

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Can Central finish with a perfect season?

By Matthew Hatfield
The K-V Dispatch

With sole possession of first place in the James River District on the line, fans were treated to a defensive battle on the final Thursday of October 2022 when Central Lunenburg hosted Buckingham County in Victoria.

Only two touchdowns were scored on the night, both by the host Chargers, as Lunenburg pitched a 14-0 shutout to improve to 9-0 overall on the campaign, 5-0 in district play.

For Lunenburg, it was their first shutout in the series in 22 years. During that last shutout in 2000, when they blanked the Knights 52-0, none of the players on this season's current Central team were even born.

"Unbelievable. It was a dominant performance. They brought it," said Lunenburg coach Will Thomas of his defense's stellar performance, marking the sixth time on the year they've held the opposition to single-digits.

"Jamel Alexander, James Jenkins, Bam Jones, Connor Mattox, (Seth) Bishop... they all just played well. Coach (Wallace) Owen, our defensive coordinator, had a very good game-plan. Buckingham did a good job stopping our offense, too. We punted five

or six times, and we haven't punted five or six times total this year coming into this game."

The Chargers benefited from a bad snap on a punt for Buckingham and received good field position, leading to their first score of the night. Lunenburg struck on a touchdown pass from Mattox to Bam Jones, who also had a rushing touchdown on a night when he ran for over 100 yards.

From there, the defenses seized control, bottling up high-powered offenses that came in averaging over 40 points per game.

"We ended up keeping them down on their end of the field. It was what I expected and a war," Thomas indicated. "I think there were some sore people afterwards on both sides."

SIGHTS ON THE PLAYOFFS

Now the Chargers set their sights towards the playoffs. In Region 1B, reigning six-time State Champ Riverheads (8-1) sits at the top seed presently with a power rating of 26.0, ahead of Lunenburg's 24.67.

"I don't think we're going to take the No. 1 seed. It would take a Riverheads loss if we were to go 10-0, but hopefully we'll get to play them at some point anyways. Even if we lose, we'd still likely be the No. 2 seed a bye because they're only taking six teams. But to go 10-0 would be a huge deal and to win the

district. I've been here 15 years and we haven't won the district before," noted Thomas, whose team closes out the regular season at Amelia (5-4).

"We have our work cut out for us because Amelia is going to be tough this week. Amelia gave Buckingham everything they wanted. They'll come after you, so we still have a lot of work to do."

PLAYOFF IMPLICATIONS AT STAKE THIS WEEK

Besides Lunenburg visiting Amelia, there are several games with playoff implications across the area as the 2022 regular season comes to a close.

Buckingham (7-2) hosts winless Cumberland and likely won't get much of a power rating jump from their current 22.89 rating that has them placed fifth in Region 2B. Right behind them is Clarke County (6-3) at 22.78. A win by Clarke County over Page County (3-6) could jump them and drop Buckingham to sixth, although Stuarts Draft (7-2) sits in fourth at 23.1 and has no easy task of staying there with a trip to Riverheads.

Bottom line – the Knights likely need both Clarke and Stuarts Draft to lose to host a first round playoff game.

In Region 2A, Randolph-Henry (5-4) now needs to win its regular season finale and get some help to crack the eight-team field as their 17.0 rating sits behind Nottoway's 17.78 and eighth place Bruton, who checks in with an 18.33 rating.

The Statesmen travel to JRD rival Prince Edward (4-5). Nottoway visits Mecklenburg County (2-7), while Bruton plays at York (6-3).



The Lunenburg-Nottoway Retired Teachers Association hear from officials with Lunenburg schools in October. Pictured are, from left, Evelyn Cunningham, presenters Dr. Sharon Stanislas and Dawn Bacon, Florence Oliver, Alice Birkhead, Thelma Craig, Marilyn Jones, Doris Fisher, Becky Nowlin, Gloria Pinckney, Sherman Vaughan, Ruby Ingram, Rose Ann Sweetney, Shirley Lee, Marjorie Crowder, Alvoid Crowder and Evelyn Staples. Not pictured are Chrystal Wynn, Jean Overman and Willette Hazelwood.

