

SPORTS

This Friday at Adair County

Lakers face Adair in season opener

By Joshua Lawless
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The Russell County Mighty Laker Football Team kicks off their season August 22 at Parnell Family Stadium in Columbia.

The Lakers begin their second season under Steven French by facing a border rival in Adair County.

Russell County lost to the Indians 22-16 in their season opener last year.

“Sometimes our kids, especially the first few years, knew that Adair County was better than us and kind of lay down. Last year we matched their intensity, if not had more, going into the game. Given the last few years now, our guys knew what we were capable of, but I think that score surprised a few people. We were 1-9 the year before

and Adair was a top ten team. All of a sudden, you're within reaching distance at the end. They had some missed keys, and we had some missed keys. The game could have easily gone one way or another,” Coach French said.

Tanner Stringer will be taking his first snaps as a full-time starter.

Stringer started two games at QB as a freshman.

Coach French isn't shy about his confidence in Stringer's ability to perform on the road.

“Tanner is a bulldog. He has started since he was a freshman, so we don't expect him to be nervous,” said French. “He's a kid that doesn't give up and has no fear. Tanner is going to take the reins of whatever we're asking him to do, and he's going to do it

to the best of his ability, and if he's got to put everybody on his shoulders to win the game, he'll do it.”

It can be difficult for coaching staffs to prepare for opening games due to the lack of available film on new players.

That difficulty is compounded even more whenever facing a new coaching staff.

“Adair has a new head coach,” French said. “They've got a new offensive coordinator that's in a very similar situation to what I was in when I first started. You've got to speculate, ‘Here's the history of where he's coached before and the offenses that he's been in.’ You've got to be prepared for all of it.”

French says that while a lot of production left Adair in the



The Lakers open the season at Parnell Family Stadium at Lindsey Wilson University.

offseason, there is a lot of talent on this roster.

“They've got two pretty good linebackers coming back. They're running back is also a returning guy,” said French. “They'll have a lot of new guys that are going to be up front, a lot of new guys in the secondary, and a lot of their skill guys graduated.”

When it comes to players who could potentially step up for the Indians this upcoming

season, one name stands out: Callum Darnell, the younger brother of former Laker standout Collin Darnell.

“Callum wasn't a starter last year, but we've seen him grow up, we know how athletic he is, and we know what his potential is,” said French.

French is stressing the defense as being crucial to coming out with a win.

“The big thing is not letting [Darnell] beat us with big plays,” French said. “If we can do that, keeping him from having the easy throws, making them fit some balls into some really tight windows and stopping the run game, that's going to be the key to winning that game.”

The Lakers and Indians play Friday night, 7 p.m. at Parnell Family Stadium.

Offense

Lakers to look ‘different’ with new QB Stringer



Laker Quarterback Tanner Stringer

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Laker offense is breaking in several new starters this season but has

plenty of talent.

Russell County will put out Tanner Stringer as their starting quarterback. Stringer played running back last year but has experience after backing up the now-graduated Owen Loy.

“Tanner, where he played running back last year, he's going to be on everyone's radar as a runner,” said head coach Steven French. “There's no secret going into it. He was our leading rusher as a running back last year. People obviously know he's going to run. He's got to develop in the passing game and make the throws that he can make well. He's an extremely smart kid. He knows what his reads are. He's going to be extremely dangerous back there for us.”

One of Stringer's targets returns after receiving recognition last year.

“Kinnett Wills was an all-state honorable mention guy last year at receiver,” French said. “He's going to step up and do his job.”

The offensive line returns two starters from last year's group.

“Jameson Webb is the most experienced lineman we have,” said French. “He's started for two years. He's a junior going in now. Dashawn Duncan started as a freshman last year. He's moving into a leadership role as a sophomore on the line. Those two are looking to bring the other three linemen along right now.”

The Russell County Laker offense will be led by first year offensive coordinator Mike Lewis, who is transitioning from his prior role as defensive coordinator.

French says that the



Kinnett Willis is an all-state honorable mention player for the Mighty Lakers.

offense will look a lot different in his second year than it did in his first, primarily due to the skillset his quarterback brings to the table.

“It's gonna look different,” French said, “because you had Owen, who is more of a pocket passer, taking the reins last year. Tanner's more of a runner who gets downhill and makes things happen. People have to decide if they're

going to stay back on receivers when he gets downhill or if they're going to come up and try to tackle him. He's going to be exciting back there to have the ball in his hands. It's going to be interesting to see how teams try to play us. They're going to have to get creative on how they [apply pressure] or there's a good chance Tanner's going to burn them.”

NOTICE OF MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

In order to comply with the orders of the Russell Circuit Court, the Master Commissioner of the Russell Circuit Court shall proceed to offer for sale to the highest and best bidder at public auction the below properties on **Friday, August 22, 2025, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., CT, Russell District Courtroom, Russell County Judicial Center, Jamestown, Kentucky.**

Said properties shall be sold to raise the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon *(unless otherwise indicated)* the following terms and conditions:

- A) For the purchase price, the Purchaser(s) must pay in full by cash or good check on the date of sale or the Purchaser(s) may pay ten (10%) down on the day of sale and shall execute a good and sufficient purchase money bond, with approved surety thereon, equal t the balance of the purchase price payable to the Master Commissioner within thirty (30) days. Any such purchase money bond shall have the force and effect of a Judgment and shall be a lien upon the property sold as additional security for the payment of the balance of the purchase price. The Master Commissioner's bond shall bear interest at the rate the judgment bears from the date of sale until paid in full. **In the event the successful bidder is not paying the full amount of the purchase price on the date of sale, purchaser will be required to post bond and furnish an acceptable surety thereon.** In the event the successful bidder is the Plaintiff, then in lieu of the deposit the Plaintiff shall be allowed to bid on credit up to the Judgment amount.
- B) Purchaser shall be required to pay property taxes for current tax year and all taxes thereafter, for which the Purchaser(s) shall receive no credit against the purchase price.
- C) The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any right, title, and interest of all parties to the action of the liens and encumbrances thereon, excepting easements and restrictions of record in the Russell County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of American or the Defendant(s).

The Master Commissioner Sale/Deed is not a warranty of good title. Possession shall be given to the Purchaser(s) with the delivery of the Master Commissioner's Deed thereto. Purchaser(s) will assume and be responsible for all risks of loss to the premises upon acceptance of their bid by the Master Commissioner at the Master Commissioner's Sale.


Bidder should examine the records of the Russell Circuit Clerk and the Russell County Clerk prior to the sale for further information. Any statements made the day of the sale shall take precedence over advertised material. Bidder shall be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

(Sale bonds will bear interest at the rate of Judgment entered in each separate action)

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, COUNTY OF RUSSELL
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