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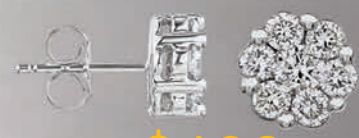
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ALABAMA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF

Silent Warriors



By **JIMMY CREED**
Daily Home Correspondent

After careful consideration, the Alabama School for the Deaf Silent Warriors will play eight-man football in Paul Kulick's 15th season as head coach.

It isn't that ASD's numbers are down this season. In fact, with 21 players on the roster, including nine seniors, the Silent Warriors have one of their deepest, most experienced squads in years. But with many other deaf schools across the country going to the slight variation of the game, Kulick felt it was best that his school do the same.

"They are all eight-man except for Indiana, which was the only other team in America among the deaf schools that was still playing 11-man," Kulick said. "Most are playing eight-man and some are playing six-man. Some deaf schools just wanted to do 6-man, and I really didn't want to do that. I was trying to keep it at eight-man and looking for teams to compete with us."

Whatever the level, Kulick is excited about the squad he has returning.

The Warriors will look to improve on last season's 4-4 mark with one of the largest groups of upperclassmen Kulick has ever had.

"These seniors are a wonderful group to work with," Kulick said. "They are going to push each other I think, and that way I'll focus on the younger players and work with them more. We've got a lot of older players, and when we match them up with our younger players, I think we are going to have a great year."

That talented group of seniors includes quarterback/cornerback Denijah Swain, running back/linebacker Joshua Kelley, tight end/defensive end Stacy Phillips, and guard/linebacker Juan Vasquez.

Some of the underclassmen that Kulick is particularly excited about include sophomores Dominick Jefferson and Peter-Joseph Brownlee and juniors Austin Brown and Kris Williams. Jefferson is a running back/linebacker, Brownlee is a tight end/linebacker, Brown is a center/nose guard and Williams is a wide receiver/cornerback who may also take some snaps at quarterback.

With good numbers and the move to eight-man, Kulick believes he may have the luxury of not having to play as many players both ways this season.

"For our team, it is going to be more like eight on offense, and they'll come off, and we'll have eight come out on defense just like bigger schools would do," Kulick said. "I

am feeling good about our players not having to play both ways so much."

The Silent Warriors are also excited about a new addition to their schedule for the 2022 season. For the first time ever, ASD will play the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, traveling to meet the Bison on their Sulphur, Okla., campus Sept. 10.

"I think it will be a good experience for our boys," Kulick said. "We are planning to take a tour of Oklahoma City. They are really excited for all the trips we'll be able to take this season."

Those include trips to play the Mississippi School for the Deaf, the Tennessee School for the Deaf and, of course, ASD's biggest rival, the Florida School for the Deaf.

After having their 2020 season canceled entirely after four games and losing three games to Covid in 2021, the Silent Warriors hope to have a complete season in more ways than one in 2022 — at whatever level they are playing.

"When I came to ASD, it was my first time seeing eight-on-eight football, and it was really surprising to see," Williams said. "But once I started watching and learning it, I understood it quickly. I feel like it is best for all our younger players to learn and for us to have a great season."

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Schedule

Aug. 25 vs **Tennessee School for the Deaf**
 Sept. 1.....at **Mississippi School for the Deaf**
 Sept. 10.....at **Oklahoma School for the Deaf**
 Sept. 17at **Tennessee School for the Deaf**
 Sept. 24..... vs **Louisiana School for the Deaf**
 Oct. 8..... at **Florida school for the Deaf**
 Oct. 13vs **Mississippi School for the Deaf**
 Oct. 28vs **Model Secondary School for the Deaf**

Key Facts

Team:

Alabama School for the Deaf

Head coach:

Paul Kulick (15th year)

Key departure:

Addison Taylor

Key returnees:

Denijah Swain, Lakendrick Agee, Peter Brownlee and Stacey Phillips

Base offense:

Multiple

Base defense:

Multiple

2021 in Review

Record: 4-4

Points scored: 126

Points allowed: 161

Roster

2 - Lakendrick Agee
3 - Bogdan Dailey
4 - Denijah Swain
5 - Joshua Kelley
6 - Peter - Joesph Brownlee
7 - Triallen Washington
8 - Kris Williams
11 - Kaleb Buck
12 - Edson Rojas
24 - Dominick Jefferson
34 - Moises Francisco
42 - Joshua Kirk
50 - Lemarcus Jordan
51 - Juan Vasquez
52 - Stacey Phillips
54 - Presley "Taylor" Dubose
55 - Austin Hayes
62 - Noah Merritt
70 - Austin Brown
72 - Brayden Weeks
77 - Andarius Fitten



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B.B. COMER Tigers



By **JIMMY CREED**
Daily Home Correspondent

After posting just the fourth 10-win season in school history in 2021, the prospects appear bright for Coach Adam Fossett's B.B. Comer Tigers to continue that trend this season.

The Tigers went 10-3 last year — their best season since 1995 — before losing in the Class 2A quarterfinals to eventual state champion Clarke County 14-7. This season, there are expectations for perhaps much more and with good reason.

You only have to look down the Comer roster until you find the name Kamore Harris to understand why Fossett and the Tiger fan base are so excited.

The 6-foot-2, 235-pound Harris earned first-team All-State honors last season as a sophomore running back with numbers that most certainly haven't gone unnoticed by college recruiters, and is poised to do it again this season.

Harris, the Daily Home Class 1A-3A Offensive Player of the year in 2021, rushed for 1,910 yards and 26 touchdowns on 212 carries and added five receptions for 62 yards and two touchdowns. And he did it in only 12 games after sitting out one game due to an ankle injury.

"The sky's the limit for him," said Fossett, who enters his fifth season at B.B. Comer. "He is obviously one of those guys you want to keep healthy and at 100 percent to the best of your ability. He's a special individual, and I'm looking forward to what he does this year."

Thanks to Harris' efforts, the offense scored 495 points last, an average of 38.1 a game.

Harris will be asked to help fill the void left by the graduation of quarterback Devonta Carmichael, one of 13 Tigers who were Class 1A-3A first-team All-Talladega County selections after last season. Fossett was also chosen the 1A-3A Talladega County Coach of the Year for the third straight year.

In junior Devin Harvey, however, Fossett has someone with crucial big-game experience to step in under center and help out Harris with the offensive load.

With the Tigers leading Isabella by two with 2:35 to play in their second-round playoff matchup last November, Carmichael went down with an injury and Harvey came in the game. He broke off a 27-yard run on first down, then later capped the drive by rushing three straight times for 24 yards and the clinching touchdown.

"I told one of the other coaches afterwards that that moment is what can possibly make him the man down the road," Fossett said. "It was very impressive how he came in and sealed the win for us. Devin's got some big shoes to fill, and he has really grown up and matured into a great athlete for us."

Another key returnee is offensive lineman Zack Carpenter, who was another first-team All-County selection last season. Carpenter and fellow senior Brandon Blakenship, aka "Mr. B.B. Comer," are two of the big guys up front that Comer will count on heavily to pave the way for Harris and the running game this season.

"Both of them are very proud to be Comer Tigers," Fossett said. "Brandon probably wears more Comer stuff than I do, and I wear Comer stuff all the time.

"They started off as young bucks with me, and now they are seniors. They are hard workers, and they are dedicated to this team. If something needs to be done, I go to these guys and say 'hey, this needs to be done,' and they get it done."

On defense, Harris will also be counted on to be a leader from his linebacker spot.

It is a great feeling of satisfaction for Fossett to see the success his Tigers have had the last two seasons considering where the program was when he took over in 2018. At that time, the Tigers were coming off 16 straight losing seasons in which they had gone 35-127 and had just 13 players on the roster. Now they have gone 19-5 over the past two seasons and have their sights set on even more success.

"To say we are 19-5 the last two seasons, that's impressive," Fossett said. "After I had time to get over the quarterfinal loss and look back at our whole body of work last season, I was really pleased with that body of work."

That work included a 34-25 second-round win over Isabella which, thanks to the most recent Alabama High School Athletic Association realignment, moves into Class 2A, Region 4 with B.B. Comer this season. Other region newcomers include Thorsby, Woodland and Central Coosa.

The Tigers will also play Dadeville, Childersburg and Saks as non-region opponents so the schedule is challenging this season, Fossett said.

Fossett said: "No doubt we'll only go as far as our leadership takes us this season."

B.B. Comer previously went 11-2 in 1988, 12-1 in 1990 and 14-1 in 1995 when they lost 6-0 at Cordova in the Class 3A state championship game.

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Key Facts

Team: B.B. Comer

Head coach: Adam Fossett
(fourth year)

Key departures: Devonta Carmichael, John Murphy, Korey Anderson

Key returnees: Brandon Blankenship, Zack Carpenter, Kamore Harris, Devin Harvey

Base offense: Multiple

Base defense: Multiple

2021 in Review

Record: 10-3

Points scored: 495

Points allowed: 238



Schedule

Aug. 19	at Dadeville
Aug. 26	vs. Childersburg
Sept. 2	at Woodland
Sept. 9	OPEN
Sept. 16	at Vincent
Sept. 23	at Saks
Sept. 30	vs. Isabella
Oct. 7	at Thorsby
Oct. 14	vs. Central Coosa
Oct. 21	at Fayetteville



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- 3 - Devin Harvey
- 4 - James Carmicheal
- 6 - Adam Odum
- 8 - Raelon Sims
- 9 - Richard Weed
- 11 - Michael Kirksey
- 12 - Malik Porch
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- 33 - Jakari Brown
- 51 - Chris Wilson
- 53 - Keyshawn Russell
- 54 - Seth Barnett
- 55 - Ethan Price
- 56 - Brandon Blankenship
- 57 - Caiden Brown
- 65 - Zachariah Carpenter
- 70 - Seth Pettit
- 72 - Alex Cunningham
- 74 - Judson Murray
- 75 - Angel Ruiz
- 76 - Eli Thrasher
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CHILDERSBURG Tigers



By **CHRIS NORWOOD**
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Childersburg head coach Johnny Johnson is hoping to make his third season coaching at his alma mater the best one yet.

"We're making progress, and we're looking forward to seeing more wins this year and making it to the playoffs," he said. "We've been working hard."

Johnson also has plenty of seasoned players taking the field this year.

