

THE RIVER BOWL 2025 GORHAM @ WESTBROOK



WEEK 8

ORIGIN OF THE RIVER BOWL

Coach Morrison and Coach Johnson have both been a part of Football in Southern Maine for over 15 years and in there 10th and 11th years at their respective schools. In the offseason of 2024/2025 they were looking for ideas to help create some meaning to this game as it is both of their teams most natural rival.

After some brainstorming with each other, respective staffs, and returning leaders they settled on creating “The River Bowl.”

The first meetings of these teams was in the 2005 season. While we will consider all games played as history of the River Bowl the 2025 game will be the first where a trophy is awarded to the winning team as well as each teams most outstanding player being recognized.



“THE RIVER”

This part of the name pays respect to one of the many things that connect these communities. The Presumpscot River runs through both the Westbrook and Gorham Communities.

Short by most standards, the Presumpscot rolls twenty-five miles, from Sebago Lake to Casco Bay, passing through Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Falmouth and Portland. However, in that short distance it drops over 270 feet.

Even though the river is short, its impact is great. With a watershed of 648 square miles, the Presumpscot is the largest freshwater input into Casco Bay.

For more on the Presumpscot read here:

presumpscotriver.org

“BOWL”

Wanting to stay true to football tradition the word Bowl was chosen to signify something unique to football rivalry or trophy games. Wanting to piggy back off of the iconic Orange Bowl, Cotton Bowl, & The Rose Bowl games.





RIVER BOWL AT A GLANCE



THANK YOU TO BOB LOWELL FOR TAKING SOME TIME TO HIGHLIGHT THE GAME FOR THE PRESS HERALD.

YOU CAN READ THE FULL ARTICLE BY [CLICKING HERE](#)

Westbrook and Gorham fired up for first River Bowl kickoff

The rival high school football teams are adding a new prize to the annual regular season faceoff.

Pre-game fervor is running high as the Gorham and Westbrook High School football teams gear up to clash Friday in an old rivalry with a trophy and new name: River Bowl.

The River Bowl is a new name attached to the annual, regular season game between the two teams. Whoever wins gets the bragging rights — and a new trophy.

It's the regular season finale for both teams and this week both head coaches outlined for Westbrook-Gorham Now some game strategies.

“In order to beat Gorham, we cannot beat ourselves,” Westbrook coach Sam Johnson said Monday. “We need to limit pre-snap penalties and post-whistle penalties. We need to continue to be sound in the kicking game and get off the field defensively on third downs. Offense needs to take care of the ball and hit some homers.”

Gorham coach Sam Morrison said, “If we are to win, we will need to play a clean game offensively; limiting our turnovers and penalties; establish a run game and take our shots in the pass game when we are staying on track with the sticks.”



RIVER BOWL AT A GLANCE



GORHAM

SEASON RECORD: 2-5

**LAST WEEK: VS BIDDEFORD
WIN 36-12**

PLAYERS TO WATCH

#12 GARRETT POULIN (SR) QB/DB
#0 ATTICUS WHITTEN (SR) WR/LB
#13 WYATT WASHBURN (SR) WR/DB
#19 LUCAS GRAHAM (SR) TE/DE
#3 ISAAC VAIL (JR) WR/SS
#79 ALDEN WHITTEN (JR) OL/DL

COACH MORRISON ON WESTBROOK:

"WESTBROOK HAS A DYNAMIC GROUP OF PLAYMAKERS ON THE OFFENSIVE SIDE OF THE BALL LEAD BY STAPLES WHOM CAN THROW, RUN AND ESCAPE THE POCKET WITH EASE & LUBIN WHO IS A PHYSICALLY CHALLENGING MATCHUP ALL OVER THE FIELD. DEFENSIVELY THEY ARE PLAYING SOME STRONG FOOTBALL, FORCING TURNOVERS AND MAKING THINGS CHALLENGING ON OPPOSING OFFENSES LEAD BY BONGOMIN. A LOT OF FOOTBALL HAS BEEN PLAYED BY THE SENIORS ON EACH TEAM SO IT SHOULD BE A GREAT MATCH UP. WESTBROOK IS A PROGRAM THAT HAS PUT IT ALL TOGETHER THIS YEAR AND IS COMPETING AT A HIGH LEVEL WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT. A CREDIT TO COACH JOHNSON AND HIS STAFF AS THEY HAVE THE BLAZES IN A GREAT SPOT HEADED INTO WEEK 8 AND THE PLAYOFFS. CERTAINLY A STRONG TEST FOR US."

