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Easter to lead new **CARROLL** **OFFENSE** in 2025

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What do you do if you have a first-team all-region receiver returning who is a nightmare to guard? If you are Carroll County, the answer is move him to quarterback.

Yes, those yearning to see more jaw-dropping, athletic catches from rising senior Isaiah Easter in 2025 will be vastly disappointed as his 30 receptions for 556 yards and five touchdowns in 2024 will now be taking snaps behind center. Of course, that is a tradeoff head coach Seth Greer and his coaching staff are more than willing to make in an effort to get the ball in the hands of their best player on every snap.

“He’s just an athlete. Isaiah is the kind of guy if you line him up at wide receiver, you can try throwing the ball a few times, but you look at a kid like that and you go, ‘Man, we’d like to get him the ball 15 times a game,’” Greer said. “The easiest way is to make sure the ball is in his hands every play. It’s really that simple. It made sense to us and he’s a very smooth athlete, so he can do some things deception-wise in the backfield, and we think he will do well. He’s a leader. What we like about him too is he is really good under pressure. Isaiah is a competitor but he’s also the kind of competitor that doesn’t get very rattled. He wants the pressure situations.”

Easter’s athleticism at receiver and prowess at defensive back (he led the team with six interceptions a year ago) has earned him multiple recruiting looks from colleges. Moving to quarterback should not slow that process down at all, Greer said.

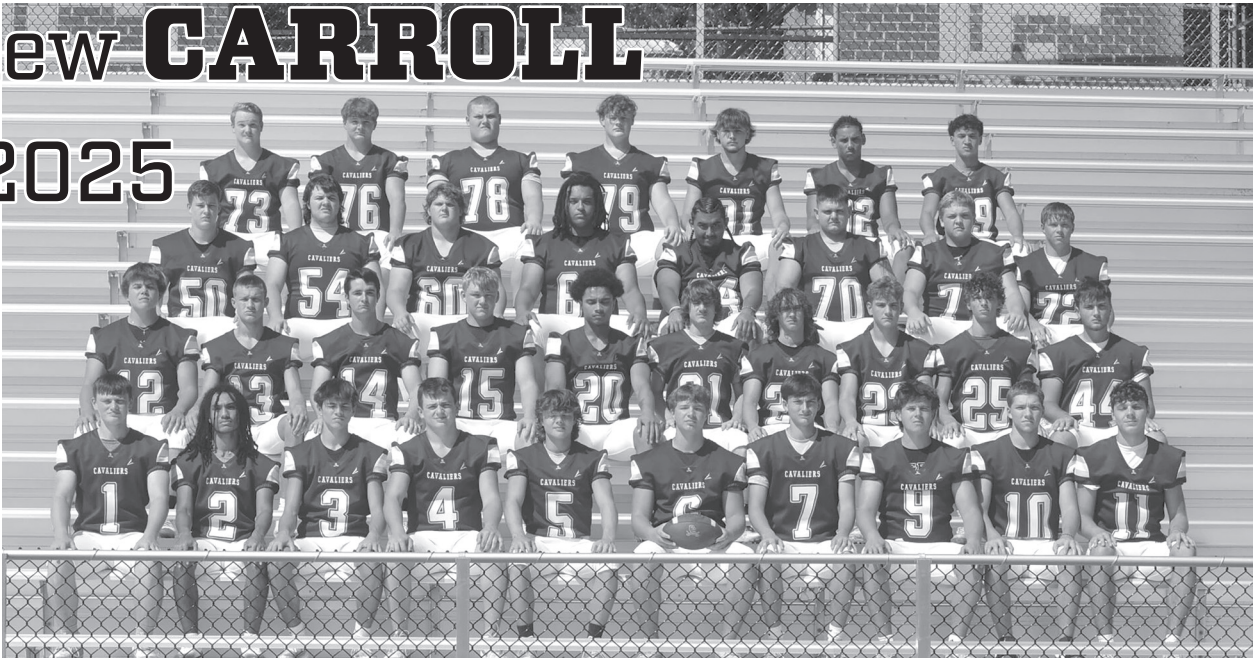
“It doesn’t matter to them. They have already seen what kinds of hands he has and his defensive film is just as good. We will still do some things where he can show off those talents, but they understand,” Greer said. “They get guys like this all the time that play multiple positions in high school. They really don’t care where you play in high school. They can tell where they want you, and Isaiah’s intangibles kind of speak for himself.”

