS HAS THE EDGE ON PAPER, BUT HILLSBORO'S RECENT SURGE AND HUNGER FOR REDEMPTION MAKE THIS A MUST-WATCH BATTLE. EXPECT INTENSITY, EMOTION, AND A GAME THAT COULD COME DOWN TO THE FINAL DRIVE.

Senior Night

Week 9 - 7-1 Festus Tigers vs 8-0 Jackson Indians

 **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS PREVIEW**
 **OCTOBER 24, 2025 - 7:00 PM | FESTUS, MO**

FESTUS TIGERS VS. JACKSON INDIANS

THE STAGE IS SET FOR A HIGH-OCTANE CLASH UNDER THE LIGHTS AS THE FESTUS TIGERS (HOME) WELCOME THE JACKSON INDIANS IN A PIVOTAL LATE-SEASON MATCHUP THAT COULD SHAPE POSTSEASON MOMENTUM. WITH BOTH PROGRAMS KNOWN FOR THEIR PHYSICALITY AND PLAYOFF PEDIGREE, THIS ONE PROMISES FIREWORKS FROM THE OPENING WHISTLE.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

FOR THE TIGERS, THIS GAME IS MORE THAN JUST ANOTHER FRIDAY NIGHT—IT'S A STATEMENT OPPORTUNITY. A WIN OVER JACKSON, A PERENNIAL 6A POWERHOUSE IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI, WOULD SOLIDIFY FESTUS' STANDING AS A SERIOUS POSTSEASON CONTENDER AND ENERGIZE THE HOME CROWD HEADING INTO DISTRICT PLAY.

FESTUS TIGERS: FAST, HUNGRY, AND BATTLE-TESTED

THE TIGERS ENTER THIS MATCHUP RIDING A WAVE OF CONFIDENCE, FUELED BY A BALANCED OFFENSIVE ATTACK AND A DEFENSE THAT'S GROWN STINGIER EACH WEEK. THE QUARTERBACK HAS BEEN SHARP, SPREADING THE BALL TO A DEEP RECEIVING CORPS WHILE THE GROUND GAME CONTINUES TO CHEW UP YARDAGE AND CLOCK. DEFENSIVELY, LOOK FOR FEUSTS TO KEY IN CONTAINING JACKSON'S EXPLOSIVE PLAYMAKERS. THE TIGERS' FRONT SEVEN WILL NEED TO WIN THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE EARLY AND OFTEN TO DISRUPT JACKSON'S RHYTHM.

JACKSON INDIANS: FAST, AND PHYSICAL

JACKSON BRINGS A HIGH-TEMPO OFFENSE AND A REPUTATION FOR PUNISHING DEFENSES WITH THEIR SPEED AND PRECISION. QUARTERBACK [INSERT QB NAME] IS A DUAL-THREAT WEAPON, CAPABLE OF TURNING BROKEN PLAYS INTO BIG GAINS. THEIR DEFENSE, ANCHORED BY A STOUT FRONT LINE, THRIVES ON PRESSURE AND TURNOVERS. EXPECT JACKSON TO TEST THE TIGERS DEEP EARLY, FORCING THE SECONDARY TO STAY DISCIPLINED AND COMMUNICATE WELL.

KEYS TO THE GAME

START FAST: MOMENTUM WILL BE CRUCIAL. THE TEAM THAT SCORES FIRST COULD SEIZE CONTROL AND FORCE THE OTHER TO PLAY CATCH-UP.
TURNOVER BATTLE: BOTH TEAMS HAVE OPPORTUNISTIC DEFENSES. WINNING THE TURNOVER MARGIN COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE.
SPECIAL TEAMS IMPACT: FIELD POSITION AND KICKING GAME EXECUTION WILL BE UNDER THE MICROSCOPE IN WHAT COULD BE A TIGHTLY CONTESTED AFFAIR.

KICKOFF IS AT 7:00 PM AT TIGER STADIUM.

BRING THE NOISE, WEAR YOUR BLACK AND GOLD, AND LET'S PACK THE STANDS TO SUPPORT OUR TIGERS IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST GAMES OF THE SEASON!

PERRY, TIGERS OUTSHOOT FARMINGTON IN COME-FROM-BEHIND THRILLER

IN ONE OF THE WILDEST GAMES TIGER STADIUM HAS SEEN IN YEARS, FESTUS ERASED A THREE-TOUCHDOWN DEFICIT TO STUN FARMINGTON 41-36 ON HOMECOMING NIGHT. JUNIOR QUARTERBACK PARKER PERRY LED THE CHARGE WITH A CAREER-BEST PERFORMANCE, THROWING FOR 254 YARDS AND FIVE TOUCHDOWNS. ALL WHILE RALLYING A TIGER TEAM COMING OFF A LOSS AND ESTABLISHING HIMSELF AS ONE OF THE BEST QUARTERBACKS IN THE STATE.

PERRY LED A FESTUS TEAM THAT WAS LIMPING INTO HOMECOMING WEEKEND. THE WOUNDS FROM A 56-28 UPSET THE PREVIOUS WEEK WERE STILL HEALING, AND, MORE THAN ANYTHING, THAT LOSS SET OFF BLARING ALARMS ABOUT THE TIGER TEAM'S WEAKNESSES.

FESTUS HAD CONSISTENTLY STARTED SLOW AND ALLOWED OPPONENTS TO ESTABLISH THE RUN GAME EARLY. THAT GAME SCRIPT WAS FOLLOWED TO A TEE BY A DE SMET TEAM THAT RAN ALL OVER FESTUS FOR 341 RUSHING YARDS, AS THEY PUT FESTUS AWAY BY THE THIRD QUARTER.

FARMINGTON ENTERED FRIDAY 6-1, RIDING A THREE-GAME WIN STREAK. THE KNIGHTS' ONLY BLEMISH CAME AGAINST UNDEFEATED JACKSON, AND THEY WASTED NO TIME SETTING THE TONE IN FESTUS. QUARTERBACK TATEM TINSLEY GUIDED THE KNIGHTS DOWN THE FIELD ON THE OPENING DRIVE, FINISHING IT HIMSELF WITH A FOUR-YARD TOUCHDOWN RUN FOR AN EARLY 7-0 LEAD.

MOMENTS LATER, DISASTER STRUCK FOR FESTUS. ON THE TIGERS' FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE, PERRY LOOKED FOR TIGHT END BRAYDON WILKES IN THE FLAT, BUT HIS PASS WAS TIPPED AT THE LINE AND INTERCEPTED. PERRY'S FIRST INTERCEPTION OF THE YEAR, BREAKING A STREAK OF 23 STRAIGHT TD PASSES WITHOUT AN INT, HAD FARMINGTON SET UP INSIDE THE 15-YARD LINE.

TWO PLAYS LATER, TINSLEY FOUND ISAAC FRIPP ON A NINE-YARD SLANT TO MAKE IT 14-0. FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK, THE TIGERS LOOKED FLAT OUT OF THE GATE—AND IT APPEARED ANOTHER LONG NIGHT MIGHT BE AHEAD.

FACING EARLY ADVERSITY, PERRY AND THE OFFENSE FINALLY SETTLED IN. AFTER A FALSE START BACKED FESTUS UP ON ITS NEXT DRIVE, PERRY (AND NOTABLY RUNNING BACK KAMDEN YATES) MARCHED THE TIGERS 75 YARDS, CAPPING THE SERIES WITH A 10-YARD BULLET TO DAVID RUSSELL IN A WINDOW SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT ATOP THE SIDE DOOR OF A '50S MERCURY COUPE.

FARMINGTON COUNTERED WITH BACK-TO-BACK LONG DRIVES, SANDWICHED AROUND A FOURTH-DOWN STOP INSIDE ITS OWN 20, TO BUILD A COMMANDING 28-7 LEAD. THE LATTER CAME ON AN 87-YARD STRIKE FROM TINSLEY TO A WIDE-OPEN FRIPP THAT SILENCED THE FESTUS CROWD.

WITH JUST OVER THREE MINUTES LEFT IN THE HALF, THE TIGERS NEEDED A SPARK. PERRY PROVIDED IT. WHETHER IT WAS THE WILL TO WIN THE GAME OR THE DESIRE TO HAVE A MORE ENJOYABLE HOMECOMING NIGHT IS UP FOR DEBATE, BUT ONE THING IS UNDENIABLE. PERRY'S FIRE STOKED THE TIGER ATTACK.

FESTUS EXPLODED FOR 28 UNANSWERED POINTS, AND PERRY WAS UNSTOPPABLE BOTH ON THE GROUND AND THROUGH THE AIR. THE JUNIOR TOSSED THREE STRAIGHT TD PASSES TO GUS DRINEN (2) AND OLE-RELIABLE DAVID RUSSELL (1). PERRY HIT RUSSELL ON A BEAUTIFUL 45-YARD STRIKE, SPLITTING THE COVER TWO SHELL TO BRING THE GAME TO A ONE-SCORE AFFAIR, THEN ON THE NEXT DRIVE, HE FOUND DRINEN ON A 37-YARD DART TO TIE IT UP.

LATER, WILLIAMS GOT IN ON THE SCORING BONANZA, PUNCHING IN A 1-YARD RUSHING SCORE TO GIVE FESTUS ITS FIRST LEAD OF THE GAME MINUTES INTO THE FOURTH QUARTER. WHILE PERRY WILL RECEIVE THE HEADLINES FROM FRIDAY'S GAME, WILLIAMS HAD YET ANOTHER HIGHLY EFFICIENT NIGHT. THE SENIOR RECORDED 167 RUSHING YARDS ON 23 ATTEMPTS, CROSSING THE 900-YARD MARK ON THE SEASON. WILLIAMS' 7.26 YARDS PER CARRY HAS BECOME A REGULAR SIGHT AT TIGER STADIUM.

WHILE NOT APPEARING ON THE TOUCHDOWN-SCORERS LIST, YATES HAD ANOTHER SOLID NIGHT. THE JUNIOR TALLIED OVER 100 YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE (68 RUSHING, 36 RECEIVING) AND SERVED AS THE SAFETY BLANKET FOR PERRY WHEN HE NEEDED IT MOST.

THE BUZZ CREATED BY THE OFFENSE WAS PALPABLE, FUELING THE TIGER DEFENSE IN THE SECOND HALF. LINEBACKERS AIDEN CLIFTON AND AIDEN SCHIRMER WERE FLYING AROUND THE FIELD ALL NIGHT LONG, BACKED UP BY SUPERB PLAY IN THE SECONDARY. ADDITIONALLY, THE TIGER DEFENSIVE LINE SEEMINGLY HAD HAD ENOUGH OF TEAMS RUNNING ALL OVER THEM, AS GALIN HALL TURNED IN AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE. STILL, FARMINGTON WOULDN'T FADE QUIETLY. THE KNIGHTS PILED UP 433 YARDS OF OFFENSE, BECOMING THE FIRST TEAM THIS SEASON TO REACH THE DOUBLE-CENTURY MARK AGAINST FESTUS ON BOTH THE GROUND AND THROUGH THE AIR. WITH HIS TEAM TRAILING LATE, TINSLEY LED A DETERMINED SIX-MINUTE, 85-YARD DRIVE, FINISHING WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS TO PULL FARMINGTON WITHIN ONE, 35-34. IN A BOLD MOVE, THE KNIGHTS WENT FOR TWO INSTEAD OF KICKING THE TYING PAT. TINSLEY LOBBED A FADE TO JOSHUA MCCARTHY, WHO MADE A SPECTACULAR CATCH OVER A LEAPING BRAYDON WILKES TO GIVE FARMINGTON A 36-35 LEAD WITH UNDER FIVE MINUTES LEFT. FESTUS TOOK OVER ON ITS OWN 15-YARD LINE WITH 4:37 TO PLAY. WHAT FOLLOWED WILL BE REMEMBERED AT TIGER STADIUM FOR YEARS TO COME.

FACING A THIRD AND SEVEN, PERRY EVADED PRESSURE IN THE POCKET, STEPPED UP, AND TOOK OFF. SHAKING OFF THREE WOULD-BE TACKLERS, THE QB DANCED HIS WAY DOWN TO THE KNIGHTS' 34-YARD LINE. THE STEVE YOUNG-ESQUE MOVE IGNITED THE CROWD AND TEAMMATES ALIKE.

ON THE NEXT PLAY, WILLIAMS RIPPED OFF AN 18-YARD COUNTER TO PUT FESTUS IN THE RED ZONE. THEN, WITH 58 SECONDS REMAINING AND THE TIGERS FACING THIRD AND LONG, PERRY AGAIN ANSWERED THE CALL.

THE QB PUT HIS STEVE YOUNG JERSEY BACK ON. AS FARMINGTON BROUGHT THE HOUSE, PERRY WAS FLUSHED OUT BUT NOT FLUSTERED. THE JUNIOR LOOKED LIKE A SEASONED PRO AS HE STEPPED UP IN THE POCKET AND, ON THE RUN, FIRED A BULLET TO JACKSON FRANK FOR THE GAME-WINNING SCORE.

