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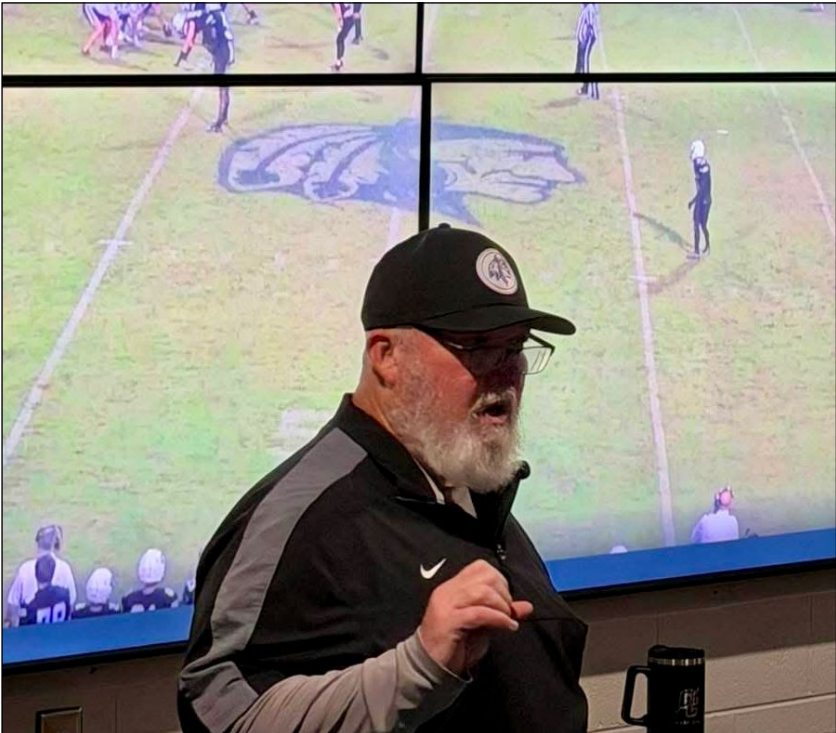


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Team Preview: Gordon Central Warriors

Warriors plan to build on successes from last season with new coach



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Gordon Central Head Coach Billy Blizzard has worked hard with the Warriors over the summer in his first season leading the team.

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Gordon Central had a big summer, and pre-season, and are ready to kick off the 2026season.

This is a new era for Gordon Central football, with a familiar face in new head coach Billy Blizzard leading the Warriors, bringing a wealth of experience, leadership and accolades to the program.

Coach Blizzard has 29 years coaching experience, including the past five years at Gordon Central. He was the 2025 Parker Resources Defensive Coordinator of the Year and the 2024 Parker Resources Assistant Coach of the Year.

Blizzard brings a champion mentality to Gordon Central, and aims to build on the successes that Gordon Central experienced last year; the team went 8-3 overall and 5-2 in region play, securing 3rd A Division 1 Region 7.

Blizzard is now focused on the task at hand: continuing to build Gordon Central Football into a powerhouse program.

The Gazette recently talked to Coach Blizzard about the upcoming season.

What do you want to implement to keep that momentum going this year?

I want to keep the momentum going by being intentional about consistency. We’ve worked hard to establish the foundation, and now I want to raise the standard and make it part of who we are.

What did the summer program involve for your team, what was the participation like and how much progress did the players make?

This summer consisted of strength/conditioning, summer workouts, 7 on 7, and OTA’s. It was a busy summer for a lot of our young men splitting time between football, basketball & baseball. Our focus was based on doing our job, learning fundamentals, and learning new offensive and defensive schemes. Also took a group of young men this summer

and helped the Healing Hands Clinic move into their new location.

What are you doing to keep your team motivated and encouraged?

We encourage our kids to focus on being the best that they can be. Make improvements each day and if they make mistakes, learn to correct them.

What do you hope to build on from last year to carry into this season?

Each year brings new dynamics to a football team. I want to build on the belief and momentum we created over the last few years. We saw our players begin to understand what it means to be a Warrior. Continue to play physical, disciplined, and be accountable.

What are the biggest keys for this team to focus on in order to have success this season?

We must be disciplined in our execution, limit mistakes, and our players need to stay focused on doing their job. Make sure we do the little things correctly.

Who are some of the impact players for your team in 2026?

Bently Talley (RB/LB)
Jamari Millsap (DB/WR)
Lane Bailey (OL/DL)
Gentry Allen (QB)
Barry Curry (WR/DB)
Jeremy Gregory (LB/RB)

Who do you think your toughest opponents in your region will be this year?

I think our region is going to be very competitive. Coaches in our region do a great job preparing their players each week. Each week brings different dynamics that you have to prepare for.

What are your overall expectations for what this team can accomplish for the 2026 season?

Our expectations are to compete. We want to build on the momentum from last year and take another step forward in our program.