WESTBROOK

SEASON RECORD: 6-1

**LAST WEEK: @ CHEVERUS
WIN 27-21**

PLAYERS TO WATCH

#5 GIOVANNI STAPLES (SR) QB/DB
#18 DIMITRI LUBIN (SR) WR/DB
#22 COLE TANNER (JR) RB/LB
#32 OWEN TAYLOR (SR) TE/LB
#4 TONY BONGOMIN (SR) LB
#63 CAMILLO JONES (JR) OL/DE

COACH JOHNSON ON GORHAM:

"GORHAM DOES A REALLY GOOD JOB OF MAKING YOU DEFEND EVERY BLADE OF GRASS. POULIN IS A TREMENDOUS QB WHO CAN PUSH THE BALL DOWN FIELD, MAKE PLAYS WITH HIS LEGS IN DESIGNED RUNS, AS WELL AS AD-LIBBING WHEN THINGS BREAK DOWN. HE KEEPS HIS EYES DOWN FIELD AND IS ALWAYS A THREAT TO MAKE GAME-BREAKING PLAYS. #0 WHITTEN IS SOMEONE WE NEED TO BE ALERT TO AND UNDERSTAND WHERE HE IS ON THE FIELD AT ALL TIMES. COACH MORRISON DOES A GREAT JOB AND REGARDLESS OF THEIR RECORD THEY ALWAYS CHALLENGE TEAMS WEEK IN AND WEEK OUT. ALWAYS COMPETITIVE IN GAMES IN ALL THREE PHASES, PARTICULARLY THE KICKING GAME WHERE GORHAM HAS REALLY BECOME ONE OF THE PREMIER SPECIAL TEAMS UNITS IN THE CONFERENCE, AND ARGUABLY THE ENTIRE SOUTHERN REGION. THROW OUT THE RECORD BOOKS DURING RIVALRY WEEK! GO BLUE!"



RIVER BOWL AT A GLANCE



GORHAM

WEEK 1 VS CHEVERUS

RESULT: LOSS 35-0

WEEK 2 VS LEWISTON

RESULT: WIN 38-6

WEEK 3 @ MARSHWOOD

RESULT: LOSS 35-21

WEEK 4 @ FALMOUTH

RESULT: LOSS 41-17

WEEK 5 VS KENNEBUNK

RESULT: LOSS 35-10

WEEK 6 @ SCARBOROUGH

RESULT: LOSS 15-8 OT

WEEK 7 VS BIDDEFORD

RESULT: WIN 36-12

WESTBROOK

WEEK 1 @ MARSHWOOD

RESULT: WIN 27-16

WEEK 2 @ FALMOUTH

RESULT: LOSS 25-7

WEEK 3 VS BIDDEFORD

RESULT: WIN 55-21

WEEK 4 @ EDWARD LITTLE

RESULT: WIN 47-15

WEEK 5 VS POLAND

RESULT: WIN 41-8

WEEK 6 VS KENNEBUNK

RESULT: WIN 20-0

WEEK 7 @ CHEVERUS

RESULT: WIN 27-21

2024 RIVER BOWL

On the Rams Homecoming Game they came ready to play. Junior Garrett Poulin had 184 Total Yards and 5 Total TDs to lead the Rams. Senior Casey Skolfield had 74 Yards on the ground on 10 carries with a Touchdown. The Rams defensively were stout with 2 sacks, 8 Tackles for Loss and 3 Forced Fumbles. Junior Thomas Sylvia had a highlight reel interception off the Edge to start the 2nd half. Senior Jack Karlonas put an exclamation point on the night with a 95 Yard Kickoff Return for a Touchdown.

