

# Prep Football 2009

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The road  
to the Dome  
**BEGINS**

## ...at the end of the day, everyone wears their uniform the same way

**H**ere we are, in late August, school is back in session -- the days are getting shorter and the sounds of marching bands can be heard off in the distance. Pretty soon the days will become shorter still, the leaves will turn color and before you know it, the heat will give way to cool evenings. Most importantly though, football season is

less than a week away. This time every year, high schools throughout the country are bustling with excitement. It's the renewed optimism each school shares whether it went 0-10 last year or won the state title with a perfect 15-0 season. Everyone is tied for first right now. Come Friday, helmets will crash. Here in Newton County, three teams embark on what each hopes to be a glorious ride

to the Georgia Dome. It won't be easy. Winning never is. Rather it will be a new journey for each to student athlete won't ever forget. That's what high school football

does to people. It's intoxicating. It burns into the souls of communities. It brings out the best in young men and sometimes the worst in others. Through it all, I'll be there to tell the stories. Now let's take a look at what we can expect.

playoffs this year. Special teams for one cannot give up big plays, let alone two touchdowns in a single game. The kicking game will have to score points too. But that's just part of the equation.

Offensively, the Rams have several questions but not a whole lot of answers. Front and center is at quarterback. What is Newton going to get out of Tyree Williams? Based on what we saw

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