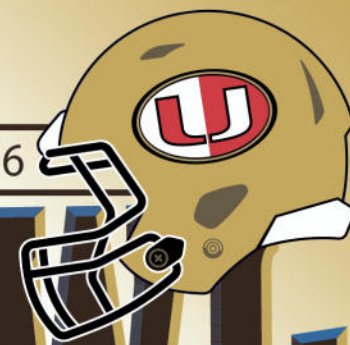


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# MoHawk Bowl just another game in the coaches' eyes

BY ERIC HERTER  
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For Sean Biser and John Kelley, this week's playing of the MoHawk Bowl might as well be any Friday fall evening.

Neither head coach is going to bring out their best pre-game speech, nor will there be any galvanizing halftime hoopla.

Both coaches view this contest as just another game.

"We are doing the same things we always do to prepare for a game," Biser, in his fourth season at MHS, said. "It's a good rivalry, it's a community game but it's also the next game on the schedule."

UHS head coach John Kelley, now in his 37th year at the helm of the Hawks, has

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## MOHAWK

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a similar take on this contest.

"I think it is really nice for the community," Kelley said. "It's a nice rivalry. It's good for the schools. It's a good showcase for two great schools, excellent bands, excellent cheerleaders — but as far as we go, it's no different than any other game."

Eight games into the season, neither team is going to reinvent the wheel for this contest.

Morgantown (6-2) is going to rely on a diverse offense and a stingy defense while the Hawks (4-4) will look for the big play through their explosive pass offense.

The Mohigans are just 14 points away from possibly entering this contest undefeated. They are virtually a lock for the playoffs and a win over UHS this week along with a win over Linsly next week likely secures home field for the first round.

MHS allows just 10.9 points per game on defense while scoring 27.3 points per game on offense. The lone hiccups for the Mohigan defense were in a 26-16 loss to Wheeling Park and a 38-34 loss to Parkersburg South.

"They have all the advantages this year," Kelley said. "They are very experienced. It's a classic Morgantown High, Sean Biser team. They are very physical, very aggressive with lots of speed. They have all the tools."

Defensive back and running back Bobby Powell is one of the main weapons for the Mohigans as he leads the team with 480 yards rushing and over 100 yards receiving on the season. He has also victimized the Hawks in previous meetings.

"Powell has been a thorn in our side for three years," Kelley said. "He is a small kid with a giant heart. He is a game breaker, and they use him effectively."

Caleb Nutter and AJ Thomas have also helped on the MHS ground game. Nutter



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Above, University's Noah Braham (6) fights through the tackle of Morgantown's D'anthonye Rice during last year's MoHawk Bowl. Below, Morgantown players run onto Pony Lewis Field before the 2022 MoHawk Bowl.



is second on the team with 365 yards rushing while Thomas leads the team with 10 rushing touchdowns.

"(UHS) is going to try to take something away," Biser said. "We have to play off that. That is what our offense is based on. We have to find success on offense

running jet, running inside."

Last season, it was the Mohigans picking up a 21-20 win over the Hawks. Quarterback Maddox Bowers, now a senior, played a pivotal role in that contest as he asked Biser to run an inside give to Thomas for the winning score.

This year, Bowers has done plenty with his arm as he is closing in on 1,000 yards passing and has also thrown for eight touchdowns.

"Maddox is a smart kid," Biser said. "He has been around a lot of football and sees the game really well."

The quarterback on the other side of this contest, University's Luke Hudson, is going to be key to the Hawks' success. He has thrown for over 2,000 yards with 17 touchdowns and the big-play ability of the Hawks rests in Hudson's right arm.

"It all starts with their QB," Biser said. "He's really good."

Kelley acknowledged that the Hawks must walk a fine line of getting into a scoring battle with MHS and getting into a physical game.

"For us to have a chance, we have to keep it close," Kelley said. "A low-scoring game like what we did with Wheeling Park. We can't let them run up and down the field. We have to keep it close for a while and try to find a way to win."

A victory for UHS against the Mohigans and a win the following week at Oak Hill might be enough for the Hawks to sneak into the playoffs.

In order to pull off the upset Friday, UHS will need more than just Hudson and his favorite targets Ethan Jackson (638 receiving yards and 10 TDs), John Coleman (386 receiving yards) and Kaleil Lewis (270 receiving yards). The UHS run game led by Melique Lewis will also have to help.

