Nine Tigers players make the All-State Football Team

Hampton University College placed eleven student-athletes on the 2023 Virginia Sports Information Directors of America’s All-State Football Teams, including four First Team and two Second Team selections. In addition, junior safety Will Pickow was selected as the VADL Defensive Player of the Year, while senior wide receiver Mazyev Cunningham was picked as the VADL Offensive Lineman of the Year. Earning All-State First Team honors were Pickow, senior tight end/DB Malik Jean, junior running back Shiloh Spain, offensive lineman Tameo Minter, and wide receiver/Defensive End Tavion Bobby. Second Team All-State accolades were Cunningham, sophomore wide receiver Austin Perrier, junior free safety Shemar Haynes, and junior defensive end and offensive tackle Michael Hicks.

A SPOTLIGHT ON PICKOW, CUMMINGS, AND JEAN

Will Pickow started all 19 games and had 125 total tackles, including 80 and 73 assists. He recorded four for losses, four for a gain of 12, and two for a gain of 17. He had 12 tackles for losses and 10 tackles for a loss. Pickow was further honored as an All-State First Team and All-State First Team selection. He was additionally named to the 2022 Associated Press (AP) Division III All-Americans Team and the All-Region Second Team, while a three-time All-OAC First Team selection and two-time All-Region 3 selection

AUTUMN FORD, a part of history

and 33 years old, Ford has been a fixture on the field for the Tigers. She started her career as a walk-on, but quickly earned a scholarship and has been a valuable member of the team ever since. Ford is known for her leadership and work ethic, and has inspired her fellow teammates to do the same. She has helped lead the Tigers to multiple conference championships and is looking forward to continuing their success in the years to come.

CUMBERLAND SCHOLLS INTO PLAYOFFS

Some good news for Cumberland Hills, as the girls varsity basketball team finished first in the regular season with only two losses. The team had a confident lead by 13 points in the final game, securing their James River District Tournament championship. Head coach Melissa Collins is proud of the team’s performance and is looking forward to the playoffs.

DOWNTOWN FAIRFAXKEE KEEPS GROWING

The number of businesses in Downtown Fairfax is growing by the day. There are numerous businesses that are opening up, including a new restaurant and a coffee shop. The area is expected to see a further increase in the coming months.

LOCUMBERRY SIGNS DEAL WITH NIKE

We’re keeping an eye on the third player in today’s headlines, Locumberry. He’s signed a deal with Nike. As a result, he has a new set of shoes to wear during games.

NIKE has a reputation for being one of the most innovative and successful companies in the world, and Locumberry is excited about his new partnership. He’s looking forward to wearing the latest Nike gear and shoes on the court.

COURTHOUSE CONNECTOR GETS UPGRADE

Let’s finish this up today with another announcement. Cumberland County will be starting work on the Courthouse Connector Trail soon. That is because the Virginia Tobacco Commission gave the county $208,000 from its Southern Virginia Tobacco Trail Grant Program funds to construct the trail.

Says Michael Smith, the county’s building and ground services director. “This will help improve connectivity and make the area more accessible to visitors.”