

Lebanon Trail

TRAILBLAZERS

Every young program waits for that pivotal season where it turns the proverbial corner and Lebanon Trail is hoping this is the moment.

Since becoming a varsity program in 2018, the Trail Blazers have one winning season, going 6-4 in 2020, but have never made the playoffs and are coming off back-to-back 1-9 campaigns.

That short history, combined with playing in one of the toughest districts in the region, puts Lebanon Trail as an outsider when it comes to postseason expectations, but anything can happen



PLAYER to watch

GRANT LAMBERT RUNNING BACK

After a tough season scoring the ball, the Trail Blazers are looking to get their offense revved up and Lambert figures to play a key role in that happening. The 5-foot-10, 215-pound senior did not get a ton of touches last season, but showed potential, carrying the ball 41 times for 163 yards. He also showed the ability to make plays out of the backfield with six receptions for 40 yards, and expect all of those numbers to go up this year.

once teams take the field.

The first area of focus for the Trail Blazers is on the offense, which was held to 14 points or less in seven of their 10 games last season.

The good news is that

Lebanon Trail does return six starters on that side of the ball.

Senior quarterback Zach Hare completed 50% of his passes and showed some good running ability in limited duty last season and could be poised to take over the offense.

Senior running back Grant Lambert showed the ability to run the ball and catch the ball out of the backfield. Junior wide receiver Joaquin Gibson had 21 receptions a year ago and senior wideout Gio Romero is another player to watch.

The offensive line is also in good shape with the return of starters Aiden Adams and Corey Watson.

The defense graduated a bulk of its unit, but there are four returning



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starters and there is some talent, particularly in the secondary.

Senior defensive back Leon Jones ranked among the team leaders with 56 tackles and nine pass breakups, while senior defensive back Daniel Aiyeola recorded 35

tackles and had three forced fumbles.

Lebanon Trail did have several sophomores who were able to make an impact at various points during the season when given the opportunity, and this season might be their chance to shine.

Varsity SCHEDULE

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| Aug. 24 | Princeton | Kuykendall Stadium | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 1 | Van Alstyne | Panther Stadium | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 8 | BYE | | |
| Sept. 15 | Sherman | Bearcat Stadium | 7 p.m. |
| *Sept. 22 | Frisco | Toyota Stadium | 7 p.m. |
| Sept. 29 | Heritage | Ford Center at The Star | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 5 | Reedy | Kuykendall Stadium | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 13 | Lone Star | Toyota Stadium | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 19 | Wakeland | Toyota Stadium | 7 p.m. |
| Oct. 27 | Liberty | Ford Center at The Star | 7 p.m. |
| Nov. 3 | Centennial | Ford Center at The Star | 7 p.m. |

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