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The Marshall County swim teams gather for a photo during their end of season banquet earlier this week. The team was made up of swimmers across the county.

County swimmers wrap successful year at state, regional meets

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It's been a successful year in the pool for Marshall County swimmers, representing various schools from the county at both the high and middle school level.

Luce Lee Hewuse qualified for the 100-yard backstroke in the regional meet, held at the Centennial Sportsplex. She won her heat and dropped nine seconds off her personal best time, finishing in 1:18.04.

Several middle schoolers qualified for the MTHS-SA Middle School State Championship.

From Forrest Middle, Anna Kate Bass qualified for seven individual events, including the 50, 100 and 200-yard freestyle events, 200-yard Individual Medley, 100-yard Breaststroke, 100-yard Backstroke and 100-yard Butterfly.

She competed in two events in the championship meet.

From Cornersville Middle, ChrisAnne Richter qualified in the 50-yard freestyle.

Lewisburg Middle had several swimmers qualify, with Kelsey Henson and Ava Wakham qualifying for the 50-yard Freestyle.

Josiah Hesse qualified in the 50-yard Freestyle and 100-yard Backstroke; Madalyn Wilsford qualified 50 and 100-yard Freestyle; Samantha Dunnivant qualified for the 50 and 100-yard Freestyle and 100-yard Breaststroke.

Addison Allen qualified for 50 and 100-yard Freestyle, 100-yard Backstroke and 100-yard Butterfly events. Lewisburg Middle was also able to compete in two relays, the 200-yard freestyle relay, featuring Addison Allen, Samantha Dunnivant, Ava Wakham and Madalyn Wilsford, and the 200 Medley Relay featuring Addison Allen, Samantha Dunnivant, Kelsey Henson and Madalyn Wilsford.



Ava Wakham, Anna Kate Bass, Madalyn Wilsford, ChrisAnne Richter, Addison Allen, Lucy Hewuse, Kelsey Henson, Samantha Dunnivant and Josiah Hesse were members of the middle and high school swim team who qualified for the middle school state meet and high school regional meet.



Masie Richter, Kendall Adams, Ellah Wilson, Sydney McAdams, Hanna Lewis and Lena Borne were the seniors recognized for their efforts this season.

Mahomes' magic or Hurts' heroics? Super Bowl LVII poised to be one of the best

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Since 2018, Patrick Mahomes has dazzled the NFL with some of the best quarterback play in NFL history.

He's built quite the resume in such a short time, including a NFL MVP, Super Bowl Champion and Super Bowl MVP.

In Super Bowl LVII, Mahomes will make his third appearance in the big game, hoping to hoist the Lombardi Trophy for a second time in three appearances.

But there's been a steady rise among quarterback talent across the NFL over the past few seasons and like Mahomes, Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts has found his footing with Philadelphia and has greatness within his grasp.

For the Chiefs, Andy Reid's squad finds itself as the last standing in what's been an absolute gauntlet among AFC competition.

From the emergence of Trevor Lawrence in Jacksonville over the last half of the season, to the gaudy numbers Justin Herbert has posted with the Chargers, to out-dueling Joe Burrow and the Cincinnati Bengals and Josh Allen in Buffalo, Kansas City is establishing itself as a true dynasty in the current era of the NFL.

Making matters even worse, the Chiefs had to overcome several injuries in the AFC Championship against Cincinnati to even make the Su-

per Bowl this season, including a high-ankle sprain to Mahomes.

Yet the Chiefs' signal caller delivered when the game was on the line, like he has done so many times before, and the put Kansas City in the Super Bowl for the third time in four seasons.

How did they get there?

Mahomes put up another year of MVP-caliber statistics, throwing for over 5,200 yards and completing 41 touchdown passes against just 12 interceptions.

He's also completed over 67% of his passes this season.

While the Chiefs have been a pass-priority offense this season, it's been tight end Travis Kelce who has been the top target for Mahomes.

