



CHAMPIOINSHIP CHASE

Cougars come into 2026 focused on finishing the job with gold

By Thomas Sellers Jr.
The Millington Star Editor

The Munford Cougar Football program has established itself as one of the best in West Tennessee. Under the guidance of Head Coach Slade Calhoun, Munford has racked up numerous Region 8-5A titles, an undefeated regular season, two Power 10 Championships, a variety of awards and numerous college football signees.

It is clear to say the Munford Cougars have plenty of power. Now the face of that strength in 2026 are seniors Braxton Grant and Jaydin Mullins.

Grant enters the season as a three-year starter at linebacker for the Cougars.

"It's been different this off-season, taking accountability differently," Grant acknowledged. "Kailer Dorch leaving and all the other seniors from last year, but we power off each other. We (the defense) power up the offense. The offense powers up the special teams. Everybody is together, we're going to move as one unit this year."

On the other side of the ball the face of 'Munford Muscle' is offensive lineman Mullins. Mullins has worked alongside former and current Cougars who paved the way for standouts like 2025 Region 8-5A MVP Bricen Turnage.

Another Cougar athlete who has enjoyed the open running lanes proved by the offensive line has been two-



time Mr. Football Finalists Tay Starks.

"I feel like we can always do that," Mullins said. "Our offensive line is the strongest part of our offense. So it's being able to run block for him and being able to get him to Mr. Football."

Success brings higher expectations for the program and the players. Mullins approaches the line of scrimmage as one of the biggest players on the field.

"I don't ever feel any pressure," he said. "I look at the other guy as the guy I have to block against for my running back. We beat him, we're winning the game."

Grant has the challenge of avoiding blocks to neutral-

ize the opposition. The first Munford player to wear the No. 0 is easy to spot on the field with is speed and aggression.

Now offenses plan to send multiple blockers in the direction of No. 0.

"I don't really feel any pressure," Grant said. "I just have to rise to the occasion."

Grant said the Cougars are aware of the past achievements but last season left a bitter taste.

"The goal is to be the No. 1 seed for sure," Grant said.

"It's definitely going to take a lot more hard work," Mullins added. "We've been working way-harder this offense to get ready and prepared for the entire season."

Memphis Central outlasted Munford in the regular-season finale last season to snatch the Region 8-5A title away from the Cougars. Munford had only one home playoff game and had to play powerhouse Beech on the road in the Second Round.

The Bucs held on for a 33-30 victory to eliminate the Cougars. The Munford seniors want 2026 to end with a Region title and a deeper playoff run. The cherry on top will be to add to the legacy of past players like Turnage, Isaiah Cobbs and Jordan Bell.

"I feel like everybody's goal who comes to play here is to get to the next level," Grant concluded. "If somebody else wants to do so, they should come here too. I got a few offers right now and senior season is the year to validate those offers."

SNAPSHOTS



Season 101

PHOTOS BY THOMAS SELLERS JR.

The 2026 Millington Trojans will debut in Memphis against the Fairley Bulldogs this Friday night with a 7 p.m. kickoff. Defensive standouts to watch for are Chris Duckworth, Ayden Folsom and Kaleb Clark. The offense will be featuring quarterback Cole Hawkins (6), John Thomas (8) and BJ Martin (24). The Trojan senior class has dedicated the season to their fallen classmate Courian Bean.

MCHS student arrested on second day of school

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A student at Millington Central Middle High School was arrested last Tuesday on Aug. 11, af-

ter a stolen handgun was found in their backpack. According to the Shelby County Sheriff's Office and Millington Municipal Schools Superintendent James "Bo" Griffin, the school received reports of a handgun on school

grounds. SCSO says a student took a photo of another student holding a handgun as school was letting out Monday afternoon. Griffin said the 16-year-old from the photo was identified and located on campus on

Tuesday. School officers reportedly found a handgun that was registered as stolen in the student's backpack. "Millington Municipal Schools remains committed to the safety and security of our students and

staff. We commend the prompt reporting by our school community and the swift action of our administrative team and law enforcement partners," Griffin said. That student was charged with property theft and

carrying a weapon on school property. The teen was arrested at the scene and sent to the Shelby County juvenile detention facility for booking. No injuries were reported, and officials say there is no threat to the campus.