IMPACT PLAYERS

BENTLY TALLEY, RB/LB

JAMARI MILLSAP, WR/DB

LANE BAILEY, OL/DL

GENTRY ALLEN, QB

BARRY CURRY, WR/DB

JEREMY GREGORY, LB/RB

2026 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Loc.
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AUG. 20	SE Whitfield	AWAY
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SEPT. 4	Coosa	HOME
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SEPT. 11	Butler	HOME
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SEPT. 18	Banks County	AWAY
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SEPT. 25	LFO	HOME
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OCT. 2	Chattooga	AWAY
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OCT. 9	Christian Heritage	HOME
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OCT. 16	Gordon Lee	AWAY
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OCT. 23	Fannin County	HOME
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Nov. 6	Dade County	AWAY
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All Games Begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.



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GORDON CENTRAL WARRIORS

TEAM PHOTO



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TEAM ROSTER

No.	Name	Position	Year	No.	Name	Position	Year	No.	Name	Position	Year
1	Gentry Allen	QB	11	23	Grantland Klaas	WR/DB	9	68	Lane Bailey	OL/DL	12
3	Bentley Talley	RB/LB	12	25	Ayden Brown	RB/LB	9	71	Thomas Minton	OL/DL	12
4	Jamari Millsap	WR/DB	12	26	Able Johnson	WR/DB	9	73	Lathan Harris	OL/DL	10
5	Barry Curry	WR/DB	11	28	Jax Watson	WR/DB	9	75	Kaidan Smith	OL/DL	12
6	Austin Brown	WR/DB	11	30	Ian Hernandez	RB/LB	9	81	David Guerra Mas	K/P	10
7	Asher O'Neal	WR/DB	11	36	Caspean Greene	WR/DB	10	89	Kierden Williams	WR/DB	11
8	Brayden Glosson	RB/LB	12	45	Karson Reynolds	TE/LB	9	Coaching Staff Billy Blizzard - Head Coach Jeff Schaum - Offensive Co. / OL Coach Aaron Parker - RB Coach Dre Prather - QB Coach Danny Garrett - WR Coach Jimmy Stuart - WR Coach Trace Laing- Defensive Co. / DL Coach Billy Blizzard - DB Coach Paul Walden - LB Coach John Rainwater - Football Op. / Sp Teams Brandon Bishop - Character Coach			
10	Clay Allen	RB/LB	10	50	Zane Dinning	OL/DL	12				
13	Michael Grubbs	QB/DB	9	52	Darien Lucky	OL/DL	11				
14	Kellan Pickens	WR/DB	10	55	Kacedon Smith	OL/LB	10				
16	Jaxson Petty	WR/DB	10	56	Lane Parker	OL/DL	11				
17	Jeremy Gregory	RB/LB	11	58	Lee Fowler	OL/DL	10				
18	Hunter Burchfield	WR/DB	11	61	Isaac Pierce	OL/DL	10				
20	Ethan Corpora	RB/LB	12	62	Logan Smith	OL/DL	11				
21	Raylan Stuart	WR/DB	9	63	Ayden Jackson	OL/DL	12				
22	Isaiah Corpora	RB/LB	12	64	Tom Patterson	OL/DL	11				

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Cheer Preview: Gordon Central Warriors



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The 2026 GCHS Warrior Cheerleaders are Kimberly Collins, Georgia Gregory, Shelly Allen, Ava Posey, Peyton Bodiford, Maylynn Ramirez, Mikayla Beasley, Sofia Medina-Soria, Emma Lamb, Allison Zapfen, Hannah Allen, Grace Robbins, Katie Reeves, Abbigail Seay, Zach Kirby, Olivia Smith, Da’Naziah Harrison, Presley Smith, Brylee Silvers and Analeigh Poteet.

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Gordon Central High School Cheer is ready for Friday Night Football! This year, Liza Allen is at the helm of the cheer squad. An alum of Gordon Central High School, Allen has spent five years coaching cheer and works as a special education teacher. A native of Gordon County, she is a proud mother of two boys, Isaac

and Lucas.
The Gazette was able to catch up with Allen recently to get her thoughts on the upcoming season.

What training/camps did the cheer squad participate in before the start of the season?

The cheerleaders practiced hard all summer to prepare for the season. Gordon Central Varsity Football Cheerleaders attended

FCA Cheer Camp at Emmanuel State University as well as stunt camp with Athletic Academy. These athletes spend the summer training and attending community events. They spent a week learning Game Day choreography as they will compete at the state competition December 10-11. They will also compete in various preliminary competitions in October and December. .

What types of activities will you do for the football team before games to keep the players pumped?
Spirit signs, goodie bags

What are your expectations for the squad this year?
My expectations are for us to grow as a squad, not only in skill, but in our relationships with our teammates.

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Band Preview: Gordon Central Warriors



2026 Gordon Central High School Blue Wave Marching Band.

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The Gordon Central High School Blue Wave Marching Band continues their new era under the direction of band director Cameron Born this year.

With seven years of experience working with middle and high school bands across Georgia, Born brings a passion for music, leadership, and a commitment to excellence to the Gordon Central Band Program.

