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During the 2011 playoffs, Haynesville lost 15-8 to West St. John during quarterfinals but turned things around to get them into Friday afternoon's Superdome contest for a chance to snatch the Class 1A state championship title.

Haynesville boasts a record of 15 state championship titles including their most recent wins in 2009, 2000 and 1996.

"I think Haynesville has the most title wins in Louisiana history but regardless of titles, this is a 2012 OCS team facing a 2012 Haynesville team," Fitzhugh said. "Haynesville knows how to compete and win. They have a good ball club and Friday will be an iron man football match."

Defending state 1A champion Eagles have racked up 1,528 total offensive yards this postseason with 22 touchdown scores while restricting their playoff opponents to a combined 970 total offensive yards and three

touchdown scores. The Kentwood win bumped the Eagles' win streak to 29 games since losing the 2010 state championship.

In last week's game against Kentwood, Ouachita Christian matched the Kangaroos in rushing yardage, yard for yard. Eagles Ahkeem Henderson led the team with 100 yards rushing on nine carries and the Eagles restricted Kentwood's top rusher, Shyheim Carter, to 56 yards rushing on eight trips.

"Kentwood has an outstanding team and getting a shutout was huge for our team," Fitzhugh said.

Ouachita Christian overwhelmed Kentwood with a big passing performance by junior quarterback Quin Graves.

Graves finished with 184 yards passing on 17-of-23 with four touchdowns and one interception. With last week's contest, Graves has recorded over 1,700 passing yards and 21 touchdowns for the season.

On the Eagles' first two possessions, Graves threw two touchdown passes of three and 11 yards to Jordan Washam.

The Eagles led 14-0 with five minutes left in the first quarter and it was back-and-forth until the end of the second quarter with the Eagles pushing to the end zone on a 63-yard drive.

With less than thirty seconds until the half, Graves capped off the drive with a seven-yard pass to senior Braden Bristo for a third score, putting OCS up 21-0.

Bristo led the Eagles with 78 yards receiving on eight receptions. Bristo rushed for ten yards on four trips and threw for 26 yards passing on one-of-two, making the combined OCS yards passing total 210 against Kentwood's 94 yards on 10-of-19 by quarterback Tavarious Battiste.

Third quarter play saw Eagles senior Hunter Loveland pick off a Battiste pass and return the



Photo by Dawson Photography

OUACHITA CHRISTIAN Eagle junior quarterback Quin Graves handoff to senior Braden Bristo in last week's 35-0 win against Kentwood. OCS heads to New Orleans to battle Haynesville for the Class 1A state championship in the Superdome.

interception 15 yards for a touchdown, giving the Eagles a 28-0 lead.

"Hunter's interception return took a lot of wind out of Kentwood," Fitzhugh said. "But Hunter was also responsible for a big play in the first half where he chased

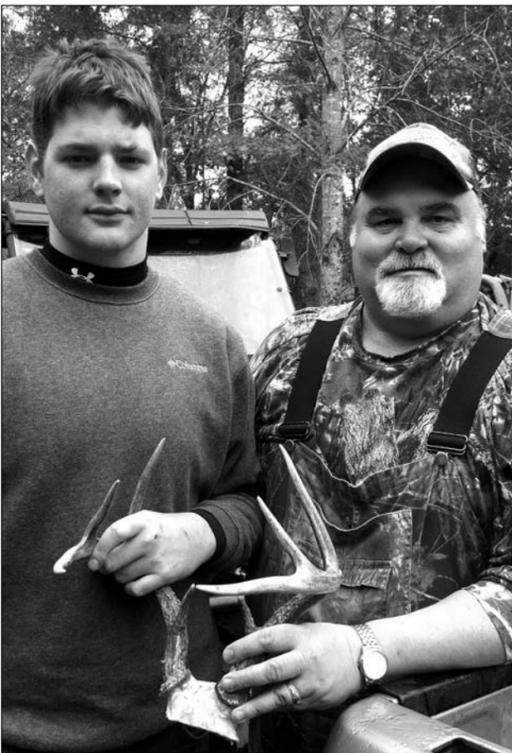
their running back from behind and got the tackle, giving our defense a chance to keep Kentwood out of the end zone and they did that."

Ouachita Christian topped off scoring in the last minutes of the third quarter when Graves con-

nected with Colby Webb on a 12-yard touchdown pass for the game's final score of 35-0. Webb had 60 yards on four receptions.

Ouachita Christian and Haynesville kick off at 4 p.m. inside the Mercedes-Benz Superdome.

Deer begin to move, another rut coming



Courtesy photo Rene Hatten

CHRISTOPHER DUNCANT, 16, holds up a four-point trophy with fellow West Monroe resident, Sam Hatten.