With Easter behind center in Carroll’s new Power-T offensive system, the Cavaliers will try to make the playoffs again in 2025 for the second year in a row. Prior to last season’s appearance, Carroll had not been to the playoffs since 2010. Greer calls the Power-T both a running back-friendly and offensive line-friendly offense with a quarterback and three running backs in the backfield at the same time, lending itself to deception and similar elements of the single wing.

“It lets us distribute the ball. We will rotate those guys like crazy because we feel like we have a lot of running backs who can do some things with the ball, and they are physical,” Greer said. “Ayden Dickerson had a tremendous offseason. We’ve got some young guys come up like Dane Leonard and Klay Dalton, and Sam McGrady is going to play some tailback for us. He likes to to get in there and get physical and thump.”

Greer said the Cavaliers will also have the advantage of having fullbacks that are speedy like Youseff Elaffy and Hunter Gravley.

“Elaffy is fast and physical. Hunter is a younger guy that is kind of sneaky in there, so we’ve got a lot of guys we will be rotating,” Greer said. “It keeps our guys fresh and they’re having fun with it because they carry fakes out every play.”



Members of the Carroll County High School 2025 varsity football team are front row, from left: Klay Dalton, Jayden Brown, Blake Reed, Jake Nicholson, Hunter Gravley, Cash Crotts, E.J. Conner, Sam McGrady, Ben Chandler, Isaiah Easter. Second row: Connor Reece, Colton Gravely, Brady Ayers, Dane Leonard, Ayden Dickerson, Dan Miller, Caleb Shaw, Casen Alexander, Traven Taylor, Grady Quesenberry. Third row: Nick Wardwell, J.B. Roten, James Blankenship, Ivan Garcia, Tucker Hylton, Justin Chuckles, Clay Quesinberry. Fourth row: Kaden Delp, Fisher Myers, Foster Frazier, Austin Marshall, Dan Pollock, Donnie Dickerson, Youseff Elaffy.

Carroll will only start one senior on the offensive line this season in right tackle Tucker Hylton. Fisher Myers and Clay Quesinberry are both junior guards who Greer said can move. Center Kaden Delp is a strong kid, Greer said, and right tackle Foster Frazier is a 6-3, 320-pound sophomore “who is a big, strong guy who loves the weight room.”

“Our kids just gel together,” Greer said. “They understand what we are trying to do and they’ve embraced the physicality of what we are trying to do. That is what we are most excited about.”

Carroll certainly has plans to put itself to the test in the early going. Greer said the team purposely set up scrimmages against Magna Vista and Bassett in order to see tough competition. The Cavaliers’ opening game will continue that trend as Carroll travels Aug. 29 to open the season against former River Ridge and New River rival Christiansburg.

“We were tickled with how our kids competed in the first scrimmage. We wanted to see effort, guys getting to the football, playing physical. We saw that, so we are really happy with how physical our kids were and how they competed,” Greer said. “We wanted to see really good football teams early, and that was part of the the intent of our scrimmages and playing Christiansburg, was to test ourselves and get better. We were happy with what we saw.”

Defensively, seniors like Easter, Hylton, McGrady and Elaffy will carry the load. Both Ayden and Donovan Dickerson will be graduating early, Greer said, noting both are valuable contributors.

“We’ve got guys like Brady Ayers, a guy that works really hard to play multiple positions for us. Just one of those grinders and he will spell us in a lot of places. Austin Marshall, defensive linemen, he’s a big senior, 300-pound guy. He plays hard and will probably anchor our defensive line,” Greer said. “Ivan Garcia, he’s another 300-pound senior nose and he plays hard. We are truly a mixture and we like that. We can play some young guys and I don’t feel like the world is ending next season.”

