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BADIN RAMS

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Rams look to maintain success



By Chris Vogt, The Report

HAMILTON — Badin High School football coach Nick Yordy is simply happy to be back on the field with his Rams.

Seeing a 10-game regular season schedule and feeling the anticipation of fans in the stands makes the fourth-year Badin coach smile.

“Everything that we went through last year to get to this point and to be able to have 10 games on your schedule, it’s a good sign for things to come,” Yordy said. “Having fans in the stands is going to bring an overall excitement back to the high school game — the kids, myself and our coaches.

“We just have to continue to keep working, right now” Yordy added. “We’re going to take it a step further than we did last year. In my eyes, we’re going to work that much harder in order to get better than we did last year.”

The Rams finished the season at 7-1, going 5-0 in the Greater Catholic League Co-ed. The Rams have won or at least shared the GCL Co-ed title three years in a row.

Returning at quarterback is senior Landyn Vidourek, who managed the of-

fense last year with success. He tossed for 865 yards, ran for an additional 114 yards and had a combined 14 touchdowns.

Senior running back Jack Walsh will be in the backfield once again after rushing for 452 yards and five touchdowns a season ago.

Junior Braedyn Moore will be back at wide receiver on offense and in the secondary on defense. He had 22 receptions for 236 yards and a couple of scores, while snagging three interceptions on the other side of the ball.

Hunter Harrison, a senior defensive tackle, will make his presence felt again this season. He’s collected 56 tackles and 2 1/2 sacks as a Ram.

Senior defensive end Logan Neu comes back following a 49-tackle season last year. He had 16 tackles for losses and added a fumble recovery.

PLAYERS TO KEEP AN EYE ON

Adding key components to the Rams’ 2021 season will include senior Eric Rawlings (WR), senior Cooper Fiehrer (WR), junior Carter Russo (RB), senior Henry Birchwell (OL), senior Max Kramer (OL), senior Ely Emmons (LB) and senior Jeffrey Luna-Matta (DB).

QUOTABLES

“We’re going to push our guys to make them go a little further than what we did last year in regards to what we’re going to be able to do,” Yordy said. “We’ve got a lot of guys out there from last year, so it will give them an opportunity to be more creative when it comes to the offensive side of things.”

“We’ve had some guys who have been patiently waiting for their time to shine,” Yordy said. “And now it’s that time for them to step it up and take advantage of it. It’s coach’s cliché — but all we’re trying to do is just get better and win a few ball games this season.”

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 at Mount Healthy, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 at Bellbrook, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 NORTHWEST, 7 p.m.
Sept. 11 ROGER BACON, 7 p.m.
Sept. 18 ROSS, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 at Carroll, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 ALTER, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Chaminade Julienne, 7 p.m.
Oct. 16 BISHOP FENWICK, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 at McNicholas, 7 p.m.

2021 BADIN RAMS ROSTER

1 Carter Russo 5'8 170 RB 11
2 Brady Imhoff 6'0 185 LB 12
4 Drew Enginger 6'3 185 RB 10
5 Landyn Vidourek 6'1 165 QB 12
6 Quin Brennan 5'10 135 WR 10
7 Zach Yordy 5'10 150 RB 10
8 Jeffrey Luna-Matta 5'9 170 DB 12
9 Brycen Fox 5'11 170 S 11
10 Dominic Pate 5'11 150 QB 11
11 Braedyn Moore 6'1 180 WR/DB 11
12 Alex Ritzie 6'1 155 QB 10
13 Luke Enderle 5'8 140 DB 12
14 Spencer Fiehrer 5'9 160 WR 10
15 Austin Buckle 5'8 135 WR 10
16 Reese Anzalone 6'0 180 LB 11

17 TJ Hayes 5'11 210 DE 12
20 Jack Walsh 5'8 175 RB 12
21 Carson Cheek 5'10 150 RB/DB 10
22 Cooper Fiehrer 6'0 170 WR 12
23 Conner Wright 5'8 135 WR/LB 10
24 Cameron Wright 6'1 185 LB 12
25 Brady Raines 5'8 120 WR 10
28 Eli Emmons 6'0 210 LB 12
31 Nick Rings 6'0 205 LB 10
32 Kaden Starks 5'11 185 LB 12
34 AJ Sackenheim 5'9 165 DB 10
36 Jessie Kirsch 5'9 165 DL 10
42 Nate Ostendorf 5'10 165 LB 10
44 Jackson Martin 6'2 200 DE 11
46 Luke Dwire 6'0 175 LB 12
50 Jonathan Polido 5'6 200 DL 12

