



North Carolina High School Athletic Association
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NCHSAA HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION)

I. NOMINEE INFORMATION

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NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL Northern Durham High School YEAR GRADUATED 1976
NAME OF COLLEGE Elon YEAR GRADUATED 1980
ADDITIONAL DEGREES (MASTERS, DOCTORATE, ETC) _____
** IF NOMINEE IS DECEASED, GIVE DATE OF DEATH AND FILL IN SECTION II **

II. NEAREST RELATIVE

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TITLE/POSITION Instructional Designer
SCHOOL SYSTEM NCDOR
SIGNATURE Ivy Cody Sutton DATE 10/24/2022

IV. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

IN CHART BELOW, PLEASE LIST CHRONOLOGICALLY THE NOMINEE'S POSITION (COACH, PRINCIPAL, ETC.) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE DATA

POSITION	DATES	SCHOOL OR SYSTEM	HONORS	COACHING RECORDS
Head Football Coach	1985-2018	Washington County Plymouth High School	Coach of the Year 12 Conference Championships 3 State Champ	11 times 2009-13-1
Athletic Director	1991-2013	Plymouth HS		
Co-Athletic Director	2015-2018	Plymouth HS		
Board of Directors	2008-2012	NCAA		
Head JV Basketball Coach	1980-1982	North Johnson HS		24-24
Head Varsity Basketball Coach	1982-1983	North Johnson HS		1-21
Head JV Basketball Coach	1984-1985	Nash Co High School		35-5
Head JV Basketball Coach	1998-2008	Plymouth HS		
Head Coach	1983-1985	Nash Co HS		
Track & Field	1985-1989 2015-2018	Plymouth HS		
Assistant Baseball Coach	2003-2012	Plymouth HS		

Ass. Staff Gym Basketball Coach 2012-2015 Plymouth HS

CIVIC/CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE CHURCH, CIVIC OR CHARITABLE INVOLVEMENT)

1. Washington County Relay for Life (Walk for Cancer Survivors)
2. Helped raise over \$45,000 to buy State Championship Rings for players
3. Donates to Church weekly
4. Donates to Food Pantry regularly
5. Teaches Sunday School every week
6. Donates & volunteers a free football camp for 20 years (Church's Bower Camp)
7. Church Deacon
8. Voting Pole Judge in Washington County

HONORS

(PLEASE LIST HONORS EARNED IN COLLEGE, POST GRADUATE WORK, AWARDS FROM CIVIC CLUBS, ETC.)

(EXAMPLE: PHI BETA KAPPA, MAGNA CUM LAUDE, JAYCEE PERSON OF THE YEAR, ETC.)

1. Shrine Bowl Coach - 2013
2. Coach of the Year (11 times)
3. Football Field Dedicated in his honor 2024

4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

V. PHOTOGRAPH

ATTACH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE NOMINEE
(preferably head and shoulder shot, wallet size)



VI. SUPPORT OF CANDIDACY

Using whatever supportive data you may wish, please describe the activities and accomplishments of this candidate which make him/her a viable candidate for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Please remember that only thorough and complete documentation will be considered. Two letters of recommendation (minimum) will be necessary, and newspaper articles, etc., in support may also be submitted.

The committee shall seek to honor those who have directly influenced the history and evolution of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association. Attachments are considered appropriate.

FOR OFFICE USE: DATE RECEIVED _____

Jim West

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October 29, 2020

NCHSAA

c/o Hall of Fame Selection Committee

PO Box 3216

Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3216

Dear Selection Committee Members,

Robert Cody has touched many people's lives through his career as a teacher, coach, and mentor. Robert Cody deserves strong consideration to be inducted in the NCHSAA Hall of Fame.

While I've only had a personal relationship with Robert for 10 years, I've been a huge fan for over 20 years. In 1985, Robert began his head coaching career at Plymouth High School. My wife of 25 years attended Plymouth High School from 1987 to 1991 and she witnessed how Mr. Cody trained boys to become outstanding ambassadors of Plymouth High School. She witnessed how Robert's teachings made a long-lasting impact on her peers. To this day, my wife's peers affectionally refer to Mr. Cody as "Coach".

I've been covering North Carolina High School football for many years and I have researched the records of every high school football program from the years 1960 to present. In the 25 years preceding Robert's tenure at Plymouth, the Vikings made the playoffs exactly once. From 1981 to 1984, Plymouth's record was 7-32-1. Starting in Robert's first year at the helm of the Plymouth Vikings' football program the team made the playoffs. On many Friday nights he would face programs with twice the number of players and resources on the gridiron and lead his team to victory. His record speaks for itself. Three state championships, six state championship appearances, countless playoff victories, and over 260 victories.

As any head football coach will attest, success includes a team-based approach along with a strong coaching staff and countless volunteers. I've witnessed firsthand on how he mentors his coaching staff. Members of Robert's coaching staff have used his knowledge of the game to better enhance their own opportunities on and off the gridiron.

In 1992, I started dating my future wife and over the past 28 years I've been visiting Plymouth regularly. Washington County has experienced considerable heartache during this time due to a changing economy. Many people have fallen victim to a lack of resources and many businesses have failed. The

one unifying element of Plymouth's society has been the tremendous success of Plymouth High School's athletic teams. To have a strong athletic program you must have a tremendous athletic director. From 1991 to 2013, Robert served as Plymouth High School's athletic director. His knowledge of life greatly surpasses the gridiron. He found some of the best coaching talent in the state to help mold the lives of many Plymouth adolescents.

On a personal note, I first met "Coach" about 10 years ago. Although I'm quite seasoned, I was very nervous when I first met Robert. He immediately put me at ease and shared with me many life stories. He also shared with me that his strongest emphasis in his life is his family. I've attended many Plymouth football games over the years and I would always see Robert's wife helping him out. He's introduced me to his daughter Ivy and his parents who happened to live in Durham, about 15 minutes from his home. Although I'm beyond impressed with Coach Cody's success on the gridiron, I'm the most impressed with his character.

Robert Cody has given so many people in Plymouth an avenue for success. He is a man of the highest moral and ethical character. I ask the Selection Committee to consider my letter when naming the next NCHSAA Hall of Fame class. Robert's induction would symbolize not only his incredible track record of success but also symbolizes how future minds in Plymouth can strive for success.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim West". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with a long, sweeping underline for the word "West".

Jim West

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NCHSAA
c/o NCHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee
P.O. Box 3216
Chapel Hill, N.C. 27515

October 30, 2020

Dear Selection Committee,

I'm writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Robert Cody, formerly of Plymouth and Washington County High Schools. Not only have I known and interacted with this outstanding coach and educator for the past 15-plus years, I feel that I can count myself very fortunate to be able to call him a friend, and even a mentor.

Being a person who's traveled around the state of North Carolina for many years covering high school athletics, I've been blessed with the opportunity to know many coaches, administrators, and even players. I've seen the best of the best that this great state has to offer, and it comes without any level of hesitation when I say that Robert Cody is among the most elite in that group. The 260-plus wins, multiple state championships, and the hall-of-fame caliber stats that he produced pale in comparison to the greater impact that he had on the hundreds upon hundreds of students that he taught and coached, and the community that he's so honorably served for over 35 years.

Robert Cody is the kind of coach, man, and leader that I would want to lead my own children. His stats may be among the best, but it's the caliber of person that makes him most worthy of this stellar honor, because as I previously stated, he is one of the best of the best, and those who learned from him and interacted with him are much better off today, all because of him.

Kind Regards,

Chris Hughes
Editor
CarolinaPreps.com

NORTH CAROLINA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

103rd Annual FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS



DECEMBER 16 & 17, 2016

Carter-Finley Stadium Kenan Stadium & RR&T Field



Murphy Bulldogs

Location: Plymouth, N.C.

Conference: Coastal 10 1A

Colors: Blue, Vegas Gold & White

Principal: Sharon Cherry

Athletic Director: Cory Crossen

Head Coach: Robert Cody

Assistant Coaches: Cory Crossen, Robert Moore, William Hunt, Milo Alexander, Ronnie Cherry, James Robinson

Players to Watch: Javeion Spruill (TE/DT), Wayne Johnson (LB/TE) & Josh Downing (RB/DB/LS)

Team Record: 12-3 (7-0)

Date	Opponent	Result
8/19	@ Northeastern	0 - 34 (L)
8/26	@ Riverside-Martin	27 - 47 (L)
9/2	John A. Holmes	0 - 42 (L)
9/16	Camden County*	41 - 7 (W)
9/23	Columbia*	52 - 0 (W)
9/30	@ Washington	17 - 14 (W)
10/7	Creswell*	34 - 8 (W)
10/14	@ Perquimans*	54 - 19 (W)
10/21	Mattamuskeet*	54 - 6 (W)
10/28	@ Manteo*	42 - 7 (W)
11/4	@ Gates County*	37 - 20 (W)
11/18	Weldon#	62 - 6 (W)
11/25	Jones Senior#	49 - 13 (W)
12/2	North Edgecombe#	21 - 8 (W)
12/9	Southside#	7 - 2 (W)
12/17	Murphy#	

Plymouth is in the NCHSAA football championship game for the sixth time overall and in their fifth straight year. The Vikings won the 1A title last year with a thrilling 28-20 victory over Robbinsville. The victory came just a year after losing to Robbinsville in 2014, 21-18.

The Vikings have seen Murphy in the state finals as well, as the two teams split in 2013 and 2012. The Vikings took the 2012 edition 20-15 taking the lead in the final minute of the contest while the Bulldogs stunned them in the 2013 game 35-34. The Vikings only other appearance in the championship came in a 2007 win over North Duplin 20-13.

Plymouth was the top-seeded team in the 1A East and are in the playoffs for the 25th time since 1972, compiling a 42-21 record in that stretch. The Vikings are built on solid defense and have held opponents to eight points or less six times this year. The defense is complimented by a strong running game that features Josh Downing at running back and grinds out more than 300 yards per game and has scored more than 40 points seven times this season.

The Vikings are built on tradition as they have won 10 of the last 11 Conference Championships and have compiled 140 wins during that time frame, including the school's three state championships.

Location: Murphy, N.C.