"It's a big group of returning players," he said. "I've got 11 seniors this year, and my quarterback (Chris Swain) and running backs are juniors. We had some great summer workouts, and I'm really proud of the way they've been practicing now. The summer is always big, and they've been hitting the weight room and working where it really counts."

There was some concern about Swain's inexperience last season, but no more.

Johnson and his coaching staff also have more experience, and that, in combination with the number of returning veteran players, can make a big difference.

"We all know more than we did last time," he said. "We're more mature going into this season, and we're really excited about it."

The Tigers posted four victories last year. Johnson's overall record in Childersburg is 7-13 going into this season.

They have not made the playoffs during Johnson's tenure, although they came close last year, finishing in fifth place in Class 3A Region 4. Their record in that region was 3-4 last season.

The Tigers last postseason appearance was in 2017.

Johnson said he also sees a whole lot of promise in some of his younger players, particularly in center Camden Estell.

The freshman and sophomore players will be making some adjustments coming up. "They'll have to get used to Friday night

lights, and the faster game. But when they hear their name called, I know they are going to be ready to come in and be successful on the field."

He said he has also seen steady improvements in his special teams over the summer and coming into the beginning of the season.

The other key component to a successful season will be community support, which Johnson says he knows he can count on.

"We really want to see the whole community come out for us this season," he said. "We want to hear everyone saying, 'Go Tigers.'"

The Childersburg community has already come out to donate bottled water and Gatorade and PowerAde to the team, according to the Childersburg High School Facebook page. This year's squad made their public debut at TigerFest on Aug. 5.

Childersburg will kick off the season Aug. 19, taking on the Munford Lions at home in John Cox Stadium.

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Aug. 19.....	vs. Munford
Aug. 26.....	at B.B. Comer
Sept. 2.....	at Randolph County
Sept. 9.....	vs. Weaver
Sept. 16.....	at Saks
Sept. 23.....	vs. Vincent
Sept. 30.....	vs. Wellborn
Oct. 7.....	at Beulah
Oct. 14.....	vs. Dadeville
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12 - Devin Williams
16 - Zach Cleveland
18 - Omario McClain
19 - RJ Swain
20 - Trent Twymon
21 - Dimitrius McCormick
22 - Devonte Fairman
23 - Kordes Swain
24 - Ethan Mckinney
25 - Daniel Warlick
26 - Cameron Smith
28 - Elijah Murphy
30 - Micah Reed
32 - Michael Wells
34 - Dontavius Fairman
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45 - Caden Chambliss
48 - La'Shon Estell
50 - Adam Mizzell
51 - Robert Barnett
52 - Braden Thornton
53 - Laquayvius Stone
54 - Camden Estelle
55 - Austin Luker
56 - Michael Keith-Watkin
60 - Justin Hill
62 - Dontavion Keith
63 - Jamarion Hardy
65 - Jeweleon Washington
66 - Olvin Castillo
67 - Hezekiah Parker
70 - Jack Sanders
71 - Conner Barnett
76 - Tyler Bryant
77 - Carter Weldon
78 - Justice Washington
79 - Javis Stone
81 - Luke Duffee
Sedric Turner
Ka'maree Swain
15 - Parker Dennis
Darren Shepard

Key Facts

Team: Childersburg

Head coach: Johnny Johnson (third year)

Key departures: Skyler Rice, Layne Darden, Will Darden, Caleb Swain, Andarius Woody and Jordan Sanders

Key returnees: Chris Swain, Camden Estell

Base offense: Multiple

Base defense: Multiple

2021 in Review

Record: 4-6

Points scored: 223

Points allowed: 282



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COOSA VALLEY ACADEMY

Rebels



By JOE MEDLEY
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Vince DiLorenzo has been a second-year head coach at Coosa Valley Academy, and that worked out for an AISA state championship.

Now a second-time, second-year head coach at Coosa Valley Academy, DiLorenzo enters 2022 with a simple theme for the Rebels ... “A year later.”

Coosa Valley went 3-8 in 2021, which marked DiLorenzo’s return after 10 seasons coaching in Georgia. The Rebels went 3-2 in region and made the playoffs.

Coosa Valley fans no doubt hoped for better when the school brought back the coach who spent five years there in his previous stay, including three as an assistant, and led the Rebels to the 2010 state title in his second season as a head coach.

Then again, Coosa Valley fans stayed busy keeping up with who was playing and who wasn’t week to week in 2021.

Running back/linebacker Justin Tate was lost to a season-ending injury in the second game.

“He was primed to have a great season, and we lost him two weeks into the season,” DiLorenzo said..

Other injuries and COVID-19 took their toll, as well.

“It seemed every week we had three or four starters out,” DiLorenzo said.

That’s tough for a small school that battles perennial powers Lowndes Academy and Crenshaw Christian, to say nothing of Abbeville Christian and Cornerstone Christian in region play.

A year later, Coosa Valley returns seven starters, and there are intriguing newcomers.

Junior quarterback Blake Warnick moved in from Chelsea, and junior running back/defensive back Dustin Prickett comes on line after moving in too late to play and spending 2021 as a manager.

Junior lineman Grant Loes moved in

from California and two brothers moved in from Arizona: junior lineman Kaeden Smalls and freshman wide receiver/defensive back Braylon Smalls.

Junior offensive lineman/linebacker Zack Swalley hails from Washington.

A couple of move-ins might spark déjà vu for Rebel rowdies. A similar scenario was set up for the 2010 state-title team.

“We were lucky because we had some kids that wanted to come that year,” DiLorenzo said.

That 2010 team also had at least 30 players, including all-state defensive back John Bullen and linebacker Ryan Baston.

Both graduated, and DiLorenzo, the former long-time Gadsden High head coach and first head coach in Spain Park history, went to work in Georgia. What followed for Coosa Valley was a long dry spell with nine losing seasons in 10 years before DiLorenzo’s return.

That includes four winless seasons. The 2019 dipped to eight-man Christian



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Schedule

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Sept. 2 at Lowndes
Sept. 9 at Lakeside
Sept. 16 vs. Pickens
Sept. 23 at Banks
Sept. 30 at Evangel (Montgomery)
Oct. 7	..... vs. Crenshaw
Oct. 24	..... vs. Abbeville
Oct. 21	..... vs. Southern
Oct. 28	..... at Sparta

Key Facts

Team: Coosa Valley Academy

Head coach: Vince DiLorenzo (fourth year/two stints)

Key departures: Canaan Johnson (QB), Hunter Hill (LB), Weston Dooley (DB).

Key returnees: Levi Ponder (Sr. OL/DL), Carter Gunnells (Sr. OL/DL), Austin Griffith (Sr. DB/WR), Lukas Bynum (Sr. RB/LB), Jacob McGaha (Sr. RB/LB), Nacoe Santiago (Sr. TE/LB), Justin Tarwater (Sr. WR/DB), Jamie Pack (Jr. K/WR/DB), Jacob Sims (Jr. OL/DL), Brody Davenport (Jr. OL/DL).

Additions: Blake Warnick (Jr. QB), Dustin Prickett (Jr. RB/DB), Grant Loes (Jr. OL/DL), Kaeden Smalls (Jr. OL/DL), Braylon Smalls (Fr. WR/DB), Zack Swalley (Jr. OL/LB).

Base offense: Multiple.

Base defense: 4-3.

2021 in Review

Record: 3-8

Points scored: 156

Points allowed: 239

school ball and went 0-6.

The school went through a span where the number of boys enrolled in school dipped, DiLorenzo said. Those numbers are rebounding, with 22 on the 2022 roster.

Five key players graduated from 2021, but what returns is in its second year under a coach who has a history of showing improvement in his second year. Gadsden went from 8-3 in 1984 to 10-3 in 1985. Then-fledgling Spain Park went from 3-7 in 2002 to 7-4 in 2003.

Then came DiLorenzo's 2009-10 stint as Coosa Valley's head coach. The Rebels went from 8-4 to 11-2 with a state title.

He knows a thing or two about year twos.

Helping him is second-year defensive coordinator Reece Donahoo, a key player on Coosa Valley's 2010 state-title team who also knows a thing or two about DiLorenzo's year-two voodoo.

As 2021 showed, COVID and injuries can decimate a small-school team. Most key players start on offense, defense and special teams.

If Coosa Valley can have better luck keeping its best on the field in 2022, DiLorenzo has a chance to work his second-year magic.

"How are we a year later?" he said. "Are we better coached? Are we in better shape? Are the players fundamentally sound?"

"Have we made improvements since the first year of what I consider to be the most important areas that determine success, or not?"



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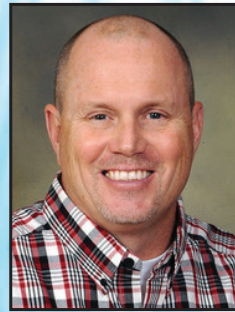
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- 26 - Austin Griffith
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FAYETTEVILLE Wolves



By **PRESTON ODAM**
Daily Home Correspondent

Fayetteville coach John Limbaugh is entering his 11th season leading his football program, and he's looking forward with excitement to what the 2022 season has to offer.

The Wolves went 3-7 last year and are looking for their first state playoff berth since 2019. So, Limbaugh's goals for this season are simple:

"Win football games," he said. "I know that might sound cliché, but we do want to win one game at a time. The goal of course is the playoffs. A lot of people say, 'Well you're fighting for that third and fourth seed.' I'm not giving up anything.

"I'm not sacrificing the one or two seeds because we don't think we can get there. I think these guys are capable of a lot. Lots of people say, 'You're small and you're young,' and that's true, but that gives opportunities elsewhere on the field for other people to shine.

"We just have to tackle well and control the football. If we control the tempo of the

game, you can see the Wolves win some ball games. This year's team can definitely make the playoffs. We just have to take it one game at a time."

Fayetteville posted a 2-5 record in Class 2A, Region 4 last season. Limbaugh expects to improve upon last year after what he has said to be a "really good summer."

"We've worked hard," Limbaugh said. "Our kids are into it; they're focused, which gives me a lot of energy to see that out of them. This summer we did a lot of good in the weight room. We did a lot of 7-on-7s and did quite well at them.

"We actually threw the ball really well, threw the ball crisp, and that was nice to see. I really wasn't expecting it. We have guys that stepped right into the role. I have a couple guys playing quarterback — actually about three or four. Cadence Barrett has been doing a nice job. I have Zeke Deloach also. With both of them, we're probably going to look at a two quarterback system.

