

ALMA BRYANT 2007 SEASON IN REVIEW/2008 PREVIEW

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The 2007 season can be considered nothing but disappointing. The Hurricanes finished with a 2-8 record. This was the worse season ending record for the Canes since a 1-9 finish in 2001. Bryant fans will no doubt look back at the first month of the season and wonder what could have been. The Hurricanes had chances to win several games early in the season that could have shifted the fate of the rest of the year. However with the close losses to Vigor, Theodore, and Mary G. Montgomery to start the season the proverbial door was shut on the playoffs.

The season was not without positive notes however. Brent LaForce set the Hurricane single season passing yardage record with 1853 yards. He broke his own record he set a year ago by nearly 500 yards. New offensive coordinator Al Earnest's offense was not thru breaking records. Limebric Windham set Hurricane receiving records with 54 receptions and 759 yards.

2008 has a chance to be a turnaround season for Bryant. On offense Siram Watson and Eddie Jones return to what could form a devastating 1-2 punch in the backfield. At wide receiver, record-setter Lim Windham will join Tashan Woods, and up-and-comer Karnell Banks to form a formidable trio. The offensive line will suffer from losses of senior leaders Greg Hendricks and Derrick Vaughn, but Aaron Odom will lead a talented group into '08. The biggest question mark however comes at the most important position on the field. Ricky LaForce will be the only returning player at the quarterback in 2008. WR Tashan Woods will get a look at the position in spring practice, as well as one or two unnamed at press time players.

Defensively, Larry Lumpkin and Jesse Goodwin return to lead what could be a possibly devastating linebacking core. Harry Edwards along with incoming freshman Joshua Flowers and Alden Bosarge should also contribute heavily at the LB position. DD Smith and Colton Stringfellow will the secondary into battle, while '07 sack leader Deangelo Rogers and George Wilkinson lead the defensive line. Kicker Jacob Switzer also returns.

2008 also will hopefully also present some new media opportunities for Alma Bryant High School. Starting with the first home football game of the season the goal is to start up the Hurricane Radio Network. What will be the first of it's kind in Mobile County, the HRN will broadcast all home games and certain away games LIVE on the Internet thru streaming audio. We also plan to broadcast a handful of boy's and girl's basketball games, as well as baseball, and soccer as well. 2008 promises to be an exciting time for Bryant High School and hear is to the best for everyone involved.

**ALMABRYANTFOOTBALL.COM WOULD LIKE TO
CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING PLAYERS AS OUR STAFF
VOTED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THESE AWARDS:**

**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
WR- LIMEBRIC WINDHAM**

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR:
LB- LARRY LUMPKIN**

**WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE AARON WARD
ON BEING SELECTED TO PLAY IN THE 2007 ALABAMA-
MISSISSIPPI ALL STAR CLASSIC. AARON JOINS BRANDON
JOHNSON, DEWAYNE LAVELLE, AND ANTWAN ODOM AS THE
FOURTH HURRICANE FOOTBALL PLAYER TO BE SELECTED
TO PLAY IN THE CLASSIC.**

FINAL STATS FOR THE 2007 SEASON

PASSING

	COMP	ATT	YRDS	TD	INT
B. LaForce	138	230	1853	12	10

RUSHING

	ATT	YRDS	TD
S. Watson	83	395	0
E. Jones	41	236	2
B. LaForce	114	229	2
L. Lumpkin	21	79	3
A. Ward	43	70	1
J. Goodwin	21	63	4
D. Chatman	6	28	0
C. Davis	1	17	0
T. Russell	4	16	1

RECEIVING

	REC	YRDS	TD
L. Windham	54	759	4
W. McMillian	37	518	6
A. Ward	22	254	2
E. Jones	5	66	0
B. Leger	4	62	0
T. Woods	7	53	0
S. Watson	7	52	0
J. Williams	5	37	0
C. Davis	2	18	0

A. Edwards	1	6	0
L. Lumpkin	1	5	0

TACKLES- *tackle stats are unofficial

L. Lumpkin 76, J. Goodwin 60, C. Davis 58, K. Stokes 41, A. Ward 40, D. Rogers 26, G. Wilkinson 25, B. Leger 21, D. Malone 18, D. Smith 17, J. Easter 14, K. Pickens 13, J. Mareno 13, TJ Moore 12, C. Stringfellow 8, T. Woods 4, J. Harbison 3, J. Wilkerson 3, C. Wells 3, E. Jones 3, H. Edwards 3, B. Camery 2, D. Hill 2, J. Flowers 1.

SACKS

D. Rogers 6, J. Goodwin 3, K. Stokes 2, C. Davis 1, J. Easter 1, D. Malone 1, D. Hill 1, L. Lumpkin 1.

FORCED FUMBLES

L. Lumpkin 4, J. Goodwin 1, J. Easter 1, D. Malone 1, D. Hill 1, K. Stokes 1, A. Ward 1.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

K. Stokes 3, K. Pickens 1, D. Rogers 1, J. Mareno 1.

INTERCEPTIONS

C. Davis 2, A. Ward 1, D. Smith 1, T. Woods 1.

KICKING

	XP	FG
J. Switzer	7-14	4-5

PUNTING

	PUNTS	YRDS	AVG.
B. LaForce	9	288	32.0
B. Leger	7	220	31.4
A. Ward	18	538	29.9

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