Conference: Smoky Mountain 1A

Colors: Black & Vegas Gold

Principal: Tommy Graham

Athletic Director: Ray Guiterrez

Head Coach: David Gentry

Assistant Coaches: Joseph Watson, Thomas Nelson, Gary Thompson, Rick Hincke, Ryan Stiles, Erik Brinke, Josh Sullivan, Shane Allison & Heath Curtis

Players to Watch: Joey Curry (#1), Colton Posey (#21), Kadrian McRae (#34), Joseph Deetz (#66), Adam Powell (#76), Isaac Stafford (#78) & Slade McTaggart (#32)

Team Record: 14-1 (6-0)

Date	Opponent	Result
8/19	@ Hendersonville	21 - 17 (W)
8/26	Franklin	7 - 42 (L)
9/2	@ Carolina Wildcats (SC)	42 - 0 (W)
9/9	North Georgia (GA)	51 - 0 (W)
9/16	@ Gilmer (GA)	27 - 6 (W)
9/23	Cherokee*	42 - 13 (W)
9/30	@ Robbinsville*	49 - 7 (W)
10/7	Andrews*	48 - 0 (W)
10/21	@ Hayesville*	55 - 0 (W)
10/28	Swain County*	35 - 3 (W)
11/4	@ Rosman*	43 - 8 (W)
11/18	South Robeson#	50 - 6 (W)
11/25	Winston-Salem Prep#	42 - 18 (W)
12/2	Mountain Island Charter#	35 - 34 (W)
12/9	Mitchell#	38 - 13 (W)

Good senior leadership has helped propel the Murphy Bulldogs back to the State Championship for the 11th time since 1972 and first time since 2013 when they defeated Plymouth 35-34 in a wild 1A final.

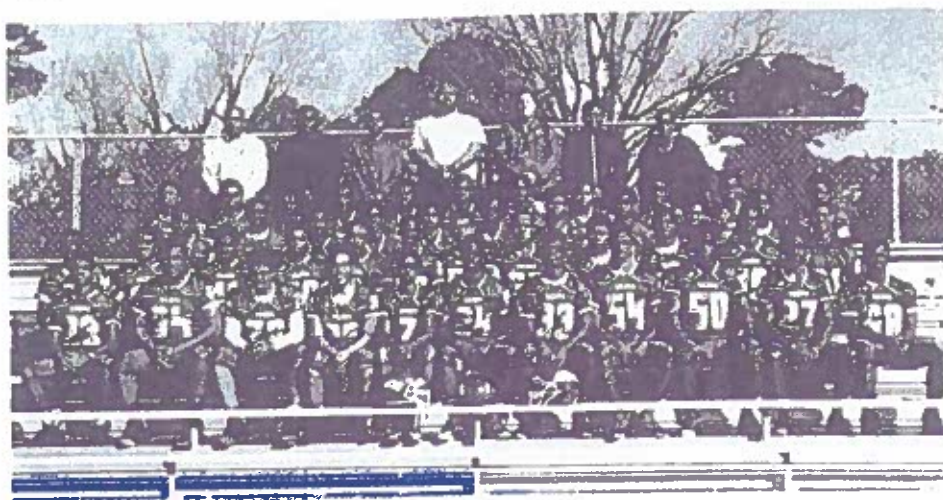
The Bulldogs are a balanced squad that has seen their first team defense only allow three points during conference play this year with an equally balanced offense. That balance has helped the Bulldogs reel off 13 straight wins since a 42-7 loss to 2A Franklin, including a Smoky Mountain Conference Championship. The defense has only allowed 154 points on the year and is led by Adam Powell who leads the team with 122 tackles including ten tackles for loss.

The Bulldogs offense is piloted by quarterback Joey Curry who has thrown for 1,589 yards and 16 touchdowns on the season without throwing an interception. On the ground, Kadrain McRae and Slade McTaggart have combined for 1,526 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Murphy won a wild third round game against Mountain Island Charter that never saw either team lead by more than one score. The Bulldogs trailed 34-28 with 3:02 to play before Murphy marched down the field, scoring with 53 seconds remaining and converting the PAT to take a 35-34 victory.



PLYMOUTH VIKINGS ROSTER



#	NAME	YR	HT	WT	P	#	NAME	YR	HT	WT	P
1	Eddie Judkins	9	5' 5"	125	CB	38	Elijah Carmack	10	5' 8"	180	RB/LB
2	Cedez Norman	9	6' 0"	147	CB	40	Keondre Swain	11	5' 10"	165	LB
3	Jameer Bond	10	5' 11"	135	FS	47	Willie McNair	12	5' 8"	155	LB
4	Tiyon Simmons	9	5' 10"	185	LB	48	Corey Holley	9	5' 10"	155	DE
5	Tariq Jackson	10	5' 10"	150	MLB	50	Kwanandre Rhines	12	6' 1"	225	MLB
6	Elijah Hill	9	5' 11"	165	ATH	51	Jshaun Webb	9	5' 8"	225	OL
7	Ayrn Gibson	11	5' 10"	145	QB/FS	52	Andre Webb	12	5' 9"	235	OL
10	Tyrese Cherry	10	5' 8"	158	TE	54	Darrel Andrews	12	6' 2"	175	OL
11	Leiquan Drayden	12	5' 7"	155	DB/RB	56	Jimmie Sanders	10	6' 0"	235	OL
14	Ishyne Bond	12	5' 5"	155	CB	58	Nicholas Davis	11	5' 8"	195	OL
15	Samyr Cooper	10	5' 8"	155	QB	61	Joseph "Jabree" Carr	9	5' 10"	225	DL
16	Jayvian Wright	9	5' 10"	165	CB	64	Aveon Braxton	11	6' 1"	285	G
17	Jay Castenado	11	5' 4"	125	K	65	Colon Cherry	11	6' 2"	275	OL
20	Josh Downing	12	5' 8"	135	RB	66	Tramaine Bowser	12	5' 7"	165	LB
21	Victor Bryant	10	5' 9"	143	CB	68	Jeremiah Bazemore	12	5' 10"	220	OL
22	Jose Castenada	12	5' 10"	155	K	72	Domiinic Hill	12	5' 7"	220	DT
23	Ta'Quaun White	11	6' 0"	150	FS	73	Eliseo Varona	9	6' 1"	216	OL
24	Diedre Whitehead	12	6' 2"	165	DL	76	Ronald Tann	10	6' 0"	185	OL
27	Ronald Wilkins	12	5' 10"	165	WB	79	Jordan Kelley	9	5' 10"	225	G/DT
28	Aaron Wilkins	11	5' 5"	125	RB	81	Calvin Singleton	10	6' 2"	168	DE
29	Jeromy Goddard	11	5' 8"	165	RB	83	Fredrick Spruill	9	6' 0"	156	OLB
32	Wayne Johnson	12	6' 0"	175	FB/LB	86	Davonjae Freeman	9	5' 10"	225	DT
33	Ja'veion Spruill	12	6' 3"	183	DT	89	Christian Chesson	11	5' 11"	155	DT
35	Ji'quay Jackson	11	5' 11"	190	FB/DT						



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CARTER-FINLEY STADIUM, RALEIGH

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102ND ANNUAL STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



1-A TEAM INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH VIKINGS



Location: Plymouth
Conference: Coastal Ten
Colors: blue, gold and white
Principal: Ivory Cheeks

Athletic Director: Robert Cody and Cory Crossen

Head Coach: Robert Cody (offensive coordinator, QBs)

Assistant Coaches: William Hunt (Co-Offensive Coordinator/OL); Dwayne Brooks (WRs); Ronnie Cherry (RBs); Corey Crossen (Defensive Coordinator); Robert Moore (LBs,DL); James Robinson (Special Teams); Daquan Simmons (First Responder); Ann Cody (Statistician); Adonis Owens (Videographer)

Players to Watch: Raequan Purvis (ILB-TE), Chris Kelly (PFB,LB), Raheem Nixon (ILB), Chad Dance (RB), Ricky Young (OLB).

This Year's Record: 13-2 **2014 Record:** 14-2

2013 Record: 14-0 **2012 Record:** 15-1 **2011 Record:** 12-2

NOTES: Plymouth is in the NCHSAA football championship game for the fifth time overall and fourth straight year...lost to Robbinsville in 2014 title game by 21-18...fell to Murphy in wild 35-34 final in 2013, but beat Murphy in 2012 by 20-15 in 1-A final, taking lead with under two minutes to go, and won 1-A crown in 2007 with 20-13 victory over North Duplin...Vikings were top-seeded team in 1-A East bracket...Plymouth is in postseason play for 24th time since 1972 with playoff record of 37-21-1 in that stretch...Vikings were ranked ninth in final Associated Press regular season poll for 1-A teams...Vikes have a great defense, having held seven opponents to eight or fewer points...Vikings have a bruising ground game that chews up more than 325 yards a game, and team has scored more than 40 points nine times...Plymouth has won conference championship 9 out of the last 10 years with a total of 127 wins during that time...Chris Kelly and Chad Dance had broken 1000-yard rushing barrier prior to regional final with Ronald Wilkins just behind...Raheem Nixon paces the team by large margin in tackles...FS Taqan White had five interceptions in his first 12 games.

ROBBINSVILLE BLACK KNIGHTS



Location: Robbinsville
Conference: Smoky Mountain
Colors: black, white and silver
Principal: David Matheson
Athletic Director: Dee Walsh
Head Coach: Dee Walsh

Assistant Coaches: David Mauldwin, Cullin Buchanan, Lucas Ford, Cayman Brooks, Randy Moody, Wren Millsaps, Colby White, Colton McClung, Warren Knott

Players to Watch: RB/S Lane Millsaps, QB Colton Millsaps, OLB Paden Welch, DT/OT Austin Hedrick

This Year's Record: 15-0 **2014 Record:** 16-0

NOTES: Robbinsville has great football tradition and is in NCHSAA football championship game for the 15th time, with an amazing 13-1 mark in previous finals, most of which came in tenure of NCHSAA Hall of Fame coach Bob Colvin...Robbinsville is defending champ, having beaten Plymouth 21-18 in 1-A final last year...that was Knights' first trip to championship since 1992 when Knights beat Lakewood 35-0 for 1-A title...other state crowns in 1969, '70, '73-'74, '76-'77, and '79 through '83...Black Knights were number-two seed in 1-A West bracket and were ranked eighth in final Associated Press 1-A regular season poll...Robbinsville is in 36th NCHSAA postseason appearance since 1972 with playoff record of 64-24...Black Knights won Smoky Mountain Conference title for second straight year and have won 17 consecutive games against conference opponents in very tough league...have reeled off 12 straight wins after 1-2 start...nine Robbinsville players earned all-conference honors this year...RB Lane Millsaps over 1400 yards and averaging 6.5 yards per carry while also leading the team in receptions—and that's not all because he has four interceptions and over 100 tackles defensively in addition to serving as punter...QB Colton Millsaps has thrown for over 1200 yards...Paden Welch had 125 tackles entering regional final...held off Community School of Davidson in Western Regional final to advance to state title game.