LNRTA learns about current trends in education

The Lunenburg-Nottoway Retired Teachers Association (LNRTA) hosted a "Current Trends in Education" presentation facilitated by Dr. Sharon Stanislas and Mrs. Dawn Bacon, Directors of Instruction for Lunenburg County Public Schools on Oct. 20.

LNRTA President Ruby Ingram stated that the event had a two-fold purpose: (1) to keep retired school personnel abreast of the phenomenal growth in education upon the foundation for which they have attributed and (2) to promote ongoing networking between present and retired personnel, as they reflect on the premise that "it takes the whole village to educate our children." Invited as special guests

were school personnel retirees representing former superintendency, central office, principals, guidance counselors, librarians, teachers, nurses, custodians, food service, bus drivers and maintenance employees.

After the presentation, the room echoed with testimonials as retirees expressed treasured contributory memories from years of service to public education. This made for an impactful connection between past and present school personnel. LNRTA welcomes membership to all retired school personnel in Lunenburg and Nottoway counties.

Take Your Legislator to School Month

The Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) has declared November as "Take Your Legislator to School Month." Lunenburg County Public Schools has invited local residents to come visit on Thursday, Nov. 10, along with legislators, school board members, and board of supervisors members. The district staff said they plan to visit each school that day for a brief presentation. The day will begin as indicated by the schedule below.

- Lunenburg Middle School - 9:30 a.m.
- Central High School - 9:50 a.m.
- Victoria Elementary School - 10:15 a.m.
- Kenbridge Elementary School - 10:45 a.m.

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- MAXIMUM of 4 passenger tires per household.
- 17" diameter maximum (rim size).
- Tires must be clean — not muddy.
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- Non-commercial passenger truck tires (for trucks like F-150 or Chevy 1500) **WILL** be accepted.
- Rims must be removed and will **NOT** be accepted.

SCAN for MORE INFO:

Drop-off Site: Lunenburg Landfill

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Victoria Town Council and the Victoria Planning Commission will hold a **JOINT PUBLIC HEARING** on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM** in the **Victoria Town Office**

concerning a conditional use permit application from John T. Crenshaw to operate a golf cart repair and customization business at 1706 Virginia Avenue.

Inquiries concerning this Public Hearing may be addressed to the Victoria Town Office, 1809 Main Street, P.O. Box 1421, Victoria, VA 23974, or by phone at (434) 696-2343 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

It is the intention of the Victoria Town Council to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should anyone need special accommodations, please contact the Town Office prior to the meeting.

Rodney Newton, Town Manager

LUNENBURG COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Thursday, **November 10th, 2022**, beginning at **6:00 PM** in the 2nd floor Courtroom; Lunenburg Courts Building, Lunenburg, VA 23952 for public input on the following:

- Lunenburg Event Venue Ordinance**
- Amendment to the Lunenburg Event Permit Ordinance**
A copy of the full text of both ordinances are available to review in the County Administration Office, 11413 Courthouse Road, Lunenburg, VA 23952, and on the Lunenburg County website at www.lunenburgva.org pursuant to Virginia Code §15.2-1427.
- CUP 3-22 Conditional Use Permit** for Robert McQuillan, III—Funky Fungi Foods—to operate a Retail Store and Shop/Personal Service Business (Restaurant) on tax parcel 002-0A-0-5, 848 Free State Road, Meherrin, VA 23954, consisting of 3.12 acres in an A-1 Agricultural Zone.
- School Budget Amendment FY2021-22:** Receive input on an increase of \$2,044,160 in Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Revenue for the Lunenburg County School Division as a result of previously awarded ESSER funds and expensed to Trane for updates to the HVAC system in June 2022. The increase will result in a total updated school budget for FY2022 of \$26,205,387. These funds were previously advertised as a part of the Lunenburg County School Division's revenue for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Moving the funds to FY2022 will result in a decrease of \$2,044,160 for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Revenue for the Lunenburg County School Division. The decrease will result in a total updated school budget for FY2023 of \$27,513,540.

It is the intention of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you need special Accommodations, please contact the County Administration office at 434.696.2142 prior to the meeting date.

Written comments will be appreciated, in lieu of oral presentation. Please send comments to taylor@lunenburgva.gov or Lunenburg County Administration Office, Office of Planning and Economic Development, 11413 Courthouse Road, Lunenburg, VA 23952.