

2023 TRAIL TO THE TITLE

DEKALB COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



2022 TRAIL TO THE TITLE CHAMPIONS – STEPHENSON JAGUARS

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND – NOV. 4, 2023

STEPHENSON VS. CEDAR GROVE

10:00 AM

AVONDALE STADIUM

SCENES FROM THE 2023 TRAIL TO THE TITLE PLAYOFFS



HOW THEY GOT HERE

STEPHENSON JAGUARS

VS.

The Stephenson Jaguars rallied past the McNair Mustangs late in the fourth quarter for a 24-16 win to advance to a third consecutive Trail to the Title championship game.

Quarterback Gavin Kinchen scored three rushing touchdowns in the win, including a nine-yard run with 3:00 minutes to play to put the Jaguars ahead for good. Wayne Jenkins made it a 22-16 advantage with the two-point conversion.

Quentez Shaffer forced the McNair offense to fumble on the next possession to give the Jaguars a safety and a final score of 24-16.

During first round action, quarterback Gavin Kinchen scored three touchdowns, 2 rushing and a 55-yard pick six, to lead the Jaguars to a 24-8 win over Lithonia into the semifinals for the 13th time.

Stephenson has won its last 17 games including the 2022 Trail to the Title championship game and is 13-0 in its past 13 regular season games.

It is the second meeting in the Trail to the Title playoffs between the Jaguars and Saints. Stephenson won the lone meeting 34-0 in the 2005 title game. The two teams met in the opening week of the season with Stephenson winning 24-8

Stephenson is making its third consecutive appearance in the championship game. It is the ninth appearance overall for the Jaguars.

STEPHENSON (7-0)

Stephenson 24, Cedar Grove 8

Stephenson 21, Miller Grove 7

Stephenson 16, Chapel Hill 6

Stephenson 58, Druid Hills 0

Stephenson 46, Bethune 0

Stephenson 48, Stone Mountain 0

FIRST ROUND

Stephenson 24, Lithonia 8

SEMIFINALS

Stephenson 24, McNair 16

CEDAR GROVE SAINTS

The Cedar Grove Saints rolled to a 28-0 first half lead in a 28-14 win over Chapel Hill in the semifinals to advance to the Trail to the Title

Brenden Flournoy got the Saints out to the quick lead with a touchdown run to make it 6-0. The expanded to 14-0 later in the first quarter on a Brandon Davis quarterback sneak and a Davis two-point conversion pass to Dale Perry.

Davis and Perry hooked up on a 10-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter with Davis adding the two-point conversion to extend the lead to 22-0 early in the second quarter.

A 10-yard touchdown run by Davis sent the Saints to halftime up 28-0.

Chapel Hill scored on an 11-yard touchdown pass from Damarion Davis to Brycen Tolbert in the third quarter. The two-point conversion was good. Chapel Hill managed to cut the lead to 28-14 in the fourth quarter on an 82-yards pick-six by Ty'Reese Jones for the final of 28-14.

The Saints advanced to the semifinals with a thrilling 12-6 overtime victory over the Champion Chargers.

Quarterback Brandon Davis scored his second touchdown of the game on a quarterback sneak on fourth and goal at the one in overtime to give the Saints the 12-6 lead. Cedar Grove's defense then held the Chargers on fourth and goal to secure the win.

It was the Saints 12th trip to the semifinals and first since the 2021 season. Cedar Grove is the only other participant in the semifinals with a Trail to the Title championship having won back-to-back titles in 2014-15.

CEDAR GROVE (4-2)

Cedar Grove 8, Stephenson 24

Cedar Grove 30, Columbia 0

Cedar Grove 36, Druid Hills 0

Cedar Grove 40, Bethune 0

Cedar Grove 14, McNair 36

Cedar Grove 40, Redan 0

FIRST ROUND

Cedar Grove 12, Champion 6 (OT)

SEMIFINALS

Cedar Grove 28, Chapel Hill 14

19th Annual Trail to the Title Championship Notes

The 2023 Trail to the Title Championship title game features the only two DeKalb middle school programs to win back-to-back titles in the undefeated defending Trail to the Title champions Stephenson Jaguars (8-0) and the Cedar Grove Saints (6-2).

The Stephenson Jaguars are undefeated and have won 17 consecutive games entering the 2023 championship game. The Jaguars advanced to the semifinals for the 13th year with a 24-8 first round win over Lithonia. Stephenson rallied in the fourth quarter to overtake the previously undefeated McNair Mustangs (7-1) 24-16 to move into the championship tilt.

The Jaguars are in a record setting ninth championship game and playing for a county record seventh title in nine appearances. Stephenson was the first repeat champion in 2004 and 2005 and can become the first team to win back-to-back titles twice.

Cedar Grove moved into the title game after knocking off Champion 12-6 in overtime in the first round and followed up with the dominating 28-14 win over 2022 runner-up Chapel Hill in the semifinal. Cedar Grove and Stephenson met in the 2005 championship game with the Jaguars getting the repeat win in a 34-0 victory. Stephenson won the regular season meeting 24-8.

Cedar Grove is making its fifth appearance in the title game and first since falling 14-6 to Champion in 2019. The Saints became the second team to win back-to-back titles with perfect 9-0 seasons in 2014 and 2015.

The Trail to the Title can have a repeat champion since the 2014-15 seasons (Cedar Grove) with Stephenson returning to defend its title. Cedar Grove is the only other former Trail to the Title champion in the Final Four.

19th Annual Trail to the Title Championship Notes

The 2023 Trail to the Title Championship marks the 19th year (no season in 2020) of the DeKalb County Middle School Football Championship playoffs.

Stephenson (2004, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2016, 2022) holds the county record with six Trail to the Title championships followed by Miller Grove with three (2006, 2008, 2010). Cedar Grove (2014, 2015), Tucker (2013, 2017), Champion (2019), Lithonia (2012) and the now closed Avondale (2007) are the other title winners.