PLYMOUTH SEASON AT A GLANCE

Elizabeth City Northeastern	L	7-40
Riverside (Martin)	W	34-27
Edenton Holmes	W	31-19
Camden County	W	37-14
Columbia	W	42-8
Washington	L	17-25
Creswell	W	55-0
Perquimans	W	62-8
Mattamuskeet	W	63-12
Manteo	W	42-7
Gates	W	58-21

NCHSAA PLAYOFFS

Creswell	W	56-7
Columbia	W	48-6
South Creek	W	49-6
Southside	W	17-12

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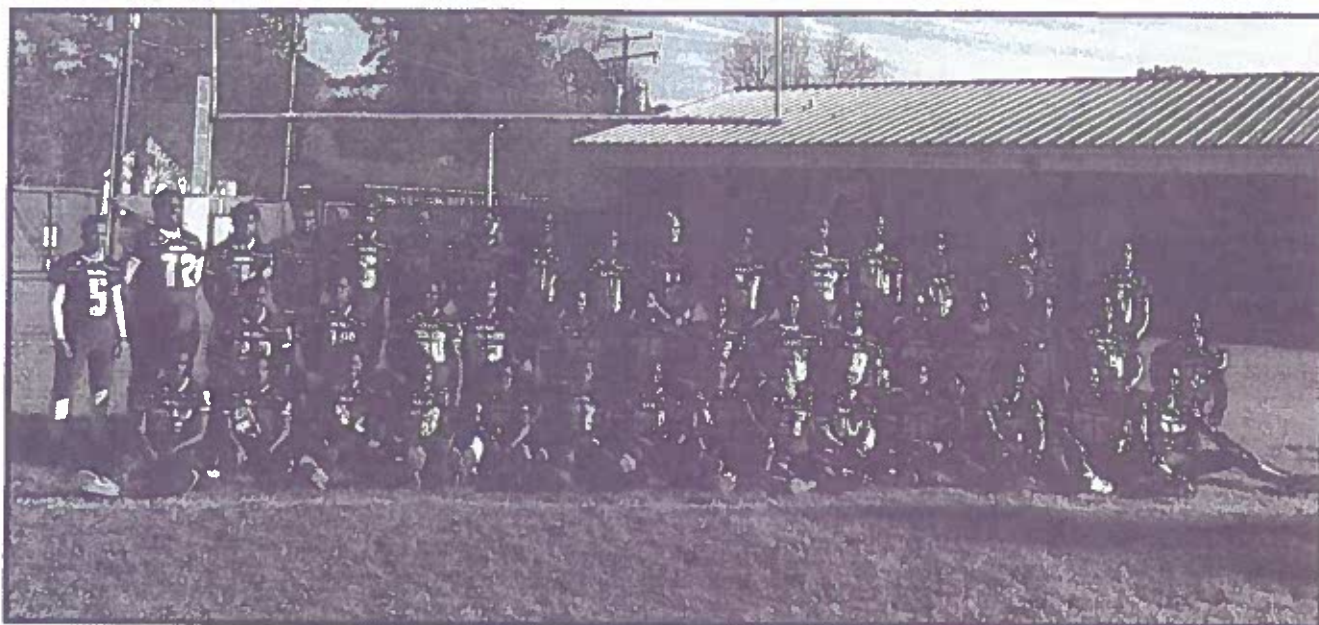
Smoky Mountain	W	22-21
Charlotte Country Day	L	13-45
Dade County (GA)	L	6-20
Rabun Gap-Nacoochee (GA)	W	36-22
Andrews	W	46-12
Murphy	W	30-22
Rosman	W	37-29
Hayesville	W	49-14
Cherokee	W	27-7
Swain County	W	22-7

NCHSAA PLAYOFFS

Hayesville	W	52-21
Winston-Salem Prep	W	37-15
Murphy	W	20-14
Community School Davidson	W	30-27



1-A EASTERN CHAMPIONS



PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

No.	Name	Position	Year	Height	Weight	No.	Name	Position	Year	Height	Weight
1	Marlik Brooks	OLB, SE	Sr.	6-5	185	35	Jiquay Jackson	RB, LB	So.	5-10	175
2	Chris Kelly	RB, OLB, P	Sr.	5-10	160	38	Elijah Carmack	RB, LB	Fr.	5-6	135
3	Jamir Smallwood	CB	Sr.	6-1	165	40	Kevon Swain	LB	Fr.	5-7	155
4	Raheem Nixon	LB, FB	Sr.	6-0	175	47	Ahshaan Belcher	SE, DB	Fr.	5-11	135
5	Danschawnell Spearman	DT, DL	Sr.	5-5	165	48	Kashawn Wrighton	DE	Jr.	5-11	155
6	Jamaze Armstrong	FS, WR	So.	6-3	169	50	Jaylen Daniels	NG	So.	6-0	235
7	Aaron Gibson	QB, FS	So.	5-10	145	52	Andre Webb	OL	Jr.	5-10	233
10	Chad Dance	RB, SB	Sr.	5-9	165	54	Darrel Andrews	OL	Jr.	6-2	175
11	Leiquan Drayden	DB, RB	Jr.	5-7	155	56	Jimmie Sanders	G	Fr.	6-0	235
14	Savion Hudson	OLB, WB	Sr.	6-0	155	56	Jimmie Sanders	OL	Fr.	6-0	250
15	Samyr Cooper	QB	Fr.	5-8	155	58	Nicholas Davis	OL	So.	5-8	195
16	Rickie Young	CB	Sr.	6-0	156	61	Dion McDonald	OL	Sr.	6-0	245
17	Jay Castenado	K	So.	5-5	125	64	Aveon Braxton	G	So.	6-1	285
20	Josh Downing	RB	Jr.	5-8	135	65	Colon Cherry	OL	So.	6-2	275
21	Divine Hudson	DB	So.	5-8	130	66	Tramaine Bowser	LB	Jr.	5-7	165
22	Jose Castenado	K	Jr.	5-10	155	68	Jeremiah Bazemore	OL	Jr.	5-10	220
23	Taqan White	FS	So.	6-0	150	72	Tre Smith	OL, DL	Sr.	6-3	330
24	Diedre Whitehead	DL	Jr.	6-2	165	73	Herbert Freeman	DL, OL	Sr.	6-2	275
27	Ronald Wilkins	WB	Jr.	5-10	165	76	Ronald Tann	OL	Fr.	6-0	185
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32	Wayne Johnson	FB, LB	Jr.	6-0	175	89	Raequan Purvis	LB, TE	Sr.	6-2	235
33	Javeion Spruill	DT	Jr.	6-1	165						

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Players to Watch: QB-DB Malik Webb, RB Chad Dance, NG William Hollingsworth, DT Deandre Keyes, ILB Raheem Nixon, OLB Marlik Brooks, OL Arlander Cherry, FB Jatron Simpson

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PLYMOUTH SEASON AT A GLANCE

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Camden County	W	41-6
Columbia	W	63-6
Creswell	W	56-0
Perquimans	W	55-0
Mattamuskeet	W	62-0
Manteo	W	49-0
Gates	W	50-6

NCHSAA PLAYOFFS

KIPP Pride	W	54-0
North Duplin	W	48-0
Southside	W	43-6
Lakewood	W	28-0

ROBBINSVILLE BLACK KNIGHTS



Location: Robbinsville

Conference: Smoky Mountain

Colors: black, white and silver

Principal: David Matheson

Athletic Director: Dee Walsh

Head Coach: Dee Walsh

Assistant Coaches: David Mauldwin, Cullin Buchanan, Lucas Ford, Kyle Garland, Randy Moody, Mitch Beasley, Tony Gibson, Tommy Johnson, Derek Dockery, Wren Millsaps, Colby White

Players to Watch: RB/DB Crus Galaviz, QB/LB Skyler Matheson, WR/DB Chris Duncan, LB Creed Lovin, OL/DL Colby Adams, RB/DB Lane Millsaps

This Year's Record: 15-0

NOTES: Robbinsville has great football tradition and is in NCHSAA football championship game for the 14th time, with a 12-1 mark in previous finals (only loss in 1971), most of which came in tenure of NCHSAA Hall of Fame coach Bob Colvin...this will be first trip to championship since 1992 when Knights beat Lakewood 35-0 for 1-A title...other state crowns in 1969, '70, 73-74, 76-77, 79-83...Black Knights were number-one seed in 1-A West bracket and were ranked second in final Associated Press 1-A regular season poll ...Robbinsville is in 35th NCHSAA postseason appearance since 1972 with playoff record of 59-24...22 conference titles since 1965... Black Knights won the Smoky Mountain 1A Conference this year for the first time since 2009... Knights' first undefeated season since 1980 and also set the school record for victories in a season with 15... led by a strong rushing attack consisting of two 1000-yard rushers (senior Cruz Galaviz with over 1900 yards in first 14 games) and senior Skyler Matheson (over 1500), and an aggressive defense led by 9 seniors...Matheson has also thrown for 848 yards in first 14 games and also leads team in tackles as LB while averaging over 39 yards per punt... Lane Millsaps has run for over 500 yards and leads team with three interceptions on defense...defense has yielded an average of 15 ppg, while the offense scores at a clip of 37 ppg while playing that tough SMC schedule...ball control offense is anchored by a line that averages 257 pounds.