Airshow Underway

Airpower History Tour brings iconic World War II Aircraft to Millington-Memphis Airport this week

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The sights, sounds, and stories of World War II aviation will come to life in Memphis when the B-29 Superfortress "FIFI" lands at the Millington-Memphis Airport, accompanied by a T-6 Texan, a PT-13 Stearman and the RC-45J SNB "Big Oily Beast". The B-25 Mitchell "Show Me" will also be making an appearance.

The event is presented by the Commemorative Air Force, which brings its AirPower History.

Tour to airports across North America each year. Visitors will be able to view all aircraft up close, purchase rides, and tour the B-29 cockpit when the aircraft is not flying.

Arrival: The B-29 was scheduled to arrive on Monday, Aug. 17 at noon. Accompanying aircraft were scheduled to arrive on Monday as well. The B-25 arrives on Friday.

Aug. 19-23, the event will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The PT-13, T-6 and RC-45J will be offering rides each day. The B-25 will be offering rides Friday through Sunday.

The B-29 flies on Saturday and Sunday at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Cockpit tours of the B-29 will be available each day beginning at 9 a.m., except on Saturday and Sunday when they will begin at noon.

The aircraft will be staged at the Millington Airport Authority ramp located at 8182 Hornet, Avenue, in Millington.

Access to the ramp is



T-6 Texan



PT-13 Stearman



RC-45J SBN



B-25 Mitchell

Attending aircraft subject to change

service in the US Army Air Corp in 1944 and is best known as the aircraft whose missions over Japan helped bring an end to World War II. The B-29 also was used in the Korean War in the early 1950s and was a staple of the U.S. Air Force until 1960. "FIFI", one of only two B-29's in the world still flying, was acquired by the CAF in 1971. She began touring in 1974 and has been entertaining air show audiences across the country ever since.

The North American T-6 Texan, known as the "Pilotmaker", was an advanced flight trainer that introduced new pilots to a complex aircraft with more speed of over 200-plus miles per hour, to prepare them for the warbirds they would fly in combat in WWII. The T-6 was designed for an instructor and student and had a closed cockpit.

The Boeing PT-13 was the primary flight trainer for all branches of the military during World War II. This iconic biplane, almost universally known as the "Stearman", trained more crews than any other aircraft in WWII. A ride in this open cockpit airplane brings back the wind-in-your hair feeling of the early days of flying.

The Beech SNB is a US Navy/Marine variant of the civilian Model 18 Twin Beech. Over half of the 10,000 produced from 1937 and 1970 were for the US Mi-

tary, and were used for light transport, photoreconnaissance, and navigation, bombing, and gunnery training. Many Twin Beech aircraft survive today after serving post-military as relatively inexpensive, reliable light cargo aircraft.

The North American B-25 "Mitchell" is an American medium bomber introduced in 1941 and named in honor of Brigadier General William "Billy" Mitchell, a pioneer of U.S. military aviation. Used by many Allied air forces, the B-25 served in every theater of World War II. After the war ended, many B-25s remained in service for more than 40 years.

Through more than six decades of collecting and flying World War II aircraft, the CAF has become the world's largest flying museum. Their fleet of over 170 World War II airplanes are assigned to unit locations across the U.S. and are supported by 12,000 volunteer members. Nearly all the aircraft are kept in flying condition, enabling people to experience firsthand the sight and sound of vintage military aircraft in flight. The CAF is dedicated to honoring American military aviation through flight, exhibition, education, and remembrance.

To learn more about the Commemorative Air Force, please visit www.commemorativeairforce.org.

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\$20 for adults, \$10 for youths ages 11 through 17, and free for children age 10 and under. Rides may be booked in advance at AirPowerTour.org where additional information about the event may also be found.

The Boeing B-29 Superfortress, the largest and most technically advanced aircraft of its time, was first flown in 1942. It began active



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What Happened to Me

Late on Thursday, July 23, I took a bad line on our property riding a 700-pound Honda 500 swamper four-wheeler and it flipped forward.