McGrady earned all-district honors in 2024 at linebacker. He will be back at mike linebacker to call the defense and get the defense lined up correctly.

“He has helped these young guys transitioning. He helps them learn. He is a big film guy, watching hours of film a week,” Greer said. “He is also a physical presence. We are truly a team mindset. I don’t know if we feel like

we have many superstars, but we’ve got a lot of dudes. We know each other’s strengths and weaknesses. I think our job is just playing to those strengths. But I can tell you our guys like competing in practice.”

Elaffy and Klay Dalton are both powerful, explosive players as well, Greer said. E.J. Conner is back to handle kicking duties. Competition remains wide open for kick and punt returners.

Carroll’s schedule will look quite a bit different in 2025. For starters, the two-game non-district series with Grundy has been replaced with Christiansburg. The Cavaliers will also take trade Wythe County opponents, moving Fort Chiswell onto the slate to replace George Wythe. Alleghany moved out of the Three Rivers District in favor of the Shenandoah, while Martinsville takes their place.

“Christiansburg, Week 1, we wanted to start against good competition and we are kind of excited about that,” Greer said. “And the district move with Alleghany, but Martinsville is coming in and they are used to playing in a really athletic district. They won’t have trouble transitioning to our district. I like this shakeup. We are excited about the schedule and we feel like we can compete. We are just excited about today. They see themselves get better and better on film and I think now they understand the emphasis is on we just need to be a better team tomorrow and keep working at it.”

Nobody expected Carroll County to accomplish what it did a season ago, going 5-5 and reaching the playoffs. Greer credits much of that success on changing the culture. Now the goal is to continue building.

“Last year was the installation of culture and procedure of how we do things. Our kids do not have to learn how we operate, how we do things, what the expectations and behaviors are that we expect. They didn’t have to learn that,” Greer said. “So this off-season, I’m not joking, it was the day after, guys came back that Monday, they were ready. They want to work, so there was no acclamation to anything. We brought our younger kids in earlier. We got middle school kids in here much earlier, freshmen

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VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

Num	Name	Class
1	Klay Dalton	Jr.
3	Blake Reed	Jr.
4	Jake Nicholson	Jr.
5	Hunter Gravley	So.
6	Cash Crotts	Sr.
7	Evan Conner	Sr.
9	Sam McGrady	Sr.
10	Ben Chandler	Jr.
11	Isaiah Easter	Sr.
12	Connor Reece	So.
13	Colton Gravely	Jr.
14	Brady Ayers	Jr.
15	Dane Leonard	Jr.
20	Ayden Dickerson	Sr.
21	Dan Miller	Jr.
22	Caleb Shaw	Jr.
23	Casen Alexander	Jr.
44	Grady Quesenberry	Sr.
50	Jay Slate	Jr.
51	Nick Wardwell	Jr.
61	James Blankenship	Sr.

Num	Name	Class
64	Ivan Garcia	Sr.
66	J.B. Roten	Jr.
70	Tucker Hylton	Sr.
71	Justin Chuckles	So.
72	Clay Quesinberry	Jr.
73	Kaden Delp	Jr.
76	Fisher Myers	Jr.
78	Foster Frazier	So.
79	Austin Marshall	Sr.
91	Dan Pollock	Jr.
92	Donnie Dickerson	Sr.
99	Youseff Elaffy	Sr.



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Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Aug. 29	Christiansburg	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 5	Grayson Co.	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Galax	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Fort Chiswell	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 26	Patrick Co.	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 3	Glenvar	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 17	Floyd Co.	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Radford	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	Martinsville	Home	7 p.m.
Nov. 7	James River	Home	7 p.m.

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CARROLL COUNTY JV FOOTBALL



Members of the Carroll County High School 2025 JV football team are front row, from left: Camden Largen, Bryce Nicholson, Jayden Wright, Keylon Ketterer, Dane Huff, Alex Hawks, Jesus Villalobos Rodriguez, E.J. Gallimore. Second row: Julian Garcia-Rodriguez, Rowdy Payne, Connor Ratliff, Jahce Bradley, Bryson Keith, Jacob Bradley, Dayton Pollock, Logan Billings. Third row: Talon Henley, Jackson Eades, Brody Delp, Logan Seamen, Ben Sirkel, Ryan Stanley.