Westbrook-Gorham Rotary



Thank you to the Westbrook – Gorham Rotary for helping us kick off this new tradition and being the Title Sponsor for this event! They were generous enough to provide the trophy that these teams will play for. Keep reading for more on the Rotary Club!

Are you ready to make a difference?

Rotarians are people who believe that, together, we can make a difference locally, nationally, and globally through service.

We are a network of business people who join together to make things happen. Realtors, doctors, lawyers, executives, professionals, laborers, we come in all shapes and sizes and all ages united by a common vision.

In Westbrook and Gorham we are heavily invested in education and provide thousands in scholarships each year. We support the Westbrook Region Vocational Center Building Trades by funding the building of houses. We are active in literacy, food distribution, and a variety of community services.

westbrookgorhamrotary.org



2025 WESTBROOK BLUE BLAZES



2025 GORHAM RAMS



GORHAM HEAD COACH

SAM MORRISON

RIVER BOWL RECORD AS HEAD COACH

1-2

RIVER BOWL AS GHS ASSISTANT

3-1

WESTBROOK HEAD COACH

SAM JOHNSON

RIVER BOWL RECORD AS HEAD COACH

2-1

RIVER BOWL AS WHS ASSISTANT

2-3

RIVER BOWL AS A PLAYER

1-0



ASSISTANTS

- Abe Tabachnick
- Tom Whitney
- Jon Bastian
- Jeff Bozek
- Ben French
- Andy Hager
- Matt Vail
- Tom Crews
- Zoltan Panyi

ASSISTANTS

- Chris Nelson
- Chris Parkin
- Stephen Shackley
- Rachelle Violette
- Drew Boursaw
- Jim Seavey

ABOUT GORHAM **FOOTBALL**

- First Season: 1999
- State Game Appearances: 2003 & 2006
- Notable Alumni
 - Kendrick Ballantyne – UMaine/Northeastern Football Player and Member of the Baltimore Ravens Practice Squad
 - Justin Villacci – 2008 Gatorade Player of the Year
- Last All State Player: Tyler Rollins 2019

For more information about Gorham Football and the History of the program please head to gorhamfootball.org



