

SPRING GAME NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS

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On a beautiful night for football in South Mobile County, the White team defeated the Blue 14-7. Eddie Jones led the White with 92 yards on 13 carries with a touchdown. Alden Bosarge added 77 yards on the ground. Lim Windham carried the ball seven times for 143 yards, including a 49 yard touchdown run in the third quarter. The Hurricanes will now turn their attention to an intense summer workout program. The Canes next game will be a three team scrimmage, on August 23rd, against Hillcrest-Evergreen and Baldwin County.

Random Spring Notes:

- After watching both squads combine for 341 yards rushing, I feel like we have what it takes to have a great running game next season. I don't think you will find a better 1-2 punch around than Windham and Jones.
- What a great job by the Offensive Line. You do not rush for all that yardage without the big men up front.
- I saw positives out of the three quarterbacks that played Monday night. With that said there were also plenty of mistakes. But you expect mistakes to be made from three guys who have never taken a snap from center in a varsity game before. I can't wait to see the battle unfold this summer.
- With Lim Windham seeing plenty of time in the backfield, someone has to fill some big shoes at wide receiver. Joe Rodi presents a 6'-6" match-up problem in the red zone no team can handle. I want to see who is going to step up on the other side of the field.
- What a promising group of linebackers we have. Larry Lumpkin leads what could be the best position on our defense. Joshua Flowers and Harry Edwards both had great games Monday as well.
- Was Bookie Wells unblockable or what? And what a game by Drew Hill. I heard his name called quite a few times in the second half.
- Did Diego Peyton come out of nowhere? The sophomore defensive back tied for the team lead in tackles. DD Smith did a great job in coverage as well.
- Overall, I like what I have seen this spring. We still have a long way to go, but we have taken the first steps necessary to get this journey started on the right foot.

Head Coach Ronnie Cottrell on the Spring Game and the Future:

"For only having ten practice days, there was a lot to be happy about. Fundamentally, we

are not where we need to be as a team. I did see a lot of effort. I thought the guys played hard. I saw some great running. Eddie Jones, Lim Windham, Dee Dee Chatman, Alden Bosarge, did a good job running the ball. I saw a lot of promise there. I was really encouraged by the offensive line. I thought they got better as the game went on. I was really pleased with the defensive side of the ball. People were staying in lanes, the secondary played real well. The defense forced some timely turnovers. They rose to the occasion to stop drives. Duke Sanders had a great interception. I couldn't help but notice Larry Lumpkin. He stood out and is a great leader. I also noticed Diego Peyton. He had several solo tackles. This film will be so valuable to us this summer to see where we are. Everyone got in the game. We are still putting our staff together. I thought the coaches we have pulled together and did a great job. Coach Donald, Coach Jackson, Coach Barnett and the rest of the staff did a great job leading their team to a win. Overall, I think as our staff comes together and our team matures in the weight room, we have a chance to be very competitive.”

Coach Rickey Miller on the Offensive Line play:

“I think the whole group came around and gelled by the end of spring. The kids were very excited about putting their hands back on the ground this year in our new offense. I was pleased with the overall progress. We are going to have some kids that can put their hands on the ground and blow people off the ball. Darrell Payne had a great game tonight. Aaron Odom also had a great spring. He is going to be looked at by a lot of schools. He has great feet and great hands. Tyler Menardie had a great game at center tonight.”

Coach Keven Jackson on the Defense:

“The defense did great tonight. They ran to the ball. They overcame adversity after they ran the long touchdown. That's one of the things we have to do. You are always going to have adversity during games. You have to know how to come back from it and be a winner. The whole defense really stuck out for me tonight. Just the attitude and the want and the will to play. They gave us their all and that is a big plus. The weight program is going to be real important this summer. Like Coach Cottrell said, we have a long ways to go. We are going to bring a new attitude here. The ones that want to play are the ones that will play.

STATS FROM THE INTRASQUAD GAME 5/19/08

PASSING:

	COMP	ATT	YARDS	TD	INT
R. LaForce	2	8	42	0	0
J. Nelson	2	4	23	1	0
T. Woods	1	3	4	0	1

RUSHING

	ATT	YARDS	TD
L. Windham	7	143	1
E. Jones	13	89	1
A. Bosarge	9	77	0
T. Woods	4	26	0
D. Chatman	7	16	0
W. McCovery	2	8	0
J. Nelson	4	7	0
N. Henning	1	4	0
J. Chatman	3	1	0
R. LaForce	4	-30	0

RECEIVING

	REC	YARDS	TD
S. Boler	1	26	0
A. Bosarge	2	19	0
L. Windham	1	16	0
J. Rodi	1	8	1

DEFENSE

	TCK	SCK	INT	FF	FR
L. Lumpkin	7	0	0	0	0
D. Peyton	7	0	0	0	0

H. Edwards	6	0	0	0	0
D. Smith	4	0	0	0	0
T. Sanders	4	0	0	0	0
D. Hill	4	0	0	0	0
C. Wells	3	1	0	1	0
J. Flowers	3	0	0	0	1
T. Russell	2	0	0	0	0
J. Stringfellow	2	0	0	0	0
J. Harbison	2	0	0	0	0
D. McGallagher	1	0	0	0	0
J. Holmes	1	0	0	0	0
D. Sanders	1	0	1	0	0
J. Cutrer	1	0	0	0	0
T. Rogers	1	0	0	0	0
B. Camery	1	0	0	0	0
J. Collier	1	0	0	0	0
C. Payne	1	0	0	0	0
D. Malone	1	0	0	0	0
A. Dailey	1	0	0	0	0
Z. Bailey	1	0	0	0	0