Lewis, a big bruising back with nimble feet, leads the UHS run game with 307 yards on the ground, but UHS has scored just five rushing touchdowns all season.

"They have some really good skill athletes," Biser said. "(Melique Lewis) is tough to tackle and their defense has got some players. (Linebacker Brock) Kehler is a dude and (Anthony) Rivera is tough on their line."

No matter how the game ends, both coaches can agree on one thing — this is just another game in their minds.

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# Brotherly bonds run deep for University football this season

BY MATTHEW PEASLEE

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In order for a team to function at the highest level, players need to work together as a close, cohesive unit.

So do families.

For some members of the University High football team, the “band of brothers” mentality is taken quite literally — on the field and at home.

Senior leaders Trey Blunt and Melique Lewis have the unique opportunity of playing alongside their younger brothers. Lewis’ younger brother is freshman Kaleil Lewis and Blunt’s younger brothers are junior Kylan Blunt and sophomore Keltin Blunt.

“We’ve never actually played together before this season, we always missed each other by one year for any team,” Melique Lewis said. “I explained to him when he was in eighth grade that he would have a chance to start as a freshman and it would be our only opportunity to play on the same team, ever. So he took that information and did what he did and got his chance to start.”

Kaleil is one of University’s top receivers in just his first year of varsity football.

“Playing at the high school level is very fun to me,” Kaleil said. “I really like the competition people give me. I also love how hard my peers on the football team are on me to constantly get better because they never let me slack off on a play.”

No Hawk teammate is harder on him than his older brother. That includes now, and all their years growing up together. Whether it be on the football field, basketball court, baseball diamond, or running around the track, there was always heated competition for the Lewis brothers.

Slacking off was never accepted.

“It was never taken easy on him,” Melique said. “He always wanted me to play to the fullest extent even though it



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University seniors Melique Lewis (45), top left, and Trey Blunt (70), top right, are both playing alongside their younger brothers this season. Melique is playing for the first time ever with his brother Kaleil Lewis (80), bottom left, a freshman. Trey starts on the Hawks defense alongside brothers Keltin Blunt (4), bottom middle, and Kylan Blunt (1), bottom right.



wasn’t fair for him. I started to notice he was getting good when he was in seventh grade. He started to get bigger than everyone, for real, and even taller than me. He just started dominating in everything.”

That sense of household competition has been alive for years in the Blunt household as well.

“During my upbringing, I certainly had to adjust my intensity when playing with my brothers, but when it came to working out and practicing, I gave it my all,” Trey Blunt said. “I could see them coming into their own during their fresh-

man years, first with Kylan and now with Keltin.”

The three Blunt brothers are all currently in the starting defensive lineup for the Hawks. Keltin said it’s “astonishing,” especially for him getting to play at the varsity level at such a young age.

“The surreal feeling of sharing the field with two of my older siblings is truly remarkable,” he said.

The Blunts’ oldest brother, Calvin Jr., is currently on the track and field team at Wheeling University. Speed runs in the family as their father, Calvin Sr., owns

and operates Team6Blunt Speed Training, specializing in improving athlete’s linear and lateral speed, quickness, agility and sport-specific position work.

“Recognizing that I was younger than Calvin Jr. and Trey, I recognized that I had to take advantage of opportunities to train more and excel,” Kylan said. “I was always driven to improve my athletic abilities. I had to adapt quickly because my chance arrived sooner than expected.”

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# All business on the field, Morgantown's Bobby Powell has picked up a relaxing hobby off of it

BY MICHAEL GRIFFITH  
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Football, fast and fishing.  
Those three words have something in common when it comes to Morgantown football senior Bobby Powell.  
On the field, Powell's ability to make a difference with the ball in his hands is something to look out for and it mostly stems from the quickness of his feet. Finding gaps and cutting upfield may be one of Powell's biggest strengths, along with his overall game sense and awareness.  
The VMI commit is all business when it comes to putting on the pads and taking the field with his teammates, but last summer he picked up a new hobby in his free time that he found himself doing with every free second he could spare, fishing.  
"That's true, I just got into it this summer with my friends," he said after practice recently. "A bunch of my friends were fishing all the time over the summer and invited me out one day and I went all

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Morgantown's Bobby Powell admires a fish he caught over the summer.