PERRY'S FIFTH TOUCHDOWN OF THE NIGHT CAPPED A PERFORMANCE FOR THE AGES. HE COMPLETED 17 OF 23 PASSES (74%) FOR 254 YARDS AND ADDED SEVERAL KEY RUNS THAT EXTENDED DRIVES. BEYOND THE NUMBERS, HIS COMPOSURE AND LEADERSHIP CARRIED A FESTUS TEAM THAT DESPERATELY NEEDED A RESPONSE.

WHILE FRIDAY'S 41-26 GAME MAY EVENTUALLY BE LOST TO TIME, PERRY AND COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE WILL BE REMEMBERED IN THE FESTUS AREA FOR YEARS TO COME. IT WASN'T A SINGLE-HANDED EFFORT BY PERRY, BUT #4 HAS MADE HIS CASE AS ONE OF FESTUS'S BEST QUARTERBACK PERFORMANCES IN RECENT MEMORY.

THE TIGERS WILL NOW SHIFT THEIR ATTENTION TO THE REGULAR SEASON FINALE BATTLE WITH 8-0 JACKSON. THE FIGHTING INDIANS FEATURE A POTENT OFFENSE THAT HAS SCORED OVER 60 POINTS ON THREE OCCASIONS AND A DOMINANT DEFENSE THAT ALLOWS JUST 13.6 POINTS PER GAME.

IT'LL BE THE TIGERS' MOST CHALLENGING TEST YET, BUT AFTER A COMEBACK LIKE THIS, THERE'S PLENTY TO BELIEVE IN ONCE AGAIN IN FESTUS, MISSOURI.

HOMECOMING

Week 8 - 6-1 Festus Tigers vs 6-1 Farmington Knights

 **DATE:** FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025
 **TIME:** 7:00 PM
 **LOCATION:** TIGER STADIUM, FESTUS, MO
 **EVENT:** FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING GAME

THE LIGHTS WILL BE BLAZING, THE CROWD ROARING, AND THE STAKES SKY-HIGH AS THE FESTUS TIGERS (6-1) HOST THE FARMINGTON KNIGHTS (6-1) IN A MARQUEE WEEK 8 SHOWDOWN. WITH BOTH TEAMS BOASTING STRONG RECORDS AND PLAYOFF AMBITIONS, THIS HOMECOMING BATTLE PROMISES TO BE ONE OF THE MOST ELECTRIC NIGHTS OF THE SEASON.

FESTUS TIGERS: READY TO ROAR

AFTER A TOUGH ROAD LOSS TO DE SMET JESUIT, THE TIGERS RETURN HOME WITH SOMETHING TO PROVE. LED BY A RESILIENT DEFENSE AND A DYNAMIC OFFENSE THAT'S POSTED BIG WINS OVER HILLSBORO (41-14) AND NORTH COUNTY (46-21), THAT SECURED A CONFERENCE TITLE, FESTUS IS DETERMINED TO BOUNCE BACK AND PROTECT THEIR HOUSE.

KEY STRENGTHS: BALANCED ATTACK, AGGRESSIVE FRONT SEVEN, AND A HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE THAT'S HARD TO MATCH.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: WATCH FOR THE TIGERS' QUARTERBACK TO SET THE TONE EARLY AND THE DEFENSIVE UNIT TO BRING PRESSURE ALL NIGHT.

FARMINGTON KNIGHTS: ROAD-TESTED AND HUNGRY

FARMINGTON ENTERS TIGER STADIUM RIDING A WAVE OF MOMENTUM AFTER A 35-21 WIN OVER CENTRAL. THEIR ONLY BLEMISH CAME AGAINST JACKSON (56-7), BUT THE KNIGHTS HAVE PROVEN THEY CAN WIN IN HOSTILE TERRITORY – WITH FIVE STRAIGHT ROAD VICTORIES DATING BACK TO LAST SEASON.

KEY STRENGTHS: GROUND-AND-POUND RUSHING ATTACK, DISCIPLINED DEFENSE, AND CLUTCH PLAYMAKING

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT: EXPECT FARMINGTON'S RUNNING BACKS TO CHALLENGE FESTUS' LINEBACKERS AND TEST THE EDGES.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

THIS ISN'T JUST A BATTLE OF TWO 6-1 TEAMS – IT'S A COLLISION OF PRIDE, PLAYOFF POSITIONING, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT. FESTUS DOMINATED LAST YEAR'S MATCHUP 34-0, BUT FARMINGTON IS OUT FOR REDEMPTION. WITH THE CROWD BEHIND THEM, THE TIGERS WILL LOOK TO MAKE A STATEMENT AND KEEP THEIR HOMECOMING CELEBRATION GOLDEN.

HOMECOMING VIBES

TIGER STADIUM WILL BE PACKED WITH ALUMNI, FAMILIES, AND FANS DECKED OUT IN BLACK AND GOLD. FROM THE PREGAME FESTIVITIES TO THE HALFTIME CELEBRATION, TONIGHT IS ABOUT MORE THAN FOOTBALL – IT'S ABOUT TRADITION, UNITY, AND THE ROAR OF A PROUD COMMUNITY.

 **LET'S FILL THE STANDS, FIRE UP THE SPIRIT, AND BACK THE TIGERS AS THEY TAKE THE FIELD FOR ONE OF THE BIGGEST GAMES OF THE YEAR. IT'S HOMECOMING – AND IT'S TIME TO DEFEND THE JUNGLE.**



TIGERS' DEFENSIVE CRACKS FINALLY BREAK IN FIRST LOSS OF THE SEASON

FESTUS WAS RIDING HIGH WITH A PERFECT 6-0 RECORD ENTERING A MATCHUP WITH THE DE SMET SPARTANS AT LABARGE STADIUM. HOWEVER, THE WEEK SEVEN MATCHUP WAS NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED BY THE TIGERS. LAST SEASON, THE EVENTUAL STATE CHAMPION SPARTANS HANDED FESTUS ITS FIRST LOSS OF THE YEAR - A 42-13 THROTTLING ON THE TIGERS' HOME TURF.

FESTUS AIMED TO MAKE THIS MATCHUP DIFFERENT FROM SEASONS PAST, ESPECIALLY SINCE DE SMET HAD LOST MOST OF THEIR FIREPOWER FROM LAST YEAR'S STATE CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM. THE SPARTANS ENTERED FRIDAY'S FIGHT WITH A 3-3 RECORD, WITH DOUBLE-DIGIT LOSSES TO SLUH AND CBC IN SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, DE SMET HAD SEEMINGLY TURNED A CORNER SINCE THE LOSS TO THE CADETS, PUTTING UP BACK-TO-BACK 56-POINT EFFORTS AGAINST VIANNEY AND CHAMINADE. ALL SIGNS POINTED TO A SHOOTOUT BETWEEN THE SPARTANS AND TIGERS.

FESTUS' OFFENSE LOOKED SLUGGISH FROM THE START. A FALSE START PUSHED THE TIGERS BACK BEFORE THE FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE, AND ON QUARTERBACK PARKER PERRY'S OPENING PASS ATTEMPT, A MISCOMMUNICATION NEARLY RESULTED IN HIS FIRST INTERCEPTION OF THE YEAR. THE JUNIOR SIGNAL CALLER ENTERED FRIDAY'S CONTEST WITH A PERFECT 20-0 TD/INT RATIO AND LED THE STATE IN QUARTERBACK RATING.

FOLLOWING A TWO-YARD LOSS ON A RUN BY LEUNTAE WILLIAMS AND ANOTHER PERRY INCOMPLETION, FESTUS WAS FORCED TO PUNT FROM ITS OWN ENDZONE. THREE PLAYS, ONE PENALTY, ONE TIMEOUT, AND SEVEN YARDS THE WRONG DIRECTION - THAT'S HOW THE TIGERS STARTED.

DE SMET'S OFFENSE STARTED IN TIGER TERRITORY FOLLOWING THE PUNT, AND IN JUST THREE PLAYS, THE SPARTANS MARCHED FROM THE 36-YARD LINE TO THE FOUR. TWO RUSHES AND AN OPTION JET PASS TO ROYCE SEARCY HAD THE SPARTAN ATTACK KNOCKING AT THE DOOR. ON THE NEXT PLAY, QUARTERBACK GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ FOUND TIGHT END RIDGE JAMES IN THE CORNER OF THE END ZONE FOR THE GAME'S OPENING SCORE.

NO SUCCESS WAS FOUND ON THE TIGERS' NEXT DRIVE. PERRY COMPLETED SHORT PASSES TO KAMDEN YATES AND BRAYDON WILKES FOR MODEST GAINS, THEN AN INCOMPLETE SCREEN PASS RESULTED IN FESTUS'S SECOND THREE-AND-OUT IN AS MANY DRIVES.

WITH EIGHT MINUTES TO PLAY IN THE OPENING QUARTER, DE SMET REGAINED POSSESSION AT ITS OWN 44-YARD LINE AND NEVER LOOKED BACK. BY THE END OF THE FIRST QUARTER, THE SPARTANS LED 21-0.

THE TIGER OFFENSE LOOKED STAGNANT AND UNCERTAIN IN THE FIRST HALF. EVEN AFTER A FANTASTIC KICKOFF RETURN BY JACKSON FRANK THAT SET FESTUS UP IN SPARTAN TERRITORY, THE TIGERS WENT THREE-AND-OUT FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT DRIVE.

DE SMET LED 28-14 AT HALFTIME AND WAS SET TO RECEIVE THE BALL AFTER THE BREAK. THE TIGER OFFENSE WENT QUIET IN THE THIRD QUARTER WHILE THE SPARTANS ADDED TWO MORE TOUCHDOWNS. HEADING INTO THE FINAL FRAME, DE SMET LED 49-14, AND THE GAME WAS ALL BUT OVER.

THE SPARTAN OFFENSE LOOKED CONFIDENT, POISED, AND RELENTLESS. PLAY CALLS MOVED FROM THE SIDELINE TO THE HUDDLE IN SECONDS, AND ONCE THE SNAP CAME, DE SMET IMPOSED ITS WILL ON THE TIGER DEFENSE. THE OFFENSIVE LINE DOMINATED, GIVING RODRIGUEZ AMPLE TIME TO FIND HIS RECEIVERS AND COMPLETELY STONEWALLING FESTUS'S PASS RUSH. MORE NOTABLY, THE O-LINE PAVED THE WAY FOR A PUNISHING GROUND GAME.

IT WAS A TOUGH NIGHT AT THE OFFICE FOR THE TIGER DEFENSE, ESPECIALLY THE DEFENSIVE LINE. DE SMET GASHED FESTUS FOR 341 RUSHING YARDS, A SEASON-HIGH ALLOWED BY THE TIGERS, AVERAGING MORE THAN 12 YARDS PER CARRY.

HOWEVER, NOT ALL HOPE WAS LOST FOR THE TIGERS. THE SECONDARY HELD DE SMET TO 131 PASSING YARDS AND LIMITED RODRIGUEZ TO UNDER 60% COMPLETIONS. DAVID RUSSELL AND WILKES BOTH INTERCEPTED PASSES, WITH WILKES RETURNING HIS FOR A TOUCHDOWN. FESTUS ALSO FORCED A FUMBLE BUT COULDN'T RECOVER IT.

BY THE TIME THE FINAL HORN SOUNDED, DE SMET HAD HUNG 56 POINTS FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT GAME, SUITABLE FOR A COMFORTABLE 28-POINT WIN. THE SPARTANS' 56 POINTS AND 472 TOTAL YARDS WERE BOTH SEASON HIGHS ALLOWED BY THE TIGER DEFENSE.

PERRY FINISHED 18-FOR-29 FOR 248 YARDS AND THREE SCORES, CONNECTING TWICE WITH FRANK FOR 91 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS, AND ONCE WITH RUSSELL FOR ANOTHER SCORE. PERRY NOW HAS 23 TOUCHDOWN PASSES ON THE YEAR AND REMAINS THE ONLY QUARTERBACK IN THE STATE WITH 21+ TDS AND ZERO INTERCEPTIONS. HE ALSO SPREAD THE BALL AROUND MORE THAN EVER, COMPLETING PASSES TO NINE DIFFERENT RECEIVERS, A SEASON HIGH. RUSSELL LED THE WAY WITH SIX GRABS FOR 93 YARDS.

THE RUSHING ATTACK HAD MIXED RESULTS. BELLCOW BACK WILLIAMS WAS BOTTLED UP, GAINING JUST 27 YARDS ON 10 CARRIES (2.7 YARDS PER RUSH). YATES CONTINUED HIS STRONG POST-INJURY FORM, AVERAGING OVER FIVE YARDS PER CARRY (12 FOR 65) AND ADDING THREE CATCHES FOR 18 YARDS.