**Southwestern Maine Activities Association
Gorham Rams**



**Varsity Football Roster
2025**

| # | Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Pos | # | Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Pos |
|------------------|-------------------|----|-------|-----|--------|----|---------------------------|----|-------|-----|-------|
| 0 | Atticus Whitten* | 12 | 6'0 | 185 | WR/LB | 54 | Jack Feldhaus | 10 | 5'10" | 180 | OL/LB |
| 2 | Camden Martell* | 12 | 5'7" | 180 | RB/OLB | 55 | Justin Spearin | 12 | 6'2" | 195 | OL/DL |
| 3 | Isaac Vail | 11 | 5'8 | 155 | WR/DB | 60 | Ryan Wheeler | 11 | 5'10" | 210 | OL/DL |
| 5 | Thomas Coleman | 11 | 5'10" | 155 | WR/DB | 62 | Gracin Bunch | 11 | 5'10" | 210 | OL/DL |
| 7 | Abrie French | 10 | 5'6" | 135 | WR/DB | 66 | Owen Frie | 10 | 5'9" | 185 | OL/DL |
| 10 | Phineas Frasier | 11 | 6'1" | 170 | TE/LB | 77 | Dustin Densmore | 10 | 6'2" | 255 | OT/DL |
| 11 | Dante Cuesta | 11 | 5'9" | 185 | RB/LB | 79 | Alden Whitten | 11 | 6'1" | 255 | OL/DL |
| 12 | Garrett Poulin* | 12 | 6'0" | 180 | QB/DB | 81 | Oliver Dennis | 10 | 5'9 | 175 | TE/DE |
| 13 | Wyatt Washburn | 12 | 6'2" | 175 | WR/DB | 99 | Thomas Sylvia* | 12 | 6'1" | 195 | TE/LB |
| 15 | Max Duplisea | 12 | 6'2" | 175 | WR/K | | | | | | |
| 16 | Jackson Durgin | 11 | 6'0" | 145 | WR/DB | | FRESHMAN FOOTBALL PLAYERS | | | | |
| 17 | Wyatt Walker | 10 | 6'1" | 165 | QB/LB | 14 | Dominic Steller | 9 | | | |
| 18 | Cooper Whitehead | 11 | 6'1" | 185 | WR/DB | 24 | Devon Paradis | 9 | | | |
| 21 | Logan Doughty | 10 | 5'9" | 150 | WR/DB | 26 | Gabriel Scott | 9 | | | |
| 22 | Tucker Curtis | 10 | 5'8" | 170 | RB/LB | 30 | Benjamin Fredette | 9 | | | |
| 23 | Quincy Corcoran | 11 | 5'10" | 175 | RB/LB | 41 | Braden Nicely | 9 | | | |
| 25 | Cole Chasse | 12 | 6'1" | 175 | WR/DB | 42 | Lucien Roy | 9 | | | |
| 27 | Jayden Perez | 12 | 6'0" | 180 | TE/LB | 44 | Hunter Keniston | 9 | | | |
| 28 | Andrew Migliorini | 12 | 6'5" | 180 | WR/DB | 56 | Caleb Blood | 9 | | | |
| 29 | Malakai Babinsky | 11 | 5'7" | 155 | RB/DB | 57 | Xavier Hill | 9 | | | |
| 33 | David Dicenso | 11 | 5'9" | 195 | TE/LB | 59 | Chase Cote | 9 | | | |
| 34 | Dominic Woods | 10 | 5'7" | 160 | WR/LB | 67 | Logan Douglas | 9 | | | |
| 36 | Oliver Francois | 11 | 5'7" | 145 | RB/LB | 71 | Landen McIntyre | 9 | | | |
| 43 | Camden Curtis | 10 | 5'9" | 170 | TE/DE | 76 | Kayden Yahm | 9 | | | |
| 45 | Blake Leighton | 10 | 5'7" | 145 | RB/LB | 80 | Grant McDonough | 9 | | | |
| 51 | James Johnson | 12 | 6'0" | 200 | OL/DL | 82 | Theodore Leconte | 9 | | | |
| 19/52 | Lucas Graham* | 12 | 6'2" | 210 | OT/DL | 87 | Ezekiel Provencal | 9 | | | |
| 53 | Everett Rovin | 11 | 5'5" | 180 | OL/DL | 89 | Kaleb Dyer | 9 | | | |
| *Denotes Captain | | | | | | | | | | | |

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Head Coach

Sam Morrison (5th Year HC & 10th w/ GHS)

Assistant Coaches

Abe Tabachnick - 10th Year

Tom Whitney - 10th Year

Jon Bastian - 3rd Year

Jeff Bozek - 3rd Year

Andy Hager GHS '06 - 2nd Asst & 9th w/ GHS

Ben French - 2nd Year

Matt Vail - 2nd Year

Tom Crews - 1st Year

Zoltan Panyi - 1st Year

Schedule

vs Noble (Scrimmage)
@ Massabesic (Exhibition)

vs Cheverus - 7pm

vs Lewiston - 7pm

@ Marshwood - 6pm

@ Falmouth - 6:30pm

vs Kennebunk - 7pm

@ Scarborough - 1pm

vs Biddeford - 7pm

@ Westbrook - 6pm

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DIGITAL YEARBOOK**



Superintendent

Heather Perry

Principal

Brian Jandreau

Athletic Director

Tim Spear

Athletic Assistant

Ashley Reyes

Athletic Trainer

Sydney Churchill

Mascot / Colors

Rams / Maroon, Black & White

ABOUT WESTBROOK **FOOTBALL**

- First Season: 1960
- State Game Appearances: 0
- Notable Alumni
 - Rudy Dipietro – Played Offensive Line at Boston College
 - Trevor Bates – All-Conference Football Player at Maine and 7th Round Draft pick in the NFL
- Last All State Player: Miece Loureiro 2016

