



# Spartan Athletic Newsletter

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## Spartans Rally Late but fall in Round 1 of Playoffs

The North Springs Spartans returned to the 5-A football playoffs again this year, facing the Region 5 #1 seed Arabia Mountain Rams at Hallford Stadium. After trailing 28-0 at halftime, Coach Scotty Parker's Spartans battled back before some untimely penalties left them short at 35-21. The Spartans drove to their 44 before turning the ball over on downs to open the game. Arabia Mountain used a swing pass left to score on their first play. After a Spartan sack fumble lost at their 13, the Rams scored another TD in one play to lead 14-0 three minutes into the game. **Jahvon Millard** returned the kickoff to the 41 to start a drive to the Ram 10 with a **Brian Adams** throw to **Zahir Nichols**, pass interference, and a keeper with fumble recovered by lineman **Francis Shema**. Before kicker **Osman Rusayev** could kick a field goal, a bobbled snap ended the promising possession. The defense had a great series led by tackles from **Jahvon Millard**, **Dante Camp**, **Stanley Jackson**, and **JaRon Bradley**.

The Spartans gambled successfully on 4th down on the next series and followed that with Adams passes to **Nick Keou** and **Ryan Gordon**, **Zahir Nichols**, and **Jalen Delaney**. Combined with **Caleb Neely** carries, the Spartans drove to the Ram 7 before turning the ball over on downs. The Rams quickly drove 93 yards for another TD and 20-0 lead. **Caleb Neely** rushing helped the Spartans drive to the Ram 23 before turning the ball over on downs again. With 3 seconds left in the half, the Rams ran a beautiful reverse option for a 28-0 lead.

The Spartans opened the second half with the first of 4 unsuccessful onside kickoffs, but **Jalen Delaney** soon recovered a Ram fumble at their 34. **Ryan Gordon** caught a pass at the 17 but a subsequent chop block call led to a 4th and 27 play. Adams hit **Zahir Nichols** for 26.5 yards, coming up a foot short of a first down. **JaRon Bradley's** QB sack ended the next Ram drive. **Caleb Neely** smashed his way to the Ram 15. An Adams keeper and **Kyree Greene** run set up a Neely 3-yard TD and **Osman Rusayev** PAT with 3 minutes left in the 3rd. Unfortunately, the Rams countered with a TD 2 minutes later.

Early in the 4th quarter, Adams hit **Zahir Nichols** to the Ram 33. Two plays later, Adams lofted a beautiful pass to **Ryan Gordon** for a 31-yard TD and 35-14 score. The Spartan defense stopped the Rams on downs at the NS 20. **Caleb Neely** powered his way to the Ram 46 and then 37 as part of his impressive 137 yards of rushing. **Zahir Nichols** caught a pass at the 25. **Nick Keou** was interfered with to move the ball to the 13 and then caught a TD pass right on

the goal line to pull within 35-21 at the 7:05 mark. A **Graylyn Stokes** sack helped force a Ram punt. **Nick Keou** caught a 17-yard pass and eventually **Jalen Delaney** to the Ram 26, but another chop block call and then holding squashed the Spartan drive. Arabia Mountain then ran out the clock.

The big rushing night and aggressive aerial assault would not have been possible without the yeoman work of the offense line: **DanTee Palmer, Brendan Liu, Stanley Jackson, Francis Shema, TJ Faust,** and **Jordan Harvey**. Congratulations to the Spartans for another winning season!

## **Girls Cross Country Completes Successful Season**

The Lady Spartan Cross Country Team competed at the GHSA State Cross Country Meet on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Carrollton HS after finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in Region 6-5A. **Sophia Charanis** would lead the way for North Springs with a time of 23:11:56. The girls would finish 25<sup>th</sup> in the state in class 5A. Congratulations on a great season!

## **Spartans Hurdler Signs with UCF Knights**

Senior **Jayda Drake-Howard** inked a National Letter of Intent on the first day of the early signing period with the University of Central Florida to join their Women's Track Team next fall. Jayda is the state's top 100m and 300m hurdler as well as a senior leader for the Lady Spartans. She epitomizes what it means to be a student-athlete, by boasting a 3.9 GPA. Congratulations to Jayda, her parents, Coach Carroll, and Coach McKay on this great accomplishment!

