



Arkansas 1992 Class A State Championships at Memorial Stadium in Little Rock

# THE RED DEVILS ROLL

AUGUSTA HIGH SCHOOL  
AUGUSTA, AR

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Nearly eighty miles northeast of Little Rock lies the small farming community of Augusta, Arkansas home of the Red Devil football team. This remarkable high school football team has grown through the leadership of only three head football coaches since it's foundation in the early 1940's.

Curtis King, once considered the dean of high school football in the state, established the Red Devil football program, and coached for over thirty years, retiring in 1973. Coach Larry Greene lead the team for the next seven consecutive seasons, from 1973 through 1979. Carol Wilson took the reins in 1980 and is currently serving as head coach. Carrol is

also the principal, athletic director and an english teacher of Augusta High School.

Ever since the beginning of the 1980 season, the Red Devils have been involved in the state playoffs nine times. Of these nine appearances, Augusta High participated in the championship game five times. However, the 1990 and 1991 seasons became true testers for the Red Devils as they missed the playoffs both years. The small, but determined, forty member team knew something had to be done, with hard work throughout the off season, and intense workouts in the weightroom the Red Devils were ready for a new season, and a new reign in the class A division. The hard work paid off with an undefeated



Celebration after Augusta defeated Murfrelsboro 27-20 for State Championship



season and a chance at the state title. In the state championship game, Augusta put together some impressive drives, a strong defense, and defeated Murfreesboro 27-20, bringing home another state championship in 1992.

During the 1992 season, the team defeated both a Double A team as well as a triple A team, making it a time when one "A" is truly better than five "A"s'. Since 1980, Coach Wilson and the Red Devils have amassed an impressive 112-39-3 record. (54-29-0 as a AA school and 58-10-3 as a class A school.)

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our kids for the upcoming season." states coach Wilson "Our philosophy is that when the game is on the line, strength and conditioning will get you over the wall and give you a greater chance to succeed."

"The Bigger-Faster-Stronger Program has lifted us to heights we probably could not have reached otherwise. Our athletes have come to understand that the sweat in the weight-room produces winners on the field and in the hallways at school." said Coach Wilson.

During this last seasons 13-0-1 championship campaign, the Red Devils averaged over thirty-two points per game while giving up a mere ten points (most of which came after the game had been decided) with the starting defense on the sideline.

"The biggest impact of the Bigger Faster Stronger program on this past season became very evident during this most recent run in the state playoffs," declared Wilson. "During the last three games, the Red Devils consistently put together long, ball-control drives that were possible, we feel, only through the strength and conditioning program our players had participated in. The offensive front line, in particular, consisted of young men who had really paid the price in the weight room. That intense work ethic transferred from the weight room directly to the home field, and at crunch time made the winning difference."

Today with players and coaches sporting new state championship rings, coach Wilson reminded the team "we must quickly remember that rings don't win championships, hard work does." The Augusta High Red Devils are looking forward to the upcoming new season, as they strive to keep the winning tradition alive.



Chris Nolan Deadlifted 615 lbs. in a BFS Clinic 3 years ago at the age of 15



L. Quincy Pryor Deadlifting 385lbs.



Joe Brown, 5' 8" DB



# 2 Mike Maurg gives to # 44 Zeb Bradley

