

# Loudon Redskins

**HOMETOWN:** Loudon  
**HEAD COACH:** Jeff Harig  
**ASST. COACHES:** Ronnie Roberts, Clayton Stamey, Jeremy Lorenz, Darrell Brown, Dennis Stewart, Brian Nichols.  
**LAST TIME IN PLAYOFFS:** 2000-lost in second round to Alcoa, 26-2. **PLAYOFF RECORD:** 23-12. **BEST YEAR:** 1969, 1974, 1975 Class AA State Champions.

Coach Jeff Harig and his Loudon staff have got to be excited about moving down to the 2A ranks. Granted, competing in the same region as defending 2A state champion Alcoa will be a major challenge and other teams in the new league will provide their own set of hurdles for the Redskins to climb.

But leaving the likes of 3A defending champ Fulton and other traditionally rich programs like Anderson County and Austin East will not cause the Loudon coaches to lose any sleep. And with starters returning to nine offensive and eight defensive slots, the Redskins are expected to do quite well at the 2A level.

A good group of seniors on this year's Loudon team have worked hard in the off-season to make their final year as a Redskin a memorable one. Those handling skill position assignments include Brandon Dixon (5-11, 205), twins Cory and Cody Fritts (5-10, 165), Mark Harrison (5-10, 175), Matthew Packett (5-11, 225) and Ryan Queen (5-10, 170). All except Queen, an excellent athlete who earned All-Region honors in basketball, were starters last year, bringing a lot of experience to the team. This is Queen's first year to test the football waters.

Dixon handles duties at both fullback and linebacker. He was responsible for 41 tackles a year ago and also accounted for 152 rushing and 146 receiving yards. Cory Fritts, an All-Region cornerback, made 44 tackles during the year. He also caught passes for 138 yards as a wideout. Cody, a three-year starter, handles duties at quarterback (451 passing yards) and also takes care of the punting chores at Loudon, averaging 36 yards in that department.

Harrison, another All-Region cornerback, collected 51 tackles as a junior. In limited ball carrying action, he rushed for nearly 100 yards during the year. Look for him to get more ball carrying duties as a senior. Packett, too, should see more action at fullback and is expected to improve his numbers at linebacker, too (22 tackles).

Senior leadership should also be strong up front in the trenches where Taylor Eldridge (6-1, 195), John Paul Hackney (6-2, 220), Clay Matlock (5-10, 185), Jimmy McQueen (5-10, 230) and Joe Webb (6-0, 175) return for duty.

Eldridge and Webb, last year's starter, compete for time at tight end. Eldridge caught passes for 54 yards last year but was a real terror on defense, stopping the opposition a total of 43 times at defensive end. Matlock, a backup in the offensive line, saw regular action at linebacker, collecting 36 tackles during the year.

Hackney, another offensive line regular, got enough reps along the defensive front to secure 21 tackles in limited play. McQueen also started in the offensive line (tackle) but was used enough on defense to have 13 tackles recorded.

Loudon juniors who will have their names called often this year include Daniel Hampton (6-0, 215), Josh Hawkins (6-2, 195), Jeremy Johnson (5-10, 175), Daniel Laughlin (6-2, 180), Tyler Roberts (5-10, 230) and Tom Cruz (5-10, 180).

Roberts is the top returning offensive lineman who graded out at 93 percent for the 2004 campaign. He anchors the middle at center. Hampton, along with sophomore Dustin West (5-11, 225) and freshman Eric Lawson (5-10, 190), bring plenty of hope to the future of Loudon football in the trenches.

Hawkins is the top returning runningback, having missed the 1,000 yard mark by just 11 yards last year. He's joined by junior Tom Cruz (5-10, 180), sophomores Tyler Campbell (5-9, 165) and Ben Everett (6-3, 170) and freshman Jordan Purdy (6-0, 175) as added talent in the offensive backfield. Campbell had 89 yards in just 20 tries last year as a backup. All challenge for time at linebacker or defensive back as well.

Johnson caught two passes last year for 40 yards. He and Laughlin, another All-Region basketball player for the Redskins, should help the effort as wide receivers. Defensive work in the secondary or at linebacker could also be in their future.

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### 2004 Record (2-8)

### 2005 Schedule

8	Walker Valley	23	Aug. 26	Greenback	H
14	Anderson Co.	30	Sept. 2	Sweetwater	A
20	Sequoyah	21	Sept. 9	Lenoir City	H
0	Austin East	21	Sept. 16	Alcoa	H
14	Sweetwater	32	Sept. 23	Polk Co.	A
13	Fulton	22	Sept. 30	Kingston	A
29	Scott	0	Oct. 7	C.A.K.	A
13	Kingston	15	Oct. 14	Wartburg	H
15	Gibbs	14	Oct. 21	Oliver Spgs.	H
0	Lenoir City	34	Oct. 28	Rockwood	A

# Rockwood Tigers

**HOMETOWN:** Rockwood  
**HEAD COACH:** John Webb  
**ASST. COACHES:** Jeff Allen, Robbie Newby, Sam Kirkham, Matt Gaskins, Paul Kamikowa.  
**LAST TIME IN PLAYOFFS:** 2004-lost in quarterfinals to Alcoa, 46-3. **PLAYOFF RECORD:** 15-10. **BEST YEAR:** 1976 Class A State Champions.

Picked to finish third in Region 2-2A last year, the Rockwood Tigers surprised several opponents during the 2004 season. In

fact, defeat came to Rockwood only twice last year. The Tigers lost a regular season matchup to regional foe Alcoa and were eliminated from the playoffs by those same Tornadoes in the quarterfinals of post season play.

As veteran Tiger Coach John Webb approaches his tenth year at the helm of the Rockwood program, he and his staff have several key roles to fill. Graduation left only six defensive starters returning for play and just five are back on offense.

The team knows full well, however, what it will take to get the job done this year -- primarily have an answer for Alcoa. The Oct. 7