ROBBINSVILLE SEASON AT A GLANCE

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee (GA)	W	45-39
East Henderson	W	42-14
Dade County (GA)	W	14-6
North Henderson	W	49-3
Swain	W	21-7
Andrews	W	49-15
Murphy	W	30-21
Rosman	W	42-13
Hayesville	W	49-23
Q Foundation	W (forfeit)	2-0
Cherokee	W	50-20

NCHSAA PLAYOFFS

Hayesville	W	35-7
Rosman	W	28-14
Murphy	W	21-13
Alleghany	W	31-7



1-A EASTERN CHAMPIONS



PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Year	No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Year
1	Malik Webb (C)	QB, DB, KR	6-1	195	Sr.	33	Devon Spruill	OLB	5-8	155	So.
2	Ronald Wilkins	FB, DB	5-10	165	So.	35	Ahmad Purvis	FB, LB	5-11	227	Sr.
3	Jamir Smallwood	DB	6-1	147	Jr.	38	Jamal Small	DB	5-9	145	Sr.
4	Raheem Nixon	LB, FB	5-10	155	Jr.	40	Corey Norman	DE	5-5	110	Sr.
5	Jatron Simpson (C)	OLB, WB, KR	5-10	175	Sr.	47	Jose Castaneda	K	5-8	145	Jr.
6	Jamaze Armstrong	DB	6-0	155	So.	48	William Hollingsworth (C)	NG, FB	5-10	240	Sr.
7	Aryn Gibson	QB	5-7	135	Fr.	50	Colon Cherry	C	6-2	285	Fr.
10	Chad Dance	WB, DB, KR	5-9	145	Jr.	52	Jahmel Carter	OL, DL	6-3	246	Sr.
11	Antonio Franklin	OLB	6-5	175	Jr.	54	Darrell Andrews	OL	6-3	150	So.
14	Savion Hudson	TE	5-10	165	So.	56	Ramique Conner	LB, DL	6-0	175	Sr.
15	Chris Kelly	SE, LB, P	5-10	165	Jr.	61	Dion McDonald	OL	5-10	250	Jr.
16	Rickie Young	DB	6-1	165	Jr.	64	Ayeon Braxton	OL	6-1	250	Fr.
17	Joshua Downing	WB	5-5	135	So.	65	Arlander Cherry (C)	OL, DL	6-2	285	Sr.
20	Traishawn Alexander	LB	5-7	145	Sr.	66	Kwamondre Rhines	DL	6-0	175	So.
21	Timothy Downing	DB	6-2	155	Sr.	68	Jeremiah Bazemore	OL	5-8	225	Soph
22	Hakeem Underwood	LB	5-9	155	Jr.	72	Tre'quan Smith	DT	6-2	264	Jr.
23	Ta'quaun White	ATH, DB	5-11	145	Fr.	73	Herbert Freeman	DL, OL	6-0	240	Jr.
24	Deidre Whitehead	RB	5-7	130	So.	76	Charkel Spivey	NG, OL	5-10	265	Sr.
27	Rafael Lirian	RB	5-5	145	Sr.	83	Mariik Brooks	OLB	6-4	175	Sr.
28	Aaron Wilkins	RB	5-5	135	Fr.	86	Deandre Keyes (C)	DL, TE	6-1	250	Sr.
29	Willie McNair	LB	5-10	185	Soph	89	Raequan Purvis	TE, ILB	6-2	235	Jr.
32	Wayne Johnson	LB	5-10	165	So.						

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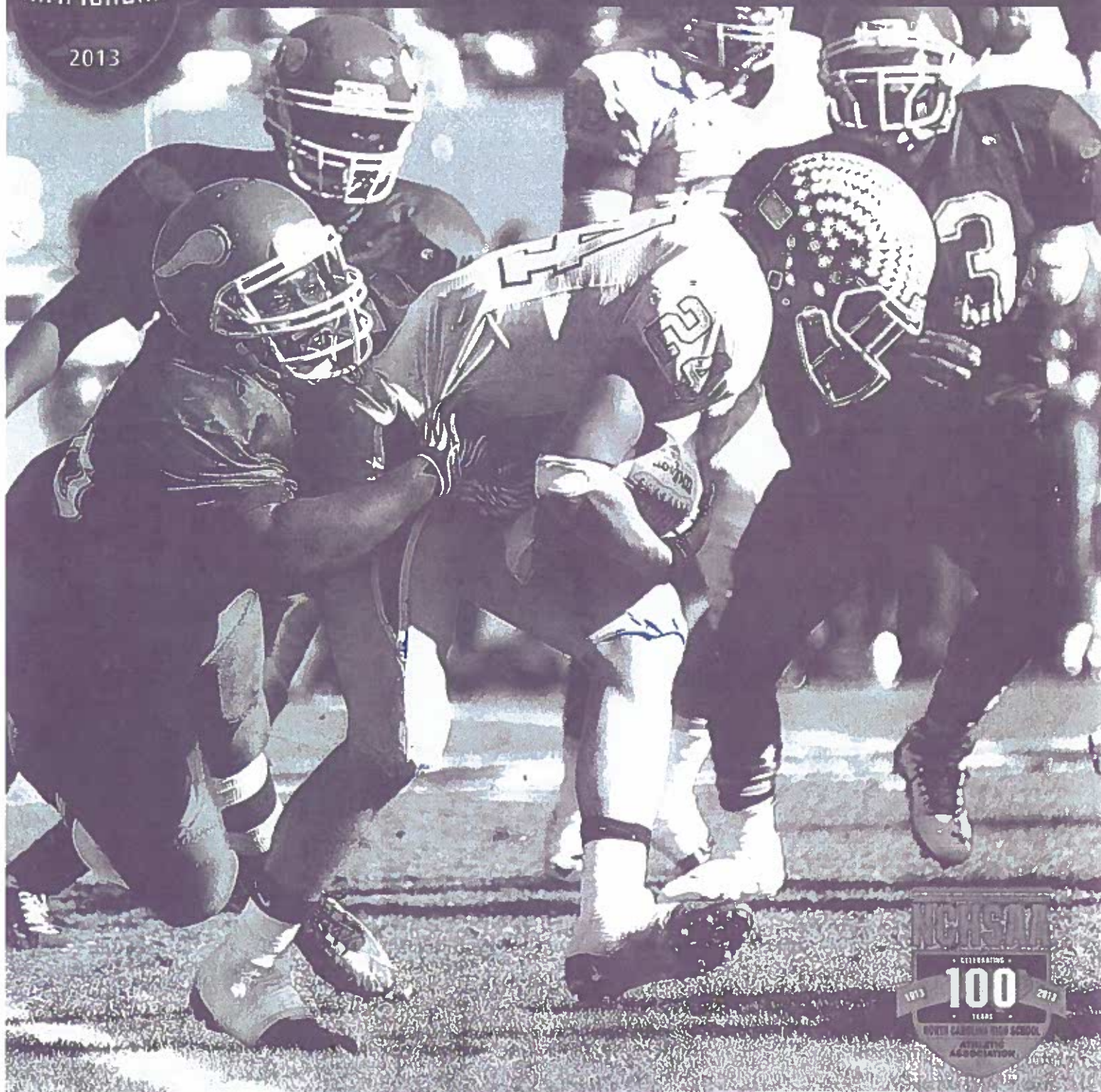
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100TH ANNUAL STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



1-A TEAM INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH VIKINGS

Location: Plymouth
Conference: Coastal Ten
Colors: blue, gold and white
Mascot: Vikings

Principal: Ivy Cheeks

Athletic Director: Robert Cody

Head Coach: Robert Cody

Assistant Coaches: Cory Crossen (Defensive Coordinator), Marvin Davenport (Defensive Line), Zack Walcher (Inside Linebackers), Milo Alexander (Outside Linebackers), Ronnie Cherry (Running Backs), Alan Swain (QB/Receivers)

Players to Watch: QB-DB Malik Webb, RB-DB Demarcus Price, S Adrian Moore, LB Bryant Wilkins-Robinson, LB/DB Demetrius Davis, LB-TE Devonte Spruill

Offensive System: Wing T

Defensive System: 3-3-5

This Year's Record: 14-0

2012 Record: 15-1

2011 Record: 12-2



Location: Murphy
Conference: Smoky Mountain
Colors: black and gold

Mascot: Bulldogs

Principal: Boyd Shields

Athletic Director: David Gentry

Head Coach: David Gentry

Assistant Coaches: Caesar Campana- Assistant Head Coach/ Quarterbacks, Thomas Nelson- Defensive Coordinator, Joseph Watson- Wide Receivers/Defensive Backs, Gary Thompson- Offensive Line/Defensive Line, Adam Clonts- Linebackers, Erik Brinke- Sideline Coach, Al Beck- Kickers, Josh Sullivan, Shane Allison, Bob Grimes- Athletic Trainer

Players to Watch: B Gaige Cox, RB/WR/DB Deion Johnson, RB Kenton Braswell, QB Dalton Kent, TE/LB Bradley Puccio, FB/LB Austin Satterfield, OL/DE Malachi Beaver, OL/DL Eric Rollins

Offensive System: Wing-T **Defensive System:** Multiple

This Year's Record: 12-3 **2012 Record:** 13-3

2011 Record: 12-4 **2010:** 13-3 **2009:** 8-5



NOTES: Plymouth is in the NCHSAA football championship game for the third time overall and second straight year... Vikings beat Murphy last year 20-15 in 1-A final, taking lead with under two minutes to go, and won 1-A crown in 2007 with 20-13 victory over North Duplin... Vikings were top-seeded team in 1-A East pod... Plymouth is in postseason play for 22nd time since 1972 with playoff record of 29-19-1 in that stretch... Vikings were ranked second in final Associated Press regular season poll for 1-A teams... have held nine opponents to six or fewer points and Vikings have recorded three shutouts in playoffs... bruising ground attack that chews up more than 350 yards a game, with Plymouth only attempting about five passes a game, and scoring more than 40 points per game... amazingly, Vikings are averaging better than 10 yards per rushing attempt, with sophomore Chad Dance the leading rusher followed closely by Demarcus Price and QB Malik Webb... senior Devonte Spruill leading tackler with better than 12 stops per contest... Vikings had 35 takeaways in first 13 games including 21 interceptions... rolled past Lejeune in regional final for 27th consecutive win.

