# **MISSOURIAN**



Hickman senior Carrig Irelan, middle left, talks with a Belleville West defender while getting set Friday at Hickman in Columbia. The Kewpies will play Hazelwood Central in districts next week.

In each of its final three games of the regular season, Hickman started a different quarterback, each from a different grade and with a different style of play. When Cooper Thornhill suits up Friday against Hazelwood Central in the first round of the Class 6 District 2 tournament, he will be the third quarterback to start multiple games for Hickman this season. The play from all three quarterbacks has been great at times. At others, not so much.

### The good

The Kewpies have managed to win games with two of the three quarterbacks. Senior Colbin Clark, who was the starter coming into the season, won games against Capital City and Smith-Cotton. Thornhill, a sophomore, started and won last week's game against Belleville West after the true starting quarterback, freshman Carter Holliday, missed his second game with an illness.Both Thornhill and Clark saw playing time last week, and coach Cedric Alvis is comfortable with either option going into Friday's big game. "We are definitely high on Colbin — he is a great kid," Alvis said. "Cooper is the exact same way, does all the right things, multisport athlete. Both of them we have a lot of confidence, a lot of faith in."

# The bad

Against more talented teams, minimizing mistakes is crucial to win. So far this season, Hickman's quarterbacks have made plenty. In its past five games, Hickman QBs have thrown four interceptions with only two touchdowns. Because Hickman prefers to lean on the run game with Deon Weston, Alvis is only looking for one thing from his quarterbacks. "Just hold on to the football," Alvis said. "If we can just hold on to the football and take advantage of what the defense gives us, it can be a big game for us."

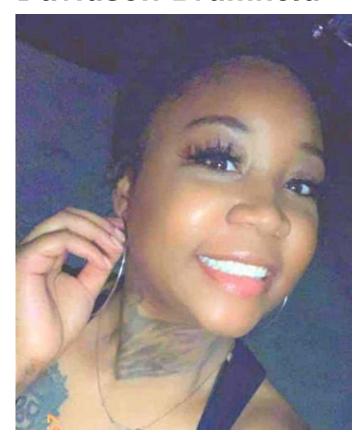
## The ugly

The Kewpies will be without Holliday, a dynamic freshman, for the rest of the season after he was diagnosed with mononucleosis. Holliday took over the starting role against Jefferson City and didn't look back, helping guide the Kewpies to 31 points in his first start. His ability to make plays with his legs added an element that Hickman will miss. "The difference is one is a little bit more mobile than the other," Alvis said. "Cooper does have a little bit more of a live arm, though, so we'll utilize that." Luckily for the Kewpies, a lot of their playmakers at wide receiver have played with Thornhill before. "Last year, Coop played with a lot of our sophomores," Alvis said. "He has chemistry with a lot of those kids. He grew up with them." Holliday's shoes will be hard to fill, and Hickman will find out if Thornhill is up to the task when the Kewpies host the Hawks on Friday. Despite being the lower seed, Hickman will play at home because Hazelwood Central did not meet MSHSAA's COVID-19 policies.

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# Simone Davidson-Brumfield



Simone Davidson-Brumfield, 28, of Burlington, died at 7:52 PM Monday, October 18, 2021, at her home. Born December 2, 1992, in Saint Louis, MO, she was the daughter of Denise Wilkins and Greg Davidson, and raised by Denise and Paul Wilkins. She was married to Louis Brumfield Jr. in 2017.

Simone attended Burlington High School until her senior year and then graduated from Hazelwood West High School in Hazelwood, MO. She enjoyed being a cheerleader for football at BHS and playing volleyball in junior high at James Madison Middle School. Simone always had a good work ethic and worked her first job at HyVee at the age of 14. She also worked at Kohl's in St. Louis prior to working as a med-tech for a pharmacy there.

She was of the Christian faith attended various churches in Burlington. Simone loved art, dancing at Cheryl's, karate, and attending family gatherings. She was a people person and loved music, and doing hair and makeup.

Survivors include her parents, Denise and Paul Wilkins; husband, Louis Brumfield of Troy, MO; one daughter, Kehlani Blue Brumfield; one son, Greyson Presley Prince Prutsman; siblings, Persaphone Tai (Austin) Grant of LaHarpe, IL, Paul Wilkins, Jr., Ciera Wilkins and Alena Wilkins all of Burlington; maternal-grandparents, Sidney (Dorothy) Gaines of Burlington; paternal grandmother, Flora Wilkins of Burlington; paternal grandparents, Charlie and Evelyn Davidson of Florissant, MO; many aunts, uncles, and cousins, and her father, Greg Davidson.

She was preceded in death by maternal and paternal great-grandparents, and one brother, Logan Heyveld. Family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home.

The funeral service for Simone will be 1:00 PM Friday, October 29, 2021, at Prugh~Thielen Funeral Home with Pastor Nathan Williams officiating. Burial will be in in Keokuk National Cemetery, Monday, November 1, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

Prugh Funeral Service is in care of the arrangements. To send flowers to Simone's family, please visit our floral store.

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