

UK commit Larron Westmoreland can excel on offense and defense



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Contributing Writer

Larron Westmoreland had 11 scholarship offers when he decided to verbally commit to play at Kentucky for new coach Will Stein and defensive coordinator Jay Bateman. “I had the best relationship with those coaches, especially Bateman,” Moreland said. “I

also knew coach Pete Nocht (UK’s football general manager now) and had a relationship with him from when he was at Louisville and I talked to him. But Kentucky was just right. I really liked Bateman. He is well spoken and knows how to break down and put you where

you fit in.” When he made his commitment, he was at Jeffersontown High School in Louisville. He spent the start of his 2024 season in Florida before coming back to Louisville after six games to play last season. However, he’s now at Corbin where he’ll play with defensive lineman Malachi Brown, another UK commit. “Going to Florida was a family move. I wanted to play against bigger and better competition but the hurricanes brought me back to Louisville or I would still be in Florida,” the 6-foot-4, 185-pound Westmoreland said. “My 7-on-7 coach moved

from Florida to Corbin and coaches there now. “They needed an explosive guy on the offensive end. I can be the guy to make big plays. They can throw deep shots and trust me to come down with it. I want to win a (state) championship before I head to UK and I think we can do that this year.” He had 33 catches for 459 yards and six scores for 6-6 Jeffersontown last season and also ran 39 times for 287 yards and nine more scores. He also scored on interception and kickoff returns. On defense, he had 67 tackles, including

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2026 Open Youth Poultry Show results



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Zachary Patton of Mercer County won Bantam hen class at the 2026 Mercer County Fair rabbit show.

The Open Youth Poultry Show at the 2026 Mercer County Fair and Horse Show happened Saturday, July 25, at the Stable. Organized by the Mercer County Cooperative Extension Office, the competition was open to all youth who are 18 years old or younger and current members of the 4-H or FFA.

Ryleigh Swartz of the Scott County 4-H was the overall grand and reserve champion.

Taylynn Hilbert of the Mercer County 4-H was the senior showmanship winner.

Results are listed by class, breed, exhibitor, place in descending order as well as division and class awards:

Bantam

Bantam Cock-Silkie: Ryleigh Swartz – 1st, Class Champion, Reserve Overall champion; Zachary Patton - 2nd;

Bantam Cockerl-Silkie: Aiden Acton - 1st, Class Champion;

Bantam Hen-Poultry: Zachary Patton - 1st, Class champion;

Bantam Pullet-Serma: Elias Davis – 1st;

Bantam Pullet-Silkie: Ryleigh Swartz - 1st, Class Champion, Grand Overall Champion; Ryleigh Swartz - 2nd; Ryleigh Swartz - 3rd;

Large Fowl

Large Fowl Hen-Black Jersey Giant: Elias Davis - 1st, Class Champion;

Large Fowl Hen-Leghorn: Elias Davis - 2nd;

Large Fowl Pullet-Leghorn: Aiden Acton - 1st, Class Champion;

Water Fowl

Waterfowl Gander-Chinese Goose: Elias Davis - 1st, Class Champion;

Waterfowl Goose-Cochin: Aiden Acton - 1st, Class Champion;

Waterfowl Old Drake-Kaiki Campbell: Aiden Acton - 1st, Class Champion.

Veterans

Mercer County Titans 2026 Boys Soccer Schedule

Aug. 11	@ West Jessamine	8:00 p.m.
Aug. 13	Garrard County	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 18	Danville	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 22	Western Hills	11:30 a.m.
Aug. 25	Boyle	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 1	@ Trinity Christian	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	@ East Jessamine	7:45 p.m.
Sept. 8	@ Pulaski	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 10	@ Anderson County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	@ Marion County	12:00 p.m.
Sept. 17	DCA	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Sayre	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 22	Lincoln County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 24	Frankfort Christian	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 26	@ Somerset	TBD
Sept. 29	Thomas Nelson	7:30 p.m.

season, and Coach Dunn will look to a combination of Bennett and Alcorn to step up. Dunn led the team in assists last season with 14 and was second in goals scored with 13 and is expected to have another big season as a senior. Coach Dunn will rely on his upperclassmen’s experience to both win games and teach the younger players. “Experience will help as

far as winning games, but my upperclassmen are also doing a great job mentoring and helping the younger ones grow,” said Dunn.