Stephenson is the only team to reach the title game eight times, winning six. Stephenson (2004-2005) and Cedar Grove (2014-2015) are the only teams to win back-to-back titles. Miller Grove reached the title game three times, winning all three championships.

Cedar Grove joined the championship group in 2014 with its thrilling 20-14 overtime win against 2014 defending champion Tucker and repeated in 2015 with a 22-0 win over Tucker. Cedar Grove has reached the championship three times and is now 2-1.

The 2013 title game won by Tucker 22-20 over Chapel Hill featured two first time finalists as the teams made the number of teams to reach the final climb to 10. The 2013 championship was also just the second to feature two undefeated teams, the first coming in 2011, a 6-0 victory by Stephenson over Bethune in overtime. A third and fourth meeting of undefeated teams came in the 2015 title game with Cedar Grove and Tucker meeting for the second consecutive season and Stephenson and Tucker in 2016.

Tucker reached the title game five consecutive years (2013-2017) and is the only team to accomplish the feat. Columbia became the first team to return to back-to-back championship games in 2010 since Stephenson made it back-to-back in 2004 and 2005. Cedar Grove became the fourth team to make back-to-back championship game appearances with consecutive wins in 2014 and 2015.

Bethune (2008, 2011, 2017) became just the fifth team to reach the title game three times with its third appearance in 2017.

The addition of Champion (2019) put the number of teams to reach the title game at 12.

The list of championship game participants includes Avondale (2007), Bethune (2008, 2011), Cedar Grove (2005, 2014-15, 2019), Champion (2019), Chapel Hill (2013), Columbia (2009-10) Lithonia (2007, 2012), McNair (2006), Salem (2004, 2021), Miller Grove (2006, 2008, 2010), Stephenson (2004, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2016, 2021-22) and Tucker (2013, 2017).

TRAIL TO THE TITLE HISTORY BY PLAYOFF ROUND

CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

2023 – Stephenson (9-0) vs. Cedar Grove (6-2)
2022 – Stephenson (9-0) 38, Chapel Hill (7-2) 0
2021 – Salem (9-0) 6, Stephenson (6-2) 0
2020 – No Season
2019 – Champion (9-0) 14, Cedar Grove (8-1) 6
2018 – Bethune (8-1) 33, Tucker (7-2) 6
2017 – **Tucker (9-0) 38, Bethune (8-1) 6**
2016 – Stephenson (9-0) 20, Tucker (8-1) 16
2015 – Cedar Grove (9-0) 22, Tucker (8-1) 0
2014 – Cedar Grove (9-0) 20, Tucker (8-1) 14 (OT)
2013 -- Tucker (9-0) 22, Chapel Hill (8-1) 20
2012 – Lithonia (8-2) 12, Stephenson (8-2) 8
2011 – Stephenson (9-0) 6, Bethune (8-1) 0 (OT)
2010 – Miller Grove (8-1) 24, Columbia (8-1) 18
2009 – Stephenson (8-1) 6, Columbia (6-3) 0
2008 – Miller Grove (9-0) 50, Bethune (6-2-1) 14
2007 – Avondale (9-0) 28, Lithonia (7-2) 12
2006 – Miller Grove (8-0) 8, McNair (6-2) 0
2005 – Stephenson (8-0) 34, Cedar Grove (6-2) 0
2004 – Stephenson (8-0) def. Salem (6-2)

SEMIFINALS

2023
Stephenson (8-0) 24, McNair (7-1) 16
Cedar Grove (6-2) 28, Chapel Hill (6-2) 14
2022
Stephenson (8-0) 28, Lithonia (6-2) 0
Chapel Hill (7-1) 6, Tucker (7-1) 0
2021
Salem (8-0) 12, Cedar Grove (5-3) 0
Stephenson (6-1) 22, Chapel Hill (6-1-1) 6
2020 – **No Season**
2019
Cedar Grove (8-0) 8, Stephenson (5-3) 6
Champion (8-0) 24, Henderson (7-1) 6
2018
Bethune (7-1) 33, Henderson (6-2) 0
Tucker (7-1) 28, Cedar Grove (5-3) 14
2017
Tucker (8-0) 10, Stephenson (6-2) 6
Bethune (8-0) 16, Lithonia (6-2) 6
2016
Tucker (8-0) 25, Cedar Grove (5-3) 12
Stephenson (8-0) 13, Chapel Hill (6-2) 6
2015
Cedar Grove (8-0) 20, Stephenson (7-1) 0
Tucker (8-0) 8, Miller Grove (6-2) 0
2014
Cedar Grove (8-0) 28, Stephenson (7-1) 22
Tucker (8-0) 14, Renfroe (7-1) 0
2013
Tucker (8-0) 26, Columbia (7-1) 6
Chapel Hill (8-0) 24, Miller Grove (6-2) 6
2012
Stephenson (8-1) 16, Bethune (7-1) 14
Lithonia (7-2) 32, Salem (5-4) 20
2011
Bethune (8-0) 40, Columbia (5-2) 14
Stephenson (8-0) 12, Cedar Grove (6-2) 6
2010
Miller Grove (7-1) 14, Bethune (7-1) 10
Columbia (8-0) 12, Cedar Grove (7-1) 6
2009
Columbia (6-2) 20, Chapel Hill (5-3) 14 (2 OT)
Stephenson (7-1) 22, Salem (5-2-1) 8
2008
Bethune (6-1-1) 14, Chapel Hill (5-3) 12
Miller Grove (9-0) 6, Avondale (5-3) 0 (OT)
2007
Avondale (8-0) 16, McNair (4-4) 6
Lithonia (7-1) 26, Stone Mountain (6-2) 12

2006

McNair (6-1) 20, Cedar Grove 16
Miller Grove (7-0) 22, Freedom 6
2005
Stephenson (7-0) 26, Avondale 14
Cedar Grove (6-1) 31, Shamrock 14
2004 (Records incomplete on scoring)
Stephenson (7-0) def. Avondale
Salem (6-1) def. Cedar Grove