PLYMOUTH SEASON AT A GLANCE

Riverside (Martin)	W	44-6
Edenton Holmes	W	20-15
Gates	W	42-0
Camden	W	36-23
Columbia	W	56-0
Creswell	W	56-6
Perquimans	W	54-6
Camden	W	54-12
Manteo	W	30-0
Gates	W	48-14

NCHSAA Playoffs

Creswell	W	44-0
Manteo	W	30-0
Pamlico	W	54-0
Lejeune	W	50-13

NOTES: Murphy makes its 10th trip to an NCHSAA football championship game and fourth straight, with outstanding 6-3 mark in previous visits... Bulldogs grabbed state titles in 1974, '86, '87, '91 and '96, and won 2011 title game over Jones 21-6... lost to Plymouth in last year's final by 20-15, so this is a rematch... also runners-up in 1994 and 2010, falling to Wallace-Rose Hill in dramatic 22-21 1-A final... Murphy is number-one seed in 1-A West pod and was ninth in final Associated Press 1-A regular season poll... Bulldogs in 29th NCHSAA postseason trip since '72 with excellent 62-22 current playoff record... veteran head coach David Gentry is also a member of NCHSAA Board of Directors... he has coached 42 years, 30 at Murphy... Gentry has now won over 340 games in head coaching career, including 5 state championships ('86, '87, '91, '96 and '11)... was voted North Carolina's "Best Coach" in USA Today's national competition by readers... soph QB Dalton Kent had 18 TD passes and just three picks in first 14 games... Gaige Cox is leading rusher with five TDs and 290 yards rushing in win over Albemarle, with Deion Johnson and Kenton Braswell giving team triple ground threat... Dogs average 44.6 points a game.

MURPHY SEASON AT A GLANCE

Darlington (SC)	L	6-50
Franklin	L	17-41
Q Foundation	W	48-40
Smoky Mountain	W	48-14
Fannin County (GA)	W	65-25
Rosman	W	49-22
Cherokee	W	51-12
Robbinsville	W	53-23
Andrews	W	59-22
Hayesville	W	55-13
Swain County	L	27-36

NCHSAA Playoffs

Rosman	W	50-20
Alleghany	W	45-28
Hayesville	W	49-12
Albemarle	W	53-21



1-A EASTERN CHAMPIONS



PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Year	No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Year
2	Rashad Pinner	DB	5'5"	145	12	37	Jhasidri Jones	TE	5'8"	140	9
3	Joshua Downing	RB	5'0"	100	9	38	Randy James	SE	5'7"	115	9
4	Raheem Nixon	LB	5'7"	155	10	40	Corey Norman	DT	5'5"	110	9
5	Jatron Simpson	OLB	5'11"	160	11	41	Javeion Spruill	FB	5'6"	110	9
6	Marlik Brooks	OLB	6'4"	175	10	43	Jamir Smallwood	CB	5'8"	125	10
7	Rhahjai Jackson	LB	5'6"	145	10	47	Otis Simpson	NG	5'11"	225	11
11	Adrian Moore	S	6'2"	170	12	48	William Hollingsworth	NG/FB	5'10"	245	11
12	Malik Webb	QB/DB	6'2"	175	11	52	Jhavae Shelby	OG	6'2"	235	12
14	Kevin Clark	RB	5'9"	145	11	54	Darell Andrews	OG	5'10"	120	9
15	Chris Kelly	SE	5'10"	160	10	56	Romique Conner	DT	5'11"	198	11
16	Ricky Young	S	5'11"	160	10	58	Deandre Keyes	DT	5'11"	230	11
17	Jah-Quann Bullock	DB	5'8"	125	9	61	Clifton Phelps	DT	5'10"	210	12
20	Traishawn Alexander	LB	5'5"	145	10	64	Tervon Blount	DT	5'11"	236	12
21	Demarkus Price	RB/CB	5'10"	175	12	65	Trey Cherry	C	6'2"	240	11
22	Jonathan Sharpe	CB	5'8"	175	12	66	Wayne Johnson	OG	5'7"	130	9
23	Leiquan Drayden	LB	5'1"	115	9	68	Travon Leigh	OT	5'8"	265	12
24	Tevin Phelps	OLB	6'0"	195	12	72	Tarik Blount	OT	6'4"	300	12
25	Chad Dance	RB	5'7"	131	10	73	Zachary Singletary	OG	5'10"	265	12
27	Rafael Liriano	RB	5'5"	145	11	76	Raekwon Norman	OT	5'8"	135	10
28	Lazarus Barrow	RB	5'5"	143	12	79	Charkel Spivey	OG	5'7"	265	10
29	Markyle Bond	CB	5'7"	146	12	83	Deidre Whitehead	RB	5'7"	130	9
32	Bryant Wilkins Robinson	LB	5'8"	185	12	86	Davonte Spruill	LB/TE	6'5"	215	12
33	Demetrius Davis	LB/FB	5'11"	207	12	89	Raequan Purvis	TE	6'2"	225	10
35	Ahmad Purvis	DT	5'11"	227	11						

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99TH ANNUAL STATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS



1-A TEAM INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH VIKINGS

Location: Plymouth
Conference: Four Rivers Conference
Colors: blue and gold
Mascot: Vikings
Principal: Jamie Liverman
Athletic Director: Robert Cody
Head Coach: Robert Cody



Assistant Coaches: Cory Crossen, Defensive Coordinator; Alan Swain, Receivers; Marvin Davenport, Linebackers; Ronnie Cherry, Running Backs; Joe Baker, Defensive Backs; Milo Alexander, Defensive Line
Players to Watch: Kendrick Pitt WB/C, Markey Brooks MLB, Carl McCray FB, Quadre Pettiford WB, QB Shamontez Ferebee
Offensive System: Wing T
This Year's Record: 14-1
Defensive System: 3-3-5
2011 Record: 12-2

STATISTICAL LEADERS (14 games)

Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Carl McCray	76	1103	14.5	17
Kendrick Pitt	75	1005	13.4	21
Quadre Pettiford	93	1201	12.9	21

Passing	Com	Att	Yds	TD
Shamontez Ferebee	49	79	1087	13

Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
DeAndre Phelps	36	750	20.8	6

NOTES: Plymouth is in the NCHSAA football championship game for the second time... Vikings won crown in 2007 with 20-13 victory over North Duplin in 1-A final... Vikings were top-seeded team overall in 1-A East... Plymouth is in postseason play for 21st time since 1972 with playoff record of 24-19-1 in that stretch... Vikings were ranked seventh in final Associated Press regular season poll for 1-A teams... what a tremendous ground game-- Plymouth has three 1000-yard rushers for the season... however, when Vikings pass--which isn't too often--they can hit it big because Shamontez Ferebee averages 22.1 yards per completion... riding 12-game winning streak into finals with only loss to Edenton Holmes... in most games Vikings have blown out opposition, with 10 victories by 35 or more points... Carl McCray ran for 317 yards and three TDs in third-round win over Manteo and had three TDs in East final as Vikings beat Cinderella team Princeton in regional championship game... CB Khalil Shepard returned interception 95 yards for score against Princeton.

PLYMOUTH SEASON AT A GLANCE

Farmville Central	W	56-20
Northampton	W	32-2
Edenton Holmes	L	14-18
Rocky Mount	W	52-12
Northside (Jacksonville)	W	62-6
South Creek	W	66-0
Southside	W	48-0
Riverside (Martin Co)	W	53-14
Camden	W	54-6
Manteo	W	44-8
Perquimans	W	60-26

NCHSAA Playoffs

Cape Hatteras	W	54-0
Southside	W	60-6
Manteo	W	34-14
Princeton	W	42-20

MURPHY BULLDOGS

Location: Murphy
Conference: Smoky Mountain
Colors: black and gold
Mascot: Bulldogs
Principal: Boyd Shields
Athletic Director: David Gentry
Head Coach: David Gentry



Assistant Coaches: Caesar Campana, Assistant Head Coach; Thomas Nelson, Defensive Coordinator; Joseph Watson, WR/DB; Gary Thompson, OL/DL; Erik Brinke, Sideline Coach; Jason MacDonell, Assistant Coach; Adam Clonts, Assistant Coach; Josh Sullivan, Assistant Coach; Sports Medicine, Roger Williams; Kicking Coach, Al Beck; Team Physicians, Dr. Dan Stroup and Dr. Jeff Martin.
Players to Watch: Gaige Cox (FB), James Posey (HB), Brice McKeon (SE), Bradley Puccio (TE/Rover), Austin Satterfield (LB), Brandon Stiles (NG/RG), Michael Curry (QB), Kenton Braswell (RB/DB), Austin Helton (OL/DL)

Offensive System: Wing-T
This Year's Record: 13-2
2010 Record: 13-3
Defensive System: Multiple
2011 Record: 12-4
2009: 8-5

STATISTICAL LEADERS (15 games)

Rushing	Att	Yds	YPC	TD
Gaige Cox	105	1272	12.0	16
James Posey	129	1093	8.4	21
Kenton Braswell	106	996	9.4	15

Passing	Com	Att	Yds	TD
Michael Curry	53	97	1013	14

Receiving	Rec	Yds	YPC	TD
Brice McKeon	27	580	24.1	10

NOTES: Murphy makes its ninth trip to an NCHSAA football championship game and third straight, with outstanding 6-2 mark in previous visits... Bulldogs grabbed state titles in 1974, '86, '87, '91 and '96, and won last year's title game over Jones 21-6... were runners-up in 1994 and 2010, falling to Wallace-Rose Hill in dramatic 22-21 1-A final... Murphy is overall number-three seed in 1-A West bracket and was the number-two team in the West pod... sixth in final Associated Press 1-A regular season poll... Bulldogs in 28th NCHSAA postseason trip since '72 with excellent 58-21 current playoff record... veteran head coach David Gentry hit 300-victory milestone as head coach in 2010... he has coached 41 years, 29 at Murphy... Bulldogs much more ground-oriented than were last year's champions... Austin Satterfield is leading tackler on club... Kenton Braswell ran for 217 yards and a pair of scores in victory over Albemarle in West final.

