

2023 APS VS. DCSD CHALLENGE



BATTLE OF THE BEST — NOV. 11, 2023

JOHN LEWIS VS. CEDAR GROVE

9:00 AM

AVONDALE STADIUM

CHAMPIONS FACE OFF FOR BRAGGING RIGHTS



**CEDAR GROVE SAINTS
2023 DCSD CHAMPIONS**



**JOHN LEWIS LIONS
2023 APS CHAMPIONS**

HOW THEY GOT HERE

JOHN LEWIS

VS.

The John Lewis Lions (8-1) earned the berth in the APS-DCSD Football Challenge by winning the APS championship 22-0 over defending champion Long.

Casey Barner led the way in the win with two touchdowns and added an interception on defense. Barner was named the MVP of the game and the season.

The Lions jumped to a 5-0 record to start the year with wins over Bunche (48-0), Howard (46-0), KIPP West (6-0) and Young (14-8).

Sutton knocked on the Lions in Week 7 in a tight 20-16 battle between the two squads.

John Lewis finished the regular season 5-1 with a 32-0 win over Beacon Hills (Decatur).

The Lions opened the playoffs with a 48-0 win over Sylvan to set up a rematch with Sutton in the semifinals.

John Lewis took down Sutton 28-12 to make up for the regular season loss and move into the championship game.

JOHN LEWIS (8-1)

John Lewis 48, Bunche 0

John Lewis 46, Howard 0

John Lewis 6, KIPP West 0

John Lewis 14, Young 8

John Lewis 16, Sutton 20

John Lewis 32, Beacon Hills 0

FIRST ROUND

John Lewis 48, Sylvan 0

SEMIFINALS

John Lewis 28, Sutton 12

APS CHAMPIONSHIP

John Lewis 22, Long 0

CEDAR GROVE SAINTS

The Cedar Grove Saints (7-2) upset undefeated and defending Trail to the Title champion Stephenson 14-10 to earn their way into the APS-DCSD Football Challenge.

Saints quarterback Brandon Davis ran for a one-yard touchdown and threw a TD pass to Dale Perry as the Saints scored 14 second quarter points on the way to the win. They had to hold Stephenson which got a fumble return for a touchdown and a two-point conversion to close the gap to 14-10 with 2:17 to play.

Dale Perry had the second of two interceptions with no time left on the clock to seal the win.

Cedar Grove dropped its season opener 24-8 to the same Stephenson team before reeling off three consecutive shutouts in wins over Columbia (30-0), Druid Hills (36-0) and Bethune (40-0).

A 36-14 loss to McNair gave the undefeated Mustangs the Region 4 title. The Saints went on to defeat Redan 40-0 to clinch the No. 2 seed.

Cedar Grove won a thrilling 12-6 overtime game against Region 1 No. 1 seed Champion to open the playoffs and followed with a 28-14 win over Chapel Hill to reach the championship game against Stephenson. The title was Cedar Grove's third in the history of the championship.

CEDAR GROVE (7-2)

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

DCSD CHAMPIONSHIP

Cedar Grove 14, Stephenson 10

SECOND ANNUAL APS-DCSD FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

The Cedar Grove Saints (DCSD) and John Lewis Lions (APS) face off the second annual APS-DCSD Middle School Football Challenge at 9:00 am at DeKalb's Avondale Stadium.

Cedar Grove (7-2) won the DCSD Trail to the Title Championship 14-10 over previously undefeated and defending champions Stephenson Jaguars to advance to the Challenge. The Saints had lost the season opener to Stephenson and held off the Jaguars in the final minutes with the aid of two Dale Perry interceptions.

John Lewis (8-1) also won over a defending champion as the Lions knocked off Long 22-0 in the APS title game to claim a spot in the Challenge. The Lions also exacted revenge in the semifinals as they defeated Sutton who had defeated them 20-16 in regular season play.

APS-DCSD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL CHALLENGE HISTORY

The first APS-DCSD Middle School Football Challenge was hosted by APS in 2022 with Crawford Long Tigers (APS) taking a 22-18 win over the Stephenson Jaguars (DCSD).

Long was able to hold off the Jaguars who were driving deep in Tigers territory as time ran out in the game.

The win gave APS the inaugural win in the Challenge.

SERIES RECORD

2022 (APS leads 1-0)

Long 22, Stephenson 18

2023 APS VS. DCSD FOOTBALL 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 APS VS. DCSD FOOTBALL ROSTERS

JOHN LEWIS LIONS (8-1)

HEAD COACH: GREGORY SPRIGGS

#	PLAYER
2	Casey Barner
4	Phillip Brown
5	Tilon Mitchell
6	Timothy Reams
8	Kennard Wooten
12	Aaron Sanders
15	Dandre Hennix
16	Travae Burton
17	Demario Benning
18	Yoshede Johnson
20	Jordan Reese
21	Rowmerious Johnson
23	Kaelup Hearst
24	Dwight Lewis
26	Willie Sherten
28	Markell Sales
32	Dequantez Wilson
44	Kody Langford
46	Edward Smith
51	Antwain Redmon
52	Rashard Martin
54	Adelous Garrison
56	Marlin Little
61	Montavious Huntley
66	Antony Ellison
77	Javeion Jackson
78	Jacob Rollins