Dunn and his team’s goals are the same as ever: to compete in districts and play to the best of their ability

“The goal is always to compete for a district title and to perform to max potential,” he said.



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The Mercer County boys soccer team seniors pictured, left to right, back row: Grant Bennett, Jami Bowman, Ian Alcorn, Tanner Ison, Daniel Vera and Brantley Reed, Front row: Leonardo Mercado, Kyle Taylor, Landon Steele, Brycen Jones and Mijaia Dunn.

While the goal is always to compete for the Titans and Coach Dunn, it is also very fulfilling to see the players grow.

“Truthfully, it’s a great group of kids. Winning is definitely important, but I have had the opportunity to

watch them grow as young men. To witness and be a part of that means a lot,” said Dunn.

Coach Dunn and his squad get their first test in a district matchup to start the season, facing West Jessamine on Tuesday, Aug. 11, at 8 p.m.

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Cayden Adkins

every day,” said Head Coach Bryant.

Devensky is looking forward to a fun season of memories and making the most of her final year of Mercer soccer.

“I’m looking forward to creating lifelong memories, cherishing every moment and making the most of my senior season while I still have the chance,” said Devensky.

Adkins is excited to be back on the pitch after being injured last season.

I’m excited to learn more about how to be a keeper and to be able to fully play with my team and have no restrictions,” said Adkins.



Isabelle Devensky

Coach Bryant’s expectations in her first season are to create a lasting culture for her program that focuses on a winning mindset and positivity.

“My expectations for this first season are to hit the ground running and focus on creating a positive atmosphere and culture for our program. I want my players to go into every game with a positive mindset and the thought that they have a chance to win. I would love to make it into regional play and go as far as we can. The sky is the limit,” said Coach Bryant.

To meet those expecta-

Mercer County Titans 2026 Girls Soccer Schedule

Aug. 10	@ Nelson County	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 15	Somerset	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 17	@ Lincoln County	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 19	Shelby County	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	@ Danville	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 2	@ Montgomery County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	@ East Jessamine	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Pulaski	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	West Jessamine	8:00 p.m.
Sept. 19	Rockcastle County	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 21	Somerset	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Anderson County	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	@ Southwestern	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	@ Marion County	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 1	@ Frankfort Christian	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	Bourbon County	6:30 p.m.

tions, the Titans have been working this offseason on playing fast and being well conditioned.

“This offseason we have focused a lot on conditioning ourselves and using our speed. We spend a lot of time working on having quick feet, staying moving on the soccer field, getting open for each other and creating offensive opportunities,” said Coach Bryant.

The Titans have worked hard in preparation for the season and Coach Bryant is ready to see what her squad can do.

“We have great potential this year with some players who have put in some really hard work and solid effort during the offseason with our practices and also playing club soccer during the spring season. I look forward to seeing how much they have progressed when we play our first game of the season. My assistant coach, Kaitlyn Harder, and I are very excited for the future of this team,” said Head Coach Bryant.

The Titans’ first game is Monday, Aug.. 10 at Nelson County at 7:30 p.m.

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Pike, eighth-graders Sawyer Grimes and Aidan Crowley and added freshman Andrew Thompson this season to round out the five-man team.

Over the offseason, Grimes and his team have focused on confidence, putting, and having a good mindset.

“Our offseason has focused on developing sound fundamentals while also helping players become more confident on the course. We’ve emphasized course management, the short game, putting and learning how to make smart decisions during competition. Just as importantly, we’ve stressed consistency, preparation and maintaining a positive mindset. Several of our returning players have

spent a great deal of time playing over the summer, and that experience should benefit the entire team,” said Coach Grimes.

Grimes wanted to highlight how well his group has represented Burgin and the strong character they’ve shown in their young season.

“One of the things that stands out most about this year’s teams is their character. They are respectful, coachable and represent Burgin well on and off the golf course. We may be one of the smaller programs in the region, but our student-athletes compete with pride and continue to improve each year,” said Coach Grimes.



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Juniors Bristol Keith, left, and Jocelyn Stanley are ready to represent the Bulldogs girls golf team. Not pictured Lynley Thacker

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