

Panthers set to pounce back

Losing seasons aren't the norm for the Fleming County High School football program. Fleming County High School boasts a rich, winning tradition on the gridiron. The Panthers have enjoyed a considerable amount of success on the football field. Veteran Gene Peterson has guided Fleming County to numerous big wins during his tenure as head coach.

Peterson and his staff ended the offseason looking to resume their winning ways following a 1-9 showing last fall. The Panthers defeated longtime rival

Lewis County for their lone win last season. Fleming County held off the Lions 29-20 for the regular-season district win.

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Fleming County started the 2008 season 0-6 before defeating Lewis County to get in the win column. Now, Fleming County is back in Class 3A. District 7 with Lewis County (1-9), Mason County (9-3), Russell County (7-5) and West Carter (3-8).

Senior punter Josh Gray (6-4, 185) ranks as one of the top players in the state at his position. Gray, who also plays wide receiver and defensive back for the Panthers, helps to pin op-

ton Dugan and sophomore Trevis Taylor are additional playmakers back for the Panthers. Fleming County has a new look on the offensive side. The Panthers have went away from the air attack that includes passing the football 30-40 times per game and went to running the ball more.

"We've got six running backs that we can go with," Peterson said. "We'll try to keep it on the ground."

The Panthers were running the wishbone during the 2008 campaign. Fleming County returned five starters on both offense and defense from last season's team. The defense emerged ahead of the offense in each of Fleming County's preseason scrimmages.

The Panthers played Beth County in the EKC (Eastern Kentucky Conference) Grid during the first of two preseason games. Fleming County faced Boynton County in its second and final scrimmage. Injuries plagued the Panthers last season.

Fleming County lost three players to knee injuries during the opening game of the 2008 campaign. Mason County is the preseason favorite to win Class 3A, District 7. The Royals got the nod ahead of former state powerhouse Russell. "We're back in a district with Mason County and Russell — two of the top 10 teams in the state," Peterson confirmed. "Our schedule is tough."

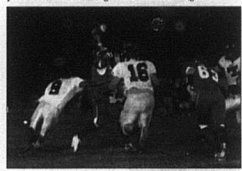


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Fleming County's defense dominated during pre-season play against Beth County.

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2009 Fleming County Boys Soccer Schedule

Aug. 18	at Mason County	2-9 (1)
Aug. 20	Marion County	0-1 (1)
Aug. 24	at Rowan County	
Aug. 25	Jackson City	
Sep. 1	at St. Patrick	
Sep. 2	at Covington Latin	
Sep. 3	Boyd County	
Sep. 5	at Owen County (Owen County Invitational)	
Sep. 8	Mason County	
Sep. 12	Both County	
Sep. 22	at Both County	
Sep. 24	at Boyd County	
Sep. 28	at Marion County	
Sep. 29	Jackson City	
Oct. 5	at East Carter	
Oct. 7	at Frankfort	
Oct. 8	at St. Patrick	



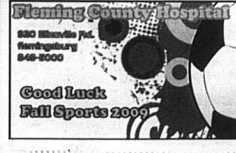
2009 Fleming County Girls Soccer Schedule

Aug. 20	Marion County	1-1
Aug. 24	West Union, Ohio	
Aug. 25	at Mason County	
Aug. 27	Boyd County	
Aug. 29	at Estill County	
Sep. 1	at West Carter	
Sep. 3	at Greenup County	
Sep. 5	at St. Patrick	
Sep. 9	at Rowan County	
Sep. 12	West Carter	
Sep. 15	at Estill County	
Sep. 17	Mason County	
Sep. 22	at Both County	
Sep. 24	at Boyd County	
Sep. 28	Marion County	
Sep. 30	at Rowan County	
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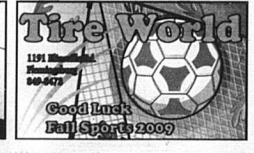
Fleming County Senior Soccer Players

(Far Left) Chris Cobbin
(Left) Courtney Spencer
(Right) Sarah Ingram



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