THE TIGERS NOW SIT AT 6-1 AND RETURN HOME TO FACE FARMINGTON, ANOTHER 6-1 SQUAD. THE KNIGHTS' LONE LOSS CAME IN A 56-7 BLOWOUT TO JACKSON, BUT THEY'VE REBOUNDED WITH A THREE-GAME WIN STREAK, OUTSCORING OPPONENTS 126-41 IN THAT SPAN. THE FESTUS DEFENSE WILL NEED TO TIGHTEN UP BEFORE FACING A FARMINGTON ATTACK AVERAGING OVER 41 POINTS PER GAME.

Week 7 - 6-0 Festus Tigers

VS

3-3 DeSmet Spartans

DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: DESMET HIGH SCHOOL

GAME OVERVIEW

UNDEFEATED FESTUS (6-0) TRAVELS TO FACE DE SMET (3-3) IN A NON-CONFERENCE CLASH BETWEEN CLASS 4A GRIT AND CLASS 6A PEDIGREE. EXPECT INTENSITY, PRIDE, AND PLAYOFF-CALIBER FOOTBALL UNDER THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS.



FESTUS TIGERS

RECORD: 6-0

STRENGTHS:

BALANCED OFFENSE • AGGRESSIVE FRONT SEVEN • DISCIPLINED SECONDARY

PLAYERS TO WATCH:

- QB: CALM UNDER PRESSURE, EFFICIENT PASSER
- RBS: BREAKAWAY SPEED, EXPLOSIVE RUNS
- LBS: TACKLES, TURNOVERS, AND LEADERSHIP
- WRS: CAPABLE OF BIG PLAYS



DE SMET SPARTANS

RECORD: 3-3

STRENGTHS:

SIZE IN TRENCHES • ATHLETIC SKILL POSITIONS • PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

PLAYERS TO WATCH:

- WR: DEEP THREAT WITH ELITE HANDS
- DL UNIT: DISRUPTIVE AND PHYSICAL
- SPECIAL TEAMS: GAME-CHANGING FIELD POSITION

KEY MATCHUP FACTORS

- TEMPO CONTROL: CAN FESTUS DICTATE PACE?
- TURNOVER BATTLE: WHO WINS THE TAKEAWAY WAR?
- BIG PLAY POTENTIAL: MOMENTUM COULD SWING EARLY

WHY IT MATTERS

THIS IS MORE THAN A GAME—IT'S A MEASURING STICK. FESTUS AIMS TO PROVE THEY BELONG IN STATEWIDE CONVERSATIONS, WHILE DE SMET LOOKS TO REASSERT DOMINANCE. EYES ON THIS ONE.

TIGERS FIGHT OFF SLOW START, FEND OFF NORTH COUNTY TO STAY UNDEFEATED!

A WISE MAN ONCE SAID, "THE HUNGRY DOG RUNS FASTER." THAT RANG TRUE EARLY IN THE FIRST QUARTER FRIDAY NIGHT AS FESTUS TRAVELED TO NORTH COUNTY. THE RAIDERS, SITTING AT 1-4, WERE DESPERATE FOR SOMETHING TO SPARK THEIR SEASON AGAINST THE MIGHTY 5-0 TIGERS. EVERYONE KNEW NORTH COUNTY WOULD BE FIRED UP FOR THIS ONE –BUT THE QUESTION WAS, WOULD FESTUS BRING ITS "A" GAME, OR SLEEPWALK INTO BONNE TERRE AGAINST A BATTERED RAIDER SQUAD? THE OPENING DRIVE GAVE AN EARLY HINT.

AFTER WINNING THE COIN TOSS, FESTUS DEFERRED, GIVING NORTH COUNTY THE BALL FIRST. A STRONG RETURN SET UP THE RAIDERS NEAR MIDFIELD, AND ON THEIR FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE, QUARTERBACK BRAYDEE MCCLURE MOTIONED HIS WIDE RECEIVER BRADY DUNCAN ACROSS THE FORMATION AND HIT HIM IN THE FLAT FOR A 57-YARD CATCH AND RUN TOUCHDOWN.

ON FESTUS'S FIRST DRIVE, THE TIGERS LOOKED STUNNED. THE FESTUS SIDELINE CALLED FOR A TIMEOUT BEFORE THE OFFENSE COULD RUN A PLAY. AFTER AN INCOMPLETE PASS, A BAD SNAP GOT BEHIND QB PARKER PERRY, AND BEFORE THEY COULD BLINK, THE TIGER OFFENSE WAS FORCED TO PUNT DOWN 7-0. THE BLACK-AND-GOLD FAITHFUL WERE LEFT SHAKING THEIR HEADS. JUST ONE YEAR AND ONE DAY EARLIER, FESTUS HAD BLANKED NORTH COUNTY 31-0. COMING INTO THIS ONE, THE TIGERS HAD OUTSCORED OPPONENTS 194-49, WITH THEIR CLOSEST WIN BEING A 30-14 VICTORY AT ROLLA ON OPENING NIGHT.

AFTER A BIG SACK BY DEFENSIVE END ANTONIO PINKSTON AND A NEAR INTERCEPTION BY CORNER JACKSON FRANK, THE RAIDER OFFENSE WAS FORCED TO PUNT, AND THE MISCUES KEPT COMING FOR THE TIGERS. RUNNING BACK KAMDEN YATES WAS STUFFED FOR A SHORT GAIN ON FIRST DOWN, AND ANOTHER LOW SNAP FORCED FELLOW RB LEUNTAE WILLIAMS TO SCAMPER FOR A LOSS. JUST LIKE THAT, THE TIGERS FACED ANOTHER THIRD AND LONG AND WOULD BURN THEIR SECOND TIMEOUT OF THE HALF, JUST SEVEN MINUTES INTO THE GAME.

BUT THEN CAME THE SPARK. PERRY WOULD UNCORK A DEEP BALL TO WIDE RECEIVER DAVID RUSSELL FOR A 73-YARD TOUCHDOWN PASS. THE DEEP BALL HAS BEEN A NEW REVELATION IN PERRY'S GAME, AS THREE OF THE FOUR TOUCHDOWNS THROWN BY THE SIGNAL-CALLER WERE OVER 30 YARDS. PERRY FINISHED THE DAY 10/15 FOR 320 PASSING YARDS AND FOUR SCORES. THE AIR YARDS ON THE DAY ARE A NEW SEASON HIGH FOR PERRY, WHO SITS ATOP THE STATE QBR LEADERBOARD WITH A 185.89 RATING, AND HIS TD-TO-INT RATIO OF 20-0 ALSO RANKS FIRST IN MISSOURI.

NORTH COUNTY RESPONDED WITH A LONG DRIVE INTO TIGER TERRITORY BEFORE LINEBACKER AIDEN SCHIRMER FORCED A FUMBLE THAT FESTUS RECOVERED NEAR ITS OWN 25. SCHIRMER, ALONG WITH FELLOW LINEBACKERS AIDEN CLIFTON AND BRAYDON WILKES, ANCHORED A DEFENSE THAT BENT MORE THAN USUAL BUT DIDN'T BREAK. FRIDAY MARKED THE FIRST TIME THIS SEASON AN OPPONENT TOPPED 100 YARDS BOTH RUSHING AND PASSING, A "BAD NIGHT AT THE OFFICE" FOR PESSIMISTS, OR "TEACHING TAPE" FOR OPTIMISTS. EITHER WAY, IT WAS ENOUGH TO GET THE JOB DONE.

THE TIGERS' OFFENSE FOUND ITS RHYTHM AFTER THE TURNOVER. WILLIAMS PUNCHED IN A FIVE-YARD SCORE, ONE OF 10 CARRIES FOR 96 YARDS ON THE NIGHT, BEFORE PERRY CONNECTED WITH A SLIDING ROWAN STUCKE ON A NINE-YARD STRIKE TO MAKE IT 20-7. THE TIGER RUNNING BACK FINISHED JUST SHY OF HIS SIXTH 100-YARD RUSHING PERFORMANCE (10 CARRIES FOR 96 YARDS). WILLIAMS NOW RANKS IN THE TOP-20 IN THE STATE FOR BOTH RUSHING YARDS (729) AND YARDS PER CARRY (8.2).

THE LADDER SCORE WAS SET UP BY AN IMPRESSIVE DRIVE FROM YATES, WHO HAD MULTIPLE RUSHES OF 15+ YARDS TO GIVE THE TIGERS EXCELLENT FIELD POSITION. YATES HAS BEEN DYNAMIC SINCE RETURNING FROM INJURY JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE JUNIOR FINISHED THE GAME WITH 19 CARRIES FOR 141 YARDS AND A SCORE. YATES BRINGS A WHOLE NEW SKILLSET TO THE TIGERS' OFFENSE, ESPECIALLY THE BACKFIELD.

WITH FESTUS' BELLCOW BACK IN WILLIAMS AND THE SHIFTY RECEIVING-CAPABLE BACK IN YATES, THE DUO BRINGS SHADES OF RONNIE BROWN AND RICKY WILLIAMS FROM THE MID-2000S DOLPHINS (WHICH MEANS YES, WE ARE HOPING FOR SOME WILDCAT FORMATION THIS YEAR) OR, FOR THE OLD-SCHOOL FANS, ROGER CRAIG AND WENDELL TYLER OF THE MID-80S 49ERS.

NORTH COUNTY WOULD ADD ONE MORE SCORE, A 29-YARD PASSING STRIKE, BEFORE FESTUS WOULD REGAIN POSSESSION AND TACK ON A BEAUTIFUL BALL FROM PERRY TO GUS DRINEN IN THE BACK OF THE ENDZONE ON A 34-YARD BOMB BEFORE HALFTIME.

FOLLOWING THE BREAK, THE TIGERS WOULD TACK ON TWO THIRD-QUARTER RUSHING SCORES, A 39-YARD SCAMPER BY WILLIAMS AND A 2-YARD PUNCH-IN FROM YATES, TO GIVE FESTUS A 39-21 ADVANTAGE ENTERING THE FINAL 12 MINUTES. IT WAS IN THAT FOURTH QUARTER THAT FESTUS GAVE A GIFT TO THE FANS STILL IN ATTENDANCE, A MOONBALL FROM PERRY TO FRANK FOR AN 83-YARD EXCLAMATION POINT TO PUT THE GAME TO REST, WITH A SCORE OF 46-21.

WITH MIXED EMOTIONS LEAVING BONNE TERRE, FESTUS NOW LOOKS AHEAD TO A MASSIVE TEST AT DE SMET. THE SPARTANS HANDED THE TIGERS THEIR FIRST LOSS LAST YEAR, 42-13, EN ROUTE TO A 13-2 SEASON. THIS YEAR'S DE SMET TEAM IS 3-3 BUT HAS POSTED BACK-TO-BACK 56-POINT OUTINGS OVER VIANNEY AND CHAMINADE. FESTUS'S DEFENSE GOT A REALITY CHECK AT NORTH COUNTY, SO FRIDAY WILL DEMAND AN ALL-SYSTEMS-GO EFFORT ON THE ROAD.

AUTHORS NOTE

THANK YOU TO OUR GOOD FRIEND THE GEEK FOR HIS KIND WORDS THIS WEEK! WE APPRECIATE YOUR HARD WORK COVERING FESTUS FOOTBALL OVER THE YEARS AND HAD A GOOD LAUGH AT THE BACK-AND-FORTH OVER THE TERM "STATEMENT WIN." WE PROMISE TO CRACK OPEN THE THESAURUS BEFORE USING IT AGAIN THIS SEASON. GO TIGERS!

Week 6 - 5-0 Festus Tigers

VS

1-4 North County Raiders

DATE: OCTOBER 3RD, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

FESTUS TIGERS

• **RECORD: 5-0**

• **RECENT WINS:**

- SEP 26 VS HILLSBORO: W 40-14
- SEP 19 @ DESOTO: W 33-0
- SEP 12 VS WINDSOR: W 56-14
- AUG 29 @ ROLLA: W 30-14

• **STRENGTHS:**

- DOMINANT DEFENSE, ALLOWING JUST 14 POINTS ACROSS THREE GAMES.
- EXPLOSIVE OFFENSE, AVERAGING NEARLY 40 POINTS PER GAME.
- MOMENTUM: RIDING A THREE-GAME WIN STREAK WITH CONVINCING MARGINS.
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NORTH COUNTY RAIDERS

• **RECORD: 1-4**

• **RECENT GAMES:**

- SEP 26 VS FARMINGTON: L 49-16
- SEP 19 VS GLENWOOD: L 48-0
- SEP 12 VS HAWKS: L 28-6
- SEP 5 VS DRAGONS: W 14-13

• **CHALLENGES:**

- DEFENSIVE STRUGGLES, GIVING UP OVER 40 POINTS IN THREE OF THEIR LAST FOUR GAMES.
- OFFENSIVE INCONSISTENCY, SCORING JUST 49 POINTS TOTAL ACROSS FIVE GAMES.
- HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE COULD HELP, BUT THEY'VE YET TO WIN AT HOME THIS SEASON.