SECOND ROUND (2012 only)

2012
Bethune (7-0) 38, Chapel Hill (5-3) 8
Stephenson (7-1) 24, Miller Grove (4-3) 6
Lithonia (6-2) 26, Cedar Grove (5-2) 6
Salem (5-3) 14, Peachtree (6-1) 7

FIRST ROUND

2023
Stephenson (7-0) 24, Lithonia (4-3) 8
McNair (7-0) 16, Chamblee (3-4) 6
Cedar Grove (5-2) 12, Champion (5-1-1) 6
Chapel Hill (6-1) 28, Tucker (5-1-1) 6
2022
Stephenson (7-0) 40, Champion (3-4) 0
Lithonia (6-1) 14, Cedar Grove (6-1) 8
Chapel Hill (6-1) 42, Chamblee (3-4) 0
Tucker (7-0) 26, Bethune (3-3-1) 6
2021
Salem (7-0) 22, Druid Hills (3-3) 0
Cedar Grove (5-2) 12, McNair (3-1-1) 8
Chapel Hills (6-0-1) 32, Henderson (4-2) 20
Stephenson (5-1) 28, Redan (2-3) 0
2020 – **No Season**

2019
Stephenson (5-2) 14, Miller Grove (6-1) 0
Cedar Grove (7-0) 30, Sequoyah (2-4) 0
Henderson (7-0) 12, Bethune (3-4) 0
Champion (7-0) 46, Salem (4-3) 16
2018
Henderson (6-1) 10, Lithonia (6-1) 0
Bethune (6-1) 38, Renfroe (4-3) 0
Cedar Grove (5-2) 14, Stephenson (6-1) 12
Tucker (6-1) 36, Redan (4-3) 8
2017
Tucker (7-0) 14, Cedar Grove (3-3-1) 12
Stephenson (6-1) 12, Miller Grove (4-3) 6 2OT
Lithonia (6-1) 30, Renfroe (4-2-1) 7
Bethune (7-0) 38, Peachtree (3-4) 0
2016
Chapel Hill (6-1) 16, Henderson (3-4) 2
Tucker (7-0) 33, Bethune (5-2) 0
Cedar Grove (5-2) 20, Freedom (5-2) 12
Stephenson (7-0) 34, Champion (3-4) 0
2015
Stephenson (7-0) 12, Renfroe (4-3) 0
Cedar Grove (7-0) 48, Champion (5-2) 14
Miller Grove (6-1) 22, Henderson (5-2) 14
Tucker (7-0) 38, Chapel Hill (3-4) 0
2014
Stephenson (7-0) 35, Henderson (4-3) 7
Cedar Grove (7-0) 18, Redan (5-2) 0
Renfroe (7-0) 29, Lithonia (4-3) 22
Tucker (7-0) 18, Columbia (4-3) 14
2013
Chapel Hill (7-0) 14, Cedar Grove (4-3) 0
Tucker (7-0) 70, Redan (3-4) 0
Miller Grove (6-1) 22, Stephenson (5-2) 0
Columbia (7-0) 22, Champion (4-3) 8

2012

Chapel Hill (5-2) 14, Columbia (4-3) 12
Stephenson (6-1) 20, Henderson (2-5) 0
Salem (4-3) 22, Stone Mountain (4-3) 8
Lithonia (5-2) 28, Tucker (3-4) 12
2011
Columbia (5-2) 14, Tucker (5-2) 6
Cedar Grove (6-1) 14, Druid Hills (5-2) 7
Bethune (7-0) 54, Peachtree (5-2) 0
Stephenson (7-0) 36, Miller Grove (3-4) 0
2010
Cedar Grove 34, Stone Mountain (3-4) 8
Columbia 40, Henderson (4-3) 0
Bethune 16, McNair (3-4) 8
Miller Grove 24, Stephenson (4-3) 16
2009
Chapel Hill 48, McNair (4-3) 0
Salem 12, Miller Grove (6-1) 6 (OT)
Columbia 12, Bethune (4-3) 8
Stephenson 26, Shamrock (3-4) 0
2008
Chapel Hill 32, Freedom (5-2) 14
Avondale 6, Chamblee (5-2) 0 (OT)
Bethune 26, Columbia (5-2) 0
Miller Grove 20, Stephenson (4-3) 0
2007
McNair 20, Miller Grove (5-2) 0
Avondale 14, Stephenson (4-3) 0
Stone Mountain 14, Cedar Grove (5-2) 6 (OT)
Lithonia 28, Chapel Hill (6-1) 6

TRAIL TO THE TITLE HISTORY BY YEAR

2023

FIRST ROUND

Stephenson (7-0) 24, Lithonia (4-3) 8
McNair (7-0) 16, Chamblee (3-4) 6
Cedar Grove (5-2) 12, Champion (5-1-1) 6
Chapel Hill (6-1) 28, Tucker (5-1-1) 6

SEMIFINALS

Stephenson (8-0) 24, McNair (7-1) 16
Cedar Grove (6-2) 28, Chapel Hill (6-2) 14

FINALS

Stephenson (8-0) vs. Cedar Grove (6-2)

2022

FIRST ROUND

Stephenson (7-0) 40, Champion (3-4) 0
Lithonia (6-1) 14, Cedar Grove (6-1) 8
Chapel Hill (6-1) 42, Chamblee (3-4) 0
Tucker (7-0) 26, Bethune (3-3-1) 6

SEMIFINALS

Stephenson (8-0) 28, Lithonia (6-2) 0
Chapel Hill (7-1) 6, Tucker (7-1) 0

FINALS

2022 – Stephenson (9-0) 38, Chapel Hill (7-2) 0

2021

FIRST ROUND

Salem (7-0) 22, Druid Hills (3-3) 0
Cedar Grove (5-2) 12, McNair (3-1-1) 8
Chapel Hills (6-0-1) 32, Henderson (4-2) 20
Stephenson (5-1) 28, Redan (2-3) 0