He led the Chiefs in receiving yards this season with 1,338 and had 12 touchdown catches in the regular season.

Running back Jerick McKinnon was another scoring option for Mahomes in the regular season, hauling in nine touchdown grabs.

On the ground, it was Isiah Pacheco who churned out 830 rushing yards and had five touchdowns.

With an injury to JuJu Smith-Schuster, who was acquired to help fill the void left by Tyreek Hill, it's been Marquez Valdes-Scantling who has been the downfield threat at receiver for the Chiefs.

All-in-all, it's been another stellar year with the combination of Reid on the sideline

and Mahomes under center for Kansas City—nothing out of the ordinary or unexpected from the most consistent team in the NFL.

On the NFC side of things, it's Hurts and the Eagles who have been a bit of a surprise.

While Dallas garnered all the preseason hype with the talent on the defensive side of the ball and now veteran quarterback Dak Prescott and Zeke Elliott, it was Hurts and the Eagles who won the games that mattered to capture the top seed in the NFC and win their division.

After the Eagles won their first Super Bowl in 2018, the faith behind then-quarterback Carson Wentz faded due to injuries and the depletion of talent around him.

Eventually, that led to his trading to Indianapolis, leaving Hurts as the starter.

While not posting passing numbers nearly as gaudy as Mahomes, Hurts has found a winning recipe as the Eagles went 14-3 and made quick work of the Giants and '49ers in the playoffs.

In fact, it's been a combination of stellar defense and an opportunistic offense that has Hurts playing in his first Super Bowl.

The Eagles have allowed opposing teams to score over 30 just twice this season—in a win against Detroit and a loss to Dallas.

In the postseason, Philly has given up just two touchdowns.

During the regular season, Hurts threw for just over

3,700 yards and completed 66.5% of his passes and had 22 touchdowns against six interceptions.

The difference for Philly has been the effectiveness in the ground attack. Miles Sanders rushed for over 1,200 yards in the regular season and scored 11 touchdowns.

Hurts added another wrinkle to the offense, tacking on 760 rushing yards and 13 rushing scores of his own—mirroring the game of former MVPs Lamar Jackson and Cam Newton.

But he's also been smart in distributing offense through the air as Philly had two receivers go north of 1,100 receiving yards this season.

A.J. Brown, who was acquired in a trade from Tennessee in the offseason, finished with 1,496 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns while DeVonta Smith had 1,196 yards and seven scores in the regular season.

Against New York and San Francisco in the postseason, it's been the clock control, ground game that's produced seven rushing touchdowns from the Eagles' offense.

Sanders, Hurts and Boston Scott have all found the end zone twice on rushing touchdowns, while Kenneth Gainwell has scored one.

Through the air, it's been Smith and tight end Dallas Goedert who have caught Hurts' two, postseason passing touchdowns.

But beyond the numbers, Super Bowl LVII garners so much intrigue and other stor-

ylines that make this an even more interesting matchup.

Reid, who has coached at Kansas City for a decade now, will face his former team in Philadelphia, where he spent 13 seasons as the head coach.

And while there's familiarity with Reid and his former franchise, there may be nobody more familiar with their opponents than Travis and Jason Kelce.

For the first time in NFL history, siblings will play against each other in the Super Bowl.

And yet perhaps the biggest storyline of all is the Super Bowl will feature two black starting quarterbacks for the first time ever.

No matter how you cut it, the game has intrigue from the X's and O's to the various surrounding storylines.

Who will come out on top?

Will Mahomes and the Chiefs have enough rest and time to get healthy after being battered and beaten down leading up to the AFC Championship?

Or will Hurts add more history by winning the first Super Bowl he's appeared in?

At the time betting odds opened, Vegas slated the Chiefs as 1.5 point favorites, which as anyone can tell, means the game is essentially a toss up.

That's a win for anyone who tunes in on Super Bowl Sunday.