

Vallivue Falcons 2011 season preview

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TEAM FACTS

Coach: Layne Coffin, sixth season, 32-16

Last year: 5-5 overall, 2-2 5A SIC Division 2

Postseason: Lost 21-15 to Eagle in District Three playoffs

Stadium: Falcon Stadium, Caldwell

Crosstown rivalry continues: Vallivue was granted an extra regular-season game in 2011 in order to continue its rivalry with Caldwell, which dropped down to the 4A Southern Idaho Conference this season.



SCOUTING REPORT

OFFENSE

For the second consecutive season, the Falcons are starting over at quarterback, but that shouldn't be much of a problem for a team that prefers to run the ball. Last year's league-leading offense (469 yards, 34.6 points) will benefit from the return of running backs Mike Burk and Ringo Robinson for their senior campaigns.

DEFENSE

Vallivue's weak point in 2010 was its defense, which ranked ninth in the 5A Southern Idaho Conference during the regular season, allowing 351 yards and 26.4 points per game. Those numbers should improve this season, as all but two starters are back and 12 lettermen overall.

OVERVIEW

Vallivue has a good chance of climbing back into contention for a league championship, as it boasts the largest returning group of starters (15) of any team in the 5A SIC. Anchored by an experienced defensive unit, the Falcons will only be limited by their offense's ability to mesh quickly behind an inexperienced quarterback.

Players To Watch

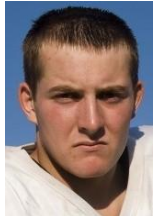
Mike Burk, RB/CB

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound senior had the second-best rushing total in the 5A SIC last season, amassing 1,734 yards and 14 touchdowns on 183 carries to earn second-team all-conference honors. The three-year starter also added 15 tackles and one interception on defense.



Ringo Robinson, FB/LB

A three-year starter, Robinson ranked seventh in the 5A SIC last season with 801 yards and seven touchdowns on 120 carries — an average of 6.7 yards per carry. Coach Layne Coffin credits the 5-11, 225-pounder with being one of the toughest players on the team.



David Teofilo, OL/DL

The three-year letterman will play on both sides of the ball, and is one of the largest players on the Falcons' roster at 6-foot-1, 312 pounds. Teofilo was an honorable mention selection in the 5A SIC last season and is receiving Division I interest.



"He's gotten a lot bigger and a lot stronger," Coffin said.

Skyler Nielsen, OL/DL

With Nielsen back on the starting O-line for the second consecutive season, the Falcons' running game should be hard to stop.

"He's probably one of the hardest workers that I've ever had," Coffin said. "He is just one of those kids that's going to work and give you everything he's got."