"We also have Landon Thomas who can run it and we can put the other two guys some-

where else. I have a lot of skill athletes on offense this year."

One aspect he attributes to the successful summer is the new weight facility the school has built.

"We have this new wonderful, beautiful facility that the Talladega County Board of Education just put up for us," he said. "We're really appreciative of that, and the kids are pumped about it. They've been working hard there."

Leaders are necessary to any success the Wolves look to have this season as they are a fairly young team. Limbaugh has been impressed with the way multiple kids have stepped up and become leaders for the team.

"Hunter Hammonds is really stepping up as a leader," Limbaugh said. "He's done a great job in the weight room and the locker room. He's one of our running backs. Our quarterbacks, both Barrett and Deloach, are stepping up. Landon Payton has done a great job, he's stepped up, and I appreciate the work he's doing. These guys are absolutely doing a great job."



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Key Facts

Team: Fayetteville

Head coach: John Limbaugh (11th year)

Key departures: Layne Darden, Will Darden, Pacey Deloach

Key returnees: Hunter Hammonds, Landon Payton, Cadence Barrett, Zeke Deloach, Landon Thomas

Base offense: Multiple

Base defense: Multiple

2021 in Review

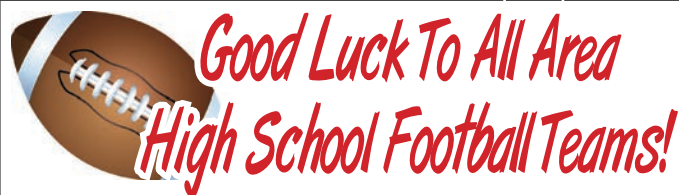
Record: 3-7

Points scored: 223

Points allowed: 352

Schedule

Aug. 19	OPEN
Aug. 26	<i>at</i> Verbena
Sept. 2	<i>vs.</i> Ranburne
Sept. 9	<i>at</i> Vincent
Sept. 16	<i>at</i> Isabella
Sept. 23	<i>vs.</i> Horseshoe Bend
Sept. 29	<i>vs.</i> Thorsby
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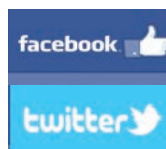
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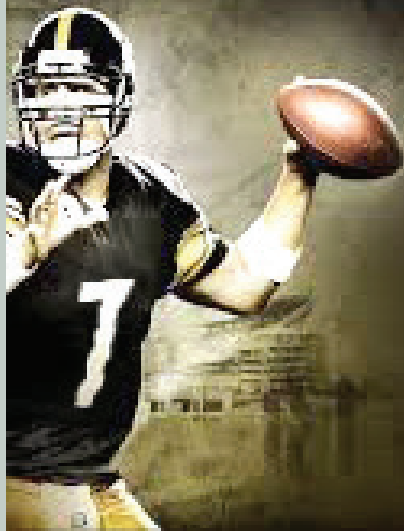


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- 12 - Cadence Barrett
- 13 - Ashton Donahoo
- 14 - Cameron Hammonds
- 17 - Jayden McDonald
- 18 - Landon Payton
- 20 - Aiden Blair
- 22 - Reid Wallace
- 26 - Hunter Roberson
- 33 - Grayson Fannin
- 34 - Atticus Jacks
- 35 - Coy Hightower
- 38 - Braden Liner
- 55 - Landon Thomas
- 56 - Jeremiah Roberson
- 60 - Ashton Deshazo
- 61 - Owen Darden
- 63 - Dalton Entrekin
- 64 - Ross Thomas
- 65 - Caleb Maness
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LINCOLN Golden Bears



BY TAYLOR MITCHELL
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Lincoln coach Matt Zedaker says he and the Golden Bears are ready to take this upcoming season one game at a time, but with the ultimate goal of winning it all.

"We have prepared ourselves, all summer, to play 15 games," he said. "Now, obviously there's only two teams in 5A that are going to play 15 games, and that's the two teams playing the state championship."

Zedaker said that mindset is important for the team to really hit its goals this season.

"I think the last couple years, we've gotten to the point where we get to the end of the seasons and we kind of took a deep breath and go, 'Woo we made it,'" he said. "It was hard to refocus and get geared up for the playoffs. So now if we get to game ten and we are fortunate enough to be in the playoffs, we are expecting that and we're expecting to go."

Zedaker said it's not just about mindset and approach it's also about practice and training.

"As we practice every day, as we work out every day, as we run everyday we are

running extra because we are running extra because we are running for, in essence, what we call three five game seasons," he said. "That's just kind of the mindset of let's do a little bit more this year in our preparations, so when we get to that point we've built it to be this way."

Last year, the Golden Bears went 6-5 with one loss being a forfeit to Sylcauaga forced by COVID-19. The team ultimately finished fourth in Class 5A, Region 6, but Zedaker said the team is hungry to build on those successes and their failures.

"Every one of those losses that we had other than the forfeit came from the top seven teams in 5A," Zedaker said. "We lost to Leeds, they were ranked four at the time. We lost to Alexandria, they were ranked two. We lost to Russellville in the playoffs, they were ranked seven and then you've got the forfeit. That's pretty good company right there."

He said last season has really left the team with a mantra focusing on staying competitive throughout the game.

"Other than the Leeds game, we didn't like the way we got beat," the coach said.

Zedaker said Alexandria and Center Point hit the Golden Bears with an early lead last

year, something the team doesn't want to see happen again.

"We want a chance to have an opportunity to win the game in the fourth quarter," he said. "If we get beat late, we get beat late. Someone made more plays than us, but we don't want to have any more blowout losses."

Lincoln will go into this season with that same tough schedule as last year with just a few shakeups.

"Region is what it is. You still got Leeds, you still got St. Clair County, you still got Alexandria, you still got Moody," the coach said

He said the shakeup comes as the Golden Bears will face off against Southside and Springville in region games this year, after both dropped down from 6A to 5A.

"If you look at it top to bottom, especially in our region, I think it's the toughest in 5A," he said.

As far as non-region games, the coach said Lincoln has added Talladega as a season opener, along with Ashville.

He said when it comes to the whole schedule though, the team is taking each week at a time and not missing out on preparing for one team by looking at one further



down the line.

“With the schedule we’ve got, if you look ahead, you’re going to get beat,” the coach said. “So we take them one at a time and we’ve got blinders on as far as looking ahead.”

Zedaker said the team is definitely ready for the new season even after graduating a tremendous senior lineup last year and a few preseason injuries.

“We really like our backfield,” he said. “We got a couple of running backs back that ran this year. Unfortunately one of our better running backs, our number one running back, already tore his ACL in preseason

camp, so that’s just another opportunity for someone else to step in and be that guy.”

Zedaker said the quarterback spot remains a race between Bryton Usrey and Monty Weed, who have both been in the running since the spring. He said the call on who the starter will be will likely go up until the season starts as both are excellent picks for the job.

“There’s all kinds of scenarios where we could play both of them and they both play defense as well,” the coach said. “I think both of them fit our offensive scheme to a tee.”

Zedaker said the two young athletes really

support each other and have the support of the team, so the team will be in great hands either way.

He said on defense the Golden Bears are in more solid shape, with fewer questions left to answer. Zedaker said the team had eight starters back on the defensive line.

“We feel like our defense is a lot farther ahead than offense right now and it should be when you start the season,” he said.

Zedaker said that no matter what, fans can expect the Golden Bears to show a lot of class and character on the field this year and to play some hard nosed football until the last second on the clock.

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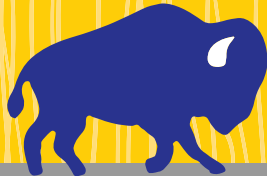
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Key Facts

Head coach: Matt Zedaker (sixth year)

Key departures: Jack Poarch, Zach Wren

Key returners: Brandon Estelle, Bryton Usrey, Monty Weed

Base offense: Multiple

Base defense: Multiple

2021 in review

Record: 6-5

Points scored: 150

Points allowed: 166

Schedule

Aug. 19.....	vs. Talladega
Aug. 26.....	at Ashville
Sept. 2.....	at Southside-Gadsden
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MUNFORD *Lions*



By **JIMMY CREED**
Daily Home Correspondent

For Munford High School standout Sylvester Smith, an injury that hampered him almost all of the 2021 season also taught him a valuable lesson.

At the time a highly recruited defensive back with numerous Division I college scholarship offers already in hand, Smith was riding high and loving life as he and the Lions entered his junior season. Then came the first quarter of Game 2 at Fultondale and a painful ankle injury that bothered him the rest of the year.

Upon reflection, Smith said he was riding too high at the time and that his injury brought him back to Earth.

"It may sound weird, but I feel like me getting injured was one of the best things that could have happened to me mentally," Smith said. "Being a guy who had a bunch of scholarship offers, I needed to be humbled. When it happened, I looked at things a different way and learned how to be a leader again on and off the field. I feel like right now I am physically and mentally ready to play, and I want to get going."

As they prepare to enter the 2022 season,

coach Michael Easley and the rest of Smith's Lion teammates are certainly glad to hear that.

The 5-foot-11, 195-pound Smith, who committed to Tennessee in late April, is expected to be a presence this season, not just from his safety position on defense, but all over the field as a young pride of Lions tries to rebound from a 3-7 finish and a fourth straight year out of the playoffs.

"It's probably the most inexperienced group I've ever coached," said Easley, who enters his fourth season at Munford. "But honestly, it's one of the hardest working teams I've ever been a part of as well."

In all, the Lions lost 13 seniors — many who started both ways — to graduation and another whose family moved. And with just seven seniors on this year's squad, they really are counting on lots of young players to step up their games.

On offense, Munford will be working with new starters at almost every skill position and at four of five spots across the offensive front.

The battle to replace Connor Morgan at quarterback is wide open, with Easley saying that "several players" have been taking reps at the position in preseason practice. At running back, a group that includes promising

sophomore Amari Edmondson and senior Riley Brown will look to fill the shoes of the departed Corbin Smith. And Brown, fellow seniors Demetrius Norwood and Cam Strickland and newcomer junior Mason Brewer make up a revamped receiving corps.

Of course, there is also Smith, who will come at the defense from many different angles this season.