KEY MATCHUP FACTORS

- FESTUS QB AND RB TANDEM HAVE BEEN CARVING UP DEFENSES WITH SPEED AND PRECISION.
- NORTH COUNTY'S DEFENSE WILL NEED TO TIGHTEN UP TO AVOID ANOTHER BLOWOUT.
- TURNOVERS AND SPECIAL TEAMS COULD BE THE X-FACTOR FOR THE RAIDERS TO STAY COMPETITIVE.
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GAME DETAILS

- DATE & TIME: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025, AT 7:00 PM CDT
- LOCATION: NORTH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, BONNE TERRE, MO

PREDICTION

BASED ON RECENT FORM AND TEAM STATS, FESTUS ENTERS AS THE CLEAR FAVORITE. BUT RIVALRY GAMES CAN SURPRISE—IF NORTH COUNTY CAN FORCE EARLY TURNOVERS AND CAPITALIZE ON HOME ENERGY, THEY MIGHT KEEP IT CLOSE.

TIGERS' AIR ATTACK GROUNDS HAWKS IN RIVARLY WIN!

FESTUS LEFT LITTLE DOUBT IN ITS 40-14 VICTORY OVER RIVAL HILLSBORO, SHOWCASING A NEW DIMENSION TO ITS OFFENSE ON FRIDAY NIGHT. KNOWN PRIMARILY FOR ITS RUN-FIRST APPROACH, THE TIGERS UNLEASHED A BALANCED ATTACK AT TIGER STADIUM THAT OVERWHELMED THE HAWKS AND SECURED BACK-TO-BACK HIGHWAY A BRAGGING RIGHTS.

QUARTERBACK PARKER PERRY CONTINUED HIS BREAKOUT SEASON, EVOLVING THROUGHOUT THE CONTEST. FESTUS STARTED SLOWLY, LEANING ON RUNNING BACK LEUNTAE WILLIAMS FOR SHORT GAINS, BUT PENALTIES AND A COSTLY STRIP SACK STALLED DRIVES. HILLSBORO CAPITALIZED ON THE MISCUE TO TIE THE GAME 7-7 LATE IN THE SECOND QUARTER.

THAT'S WHEN PERRY FLIPPED THE SWITCH. THE JUNIOR SIGNAL CALLER CONNECTED WITH BRAYDON WILKES AND JACKSON FRANK FOR TOUCHDOWN STRIKES OF 25 AND 31 YARDS, THEN ADDED A 29-YARD SCORING TOSS TO KAMDEN YATES. YATES, MAKING HIS 2025 HOME DEBUT, ALSO BROKE LOOSE FOR A 31-YARD RUSHING TOUCHDOWN TO PUT THE GAME OUT OF REACH.

FESTUS PILED UP 416 YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE AND HIT THE 30-POINT MARK FOR THE FIFTH STRAIGHT GAME. PERRY FINISHED A SCORCHING 9-FOR-13 FOR 183 YARDS AND FOUR TOUCHDOWNS, EXTENDING HIS SEASON TOTALS TO A STATE-BEST 82% COMPLETION RATE WITH A 16-0 TD-TO-INT RATIO. AFTER A SHAKY 1-FOR-4 START WITH A LOST FUMBLE, PERRY'S BIG-PLAY ACCURACY TURNED HILLSBORO'S DEFENSE INSIDE OUT.

THE TIGERS' GROUND GAME WAS JUST AS RELIABLE. WILLIAMS LOGGED ANOTHER 150+ YARD PERFORMANCE (158 YARDS, 1 TD) AND NOW RANKS AMONG MISSOURI'S TOP 12 RUSHERS (MIN. 70 ATTEMPTS) WITH 633 YARDS ON 8.0 YARDS PER CARRY. YATES ADDED 82 YARDS ON 12 CARRIES TO GO WITH HIS TWO TOUCHDOWNS, PROVIDING A POTENT ONE-TWO PUNCH IN HIS RETURN FROM INJURY.



MEANWHILE, THE FESTUS DEFENSE WAS SUFFOCATING ONCE AGAIN. THE UNIT HELD HILLSBORO TO JUST 175 TOTAL YARDS, INCLUDING ONLY 80 THROUGH THE AIR – MARKING THE FOURTH STRAIGHT GAME THE TIGERS HAVE HELD OPPONENTS UNDER 100 PASSING YARDS. LINEBACKER AIDEN CLIFTON ANCHORED THE DEFENSE WITH KEY STOPS AGAINST THE RUN, WHILE DEFENSIVE ENDS ANTONIO PINKSTON AND WILKES CONSISTENTLY PRESSURED THE QUARTERBACK. THE HAWKS' ONLY TOUCHDOWNS CAME OFF A SHORT-FIELD DRIVE AFTER PERRY'S FUMBLE AND A LATE SCORE AGAINST THE SECOND UNIT.

WITH THE WIN, FESTUS CLAIMED BRAGGING RIGHTS IN THE HIGHWAY A RIVALRY FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE SEASON – THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2011-12 THE TIGERS HAVE MANAGED BACK-TO-BACK VICTORIES OVER HILLSBORO. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PERFORMANCE SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE ACROSS CLASS 4: FESTUS IS FOR REAL, AND OPPONENTS WILL NEED THEIR BEST TO KEEP PACE.

THE TIGERS WILL HIT THE ROAD FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, HEADING TO NORTH COUNTY AND DESMET. FESTUS IS SET TO TAKE ON THE I-4 RAIDERS ON FRIDAY, WITH NC COMING OFF BACK-TO-BACK LOSSES AGAINST ROLLA AND HILLSBORO. FANS MAY BE GETTING DEJA VU FROM LAST YEAR, AS THE TIGERS ENTERED WEEK 6 WITH A 5-0 RECORD BEFORE A 31-0 WIN OVER NORTH COUNTY. HOWEVER, THIS IS NO TIME FOR FESTUS TO TAKE ITS FOOT OFF THE GAS PEDAL, AS THE RAIDERS HAVE SHOWN THEY CAN GET IT DONE IN THE CLUTCH WITH A NARROW 14-13 WIN IN A THRILLER AGAINST DESOTO.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

APPARENTLY, A PREVIOUS 56-14 VICTORY DOESN'T QUALIFY AS A "STATEMENT" TO SOME. WE'LL KEEP THAT IN MIND. NEXT TIME, WE'LL MAKE SURE OUR QUARTERBACK COMPLETES EVERY PASS, OUR RUNNING BACK GOES FOR 200 YARDS, AND OUR DEFENSE HOLDS TEAMS TO NEGATIVE YARDAGE JUST TO BE SAFE. UNTIL THEN, WE'LL SETTLE FOR WINNING BY SIX TOUCHDOWNS. THANKS FOR BEING A FAN OF FESTUS FOOTBALL!



Week 5 - 4-0 Festus Tigers

VS

3-1 Hillsboro Hawks

DATE: SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: TIGER STADIUM

GAME OVERVIEW

FESTUS TIGERS (4-0) HOST HILLSBORO HAWKS (3-1) FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025 — 7:00 PM AT FESTUS R-6 HIGH SCHOOL. FESTUS ENTERS UNDEFEATED AND RIDING A FOUR-GAME WIN STREAK; THIS IS A KEY DISTRICT MATCHUP WITH PLAYOFF SEEDING IMPLICATIONS.

CURRENT FORM AND CONTEXT

- FESTUS: 4-0, OUTSCORING OPPONENTS BY A WIDE MARGIN AND 2-0 IN CONFERENCE PLAY; DOMINANT WINS INCLUDE A 56-14 VICTORY OVER WINDSOR AND A 33-0 ROAD SHUTOUT AT DESOTO¹.
- HILLSBORO: 3-1, COMING OFF A MIXED SLATE THAT INCLUDES A BIG WIN AND A CLOSE LOSS; THEY'LL NEED TO IMPROVE CONSISTENCY TO HANG WITH FESTUS' BALANCED ATTACK³.
- (BOTH TEAMS MEET IN A CONFERENCE GAME THAT SHAPES THE DISTRICT RACE.

WHAT FESTUS WILL LEAN ON

- OFFENSE: HIGH-SCORING AND EFFICIENT EARLY IN THE SEASON; LIKELY TO RIDE A STRONG RUSHING ATTACK THAT CONTROLS TEMPO AND OPENS PLAY-ACTION OPPORTUNITIES¹.
- DEFENSE: FESTUS HAS RECORDED MULTIPLE DOMINANT DEFENSIVE OUTINGS, INCLUDING A SHUTOUT, SO PRESSURE UP FRONT AND TURNOVER CREATION WILL BE FOCAL POINTS¹.
- EDGE: DEPTH AND MOMENTUM — FESTUS HAS COMFORTABLE WINS AND LOOKS CONFIDENT AT HOME.

WHAT HILLSBORO MUST DO

- LIMIT BIG PLAYS: FORCE FESTUS INTO LONG DRIVES; AVOID GIVING UP SHORT-FIELD TURNOVERS OR SPECIAL-TEAMS MISTAKES³.
- EXPLOIT WEAKNESSES: TARGET MISMATCHES IN SPACE AND TEST FESTUS' SECONDARY EARLY TO SLOW THE TIGERS' RHYTHM³.
- STAY DISCIPLINED: PENALTIES AND BREAKDOWNS AGAINST A TOP LOCAL OPPONENT WILL BE COSTLY.

X-FACTORS

- TURNOVER BATTLE: A FESTUS TAKEAWAY CAN TURN THE GAME INTO A ROUT; HILLSBORO NEEDS A CLEAN, MISTAKE-FREE FIRST HALF.
- LINE PLAY: WHICHEVER TEAM WINS THE TRENCHES WILL CONTROL TIME OF POSSESSION AND THE SCOREBOARD.
- SPECIAL TEAMS: A SINGLE RETURN OR BLOCKED KICK COULD FLIP MOMENTUM IN A TIGHT FIRST-HALF CONTEST.

SHORT PREDICTION

FESTUS SHOULD BE FAVORED AT HOME GIVEN THEIR UNDEFEATED FORM, DOMINANT OFFENSIVE OUTPUTS, AND STINGY DEFENSE; EXPECT FESTUS TO WIN A PHYSICAL, POSSIBLY ONE-SIDED GAME IF THEY AVOID LAPSES. A TIGHT CONTEST REMAINS POSSIBLE ONLY IF HILLSBORO FORCES TURNOVERS AND WINS THE LINE-OF-SCRIMMAGE BATTLES

TIGERS DISMANTLE DESOTO IN FIRST SHUTOUT OF THE YEAR

FESTUS'S DEFENSE SHINED ONCE AGAIN ON FRIDAY NIGHT, PITCHING A SHUTOUT AGAINST THE DESOTO DRAGONS. THE TIGERS WERE WELL-PREPARED FOR DESOTO'S RUN-HEAVY OFFENSE, HOLDING THEM UNDER 150 TOTAL YARDS. OUTSIDE OF A SINGLE 21-YARD RUSH, THE DRAGONS AVERAGED FEWER THAN THREE YARDS PER CARRY ON 33 ATTEMPTS.

THE FESTUS FRONT SEVEN SET THE TONE EARLY, WITH DEFENSIVE ENDS ANTONIO PINKSTON AND GALIN HALL CONSISTENTLY HOLDING OUTSIDE LEVERAGE. THAT DISCIPLINE FUNNELED RUNS INSIDE, WHERE LB'S CLIFTON, SCHIRMER, AND WILKES CLEANED PLAYS IN THE GAP. THE SECONDARY ENJOYED YET ANOTHER SOLID PERFORMANCE, ALLOWING JUST TWO PASSES FOR 18 YARDS. FRIDAY'S BATTLE MARKED THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE GAME IN WHICH THE FESTUS DEFENSE HELD OPPONENTS TO LESS THAN 70 PASSING YARDS.

THE TIGER SPECIAL TEAMS UNIT ALSO PLAYED A SIGNIFICANT ROLE. AFTER QUARTERBACK PARKER PERRY CONNECTED WITH DAVID RUSSELL FOR A 15-YARD TOUCHDOWN TO OPEN THE SCORING, KICKER LUKE WACKER'S KICKOFF DEFLECTED OFF A DESOTO RETURNER AND WAS RECOVERED BY KYLER BRADSHAW INSIDE THE 20, SETTING UP THE TIGER OFFENSE IN PRIME FIELD POSITION.

HOWEVER, MISCUES SLOWED THE TIGER ATTACK. A BOTCHED SNAP ON AN EXTRA POINT FORCED RUSSELL INTO A FAILED SCRAMBLE, AND WACKER LATER MISSED A PAT. PENALTIES ALSO PROVED COSTLY, A FACEMASK NEGATED A RUSHING TOUCHDOWN, AND A BLOCK-IN-THE-BACK ERASED A 25-YARD RUN ON THE TIGERS' SECOND DRIVE.

