

# AP POLL

The Associated Press' Top 10 teams in each of Tennessee's six Division I non-financial aid classifications and in the combined Division II financial aid classification as selected by Tennessee AP-member sportswriters and broadcasters. With first-place votes in parentheses, records through August 29, total points based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote:

**Division I - Class 6A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. Oakland (14)	2-0	149	1
2. Maryville (1)	2-0	136	2
3. Lebanon	2-0	102	4
4. Ravenwood	1-1	96	3
5. Riverdale	2-0	84	5
6. Collierville	2-0	66	7
7. Cane Ridge	2-0	60	6
8. Dobyns Bennet	2-0	38	TS
9. Whitehaven	2-0	37	TS
10. Bradley Central	2-0	25	TS

Others receiving votes: Germantown 19, Independence 7, Blackman 6.

**Division I - Class 5A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. Page (10)	2-0	130	1
2. Knoxville West (2)	2-0	114	5
3. Springfield	2-0	112	4
4. Munford	2-0	91	6
5. Rhea County (1)	0-1	82	3
6. Henry County (1)	1-1	75	2
7. Nolensville	2-0	65	9
8. Daniel Boone	2-0	59	10
9. Oak Ridge	1-1	14	NR
10. Station Camp	2-0	12	NR

Others receiving votes: David Crockett 11, Clinton 10, Clarksville NE 10, McMinn County 7, Green Hill 7, Karns 6, Franklin County 6, Morristown West 6, Hunters Lane 4, Clarksville NW 3, Portland 1.

**Division I - Class 4A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. Greeneville (13)	2-0	145	1
2. Anderson County (2)	2-0	136	2
3. Haywood County	1-0	108	3
4. Upperman	2-0	92	4
(tie) Hardin County	2-0	92	6
6. Red Bank	2-0	68	8
7. Marshall County	2-0	39	NR
8. Milan	2-0	32	NR
9. Tullahoma	1-1	22	NR
10. Pearl-Cohn	0-2	19	7

Others receiving votes: Elizabethton 16, Crockett County 12, South Gibson 11, DeKalb County 9, Craigmont 9, East Hamilton 5, Lawrence County 4, Knoxville Fulton 3, Melrose 3.

**Division I - Class 3A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. Alcoa (15)	2-0	150	1
2. East Nashville	2-0	134	2
3. Covington	1-1	105	3
4. Loudon	2-0	97	7
5. Giles County	1-1	77	4
6. Unicoi County	2-0	74	9
7. Kingston	2-0	60	10
8. Dyersburg	1-1	41	5
9. Gatlinburg-Pittman	1-1	31	6
10. Waverly	1-1	17	8

Others receiving votes: Fairview 11, Chuckey-Doak 8, Raleigh Egypt 8, Memphis Business Academy 4, Claiborne 3, Bolivar Central 3, White House 2.

**Division I - Class 2A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. Hampton (12)	2-0	143	2
2. Forrest	2-0	118	5

3. Tyner Academy (1)	2-0	104	6
4. Union City	2-0	98	7
5. Riverside (1)	2-0	97	8
6. Huntingdon	1-1	56	9
7. Meigs County	1-1	47	4
8. Marion County	1-1	44	3
9. Watertown	1-1	29	10
10. Harpeth	2-0	27	NR

Others receiving votes: Westview 19, Freedom Prep 18, Fairley 10, Monterey 8, Mt. Pleasant 3, Polk County 2, Loretto 2.

**Division I - Class 1A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. McKenzie (12)	2-0	140	1
2. Fayetteville (1)	2-0	132	3
3. MARISSA	2-0	103	4
4. Dresden	2-0	91	6
5. Peabody	2-0	85	5
6. South Pittsburg (1)	1-1	76	2
7. McEwen	2-0	62	7
8. Moore County	2-0	49	9
9. Clay County (1)	2-0	44	10
10. Coalfield	2-0	15	NR

Others receiving votes: West Carroll 9, Gordonsville 6, Lookout Valley 6, Lake County 2, Oakdale 2, Whitwell 1, Clouland 1, Middle College 1.

**Division II - Class 1A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. Jackson Christian (7)	2-0	133	3
2. Friendship Christian (3)	2-0	124	5
3. Clarksville Academy (3)	2-0	109	4
4. University-Christian (2)	1-1	81	1
5. Mid. Tenn. Christian	1-1	42	2

Others receiving votes: Grace Christian Academy 37, DCA 19, King's Academy 18, Fayette Academy 17, Columbia Academy 14, Lakeway Christian 6.

**Division II - Class 2A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. Lipscomb Acad. (14)	2-0	148	1
2. Lausanne Collegiate	2-0	110	3
3. CAK (1)	2-0	103	4
4. CPA	2-0	85	2
5. Boyd Buchanan	2-0	76	NR

Others receiving votes: Knoxville Webb 46, Franklin Road Academy 12, Goodpasture 7, Chattanooga Christian 7, Davidson Academy 6.