"I really expect to play everywhere," said Smith, who has started since Game 4 of his freshman season. "I'll be getting the ball in space and just playing everywhere. I expect to carry a heavy load. That's really been expected of me ever since my ninth-grade year so I don't look at it any differently now."

Along the offensive front, only junior Manny Strickland is a returning starter, and he will man one of the tackle positions.

On defense, the Lions face a particular challenge as they try to improve a unit that allowed 340 points last season. But much of that could be attributed to an injury bug which bit hard and forced many players to play before they were ready, Easley said.

"I felt bad at times because we were putting kids on the field that weren't ready, but we didn't have a choice," Easley said. "We had guys out there playing not close to full speed,



but they had to go. At the end of the day, if you're not 100 percent it's going to be tough, especially against the teams we were playing."

In addition to Smith, senior Javion White at linebacker is the only other returning starter.

One bright spot for the Lions last year was the emergence of place-kicker Dakota Frank, who gave the Lions' an extra-point option they hadn't had in several years. He also contributed several made field goals, and as a junior, should be an even more important part of the Lions' offensive attack in that

department.

"Last year, I might not have really taken the gloves off with Dakota, but this year I'm going to put him out there," Easley said. "He's done it for a year so I know he can handle it mentally whether he makes it or misses it. So if it's a 40-yarder to win the game on the last play and the conditions are right, then yes, I am going to let him kick it."

The Lions are hoping to break a four-year playoff drought, dating back to a first-round loss after the 2017 season. It will be a chal-

lenge to claim a spot in the tough Class 4A, Region 4, that includes Handley, Anniston, Jacksonville and now Talladega, but that is what these young Lions are aiming for.

"That needs to be your goal every year," Easley said. "You don't have to win all of them, but you've got to find a way to win enough to get you in one of those spots because, at the end of the day, that's what we're going out there for every year."

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Key Facts

Team: Munford High School

Head coach: Michael Easley
(fourth year)

Key departures: Connor Morgan,
Corbin Smith, Kyler Gibson, Cade-
rio Holland

Key returnees: Sylvester Smith,
Riley Brown, Javion White, Dakota
Frank

Base offense: Multiple

Base defense: Multiple

2021 in Review

Record: 3-7

Points scored: 186

Points allowed: 340

Schedule

Aug. 19 at Childersburg
Aug. 26 OPEN
Sept. 2 vs. Anniston
Sept. 9 at Talladega
Sept. 16 vs. Cleburne County
Sept. 23 at Cherokee County
Sept. 29 vs. Lincoln
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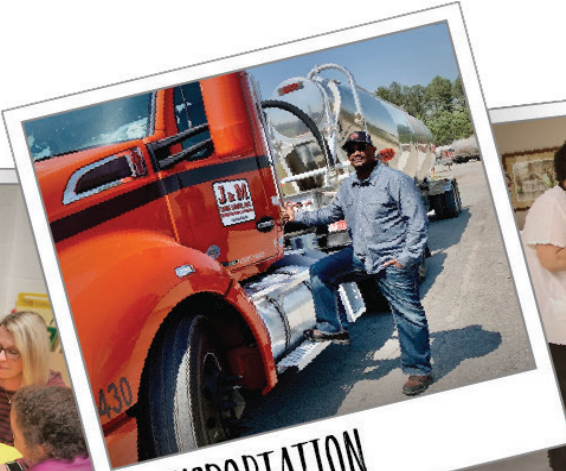


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PELL CITY Pantheres



By **TYLER WALDREP**
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PELL CITY — There's a lot that goes into taking over a new program. For starters, there's a lot of new names to be learned, not to mention the physical and mental skills which will help determine where each player fits best.

The first name that new Pell City head coach Steve Mask learned was Carlos Herring.

"He stood out early because of his athletic abilities and his leadership qualities. I think he has a chance to play at the next level," said Mask, who won 210 games in 25 years at Bradshaw, Buckhorn and St. Paul's, including four state titles.

Herring, a senior, is slated to start at nickel on defense, but he also will receive 10 to 12 snaps a game at running back as he backs up starter Markise Bedford.

Mask said Bedford used his vision and quickness to earn the starting position over some of the bigger backs on the team.

Those guys take their handoffs from a familiar face. Caleb Groce split time at quarterback last season with former Panther Baylor Smith, but this year the junior will take the lead while junior Jacob Tucker backs him up.

"He's got a great skill set," Mask said of Groce. "And so you know we're trying to build some things around him because of his leadership ability, and he throws the ball better than I thought he did. And I think that's one thing I've seen him improve from day one, that's his ability to throw the ball."

When the Panthers do look to the air, senior

Colin Smith has already set himself apart from his peers. Ashton Harvell and Zack Duncan also figure to be heavily involved in the passing game, while junior L.J. Berry sees some time at slot.

Mask said he sees the tight end as a blocker first, but he's confident senior Grayson Lawrence will make his mark in the passing game as well.

Lawrence will be protecting the quarterbacks with help from an offensive line anchored by center Byron Moon. Juniors Michael Snow and Lance Sanderson have also proven themselves to be important pieces at left tackle and right guard, respectively.

Mask said he's particularly proud of how those three have handled the transition away from more of a pass-set mode into his new offense.

"A pass-set deal is just stay between him and the quarterback and this deal," Mask said. "You've actually got your hand in the dirt coming off the ball, and it's a little bit more power, power engaged. It all takes power, but a little bit more straight ahead blocking type deals."

Caden Aldrige, Dedrick Scott, Danny Barber and Riley Surles will compete for the remaining two starting spots on the offensive line.

Junior Jake Blackstone will handle punting and kicking duties for the Panthers on special teams. On the defensive side of the ball, Mask said he feels the depth on the defensive line will prove to be the strength of the team.

Mask said defensive ends Hunter Otwell and Matthew Swain have emerged as leaders for that group.

"They've both got good get-off," Mask said. "They've got good size, they are 245, 250, and they both have high motors. They go hard out all

the time."

Mask isn't sure who the remaining starter will be, but he expects four other players to see plenty of time on the defensive line, including Jachian Dunnville, Malik Watts, Jayden Elston and Branden Smith.

Senior Drew Sisson will start at linebacker and will help call the defense from the field. He, Zander Lackey and Landen Strong are the three linebackers slated to see significant time this season.

Herring is joined in the secondary by Tucker at free safety while Berry and Jaden Coleman start at corner.

Both Groce and Colin Smith also seemed poised to see time in the secondary this season.

"I'd rather not play anybody both ways, but as I've evolved as I've gotten a little older, you know, if you got a really good athlete, you don't really want to spend half the games over standing next to you," Mask said.

Mask said there's a huge challenge awaiting the Panthers this season as they attempt to change the culture at Pell City. While the task is huge, Mask said his players need to keep their focus on the little details. If they take care of that, the wins and losses will sort themselves out.

"We want to put a product on the field that the school and the community can be proud of," Mask said. "That's the end of the story. ... A team that plays hard and plays with great discipline and plays with great pride. I think the best compliment that a coach can ever get from another coach is, 'Your teams play hard.'"



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Key Facts

Head coach: Steve Mask (first year)
Key departures: Baylor Smith, Kentrell Borden
Key returners: Caleb Groce, Drew Sisson

Base offense: Multiple
Base defense: Multiple

2021 in review
Record: 2-8
Points scored: 210
Points allowed: 293



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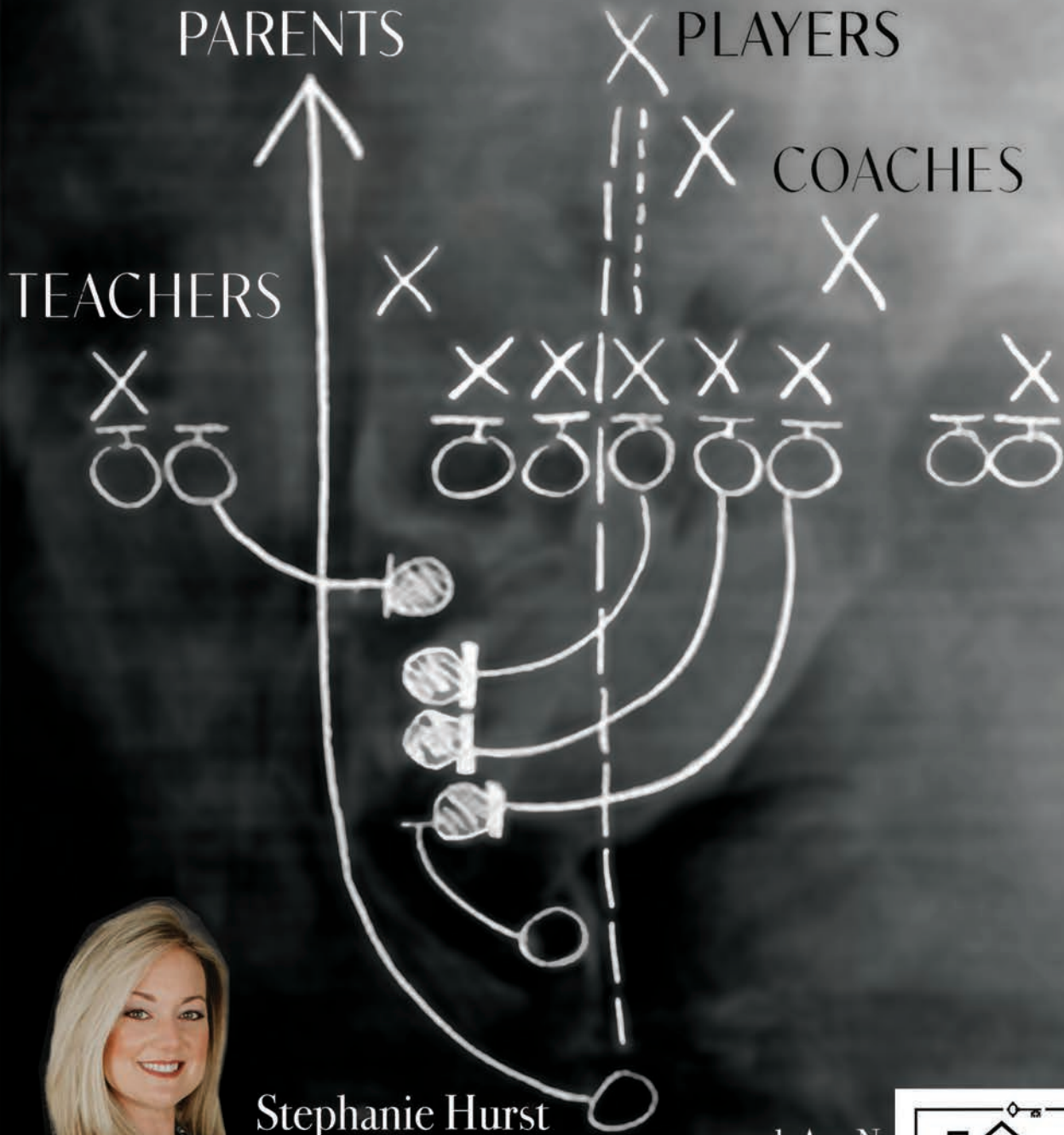
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Sept. 9	at Center Point
Sept. 16	OPEN
Sept. 23	vs. Eufaula
Sept. 30	vs. Oxford
Oct. 7	at Shades Valley
Oct. 14	at Huffman
Oct. 21	vs. Pinson Valley
Oct. 28	vs. Springville