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year or much earlier. We knew who our guys where we can count on that were going to lead the way. That was the biggest thing, was the establishment of how we do things, and man they have bought right in.”
So much so that the middle school program

currently has two teams with a combined total of 55 players. That’s exactly how Greer wants it to be going forward.
“We went to our middle school AD and asked to play as many kids as we can so we don’t have 20 playing and 30 sitting. So they built us two schedules and our kids are playing,” Greer said.

“The middle school staff has their hands full. They are busy. They have to practice them all at one time, but we want to get as many kids playing as possible.”

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2025 CARROLL COUNTY JV FOOTBALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Aug. 29	Christiansburg	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 3	Grayson Co.	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	Galax	Home	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	Fort Chiswell	Home	6 p.m.
Sept. 25	Patrick Co.	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Glenvar	Home	6 p.m.
Oct. 16	Floyd Co.	Home	6 p.m.
Oct. 22	Radford	Home	6 p.m.
Oct. 29	Martinsville	Away	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	James River	Away	7 p.m.

JV FOOTBALL ROSTER					
Num	Name	Class	Num	Name	Class
2	Camden Largen	Fr.	34	Jahce Bradley	Fr.
3	Bryce Nicholson	So.	44	Bryson Keith	Fr.
4	Jayden Wright	So.	52	Jacob Bradley	So.
6	Keylon Ketterer	So.	53	Dayton Pollock	Fr.
7	Dane Huff	So.	55	Logan Billings	Fr.
10	Alex Hawks	Fr.	60	Talon Henley	Fr.
11	Jesus Villalobos Rodriguez	So.	64	Jackson Eades	Fr.
15	E.J. Gallimore	So.	68	Brody Delp	Fr.
23	Julian Garcia Rodriguez	Fr.	72	Logan Seamen	So.
25	Rowdy Payne	Fr.	76	Ben Sirkel	Fr.
33	Connor Ratliff	So.	79	Ryan Stanley	Fr.

CARROLL COUNTY DANCE TEAM



Members of the Carroll County High School 2025 dance team are front row, from left: Breanna Grimes, Emma Harman, Cora Leonard, Chloe Wright, Abigale Wright, Amelia Dalton. Second row: Isabel Jaime, Harper Smith, Kayleigh Robinson, Natalie Marshall, Lyric Bowman, Payton Shaw.

CARROLL COUNTY VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

2025 CARROLL COUNTY VARSITY VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE			
Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Aug. 28	Pulaski Co.	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	Marion	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	Patrick Co.	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	Patrick Henry-Glade Spring	Away	9 a.m.
Sept. 8	Lord Botetourt	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	Glenvar	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Lord Botetourt	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Marion	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 18	Floyd Co.	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	Pulaski	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	Radford	Home	7 p.m.
Sept. 25	Martinsville	Away	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	James River	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Patrick Co.	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 7	Glenvar	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	Floyd	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	Radford	Away	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Martinsville	Home	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	James River	Home	7 p.m.



Members of the Carroll County High School 2025 varsity volleyball team are front row, from left: Clara DeHaven, Callie Harris, Brooke Webb, Corrie Delp, Laiken Burnett, Raylee Goins. Back row: Coaches Kayla Nester, Faith Nicholson, Mattie Hiatt, Ali Wright, Alyssa Lawson, Arizona Thompson, Katie Beasley, Heidi Painter, Brealeigh Love, head coach Cindy Edwards.