51 Ryan Hogan 5'10 140 DE 11
52 Brennen Tulley 6'1 255 OL 12
53 Nick Maraschiello 6'1 225 DL 12
54 Matthew Cochran 5'9 155 OL 11
55 Carter Cook 6'0 230 DL 12
56 Zach Estralledo 6'1 210 OL 11
57 Luke Krazl 5'8 190 DL 12
58 Drew Vocke 6'1 215 OL 10
59 Luke Franchini 5'9 200 OL 10
60 Chris Hardig 5'10 210 DL 11
61 Will Poehner 6'1 220 DL 12
63 Conner Couch 5'10 185 OL
64 Henry Birchwell 6'0 230 OL 12
65 Kyle Stevenson 5'10 220 OL 12
66 AJ Ostendorf 5'9 210 DL 12
69 Jared Livelsburger 5'11 205 DL 10

70 Max Kramer 6'2 230 OL 12
71 Logan Neu 6'2 220 DL 12
72 Tyler Abner 5'11 205 DL
73 Justin Hoevel 6'4 225 OL 11
74 Ashton Hopewell 6'2 175 DL 11
75 Ian Price 6'2 200 DL 10
76 Andrew Chen 5'11 195 DL 12
77 Hunter Harrison 6'2 270 DL 12
78 Patrick Ray 6'6 210 OL 11
80 Jackson Niesen 5'10 165 K 12
81 Eric Rawlings 6'1 180 WR 12
82 Bud Miyahara
84 Carson Collins 6'0 175 OL 10
88 Nick Warner 5'8 140 K 10
HEAD COACH: NICK YORDY

EDGEWOOD COUGARS

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Cougars are putting in the work



PHOTO BY AJ FULLAM/6SPHOTO.COM

By Chris Vogt, The Report

ST. CLAIR TWP. — Edgewood High School football coach Scott Clemmons has seen the hard work his Cougars have put in during the preseason.

Now, he is excited to see the result. “We’ve got young men that are working hard,” Clemmons said. “There’s no doubt that they’ve been practicing the way they should.”

Edgewood’s final 3-way scrimmage gave Clemmons an idea of how his team will look in Game 1 when the Cougars face off against Milford at home.

“We’ve gotten a lot accomplished, but we still have a lot of things to work on,” Clemmons said. “We’ve been pleased with our effort and our execution.”

Coming off of a 6-4 record in 2020, the Cougars have some weapons returning. In the backfield is junior Tavionne Crosby, who rushed for 754 yards and scored eight rushing TDs as a sophomore.

Senior Eli Jones and junior Riley Brown are the mainstays at the quarterback position.

Seeing some time in the backfield will also be senior Jay Dailey, senior Brody Hembree and senior Riley Payne. Junior Brick Barker and senior Carter Smith will find some time at wingback, according to

Clemmons. Senior fullback Jake Vilerio will also make his presence known on the offensive end. “Jake will be doing it all back there,” Clemmons said.

At split end is the mixture of junior Layne Howell, sophomore Braden Sullivan and senior Caleb Bartley.

On the defensive side of the ball, “we’ve got a nice group of seniors coming back.”

Senior linemen Caden Flick and Seth Neal, junior linebacker Evan Swartz, sophomore linebacker Wyatt Walker, senior line-backer Xander Began, as well as Dailey (OLB), Payne (OLB) and Smith (OLB) will amp it up in the front eight.

“Some of the names keep repeating themselves because we know that this is a group of guys that can play both offensively and defensively,” Clemmons said.

IN THE KNOW

- The Cougars will look to kick off the season against two Division I opponents in Milford and Hamilton.
- Edgewood opens up the season with five non-conference contests.
- The Cougars are searching for their 15th playoff appearance in school history.
- Edgewood owns a 13-14 record in the postseason.

- The Cougars are also striving for back-to-back postseason appearances for the first time since 2006-08.