SEMIFINALS

Salem (8-0) 12, Cedar Grove (5-3) 0
Stephenson (6-1) 22, Chapel Hill (6-1-1) 6

FINALS

Salem (9-0) 6, Stephenson (6-2) 0

2019

FIRST ROUND

Stephenson (5-2) 14, Miller Grove (6-1) 0
Cedar Grove (7-0) 30, Sequoyah (2-4) 0
Henderson (7-0) 12, Bethune (3-4) 0
Champion (7-0) 46, Salem (4-3) 16

SEMIFINALS

Cedar Grove (8-0) 8, Stephenson (5-3) 6
Champion (8-0) 24, Henderson (7-1) 6

FINALS

Champion (9-0) 14, Cedar Grove (8-1) 6

2018

FIRST ROUND

Henderson (6-1) 10, Lithonia (6-1) 0
Bethune (6-1) 38, Renfroe (4-3) 0
Cedar Grove (5-2) 14, Stephenson (6-1) 12
Tucker (6-1) 36, Redan (4-3) 8

SEMIFINALS

Bethune (7-1) 33, Henderson (6-2) 0
Tucker (7-1) 28, Cedar Grove (5-3) 14

FINALS

Bethune (8-1) 33, Tucker (7-2) 6

2018

FIRST ROUND

Lithonia (6-0) vs. Henderson (5-1)
Bethune (5-1) vs. Renfroe (4-2)
Stephenson (6-0) vs. Cedar Grove (4-2)
Tucker (5-1) vs. Redan (4-2)

2017

FIRST ROUND

Tucker (7-0) 14, Cedar Grove (3-3-1) 12
Stephenson (6-1) 12, Miller Grove (4-3) 6 2OT
Lithonia (6-1) 30, Renfroe (4-2-1) 7
Bethune (7-0) 38, Peachtree (3-4) 0

SEMIFINALS

Tucker (8-0) 10, Stephenson (6-2) 6
Bethune (8-0) 16, Lithonia (6-2) 6

FINALS

2016

FIRST ROUND

Chapel Hill (6-1) 16, Henderson (3-4) 2
Tucker (7-0) 33, Bethune (5-2) 0
Cedar Grove (5-2) 20, Freedom (5-2) 12
Stephenson (7-0) 34, Champion (3-4) 0

SEMIFINALS

Tucker (8-0) 25, Cedar Grove (5-3) 12
Stephenson (8-0) 13, Chapel Hill (6-2) 6

FINALS

Stephenson (9-0) 20, Tucker (8-1) 16

2015

FIRST ROUND

Stephenson (7-0) 12, Renfroe (4-3) 0
Cedar Grove (7-0) 48, Champion (5-2) 14
Miller Grove (6-1) 22, Henderson (5-2) 14
Tucker (7-0) 38, Chapel Hill (3-4) 0

SEMIFINALS

Cedar Grove (8-0) 20, Stephenson (7-1) 0
Tucker (8-0) 8, Miller Grove (6-2) 0

FINALS

Cedar Grove (9-0) 22, Tucker (8-1) 0

2014

FIRST ROUND

Stephenson (7-0) 35, Henderson (4-3) 7
Cedar Grove (7-0) 18, Redan (5-2) 0
Renfroe (7-0) 29, Lithonia (4-3) 22
Tucker (7-0) 18, Columbia (4-3) 14

SEMIFINALS

Cedar Grove (8-0) 28, Stephenson (7-1) 22
Tucker (8-0) 14, Renfroe (7-1) 0

CHAMPIONSHIP

Cedar Grove (9-0) 20, Tucker (8-1) 14

2013

FIRST ROUND

Chapel Hill (7-0) 14, Cedar Grove (4-3) 0
Tucker (7-0) 70, Redan (3-4) 0
Miller Grove (6-1) 22, Stephenson (5-2) 0
Columbia (7-0) 22, Champion (4-3) 8

SEMIFINALS

Tucker (8-0) 26, Columbia (7-1) 6
Chapel Hill (8-0) 24, Miller Grove (6-2) 6

CHAMPIONSHIP

Tucker (9-0) 22, Chapel Hill (8-1) 20

2012

FIRST ROUND

Chapel Hill (5-2) 14, Columbia (4-3) 12
Stephenson (6-1) 20, Henderson (2-5) 0
Salem (4-3) 22, Stone Mountain (4-3) 8
Lithonia (5-2) 28, Tucker (3-4) 12

SECOND ROUND (DUE TO THREE-WAY TIE)

Bethune (7-0) 38, Chapel Hill (5-3) 8
Stephenson (7-1) 24, Miller Grove (4-3) 6
Lithonia (6-2) 26, Cedar Grove (5-2) 6
Salem (5-3) 14, Peachtree (6-1) 7

SEMIFINALS

Stephenson (8-1) 16, Bethune (7-1) 14
Lithonia (7-2) 32, Salem (5-4) 20

CHAMPIONSHIP

Lithonia (8-2) 12, Stephenson (8-2) 8

2011

FIRST ROUND

Columbia (5-2) 14, Tucker (5-2) 6
Cedar Grove (6-1) 14, Druid Hills (5-2) 7
Bethune (7-0) 54, Peachtree (5-2) 0
Stephenson (7-0) 36, Miller Grove (3-4) 0

SEMIFINALS

Bethune (8-0) 40, Columbia (5-2) 14
Stephenson (8-0) 12, Cedar Grove (6-2) 6

CHAMPIONSHIP

2010

FIRST ROUND

Cedar Grove (7-0) 34, Stone Mountain (3-4) 8
Columbia (6-0) 40, Henderson (4-3) 0
Bethune (6-0) 16, McNair (3-4) 8
Miller Grove (6-1) 24, Stephenson (4-3) 16

