

Titans

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Freshman Makinlee Moore elevated for the kill in the Titans matchup with East Jessamine Thursday, Sept. 17.

and an out-of-bounds serve, 13-9. Wilham scored on a kill off of a Moore set, and she laid out for a dig that ended in a point for Mercer, 18-14. The Titans got an unlucky bounce on a block at the net, and the Jaguars had a kill to the back

corner to cut the lead to one point, 18-17. After a timeout from Mercer's Head Coach Lynn Flach, East Jessamine had a serve and spike out of bounds, 20-19. East Jessamine served it just over the net to tie the set, 21-21. Whitenack dumped a ball at the net for



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Senior Lizzie Nichols set up the Titans hitters in Mercer 3-0 district win against East Jessamine on Thursday, Sept. 17.

a point, and Wilham killed Moore's set to the back corner, 23-21. After one last time-out from the Jaguars, Mercer won the set when East Jessamine's hit went into the net, 25-21.

Mercer had a strong start in the second set and jumped out to a lead on the Jaguars, spiking the ball out of bounds three times, and junior Katelyn Day added a kill, 6-1. A kill from senior Charlee Flach prompted a timeout from the Jaguars, 8-1. Wilham spiked

through the East Jessamine front line, but the Jaguars took the next four points, 9-5.

Wilham had an ace serve and Moore got a block at the net, 12-5. East Jessamine continued to fight back with a strong kill and an ace serve to cut the lead to three, 13-10. Back-to-back errors from the Titans made Flach call a timeout to settle her team, 13-12. Out of the break, East Jessamine served it out of bounds and was called for

a carry, 15-12. The Jaguars didn't go away, cutting the lead back to one with a block, 17-16. A kill from Flach and an ace from senior Lizzie Nichols helped Mercer pull away, 21-18. Keller scored at the net, and Mercer took the set on a Jaguars service error, 25-20.

The third set was the most competitive of the match, starting with a kill from Whitenack and the Jaguars, 3-3. The Titans hit the ball out of bounds, and East Jessamine was called for a carry, 6-6. Mercer went on a run fueled by Nichols ace, a kill from Flach, and a Keller block, 9-6. The Jaguars fought back with an ace serve and a kill into the Titans' back line, 11-10.

The Titans extended their lead with a block from Whitenack and a Jaguars error, 16-12. Mercer was too strong on a spike, and East Jessamine served up an ace to make it a one-point game, 18-17. The Jaguars tied it up on a kill into Mercer's back line, 19-19.

Nichols added another well-timed ace for the Titans, but East Jessamine kept it a one-score game on a spike, 21-20. A fake set from Moore that she dumped over the net and an error from East Jessamine gave Mercer a two-point cushion, 23-21. After a point from Keller, the Jaguars went on a run and took the lead on back-to-back ace serves, 24-25. With the set on the line, Moore scored on a kill, and East Jessamine spiked it into the net, 26-25. The Titans won the match on a dig from Flach, a set by Wilham and Moore handled the rest, 27-25.

Each set was competitive, and Mercer usually started with a lead, but the Jaguars fought back once Whitenack went to the bench. The Titans kept their composure even down in the final set and picked up the district win.

The Titans' next game is at Boyle against the Rebels on Thursday, Sept. 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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The Harrodsburg Herald/Wesley Bird
Senior Michael Cox went up for the catch in the Titans 55-21 loss to the Southwestern Warriors Friday, Sept. 18.

Warriors jump offsides but Mercer was unable to pick up a fourth short to extend the drive. Southwestern took over at midfield and picked up 25-yards on a run and catch and then scored on a 12-yard run up the middle, 0-6. The Warriors attempted a "muddle huddle" two-point conversion attempt and the Titans were able to stop it easily in the backfield.

The Titans took over at their own 20-yard line to start the second quarter and went three-and-out and couldn't recover from a sack. Junior Chase Lopez who was stepping in as the new punter was blocked and the Warriors scooped up the ball on the endzone for a touchdown, 0-12. The Warriors again went

for two and were successful with a rush, 0-14.

Freshman running back Dawson Hensley picked up six yards on the ground to start Mercer's next drive. A penalty set the Titans back and Releford was sacked on third down. Lopez's punt gave the Warriors offense the ball on the 50-yard line. Southwestern scored in three plays on a deep pass down the sideline and kicked an extra point, 0-21. The Titans started on their own 18-yard line and on the second play, Releford connected with Hensley down the sideline for a 72-yard touchdown, 6-21. Lopez added on an extra point, 7-21.

On the kick off, Lopez attempted a surprise onside kick to himself and recovered

it but the ball was just short of the 10 yards it needed to go. Southwestern started on the 50-yard line and rushed for two first downs in a row. The Warriors scored on a pass to the corner of the endzone for a 25-yard touchdown, 7-26. Southwestern did not make the extra point attempt.