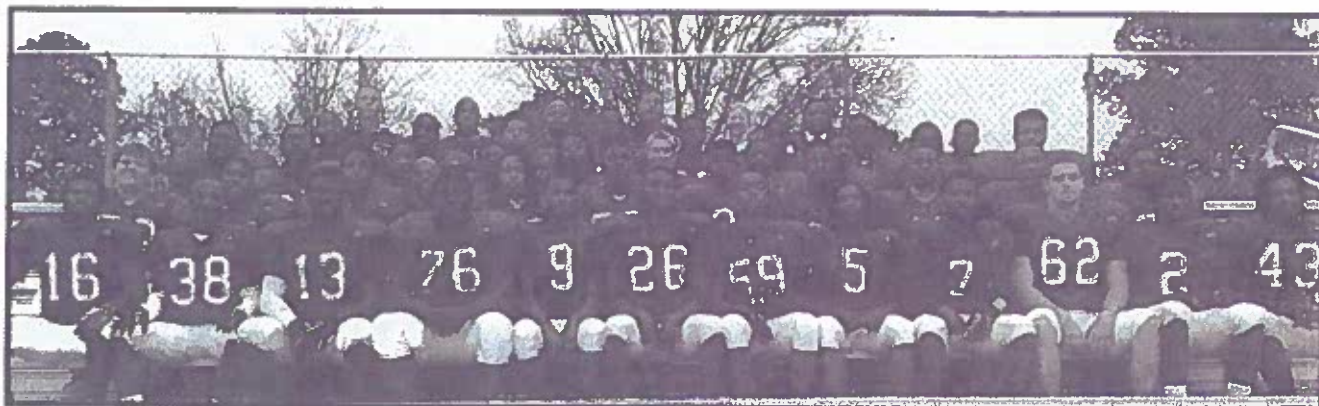
MURPHY SEASON AT A GLANCE

Franklin	L	35-42
Fannin County (GA)	W	42-13
Brevard	W	55-7
Smoky Mountain	W	34-14
Rosman	W	55-21
Cherokee	W	47-0
Robbinsville	W	55-21
Andrews	W	49-25
Q Foundation	W	56-30
Hayesville	W	55-0
Swain	L	7-21

NCHSAA Playoffs

Cherokee	W	69-20
Robbinsville	W	42-34
Rosman	W	56-13
Albemarle	W	27-24

1-A EASTERN CHAMPIONS



PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Year	No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Year
1	Malik Webb	DB	6'2"	175	SOPH	38	Ahilyric Norman	Outside LB	5'8"	165	SR
2	Kendrick Pitt	RB/DB	6'2"	190	SR	43	Markey Brooks	MLB	6'3"	225	JR
5	Keimon Blount	LB	5'9"	170	SR	46	Ahmad Purvis	LB	5'10"	200	FR
9	Carl McCray	FB	6'1"	185	SR	7	Otis Simpson	TE	5'11"	220	SOPH
7	Sharmontez Ferebee	QB	5'9"	170	SR	48	William Hollingsworth, III	NG	5'9"	225	SOPH
10	Chad Dance	RB	5'9"	165	FR	59	William Pledger	DT	5'11"	220	SR
11	Adrian Moore	Safety	6'2"	170	JR	62	Zack Sawyer	OG	6'0"	245	SR
13	Khalil Sheppard	Outside LB	6'1"	195	SR	63	Tervon Blount	OL	5'10"	230	JR
15	Chris Kelly	QB	5'9"	165	FR	64	Zachaus Brown	DT	6'2"	230	SR
16	DeAndre' Phelps	SE	6'1"	185	SR	65	Arlander Cherry, III	Center	6'0"	250	SOPH
21	Demarkius Price	RB	5'9"	165	JR	68	Travon Leigh	OT	5'10"	280	JR
23	Ja'Tron Simpson	Outside LB	5'11"	175	SOPH	70	Raequan Purvis	LB	6'2"	225	FR
24	Tevin Phelps	DE	6'0"	180	JR	72	Tarik Blount	OT	6'3"	280	JR
26	Quadree Pettiford	RB	6'2"	190	SR	73	Zac Singletary	OG	5'11"	235	JR
28	Lazarus Barrow	RB	5'5"	155	JR	74	Ramique Conner	DT	5'10"	180	SOPH
29	Markyle Boyd	WR	5'8"	155	JR	75	Anton Taylor	OL	6'4"	240	SOPH
31	Trequan Carter	SE	5'9"	165	SR	76	Bill Anderson	OT	6'3"	335	SR
32	Bryant Wilkins-Robinson	LB	5'9"	185	JR	80	Raheem Nixon	LB	5'9"	165	FR
33	Demetrius Davis	DT	6'2"	225	JR	86	Davonte' Spruill	TE	6'5"	225	JR
37	Deshawn Spruill	DB	5'9"	155	FR	95	Herbert Freeman	OL	6'0"	240	FR

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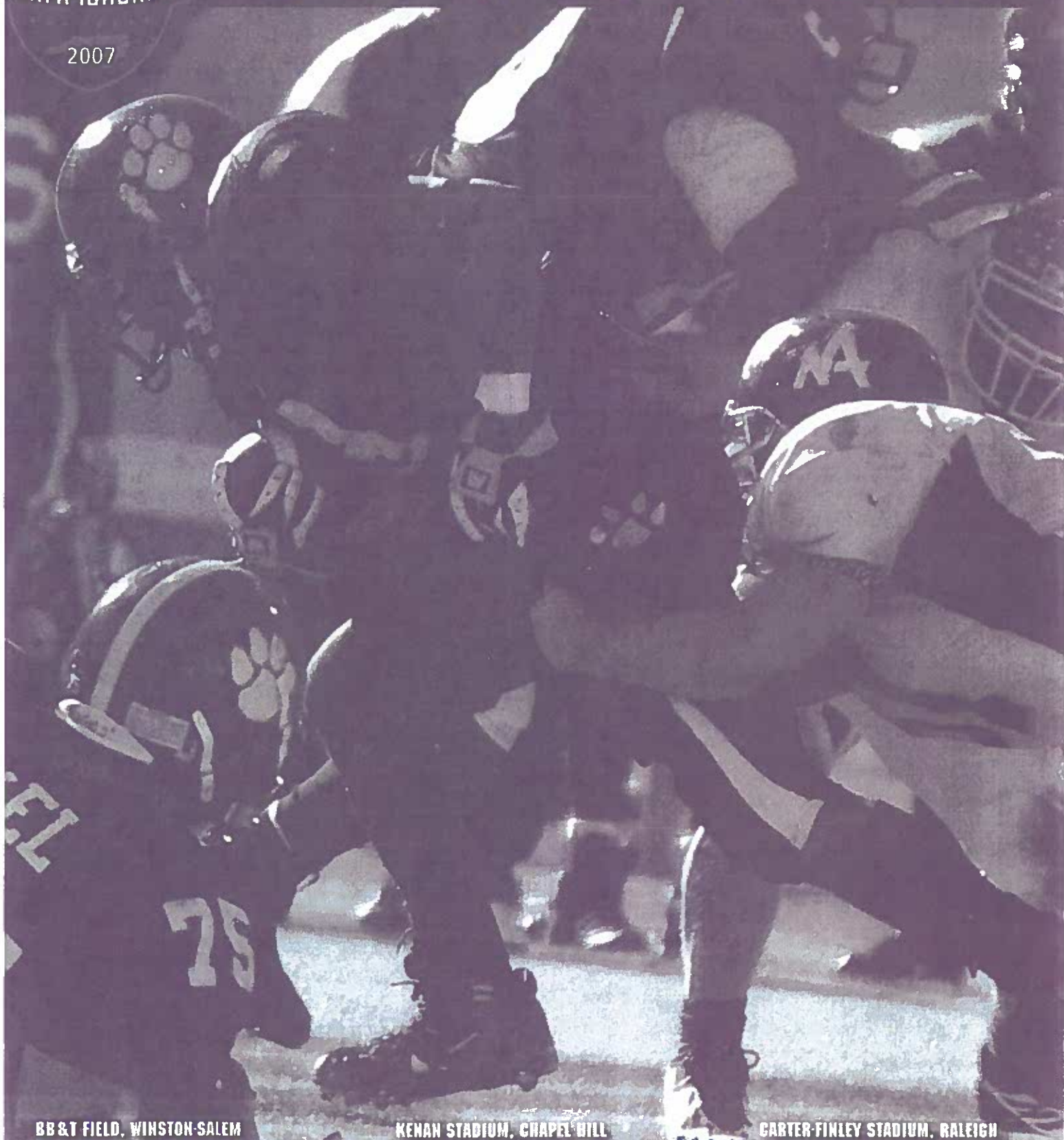
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1-A TEAM INFORMATION

PLYMOUTH VIKINGS



Location: Plymouth
Conference: Albemarle 1-A
Colors: Blue and Gold
Mascot: Vikings
Principal: Gloria McCray
Athletic Director: Robert Cody
Head Coach: Robert Cody
Assistant Coaches: Cory Crossen, Kerry Baldwin, Terry Perry, trainer Jerry Jordan
Players to Watch: Andre Mitchell, Tobias Clagon, Angelo Sharpless, Dasheen Perry, Lynell Chuck Woods
Offensive System: wing T
Defensive System: 33
This Year's Record: 15-0 **2006 Record:** 10-3

STATISTICAL LEADERS (14 games)

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>YPC</u>	<u>TD</u>
Tobias Clagon	286	1872	6.6	23
Andre Mitchell	251	1815	7.2	22
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
Dasheen Perry	No Stats Provided			
<u>Receiving</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>YPC</u>	<u>TD</u>
Josh Anthony	26	522	20.7	5
Justin Evans	23	641	27.9	3

NOTES: Plymouth rolls into its first NCHSAA state football championship game...Vikings are having their best season in history...Plymouth in its 17th postseason appearance since 1972 and Vikings have compiled 11-15 playoff mark during that time...top-seeded team in Eastern 1-A bracket and ranked fourth in final Associated Press regular-season 1-A poll...Vikings have been so explosive all year, outscoring its opposition in playoffs by an amazing 174-6...since its opening win against Farmville Central, Plymouth hasn't had any close games, with the closest one a 30-point margin...Vikings have great one-two rushing punch in Tobias Clagon and Andre Mitchell...Clagon carried 14 times for 204 yards and two scores in regional final win over Roanoke as Vikings rushed for whopping 435 yards.