SEMIFINALS

Miller Grove (7-1) 14, Bethune (7-1) 10
Columbia (8-0) 12, Cedar Grove (7-1) 6

CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller Grove (8-1) 24, Columbia (8-1) 18

2009

FIRST ROUND

Chapel Hill (5-2) 48, McNair (4-3) 0
Salem (5-1-1) 12, Miller Grove (6-1) 6 OT
Columbia (5-2) 12, Bethune (4-3) 8
Stephenson (6-1) 26, Shamrock (3-4) 0

SEMIFINALS

Columbia (6-2) 20, Chapel Hill (5-3) 14 (2 OT)
Stephenson (7-1) 22, Salem (5-2-1) 8

CHAMPIONSHIP

Stephenson (8-1) 6, Columbia (6-3) 0

2008

FIRST ROUND

Chapel Hill (5-2) 32, Freedom (5-2) 14
Avondale (5-2) 6, Chamblee (5-2) 0 OT
Bethune (5-1-1) 26, Columbia (5-2) 0
Miller Grove (7-0) 20, Stephenson (4-3) 0

SEMIFINALS

Bethune (6-1-1) 14, Chapel Hill (5-3) 12
Miller Grove (8-0) 6, Avondale (5-3) 0 OT

CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller Grove (9-0) 50, Bethune (6-2-1) 14

2007

FIRST ROUND (First year of expanded playoffs)

McNair (4-3) 20, Miller Grove (5-2) 0
Avondale (7-0) 14, Stephenson (4-3) 0
Stone Mountain (6-1) 14, Cedar Grove (5-2) 6 OT
Lithonia (6-1) 28, Chapel Hill (6-1) 6

SEMIFINALS

Avondale (8-0) 16, McNair (4-4) 6
Lithonia (7-1) 26, Stone Mountain (6-2) 12

CHAMPIONSHIP

Avondale (9-0) 28, Lithonia (7-2) 12

2006

SEMIFINALS

McNair (6-1) 20, Cedar Grove 16
Miller Grove (7-0) 22, Freedom 6

CHAMPIONSHIP

Miller Grove (8-0) 8, McNair (6-2) 0

2005

SEMIFINALS

Stephenson (7-0) 26, Avondale 14
Cedar Grove (6-1) 31, Shamrock 14

CHAMPIONSHIP

Stephenson (8-0) 34, Cedar Grove (6-2) 0

2004 (Records incomplete on scoring)

SEMIFINALS

Stephenson (7-0) def. Avondale
Salem (6-1) def. Cedar Grove

TRAIL TO THE TITLE PLAYOFF APPEARANCES/RESULTS (2004-2023)

Team	# Playoff App.	Games	Record	Playoff Appearances	Championship App/Record
Stephenson	18	37	26-11	2004-05, 2007-19, 2021-23	8/6-2
Cedar Grove	17	30	16-14	2004-07, 2010-19, 2021-23	4/2-2
Miller Grove	11	19	10-8	2006-2013, 2015, 2017, 2019	3/3-0
Bethune	10	20	11-9	2008-2012, 2016-19, 2022	4/1-3
Tucker	11	22	15-7	2011-19, 2022-23	6/2-4
Chapel Hill	10	19	10-9	2007-09, 2012-13, 2015-16, 2021-23	2/0-2
Henderson	8	10	2-8	2010, 2012, 2014-16, 2018-21	0/0-0
Columbia	7	13	6-7	2008-2014	2/0-2
Lithonia	7	14	9-5	2007, 2012, 2014, 2017-18, 2022-23	2/1-1
Salem	5	10	7-3	2004, 2009, 2012, 2019, 2021	2/1-1
McNair	6	9	3-6	2006-07, 2009-10, 2021, 2023	1/0-1
Champion	6	8	3-5	2013, 2015-16, 2019, 2022-23	1/1-0
Avondale#	4	7	4-3	2004-05, 2007-08	1/1-0
Renfro (Decatur)	4	5	1-4	2014-15, 2017-18	0/0-0
Druid Hills/Shamrock	4	4	0-4	2005, 2010, 2012, 2021	0/0-0
Redan	4	4	0-4	2013-14, 2018, 2021	0/0-0
Stone Mountain	3	4	1-3	2007, 2010, 2012	0/0-0
Freedom	3	3	0-3	2011-12, 2016	0/0-0
Peachtree	3	3	0-3	2011-12, 2017	0/0-0
Chamblee	3	3	0-3	2008, 2022-23	0/0-0
Sequoyah	1	1	0-0	2019	0/0-0

TRAIL TO THE TITLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Team	# Titles	Title Years	Team	Semis	Years
Stephenson	6	2004, 2005, 2009, 2011, 2016, 2022	Stephenson	13	2004*, 2005*, 2009*, 2011*, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022*, 2023
Miller Grove	3	2006, 2008, 2010	Cedar Grove	12	2004, 2005, 2006, 2010, 2011, 2014*, 2015*, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023
Cedar Grove	2	2014, 2015	Tucker	7	2013*, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017*, 2018, 2022
Tucker	2	2013, 2017	Chapel Hill	7	2008, 2009, 2013, 2016, 2021, 2022, 2023
Avondale#	1	2007	Bethune	6	2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018*
Bethune	1	2018	Miller Grove	5	2006*, 2008*, 2010*, 2013, 2015
Champion	1	2019	Avondale#	4	2004, 2005, 2007*, 2008
Lithonia	1	2012	Columbia	4	2009, 2010, 2011, 2013
Salem	1	2021	Salem	4	2004, 2009, 2012, 2021*
Team	App./Titles	Years	Lithonia	4	2007, 2012*, 2017, 2022
Stephenson	9/6	2004*, 2005*, 2009*, 2011*, 2012, 2016*, 2021, 2022*, 2023	McNair	3	2006, 2007, 2023
Tucker	6/2	2013*, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017*, 2018	Henderson	2	2018, 2019
Cedar Grove	5/2	2005, 2014*, 2015*, 2019, 2023	Champion	1	2019*
Bethune	4/1	2008, 2011, 2017, 2018*	Druid Hills/Shamrock	1	2005
Miller Grove	3/3	2006*, 2008*, 2010*	Renfro	1	2014
Lithonia	2/1	2007, 2012*	Stone Mountain	1	2007
Columbia	2/0	2009, 2010	No season in 2020.		
Avondale#	1/1	2007*			
Champion	1/1	2019*			
Chapel Hill	2/0	2013, 2022			
McNair	1/0	2006			
Salem	2/1	2004, 2021*			