Roster

2 - Jacob Tucker	29 - L.J. Berry	62 - Joseph Bullard
3 - Landen Strong	30 - Tashawn Green	64 - Matthew Swain
4 - Caleb Groce	32 - Isaiah Smith	65 - Michael Snow
5 - Carlos Herring	33 - Stefan McGraw	67 - Hunder Brown
6 - Ethan Isbell	34 - Trey Kurzejeski	68 - Andrew Allen
7 - Zack Duncan	35 - Zander Lackey	70 - Caleb George
8 - Hunter Otwell	36 - Tristian Anderson	73 - Lance Sanderson
9 - Jaden Coleman	37 - Tipton Hernandez	75 - Caden Aldrige
10 - Markise Bedford	39 - Billy Swain	76 - Dedrick Scott
11 - Drew Sisson	40 - Jacob Kennedy	78 - Connery Northcutt
12 - Ashton Harvell	41 - Landon Hardy	79 - Hayden Whitten
13 - Luke Forman	42 - Adrian Turner	80 - Elias Harris
14 - Colin Smith	43 - Dillon Ascunce	81 - Braden Duncan
16 - Thomas Bolton	44 - Jordan Woods	82 - Tyler Kurzejeski
17 - Joshua Kirby	45 - Jachian Dunnaville	83 - Jarrett Doran
18 - Logan Raines	47 - Evan Finley	84 - Grayson Lawrence
19 - Jake Blackstone	48 - Mikel Smith	85 - Malik Watts
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RAGLAND Purple Devils



By **TYLER WALDREP**
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RAGLAND — There's no question that receiver Jordan Turner makes Ragland's offense go. At least, his coach isn't shy about touting him.

"In my opinion, (he) is probably the best player in St. Clair County," Ragland coach Wes Tidwell said. "Jordan is a kid that looks completely different than he did last year. He was 175 last year, he is close to 200 pounds. He is running better, he is jumping better. ... A 50-50 ball is not a 50-50 ball to him. We feel like we can throw one up to him, and if it's one-one-one with him it's 80-20 us maybe more. I want to say he caught 17 or 18 touchdowns last year."

Other receivers set to see a large workload in the passing game this season include Ezra Hill.

Jagger Cox and Cade Mikler will also serve as top reserve options for receiver and tight end, respectively.

The Purple Devils have a guy under

center tasked with getting the ball to those guys — or perhaps it is two new guys as sophomores Drake Kay and Antwan Byers find themselves in a position battle at quarterback.

Tidwell described Kay as a taller, longer kid capable of pushing the ball down the field.

"Antwan, on the other hand, doesn't really have the arm strength that Drake does, but as far as accuracy and getting you in the right spot, he does that thing," Tidwell said. "He does those kinds of things, he's a little bit more football knowledgeable than Drake."

Tidwell said he's in no hurry to force the issue, so it's possible, perhaps even likely, that this battle carries over into the season.

"Your quarterback has to be a guy the kids like," Tidwell said. "Has to be someone those guys will play for. ... Secondly, he has to be a kid that grasps what we want him to do because I let my guy make a lot of decisions. ... Thirdly, in that order of importance honestly, you have to have a kid that

can physically do the things you need him to do."

Whoever wins the starting spot will share the backfield with A'Ron Lee, a 150-pound running back who proved himself as more of a 1B option late last season instead of a true backup. D.J. Turner, a 6-foot-2, 225-pound senior will run behind him as the No. 2 option when he's not playing tight end while Brett Sisson rounds out the trio.

They will run behind an offensive line that returns five guys that started or played significant reps last season, including Will Clark, Brandon Hill, Skylar Barber, Jaden Isbell and Tacorion Soles.

Of those five, Clark has separated himself as a leader.

"All I have to say is 'Will this can't happen,' and he gets it fixed," Tidwell said. "He does it, and he does it right, and he holds kids accountable, and he does that whether he is in the classroom, the weight room, wherever. You watch him in the weight room, and there's been days we had to drag him out. He's been so worn down. That's the kid he is."

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Cash Robinson and Kanyon Cox are also pushing for playing time on the line, so Tidwell believes Ragland's strength this season might lie in the trenches on both sides of the ball if the Purple Devils can remain healthy.

On fourth down, Ragland will turn to Kay to punt if the team is out of field goal range.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Purple Devils' defensive line is anchored by Clark, who Tidwell said is up to 230 pounds this season after playing at 180 last year.

He will be joined by Isbell and La'Darius Rembert who missed last season with an injury.

"He's been almost impossible to block for our guys this summer so I think he's going to have a great year for us," Tidwell said of Rembert.

Junior Ethan Courtney is back at middle linebacker after recording 126 tackles last season. He could be even better this year since the scale is reading 220 now instead of 180.

DJ Turner will play outside

when he's not lining up as an edge rusher. The rest of the linebacker corps will include some combination of Mickler, Byers and perhaps others.

Turner will once again see time at safety. Jagger seems like a favorite to join him back there, but it's possible the team moves him to cornerback. Ezra Hill seems like the only other surefire starter in the secondary with Lee and Sisson among those battling it out for the remaining spots.

Ragland was unable to make it past the second round last year, but few teams looked as dangerous as the Purple Devils did down the stretch. Tidwell hopes a tough schedule can prepare his team for a similar run this year.

"Our non-region schedule is very, very tough," Tidwell said. "I told our kids all the time that I think we are going to trial by fire early, and if you don't pull your big boy britches on, you will be staring 0-4 in the face."

Key facts

Head coach: Wes Tidwell (second year)

Key departures: Owen Schall, Kentrell Turner

Key returners: Jordan Turner, Will Clark

Base offense: Multiple

Base defense: Multiple

2021 in review

Record: 9-3

Points scored: 458

Points allowed: 265

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- 53 - Will Clark
- 15 - Ezra Hill
- 50 - Jaden Isbell
- 2 - Mike Robertson
- 30 - DJ Turner
- 1 - Jordan Turner
- 58 - Skylar Barber
- 5 - Ethan Courtney
- 54 - Brandon Hill
- 23 - Myata Horner
- 52 - Ladarius
- 12 - Brett Sisson
- 7 - Antwan Byers
- 19 - Jagger Cox
- 55 - Kanyon Cox
- 51 - Bradley Dill
- 56 - Kayden Ecker
- 73 - Colton Hill
- 4 - Drake Kay
- 57 - Brandon McCulley
- 70 - Cash Robinson
- 60 - Tacorion Soles
- 11 - Johnathan Thomas
- 14 - Austin Boutwell
- 3 - Brayden Collins
- 72 - Steven Layfield
- 20 - A'ron Lee
- 10 - Cade Mickler
- 8 - Byron Mizzell
- 22 - Hunter Nolin
- 21 - Dylan Reeves
- 59 - Luke Brewer
- 6 - Greyson Hay
- 75 - Gavin Cagle
- 26 - Evan Hill



Schedule

- Aug. 19.....at **Vincent**
- Aug. 26.....at **Southeastern**
- Sept. 2.....at **Donoho**
- Sept. 9.....at **Randolph County**
- Sept. 16.....vs. **Wadley**
- Sept. 23.....vs. **Pleasant Valley**
- Sept. 30.....at **Victory Christian**
- Oct. 7.....vs. **Winterboro**
- Oct. 14.....**OPEN**
- Oct. 21.....vs. **Spring Garden**
- Oct. 28.....**OPEN**



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SYLACAUGA *Aggies*



By **PRESTON ODAM**
Daily Home Sports Writer

The Sylacauga Aggies are looking to sustain success under their second-year head coach, Rob Carter.

The Aggies are coming off a 7-4 year in 2021, and Carter is excited for the new season full of opportunity for his squad.

"We had a lot of young guys that played last year," he said. "Our experience level is pretty high. The fact that I'm going into my second year, the kids are familiar with our schemes. It has been a great senior class with leadership. I like where we are now. We'll see what changes we have to make after Friday night."

Sylacauga was 5-1 in Class 5A, Region 4 last season. The region record helped the Aggies clinch a playoff berth in Carter's first year as head coach. Sylacauga finished runner-up in the region for the first time in almost 20 years which allowed them to host a playoff game.

"We want to continue that success but for a bigger goal," Carter said. "To stay one of the top two teams in our region is the goal. We want to go deep in the playoffs and have a chance to play for the (state) championship. That's the ultimate goal. Getting everybody to compete at the highest level, doing things right, that's the short-term goal right now. The weekly and day-to-day improvement. We're getting everybody on the same

page with effort to raise our competitive ability the best we can."

Carter opened with B.B. Comer in a scrimmage game. The two schools are 0.5 miles away from one another and have been rivals for years.

"It's been an ongoing rivalry being so close," Carter said. "The kids interact with each other outside of just athletics, they know each other. It's big for the community. I think me and Coach (Adam) Fossett see it as an opportunity to improve and see what we need before the season starts. It'll be highly competitive. We will definitely get to see where we need to go for the following week in preparation for our first game."

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players returning from last year's team. The entire offensive line returns this year for the Aggies. Tavares Lauderdale is returning for his senior year. He is an impressive playmaker who lines up at wide receiver, cornerback, and occasionally running back for Sylacauga.

