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Lassiter searching for day-by-day improvements

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Lassiter looks to keep moving forward this upcoming season.

Coach Sean Thom said his team is improving day-by-day. He said the Trojans have been working hard to improve over the offseason, and he is excited for them to put it together on the field.

Thom said this improvement is a great step for his players.

“It is exciting just seeing these guys put the pads on again and hopefully get this thing turned around to where we all want it to be,” he said.

Thom said he believes three phases of the team have improved since last season.

“We’ve improved our coaching staff,” he said. “I truly believe that. We improved our offense, and there’s a lot more continuity from last year with returning starters same thing defensively. The last phase I’d say is culture because I have a different feel with this team. The way the kids interact and the way they come to work. I believe their work ethic is truly elite, especially from what I’ve seen over high school kids the last 15 years.”

With the improvements that Lassiter has made, Thom said there is still room to grow.

“I think the biggest thing is just decisiveness,” he said. “These kids are smart, and they know what they’re doing. Just having them go out there and be decisive would be the biggest improvement we can make.”

Thom said there are a number of players he believes will make an impact this year.

He started with senior quarterback, Mitch Seaman, a 6-foot-1, 205-pound three-star quarterback according to Rivals.com. After his junior season, where Seaman completed 57.3% of his passes for 1,641 yards and six touchdowns, the staff believes he is primed for a big improvement this season.

Thom also mentioned Michael Henson, Alejandro Tobar and Keegan Sellers as offensive lineman that will make an impact. Henson is a 6-foot, 255-pound junior offensive guard. Tobar (6-0, 283) is a sophomore offensive tackle and guard and Sellers (6-2, 245) is a senior center.

Thom said that Lassiter has many impactful players in the front seven, including linebackers Reid Ashmore (73 tackles, 14 tackles for loss) and Cole Stewart (two tackles, one tackle for loss across four games) and defensive ends Chase Jones and Jake Johnson (combined for 36 tackles, nine tackles for loss and two sacks).

Thom said his skilled position players are going to be impactful this year as well. Defensive back Caden Bloom, running back Tyler Morton (101 yards, five touchdowns on 40 carries) and wide receivers Dalton Price and Collins Price (combined for 611 yards, two touchdowns on 52 receptions) were amongst the names listed.

Thom said every player has improved this offseason, which is why he expects a lot of players to make an impact this season.

“I know that it seems like we have a lot of guys, but I think we have a lot of good pieces now,” he said. “We just have to keep getting better and hopefully stay healthy.”

Thom mentioned players Jax Brickley, Luke Turner and Bryce Kitzrow as more players he expects to have a big leap in production this year. Brickley is a 6-foot-1, 146-pound junior safety. Turner is a 6-foot-1, 174-pound sophomore cornerback. Kitzrow is a 5-foot-9, 135-pound sophomore defensive back and receiver.

Thom said he is looking forward to seeing how his players have improved and how they can make an impact for the Trojans this season.

“Our big mantra that we’ve preached to them this offseason is ‘What are you doing to become the best version of yourself?’” he said.



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2024 RESULTS

Middletown	15-30	W
Alexander	14-15	L
Northview	42-0	W
Creekside	20-63	L
Woodstock	3-37	L
Pope	3-27	L
Sequoyah	6-43	L
Riverwood	16-24	L
Sprayberry	0-31	L
River Ridge	12-54	L

VARSITY COACHING STAFF

Sean Thom	HC
Josh Herring	OC
Joshua Poole	Asst. HC/OC
Paris Brown	DB/ST
Howie DeCristofano	OL
Chris Stewert	ILB
Campbell Price	DB
Austin Jefferson	OL
Anthony DeCristofano	OL
Tab Griffin	TE
Curts McGee	OL
Mike DeLuca	DB
Tim Morris	WR
Harold Germany	O Asst.
Rich Oria	O Asst.

2024 LEADERS

RUSHING

Mich Seaton 106 car, 223 yds. 2 TD

PASSING

Mich Seaton 153/267 1641 yds. 6 TD, 3 INT

RECEIVING

Gavin Rose 31 rec. 375 yds. 2 TD
Levi Mundt 27 rec. 339 yds. 1 TD
Collins Price 34 rec. 326 yds. 2 TD

TACKLES

Hendon Harrison 53
Reid Ashmore 73

SACKS

Joseph Grace 4

INTERCEPTIONS

Johnny Michaels 1
Hendon Harrison 1
Chase Jones 1

FAMOUS FOOTBALL ALUMNI

OL Reis Brannen (1992-95)	Florida State
TE Philip Lutzekirchen (2005-08)	Auburn, Los Angeles Rams
QB Hutson Mason (2006-09)	Georgia, Washington Redskins
LB Kevin Schimmelmann (1997-2000)	Stanford, Green Bay Packers
OL Camden Wentz (2005-08)	N.C. State, Minnesota Vikings

Coach: Sean Thom - 7th Season - Record: 13-47 - Career 13-47

FIVE YEAR RECORD 12-38

2024: 2-8
2023: 1-9
2022: 3-7
2021: 4-6
2020: 2-8

ALL TIME RECORD 210-238-2

REGION CHAMPIONSHIPS (3)
2013, 2012, 2009

STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS (0)

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