REGION TITLES/UNDEFEATED SEASONS

REGION TITLES

Team	Titles	Years
Stephenson	13	2004*-2005*, 2009*, 2011*, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2021^, 2022*, 2023
Cedar Grove	10	2004-2007, 2010, 2012, 2014*, 2015*, 2019, 2022
Tucker	8	2013*, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017*, 2018, 2022, 2023
Bethune	7	2008-2012, 2017, 2018*
Chapel Hill	5	2007, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2021^
McNair	5	2006, 2007, 2009, 2021^, 2023
Miller Grove	5	2006*, 2008*-2010*, 2019
Avondale#	3	2004, 2005, 2007*
Columbia	3	2010, 2011, 2013
Druid Hills/Shamrock	3	2005, 2011, 2021^
Henderson	3	2015, 2019, 2021
Chamblee	2	2008, 2022
Champion	2	2019*, 2023
Freedom	2	2006, 2016
Lithonia	2	2017, 2018
Salem	2	2004, 2021*
Peachtree	1	2012
Renfro	1	2014

CONSECUTIVE REGION TITLES

Team	Titles	Years
Stephenson	6	2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Tucker	6	2013*, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017*, 2018
Bethune	5	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012
Cedar Grove	4	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
Miller Grove	3	2008*-2010*
Stephenson	3	2021, 2022, 2023
Avondale#	2	2004, 2005
Bethune	2	2017, 2018*
Cedar Grove	2	2014*, 2015*
Chapel Hill	2	2007, 2008
Columbia	2	2010, 2011
Lithonia	2	2017, 2018
McNair	2	2006, 2007
Stephenson	2	2004*, 2005*
Tucker	2	2022, 2023

UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONSHIP SEASONS

Team	No.	Years
Stephenson	5	2004 (8-0), 2005 (8-0), 2011 (9-0), 2016 (9-0), 2022 (9-0)
Miller Grove	2	2006 (8-0), 2008 (9-0)
Cedar Grove	2	2014 (9-0), 2015 (9-0)
Tucker	2	2013 (9-0), 2017 (9-0)
Avondale	1	2007 (8-0)
Champion	1	2019 (9-0)
Salem	1	2021 (9-0)

UNDEFEATED REGULAR SEASONS

Team	No.	Years
Stephenson	9	2004 (6-0)*, 2005 (6-0)*, 2011 (6-0)*, 2014 (6-0), 2015 (6-0), 2016 (6-0)*, 2018 (6-0), 2022 (6-0)*, 2023 (6-0)
Cedar Grove	6	2006 (6-0), 2010 (6-0), 2014 (6-0)*, 2015 (6-0)*, 2019 (6-0), 2022 (6-0)
Tucker	7	2013 (6-0)*, 2014 (6-0), 2015 (6-0), 2016 (6-0), 2017 (6-0)*, 2022 (6-0), 2023 (5-0-1)
Bethune	4	2010 (6-0), 2011 (6-0), 2012 (6-0), 2017 (6-0)
Miller Grove	3	2006 (6-0)*, 2008 (6-0)*, 2009 (6-0), 2019 (6-0)
Chapel Hill	3	2007 (6-0), 2013 (6-0), 2021 (5-0-1)
Champion	2	2019 (6-0)*, 2023 (5-0-1)
Columbia	2	2010 (6-0), 2013 (6-0).
McNair	2	2021 (3-0-1), 2023 (6-0)
Avondale#	1	2007 (6-0)*
Henderson	1	2019 (6-0)
Lithonia	1	2018 (6-0)
Peachtree	1	2012 (6-0)
Renfro	1	2014 (6-0)
Salem	1	2021 (6-0)*

*-- Title won, #-- No longer open, ^-Tied for Region Title

2023 DCSD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

REGION 1	OVERALL			REGION		
SCHOOL	W	L	T	W	L	T
CHAMPION*	5	1	1	3	0	0
CHAMBLEE#	3	4	0	2	1	0
HENDERSON	2	4	0	1	2	0
SEQUOYAH	0	6	0	0	3	0

REGION 2	OVERALL			REGION		
SCHOOL	W	L	T	W	L	T
TUCKER*	5	1	1	3	0	0
LITHONIA#	4	3	0	2	1	0
SALEM	2	4	0	1	2	0
FREEDOM	2	4	0	0	3	0

*--REGION CHAMPION
#--REGION RUNNER-UP

REGION 3	OVERALL			REGION		
SCHOOL	W	L	T	W	L	T
STEPHENSON*	8	0	0	4	0	0
CHAPEL HILL#	6	2	0	3	1	0
MILLER GROVE	2	4	0	2	2	0
DRUID HILLS	2	4	0	1	3	0
STONE MOUNTAIN	0	6	0	0	4	0

REGION 4	OVERALL			REGION		
SCHOOL	W	L	T	W	L	T
MCNAIR*	7	1	0	4	0	0
CEDAR GROVE#	6	2	0	3	1	0
COLUMBIA	4	2	0	2	2	0
REDAN	0	5	1	0	3	1
BETHUNE	0	5	1	0	3	1