I came down on my right shoulder crushing it; the atv continued rotation and my knee was well hind me when it hit and shoved my femoral head through the front of my dislocated hip.

My son was right behind me and got to work fast, stabilizing my leg and getting the paramedics to me. My grandson, thankfully, had already turned back toward the house minutes before — he wasn't there to see any of it.

From there it was one blessing after another: the first responders who got me out fast, a great surgical team, traction to hold things steady, then surgery to clear the loose fragments of the frac-



Dave's Raves
BY DAVID PEEL

tured acetabulum. Hurt Thursday night, home with my family Tuesday evening. My shoulder's too torn up for a walker or crutches, so I'm in a wheelchair for now — good friends made sure I had a power chair, and it's been a life-line.

Lying still in traction reminded me of a traffic jam I sat in over thirty years ago, next to a young man in a Porsche who was furious, beating the wheel like he meant to break it — same delay I had, same powerlessness, but I'd made my peace with it and had a sermon of Dr. Rogers playing. Your character isn't built by what happens to you. It's revealed



by what you do with it. As the old saying goes, every man is either in a storm, coming out of one, or headed into the next.

Even from this chair, I've already been out handing out settlement

checks to my clients, and I'm praising God that with time I'll be out of this wheelchair and back on my feet for good.

What's been hardest is being served so lovingly by my wife, my kids, my grandson, my staff, when

I can do so little for them.

But I praise God for surrounding me with such a wonderful support system, and for His grace.

Peel seeks justice for those injured in tractor-trailer and car acci-

dents, medical malpractice, and disability. He often addresses churches, clubs, and groups without charge. Peel may be reached through PeelLawFirm.com wherein other articles may be accessed.

Sporting Icons

Some became mythical, while others rewrote the record books

Across all the sports played in America over the past 150 years, there are countless all-stars, many hall of famers, dozens of legends but few icons.

Before you notice that hockey is not represented in this America 250 Icon of Sports list, most of the icons like Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux are Canadian. I had to use a couple of different perimeters to narrow down this list to just 10 from the walks of baseball, basketball, football and more. In order to make this count-down, you have to be a household name, mythical, vital to your sports' history and a foundation piece of sports Americana.

If you have any additions, please send them in with the information below.

10. John Unitas

He was America's first mainstream quarterback. My apologies to Joe Montana, Tom Brady and Sammy Baugh, but Unitas was the first man behind center who put the NFL on the map.

Unitas rewrote the record books in the NFL for 18 seasons. Plus the former Baltimore Colts legend beats those other guys in the nickname department with "Johnny U." and "the Golden Arm." Unitas was the prototype of the modern quarterback and the first player to sell tickets across the legend when he came into town.

9. Lou Gehrig

His name is now associated with the disease that claimed his life. Prior to suffering from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Gehrig was the ideal Robin to Babe Ruth's Batman in Gotham.

"The Iron Horse" racked up 493 home runs and nearly 2,000 RBIs before getting sick. He set a then record for consecutive starts at 2,130 straight games.

What also gets Gehrig on this list is his iconic retirement speech. It's still the standard nearly 100 years later. He called himself "the luckiest man on the face of the earth" in a farewell speech, he turned his personal tragedy into a message of hope when facing uncertainty.

8. Serena Williams

She is the modern day greatest female athlete and the standard across all of athletics. Serena Williams was a blend of power, grace, speed and intelligence on the tennis court. She won every major event in her profession from the gold medal to Wimbledon. Serena Williams holds an 858-156 career singles match record, claiming 73 WTA

singles titles and an all-time Open Era record of 23 Grand Slam women's singles titles. The little girl from Compton, Calif., is an American icon.

7. Jim Thorpe

America's first super athlete was born on a Sac and Fox reservation. Jim Thorpe definitely meets the criteria of mythical with him competing in baseball, football, lacrosse, boxing and track. He even won a collegiate ballroom dancing title. Add in his two Olympic gold medals from 1912, Thorpe should be on every sports icon list for America.

6. Jackie Robinson

Sports in America today is so diverse we have superstars like Victor Wembanyama, Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Luka Dončić making millions in our country — and that's just the NBA. The icon to pave the way for them was Jackie Robinson.