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Powell (11) makes a tackle against Wheeling Park.



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Powell (11) carries the ball with a cast on his arm against Parkersburg South earlier this season.



## BROTHERS

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Kylan said the work ethic for sports, but more importantly academics, was instilled in them from a young age by their father and mother, Tenitsha. With four young boys all taking part in sports and other activities, they still made it a priority to see them play wherever games took them.

"When one of us had a game at a different location, we can always count on at least one of them being there to cheer us on," Kylan said. "Their unwavering support means a lot to us. They are effective teachers and ensure that we understand the fundamentals thoroughly.

Their guidance has not only shaped us into better student-athletes but also better individuals."

The memories being made this season will last a lifetime for the brothers as they go on to bigger and better things.

Trey said his favorite memory of playing with his brothers has been this year's 17-14 win over Wheeling Park. Kylan's favorite memory actually happened a few years ago for Calvin Jr.'s senior night at Trinity Christian. Trey also played for the Warriors' then and Kylan said just being on the field with his whole family together is something he will always cherish.

Kaleil Lewis' favorite memory also involves his entire family, and it hap-

pened nearly 14 years ago.

"When I was 2 years old, I got to play in an organized basketball game with Melique and four of my older cousins," Kaleil said. "We won, but all I know is I loved playing sports with my family."

One of the Lewis' cousins is also a University football player, junior Ethan Jackson. He is the son of former WVU player Wes Jackson. Melique and Kaleil are the sons of Tara Jackson and former WVU player Sedrick Lewis. Their uncle, Rick Martin, played for WVU in the 1960s and they are cousins by marriage to former Mountaineers Mike Logan and Benjamin Cureton.

Friendships formed by teammates coming together from all walks of life are

special, but playing together with brothers by blood is particularly noteworthy.

"My brothers have been significant sources of support. I've learned a great deal from observing and emulating their actions in various situations," Keltin Blunt said. "They constantly offer feedback, pointing out my strengths and weaknesses, and consistently inspire me to perform to the best of my abilities.

"As the youngest sibling, I've always acknowledged that someone in the family excelled beyond me, which served as a strong motivator for me to pursue my own path. My competitive spirit has been a constant driving force and that trait runs deep within our household."



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## POWELL

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the time after that."

Over the summer, Powell spent every opportunity he could find to get out and do some fishing. Mainly a bass fisher, he says his personal best at the moment is four pounds. However, some of his friends who are more experienced often fish for catfish, which is something he plans on trying out when he has the chance.

"I'm learning something new and getting better every time I go out," Powell said. "One of my favorite spots to go is actually in Fairmont, but I also enjoy going out to Cheat Lake when a group of

friends head out there."

Recently Powell had his right hand in a cast dealing with an arm injury, and while it didn't hinder his playing time on the field, it wouldn't have been something to easily get over while trying to do everything necessary while fishing.

"The cast was restricting me a good amount from having the ball in my right arm, but now with this little wrap I should be back to normal and able to carry it like I was," he said pointing to his right hand.

As far as football, Powell has helped lead the Mohigans to a 6-2 record so far entering Friday's Mohawk Bowl matchup and he says no matter how many games are left, the focus is to continue to learn

and get better.

"We are working hard on working together as a team and perfecting our schemes," he said. "Once we get everything down it's just about game plan and getting our minds right for the game. Personally, I love to compete so when we get to play in a big rivalry game like this it's something you always look forward to. These are the games that you want to be in and we have to be ready to give everything we have."

Powell and the Mohigans will visit University High on Baker's Ridge at 7:30 p.m. on Friday for the 2023 Mohawk Bowl in a huge game toward each team's spot in the playoff rankings.



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Morgantown's Bobby Powell (11) breaks up a pass against Wheeling Park.

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# Blaine Stewart cherishes his MoHawk Bowl memories

## MHS grad proud of 4-0 record vs. Hawks

BY CODY NESPOR

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Of all the high school football games Blaine Stewart was a part of, none have stuck with him more than the MoHawk Bowl.