DESPITE THE SETBACKS, FESTUS SHOWED OFF ITS OFFENSIVE VERSATILITY. MIXING HEAVY 12 PERSONNEL (ONE RUNNING BACK WITH TWO TIGHT ENDS) WITH ITS TRADITIONAL SPREAD ATTACK, AND EVEN FEATURED A GOAL-LINE PACKAGE WITH PINKSTON IN AT FULLBACK. THE TIGERS RELIED ON THEIR OFFENSIVE LINE AND RUNNING BACK LEAUNTE WILLIAMS TO GET THINGS GOING EARLY. WILLIAMS RUSHED 16 TIMES FOR 93 YARDS, AVERAGING OVER 5 YARDS PER CARRY. SOPHOMORE RIGHT TACKLE ELI TILLEY STOOD OUT IN THE RUN GAME WHILE CENTER CONNOR RUSH HANDLED THE DRAGONS' VARIOUS BLITZ PACKAGES ON PASSING DOWNS.



THE TIGERS ALSO SAW THE RETURN OF RUNNING BACK KAMDEN YATES, WHO PLAYED HIS FIRST GAME OF THE SEASON AFTER RETURNING FROM AN INJURY. YATES WAS PRODUCTIVE ON LIMITED CARRIES, RUSHING 11 TIMES FOR 42 YARDS, INCLUDING A TOUCHDOWN RUN TO PUSH THE FESTUS LEAD TO 33-0, THE FINAL SCORE. THE JUNIOR BACK WILL TAKE ON A LARGER ROLE AS THE SEASON PROGRESSES, AND WILL CREATE A BACKFIELD DUO ALONGSIDE WILLIAMS TO ADD EVEN MORE VERSATILITY TO THE TIGER OFFENSE.

AT THE HELM, PERRY HAD YET ANOTHER PRODUCTIVE NIGHT. HE COMPLETED 15 OF 17 ATTEMPTS FOR 229 YARDS AND THREE TOUCHDOWNS. THE TIGER QUARTERBACK ADDED HIS FIRST RUSHING SCORE OF THE YEAR ON A QB-KEEPER ON AN OPTION PLAY, SCAMPERING 13 YARDS TO PAYDIRT. HIS HIGHLIGHT OF THE NIGHT CAME ON FESTUS'S SECOND TOUCHDOWN: PERRY EVADED A WOULD-BE SACK 10 YARDS BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE, JUKED ANOTHER DEFENDER WITH A QUICK STUTTER STEP, AND FIRED A STRIKE ON THE RUN TO A WIDE-OPEN JACKSON FRANK, PUSHING THE TIGERS' LEAD INTO DOUBLE DIGITS. THE AARON RODGERS-ESQUE PLAY WAS AN EYE-POPPER AND GAVE FANS A PREVIEW OF WHAT PERRY CAN DO WITH HIS LEGS MOVING FORWARD.

THROUGH FOUR GAMES, PERRY HAS ESTABLISHED HIMSELF AMONG MISSOURI'S ELITE QUARTERBACKS. HIS 84.06% COMPLETION RATE LEADS THE STATE, HIS 175.3 PASSER RATING RANKS SECOND, AND HIS 12 PASSING TOUCHDOWNS RANK IN THE TOP FIVE - ALL DESPITE FRIDAY BEING THE FIRST TIME HE PLAYED A FULL FOUR QUARTERS THIS SEASON.

HOWEVER, PERRY HAS YET TO BE TRULY TESTED THIS YEAR. HE HAS FREQUENTLY TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF SOFT COVERAGE, ALLOWING HIS RECEIVERS TO RACK UP YARDS AFTER THE CATCH, AND HAS YET TO PUT THE BALL IN HARM'S WAY WITH ZERO INTERCEPTIONS ON THE SEASON. FRIDAY'S UPCOMING GAME AGAINST ARCHRIVAL HILLSBORO WILL BE THE FIRST ACTUAL TEST FOR PERRY AND COMPANY.

FESTUS WILL NOT-SO-KINDLY WELCOME THE ARCHRIVAL HAWKS TO TOWN FOR A CLASH OF TWO TOP-FOUR TEAMS IN LIVE STREAM STL'S JEFFERSON COUNTY POWER RANKINGS. LAST YEAR'S 14-7 THRILLER BETWEEN THE TIGERS AND HAWKS WAS FESTUS'S CLOSEST MARGIN OF VICTORY OF THE SEASON. HILLSBORO ENTERS FRIDAY'S GAME WITH A 3-1 RECORD, WITH WINS OVER MOBERLY, WASHINGTON, AND NORTH COUNTY. ALL SIGNS POINT TO THE STARS ALIGNING FOR A FANTASTIC FOOTBALL GAME ON FRIDAY.



Week 4 - 3-0 Festus Tigers ***vs*** ***1-2 Desoto Dragons***

DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD

TONIGHT, THE FESTUS TIGERS (3-0) WILL FACE OFF AGAINST THE DESOTO DRAGONS (1-2) IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE AN EXCITING HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL MATCHUP. THE GAME WILL TAKE PLACE AT DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FIELD, WITH KICKOFF SCHEDULED FOR 7:00 PM.

THE FESTUS TIGERS COME INTO THIS GAME WITH AN UNDEFEATED RECORD, SHOWCASING A BALANCED OFFENSE THAT CAN THREATEN BOTH THROUGH THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND. THEIR ABILITY TO MIX UP THEIR PLAY-CALLING HAS KEPT DEFENSES ON THEIR TOES, MAKING THEM A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT.

ON THE OTHER SIDE, THE DESOTO DRAGONS HAVE HAD A ROCKY START TO THEIR SEASON, CURRENTLY HOLDING A 1-2 RECORD. DESPITE THEIR STRUGGLES, THE DRAGONS HAVE A STRONG RUNNING GAME THAT THEY RELY ON HEAVILY. IF THEY CAN CONTROL THE CLOCK AND DOMINATE THE GROUND GAME, THEY HAVE A CHANCE TO PULL OFF AN UPSET.

FANS CAN EXPECT A THRILLING GAME AS THESE TWO TEAMS WITH CONTRASTING STYLES CLASH ON THE FIELD. WILL THE BALANCED ATTACK OF THE TIGERS PREVAIL, OR WILL THE GROUND-AND-POUND STRATEGY OF THE DRAGONS LEAD THEM TO VICTORY? BE SURE TO CATCH ALL THE ACTION TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM!

TIGERS DOMINATE IN STATEMENT WIN OVER WINDSOR

FOOTBALL PHILOSOPHIES CLASHED ON FRIDAY NIGHT AS FESTUS TOOK ON THE WINDSOR OWLS IN A MATCHUP THAT SHOWCASED TWO VASTLY DIFFERENT OFFENSIVE IDENTITIES. WINDSOR LEANED ON THE PURIST-FAVORITE TRIPLE OPTION ATTACK OUT OF A JUMBO SET, OFTEN CROWDING THE BOX WITH AS MANY AS 10 PLAYERS. BUT THE TIGERS WEREN'T FAZED. FESTUS'S FRONT SEVEN HELD FIRM, STAYING DISCIPLINED AGAINST WINDSOR'S MOTION-HEAVY OFFENSE.

LINEBACKERS AIDEN SCHIRMER AND AIDEN CLIFTON COMMANDED THE TIGER ATTACK, AND READ THE TRIPLE OPTION TO PERFECTION. JUNIOR DEFENSIVE END ANTONIO PINKSTON HAD A STANDOUT PERFORMANCE, CONSISTENTLY SETTING THE EDGE ON RUN PLAYS AND GETTING AFTER THE QUARTERBACK ON PASSING DOWNS. IN THE SECONDARY, FESTUS CONTINUED ITS LOCKDOWN PLAY, ALLOWING JUST 25 YARDS IN THE AIR. SENIOR ROWAN STUCKE CAPPED OFF THE EFFORT WITH AN ACROBATIC PLAY TO CORRAL HIS FIRST INTERCEPTION OF THE SEASON.

OFFENSIVELY, FESTUS COUNTERED WINDSOR'S OLD-SCHOOL STYLE WITH THE MODERN SPREAD OFFENSE. QUARTERBACK PARKER PERRY HAD ANOTHER HIGHLY-EFFICIENT DAY, COMPLETING 90% OF HIS PASSES (10/11) FOR 187 YARDS AND THREE TD PASSES. HE REPEATEDLY TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SOFT COVERAGE, FINDING WIDE RECEIVER DAVID RUSSELL UNDERNEATH ON WR SCREEN PLAYS, INCLUDING A 36-YARD CATCH-AND-RUN TOUCHDOWN ON THE OPENING DRIVE.



SENIOR RUNNING BACK LEUNTAE WILLIAMS HAD ANOTHER STELLAR DAY, RUSHING FOR 182 YARDS AND THREE SCORES. WILLIAMS AVERAGED AN EYE-POPPING 17 YARDS PER CARRY, THANKS LARGELY TO ANOTHER GREAT DAY FROM THE OFFENSIVE LINE. LEFT TACKLE CARSON GRASS LED THE WAY FOR WILLIAMS ALL NIGHT LONG. GRASS DELIVERED A KEY BLOCK ON THE TIGERS SECOND DRIVE, DRIVING THE DEFENSIVE END ALL THE WAY TO THE SIDELINE TO CLEAR THE PATH FOR AN UNTOUCHED 46 YARD TOUCHDOWN RUN FOR WILLIAMS.

WITH THE GAME IN HAND BEFORE HALFTIME, THE TIGERS UNLOADED THE BENCH. SOPHOMORE QUARTERBACKS TY JACKSON AND QUINN TEN O'BRIEN BOTH SAW VALUABLE PLAYING TIME, AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF IT. O'BRIEN SHOWCASED HIS DUAL-THREAT ABILITY, RUSHING FOUR TIMES FOR 40 YARDS AND HITTING RUSSELL FOR A 46-YARD TOUCHDOWN ON HIS LONE PASS OF THE NIGHT. JACKSON WAS EQUALLY SHARP, COMPLETING BOTH HIS PASS ATTEMPTS FOR 69 YARDS, INCLUDING A 60-YARD STRIKE TO FELLOW UNDERCLASSMAN KEYSHAWN HALL.

FESTUS'S 56-14 VICTORY OVER WINDSOR SENT A CLEAR MESSAGE TO THE ST. LOUIS AREA. THROUGH THREE GAMES, THE TIGERS HAVE OUTSCORED OPPONENTS 121-35, NOTABLY WITHOUT THEIR STARTERS PLAYING ALL FOUR QUARTERS. FESTUS NOW SITS ATOP THE LIVE STREAM STL JEFFERSON COUNTY POWER RANKINGS, AHEAD OF RIVALS HILLSBORO AND UPCOMING OPPONENT, DESOTO.

THE DESOTO DRAGONS ENTER THE WEEK 4 MATCHUP WITH A 1-2 RECORD, COMING OFF A NARROW 13-14 LOSS TO NORTH COUNTY. FRIDAY WILL BE THE TIGERS' SECOND ROAD TRIP OF THE SEASON; THEIR FIRST WAS A 30-14 WIN IN ROLLA. LOOKING AHEAD, AFTER DESOTO, FESTUS WILL RETURN HOME FOR A HIGHLY ANTICIPATED SHOWDOWN WITH HILLSBORO.



Week 3 - Festus Tigers vs Windsor Owls: Undefeated on the Line

THE TIGERS AND THE OWLS BOTH ENTER THIS CLASH AT 2-0, GUARANTEEING THAT ONE TEAM WILL RIDE INTO MIDSEASON WITH ITS FIRST LOSS. EXPECT A HIGH-OCTANE OFFENSE AGAINST A CLOCK-CHEWING GROUND GAME, WITH DEFENSES DETERMINED TO BEND BUT NOT BREAK. THIS IS MORE THAN JUST A BATTLE FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS—IT'S A DEFINING EARLY-SEASON TEST OF IDENTITY FOR BOTH SQUADS.