"I think it's more evenly distributed ath-

letic ability," Carter said. "You have Tavares Lauderdale who is pretty dynamic with the ball in his hands, he has really above average speed for high school. The entire defensive line has really impressed me so far with their speed and strength. They cause problems for offensive lines in any type of pass game, so I'm really impressed with that

whole group.

"I think offensive line wise, we've improved so much, we return 100 percent of the guys who started last year. They have gotten more mature and understanding of our scheme. As a whole, it's a really good senior class with great leadership and kids who have been focused."

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Sept. 2 at **Elmore County**
Sept. 8 vs. **Valley**
Sept. 16 at **Trinity Presbyterian**
Sept. 23 vs. **Leeds**
Sept. 30 at **Beauregard**
Oct. 7 vs. **Clay Central**
Oct. 14 at **Tallassee**
Oct. 21 **OPEN**
Oct. 28 vs. **Piedmont**

Key facts

Head coach: Rob Carter (second year)
Key departures: Maleek Pope, Jeremy Odem
Key returners: Tavares Lauderdale
Base offense: Multiple
Base defense: Multiple

2021 in review
Record: 7-4
Points scored: 315
Points allowed: 254



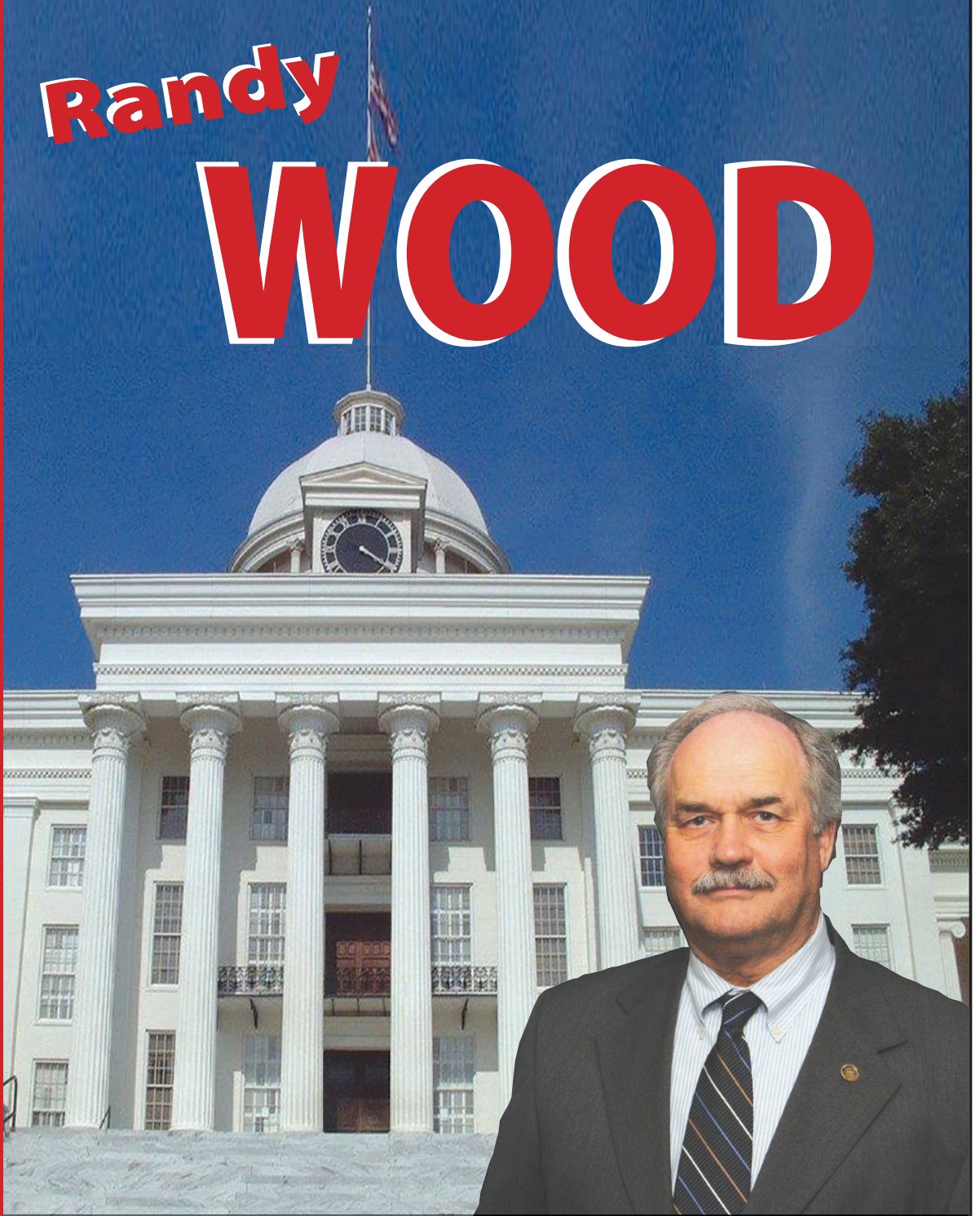
Roster

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|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 - Tavares "Bill" Lauderdale | 21 - Elijah Williams | 56 - Tucker Sims |
| 2 - Quindavius Swain | 22 - Chase Allen | 57 - Trevan Kirksey |
| 3 - Jakarri Cottingham | 23 - Julius Taylor | 58 - Lane Johnson |
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| 7 - Landon Burns | 27 - Jamaury Thomas | 62 - Chris West |
| 8 - Caleb Storey | 29 - Jamarian Hale | 64 - Quan Beckham |
| 9 - Lataurius Fluker | 30 - Jonathan Toney | 66 - Allen Oden |
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| 12 - Gabe Harrell | 33 - Rance Machen | 71 - Landon Haywood |
| 13 - Amari Benson | 34 - Logan Fisher | 73 - Myles McCollough |
| 14 - Bryce Oden | 35 - Colton Patterson | 76 - Keshawn Russell |
| 15 - Trenton Welborn | 40 - Blaker Loggins | 77 - Jakaiven Marbury |
| 16 - Antonio Hagler | 43 - Bryant Waters | 78 - Michael Funderburg |
| 17 - Gary McKay | 44 - Caden Machen | 80 - Aiden Hicks |
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TALLADEGA Tigers



By **JIMMY CREED**
Daily Home Correspondent

For Bill Smith, taking the Talladega High School head football coaching job was almost like coming home.

Smith, who comes to Talladega after two seasons at Huffman, was previously the coach just up the road at Munford High School from 2015-2018. In that span, his teams were 28-18, including the Lions' last trip to the playoffs in 2017.

So there is a familiar feel to the area for Smith, who becomes the Tigers' fourth head coach since 2013, succeeding Shannon Felder, who went 10-22 from 2019-2021.

And, perhaps as fate would have it, the most recent Alabama High School Athletic Association reclassification drops Talladega back to Class 4A, Region 4 along with Munford. Talladega will host Munford on Sept. 9, and Smith said it will be a bittersweet game.

"I have great memories at Munford," Smith said. "Those seniors there were eighth-graders when I was there. But when the time comes, it's a region game that we need to win, and we're going to do our best to win it."

Munford fans will remember Smith as well, especially his offenses, which put up 1,372 points over the four seasons (an average of 343 a season). Those fans will see something pretty familiar when they see Talladega this year, Smith said.

"We have pretty much the same offense that we did when I was at Munford," Smith said. "We've changed all the terminology and all the signals, but it will be very similar. Now we just hope we can score a lot of points like we did when I was at Munford."

Leading the way in that effort will be junior quarterback Kenny Jackson.

"He is a dual-threat guy who has shown leadership, and he has improved every day," Smith said.

The Tigers will also rely heavily on an offensive line anchored by 6-0, 305-pound senior Jaylon Cunningham at right guard and 5-foot-11, 221-pound Javion Ashley at right tackle.

"We are going to lean on our offensive line," Smith said. "It is one of our strengths."

Smith believes the Tigers also have some good wide receivers, led by 5-9, 147-pound Chris Isbell, who will also play cornerback on defense. Smith is also excited about the

addition of Jalen Lawson to the receiving corps. Lawson, a member of the Tigers' basketball team playing football for the first time, brings a 6-5 frame and leaping ability that could make him a serious threat as a wideout.

Smith is also excited about sophomore running back X'Zavier Lyles.

"He has shown tremendous leadership and is going to be a very good running back," Smith said.

On defense, the Tigers will look to improve drastically on a unit that allowed 424 points last season. In that respect, Smith hopes he can also take a page from his Munford past, particularly his third season there when the Lions allowed just 119 points in 11 games and pitched two shutouts.

"That third year we led the state most of the year in defensive stats, and we didn't relinquish that lead until the 10th game of the season," Smith said. "That is something I'm very proud of."

Smith is also proud of changes to the cultures he has been able to make in his other head-coaching stops at Huffman, Fayette County, where he went 8-3 in his only season in 2019, Shades Valley and Crossville.



He plans on making the same kind of changes at Talladega.

"I want to make some big changes at Talladega," Smith said. "We're going to work on grades, the hallways, the classroom, the behavior, the cleanliness of the locker room, all these things. Dr. (Quentin) Lee is on board, and as we go forward, there are plans for big changes to facilities and all those kinds of things."

Smith's message and his approach seems to be ringing true with his new players.

"I think playing for him will be easy," Cunningham said. "When you look up to

somebody, it is easy to buy into what they are telling you. I think the team has done a great job of that. With Coach Smith coming to show us the way and how to do things, I think we're going to be OK."

While he had hoped to have a roster of between 40 and 50 players to start the season, the Tigers had 32 that reported to team camp. So those are the ones Smith is getting ready to face what he calls "the SEC West of Class 4A."

In addition to traditional favorites Handley, always-talented Anniston and Jacksonville with one of the area's best quarterbacks in Jim Ogle, the Tigers will also face Cleburne

County and White Plains in region play. And out of region, the schedule is equally tough, with Lincoln, Walter Wellborn, Alexandria and Saks on board as non-region opponents.

It's a stiff first test throughout for the Tigers under Smith, but he believes they are up for the challenge.

"Our starters are going to be pretty good," Smith said. "We've just got to keep them healthy and keep it close until we get in the fourth quarter, and hopefully, find a way to win some games."