2023 TRAIL TO THE TITLE PLAYOFFS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, OCT. 21 – FIRST ROUND

GAME 1: STEPHENSON (7-0) 24, LITHONIA (4-3) 8; AVONDALE STADIUM, 9:00 AM

GAME 2: MCNAIR (7-0) 16, CHAMBLEE (3-4) 6; AVONDALE STADIUM, 10:30 AM

GAME 3: CEDAR GROVE (5-2) 12, CHAMPION (5-1-1) 6 OT AVONDALE STADIUM, 12:00 PM

GAME 4: CHAPEL HILL (6-1) 28; TUCKER (5-1-1) 6 AVONDALE STADIUM, 1:30 PM

SATURDAY, OCT. 28 – SEMIFINALS

GAME 5: STEPHENSON (8-0) 24, MCNAIR (7-1) 16; GODFREY STADIUM, 10:30 AM

GAME 6: CEDAR GROVE (6-2) 28; CHAPEL HILL (6-2) 14; GODFREY STADIUM, 12:00 PM

SATURDAY, NOV. 4 – CHAMPIONSHIP

GAME 7: STEPHENSON (8-0) VS. CEDAR GROVE (6-2) ; AVONDALE STADIUM, 10:00 AM

SATURDAY, NOV. 11 – CHAMPIONSHIP

APS VS. DCSD CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE

APS CHAMPION VS. DCSD CHAMPION; AVONDALE STADIUM, 10:00 AM

2023 DCSD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL WEEKLY RESULTS

WEEK 1 – AUG. 26 (CANC)

Miller Grove vs. Bethune
Cedar Grove vs. Stone Mountain
Freedom vs. Chamblee
Champion vs. Lithonia
Druid Hills vs. Columbia
Henderson vs. Salem
Stephenson vs. McNair
Sequoyah vs. Tucker
Open: Chapel Hill,

WEEK 2 – SEPT. 2 ADAMS STADIUM

Druid Hills (1-0) 12, Redan (0-1) 6
AVONDALE STADIUM
Stephenson (1-0) 24, Cedar Grove (0-1) 8
Lithonia (1-0) 14, Chamblee (0-1) 6
HALLFORD STADIUM
Champion (1-0) 32, Salem (0-1) 0
McNair (1-0) 54, Stone Mountain (0-1) 0
NORTH DEKALB STADIUM
Freedom* (1-0) 50, Sequoyah (0-1) 12
Tucker (1-0) 32, Henderson (0-1) 0
GODFREY STADIUM
Columbia (1-0) 8, Miller Grove (0-1) 0
Chapel Hill (1-0) 36, Bethune (0-1) 0

WEEK 3 – SEPT. 9

ADAMS STADIUM
Henderson (1-1) 28, Freedom (1-1) 26
Druid Hills* (2-0) 46, Stone Mountain (0-2) 16
AVONDALE STADIUM
Stephenson* (2-0) 21, Miller Grove (0-2) 7
Champion (1-0-1) 0, Tucker (1-0-1) 0
HALLFORD STADIUM
Chamblee (1-1) 22, Salem (0-2) 6
Lithonia (2-0) 56, Sequoyah (0-2) 0
NORTH DEKALB STADIUM
Chapel Hill (2-0) 30, Redan (0-2) 8
GODFREY STADIUM
Cedar Grove* 30, Columbia (1-1) 0
McNair (2-0) 42, Bethune* (0-2) 0

WEEK 4 – SEPT. 16

ADAMS STADIUM
Tucker* (2-0-1) 22, Freedom (1-2) 6
AVONDALE STADIUM
Lithonia (3-0) 14, Salem* (0-3) 6
Cedar Grove (2-1) 36, Druid Hills (2-1) 0
HALLFORD STADIUM
Stephenson* (3-0) 16, Chapel Hill (2-1) 6
McNair (3-0) 20, Columbia* (1-2) 8
NORTH DEKALB STADIUM
Champion* (2-0-1) 16, Chamblee (1-2) 6
Henderson (2-1) 40, Sequoyah* (0-3) 0
GODFREY STADIUM
Redan (0-2-1) 12, Bethune* (0-2-1) 12
Miller Grove (1-2), 26, Stone Mountain* (0-3) 0

WEEK 5 – SEPT. 23

ADAMS STADIUM
Tucker* (3-0-1) 30, Salem (0-4) 6
Stephenson* (4-0) 58, Druid Hills (2-2) 0
AVONDALE STADIUM
Cedar Grove (3-1) 40, Bethune (0-3-1) 0
Chapel Hill* (3-1) 22, Miller Grove (1-3) 6
HALLFORD STADIUM
Lithonia (4-0) 20, Freedom* (1-3) 6
McNair* (4-0) 36, Redan (0-3-1) 0
NORTH DEKALB STADIUM
Champion* (3-0-1) 38, Henderson (2-2) 0
Chamblee (2-2) 52, Sequoyah* (0-4) 0
GODFREY STADIUM
Columbia (2-2) 30, Stone Mountain (0-4) 6

WEEK 6 – SEPT. 30

ADAMS STADIUM
Stephenson (5-0) 46, Bethune (0-4-1) 0
AVONDALE STADIUM
Miller Grove (2-3) 20, Druid Hills* (2-3) 14
Salem* (1-4) 14, Freedom (1-4) 0
HALLFORD STADIUM
Chapel Hill (4-1) 38, Stone Mountain* (0-5) 8
Tucker (4-0-1) 14, Lithonia* (4-1) 0
NORTH DEKALB STADIUM
Chamblee* (3-2) 28, Henderson (2-3) 8
Champion (4-0-1) 56, Sequoyah* (0-5) 6
GODFREY STADIUM
Columbia* (3-2) 34, Redan (0-4-1) 22.
McNair (5-0) 36, Cedar Grove (3-2), 14