After graduating from Armuchee High School, Born went to Jacksonville State University to pursue a degree in Music Education and participate in their marching band, the Marching Southerners. After completing his undergraduate and master's degree, he taught for five years before taking over at Gordon Central High School. He and his wife, Alex, currently reside in the Shannon area where they are halfway between family in Rome and work in Calhoun.

The Gazette spoke to Born about what fans in the stands can expect from the Marching Blue Wave Band's halftime performance this year.

What music will your halftime show feature?

Our show this year is titled "Celestial" and is a show about space and everything beyond our Earth. Most of the music is original compositions but has whispers of Diamonds by Rihanna throughout the show. We're very excited to perform this year's show!

What did you do to prepare for the season, and will you participate in any competitions this year?

To prepare for the season our students have put in an incredible amount of time and effort into countless rehearsals. Our percussionists and Color Guard members met all through the month of June. In July, we held a 3-week band camp totally almost 90 hours of rehearsal in July! The kids will showcase all of their hard work at our football games during halftime, and at 2 marching band competitions this year. We'll perform at Peach State Marching Competition in Rome, GA (October 24th), and The Yellow Jacket Classic in Rockmart, GA (October 10th). While the times haven't been set for those performances yet, our calendar can be found on our website at gordoncentralbands.org. Born is joined this year by director Holly Stokesbary from Jacksonville State

University where she held numerous leadership positions and Music City Drum Corps where she was a staff member assisting in teaching students who performed nationally.

2026 GORDON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING WARRIORS

DRUM MAJOR: Jertzain-Vasquez-saucedo

COLOR GUARD: Isaiah Miles, Payton Richards, Kiyah Heath, Isabella Baza, Taylor Sosebee, Ericka Anderson, Emme Kinsey, Carissa Burchett.

FLUTES: Victoria Noble, Kennia Gallardo, Tripper Burnette, Stacy Romero, Ja'zaeyah Torres, Venus Salgado, Joanna Perez.

CLARINET: Savanna Fields, Isai Moreno Guevara, Aaron Lopez Rodriguez, Kristine Anderson, Sarahi Garcia, Trenton 'Cece' Bowman, Joselynn Perez, Tingleigh Mills.

ALTO SAXOPHONE: Jocelyn Fuentes, Daryl Hensley, Isaac Rodriguez, East Clance, Abby Gross, Griffin Kirsch, Claudia Torres, Cheyenne Wilson, Greisy Men-

doza.

TENOR SAXOPHONE: Sheyla Ramirez-Mendez, Landon Pearson.

MELLOPHONE: Freya Leslie, Rhys Floyd, Gabriel Quinones.

TRUMPETS: Jace Floyd, Aleia Garland, Joel Hernandez Villagomez, Alexander Hernandez Diaz, Tristan Farris, Adrian Escobar, Rudy Suarez, Maliyah Porch.

TROMBONE: Kiran Leslie, Jack Waits, Eden Williams, Kamden Gooden.

TUBA: Promise Lago, Ethan Childers, Alex Vander Ploeg.

EUPHONIUM: Laramie 'Abisai' Rodriguez.

FRONT ENSEMBLE: Noah Childers, Zillionaire Li Ou, Brandon Brichaux-Barahona, Diego Chavez, Khloie Thomas, Annabelle Kempson, Clementine Riley.

DRUM LINE: Isaac Holbert, Meta (Brooklyn) McCarty, Waylon Harstine, Addison Adams, Landry Rainwater, Julie Zamora, Ethan Hall.

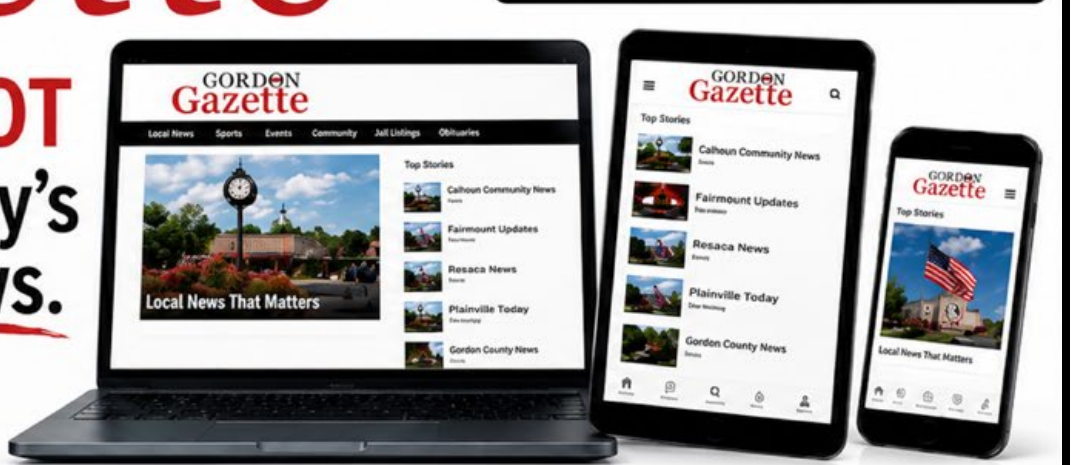


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