For more information about Westbrook Football
please head to the Facebook page here:
[WHS Blue Blazes Football](#)



Southwestern Maine Activities Association
Westbrook Blue Blazes



Football Roster
2025

| # | First Name | Last Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Pos | # | First Name | Last Name | Gr | Ht | Wt | Pos |
|----|------------|----------------|----|----|----|-----|----|----------------------|-----------|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | Peter | Wescott | 11 | | | DB | 0 | Karmello | Dutra | 9 | | | DB |
| 2 | Hunter | Hall | 11 | | | QB | 3 | Uziel | Cayetano | 10 | | | |
| 4 | Tony | Bongomin | 12 | | | LB | 6 | Jahliel | Johnson | 9 | | | TE |
| 5 | Giovanni | Staples | 12 | | | QB | 8 | Davonte | Francis | 10 | | | LB |
| 7 | Jonathan | McLaskey | 12 | | | DB | 9 | Colby | Hodgkins | 10 | | | DE |
| 10 | Andrew | McNeill | 12 | | | WR | 12 | Owen | Lawrence | 9 | | | QR |
| 11 | Camillo | Jones | 11 | | | DE | 13 | Beckett | Griffin | 10 | | | QB |
| 15 | Andre | Hicks III | 10 | | | RB | 14 | Emmett | Hon | 9 | | | WR |
| 17 | Cassidy | Flynn | 10 | | | DE | 16 | Paciencia (Precious) | Ndontoni | 9 | | | |
| 18 | Dimitri | Lubin | 12 | | | WR | 19 | Bryant | Bizimana | 10 | | | WR |
| 22 | Cole | Tanner | 11 | | | RB | 20 | Jovon | Rith | 9 | | | RB |
| 23 | Lenny | Meska | 10 | | | | 21 | Jeremiah | Boothby | 10 | | | LB |
| 25 | Lucas | Roberson | 10 | | | LB | 24 | Odwoko (Ben) | Alana | 9 | | | DB |
| 32 | Owen | Taylor | 12 | | | TE | 31 | Schuyler | Stevenson | 10 | | | DE |
| 35 | Xavier | Ngimbi | 11 | | | DB | 33 | Jean-Robert | Kanyiki | 10 | | | DE |
| 44 | Keith | Simpson | 11 | | | DB | 34 | Tyler | Pettis | 9 | | | LB |
| 45 | Ludwin | Iqui | 11 | | | DT | 42 | Preston | Pierce | 9 | | | WR |
| 50 | Wyatt | Poitrass | 10 | | | OL | 52 | Ryan | Neault | 10 | | | OL |
| 53 | Aiden | Stisi | 11 | | | OL | 53 | Simon | Merrill | 10 | | | OL |
| 54 | Jack | Thompson | 12 | | | OL | 56 | Andre | Ricardo | 10 | | | OL |
| 55 | Eden | Niangasa Kunzi | 10 | | | DT | 62 | Joseph | Alward | 9 | | | OL |
| 57 | Peter | Adams | 11 | | | OL | 63 | Alex | Rodriguez | 9 | | | OL |
| 59 | Hector | Amador | 10 | | | OL | 64 | Dan | Ngelesi | 9 | | | |
| 60 | Adrian | Anderson | 11 | | | OL | 71 | Jayden | Dorr | 10 | | | OL |
| 61 | Angel | Cayetano | 12 | | | OL | | | | | | | |
| 62 | LaNeek | Whetstone-king | 12 | | | DT | | | | | | | |
| 65 | Emergildo | Ekunda | 9 | | | | | | | | | | |