TEAM OVERVIEWS

FESTUS TIGERS

- **OFFENSE**

- BALANCED ATTACK: LETHAL THROUGH BOTH AIR AND GROUND
- QUICK-STRIKE CAPABILITY, CAPABLE OF SCORING IN UNDER TWO MINUTES

- **DEFENSE**

- ALLOWED JUST 14 POINTS IN TWO GAMES
- EXCEL AT CREATING NEGATIVE-YARDAGE PLAYS AND TURNOVERS

WINDSOR OWLS

- **OFFENSE**

- RUN-HEAVY PHILOSOPHY, AVERAGING 35-40 RUSHING ATTEMPTS PER GAME
- FOCUS ON SUSTAINING DRIVES AND KEEPING THE OPPONENT'S OFFENSE OFF THE FIELD

- **DEFENSE**

- BEND-BUT-DON'T-BREAK APPROACH, FORCING TEAMS INTO LONG THIRD DOWNS
- STRONG PURSUIT FROM LINEBACKERS AND A STOUT INTERIOR LINE

KEY MATCHUPS

- TIGERS O-LINE VS. OWLS DEFENSIVE FRONT
- WINDSOR'S FEATURE BACK VS. FESTUS SECOND-LEVEL TACKLERS
- TIGERS QUARTERBACK VS. OWLS LINEBACKER BLITZ PACKAGES

KEYS TO VICTORY

FESTUS TIGERS

- ESTABLISH EQUILIBRIUM: MIX RUN AND PASS TO KEEP THE OWLS OFF BALANCE
- FORCE LONG THIRD DOWNS AND TURNOVERS TO LIMIT WINDSOR'S CLOCK CONTROL
- LEAN ON DEPTH AT SKILL POSITIONS TO MAINTAIN PACE LATE

WINDSOR OWLS

- SUSTAIN LONG, CLOCK-EATING DRIVES THAT SHORTEN THE GAME
- WIN THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE TO WEAR DOWN FESTUS' FRONT SEVEN
- PLAY MISTAKE-FREE, ESPECIALLY IN THE RED ZONE

WITH TWO UNBEATEN TEAMS VYING FOR DOMINANCE, THIS GAME PROMISES CONTRASTING STYLES AT ITS PUREST. IF THE TIGERS' QUICK-STRIKE OFFENSE FINDS A RHYTHM, THEY COULD PULL AWAY EARLY. BUT IF THE OWLS CONTROL POSSESSION AND THE CLOCK, FESTUS MIGHT ENDURE ONE OF ITS TOUGHEST DEFENSIVE OUTINGS. EITHER WAY, SOMEONE'S PERFECT RECORD ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT UNDER THE LIGHTS.

Week 3 - Military Appreciation Night and Andy Habsieger Remembrance



TONIGHT, ON A SPECIAL NIGHT OF REMEMBRANCE AND HONOR, THE FESTUS TIGERS PROUDLY CELEBRATE OUR 2ND MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT AND PAY TRIBUTE TO OUR VETERANS AND ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS WHO SERVE OUR COUNTRY.

WE ALSO HONOR FORMER TIGER **ANDY HABSIEGER**, A 2004 GRADUATE WHO GAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE WHILE SERVING OUR COUNTRY IN IRAQ ON MARCH 24, 2008. OUR UNIFORMS TONIGHT HONOR ANDY'S LEGACY—A TRUE TIGER WHO STOOD UP FOR HIS CLASSMATES, SUPPORTED THOSE AROUND HIM, AND NEVER GAVE UP.



Week 3 - Coach AJ Ofodile's 200th Career Game as Head Coach

TONIGHT'S GAME MARKS COACH A.J. OFODILE'S 200TH HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME AS A HEAD COACH – AN INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT IN A DISTINGUISHED FOOTBALL JOURNEY.

THIS IS COACH O'S 6TH SEASON LEADING FESTUS FOOTBALL. FROM HIS PLAYING DAYS AT MIZZOU, TO THE NFL, TO A CELEBRATED COACHING CAREER, FOOTBALL HAS ALWAYS BEEN AT THE HEART OF HIS LIFE.

COACH OFODILE BEGAN HIS HIGH SCHOOL COACHING CAREER AS OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR AT ROCK BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE SERVING AS HEAD COACH THERE FROM 2003-2015. UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP, ROCK BRIDGE CAPTURED MULTIPLE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS, MADE A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCE, AND SENT COUNTLESS PLAYERS ON TO THE COLLEGE LEVEL.

HE THEN RETURNED TO HIS ALMA MATER, THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI, SERVING AS DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING (2016-2017), WIDE RECEIVERS COACH (2018), AND TIGHT ENDS COACH (2019).

IN 2019, COACH O CHOSE TO RETURN TO HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL – AND FESTUS WAS FORTUNATE TO WELCOME HIM. OVER THE PAST FIVE SEASONS, HE HAS ELEVATED OUR PROGRAM WITH CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND MOST RECENTLY IN 2024 GUIDED THE TIGERS TO THE FIRST STATE CHAMPIONSHIP APPEARANCE IN PROGRAM HISTORY.

LAST SEASON, COACH ALSO REACHED ANOTHER MILESTONE – SECURING HIS 100TH CAREER WIN IN WEEK 2 AGAINST FRANCIS HOWELL CENTRAL.

NOW, IN HIS 6TH SEASON AT FESTUS, WE PROUDLY RECOGNIZE COACH A.J. OFODILE ON HIS 200TH CAREER GAME AS A HEAD COACH.

COACH O – THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND THE LASTING IMPACT YOU'VE MADE ON OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES. WE'RE PROUD TO HAVE YOU LEADING FESTUS FOOTBALL.

CONGRATULATIONS ON 200 GAMES!



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TOM KAVLICK MEMORIAL:

THE FESTUS FOOTBALL PROGRAM AND FESTUS FOOTBALL BOOSTER CLUB THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT THIS SEASON.

**IN MEMORY OF TOM KAVLICK
MAY 6, 1945 - JULY 11, 2025**

TOM KAVLICK WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER AND THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE FESTUS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB, WHERE HIS DEDICATION AND SUPPORT LEFT A LASTING IMPACT ON COUNTLESS STUDENT ATHLETES.

HE BALANCED HIS FAMILY LIFE AND CAREER WHILE COACHING NUMEROUS SPORTS TEAMS.

FOR 28 YEARS, HE PROUDLY SERVED AS A MISSOURI MSHSAA REFEREE.

TOM'S LEGACY LIVES ON IN THE ATHLETES, FAMILIES, AND FRIENDS WHOSE LIVES HE TOUCHED.

TIGERS' DOMINANT DEFENSE SPARKS BLOWOUT WIN OVER HOWELL CENTRAL

THE FESTUS TIGER DEFENSE FLEW ALL OVER THE FIELD DURING FRIDAY'S GAME AGAINST THE FRANCIS HOWELL CENTRAL SPARTANS. LED BY SOPHOMORE LINEBACKER AIDEN SCHIRMER, THE TIGERS' FRONT SEVEN SHUT DOWN THE RUN GAME FROM THE OPENING WHISTLE. SCHIRMER COMMANDED THE TIGERS' DEFENSE AND MADE HIS PRESENCE FELT EARLY BY SHOOTING THROUGH GAPS AND WREAKING HAVOC IN THE SPARTAN BACKFIELD.

FORCED TO ABANDON THE RUN, HOWELL CENTRAL TURNED TO THE PASS GAME BUT FREQUENTLY THREW AWAY FROM SCHIRMER AND FELLOW LINEBACKER AIDEN CLIFTON. THAT STRATEGY FAILED WHEN CORNERBACK DAVID RUSSELL JUMPED A FIVE-YARD HITCH ROUTE, PICKING OFF HIS FIRST PASS OF THE YEAR AND RETURNING IT 65 YARDS FOR THE GAME'S OPENING SCORE.

THE SPARTANS' ONLY SCORE CAME DURING A TWO-MINUTE DRILL BEFORE HALFTIME, WHEN A TIGHT END COMPLETED A TIM TEBOW-ESQUE JUMP PASS TO SCORE FROM FIVE YARDS OUT. AFTER RECOVERING A ONSIDE KICK, HOWELL CENTRAL TRIED MORE TRICKERY WITH A DOUBLE REVERSE PASS, BUT SAFETY LIAM O'BRIEN READ IT ALL THE WAY AND PICKED IT OFF FOR THE TIGERS' SECOND INT OF THE HALF.

ON OFFENSE, THE TIGERS ESTABLISHED THE RUN EARLY BEHIND SENIOR RUNNING BACK LEAUNTAE WILLIAMS, WHO FINISHED WITH OVER 100 YARDS ON THE GROUND AND TWO SCORES. WILLIAMS FREQUENTLY FOLLOWED LEFT GUARD CAMDEN WALTON AND LEFT TACKLE CARSON GRASS ON DOUBLE TRAP PLAYS, AS THE PAIR PULLED ACROSS THE FORMATION TO CLEAR THE PATH FOR THE RUNNING BACK.



WITH THE GROUND GAME DRAWING DEFENDERS INSIDE, JUNIOR QUARTERBACK PARKER PERRY TOOK CONTROL. HE USED HIS LEGS TO EXTEND PLAYS AND CONNECTED ON BIG THROWS DOWN THE FIELD. HIS BEST THROW OF THE NIGHT CAME ON THE OPENING DRIVE. THE QB ROLLED OUT OF THE POCKET AND FIRED A DART 44 YARDS DOWN THE FIELD, SPLITTING DOUBLE COVERAGE AND HITTING RUSSELL IN THE CHEST INSIDE THE 20-YARD LINE. HOWEVER, AN ILLEGAL SHIFT ON THE OFFENSE WOULD NEGATE THE BIG GAIN, AND FESTUS WOULD BE FORCED TO PUNT LATER THAT SERIES.

OFFENSIVE MISCUES SUCH AS ILLEGAL SHIFTS AND FALSE STARTS STALLED A FEW DRIVES, BUT THE TIGER DEFENSE PICKED UP THE SLACK BY FORCING MULTIPLE THREE-AND-OUTS AND GIVING THE OFFENSE GREAT FIELD POSITION.

PERRY FINISHED THE NIGHT 17-FOR-23 FOR 166 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS. HIS FIRST CAME ON A 12-YARD SLANT TO GUS DRINEN, PUTTING FESTUS UP 14-0 EARLY. AFTER HALFTIME, THE TIGERS MARCHED DOWNFIELD BEHIND WILLIAMS BEFORE PERRY LOFTED A PERFECTLY PLACED 15-YARD FADE TO JACKSON FRANK, EXTENDING THE LEAD TO 28-7. WILLIAMS ADDED HIS SECOND TOUCHDOWN AFTER AN END-AROUND FROM RUSSELL SET THE TIGERS UP AT THE ONE-YARD LINE. FESTUS PUNCHED IT IN TO MAKE IT 35-7, THE FINAL SCORE, SECURING THEIR SECOND WIN OF THE SEASON.

FESTUS NOW TURNS ITS ATTENTION TO THE 2-0 WINDSOR OWLS, WHO ARE COMING OFF A 36-28 DOUBLE-OVERTIME WIN OVER HERCULANEUM AND A DOMINANT 36-6 VICTORY OVER AFFTON. FRIDAY'S MATCHUP WILL BE THE TIGERS' SECOND STRAIGHT HOME GAME BEFORE THEY HIT THE ROAD FOR THREE OF THEIR NEXT FOUR GAMES.





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🏈 FESTUS TIGERS DOMINATE EARLY, HOLD OFF ROLLA BULLDOGS FOR 30-14 VICTORY IN WEEK 1!

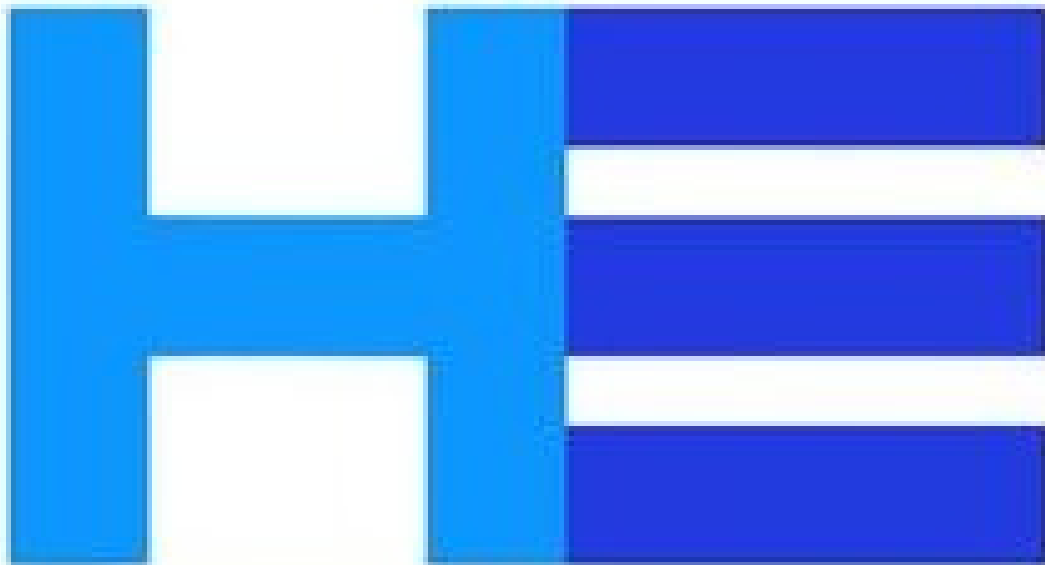
THE FESTUS TIGERS CAME OUT FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS FRIDAY NIGHT, PUTTING ON A FIRST-HALF AERIAL SHOWCASE THAT LEFT THE ROLLA BULLDOGS SCRAMBLING TO CATCH UP. WITH FOUR TOUCHDOWN PASSES SPLIT EVENLY ACROSS THE FIRST TWO QUARTERS, FESTUS SURGED TO A COMMANDING 28-7 LEAD BY HALFTIME.