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- 6 - Xzavier Lyles - RB/DB
- 10 - Terrence Swain - DE/WR
- 13 - Christopher Isbell - WR/DB
- 15 - Je'Kerrius Singleton - RB/DB
- 17 - Micah Patterson - DE
- 18 - Kordell Curry - DB
- 19 - Amare White - WR/DB
- 20 - Xavion Whitson - DB
- 22 - Jayden Dates - RB
- 24 - Jamarion Rowe - WR/DB
- 25 - Jaydon Curry - LB/TE
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- 28 - Jae Morriss - DB
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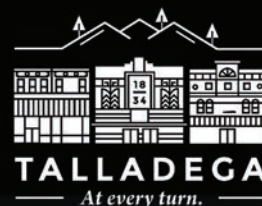
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Key Facts

Team: Talladega High School
Head coach: Bill Smith (first year)
Key departures: Malik Williams, Quontavius McKenzie, Tayshaune Phillips
Key returnees: Javion Ashley, Jaylon Cunningham, Chris Isbell
Base offense: Multiple
Base defense: Multiple

2021 in Review

Record: 1-9
Points scored: 184
Points allowed: 424



Schedule

Aug. 19at **Lincoln**
 Aug. 26**OPEN**
 Sept. 2at **Cleburne County**
 Sept. 9vs. **Munford**
 Sept. 16at **Jacksonville**
 Sept. 23at **Wellborn**
 Sept. 30vs. **White Plains**
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TALLADEGA COUNTY CENTRAL

Fighting Tigers



By **Brant Locklier**
Daily Home Correspondent

Small Class 1A schools are subject to a lot of ups and downs as large groups of kids may come through the school followed by big drop-offs. Talladega County Central is a prime example of this.

In 2006-08, the Fighting Tigers were at the peak in more than 70 years of high school football. They won 33 games in that span and made a trip to the state championship game in 2007. They lost but ended up with a 14-1 record under coach Chris Mahand. The school numbers were at 140 students.

Now, however, the school numbers are down to 60 students, and as a result, the football teams numbers are down accordingly. The football team has suffered big time the last three years. They have one win and 26 losses since 2018. They have only scored nine touchdowns the last two seasons combined. Unfortunately, the defense has allowed an

average of 49 points a game.

Mahand has left after 11 total years with the program over two stints. New coach Acardia Garrett comes into about as tough of a job as a new coach could face. However, his attitude and optimism is just what the program needs.

"There is some talent in these kids," said Garrett. "They just have not been in a position to win due to the small numbers from small classes and no one to bridge the gap.

"It will be up to us, the coaches, to figure out what we can do to make each kid better. We will have to get the community involved and get our kids to want to get better."

The Fighting Tigers are still low on players, having only 20 at times last year.

"I hope to have 25 to 30 out when we get started," Garrett said. "We are teaching our kids to be student-athletes and to not be mediocre in our work ethic. I am excited about our effort so far."

Talladega County Central is part of Class 1A, Region 6, and the schedule got tougher this

year. Re-alignment means that Spring Garden enters Region 6, and Woodland drops out of the region. Spring Garden was 12-1 a year ago.

Week one will feature a couple of teams that need a win as the Fighting Tigers travel to Class 3A Tarrant. Tarrant was 0-10 last year, allowing 56 points a game, while scoring only two a game. An open date follows and a home game with a 3-7 Victory Christian team from a year ago.

It gets tougher after that. Only Donoho had a losing record in 2021 among their final eight opponents. It looks like they will have three weeks after the season starts to get their ducks in a row with a new coaching staff, before they hit the meat of their schedule

Garrett has to go to work in the preseason. He has got to get a few more players out, figure out who will be his position players, install a new offense and defense and figure out how to win a few games.

Not many folks are envying his preseason work.

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Schedule

Aug. 19at **Tarrant**
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 Sept. 2vs. **Victory Christian**
 Sept. 9at **Winterboro**
 Sept. 16**OPEN**
 Sept. 23at **Sumiton Christian**
 Sept. 30vs. **Spring Garden**
 Oct. 6at **Donoho**
 Oct. 14**OPEN**
 Oct. 21at **Wadley**
 Oct. 28vs. **Gaylesville**

Key Facts

Team: Talladega County Central High School
Head coach: Arcadia Garrett (first year)
Key departures: JaKendrick Tuck
Key returnees: Javari McKenzie, Jhovi Cole
Base offense: Multiple
Base defense: Multiple

2021 in Review
Record: 0-9
Points scored: 40
Points allowed: 444



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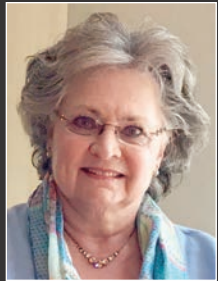
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VICTORY CHRISTIAN

Lions



By **TYLER WALDREP**
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PELL CITY — Victory Christian junior Kaden Dixon has been waiting a long time to prove himself on the football field.

After transferring to Victory Christian last fall, he was ineligible to play.

Not that Dixon ever let that adversity affect the way he practiced.

“He gave us looks with a good attitude every day,” Victory Christian coach Bruce Breland said. “It was like, ‘Good grief.’ And he did it with such a positive way and was trying to help the team. ... He took a lot of abuse.”

As the scout-team running back, Dixon took his fair share of lumps last season, but Breland said he also produced plenty of eyebrow-raising moments.

“I’m anxious to see when the lights come on on Friday night how he is going to react because we don’t know,” Breland said. “I know he gives everything he’s got, whether it be practice, workouts, just setting up the

field.”

Dixon will start at both running back and strong safety for the Lions this season. He’ll run behind a line that includes three newcomers.

Junior William Wilson-Hueter will get the start at right tackle. Breland describes him as a guy that has “college potential” based on his work ethic and size (about 6-foot-3 and 260 pounds).

Senior Dalton Rogers will start beside him at right guard. He will also see time at inside linebacker.

“Dalton doesn’t know how good he can be,” Breland said.

The last of the newcomers is Dylan Hollis, who will take over at center. Breland was particularly proud of Hollis after the junior volunteered to change positions when the Lions needed a new center during the second week of July.

Breland described senior left tackle Connor Denson, a returning starter, as one of the team’s best technicians on the line. Fellow senior Drew Nibblet will start next

to him at left guard.

“He is definitely the foundation up there,” Breland said of Nibblet. “He plays with all his heart. He really does. ... The thing I like about him is his competitive spirit that he’s got. He enjoys winning not only individually, but the team doing well. You see it in his body language and his actions.”

Those five will be tasked with keeping quarterback Shepard Sargent upright this season. Sargent started last season as a freshman. With an almost completely new cast around the sophomore, Breland said the offense is still very much a work in progress. However, the coach does expect his quarterback to take a step forward this season.

“Imagine you’re stepping into the huddle as a freshman, and there are all these seniors that have been through it, and you’re trying to lead them,” Breland said. “So you’ve got to sell yourself what you have quality wise that is character and football as well. So this year, he should be



much more adapted to that.”

Speaking of the new skill position players, wide receiver Brayden Holladay should be one of the team’s top options in the passing game this season after he served in a backup capacity last season.

Fullback Cameron Cheatwood shouldn’t touch the ball much this season, but there’s no doubting his place as the secret ingredient that keeps the Lions’ offense moving.

“He is probably the foundation of our team,” Breland said. “Great leader, he makes plays all over the field, and all the other players, whether it be in the weight room or

whether it be on the field, all the other kids respect him a lot.”

Cheatwood will also start at middle line-backer. Reed Martin didn’t play last season, but he will also split time at fullback and inside linebacker.

Denson will once again start on the defensive line for the Lions however, Breland decided they need his size at defensive tackle, so he will move inside this year. Denson will also handle place-kicking duties this year.

Cayden Brunson, a former outside line-backer, will see time at defensive end.

Keeping up with the trend, Asa Warren, a

former cornerback, will split time between safety and receiver this season.

With almost the entire defense learning new positions, Victory Christian still has a lot of growing up to do on both sides of the ball. Breland said the Lions would also need leaders to emerge if they are going to be successful.

“A lot of us are not used to playing that role, so we’ve got to quit worrying about ourselves and play for the guy next to us,” Breland said. “That means to me, doing your homework and learning what we are trying to teach. That way, you know what your job is.”

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- 3 - Issac Baker
- 4 - Shepard Sargent
- 7 - Caleb Clolinger
- 10 - Kaden Dixon
- 11 - Asa Warren
- 12 - Cayden Brunson
- 15 - Noah Baker
- 23 - Braden Holladay
- 35 - Reed Martin
- 48 - Cameron Cheatwood
- 50 - Jude Whittington
- 52 - Dalton Rogers
- 53 - Kade Whittington
- 54 - Dylan Hollis
- 55 - Drew Nibblet
- 65 - Christian Clolinger
- 73 - William Wilson-Hueter
- 75 - Connor Denson
- 76 - Will Bussey

Schedule

- Aug. 19 vs. **Woodland**
- Aug. 26 at **Whitesburg Christian**
- Sept. 2 at **Talladega County Central**
- Sept. 9 vs. **Spring Garden**
- Sept. 16 at **Donoho**
- Sept. 23 vs. **Gaylesville**
- Sept. 30 vs. **Ragland**
- Oct. 7 at **Wadley**
- Oct. 14 **OPEN**
- Oct. 21 vs. **Winterboro**
- Oct. 28 at **Coosa Christian**





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Key Facts

Head coach: Bruce Breland (fourth year)

