

# COBB FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2016 Newsletter



All CFL Members,

Welcome to Week 3 of the 2016 Cobb Football League season. Let's make it a great weekend full of hard work, outstanding sportsmanship, and fun!

# CFL Schedule – Saturday, September 17, 2016

# **PLEASE CLICK HERE**

for the Cobb Football League - Week 3 schedule to ensure that you have the correct times and locations for tomorrow's games!

# **REMINDER**

Air Horns are <u>NOT</u> allowed at Cobb Football League games, as they can be a huge distraction to the players, coaches and fans.

# <u>Games of the Week</u>



# The following games have been selected as "CFL Game of the Week" for each grade level:

#### K-1st: Walton vs. McEachern

Location - Wildhorse Creek Park Time - 10:00 AM

#### 2nd: East Paulding vs. Wheeler

Location - Wheeler High School Time - 3:00 PM

#### 3rd: Marietta vs. North Paulding

Location - North Paulding High School Time - 12:30 PM

**4th: Pope vs. McEachern Blue** Location - Wildhorse Creek Park Time - 10:45 AM

#### 5th: Harrison Green vs. McEachern Blue Location - Wildhorse Creek Park

Time - 2:15 PM

# Highlights from Last Week

Please note: The "Highlights from Last Week" write-ups are provided by the Head Coaches of the respective teams and combined.

### Highlights from last week's "Games of the Week" can be found below:

### <u>K-1</u>

## Marietta White vs. North Paulding

Last week's first grade Game of the Week lived up to its billing. In a rematch of last year's Regional Championship game, the North Paulding Wolf Pack squared off against the Marietta Blue Devils (White) at noon in North Paulding, with Marietta White pulling out the win 12-6. The rematch was everything we thought it would be: A hard fought battle between two great teams that went down to the wire.

The Blue Devils struck first, scoring on their first possession, thanks to some solid blocking and a long touchdown run by Kaveon Istas. From that point on, the game became a defensive battle with both defenses making critical and timely stops. In the second quarter, however, the Wolf Pack offense began to pick up steam. As the first half drew to a close, the Wolf Pack was marching down the field looking to put up the tying score until the drive was stalled when the Blue Devils forced a fumble, which was recovered by Marietta's Ryan Burgess.

Buoyed by the momentum they had gained in the second quarter, North Paulding came out of halftime aggressively, executing a successful on-sides kick. The Wolf Pack made the most of the extra possession. After putting together a 40-yard drive, the North Paulding quarterback, Walker Galloway called his own number and scampered into the end zone for a touchdown, tying things up at 6. The Blue Devil defense was, however, able to stave off the extra point attempt when Anthony Boswell stopped the North Paulding ball carrier at the goal line. During the third and fourth quarters, both defenses held strong. With the final seconds of regulation ticking away, the Wolf Pack was able to withstand a Marietta drive, forcing overtime.

Overtime began with North Paulding on offense. The series did not start well for the Blue Devils. Thanks to costly Marietta penalties on the first two plays, the Wolf Pack offense found itself on the 5 yard line, posed to punch in the go ahead to uchdown. With their backs against the wall, the Blue Devils put together a goal line stand capped off by a Jack Hawkins sack of the Wolf Pack quarterback on fourth down. Marietta's Elijah Spann was able to find the end zone and secure the win for the Blue Devils on their possession in overtime.

While the game was a true team effort for Marietta, the Blue Devils' balanced attack was made possible by some great blocking by the Marietta offensive line, anchored by Jack Hawkins, Anthony Boswell, Culver Wadkins, Kylon Scott, Keelan Smith, Mason King, and Ben Johnson-Rogers, and contributions on both offense and defense from Josh Rodgers, Sevon Jackson, Kayden McNair, and Austin Johnson-Rogers.

North Paulding 1<sup>st</sup> was led by Walker Galloway, Paul Dabhet, and Cannon Masson on offense. The Wolfpack Defense received outstanding performances from Chase Thomas, Brady Lester and Tyler Carson.

The North Paulding K-1 team will go on to play Kell at Kell High School this weekend, while the Marietta White Blue Devils will be hosting Allatoona's K-1 team at Marietta High School.

#### 2nd Grade

### Harrison vs. Roswell

The Roswell Hornets 2nd grade team hosted the Harrison Hoyas 2nd grade team at Roswell Area Park on Saturday with Harrison pulling out a win, 22-6.

