



# JUNCTION CITY DRAGONS PLAYOFF NOTEBOOK



## ARKANSAS CLASS 3A PLAYOFFS – QUARTER-FINALS

**NOVEMBER 24, 2023**



**JUNCTION CITY**

**VS**



**GLEN ROSE**

**FIRST MEETING**

- This is the Dragons' 19<sup>th</sup> Quarter-Final appearance. Junction City is 16 – 2 in quarterfinal games. At home the Dragons are 10 – 1 and on the road, Junction City is 6 – 1.
- Junction City is playing its 92<sup>nd</sup> playoff game. The Dragons record in playoff games is 72 – 19.

### **MEMORABLE GAMES**

There is no doubt what game is the most memorable in school history. On November 26, 1999 Junction City met the Shiloh Christian Saints at then Dragon Field in the state Quarter-Finals. The game was delayed over an hour due to the lights going out. When the lights came back on, the fireworks began. Junction City took a quick 24 – 0 lead, then led 38 – 14 before Shiloh Christian rallied to claim a 70 – 64 victory on a touchdown in the final two minutes. Articles that appeared in state newspapers in the following days called the game “legendary,” “mythical” and “unbelievable.” One paper said it would “become one of those games that started with 6,000 in

attendance and, as the story grows through the years, will probably end up with around 40,000 there.” There were a lot of great performances but two stand out. Saints quarterback Rhett Lashlee passed for 672 yards and threw 8 touchdown passes. Dragon running-back Marcus Godfrey rushed for 312 yards and scored 3 touchdowns.

### **GAME NOTES**

- Last Friday’s 63 – 50 win over Walnut Ridge was the second highest combine point total in a Junction City playoff game. The 113 total points is second only to the 134 points scored by the Dragons and the Shiloh Christian Saints in the Quarter-Finals of the 1999 state playoffs.
- Dominique Grimes had a record breaking performance against Walnut Ridge. Grimes set a school record of 417 yards of total offense. (307 rushing yards, 73 receiving yards, 37 return yards) and scored 5 touchdowns (4 rushing, 1 receiving). He also scored (2) 2-point conversions. Grimes broke the record previously set by C.J. Johnson who rushed for 392 yards against Conway Christian in the second round of the 2015 state playoffs.
- Grimes is now tied with Harlandus Frazier (33 receptions, 2019) for 4<sup>th</sup> place on the most receptions in a single season list. He is also tied with Frazier (2017 – 19) for 6<sup>th</sup> place on the career reception list.
- Grimes has 719 receiving yards this season, which places him 4<sup>th</sup> on the most receiving yards in a single season list. He moved past Robert Anderson (714 yards, 1985 – 87) for 7<sup>th</sup> place on the career receiving yardage list.
- With 1,705 yards of total offense, Grimes needs 42 more yards to move into the single season total offensive yards top ten.
- Lamontra Hankton continues to climb up the single season record charts. He is now 7<sup>th</sup> on the single season total offensive plays list with 232 (1 pass reception, 138 pass attempts, 93 rush attempts).
- Hankton moved up to 5<sup>th</sup> place on the single season Total Yards list. He now has 2,107 total yards (4 yards receiving, 729 rushing yards, 1,374 passing yards). Hankton is the 7<sup>th</sup> Dragon to total over 2,000 yards of offense in a season.
- With 1,374 passing yards, Hankton moved past Randall Holyfield (1,292 yards, 2014) for 4<sup>th</sup> place on the single season passing yardage list. He moved past Will Smith (1,358 yards, 2013 – 15) for 7<sup>th</sup> place on the career passing yardage list.
- Hankton is tied for 5<sup>th</sup> with Drew McKinnon (2003) and Shuvasceiaye Frazier (2017) on the single season touchdown pass list with 17. He needs two more to tie Brady Hutcheson (19, 2019) for 4<sup>th</sup> place.
- With his 75 completions, Hankton now ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> on the single season completion list. He passed Brady Hutcheson (71, 2019) and Gabe Richard (71, 2020) Friday to move into 3<sup>rd</sup> place.
- Hankton moved past Shuvasceiaye Frazier (70, 2015 – 17) on the career pass completion list with his 75 completions this season. Three more completions will put him in 8<sup>th</sup> place. Decoreon Dubose (76, 2020 – 22) and Will Smith (77, 2013 – 15) are currently ahead of him.
- Hankton is now tied with Randall Holyfield (2014) with 31 touchdowns on the single season Touchdown Responsibility list.
- Brady Penister now has 102 tackles on the season.