

WINDSOR: Some '95 players have children on the '23 team

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Tommy Austin, and its players were invited by the school to an event celebrating them Thursday.

There were festivities leading up to the game, including tailgate and meet-and-greet events.

Members of the 1995 team in attendance took the field with the 2023 squad before the start of the game.

Wayne Briggs, David Bickley and Steven Harold, who were '95 standouts, served as honorary team captains alongside the 2023 team captains for the coin flip.

At halftime, all the members of the 1995 Dukes that were present were introduced individually.

They were joined on the field by cheerleaders, student-athletes, administration, faculty and staff members who were with Windsor High in 1995.

A moment of silence was held to remember players, coaches and administrators from the school in 1995 that have since passed away.

The announcer then highlighted individual honorees from the '95 football squad, which drew 13 all-district selections, four all-region hon-

ors and an all-state selection.

Leading the way for the '95 Dukes was Wayne Briggs, who set school rushing and scoring records with 2,334 yards and 39 touchdowns. He was named to the all-state, all-region and all-district first teams that year.

Underscoring just how potent the '95 Dukes' run game was, the announcer also noted that David Bickley rushed for more than 1,000 yards that same season.

"The 2023 Windsor High School football team, athletic department and administration would like to thank Coach Tommy Austin and the 1995 football team for setting the standard of excellence for Windsor High School and performing on the field the Windsor Way," school officials said in a statement.

At the conclusion of the halftime celebration ceremony, the 1995 players were presented with a framed No. 1 Dukes jersey that school officials said will be displayed in the school to commemorate their success in '95.

On Friday, Sept. 1, DuBois reflected on how the reunion/celebration went when he said, "Coach Tommy Austin messaged



Members of the 1995 and 2023 Windsor High School varsity football teams gather on the field ahead of the Dukes' home opener Thursday, Aug. 31, and wave the team's banner before the crowd on hand.

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me this morning, and he said, 'Coach, I never thought it would have went across like it did.' It meant so much to them, which in turn meant a lot to our team, because believe it or not, some of the guys that were on the '95 team have kids on our team now.

"So before the game

started, we were all in the locker room, and they were taking pictures together, the sons and dads," DuBois added.

Comparing the '95 and '23 rosters, he said he saw a lot of similar last names and added that the familial connections included uncles and cousins too.

"They were just coming

from everywhere, so it felt really like family," he said.

DuBois said the reunion/celebration event started off as him simply wanting to reunite and highlight the 1995 football team.

"And then it just got legs and it just kept growing and kept growing," he said, as WHS cheerleaders, team managers, volleyball players, administrators, teachers and staff mem-

bers from 1995 joined in. "I think if we had went another month, we probably would have had 200 people out there, because they were calling people all over the country and all that stuff, and even the ones that couldn't make it, they actually did a livestream so that they could be a part of it. So it was really special for everybody. People were tearing up and crying."



Windsor High School senior wide receiver Jamari King angles for more yards against visiting King and Queen Central High School on Thursday, Aug. 31, during the Dukes' 41-14 blowout victory. The win was Windsor's first since 2019, according to MaxPreps.com.



Windsor High School sophomore quarterback Jeremy King carries a tackler forward as he advances with the ball amid the Dukes' 41-14 blowout of visiting King and Queen Central High School on Thursday, Aug. 31.



Windsor High School sophomore running back Carl Powell aims to rack up some yards after a catch Thursday night, Aug. 31, against King and Queen Central High School.

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Courtland Ruritans award four scholarships

The Courtland Ruritan Club awarded its annual scholarships to four Southamptom High School seniors at its monthly meeting on Aug. 3. Courtland Ruritan Club Scholarship Committee Chairman Kendall Edwards, pictured on the far right, is joined, from left, by Bill Wright Memorial Scholarship recipients Madelyn Brown, Kylie Bray and Cameron Jenkins. Not pictured is Avery Bowen.

NOV. 7th, VOTE TO RE-ELECT
Josh Wyche
SHERIFF
 SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY / FRANKLIN

Education:

- Southampton County Public Schools K-12th grade & FHS Graduate 1980
- AAS Degree of Criminal Justice Camp Community College
- Graduate of the 237 FBI National Academy - Quantico, VA
- Completed many educational courses related to law enforcement

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Josh Wyche
 (Paid for and authorized Josh Wyche for Sheriff)