Both teams came out and gave great efforts in their quest for the win. Harrison battled against a fast, aggressive defense on Roswell to get on the score board, first with a 15-yard scamper touchdown by Jordan Sanders. Chase Beasley and Landon Jones connected on a 2-point conversion to put the Hoyas up 8-0 with only 8 seconds left in the 2nd quarter.

Harrison's defense worked incredible hard. With defensive leaders like Kingston Woodbury leading the way, Harrison forced Roswell to punt the ball on fourth down. Shortly after in the 2nd quarter, Harrison was able to go up 16-0 with a great 55-yard touchdown run by JJ Bowman.

Snapping seemed to be a concern in the first half for the Hornets but once #7 Trummie Patrick took the rains, the offense managed to break out a 47-yard run up the middle for a touchdown by #23 Tyler Presnall. However, the Hoyas outside blocking seemed too much for the Hornets, as a couple of possessions later Harrison was able to reach the end zone again with a 10-yard touchdown run by Corbin Trice and another great 2-point conversion by Gannon Griffin to make the score 22-6. Harrison was also able to make 2/3 of their two point conversions with complete passes by a quarterback who played a great game.

The Hornets defense played strong throughout the entire game, with strong tackles by linebackers #23 Tyler Presnall, #9 Linkin Miller, and #6 Ayden North. #13 Daniel Williams managed to attain two sacks blitzing from safety through the outside of Harrison's offensive line.

Harrison's offensive line worked hard, led by Jaxson Bowen, Dalton Petty, and Grady Sitten. The Hoyas drove the ball well despite missing one of their starters on that line, Cole Peterson.

Harrison's Head Coach Chris Trice noted,

"With only having six experienced players, we are very happy with how some of our first year players like Jackson Holdaway, Marcus Labouchere and Aiden Willis are starting to make their presence felt out there on the field. Our staff is also ecstatic about how well our team is starting to jell and how players like Matthew Snodgrass, Colton Burns, Raymond Ramos, Jayden Hawkins, and Hayden Padgett are developing and starting to mix it up out there as well! We want to thank Roswell for hosting the game and showing us nothing but kindness during our game there."

The Hornets will go on to play Kell this Saturday at Kell High School, while Harrison will take on North Paulding's Navy team at Harrison High School.

#### <u> 3rd Grade</u>

### Pope vs. Harrison

The Pope 3rd grade Greyhounds traveled to Harrison High School last Saturday to battle the 3rd grade Harrison team. While both teams worked hard, the Hoyas were able to pull out a win on their home turf, with a final score of 24-0.

The Harrison Hoya's defense was led by Jake Barszcz and Trey Lilly. The defensive squad made noise early with a fumble recovery from Defensive Tackle Camden Abrams.

Harrison's offensive line (Tyler Galardo, Abrams, Barszcz, Avery Moon, T.C. Washington, and Luke Bleazard) provided ample room for the offense to operate. This solid play opened holes for touchdown runs by Jayden Whiteside (2 touchdowns), Trey Lilly and Lennon Gravitt.

Pope's offense played with determination and had many nice runs. Quarterback Keita Watanabe, fullback Fletcher King, and running back William Childs all ran the ball for tough yards on the Harrison defense.

On defense, Greyhounds' cornerback Evan Tate had several passes defensed and multiple tackles. Pope's William Childs also had multiple tackles behind the line of scrimmage and an interception on Harrison's try for a 2-point conversion.

The Harrison 3rd grade team will host the Roswell Hornets' 3rd grade Black team this weekend at Harrison High School. Pope will travel to Kell High School to battle against the 3rd grade Lassiter Trojans.

#### <u>4th Grade</u>

## Walton Red vs. Lassiter

The Walton 4th Grade Red Raiders traveled to the home field of their longtime rival Lassiter to play the 4th Grade Lassiter Trojans. The game was a defensive battle for 40 minutes of play.

The Trojans won the toss and deferred to the second half. They chose to rely on their defense to slow down the fast break Raiders offense. The Trojans had great play from their defensive ends to control the speed of the Raiders' running game. The entire first quarter was a battle of field position, with the Raiders spending most of the quarter on the Trojans' side of the field. With the exception of a magnificent 40-yard run by Khalil Allen that was called back due to an illegal block penalty, the Trojans mighty defense held strong and kept the Raiders out of the end zone for the first 10 minutes of play.

In the second quarter, the Raiders struck with a 40-yard pass from Quarterback #5 Parker Dastou to #87 Nikolas Avaliani that took the Raiders to the Trojan 1-yard line. On the next play, Dastou scored on a QB keeper. The Raiders failed to convert the extra point.