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS-Coach Nicole Bennett

| | | |
|----------|-----------|----|
| Muna | Mohamed | 9 |
| Mariah | Dean | 9 |
| Priscila | Nzolameso | 9 |
| Addisyn | Stilphen | 9 |
| Brooke | Bocclair | 11 |
| Molly | Holtan | 11 |
| Kaylee | Santamore | 11 |
| Tianna | Shaw | 11 |
| Joyce | Bobe | 12 |
| Brianna | Ellis | 12 |
| Britania | Ellis | 12 |
| Sheba | Korika | 12 |
| Joyce | Madangwa | 12 |
| Elsa | Nzolameso | 12 |

Coach:
Sam Johnson

Assistant Coaches:

Chris Nelson
Chris Parkin
Stephen Shackley
Rachelle Violette
Drew Boursaw
Jim Seavey

Captains:
Tony Bongomin
Giovanni Staples
Dimitri Lubin
Cole Tanner

Managers:
Izzy Rockwell
Brady Griffin
John Cubahiro
Nolan Davis
Edson Bila Nzau
Faiz Omar Abdalla

Superintendent:
Peter Lancia
Co-Principals:
Harvey/Colgan/Guerette
Athletic Director:
Mark Campbell
Athletic Assistant:
Jody Shackley
Athletic Trainer:
Sarah Tuttle
Mascot:
Blue Blazes
School Colors:
Blue & White

THE TROPHY & AWARDS

A BIG Thank you to the Westbrook Gorham Rotary Club for Purchasing the Perpetual Bowl Trophy that the winning team will keep for the year & to Degifico Fundraising for Sponsoring the 2025 Most Outstanding Player Trophies that a player from each team will receive.



THE RIVER BOWL
GORHAM & WESTBROOK
FOOTBALL
TROPHY PRESENTED BY
WESTBROOK GORHAM ROTARY

Westbrook-Gorham
Rotary



**2025 GORHAM MOST OUTSTANDING
PLAYER**



**PLAYERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON SOCIAL
MEDIA IN THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE GAME**

**2025 WESTBROOK MOST
OUTSTANDING PLAYER**

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THE WEEK FOLLOWING THE GAME**



PREVIOUS RIVER BOWL MOST OUTSTANDING PLAYERS

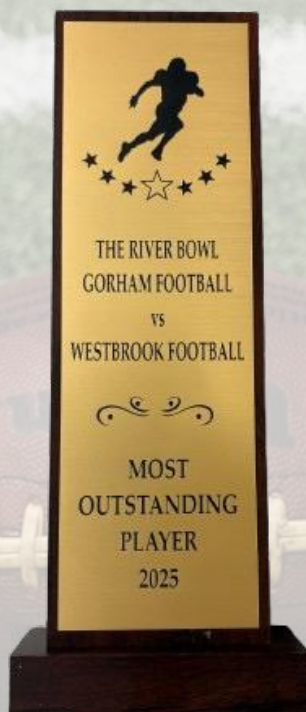


WESTBROOK

2025

GORHAM

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RIVER BOWL RESULTS

| YEAR | WINNER | SCORE |
|------|-----------|-------|
| 2024 | GORHAM | 47-7 |
| 2023 | WESTBROOK | 40-14 |
| 2022 | WESTBROOK | 46-8 |
| 2019 | GORHAM | 36-18 |
| 2018 | GORHAM | 28-0 |
| 2017 | GORHAM | 42-19 |
| 2016 | WESTBROOK | 28-0 |
| 2015 | WESTBROOK | 38-18 |
| 2010 | WESTBROOK | 36-24 |
| 2009 | GORHAM | 34-14 |
| 2008 | GORHAM | 38-8 |
| 2007 | GORHAM | 34-0 |
| 2006 | GORHAM | 54-16 |
| 2005 | GORHAM | 46-13 |

***GORHAM CURRENTLY LEADS
THE SERIES
9-5***



A Special Thank you to the following people for helping us get this game started and contributing to establishing The River Bowl:

- Westbrook-Gorham Rotary
 - Degifico Fundraising
 - Westbrook Athletics
 - Gorham Athletics
- Coach Morrison & Coach Johnson

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