PARKER PERRY'S QUARTERBACK EFFICIENCY AND THE RECEIVER'S SHARP ROUTE EXECUTION WERE THE STORY OF THE NIGHT FOR THE TIGERS, WHO CARVED UP ROLLA'S SECONDARY WITH PRECISION. EACH OF FESTUS'S FIRST-HALF SCORES CAME THROUGH THE AIR, SHOWCASING THEIR DEPTH AT RECEIVER AND THE POISE OF THEIR SIGNAL-CALLER. ROLLA'S LONE HIGHLIGHT BEFORE THE BREAK CAME ON A THRILLING KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWN IN THE SECOND QUARTER, INJECTING A BRIEF SPARK INTO AN OTHERWISE UPHILL BATTLE.

THE SECOND HALF SAW A SHIFT IN TEMPO, WITH DEFENSES TIGHTENING AND SCORING SLOWING. FESTUS ADDED TWO MORE POINTS VIA A SAFETY IN THE THIRD QUARTER, CAPITALIZING ON A MISCUE DEEP IN ROLLA TERRITORY. THE BULLDOGS MANAGED TO FIND THE END ZONE AGAIN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WITH A WELL-EXECUTED PASSING TOUCHDOWN, BUT THE DAMAGE HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE.

WITH THE 30-14 WIN, FESTUS NOT ONLY SHOWCASED THEIR OFFENSIVE FIREPOWER BUT ALSO THEIR ABILITY TO CONTROL THE GAME FROM START TO FINISH. THE TIGERS MOVE FORWARD WITH MOMENTUM, WHILE ROLLA WILL LOOK TO REGROUP AND BOUNCE BACK IN THEIR NEXT OUTING.





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2025 Festus Varsity Roster

1	Leuntae Williams	12	RB	5'8	175		26	Landen Naumann	11	DB	5'8	145
2	Antonio Pinkston	11	DE	6'2	235		28	Myles Farries	10	RB/DB	5'10	170
3	Kamden Yates	11	RB	5'8	180		30	Chase Barks	11	DE	6'3	180
4	Parker Perry	11	QB	6'1	195		33	Gio Smith	10	RB	5'10	200
5	Aiden Schirmer	10	LB	6'1	195		36	Justus Gamm	11	LB	5'11	165
6	Jackson Frank	12	WR	5'11	175		40	Gibson Cotham	10	DT/TE	5'11	220
7	Rowan Stucke	12	WR	6'2	165		42	Mike Farries	11	DT	5'7	190
8	Braydon Wilkes	11	TE	6'0	215		43	Trent Moss	12	DL	5'10	215
9	David Russell	12	WR	5'8	145		44	Kyler Bradshaw	12	LB	5'10	180
10	Quinnten O'Brien	10	QB	5'10	175		45	Aiden Clifton	12	TE/LB	6'2	220
11	Max Foglesong	11	DB	5'11	180		51	Karter Reese	12	OL	6'0	220
12	Carter Rush	10	WR	5'11	165		52	Aric Luo	10	LB	5'10	195
13	Gus Drinen	11	WR	6'1	160		54	Carson Grass	11	DL/OL	5'10	240
14	Dylan Clinton	11	WR	5'8	155		56	Beau Canaday	10	DE	6'3	210
15	Jeremiah Smith	10	WR	6'0	145		58	Garrett Burgan	11	DT	5'10	185
16	Luke Wacker	12	K/DB	6'0	155		60	Dustin Thompson	10	OL	6'1	215
17	Nash Fenwick	9	WR	5'11	155		62	Aiden Beelman	11	LB	5'7	200
18	Ty Jackson	10	QB	5'9	185		63	Camden Walton	11	OL/DL	5'11	210
19	Brody Estes	9	TE	6'3	170		66	Aiden Buechting	9	OL	5'11	180
20	Keyshawn Hall	10	WR/DB	5'8	135		69	Connor Rush	12	OL	5'11	280
21	Galin Hall	11	TE/DE	6'1	200		70	Mason Weinhaus	12	OL	5'11	275
22	Omauri Anderson	12	RB	5'10	170		72	Eli Tilley	10	OL	6'3	230
23	Bennett Spraul	9	RB	5'10	175		77	Sedric Drown	12	DL	6'3	280
24	Liam O'Brien	11	WR/DB	5'11	190		79	Cam Williams	11	OL	5'9	245
25	Joseph Colburn	9	LB	5'6	140		90	Rashad Bryant	10	DL	6'2	270

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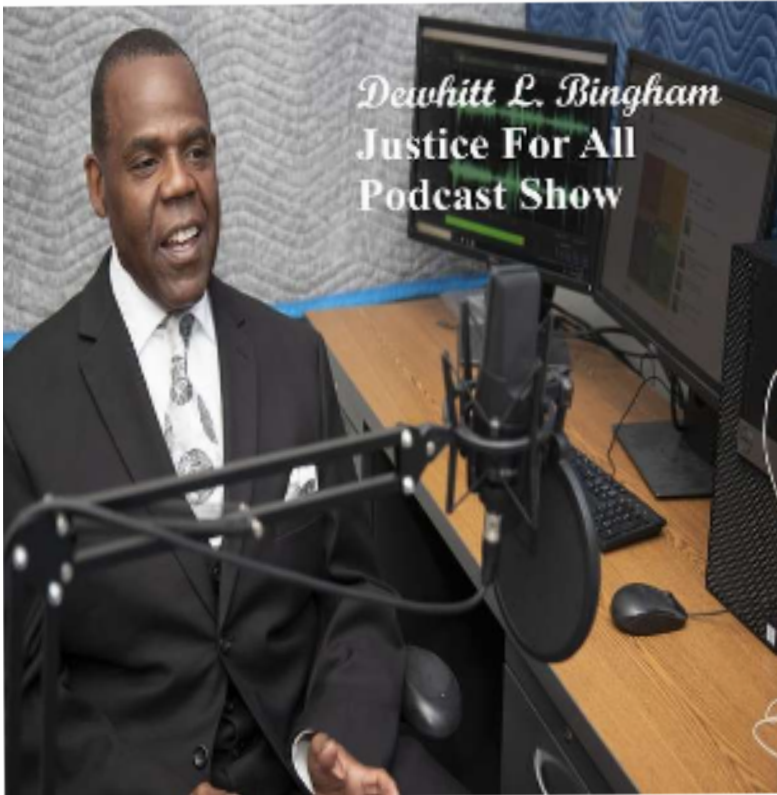
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2025 Festus 9-10 Roster

1	Keyshawn Hall	10	WR/S	5'8	130		51	Liam Moser	10	DT	5'6	170
2	Joseph Colburn	9	RB/LB	5'6	140		53	Chase Martin	9	OL/LB	5'6	145
4	Hunter Thomas	9	DB	5'7	145		57	Colton Kraus	9	DT	5'1	130
5	Giovanni Smith	10	DT	5'9	155		58	Braxton Etzler	10	LB	5'10	190
6	Carter Rush	10	WR	5'8	150		60	Dustin Thompson	10	OL	5'10	190
7	Jeremiah Smith	10	WR	5'9	145		62	Oliver Moutray	9	OL/LB	5'7	160
10	James (TY) Jackson	10	RB	5'8	170		63	Bryan Conway	10	DT	5'5	155
11	Quinnten O'Brien	10	QB	5'9	165		64	Jaxsen Patrick	9	OL/DE	5'9	160
14	Nash Fenwick	9	WR	5'8	150		68	Jack Lewis	9	DT	5'9	155
16	Logan Haferkamp	9	DB	5'6	130		70	Tegan Tucker	10	OL/DT	5'9	170
17	Jurni Fitzgerald	9	WR	5'7	150		71	Andrew Wilkes	9	OL/DT	5'9	165
18	Colton Brinkley	9	LB	5'9	165		72	Aiden Buechting	9	OL/DT	5'7	155
20	Bennett Spraul	9	RB/DB	5'9	150		73	Carter Jeude	10	OL	5'9	150
22	Aaron Bradley	9	WR	5'7	140		74	Ryshad Bryant	10	DT	6'1	195
23	Jacob Collier	9	RB/DB	5'9	140		75	Eli Tilley	10	OL/DE	6'2	215
26	Ivan Scaggs	9	RB/DB	5'9	135		76	Beau Canaday	10	DE	6'2	210
28	Myles Farris	10	LB	5'9	150		77	Orlandas Anderson	9	OL/DL	5'11	210
42	Brody Estes	9	LB	6'1	175		78	Landon Barks	9	OL/LB	6'0	150
43	Aden Brown	10	LB	5'9	170		91	Andrew Voiles	9	DE	5'8	210
48	Marshall Cotham	10	DE	5'8	160							

2025 Festus JV Schedule

Sep 2, 2025	Tue	5:00pm	Game	H	Rolla	Festus High School	
Sep 8, 2025	Mon	6:30pm	Game	A	LIBERTY	Liberty High School	
Sep 15, 2025	Mon	5:00pm	Game	A	Windsor	Windsor High School	
Sep 22, 2025	Mon	5:00pm	Game	H	De Soto High School	Festus High School	
Sep 29, 2025	Mon	5:00pm	Game	A	Hillsboro High School	Hillsboro High School	
Oct 6, 2025	Mon	5:00pm	Game	H	North County R-1	Festus High School	
Oct 13, 2025	Mon	5:00pm	Game	H	De Smet Jesuit	Festus High School	
Oct 20, 2025	Mon	5:00pm	Game	A	Farmington	Farmington High School	
Oct 27, 2025	Mon	5:00pm	Game	A	Jackson	Jackson High School	

2025 Festus 7th Grade Roster

1	PARKER	JACOBSON	WR	DB	30	KARSON	CROCKER	WR	DB
2	CARSON	HEDRICK	RB/WR	DB	32	DIRK	JOHNSON	QB	LB
3	ELI	HORRELL	WR/QB	DB	40	NOAH	LAW	OL	DL
4	FLYNN	HAUPT	WR	DB	42	RYDER	BRADDY	RB/QB	LB
5	ANDREW	ALMANY	RB/QB	LB	44	EMERY	JOKERST	TE	LB
6	LEANDRE	TAYLOR	WR	DB	45	CALVIN	TILLEY	TE	DL
7	AUSTIN	BURCHETT	RB	LB	51	LANDON	JAMES	OL	DL
8	EVAN	HEMPHILL	RB	LB	52	MICHAEL	DOWNS	OL	DL
9	SEAN	ANDRADE	WR	DB	53	A.J.	DEANE	OL	DL
10	KLAYTON	ENGLEBRIGHT	RB	DB	54	JULIUS	LACEY	OL	LB
11	RYLEN	LAKE	TE	LB/DL	55	COLTON	LAWS	OL	DL
12	BENNETT	ESPELIEN	WR	DB	56	CHUCK	VOLLMER	OL	LB
13	JARON	THURSTON	WR	DB	58	COLTON	KETTELHUT	OL	DL
17	CARTER	BROWN	WR	DB	59	XAVIER	LINDSEY	OL	DL
20	OTIS	ST. GERMAIN	WR	DB	60	SYLAS	NAUMANN	OL	DL
21	ZANE	BOURISAW	OL	DL	62	MICHAEL	FISH	OL	DL
22	KALEB	MCCARTNEY	WR	DB	63	CAMERON	BRAXHAGE	OL	DL
23	ISAAC	SCAGGS	WR	DB	66	TAYTON	CHAPMAN	OL	DL
24	MADDEN	COOLEY	WR	DB	75	CAMERON	LANGLEY	OL	DL
25	MASON	JUNGEWAELTE R	RB	DB	77	LOGAN	GOVERO	OL	DL
28	JACK	REESE	WR	DB					

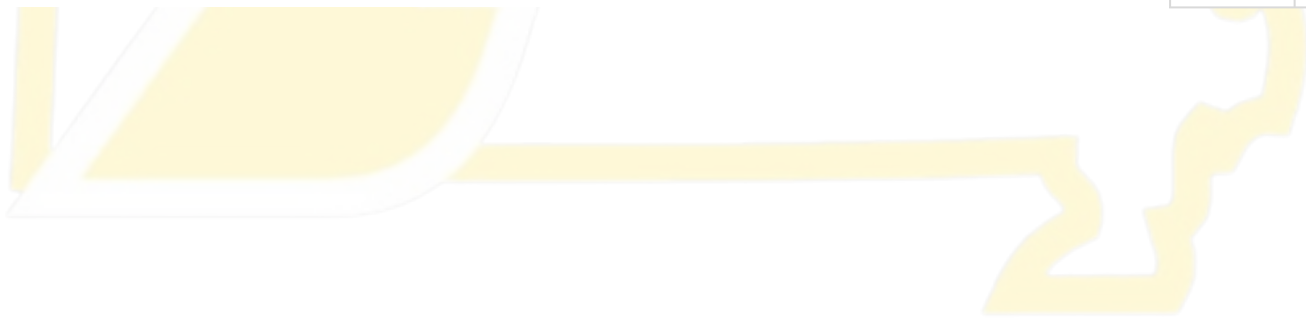
2025 Festus 8th Grade Roster

1	EASTON	GOOD	RB/S	LB
2	IAN	KOESSEL	WR	DB
3	KAMDEN	BAYER	WR	DB
4	JAMAR	HIBBLER	RB	LB
6	BRODY	BELL	WR	LB
8	SHANE	REESE	RB	LB
9	JAXSON	O'BARR	WR	DB
12	PRESTON	WILKES	WR	DB
13	MICHAEL	HANKINS	QB	DB
17	BLAKE	HILTON	QB	LB
20	NOLAN	HOPPMAN	WR	DB
21	LUCAS	HEMPHILL	WR	DB
22	JANSEN	SCHNURR	RB	LB
23	AIDEN	BOWMAN	WR	DB
24	JAXXON	BURNS	WR	DB
25	AIDEN	BOWMAN	WR	DB
28	SKLAR	BOWMAN	WR	DB