BY THE NUMBERS

- Jones and Brown didn’t throw much last year, as most of the offensive gameplan stayed on the ground. They threw for a combined 483 yards and 6 touchdowns.

QUOTABLE

“Overall team speed and depth is the thing that stands out the most this year,” Clemmons said. “We’ve got a lot more of that than we typically do. Especially at receiver. We as coaches feel comfortable enough this season that we’re not going to slow down or miss a step.”

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 MILFORD, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 at Franklin, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 BISHOP FENWICK, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 CHAMINADE JULIENNE, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 at Mount Healthy, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Northwest, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 TALAWANDA, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 ROSS, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Harrison, 7 p.m.

2021 EDGEWOOD COUGARS ROSTER

1 Jay Dailey	RB, OLB	6'2"	190	SR	25 Carter Smith	RB, OLB	5'11"	195	SR	61 Josh Geisz	OL, DL	6'1"	220	SR
2 Layne Howell	WR, CB	5'10"	160	JR	27 Brick Barker	RB, S	6'0"	170	JR	62 Jake Adams	OL, DL	5'11"	230	SR
3 Isaiah Reid	RB, DB	5'8"	155	JR	28 David Rumpel	HB, DB	5'8"	155	SO	63 Steven Turner	OL, DL	5'9"	165	JR
4 Riley Payne	RB, OLB	5'11"	170	SR	29 Danny Shoe	HB, OLB	5'11"	180	SO	64 Caleb Wise	G, MLB	5'11"	160	SO
5 Conner Cooper	RB, DB	5'11"	155	SO	30 Noah Apking	TE, OLB	5'11"	155	SO	66 Colton Bowling	OL, DL	6'0"	250	SR
6 Matt Vogel	FB, OLB	5'8"	150	SR	31 Jalen Barry	WR, DB	5'10"	140	SO	67 Jordan Sousa	OL, DL	5'9"	185	JR
7 Riley Brown	QB, CB	6'2"	185	JR	32 Braden Sullivan	RB, DB	6'0"	160	SO	71 Talan Schmidt	G, DL	5'9"	220	SO
9 Jacob Crowthers	K	5'9"	150	JR	33 Xander Began	FB, LB	5'11"	170	SR	72 Brady Wagers	G, DL	6'0"	210	SO
10 Eli Jones	QB, S	6'1"	175	SR	34 Tavionne Crosby	FB, MLB	5'11"	220	JR	73 Luke Halsey	OT, DL	6'1"	225	SO
11 Brody Hembree	RB, DB	5'11"	170	SR	36 Wyatt Walker	TE, LB	6'1"	180	SO	74 Jadon Shorts	OL, DL	5'8"	300	SR
12 Brayden Fitzwater	QB, DB	5'11"	160	SO	41 Adam Taylor	TE, MLB	5'8"	155	SO	75 Phillip Johnson	OL, DL	6'1"	225	JR
14 Adrian Swank	WR, DB	5'8"	140	SR	44 Brayden Smith	HB, OLB	6'0"	165	SO	76 Asher Hall	OT, DL	6'0"	310	SO
15 Kaiden Hall	WR, CB	5'10"	130	JR	48 Gavin Hess	TE, LB	6'1"	215	SR	77 Hunter Allen	OL, DL	5'10"	160	JR
16 Mason McQueen	WR, OLB	5'7"	130	SO	51 Caden Flick	OL, DL	6'0"	190	SR	79 CJ Stottlemeyer	OL, DL	6'2"	255	JR
17 Charle Flege	FB, DB	5'8"	150	SO	52 Austin McAbee	OG, DL	5'8"	175	SO	80 Alex O'Campo	WR, DB	5'9"	130	SO
18 Caleb Bartley	WR, DB	6'0"	175	SR	53 Kohen Moore	OT, DL	5'11"	250	SO	82 Latrell Moore	HB, DB	5'8"	135	SO
20 Jake Valerio	FB, DB	5'9"	160	SR	54 Radical Rothermel	OL, LB	6'1"	260	SR	85 Evan Swartz	TE, LB	6'2"	190	JR
21 Clay Halsey	FB, MLB	5'9"	170	SO	56 Seth Neal	OL, DL	6'1"	180	SR	88 Steven Asher	TE, MLB	6'2"	170	SO
22 Mason Stover	HB, DB	5'7"	150	SO	57 Bryson Robertson	G, MLB	5'11"	180	SO	HEAD COACH: Scott Clemmons				
24 Brock Crowe	QB, DB	5'9"	145	SO	59 Mason Green	OL, OLB	5'11"	190	JR					
					60 Jake Adkins	OL, DL	6'2"	270	SR					