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The last two weeks of deer hunting haven't been profitable for me but others have been having a great year. I can only hold out great hope that this weekend starts a rut for us in Jackson Parish. The deer have been eating acorns and very little, if any, corn.

My friend, Brian Ray from West Monroe, took two nice bucks Wednesday and Thursday. The first was an eight-point full of acorns. His second was a seven-point that was also acorn stuffed. Both were slipping through the woods but not necessarily in pursuit as in rut.

He and I both believe the best is yet to come. My prediction marks this

weekend as the first rut. I'll also be looking for the deer to return to corn as well as rice bran.

Jonas Thompson, from Chatham, has been able to take three nice bucks this year in Jackson Parish. Considering forestry and the weather, he believes that though we'll have 80-degree conditions on December 1, the deer will move more for multiple reasons:

1. We have had several frosty mornings in the past, enough to kill most palatable vegetation in the clear cuts. This forces the deer to focus more on the tender vegetation of food plots.
2. The abundance of acorns had the deer taking a bite anywhere they stood. Now the acorn rush is about over since the recent rain in some



Courtesy photo Cindy Ingram

2012 NELA Delta Water Fowl Banquet used duck boxes as a key fundraiser. (Duck box makers left to right) Johnny Johnson, John Sitton with pup, JD Daniel, back/Ross Horton, James Moore, Jarrad Seljar and Joe King Montgomery.

areas is causing them to sour. But now that they're moving, we have to be in the right place at the right time and my moon and stars must have been right this year.

Fred Glover, from Chatham, says his hunting club in Jackson Parish killed 14 good bucks chas-

ing does from November 11-30. He believes their first rut is about over. He says they have had quite a few bucks go in the 190's. The past full moon had all our game cameras filling up the cards with candid shots of breathtaking bucks. Their patterns were all night shots and "no shows" in the morning and evening hunts.

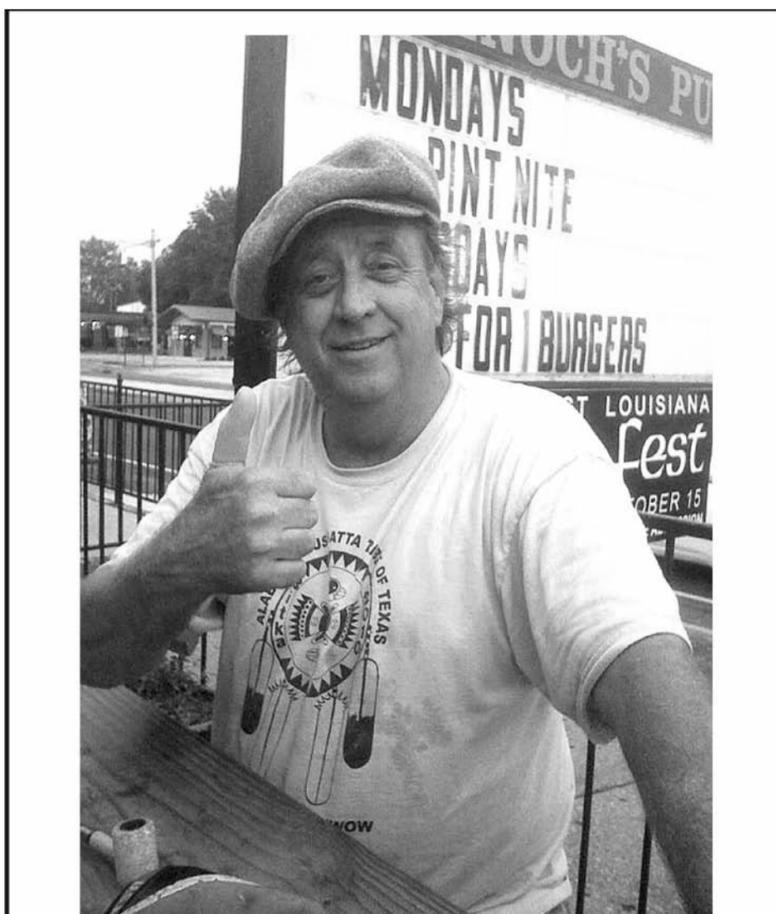
Several does traveling together always provide edge-of-your-seat excitement with the accompanying anticipation of a traveling buck. I find myself saying, "Kibbles and Bits, Kibbles and Bits, I'm going to get me some Kibbles and Bits."

Being versatile and ever vigilant, we changed our hunting pattern to 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. We saw does but nothing trailing them. This weekend I will go back to early-morning hunting.

I hope My Mister Big Boy shows up this year while hunting in both Ouachita and Jackson parish.

I have doe urine in my pocket and plan on making him think Doerina is in the house. If only I could figure out how to bleat, "Hey Big Boy, why don't you come up and see me some time."

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