**Division II - Class 3A**

School	Record	Total Points	Prv
1. McCallie (14)	2-0	149	1
2. MBA (1)	2-0	136	2
3. Baylor	2-0	109	4
4. Knoxville Catholic	2-0	78	5
5. Brentwood Acad.	1-1	48	NR

Others receiving votes: Pope John Paul II 30, Ensworth 26, Briarcrest 24.

All Associated Press members in Tennessee are eligible to participate in the high school football poll. Those who voted for this week's poll are: Chattanooga Times Free Press, Chattanooga; The Leaf-Chronicle, Clarksville; Cleveland Daily Banner, Cleveland; The Daily Herald, Columbia; The Daily News Journal, Murfreesboro; The Tennessean, Nashville; The Greeneville Sun; Johnson City Press, Johnson City; The Daily Times, Maryville; The Tennessean, Nashville; Shelbyville Times-Gazette; Advocate and Democrat, Sweetwater; Union City Daily Messenger, Union City; WCMT, Martin; Memphis Commercial Appeal, Memphis.

# Kincaid

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expand its role within the local sports community.

"Point blank, good help is hard to find, especially at the local level," sports editor Chris Siers said.

"Kacy joins the Tribune staff with a fantastic eye for capturing great images from the sideline and a penchant for wanting to develop her writing ability. I have zero doubt she can not just excel at snapping quality images, but also develop her sports writing ability into a top-notch sports writer for many years to come."

Kincaid not only joins the staff as a talented photographer with an eager passion to better her sportswriting ability, but also knocks down the barrier of what's been a primarily male-driven industry by covering local sports.

"I feel proud to be a woman in sports media. Not surprisingly, really, no one seems to bat an eye

at my being a female and on the sidelines, which I consider a good thing. I don't believe anyone has been surprised to learn that I've taken this role and I think there's even some excitement because people already know me and hopefully know how much I genuinely care and want to do a good job," Kincaid said.

"Bringing Kacy onboard the Tribune staff is both an honor and a privilege. She has a passion and a drive to deliver sports news that is really unmatched at the local level, and the fact she's able to knock down some barriers in the process, it's an honor to have her join us on the sidelines," Siers added.

"I'm seeing more and more women covering sports, more so in photography rather than writing, but it's exciting to see, and I'm happy to be a part of that," she added.

Look for Kincaid on the sidelines covering sports for Forrest High and Middle School in the 2022-2023 season.



Freshman quarterback Ryan Hill peels out of the pocket and fires a throw downfield. Hill completed a key, 21-yard pass to Tayton Swift in the third quarter, that set up a Forrest touchdown by Liam Bell.

# Rivalry

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"They adjusted in the second half. We turned the ball over and they hit that long run with the Franklin kid. But our offense came back and responded. Our kids just played well all night long," Stephenson said.

Tayton Swift was the driving force for the Rocket ground game, totaling 100 yards on 14 touches.

"You can't say enough about him. He (Swift) doesn't come off the field. He plays every down. He runs the ball for us and he runs it hard. On defense, he's really the captain of the secondary. He's just a hard-nosed player and that's what I love about him," Stephenson said.

In total, Forrest piled up 148 yards on the ground, and while they didn't go to the air often, freshman quarterback Ryan Hill connected on a pair of key passes to move the chains, including a huge third-down conversion to Swift on a 31-yard pass recep-

tion, which set up Bell's third-quarter touchdown.

"We don't ask him to do too much. We've got to work on our pass blocking. When we asked him to make plays for us, he made plays. He's going to make a lot of plays with his legs," Stephenson said.

While Franklin finished with 129 yards on 10 carries for the Bulldogs, Riley Qualls got some big gains for Cornersville in the fourth quarter.

"We need to get him (Qualls) more touches. Part of it, he's so valuable to us on defense and the job he had tonight, versus what Coach Stevenson and them do on offense, we were really trying to keep him fresh. He did a heck of a job. He's such a hard working kid that gives his all for this community and this team. He just does everything you ask him to do," Waddell said.

Friday's game marked the first game following an injury to Forrest's Brenton Burchell, who sustained a season-ending injury in last week's



Bryce Woodard is flushed out of the pocket and directs his receivers downfield.



Chris Davis hauls in a 15-yard pass from freshman quarterback Ryan Hill.

opener.

"Brenton is a huge loss for us. He's a three-year starter. It's going to be tough to replace him, but we had a lot of young kids step up tonight," Stephenson said.

For the Rockets, Forrest will hit the road on Friday and travel to open its region slate at Loretto,

while Cornersville will host Huntland to begin the Region 5-A schedule.

Forrest	7	6	7	3	—	23
Cornersville	0	0	6	0	—	6

First Quarter  
F — Chris Davis 6 run, (Gavin Grissom kick), 4:31.  
Second Quarter  
F — Gavin Grissom 30-yard field goal, 5:06.  
F — Grissom 26-yard field goal, 0:00.  
Third Quarter  
C — Ben Franklin 88 run, (2pt. run failed), 6:13.  
F — Eli Bell 6 run, (Grissom kick), 1:09.  
Fourth Quarter  
F — Grissom 40 field goal, 6:28.

