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Reynolds captains Tommy Elrod (from left), Jaylen Wheeler, Landon Suber and Ashton Simmons walk out on the field for the coin toss before the Demons' first football game at the new Crater Stadium & Field on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, in Winston-Salem. The Reynolds Demons faced the North Forsyth Vikings.

Landon Suber, a senior at Reynolds, confronts a life-threatening and season-ending injury

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Staff Reporter

Landon Suber locked arms with his Reynolds teammates Jaylen Wheeler, Ashton Simmons and Tommy Elrod and walked toward midfield at M. Douglas Crater Field and Stadium on Friday, Aug. 22.

It was opening night for the 2025 high school football season and the first football game at the new on-campus stadium at Reynolds.

It was packed.

Suber was selected by his teammates and coaches as one of the team captains this season.

A senior defensive back and four-year player for the Demons, Suber's No. 11 jersey was a beacon in the sea of the Reynolds faithful in the stands behind him.

He wasn't wearing his pads like his teammates were. He wasn't wearing his football

pants and he didn't have his helmet on.

His jersey hid the incision on his right side. It hid the drain tube. It hid the collection bag that the drain tube was attached to. It helped to hide the lacerated liver he suffered during a preseason workout several weeks before, snatching his senior season away from him.

It couldn't hide his emotions.

"Being out there in the middle of the field was a very special moment for me," Suber said.

'I just laid on my back in pain'

Reynolds started its final preseason workout at 7:30 am on July 29.

The official start of practice for the 2025 season was set for the same time on July 30.

The team had spent the offseason doing conditioning and weightlifting as well as a

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Mount Tabor's Khamari Shell (3) pushes Reynolds' Landon Suber (11) out of bounds in the first half of a high school football game on Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, at Deaton-Thompson Stadium in Winston-Salem.

'They are struggling and are confused'

Brothers still in prison a month after convictions dismissed in high-profile W-S killing

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A month after a judge overturned their decades-old convictions in the 2002 killing of basketball star Chris Paul's grandfather in Winston-Salem, two brothers remained in prison Monday as North Carolina Attorney General Jeff Jackson pursues an appeal of the decision.

"They are struggling and are confused by the whole thing," said Chris Mumma, an attorney for Rayshawn Banner and Nathaniel Cauthen.

That's particularly true for Cauthen, who is the more emotional of the two, she added.

"They have had all the necessary filings since Aug. 15," Mumma said of the North Carolina Court of Appeals. "Rayshawn and Nathaniel need to come home while the state goes through its wranglings."

Superior Court Judge Robert Broadie overturned the convictions Aug. 8 "with prejudice," a designation meant to block appeals of his ruling.

However, before Banner and Cauthen could be released, Jackson's office asked for a temporary delay in enforcing Broadie's ruling while the court considered the state's request for what is known as a writ of supersedeas, which would suspend dismissal of the convictions and provide a window for an appeal.

A three-judge panel unanimously granted a temporary stay on Aug. 11, but the appeals court has not ruled on the writ of supersedeas.

While Banner and Cauthen remained behind bars, their mother's birthday was Aug. 29, Mumma said.

"She was sure they would be home to celebrate with her," the attorney added.

'Never seen that happen'

In addition to Cauthen and Banner, three other suspects were convicted on charges related to the killing of Nathaniel Jones in an apparent robbery outside his home the night after the 17-year-old Paul had committed to play basketball at Wake Forest University.

All of them were 14 or 15 years old at the time.

Christopher Bryant, Jermal Tolliver and Dorrell Brayboy were convicted of second-degree murder in a separate trial and released from prison in 2017 and 2018. Brayboy was stabbed to death in 2019.

Broadie's ruling also overturned the convictions of Bryant and Tolliver.

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Cauthen

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