When Robinson stepped onto Ebbets Field in Brooklyn on April 15, 1947, he opened doors for countless athletes across the world for the rest of time.

Robinson endured threats, taunts from fans, opponents and even teammates. Robinson left baseball a champion in 1955 and entered America's fight for civil rights as a beacon of light.

5. Billie Jean King

You can name women's tennis players with more impressive numbers and resumes, but no one had a bigger impact on professional sports overall than Billie Jean King. In front of 90 million viewers, King dominating Bobby Riggs in the 1973 "Battle of the Sexes was a benchmark for women's sports.

King was still awesome during her career winning 39 Grand Slam titles in singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

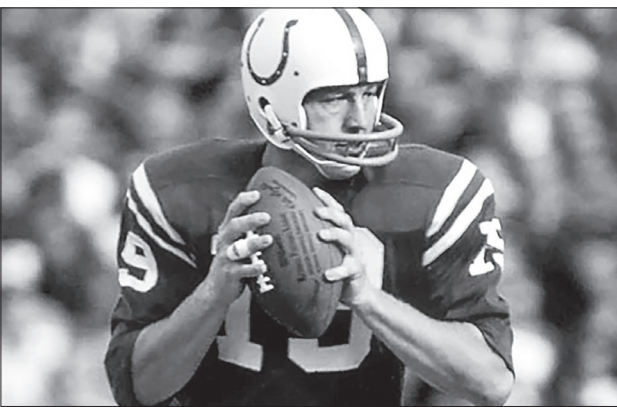
4. Jesse Owens

Credited as the man who stole Hitler's Olympic Games, Jesse Owens is the most iconic U.S. American Olympian. Others have won more gold and broken his records, but Jesse was the face of the most important Olympics in history. Him being black added to his legacy in track-and-field. Jesse won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Summer Olympics. He single-handedly punctured the Nazi myth of Aryan supremacy.

3. Michael Jordan

His logo is iconic and his shoes are still being worn today by the youth. That right there makes Michael Jordan icon.

Jordan is known by his last name and is still the face of the NBA to many nearly two



COURTESY PHOTOS

Johnny Unitas is regarded as a football legend to most of America. No. 3 Babe Ruth is an American Icon across the board.

decades after his retirement.

The former Chicago Bull has also put on the map companies like Nike, McDonald's and Gatorade.

Jordan is a global brand as we speak and he won his first NBA title in 1991. After he dropped his memorable "push-off" jumper against the Utah Jazz in 1998, Jordan was firmly a part of Americana. Six champions and an endless list of amazing plays will do that.

2. Muhammad Ali

"The Greatest" will be No. 2 on this list. The ironic thing is Ali was elevated into legendary status from doing something at the time labeled anti-American. His Vietnam draft refusal and civil rights protests redefined athletes and made him an outspoken activist.

Tossing in iconic boxing matches with names like 'Fight of the Century,' 'Rumble in the Jungle,' and 'Thrilla in Manila' were epics. His career started as Cassius Clay from Louisville, Ky. By the time he claimed his first of three world heavyweight champions, he was becoming Muhammad Ali. His life outside of the ring was providing and his feats in the squared-circle lived up to his own hype.

Ali's life was so important, it got a movie.

1. George Herman "Babe" Ruth

Shouts out to Grantland Rice for helping Babe Ruth become more mythical. As time marches on, chil-

dren from all corners of the United States learn who the Babe is.

His baseball career lasted 22 seasons and he hit a then record 714 home runs. Ruth was also a pitcher.

He met another criteria with the nicknames like "the Bambino" and "the Sultan of Swat."

Ruth had a curse named after him that kept his former team the Boston Red Sox not win a World Series for nearly 100 years.

Ruth made the Yankees America's team by leading iconic squads like the 1927 "Murderers' Row" to the championship.

In 1936, Ruth was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame as one of its "first five" members. Ruth's legendary moments include 54 home runs in 1920 and 59 more in 1921. The man who authored the "Called Shot," pointed to being No. 1 on the most iconic American athletes of all time.