The Titans next drive started with back-to-back first down completions to Cox. A holding call backed Mercer up, but on third-and-long Releford found Cox for a 20-yard gain. Releford was sacked for a loss of seven yards to bring up another third and long. This time it was Bess over the middle for a 30-yard completion. The promising drive came to an end after Releford was sacked twice in a row and Mercer turned the ball over on downs. The Titans defense was able to hold off the Warriors' offense with one minute left before halftime.

Coming out of the break, Mercer received the ball and on the second play, Releford picked up a low snap and found Bess down the middle of the field for a 58-yard touchdown, 13-26. Lopez's extra point attempt was blocked. After a good kick return, the Warriors' offense started on their own 41-yard line. Southwestern took advantage of busted coverage and scored on a wide open catch down the middle of the field for a 57-yard touchdown, 13-32. The Warriors' two point conversion was successful on a rush attempt, 13-34.

Mercer was unable to come back from a sack and were forced to punt out of their own endzone. The Warriors brought everyone and blocked Lopez's punt for another special teams touchdown, 13-40. Southwestern attempted an extra point and missed the

kick.

The Titans started the next drive strong, completing a 15-yard pass to Bess. Sacks and penalties pushed the Titans back, and Releford was brought down in the backfield on fourth-and-20. Southwestern took advantage of the short field and scored three plays later on a rush, 13-46. The Warriors successfully ran for a two-point conversion, 13-48.

Mercer found themselves again in a third down and long, but Releford was able to buy time and threw a pass to Bess 25 yards down the field and he took care of the rest, scoring a 75-yard touchdown, 19-48. The Titans lined up for an extra point, and Cox, who is the holder, tucked the ball to the pylon for two points, 21-48.

On the first play of the fourth quarter, the Warriors scored on a 35-yard passing touchdown that was wide open down the middle of the field, and they made the extra point, 21-55. The Titans had one more offensive drive in which Releford was shaken up, and Cox came in at quarterback to finish the game.

Mercer has some things to work on and clean up on both sides of the ball. The Titans head to Bardstown to play the Tigers on Friday, Sept. 25, at 7:30 p.m.

Mercer

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South Laurel, to name a few.

Their show, REMIX, is an excellent blend of modern songs that all generations know. Mercer Band is led by Erica Ashford with assistance from Jeremy Ellis (percussion) and Alex Smith (color guard). For schedules and information, follow the band on Facebook at Mercer County Band or on Instagram @mercercoband or @mercercoguard. You can now also follow Mercer Band Media @mercercoband.media and like pics and videos. Always remember to support arts and music programs in your local schools. Go Titans!



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ORDINANCE NO. 2026-17

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING CITY OF HARRODSBURG AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 ON MOTOR VEHICLES (MOTAX) AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY, ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 ASSESSED VALUATION.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG:

I. For purposes of support of the government of the City of Harrodsburg, and the payment of its debts and expenses for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 there should be and hereby are levied ad valorem taxes on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Fiscal Year 2026 assessed valuation of all motor vehicles and watercraft within the taxing jurisdiction of the City, as follows: \$0.23

II. This ordinance shall become effective on the date of its passage and publication.

Introduced by the Board of Commissioners and given first reading on: August 31, 2026

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Robert O. Williams, Mayor, City of Harrodsburg

ATTESTED: Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING CITY OF HARRODSBURG AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY (EXCLUDING MOTOR VEHICLES) WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY, ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF FISCAL YEAR 2026 ASSESSED VALUATION.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG:

I. For purposes of support of the government of the City of Harrodsburg, and the payment of its debts and expenses for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2027 there should be and hereby are levied ad valorem taxes on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) of the Fiscal Year 2026 assessed valuation of the following taxable property within the taxing jurisdiction of the City, as follows:

A. Real property, including property belonging to the public service companies: **\$0.0630 cents per \$100.00.**

B. Personal property, including property belonging to public service companies (except motor vehicles): **\$0.0630 cents per \$100.00.**

II. The taxes hereby levied shall be due and payable into the City of Harrodsburg's general revenue fund on October 1, 2026, and if not paid prior to October 31, 2026, shall be deemed delinquent, and a penalty of 12% shall be added, plus interest thereon at 12% per annum from November 1, 2026, until paid.

III. A lien is hereby created against all property in the City of Harrodsburg to secure payment of the ad valorem tax provided herein. Said lien shall exist and shall be enforceable for a period of ten (10) years from the date of assessment and shall not, during such period be defeated or cease to exist except by the payment of said tax. Payment of said tax shall release and discharge the property concerned therefrom.

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