Bearcats fall to Yellow Jackets; Cooper Nov. 6 playoff foe

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VERSAILLES – To say the district is tough would be an understatement.

But, now, the Anderson County Bearcats can concentrate on its final regular season game and then a trip back to the playoffs on Nov. 6.

On Friday, the Bearcats went on the road to face a Woodford County team that is ranked among the top three in Class 5A.

The Yellow Jackets didn't disappoint in a 42-8 win over Anderson County.

"Woodford earned their points," said Anderson County head coach David Buchanan. "They have a very good offense schematically and have personnel through the roof."

Still, Buchanan was pleased with the play in all three phases of the game.

He said that the offense was blocking well but Woodford County was really good as the linebackers were quickly filling the hole.

The quarterbacking duties for the Bearcats saw both Henry Cooper and Hank Melloan taking snaps.

Cooper was three for eight for 16 yards. Melloan hit both of his passes for 36 yards and a touchdown.

The Bearcats were able to rush for 112 yards on the night. Hudson DeGarmo carried nine times for 30 yards, while Rylan Lucas had 20 yards on three carries.

Jalyen Crutcher ran twice for 15 yards and he scored the two-point conversion. Hudson Hatfield ran six times for 14 yards.

Cooper scrambled for 10 yards and Eli McCann ran three times for 10 yards.

Owen DeGarmo caught three passes for 36 yards and a touchdown. Hudson DeGarmo caught one for seven and Brysen Stucker caught on e pass for nine yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Hudson DeGarmo led the way with eight total stops. McCann added five tackles, while Wyatt Shouse and Hudson Hatfield each had four.

Buchanan said the message has been consistent – keep going and keep getting better.

"We have come a million miles," said Buchanan. "We are closer than the kids realize. We have more confidence than we used to have. But we need more and the only way to get it is to take it… keep improving, perform one snap at a time and make the results better."

NEXT GAME: The Bearcats (3-5) will play their final regular season game on Friday by traveling to DeSales High School in Louisville with kickoff set for 7:30 p.m.

The playoff opener will be against district winner Cooper High School on Friday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. in northern Kentucky.

VOTAW

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While it would be with non-city funds, Votaw said he is working to create a program to help citizens in need.

He wants to improve the technology for the city to better on-line payments and other services.

Votaw believes a grant writer is needed to go out and find funds for the city to undertake projects without impacting the taxpayers.

Bringing new businesses into the community is always a goal of city government.

The bottom line is the bottom line. Votaw said there can be many ideas but there must be the financial means to pursue them.

One of the new issues that the next administration could face is the use of Flock cameras. He said he would not violate a citizens' rights.

Besides the sewer expansion, another issue facing the next team would be employee retention in some departments.

There will also be the work to help tourism, to make sure people understand that city government is there to assist them and to ensure financial confidence he would order an audit in the first week of office.

The city really doesn't have the land for any talk of a data center. Votaw said he would do all he could to keep them out of the community.

The city of Lawrenceburg is a great place to live and to work. Votaw said there is a lot of hidden history in the town. The location is centralized and there are plenty of great downtown businesses.

"It is a town with a ton of potential and our cost of living is a lot lower than some areas around us," said Votaw. "We just must market what we have. We have people that care so much here and it is time to get our community involved in our future."

In making his pitch to the voters, Votaw said he is only looking to improve upon the great things that are happening.

Offering decades of leadership, including his work with the state Fish and Wildlife as a supervisor and two terms on the city council, Votaw said he would never put down another human being to make himself look better.

With his work on the council, Votaw said he has a knowledge of city government and knows what is working and what needs improvement.

"I care deeply for our city and I will make sure the voice of all citizens is heard, not just a select few. The good ole boy system will not exist in my city government," said Votaw.

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any data centers to Lawrenceburg.

On the campaign trail, Young said it is easy to get excited about working to continue to improve Lawrenceburg.

"I love showing off Lawrenceburg," said Young. "I love our events. I love our small-town atmosphere, but I want to continue to see it thrive and attract new visitors."

He wants to continue discussions with other areas about how Lawrenceburg does what it does in terms of entertainment functions.

"I want to continue seeing us as innovators and not followers," said Young. "I dislike sitting on my hands to see what other communities do first. That way of thinking doesn't pave a road to success. It's just maintaining."

"Ultimately, my time is spent on how to make Lawrenceburg a better place to live, work and raise a family," said Young.

Also on the ballot are Gary Morrow, Steven Rucker and Anthony Dale Searcy, all of whom did not submit a candidate survey.

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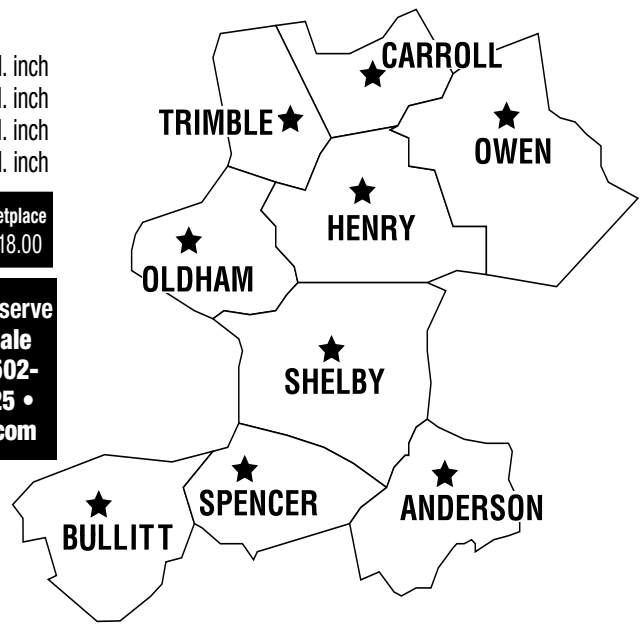
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Independent Auditor's Report

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The Honorable Orbrey Gritton, Anderson County Judge/Executive
The Honorable Joe Milam, Anderson County Sheriff
Members of the Anderson County Fiscal Court

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying Anderson County Sheriff's Settlement - 2024 Taxes for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 - Regulatory Basis, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the Anderson County Sheriff's financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statement presents fairly, in all material respects, the taxes charged, credited, and paid for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025 of the Anderson County Sheriff, in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statement does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the taxes charged, credited, and paid of the Anderson County Sheriff, for the period September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the Audit Program for Sheriffs' Tax Settlements. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Anderson County Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by the Anderson County Sheriff on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with theCommonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the laws of Kentucky to demonstrate compliance with the Commonwealth of Kentucky's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of a financial statement that is free frommaterial misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Anderson County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not an absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Anderson County Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Anderson County Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 20, 2026, on our consideration of the Anderson County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Anderson County Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Ball
Auditor of Public Accounts
Frankfort, Ky

August 20, 2026

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