WEEK 7 – OCT. 14

ADAMS STADIUM
Tucker (5-0-1) 40, Sequoyah (0-6) 0
Chapel Hill (5-1) 40, Druid Hills* (2-4) 6
AVONDALE STADIUM
Stephenson (6-0) 48, Stone Mountain* (0-6) 0
HALLFORD STADIUM
McNair (6-0) 26, Miller Grove* (2-4) 6
Champion (5-0-1) 14, Lithonia (4-2) 12
NORTH DEKALB STADIUM
Salem (2-4) 14, Henderson (2-4) 12
Freedom (2-4) 20, Chamblee (3-3) 16
GODFREY STADIUM
Cedar Grove (4-2) 40, Redan* (0-5-1) 0
Columbia* (4-2) 30, Bethune (0-5-1) 0

WEEK 8 – OCT. 21

First Round of Playoffs
Avondale Stadium
Stephenson (7-0) 24, Lithonia (4-3) 8
McNair (7-0) 16, Chamblee (3-4) 6
Cedar Grove (5-2) 12, Champion (5-1-1) 6
Chapel Hill (6-1) 28, Tucker (5-1-1) 6

WEEK 9 – OCT. 28

GODFREY STADIUM
Stephenson (8-0) 24, McNair (7-1) 16
Cedar Grove, (6-2) 28, Chapel Hill (6-2) 14

WEEK 10 – NOV. 4

TRAIL TO THE TITLE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Stephenson (8-0) vs. Cedar Grove (6-2)

***--Region Games**

First team listed is home team

2023 TRAIL TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTERS

CEDAR GROVE SAINTS (6-2)

HEAD COACH: ADAM SMITH

Name	W	B	POS	GR
Brandon Davis (C)	1	1	QB	8
Dale Perry (C)	2	2	ATH	8
Brenden Flounory	3	3	RB/LB	8
Naeem Jones	4	4	ATH	7
Crishaun Broadnax	5	5	ATH	8
Zack Bell	6	6	ATH	7
Josiah Ashmon	7	7	WR/DB	7
Kaiden Poole	8	8	RB/DB	8
Kevin Edwards	9	9	QB/WR	8
Camyren Welch	10	10	DB/WR	7
D'Mani Bent	11	11	SS/RB	7
Kaysean Moses	12	12	LB/WR	7
Rayshad Malcom	14	14	WR/DB	7
Aquivion Hill	15	15	DE/OLB	8
Daysean Moses	20	20	DB/WR	7
Zalen Saafir	30	30	DE/TE	8
Deshawn Cabbagestalk	34	34	LB/DB	7
Blake Smith	38	38	LB/RB	8
Evan Furguson (C)	40	40	DE/OL	8
Rashad Welcome Jr	41	41	LB/DB	7

Name	W	B	POS	GR
Eadyn Patterson	44	44	DB/LB	7
Gary Gavins	49	49	DB/WR	8
Tyreese Jones	50	50	OL/DL	7
Jaiden Mincey (C)	51	51	OL/DL	7
Nate Lewin	52	52	OL/TE	8
Jalunni Edwin (C)	55	55	OL/DL	8
Eddie Phelps	58	58	OL/DL	8
Jice Hill	64	64	OL/DL	8
Landon Carnahan	75	75	OL/DL	7
Bobby Clark	81	81	WR/RB	7
Jazari Smith	82	82	WR	8
Shane Carnahan	85	85	OL/TE	7
Ayden Freeman	87	87	DE	7
James Mathulin	88	88	WR/DB	7
Chad Mahone (C)	89	89	DE/TE	8
King Destin Nunley	90	90	DL	7
Jahleel Ardion	91	91	DL	7
Logan Black	62	62	OL/DL	8
Tramaine Boykin	95	95	OL/DL	7
Zion Allison	99	99	DL/OL	7

2023 TRAIL TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTERS

STEPHENSON JAGUARS (8-0)

HEAD COACH: DEMETRIOUS SNELL

ASSISTANT COACHES: Melvin Idlette, Torrey Chastine, Randy Thornton, Albert Newsome, West, Mark Lawson, Zackary Pettway, Adrian Whitmire

NO.	NAME	CL	POS
2	Aaryn Chastine	8	DB/WR
3	Michael Miller	8	WR
4	Quentez Shaffer	8	ML/RB
5	Noah Mahoney	8	LB/RB
6	Gavin Kinchen	8	QB/DB
7	Nasir Dale	8	DB/RB
8	Jordan Miller	8	LB
9	Ali Keita	8	DB
10	Carey Carter	8	DE
11	Justice West	8	LB
12	DeMario Minter II	8	DB/WR
13	Kristian Folks	8	DE/FB
14	Camar Williams	8	DB
16	Calvin McCutchen	8	DB
17	Leland Walker	7	DB/WR
18	Marteen Bailey	7	QB
19	Chace Burke	7	WR
20	Zakee Whited	8	RB
21	Tyson Lockette	8	LB/RB
22	Kalief Huff	7	RB
23	Adam Zelaya	8	Kicker
24	Peyton Key	7	LB/FB

25	Aden Watson	8	DB
26	Kamron Rorie	8	DL
27	Antonio Martinez	8	OL
28	JahMari Wall	8	DL
29	Miguel Lubala	7	Kicker
30	Evan Hutchinson	7	DL
34	Wayne Jenkins	7	RB
44	Tavares Salud	7	B
50	Camden Michel	7	OL
51	William Hankins IV	8	OL
52	Nathaniel Lebron	8	OL
53	Tyquan Williams	7	OL
54	Aristot Kabeja	8	OL
55	Kendrell Williams	8	DL/OL
56	Rokeem Shabazz	7	OL
57	Antonio Martinez	8	OL
59	Bryson Lassiter	8	OL
65	Lonnie Johnson	7	DL
80	Devin Willis	7	DL
88	Jacob Coates	7	DL/OL
90	Keeno Short	8	DL/OL
96	Emanuel Holmes	8	DL/OL
99	Carlos Wilson	8	DL/OL