NORTH DUPLIN REBELS



Location: Mount Olive
Conference: Carolina 1-A
Colors: Gold, Green and White
Mascot: Rebels
Principal: Debra Hunter
Athletic Director: Ken Avent
Head Coach: Hugh Martin
Assistant Coaches: no information provided
Players to Watch: RB Akeem Cox
Offensive System: split back veer
Defensive System: 4-3
This Year's Record: 14-0

STATISTICAL LEADERS (13 games)

<u>Rushing</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>YPC</u>	<u>TD</u>
Akeem Cox	-	1971	-	18
<u>Passing</u>	<u>Com</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>TD</u>
No Stats Provided				
<u>Receiving</u>	<u>Rec</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>YPC</u>	<u>TD</u>
No Stats Provided				

NOTES: Two-time defending 1-AA champ Thomasville makes its way into the NCHSAA state football championship game for the ninth time and third time in row...Bulldogs 5-3 in state finals with state championships in 1988, '91, '95, 2004 and 05...beat Wallace-Rose Hill by single point in each of last two state finals...top-seeded team in West 1-AA and number-one ranked 1-A team in final Associated Press regular season poll...Quan Warley rushed for around 1300 yards as soph and has had monster years each of last two seasons, with 3,304 yards rushing last year...25th trip to postseason by Thomasville since 1972 with outstanding playoff record of 61-19, a winning percentage of better than .760...shut out five consecutive foes in regular season and only three teams scored more than one TD against 'Dogs

PLYMOUTH SEASON AT A GLANCE

Farmville Central	W	12-6
Jamesville	W	44-0
Edenton Holmes	W	38-0
Northampton-West	W	42-0
Northside	W	44-0
Roanoke	W	44-14
Southside	W	52-0
Williamston	W	52-13
Camden	W	44-7
Manteo	W	38-6
Perquimans	W	48-7

NCHSAA Playoffs

Cape Hatteras	W	56-0
North Edgecombe	W	48-0
Jones	W	54-0
Robersonville Roanoke	W	48-6

NORTH DUPLIN SEASON AT A GLANCE

Pinetown Northside	W	34-0
Jones Senior	W	28-12
Union	W	33-8
Dixon	W	49-0
Hobbs	W	26-12
North Johnston	W	21-7
Princeton	W	33-13
Ayden-Grifton	W	21-8
Rosewood	W	48-7
Spring Creek	W	46-6

NCHSAA Playoffs

Princeton	W	35-0
Union	W	30-12
East Wilkes	W	20-0
Lakewood	W	33-0



1-A EASTERN CHAMPIONS



**Plymouth
High School**



PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Year
1	ANGELO SHARPLESS	WR/DB	6'4"	187	SENIOR
2	DEMONTA PATRICK	RB/DB	5'8"	155	SOPH
3	ANDRE MITCHELL	RB/DB	5'7"	160	SENIOR
4	GEORGE SIMPSON	QB/DB	5'9"	190	SOPH
7	LYNELL WOODS	FB/LB	6'0"	185	SENIOR
9	JOSHUA COLLINS	DB	5'8"	160	SENIOR
10	DASHEEN PERRY	QB/LB	5'9"	190	JUNIOR
12	KELLY CHESSON	RB/DB	5'9"	175	SENIOR
13	AZAREEL YOUNG	WR/DB	5'8"	155	SOPH
15	AKIEM COOPER	TE/DB	5'10"	170	FRESH
15	DESHAWN ALLEN	RB/DB	5'9"	178	JUNIOR
16	TYLER JAMES	RB/DB	6'0"	173	SOPHO
17	ALTON HARDY	DL	5'7"	155	JUNIOR
18	CHRIS HARRIS	DL	5'8"	175	JUNIOR
20	ANTHONY SEALY	RB/DB	5'10"	174	FRESH
22	DYLAN WATTS	RB/DB	5'5"	145	FRESH
24	VERREL HYMAN	FB	5'7"	150	SOPHO
26	DONIQUE BUTLER	LB	5'7"	165	SENIOR
28	TOBIAS CLAGON	TE/DL	5'6"	164	SENIOR
29	RYAN SPENCE	LB	6'2"	186	JUNIOR
30	PATRICK PHELPS	WR/DB	6'1"	188	JUNIOR
33	RONDELL BLOUNT	RB/LB	5'11"	176	FRESH
36	DANIYEL DOWNING	FB/LB	5'10"	184	JUNIOR
38	LAVOR CRAIG	LB	5'11"	150	FRESH
41	DANIYEL DOWNING	LB	5'10"	184	JUNIOR
42	DAQUAN SIMMONS	OL/DL	5'7"	200	JUNIOR
43	RYAN RAMOS	RB/LB	5'5"	150	FRESH

No.	Name	Position	Height	Weight	Year
48	DWAYNE BROOKS	OL	5'7"	211	SENIOR
50	REGINALD JAMES	DL	5'11"	275	SENIOR
55	CODY CAHOON	LB	5'6"	170	SOPH
56	STANLEY WOODLEY	OL/DL	6'2"	255	SOPH
57	RASHEEN WHITLEY	OL/DL	5'10"	305	SENIOR
59	MARKETH STATON	OL/DL	5'8"	195	FRESH
61	MICHAEL BELL	OL/DL	5'9"	168	SENIOR
62	DWAYNE RHINES	OL/DL	6'0"	208	FRESH
62	RICHARD WHITE	OL/DL	5'4"	160	FRESH
64	WILLIAM HUNT	OL/DL	6'4"	270	SENIOR
67	LACHAUN NORMAN	OL/DL	6'4"	200	SENIOR
72	ANTHONEE JONES	OL/DL	6'4"	256	SENIOR
73	KENNETH WILKINS	OL/DL	6'1"	255	SOPH
74	KENDRICK NORMAN	T/DE	6'5"	200	SENIOR
75	BLAKE BRYAN	OL/DL	6'2"	325	SENIOR
76	ETHAN DAVIS	OL/DL	5'9"	251	JUNIOR
79	TY'SHAUN FREEMAN	OL/DL	6'3"	265	SOPHO
80	DAMIAN DAVIS	WR/DL	6'2"	177	SENIOR
81	RYAN SPENCE	TE/DL	6'2"	177	SENIOR
84	DONIQUE BUTLER	RB/DB	5'7"	165	SENIOR
85	TRAVAGHN HAWKINS	DL	5'6"	190	SOPH
86	JAMEZE SIMPSON	WR/DB	5'3"	190	JUNIOR
87	TERRY LEATHERS	WR/DB	5'8"	155	SOPHO
88	DEVANTÉ THOMAS	WR	5'5"	150	FRESH
89	DYLAN CRAFT	OL	5'5"	155	SOPH
96	SHIQUILE WALKER	LB	5'7"	160	SOPH
97	AZZAM GROSS	WR	5'4"	145	FRESH

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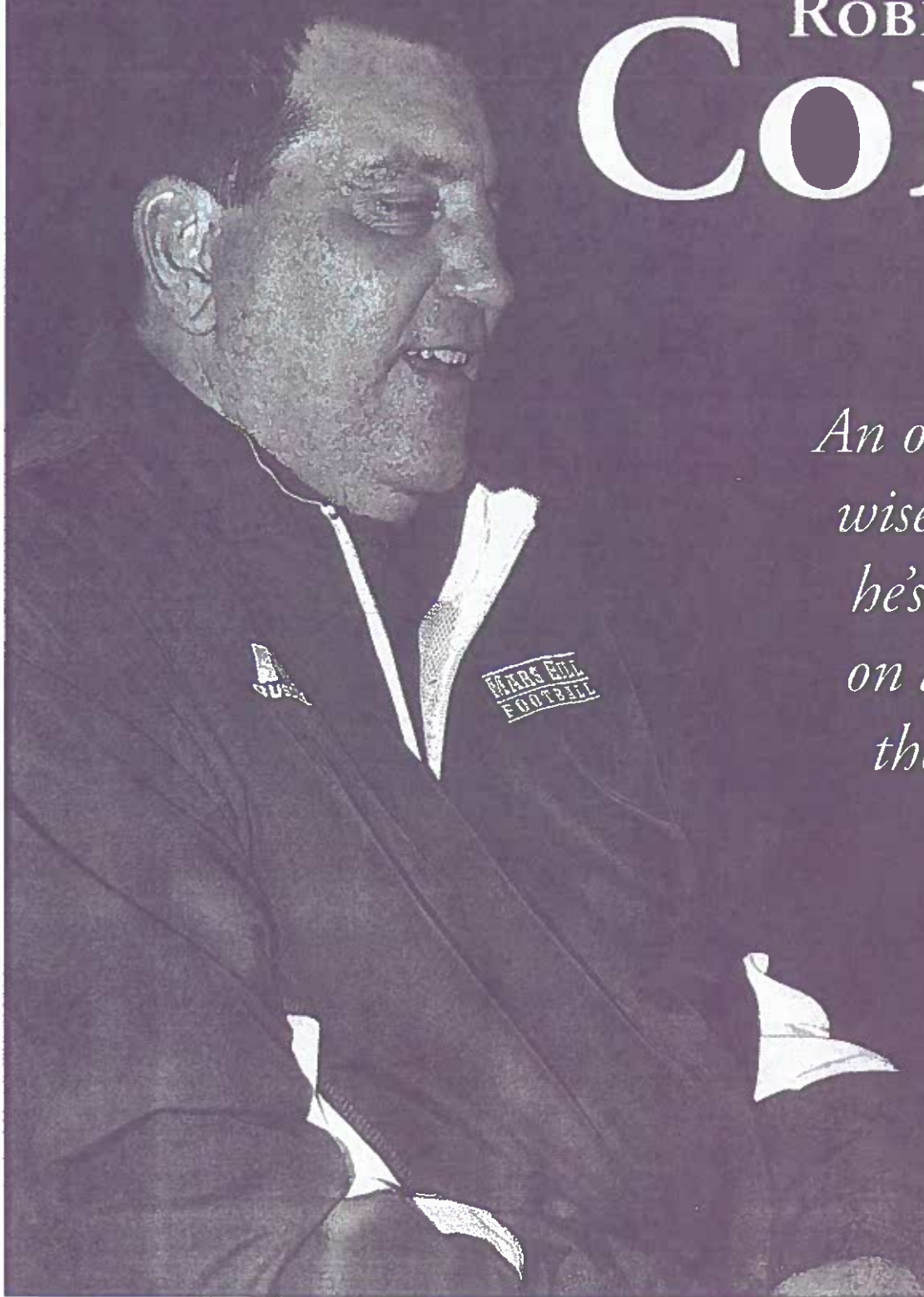
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CODY

*An older but
wiser man,
he's happy
on and off
the field*



Starting not much older than the players he was coaching Robert Cody, Plymouth High School's head football coach, is older and wiser but his love for the students and the game have not changed.

Born in Morgan, his family eventually moved to Asheville and lived on the Biltmore Estate for 12 years, where his father was a herd supervisor for cattle.

They relocated to Durham, where he graduated from Northern Durham, before attending college at then Elon College, now Elon University, where he played football.

