

BATTLE

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squad. “Obviously summer camp, it drags. You have a lot of good days, but they’re ready to play one somebody else. We had our scrimmage against Owensboro, and learned a lot from that. Then we took the week after to improve on things that we needed to improve on. They’re ready to play. There’s nothing like Friday nights. So they’re excited and would play right now if they could, but obviously we got to prep and get ready.”

With Graves, the story

is opposite. They return nearly all of their offensive starters, and will just miss their leading tackler from last season, Hunter Ditto, and some linemen as well. Graves head coach Tyler DeBernardi is excited for another year and another Battle of the Birds, and appreciates what this game does for the community.

“It’s exciting because it’s the first game. It just adds a little bit of extra flavor into it when it’s your crosstown rival,” DeBernardi said. “We’re excited. It’s always a big game, a big game for our community. Pretty much everybody comes out to support, so it’s a

great atmosphere for all the fans, the players, and even us coaches. I told the guys this week if I need to give a speech to get you ready for Friday night, we probably need to send you across the street to the hospital to check your pulse.”

Having been around for two decades, Coach Hatchell knows the stakes of this game, as it sets the tone for the entire year. He also believes this game is the most important of the season, on the team can always look back on regardless of the future outcome of the rest of the season.

“It’s the county rivalry. The winner of this game

gets the high bar in the county for the year,” Hatchell said. “They get to walk a little taller, and get to carry that little bit of pride with you throughout the year. In a rivalry like this, you could win the game and maybe not even win another one, and come back and say ‘Well, we won that one.’ It’s just one of those things where you get to walk a little taller if you win this game.”

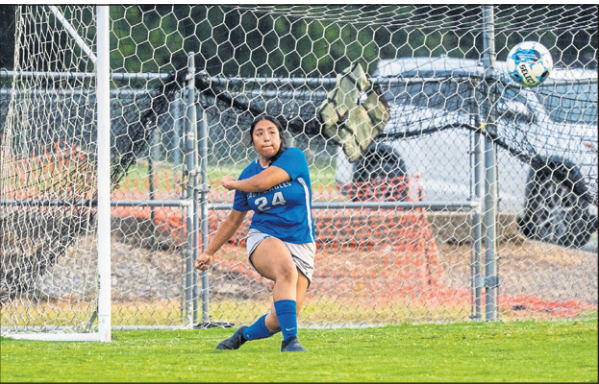
Looking at the history of these teams, the last time Mayfield introduced a new coach, Cliff Dew in 2024, the Eagles took home the win. Coach DeBernardi obviously hopes his

tory repeats itself, as they look to clinch what would be their second win in two years after the previous 15 matchups going to the Cardinals. Coach DeBernardi said his players come into this game with a chip on their shoulder, but not just about last year’s meeting with Mayfield.

“I don’t think it really has much to do with losing that game last year, I think it’s just last season in general,” DeBernardi said. “Our guys definitely came into the entire offseason with a chip on their shoulder and something to prove. They’ve put the work in, and I’m excited to go out there

Friday night and execute to see that hard work pay off.”

Friday night’s rivalry matchup brings a long-awaited start to the 2026 football season, and a fresh opportunity for bragging rights between the Graves and Mayfield faithful. Every year brings a new challenge with a new set of coaches and players, hungry to earn a win for their team. The Eagles and Cardinals will continue to make their final preparations for this Friday night at CORE Physical Therapy Stadium, where they plan to lay it all on the line to set the tone for the rest of the long season.



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The Lady Eagles had many chances to put one on the board throughout the match, but could not convert on those opportunities.



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Gabby Weldon boots the ball away for Graves during their loss to Henry County on Monday night.

EAGLES

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everything is going to click, and hopefully we can do that by the end of the season.”

The Lady Eagles have

just one last chance to get their first win of the season before they hit the road for the first time. They will host Murray this Thursday before heading to Marshall County for a match-up against the Lady Marshals next Tuesday.



Bluegrass Golf Tour

Following in her older sister’s footsteps, Paislie Miller was named the Bluegrass Golf Tour Player of the Year in the Girls 12 & Under Division.