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CARROLL COUNTY JV VOLLEYBALL

2025 CARROLL COUNTY JV VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Aug. 28	Pulaski Co.	Away	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Marion	Away	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 4	Patrick Co.	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Lord Botetourt	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 11	Glenvar	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Patrick Henry-Glade Spring	Away	9 a.m.
Sept. 15	Lord Botetourt	Away	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Marion	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 18	Floyd Co.	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Pulaski	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Radford	Home	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Martinsville	Away	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	James River	Away	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Patrick Co.	Away	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Glenvar	Away	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Floyd	Away	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Radford	Away	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Martinsville	Home	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	James River	Home	5:30 p.m.



Members of the 2025 Carroll County High School JV volleyball team are front row, from left: Ryleigh Myers, Scarlett Dalton, Addilynn Stanley, Ashton Rodrigue, Paisley Snider, Skylee Ayers, Paige Ogle. Back row: coach Sheila Harris, Willow Barham, Aubrey Henshaw, Annabelle Short, Hayden Heflin, Aaliyah Hampton, Morgan Osborne, Autumn Ashton, coach Nikki Heflin.



CARROLL COUNTY VARSITY GOLF

2025 CARROLL COUNTY VARSITY GOLF SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Sept. 3	Multiple	Olde Mill Golf Course	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	Ft. Chiswell	Away	12 p.m.
Sept. 22	Multiple	Olde Mill Golf Course	2 p.m.
Oct. 1	Pulaski	Olde Mill Golf Course	2 p.m.
Oct. 6	Regions	Draper Valley Golf Course	8:30 a.m.



Members of the Carroll County High School 2025 team are front row, from left: Bryce Cochran, C.C. Mitchell, Connor Higgs, Eli Lineberry, Aiden Chambers, Camden DeHaven, Adison McCraw, Alexander Turman. Back row: head coach Jeremy Ogle, coach James Shrewsbury, Landon Phillips, Fisher McMillian, Trace Reavis, Ethan Cook, Wyatt Ogle, Kyle Bunn, Gavin Webb, coach Brandon Turman, coach Brandi Mitchell.

CARROLL COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY

2025 CARROLL COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Where	Time
Aug. 28	Bassett	Away	4 p.m.
Sept. 6	Cave Spring	Away	10 a.m.
Sept. 10	Graham	Away	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Grayson	Away	4:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	Marion	Away	8:30 a.m.
Sept. 24	James River	Away	4 p.m.
Oct. 2	John Battle	Away	4 p.m.
Oct. 15	Galax	Hillsville Elem.	4 p.m.
Oct. 21	District Tourney	Away	4 p.m.
Oct. 28	Regionals	Bassett	4 p.m.



Members of the Carroll County High School 2025 varsity cross country team are, from left: head coach Shawn Montgomery, Alex Elepan, Amelia Forsyth, Trenton Newman, Parker Dunn, Will Dalton.



Members of the Carroll County Middle School cross country team are front row, from left: Alexis Ponce, Mason Ponce, Gavin Rossman, Logan Viars, Cade Shinault, Aleksa Harriman, Tymas Nissel. Second Row: Coach Shawn Montgomery, Colton Marshall, Isaac Chambers, Wyatt Burian, Joseph Tucker, Polly Bearer, Haleigh Smith, Niko Elepan. Not Pictured: Hayden Lineberry.



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CARROLL COUNTY VARSITY CHEER



Members of the Carroll County High School 2025 varsity cheerleading team are front row, from left: Timber Mundy, Holly Miller, Grace Chappell, Eden Willis. Second row: Violet Slate, Carlee Dalton, Sadie Leonard, Brooke Davis, Sydney Wise. Third row: Eva Ramirez, Taelynn Mundy, Jaila Lindsey, Elli Mankins, Elleigh Hall, Yuleimy Solis, Bailee Toliver.

CARROLL COUNTY JV CHEER



Members of the Carroll County High School 2025 JV cheerleading team are front row, from left: Teagan Grubb, Molly Montgomery, Addisyn Lineberry, Kyra Moser. Second row: Aleigha Bearer, Allie Carico, MaKinleigh Johnson, Juliet Castillo. Back row: Lilly Ogle, Chloe Moldovan, Keyanna Caviness, Karidy Edwards, Aubrey McCraw, Ailey Cochran.



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