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John Hunter, Whitefield seeing continued improvement

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Kaleb Brooks and the Whitefield defense will get challenged tonight by King's Ridge.

Whitefield Academy coach John Hunter encouraged his players Monday to watch the Georgia Tech's game against Tennessee.

He said they would see a lot of the option that their next opponent, King's Ridge, prefers to run.

"I told them that we will see a lot of the same things that we will be seeing (tonight)," Hunter said. "And a lot of the same formations. They used to be an I (formation) team. Each week, they will get a little better with (the option)."

The Wolfpack, seeking their first playoff berth in seven years, are looking to better themselves each week on both sides of the ball after falling 35-7 to Mount Pisgah Christian.

Although the score may have seemed one-sided, Hunter said the Wolfpack's defense improved in the second half, and he has hopes of carrying that over.

After a rough first half, Whitefield's defense held Mt. Pisgah on its own 19-yard line after fumbling a kickoff return. The Wolfpack later scored 3-yard run by Thomas Joiner to get back into the game before Mount Pisgah pulled away in the fourth quarter.

"The biggest thing for us, still, is going back to believing and competing with other people," Hunter said. "In the second half, we recognized that we can do this and we went out to play. My hope is that it carries over for the rest of the season and help us work toward our full potential."

Hunter said Whitefield's offensive line has made improvements. Also, running back K.J. Canion is gaining confidence after rushing for 71 yards on 20 carries, and quarterback Luke Persons, who completed 15-of-27 passes for 136 yards is seeing the field better.

"Our scheme, we have to be better in what we do," Hunter said. "We'll be OK. It's a learning curve."