30	AUSTIN	HABSIEGER	WR	LB
40	SAMUEL	ARMFIELD	RB/TE	LB
42	ELI	BEQUETTE	TE	LB
44	MASON	COMPTON	RB	LB
45	BRADLEY	HODGES	TE	DL
51	THOMAS	DOLAN	OL	DL
52	MASON	EDWARDS	OL	DL
53	ANDREW	WARD	OL	DL
54	ETHAN	SMITH	OL	DL
55	CALE	PONDER	OL	DL
56	WESTON	GANT	RB	DB
60	EVAN	KETTLER	OL	DL
63	KAMDIN	LAWS	OL	DL
66	ELIJAH	MARTIN	OL	DL
75	JUDE	MEADOWS	OL	DL
77	JAXON	SHOULTS	OL	DL

2025 Festus 7th/8th Schedule

Sep 18, 20...	Thu	5:00pm	Game	A	Pacific Middle	Pacific High School
Sep 25, 20...	Thu	5:00pm	Game	H	Hillsboro Middle	Festus High School
Oct 2, 2025	Thu	5:00pm	Game	A	De Soto High School	Desoto High School
Oct 9, 2025	Thu	5:00pm	Game	H	Windsor	Festus High School
Oct 16, 20...	Thu	4:00pm	Game	A	North County Middle	North County Middle School
Oct 23, 2025	Thu	5:00pm	Game	H	Farmington	Festus High School



2025 Festus 7th/8th Grade Cheerleading

7TH GRADE:

***AUBREY BIELICKE, KHLOE BIZZLE, J'NIAH
BUFFKINS, CHARLIE CREAMER, CHARLOTTE
PIPPIN, HADLEY SCHILLY, JAZMYNN
WEARY, ARIANNA ZEHR***

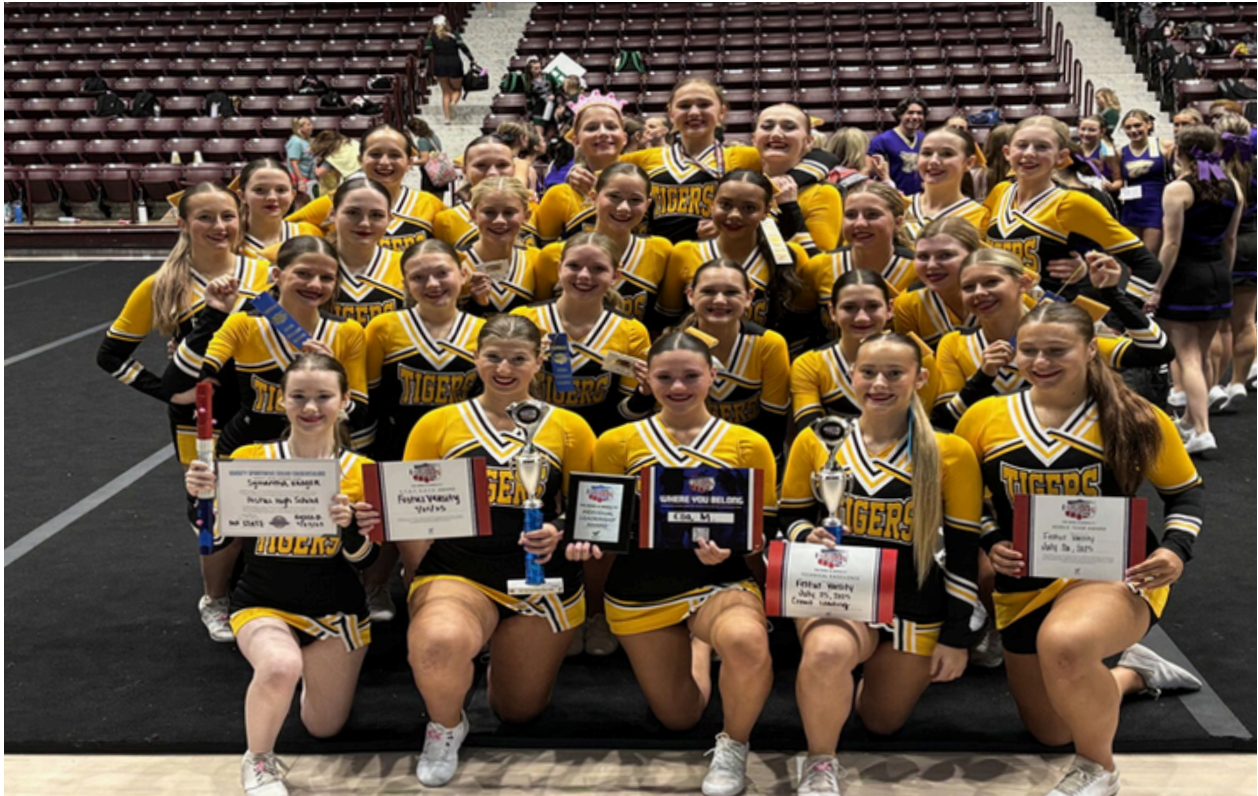
8TH GRADE:

***CHLOE BROCK, ADILYNN CRITES, SOPHIA
GOULD, LILLIAN HARRIS, MIRABELLA
NAJERA, LEXI NORRICK, AUBREY
PETEREIN, RAELYNN WOODWARD***

COACHES:

TRUDY CRITES & ASHLEY SLOAN

2025 Festus Varsity Cheer



THE 2025 FESTUS VARSITY CHEERLEADING TEAM IS SHOWING MORE SPIRIT THAN EVER BEFORE! LED BY COACHES SYMANTHA NAEGER AND KATHY SARDO, WITH CAPTAINS JAYLEIGH FITZGERALD, CECE HAWKINS, AND ELLA MOSER, THE TEAM IS EXCITED TO BRING ALL THE ENERGY IN STRENGTH TO THIS SEASON.

THIS SUMMER, THE CHEER TEAM PROUDLY REPRESENTED FESTUS AT THE NCA HIGH SCHOOL CHEER CAMP AT MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY. THEY WORKED SO HARD TO BRING HOME THEIR SPIRIT STICK AND HAVE BECOME TWO TIME TOP TEAM CHAMPIONS IN THE BAND CHANT AND CHEER CATEGORIES. THEY ALSO ARE TWO TIME AWARDEES FOR THE HERKIE TEAM AWARD AND WERE RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR CROWD LEADING ABILITIES. A SPECIAL SHOUTOUT GOES TO ELLA MOSER FOR RECEIVING THE WHOLE CAMP'S INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP AWARD AND HANNAH GREENSTREET FOR RECEIVING ALL-AMERICAN.

THIS YEAR'S CHEER TEAM IS EXCITED TO SUPPORT OUR FALL SPORTS AND PUSH SCHOOL SPIRIT FURTHER! THEY CAN'T WAIT TO HOST THEIR LIL TIGERS CHEER CLINIC THIS FALL FOR 3RD-5TH GRADERS AND COLLABORATE WITH THE DANCE TEAM. THIS WILL BE A FIERCE SEASON AND THEY CAN'T WAIT TO CHEER ON THEIR TIGERS!

2025 Festus Varsity Cheer Roster



Abela Winnett	Hannah Greenstreet
Abigail Smith	Heidi Branscum
Alyssa Vitt	Jayleigh Fitzgerald
Audrey Brucato	Joëlle Beck
Ava Blecha	Keily Williams
Avery Moser	Kiley Hileman
Bianca White	Kiley McDowell
Constance Hawkins	Lillian Isaac
Corin Brummer	Nikki Sardo
Daphne Pellerin	Payton Fauller
Ella Moser	Payton Kennedy
Giuliana Schutte	Peyton Scott
Grace Clifton	Stella Barron
Gracie Sommers	Talia Winnett
Haley Smith	Zha'mir Ford

2025 Tigergirl Dance Team



Kaila	Basch
Emma	Blecha
Kourtney	Blecha
Kenadi	Bizzle
Emelia	Coplin
MaKenna	Penberthy
Zada	Piva
Addison	Walden
Peyton	Zohner



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THE FESTUS MARCHING TIGERS ARE 159 MEMBERS STRONG AND THIS YEAR THEY ARE HAVING A "DANCE PARTY" THAT INCLUDES SHUT UP AND DANCE WITH ME, SAFETY DANCE, TWIST AND SHOUT, AND BOOGIE SHOES. THERE MIGHT BE A LITTLE DANCING IN THE STREETS, TOO! WHEN THE BAND PERFORMS SAFETY DANCE FEEL FREE TO SING ALONG WITH THEM - "WE CAN DANCE IF WE WANT TO, WE'VE GOT ALL YOUR LIFE AND MINE. AS LONG AS WE ABUSE IT, NEVER GONNA LOSE IT, EVERYTHING WILL WORK OUT RIGHT. WE CAN DANCE IF WE WANT TO, WE CAN LEAVE YOUR FRIENDS BEHIND, 'CAUSE YOUR FRIENDS DON'T DANCE AND IF THEY DON'T DANCE, WELL THEY'RE NO FRIENDS OF MINE." THE BAND IS GUIDED BY A DEDICATED LEADERSHIP TEAM COMPRISING SENIOR DRUM MAJORS DARREON BOX AND SILAS CURTIS, ALONGSIDE JUNIOR DRUM MAJOR AUDREY BRUCATO. A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE FESTUS COMMUNITY FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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DRUM MAJORS: DARREON BOX, SILAS CURTIS, AUDREY BRUCATO

FLUTE: ELENA BALDONADO, MIA BENNETT, CHLOE BLESSING, JENNA BOYET, ABIGAIL BRADLEY, KAT CARR, MORGAN CASTILLO, BROOKLINN CORNETT, AUBREE EMILY, SOPHIA FREEMAN, MIA KOHL, AVA LEE, CLAIRE LIU, AVERY MOSER, BELLA PHILLIPS, LEXI ROY, ADDISON STRANGHOENER

CLARINET: CAROLINE ASHLOCK, SAMANTHA BLAIR, MORGAN BOYER, DEREK COPELAND, GIBSON COTHAM, SOPHIA CROSSLAND, BRE GRUNOW, SHAYNE HOFFMEISTER, IAN HORCH, BALAN JAMES, CHASE KRISHER, HAYLEY LATHAM, REBA LAWSON, MICHAEL LEMONS, ARIC LUO, MASON MCCABE, LAYLA MCMANIS, NORA NIEHAUS, JO OSTERBERG, SHAYLYN PIPPIN, MARLEY RICHARDSON, LAINEY SALATAS, CHLOE SCHACKMANN, VERA SELLMAN, OLIVIA SNYDER, JACKSON STORK-SHEPARD, LILLY WELCH, CHLOE YATES

ALTO SAXOPHONE: OJ ANDERSON, SCARLET BLECHA, ASHTON BRUCATO, MATTHEW COLLIER, CHRIS DAVIS, KRISSY GASTREICH, LEXIE HOFFMEISTER, ADRIAN LAPLANT, CAIDEN MORELAN

TENOR SAXOPHONE: MAKENA DATTILO, SHAW MOORE, AMELIE RICHARDS, GAVIN SAGAN, VINCENT SELLMAN, ELI STRANGE

TRUMPET: BRAYDEN BEARD, BRAIDEN BLECHA, DAVIN BROWN, JACOB COLLIER, MARSHALL COTHAM, OLIVIA CURTIS, ESSENCE DINKINS, HUNTER ECKERT, IZZY EUBANKS, ASHTON HALL, HAYDEN HARMAN, KILEY HILEMAN, ELIJAH HINKLE, BEN HUDSON, CARTER JEUDE, PEYTIN LACHANCE-HILL, MCKENZIE MILLER, COLBY MORELAN, LIAM MOSER, DOMENICO NAJERA, MAKENNA PRATHER, ABBY SARBER, IVAN SCAGGS, JEWEL SCHUBERT, ETHAN SPECK, ANDREW VOILES JR.

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