“Even before playing, I remember going to the games when it was at Mountaineer Field,” said Stewart, who now works at Mountaineer Field as an assistant coach with WVU. “In terms of my own career, I remember it being the biggest week every year. It was an unbelievable local rivalry.”

The annual high school football matchup between crosstown rivals Morgantown and University is a local staple. Some years it feels as though the entire city tries to cram into either MHS’s Pony Lewis Field or UHS’s Mylan Pharmaceuticals Stadium.

“I just remember it was a great week, the games always mattered for seeding, always mattered for town pride and it was always a big week,” Stewart, a Morgantown graduate, said. “When I think of my high school career, University games are at the top of that list.”

Stewart thinks it’s the familiarity between the schools and their supporters that makes the rivalry games so special. Separated by only a handful of miles, Stewart said he was always good friends with a number of the Hawk players.

“Knowing players on both sides of the field was great,” he said. “I grew up in Cheat Lake so I played for the Cheat Lake Chargers, played for Cheat Lake Middle School football and then ended up going to Morgantown High. I had a relationship with numerous guys on the University side.”

Morgantown went 4-0 against University during Stewart’s time in the rivalry, a fact he won’t soon forget, or stop reminding others about.

“I take great pride in that to this day,” he said. “One of my best friends, Jack Armstrong, played at University. I remind him every year that I never lost to UHS.”

Stewart not only remembers that the Mohigans won, but he also remembers key details from all four games.

“Freshman year I didn’t play, but I was dressed and we won 7-6 at University,” he recalled. “Anthony Vecchio had the winning touchdown catch and we ended up winning by one.



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Morgantown High School graduate Blaine Stewart, now an assistant football coach at WVU, was a perfect 4-0 in the MoHawk Bowl against University during his varsity career.

“Sophomore year I was playing a little bit, primarily special teams but I got in a little bit on offense. We had a great team that year and beat University at Pony Lewis Field. Junior year, I remember it was Halloween weekend and we got after University pretty good. They were a great team that year, but they were young.”

It was during that game in his junior season that Stewart started to appreciate the community aspect of the rivalry.

“My baseball coach, Sean Watson, his wife was sick and has since passed away,” Stewart said. “The entire community came together that week. We wore orange wristbands and I spattered my cleats orange in honor of cancer awareness. Both sides did that and I just think that was a classy thing University did for us.”

Stewart’s high school career closed with one final victory over the Hawks.

“My senior year, which was one of my

favorite games ever, we won at Pony Lewis Field in a pretty tough game against a really good UHS team,” he said.

Despite Stewart going 4-0 as a player, it’s not as though one side has dominated the rivalry. In fact, as soon as Stewart graduated, the Hawks were able to take some revenge.

“Jack, in his senior year after I left, beat Morgantown twice,” Stewart said. “He beat them in the MoHawk Bowl and in the playoffs. That team, that I said started out as a young team, they were seniors and they were rolling.

“It’s great when that game’s competitive, which it has been,” Stewart continued. “And to this day, I take great pride in it.”

While Stewart’s introduction to the MoHawk Bowl came during the game’s tenure at Mountaineer Field, he loved playing at the high schools. Although, as

the son of WVU’s head coach at the time, Stewart admits the stadium did not have the same allure for him.

“I loved playing games at the respective high schools,” Stewart said. “I was obviously spoiled, I spent so much time at (Milan Puskar) Stadium and in this building that I was probably numb to how big of a deal it is.”

As for whether he thinks the game should ever return to Mountaineer Field, Stewart said he feels divided.

“I think there’s pros and cons to both,” he said. “I think playing at the high schools is great, but for a lot of players, it would be an unbelievable opportunity to play at Mountaineer Field when that might be their only chance to ever do so.

“Whatever happens to it, it’s going to be a big game regardless of where you play.”



# TO THE VICTOR GO THE SPOILS



Top left, University players celebrate after defeating Morgantown 49-14 in the 2021 MoHawk Bowl.

Top right, Morgantown players celebrate defeating University 69-15 in the 2019 MoHawk Bowl.

Bottom left, Morgantown head coach Matt Lacy hugs Marcellus Marshall after defeating University 52-6 in the 2019 MoHawk Bowl.

Bottom right, Morgantown coach Matt Lacy is showered with Gatorade after Morgantown defeated University 55-10 in the 2018 MoHawk Bowl.

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