Key departures: Billy Davenport, Justice Hurley

Key returners: Shepard Sargent, Cameron Cheatwood

Base offense: Multiple

Base defense: Multiple

2021 in review

Record: 3-7

Points scored: 136

Points allowed: 192



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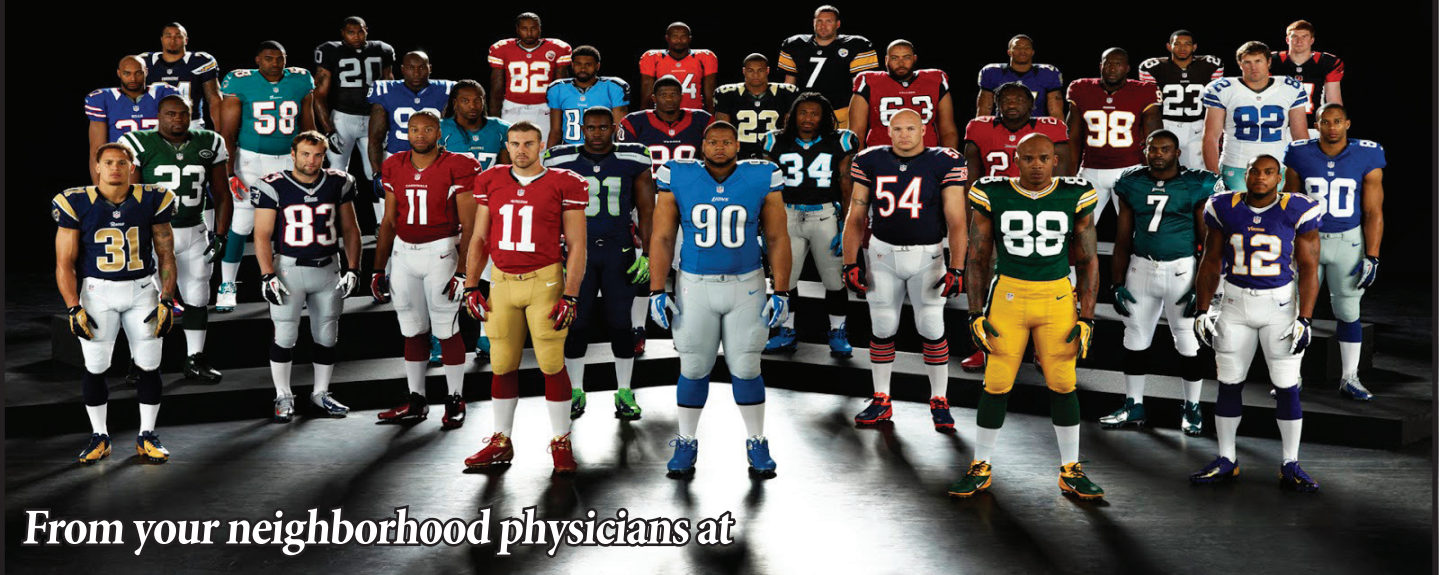
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WINTERBORO

Bulldogs



By **Jimmy Creed**
Daily Home Correspondent

After two straight seasons of making it to the second round of the Class 1A state playoffs, Winterboro coach Skylar Mansfield acknowledges that he expects even more from his Bulldogs this season.

In 2020, Winterboro finished the regular season 8-1 and defeated Hackleburg in the first round before falling to Hubbertville. Last season, the Bulldogs went 6-4 in the regular season and beat Sumiton Christian in the first round before losing to eventual semi-finalist Pickens County.

With a good-sized roster for a 1A school and plenty of experience, Mansfield isn't shying away from grander thoughts for this season.

"The expectation is always to improve," said Mansfield, who enters his third season as Bulldogs' coach. "We went to the second round of the playoffs twice, and that's the standard right now. We're trying to go further than that, and these kids understand it."

The Bulldogs had 26 players who were consistently part of their summer workout program, and there is the potential for another dozen or so to join the squad before the opening kickoff if they meet certain requirements, Mansfield said. That is a satisfying feeling for any coach at a smaller school.

"One thing we don't have a problem with is numbers and having enough for practice,"

Mansfield said. "That's very important when you consider what you want to get out of your practices."

What the Bulldogs are hoping for is an offense that continues to put up numbers like last season and a defense that shows marked improvement. Winterboro scored 378 points in 2021, an average of 31.5 a game. But the Bulldogs allowed 277 points, an average of 23 a game.

What Mansfield would really love to see is a defensive performance like he got from his first squad in 2020. That unit allowed just 155 points, or 14.1 a game.

To that end, Mansfield said there would

be some changes in the scope of his coaching staff this season.

Mansfield will take over the play-calling, Hunter Millard will be the sole defensive coordinator and Cody Ross will be special teams coordinator.

"We are heading in another direction on offense," Mansfield said. "I was a high school quarterback and ran a Wishbone offense so I'm not very fancy with all that Spread stuff."

"And Coach Millard has worked pretty hard to be able to adjust and break down film and scheme for what we need to be successful on that side of the ball."

The Bulldogs have big holes to fill on both sides of the ball, starting with Daily Home Class 1A-3A Defensive Player of the Year Troy McKinney, who did it all last season.

On defense, McKinney had 91 tackles (17 for a loss), five sacks, three interceptions, and three pass breakups. On special teams, he had four kick return TDs, two punt return TDs, and two blocked kicks. Finally, on offense he had 14 catches for

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457 yards and two TDs and nine carries for 245 yards and two TDs.

The Bulldogs also lost 1,300-yard rusher Jashaslin James, receiver Chance Dandridge and offensive lineman Devon Jones, who were also first-team All-County selections last year, and quarterback Jake Travis among their graduates.

It will be tough to follow, but Mansfield is excited about the players coming back whom he is counting on to fill those shoes.

“We’ve lost a lot so we have to keep people guessing,” Mansfield said with a laugh when asked who his starting quarterback will be recently. “What I can tell you is we have a young offensive line that’s going to be hungry to go attack people.”

Most likely that line will be blocking for sophomore Jemareo Clegg under center. Clegg played some as a freshman last season, and Mansfield likes how he throws the football.

“He is a 6-3 sophomore, and he can spin it a good bit, but we are working on his mechanics,” Mansfield said.

Brandon Hunter, an All-County basketball player and a good athlete who is joining the team for the first time, will also get a look at QB.

To replace James, Mansfield will turn to Deonte Smoot.

“He’s been working his tail off in the weightroom, and he’s packed on some muscle,” Mansfield said. “I think he’s ready for the challenge and the physicality of it.”

Along the offensive front, the Bulldogs will be very versatile, which will allow Mansfield to plug kids in where he needs them.

Senior Kyler Griffin will join sophomores Payton Hutton, Khtyler Keith, Malachi Thomas and Kadan Ponder to form a group that has gotten much stronger over the offseason. Mansfield calls the 6-0, 275-pound Ponder his “big mauler” up front and notes that he bench presses 245 pounds and squats 500 even after losing some 60 pounds over the offseason.

“All of these kids have been to four major camps this summer and some of them have been to more,” Mansfield said.

Kamareon Curry, Bryan Waites and Brayden Waites will be part of the receiving corps this season.

On defense, Mansfield said, “we’ll probably be as big as we’ve been in a long time along the defensive front,” and in the secondary the Bulldogs will be young, but talented.

Curry will play one defensive backfield spot along with senior Tyreke Hampton. Kenneth Simmons, who has good speed and is athletic, and Kaden Jones are ninth-graders who will see action in the secondary as well.

“We have a bunch of young guys that have

playing experience that we will be able to fill in those gaps with,” Mansfield said. “I don’t think talent is something we’ll be hurting for, but we’ve got to stay disciplined and consistent.”


Thanks to the Alabama High School Athletic Association’s most recent realignment, the challenge of going even farther this season will be tougher for the Bulldogs just because of who they’ll have to face in Class 1A, Region 6. That realignment put state runner-up Wadley into the region as well as perennial playoff contender Spring Garden.

The Bulldogs’ 2020 schedule will also open with a twist — a visit to Cedar Bluff on Aug. 19 to face former Winterboro coach Alan Beckett, who preceded Mansfield.

“I think our kids still have a bunch of respect for Coach Beckett and the way he led the program, and I do, too,” Mansfield said. “But now we’re going into Year 3, and I’m getting a chance to develop kids with a different mindset. Now I am actually getting to put a stamp on what we are trying to build and on building these young men up.

“Some of the things that (Beckett) built into the program are beginning to wear off now. So we’ll really get to see what we’ve got when we go to Cedar Bluff.”

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Key Facts

Team: Winterboro

Head coach: Skylar Mansfield (third year)

Key departures: Troy McKinney, Jake Travis, Jashaslin James

Key returnees: Payton Hutton, Dequarious Truss, Deonte Smoot, JeMareo Clegg

Base offense: Multiple

Base defense: Multiple

2021 in Review

Record: 7-5

Points scored: 378

Points allowed: 277


Roster

- 1 - Jemareo Clegg
- 2 - Dequarious Truss
- 3 - Jordan Williams
- 4 - Kaden Jones
- 5 - Brandon Hunter
- 6 - Carter Castleberry
- 7 - Monterious Williams
- 8 - Jemarion Clegg
- 10 - Jalarrion Garrett
- 11 - Nathaniel Benefield
- 12 - Bryan Waites
- 13 - Kamareon Curry
- 14 - Kenneth Simmons
- 15 - Tyreke Hampton
- 20 - Deonte Smoot
- 21 - Kylan Campbell
- 22 - Brayden Waites
- 23 - Kavarris Duncan
- 32 - Trent Garrett
- 50 - Trevion Hester
- 52 - Malachi Thomas
- 55 - Jerry Thomas
- 56 - Clayton Walters
- 58 - Khtyler Keith
- 60 - Zakari Morgan
- 68 - Kyler Griffin
- 73 - Kadan Ponder
- 74 - Algernon Fomby
- 75 - Hunter Farler
- 76 - Matthew Haynes
- 78 - Payton Hutton
- 79 - Brady Haynes

Schedule

Aug. 19	.....at Cedar Bluff
Aug. 26	..... vs. Vincent
Sept. 2	..... OPEN
Sept. 9	..... vs. Talladega County Central
Sept. 16	.....at Spring Garden
Sept. 23	..... vs. Oakman
Sept. 30	..... vs. Donoho
Oct. 7 at Ragland
Oct. 14 vs. Wadley
Oct. 21at Victory Christian
Oct. 28 at Childersburg





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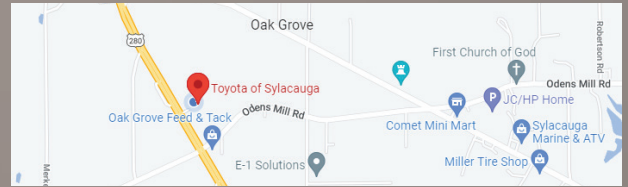


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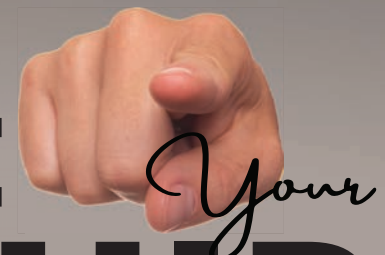
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