"Well, I played ball all my life and I guess to try and stay close to it; I chose to be a teacher and a coach.

"You know I always felt like I was influenced by my mother and father. They are probably your best role models and then our coaches are probably right after that. That is why I got into it," he said.

Growing up and playing ball, he had bigger aspirations but they didn't pan out. That was proven when he started at Elon.

"I was on the team, but I didn't play all the time. So that was a great, probably the best thing that ever happened to me. I became a better student. Being on the team, yea, but I didn't get to play a whole lot. That was probably the most learning experience in college. Going from high school being pretty good. Go to college and learn that there are a lot of good players. But you get an education."

Thirty-five years later and he doesn't regret it; 30 of those have been here in Washington County, at PHS. He thinks hanging around the teenagers helps keep him younger and wanting to stay healthy.

"I feel like I have something to offer to them. If they take it as it's great, if they don't, they don't," he added.

He's had opportunities to go other places but has chosen to stay. He's taken a team that was not so good, as he described them when he got here, to state champions twice.

The question of why he stays is not new to him, he mentioned he is asked that often.

"I'm happy where I go to church. My wife's from here, she's happy and that's big," he said. "I enjoy being here."

He has his own analogy.

"You know the grass is not greener somewhere else. I see a lot of coaches move on and they're not happy over there. No matter where you're going to work, you're going to run into some difficult situations and then other times be happy."

He is centrally located and can walk everywhere he goes including church, work and the golf course. That is a plus.

Coming to Plymouth High School when he did, he believes he was one, if not the youngest head coach in the state. He was only 26.

Besides his job, he found love after coming here.

He describes his wife, Ann, as a treasure. Noting that over the last 10 years being married to her, he's had more opportunities to leave but he's never even considered it, primarily because she's happy here and they've been able to do good things here.

His other loves are his two daughters and two grandchildren. His youngest daughter is a junior at North Carolina State University, majoring in Spanish. His oldest lives in Tyner.

So what makes Coach Cody a good coach?

"I care about the kids, there's no bottom line that's better than that."

No one likes to be humiliated, so he tries his best not to do that to his students. To him it is all about relationships. If you can build relationships, the better you'll be able to coach.

He feels that most people who yell at players or personnel are people who can't teach you. When being yelled at you don't hear the message or learn the lesson.

"There's never been a kid who's gone on the field to make a mistake on purpose. If you're a coach and you can really live by that, you're be a pretty good coach. 'Cause even as adults, when we try the best we can, nobody wants to be humiliated or told this is not good or be embarrassed in front of a crowd. It's so much about a relationship. The better you can build relationships, the better you'll be able to coach."

He also tries to include the students in what he does.

He also tries to use his teachings in Sunday school on the field.

"Anybody that goes to church, believes in Jesus Christ and reads the Bible. Try to follow the ways to love the other person more than you love you. People don't understand that. You have to be selfless in this job, as a coach or a teacher. Because nothing is achieved unless the student or the player does it."

Over the years, he's seen change, growth and progress. Noting that when he first got here, PHS wasn't that great in football. But he felt if he worked hard enough, they could be decent.

The team became average and in the last 10 years they've become really, really good, including going to the state championships the past four years. They've walked away champions two of those years.

He says his success has been a journey with the people he's with. He's tried the live the right way and treat people

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CODY

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orrectly. Something he thinks everyone ould do.

Cody says he doesn't think teaching or aching has changed over the years. But e has. His own life has helped him.

"I think I am better now understanding ids, than I was in the beginning. But as r as (coaching) changing it hasn't.

"From the time you get your own kids r grandbaby, they just want your time. Want you to hug them up and love them. Then they make mistakes dust them off, hen they do well, pat them on the back." He's coached in the Shrine Bowl and the ast-West game. Looking back he realizes at he could have reached many more udents if he had the understanding he is now.

"You have so much more understanding 60 than you did at 22, cause you've red that."

He chuckled, saying that there is mething that most people don't know out him.

"I read a whole lot, I enjoy that. I don't ink anybody would think I did that."

There's no difference in Coach Cody u see in the field and in the classroom id Robert Cody you see in the streets.

"I kind of like to be who I am."

Would he change anything about his life he could go back? Without hesitation, s.

"I would definitely make sure I would t in church a whole lot quicker, accept us Christ as my savior. Then I probably ould have lived a more fulfilled and ppier life," he said. "Another thing that e learned is to stay quiet during heated situations that are difficult to deal th. Sometime other people may have ernative motives to get you angry."

As a younger man, he loved confron- tion. Now — not so much!



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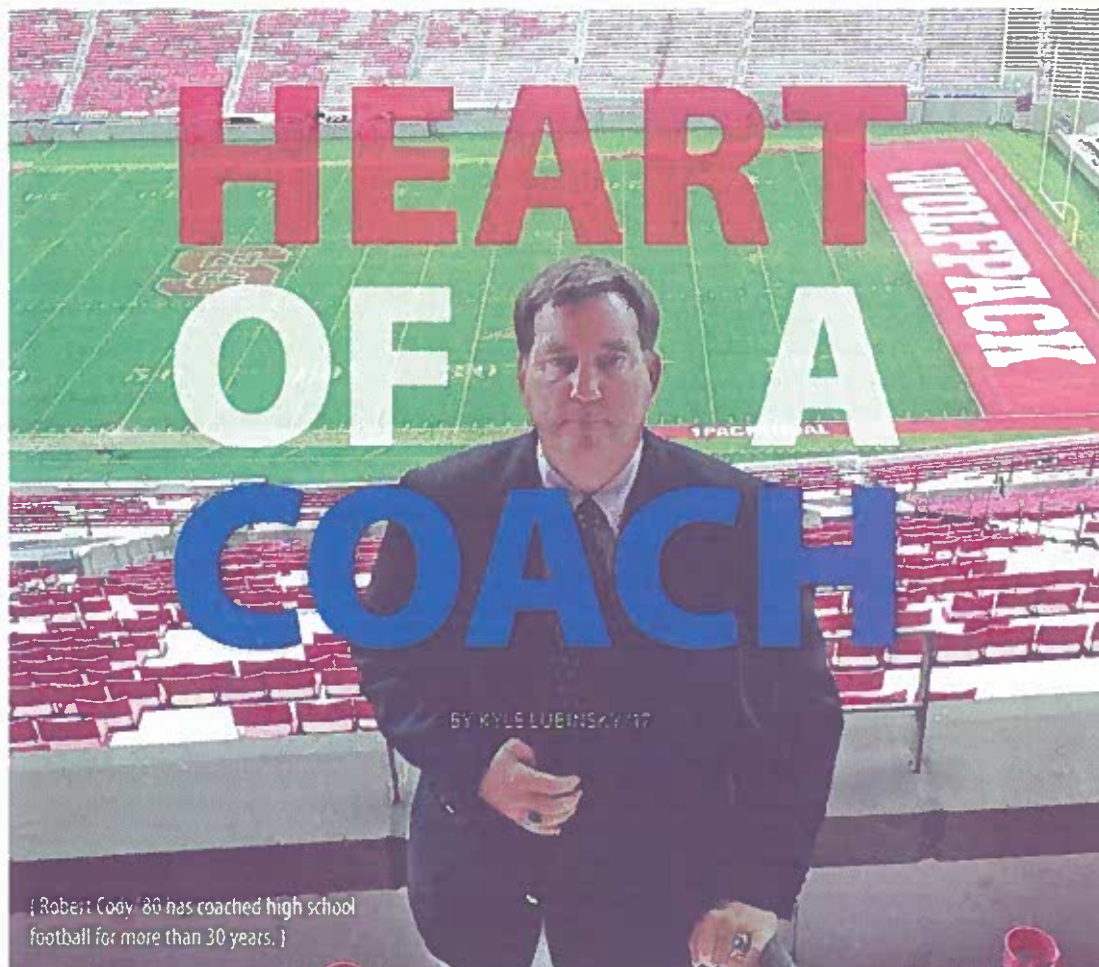
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For many collegiate athletes, playing professional sports is an aspiration. For others, playing a sport helps them find their calling in life. For **Robert Cody '80**, a backup quarterback at Elon in the late 1970s, the lessons learned at the college level have translated to success as a high school coach.

The idea of coaching football began at Elon, Cody says. During his tenure as a member of the football team, he learned how to draw up plays and learn opposing teams' game plans. "It wasn't all that difficult for me," he says. "I was on the scout team. [I was] learning the other team's plays."

After graduating from Elon in 1980 with a degree in health and physical education, Cody remained in North Carolina after accepting a

teaching job at Rocky Mount High School and later Johnson County Schools. But he still hoped to be head coach for a football team. Then, on a family vacation, his life changed forever. While reading a newspaper, he noticed an ad for a coaching position at Plymouth (N.C.) High School.

Feeling that he had nothing to lose, Cody applied for the position. When he was offered the job, he took it. In his first season, the team went 8-3. But after this initial success, the team went through a lull for a while. That changed in 1992 with the addition of the recreation department, which allowed players to develop before joining the varsity team and offered Cody more competitive players to choose from. He typically gives 22 players the

chance to play every week, and no spots on the field are guaranteed, making every practice a battle for



position.

While Plymouth has enjoyed success during the last decade, it took patience for Cody's teams to win consistently. At first, Cody was on his own—the team didn't have a band, and support from the school was lackluster at times. "You can't turn something around in two or three years," he says. "It takes you a decade."

The turnaround at Plymouth culminated in a state championship in 2006, and the team has consistently contended for the title since, winning state championships in 2007, 2012 and 2015. "He's had a tremendous impact" in the region, says Wesley Stokes, director of transportation and athletics for Washington County Schools. "Football here in the 1970s was good, but then we went through a dry spell. After he got it going, we've been a contender." More importantly, Cody is building confident young men. "He's such a great teacher," says Stokes. "He doesn't do a lot of yelling. He goes and individually talks to players."

For many in Plymouth, the high school football team is a source of strength. Cody currently employs five of his former players as coaches. Many of the players he coached during his younger days now have sons who play for the team. "It's a real family environment down here," he says.

Not much has changed for Cody since he started at Plymouth in 1985. He still gets up on the weekend and mows the grass on the football field. After 31 years, though, there isn't much he'd change. "I don't think anything is better than having a group of people that all have the same goal," he says. "It's what happens at state championships—there can't be a personal milestone bigger than a team milestone."

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