I concluded by apologizing to the NFL greats like Walter Payton, Jerry Rice and Lawrence Taylor. Most people identify with the team over the individual on the gridiron.

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FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

There's just something about high school football season in Tennessee.

The weather is still hot, the days are still long, and technically summer isn't over yet. But once the lights come on over the football field on Friday night, it feels like fall is just around the corner.

For a lot of people around here, myself included, high school football is one of the best parts of the year.

Part of that is simply because it's fun.

There's something exciting about walking into a stadium on a Friday night, hearing the band warming up, seeing the cheerleaders along the sideline, watching the players come through the gate, and looking across the stands at a crowd filled with people you know.

High school football has a different feel than almost any other sport.

It is local.

These are our kids. Our schools. Our towns.

The player carrying the football may be the same kid who bagged your groceries last week. The lineman making a big block may sit two pews behind you at church. The cheerleader on the sideline may be your neighbor's daughter. The band member playing the fight song may be your grandchild.

That connection makes the game mean a little more.

But football is about far more than what happens on Friday night.

For the young men playing the game, there are lessons being taught every day at practice that they may not fully appreciate until years later.

Football teaches that hard work matters.

You don't become stronger by talking about lifting weights. You don't learn a playbook by carrying it around. You don't become a better player without repetition, discipline and doing the same difficult things over and over until they become second nature.

It teaches teamwork.

Eleven players have to do their jobs at the same time. A quarterback can make the perfect throw, but somebody has to protect him long enough to make it. A running back can be talented, but he still needs blockers. A defense falls apart quickly when one person decides he would rather chase the football than carry out his assignment.

There are plenty of lessons about life hidden in all of that.

Football also teaches accountability.

If you miss practice, someone notices. If you don't know your assignment, your teammates may pay the price. If you make a mistake on Friday night, there is usually no hiding it.

Then you line up and play the next snap.

That may be one of the most valuable lessons of all.

Life is full of mistakes, disappointments and losses. Learning at a young age that you can get knocked down, get back up and keep playing is worth far more than whatever the scoreboard says at the end of the night.

And then there are the coaches.

Good coaches do much more than teach football.

They teach discipline. They set expectations. They demand effort. They correct bad attitudes and encourage young people when they need it.

For some players, a coach may become one of the most important positive male influences in their lives.

That responsibility should never be taken lightly, but when it is done well, the impact can last far beyond graduation.

Years from now, most of these players probably won't remember the score of every game they played.

But they will remember the locker room.

They will remember summer workouts when it was nearly too hot to breathe. They will remember long bus rides home after a win — and probably the really quiet ones after a loss.

They will remember their teammates.

They will remember their coaches.

They will remember running onto the field wearing the colors of their hometown.

And many of them will eventually come back to those same stadiums as adults. They'll sit in the stands with their own children and cheer for another generation of players wearing the same uniform.

That is one of the things I love most about high school football.

It ties generations together.

It gives young people a stronger connection to their school and community, and it creates memories that stay with them for the rest of their lives.

So as another football season gets underway across Tennessee, I hope everyone has a great year.

To the players: work hard, listen to your coaches, take care of your teammates and enjoy it. These seasons go by faster than you think.

To the coaches: thank you for the time you invest in these young people and for recognizing that what you are teaching goes far beyond football.

And to the parents, grandparents and fans: fill up the stands. Encourage these kids. Cheer hard, but remember that they are still kids playing a game.

Most importantly, I hope everyone stays safe.

Football is a physical sport, and injuries are always a possibility. Play hard, play clean, watch out for one another and never lose sight of what really matters.

The lights are coming on.

The bands are warming up.

And another Tennessee high school football season is here.

Good luck to all of our local teams.

Have a great — and safe — season.



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Veritas

By Daniel Richardson

Harris Chapel to celebrate 81 years this Sunday

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Harris Chapel Church of God in Christ, located at 6941 Sledge Road in Millington, is celebrating 81 years of service in the community.

There will be a Legacy Day program on Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. Elder Marion Harris was born September 8, 1866, on the Prior Farm near Memphis. His parents were Jack and Paralee Harris. Elder Marion Harris was saved and

filled with the Holy Ghost at Tipton Church of God in Christ in Tipton, Tennessee in 1943.