In the second half, both teams threatened to score. However, each team's defense held tough and the game ended in a 6-0 Raiders victory.

There were notable performances from multiple players on both teams.

On offense, Raiders Wide Receiver #2 Grant Sharrow had an incredible game securing several great blocks that allowed the Raiders' running backs to get around the corner and up the field.

For the Trojan offense, Quarterback #13 Tyler Crump showed toughness all day fighting off the Raiders' defense and had a 40-yard run, which was the Trojans biggest gain from scrimmage all day. #24 JP Vincent and #15 Noah Seabolt also played well on offense for Lassiter.

On defense, Raiders Nose Guard #40 Nick Smith broke into the backfield and disrupted the Trojans on several plays. More importantly, Smith chased down the Trojans quarterback after an amazing 40-yard run to save a touchdown at the end of the first half.

Lassiter's defense fought hard with two fumble recoveries and a great pass break up. Defensive End, #42 CJ Burks, spent the game in the Raiders' backfield disrupting the timing of the Raiders' backs. #74 Rocco Coppola, #17 Roman Spink, and #50 Michael Fallon, also had a great game on defense.

The Trojans will be traveling to Harrison High School this weekend to battle against Harrison's 4th Grade Navy team, while the Walton Red Raiders will be traveling to Sprayberry High School to take on the 4th Grade Yellow Jackets team.

### <u>5th Grade</u>

# <u>Marietta vs. Kell</u>

The 5th grade Kell Longhorns hosted the 5th grade Marietta Blue Devils on Saturday, with the Blue Devils pulling out the win, 26-0.

The Marietta defensive team, #74 Carter Jones, #77 Emmanuel Arreola, #48 Griffin Mack, #16 Trey Hill Jr., #12 Jaron Cadwell, #18 Xier Richard, #53 Kasanova Hamilton, #3 Will Frederick, #1 Brent Tiggs, #50 Hudson French, #42 Xavier Virgil, #66 Jordan Hawkins, #65 Daylian Williams, #51 Sean Torres, and #76 Titorian Moore, did an outstanding job maintaining their assignments. They attacked the offensive line, getting tackles in the back field for losses throughout the game, and they were able to hold off the Longhorns from scoring.

Marietta's offense did an outstanding job as well. The Blue Devils offensive line #73 Myron Kin Jr., #54 Marsel Langston, #72 Braedon Bedwell, #79 Noah Ellis, and #71 Rodes Foster, held their own, opening holds for their quarterbacks and running backs.

Marietta Quarterbacks #6 Myles Malloy and #7 Jordan Catlin, Slots Backs #23 Laron Jones and #21 Messiah Moore, and Wide Receivers #63 Eric White, #45 Luke Morgan, and #61 Thomas Abercrombie, all did an awesome job running the ball and maintaining blocks.

Running Back #55 Christian Bell did an absolutely incredible job running the ball on Saturday, with three long touchdown runs.

After a loss last week to Allatoona, Marietta Head Coach Harold Spann added, "The boys really listened to the coaches all week and we made the needed adjustments during practice, so my hats off to these boys and the great things to come for this team of 5<sup>th</sup> graders."

Although it was a tough loss for the Longhorns this week, they have improved tremendously since Week 1. They struggled some on offense but had more first downs and moved the ball better overall compared to their first game. #24 Aiden Caylor had a 10-yard reception and #3 Patrick Smith had a 20-yard reception. #9 Carter Whitmire completed both of these passes, which is incredibly impressive since this is his first year with the CFL. #28 Jordan Jones carried the load at running back with several hard runs.

#85 Ethan Picket had a 15-yard kickoff return and #8 Devin Frank had a 20-yard kickoff return.

On defense, the Longhorns tackled very well and have improved much since Week 1, but they struggled to bring down Marietta's running back. #7 Ethan Picket, #6 Devin Frank, #5 Tayler Parris, #80 John Mojica, and #4 VJ Ferlaino all had amazing tackles.

Longhorns Head Coach Cary Parris noted, "Our boys played very hard and showed great sportsmanship throughout the contest. I am very happy with their improvement so far this year. We have a very young team with the majority of them new to football. Some of our first year kids (John Mojica and VJ Ferlaino) have really stepped up, earning starting spots."

Kell will host the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade North Paulding Silver team at Kell High School this weekend, while Marietta will take on Walton's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Red team at Marietta High School.

# **Photo Gallery**





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