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9-Hole Player of the Year award.

Paislie will also receive an invitation to the Bluegrass Cup.

The Bluegrass Golf Tour had 756 paid members in 2026, with players eligible to compete in more than 50 events. The top eight event point totals for each player were used to determine the Player of the Year standings.

The Miller sisters are among 10 players recognized as 2026 Bluegrass Golf Tour Players of the Year across the various boys and girls divisions.

The Player of the Year honors come with additional opportunities for the top junior golfers.

Through a partnership between the Bluegrass Golf Tour and the Flo-Gas Champion of Champions Junior Invitational, the Player of the Year and runner-up in seven divisions will have an opportunity to earn an invitation to compete in the 2027 World Championship in Ireland.

The international event features junior golfers from more than 35 countries and receives World Amateur Golf Ranking recognition.

The Bluegrass Cup field will include 48 players selected based on the Player of the Year rankings. The event and Player of the Year awards for the 18-hole divisions and Girls and Boys 12 & Under 9-Hole divisions will be held October 24-25 at Crosswinds Golf Club.

JONES

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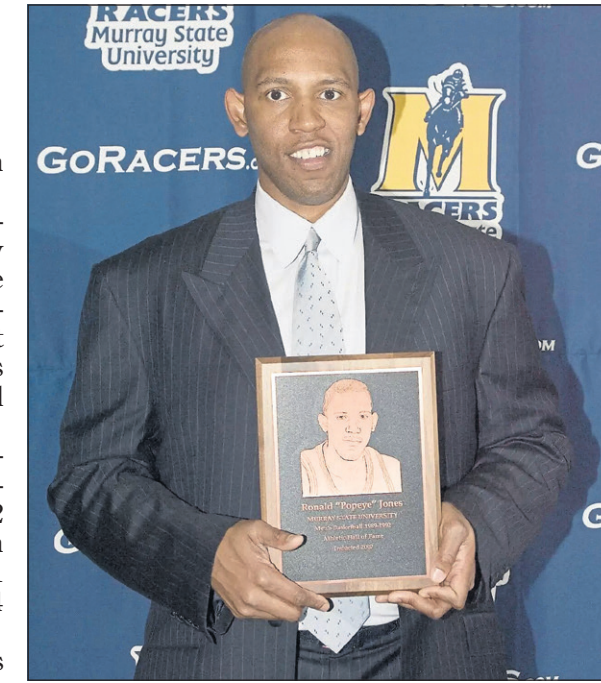
most prolific rebounder in Murray State history.

Jones arrived in Murray in 1988 and quickly established himself in the frontcourt. He was physical around the basket, but his biggest strength was his ability to find the ball once it came off the rim.

Jones won three consecutive OVC rebounding titles, averaging 11.2 rebounds per game in 1989-90, 14.2 in 1990-91 and a nation-leading 14.4 as a senior.

His senior season was the best example of everything Jones brought to the Racers.

He averaged 21.1 points and 14.4 rebounds per game in 1991-92, becoming one of only a handful of players in program history to average more than 20 points and 10 rebounds in a season. His 14.4 rebounds led the nation,



MSU Athletics

Popeye Jones was inducted into the Murray State University Hall of Fame in 2007.

and he helped Murray State win both the OVC regular-season and tournament championships.

Jones finished his Murray State career with 2,057 points and 1,374 rebounds. He remains

the program’s all-time leader in rebounds and is the only Racer to finish his career with at least 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds.

He was also one of the most decorated players in

the Ohio Valley Conference.

Jones was a three-time All-OVC selection and was named OVC Player of the Year in both 1990 and 1991. He earned All-America recognition during each of his final two seasons and was named OVC Athlete of the Year in 1991 and 1992.

His senior season ended with another trip to the NCAA Tournament. Murray State entered the tournament after winning the OVC regular-season and tournament championships, then they faced the Arkansas Razorbacks in the opening round.

It was the final college game for Jones in the loss, but certainly not the end of his basketball career.

The Houston Rockets selected Jones with the 41st overall pick in the 1992 NBA Draft. He began his professional career overseas with Milan before making his

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