In 1945 he organized the first church meeting in a bush harbor that was erected in front of his home on Sledge Road near the highway.

The intent was to attract members to his newly found religion. Elder John A. Dixon was consecrated as the new pastor in January of 2019. The Pastor and First Lady had a vision for a brand-new sanctuary on the same ground.



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We often speak of the season of Lent as a journey ... a journey with Jesus to the cross, a time for understanding why there even had to be a cross, and a journey of growth within our own faith being. Let us take some time during this Lenten season to process some of the essentialness which I believe was important for Jesus in his journey and for us in our journey.

Jesus needed that time of preparation in the wilderness. He needed to get his mission clear in his own heart so that he would not be captivated by the expectations of adoring fans or intimidated by the threats of furious critics. If we dare to follow Jesus and proclaim the radical dimensions of God's good news as he did, we will face the same twin dangers of domestication and intimidation.

Soon he began inviting select individuals to become his followers ... To become disciples of a rabbi meant entering a rigorous program of transformation, learning a new way of life, a new set of values and skills. It meant ... facing a new set of dangers on the road. Once they were thoroughly apprenticed as disciples, they would then be sent out as apostles to spread the rabbi's controversial and challenging message everywhere. One did not say yes to discipleship lightly.

Think for a moment about the statement found in Luke 14:27 ... "take up your cross and follow me." What might the crowd have wondered; what does carrying a cross mean? Did some have second thoughts about accompanying him? We know from some of the stories that they did. Jesus wanted his followers to know that the journey they would make involved knowing and living into the teachings he advocated. In other words, Jesus was cautioning them, "If you decide to give yourselves to what truly counts in this life, it will cost you. You will feel these teachings to be burdensome at times, like the weight of the cross."

We cannot just sit on the roadside of life and call ourselves followers of the Christ. We are to do more than esteem him for his generous love and dedicated service. We do not hear Jesus grumbling about the challenges and demands of this way of life. We do not see him "talking a good talk" but doing nothing about it. He describes his vision and then encourages others to join him in moving those teachings into actions.

We are continuously being invited to join this adventurous and unknown journey in the spirit of Jesus' first disciples. The word Christian is more familiar to us today than the word disciple. These days, Christian often seems to apply more to the kinds of people who would push Jesus off a cliff than it does to his true followers. I refer to them as "popcorn" ... meaning they pop in to there "Christian motif" when they think it is needed and the remainder (more often most) of their time they are living out of the agenda of their own choosing. Perhaps the time has come to rediscover the power and challenge of that earlier, more primary word "Disciple", which occurs over two hundred fifty times in the New Testament, in contrast to the word "Christian", which occurs only three times. Maybe those statistics are seeking to tell us something.

To be alive in the adventure of Jesus is to hear the invitation to join him on the journey, respond to the challenge of sharing the good news and become a disciple ...

... in the journey with you!
Kenneth S Uselfton



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The Millington Trojans traveled up Highway 51 Friday night for a one-on-one Jamboree with the host Covington Chargers. Covington Head Coach JR Kirby had his first units play a few series as new Millington Head Coach Scott Blair had his starters on the field for about the same number of snaps. Both teams had big plays on offense and the defense looked good in spots. Now both teams will do it for real this Friday night with the Covington Chargers opening the 2026 season on the road at Lakeland Prep, taking on the Lions with a 7 p.m. kickoff. The Trojans travel again, heading to Memphis to take on the Fairley Bulldogs with a 7 p.m. kickoff as well.

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The West 10 Media Power 10 Rankings returns for the 2026 season. The teams from the coverage area for The Bartlett Express, The Collierville Herald-Independent, The Leader, The Millington Star, and The Germantown News & Shelby Sun Times, including Arlington, Bartlett, Cordova, Collierville, Germantown, Millington and Tipton County were eligible. With several residents from those cities attending Christian Brothers High School and Memphis University School, those two teams were also eligible for the rankings. Check out each paper throughout the season to stay updated on the rankings. Here are the rankings going into the 2026 season.

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