## **Spartan Tennis Team Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A**

The North Springs Spartans Boys and Girls Tennis Teams will be hosting Spirit Night at the Perimeter Pointe Chick-fil-A Monday, November 13 from 5-8 PM. 20% of the proceeds go to the tennis team as long as you mention the North Springs Tennis fundraiser during the hours of 5-8 PM.

## **Baseball Raffle Fundraiser**

Do you know anyone who likes to grill? Do you know anyone who wants to switch from grilling on a conventional charcoal or gas grill to a Big Green Egg? Now is your chance to buy them (or yourself) a Big Green Egg for \$5...Yes, you read that correctly, \$5! The North Springs HS baseball program is raffling off a full size Big Green Egg. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or you may purchase 5 tickets for \$20.

Please contact Coach Gershon (<mailto:gershonmj@fultonschools.org>) or any baseball players in you may know if you'd like to purchase a raffle ticket. We will be selling tickets until November 14th with the drawing for the winning ticket taking place at halftime of the North Springs vs. Dunwoody boys' basketball game on Friday November 17th. You do not need be present at the drawing to win.

Thanks for supporting your North Springs Spartans baseball program!

## This Week's Events

### **November 14**

Frosh BKB vs. Dunwoody 4:30 PM  
JV Girls BKB vs. Weber 4:30 PM  
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Varsity Girls BKB vs. KIPP ATL 6:00 PM  
Varsity Boys BKB vs. KIPP ATL 7:30 PM

### **November 15**

Varsity Wrestling @ Pope HS 6:00 PM

### **November 16**

SABC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

### **November 17**

JV Boys BKB vs. Central Carrollton 4:30 PM  
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Frosh Boys BKB vs. Central Carrollton 6:00 PM  
Varsity Girls BKB vs. Dunwoody 6:00 PM  
Varsity Boys BKB vs. Dunwoody 7:30 PM

### **November 18**

Varsity Girls BKB vs. SW ATL Christian 12:30 PM  
Boys & Girls Swim @ Greyhound Invite (@Mountain View Aquatic Ctr.) 2:00 PM  
Varsity Boys BKB vs. SW ATL Christian 2:30 PM

## **Athletic Registration & Sport Physical Information**

The North Springs Athletic Department has partnered with Planet HS to make the process of registering your students for athletics a much smoother and more convenient. Parents and students will now have the ability to complete all of the necessary registration forms for participation in our athletic programs via their computer, tablet, or smartphone. **We will no longer utilize Privity for registration.** This is a faster and more efficient way for the athletic staff, parents, and students to keep track of each student's pre-participation forms. You can visit our athletic website [www.northspringsathletics.org](http://www.northspringsathletics.org) and click the "Register for Sports" to begin registration. You will find the "Getting Started Guide", "Quick Account Creation Flyer", and the Physical Examination and Clearance Forms. All forms can be filled out and signed electronically. The only forms to print and upload are the physical examination and clearance forms. It is required for each student to have insurance coverage. If you need to purchase school insurance, the application can be found on our website as well under the "Forms" tab. Students will not be permitted to participate in conditioning, practices, or competitions unless they have an **approved** physical on file via Planet HS. If you have any questions, please contact Athletic Director Lamarr Glenn at [glenn@fultonschools.org](mailto:glenn@fultonschools.org).

[Student Accident Insurance Application \(English\)](#)

[Student Accident Insurance Application \(Spanish\)](#)

## Online Payments for Athletic Fees Now Available!

Parents and Students...

North Springs High School is excited to announce that we can now accept online payments for athletic fees. You can now pay fees without the risk of checks being held or lost. Click the "Links" tab on our athletic webpage [www.northspringsathletics.org](http://www.northspringsathletics.org) to register and make payments online with a credit card for lockers, senior dues, and more. See list of items available to pay when you log in. Easy, quick and convenient!

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