# Tigers

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"He (Jones) is special. He's just a sophomore. He makes the coaching staff look good. We're just tickled to death with what he does for us. It's going to be amazing what he does in the next couple of years," Osteen said.

The Tigers took the opening drive 70 yards and milked over six minutes off the clock, twice converting on third down, before Teat connected with a perfect ball to the corner of the end zone to Jones for the first score of the night.

Shelbyville answered and moved the ball effectively on its first drive, also converting on a key third down, before Thomas Beech picked off Eagle quarterback Jake Preston and returned it to the Tiger 37-yard line.

On the first snap following the turnover, Marcus O'Neal found a crease and streaked down the visitor sideline 68 yards for the score.

Wyatt Joyce's successful kick after put the Tigers up 14-0 by the first quarter.

O'Neal struck again in the second quarter, this time hauling in a 47-yard touchdown pass from Teat and with Jayden Randolph's successful 2-point conversion run, the Tigers held a 22-0 lead at the half.

While the Eagles struggled to finish sustained drives in the first half, Shelbyville did manage to cut the Tiger

lead to two possessions in the third quarter.

After their first drive of the second half stalled near their own 41-yard line, Marshall County came through with a blocked punt, giving the Tigers prime field position.

But Marshall County was held to a three and out and following a turnover on downs on a fourth-down pass attempt, Shelbyville was able to take advantage on a Rocky Chandler 13-yard touchdown run with 2:03 left in the third.

The Tigers needed just two plays to answer, with Teat connecting with Jones again, this time on a 61-yard strike with 1:07 left.

Both teams found the end zone one more time—Shelbyville on a Preston 48-yard pass to Micah Threatt with 8:22 left.

Teat finished with his fourth passing touchdown of the night, a one-yard pass to Jayden Randolph in the back of the end zone with 4:18 left in the game.

"Shelbyville has so many talented players. Coach Dryden has done a really good job. They're young, but they're going to be really good in the third quarter," Osteen said.

"Hate we couldn't put the game away there in the third quarter, but happy with the way we responded and happy with the way we finished in the fourth quarter."

Last week, senior tailback Demari Braden was the bell cow for the Tigers and rushed for over



Aja Jones adjusts to the ball and makes a one-handed touchdown pass from Teat. He finished with six catches for 142 yards and two touchdowns.

150 yards and a pair of touchdowns against Columbia.

Nursing an ankle injury, the Tiger run game became a running back by committee and the Marshall County depth showcased just how valuable it is.

"He tweaked his ankle last week, so he was going in this game about 75%. He tweaked in in about the third or fourth play. If it had been a playoff game, he probably could still be gone. Hopefully he can be healed up here pretty soon," Osteen said.

Antomme Cowthorn had three touches for 31 yards, but it was Marcus O'Neal who totaled the most yardage for the Tigers.

He had just one carry, but took the snap 68 yards to the house for the Marshall County score.

"Marcus O'Neal didn't play much last week and a lot of years, he would be our No. 1 receiver for us, but we're pretty deep

at receiver. We told him he would be in the game plan and get some touches tonight and low and behold, he scores two touchdowns tonight," Osteen said.

Shelbyville out-gained the Tigers on the ground 153-117 yards and were led by Chandler's 20-carry, 90-yard night.

Preston added 14 carries for 48 yards as well.

In total, the Tigers mustered up 333 total offensive yards, while holding the Eagles to 275.

With the start of a brutal, eight-game region slate starting next week at Creek Wood, Osteen said the challenge now becomes treating each game as a one-week season.

"It's a grind. It's a one-week season every week because every game is going to matter so much. We're the biggest region in the state. It's tough mentally each week, you're kind of got to be all in," he said.



Marcus O'Neal hauls in a 47-yard touchdown pass, scoring his second of the night for the Tigers.



Thomas Beech (22) latches onto Eagle quarterback Jake Preston and makes the stop.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. in Charlotte.

Marshall Co.	14	8	7	7	—	36
Shelbyville	0	0	7	7	—	14

First Quarter  
M — Aja Jones 16 pass from Silas Teat, (Wyatt Joyce kick), 5:35.  
M — Marcus O'Neal 68 run, (Joyce kick), :51.  
Second Quarter

M — O'Neal 47 pass from Teat, (Jayden Randolph 2pt. run), 2:18.  
Third Quarter  
S — Rocky Chandler 13 run, (Ben Betzelberger kick), 2:03.  
M — Jones 61 pass from Teat, (Joyce kick), 1:07.  
Fourth Quarter  
S — Micah Threatt 48 pass from Jake Preston, (Betzelberger kick), 8:32.  
M — Randolph 1 pass from Teat, (Joyce kick), 4:18.

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