FAIRFIELD INDIANS

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Indians have experience returning

By TriStateFootball.com

FAIRFIELD — A young team and a Covid-19 shortened year didn't do Fairfield any favors, in 2020. The program broke a streak of seven straight winning seasons. The seven losses were the most by the school since 2012. The now veteran Indians are ready to prove they belong in the Greater Miami Conference's upper echelon.

The good news on a rather bleak campaign, was that the expanded postseason format saw Fairfield make its program best, sixth consecutive playoff appearance (all under head coach Jason Krause). The Indians acquitted themselves well in a 42-39 loss at Elder. It was a painful but important building block for the 2021 campaign.

Fairfield learned the valuable lesson of just how precious and coveted playoff wins are. The Indians surrendered an 11-point fourth quarter lead before succumbing to Elder in "The Pit." It was a game that no one thought Fairfield should be in because of their youth, yet they showed the character and heart for what is to come.

Fairfield will hang around in a lot of battles. They led the GMC in rushing, last fall. Controlling the clock, through the run game, will play a huge role in this team's success.

"We have a ton of experience returning. We started eight sophomores and a freshman quarterback, last year. All are back, bigger, faster and stronger," Krause states. The Indians have size and athleticism. This team should be back to its winning ways, sooner rather than later.

PLAYERS TO WATCH

Augie Groh, Sr, OL 6-foot-5, 275-pounds – Helped pave the way for an Indians rushing attack that averaged a GMC best 272.2 yards per game with 29 touchdowns, in 2020. Groh earned OPSWA Division I Second Team All-Southwest District honors for his work. He has offers from Air Force, Army, Furman, Marshall and Youngstown State.

Kendrix Goodman, Sr, OG – A two-time Second Team All-GMC selection, look for Goodman to be a dominant force up front. The 6-foot-3, 315-pound o-lineman has offers from Ball State, Kentucky, Marshall and Pitt.

Dalton Davis, Jr, OL/DL – A pleasant surprise on both sides of the line as a sophomore. With another good season Davis should start see the offers heading his way. 6-foot-4, 275-pound lineman was named Second Team All-GMC (OL), last fall. Davis also had 18 total tackles, a sack, a forced fumble and fumble recovery on defense.

Quentin Gehm, Sr, LB – A leader of a defense that should vastly improve on the 28.2 points per game that they allowed, in 2020. Gehm registered 54 total tackles and two sacks, as a junior. He was named Second



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Team All-GMC.

Talon Fisher, So, QB – Was third in the GMC with 915 yards (114.4/game) and nine touchdowns rushing, as a freshman. He was named Second Team All-GMC for the effort. Fisher, who runs a 4.4 40-yard dash, looks to see if his arm can catch up to his legs. The Indians have the receiving core to help make that happen. He threw for 401 yards with just one touchdown pass and six interceptions, in his debut. Fisher has an offer from Buffalo.

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OTHER RETURNEES

Trent Stephenson, Sr, slot – Get Stephenson out in space and let him work his magic. He had team highs with 14 receptions and 162 receiving yards, with a touchdown catch, in 2020.

Nate Hannah, Sr, WR/DB – Will make a difference on both sides of the ball. Hannah had 14 receptions for 142 yards, one touchdown catch and 22 total tackles, as a junior.

Ki'Arran Love, Jr, RB – Does so many little things to aid the offense. Love gets the chance to be the Indians featured running back. He threw for 168 yards, ran for 76 yards, had three receptions for 34 yards and accounted for four touchdowns (three rush, one pass), as a sophomore.

James Thomas, Jr, TE – Could be a real hidden gem in the red zone. Thomas had a pair of catches for 50 yards, in two games, last season.

Isaiah Glover, Jr, WR – Adds depth to the group at receiver. Glover should get plenty of targets this fall.

Kavi Bivins, Jr, LB – A tough-as-nails player. Bivins produces on both sides of the ball. He had six rushing touchdowns (three

versus Hamilton, two against Elder), 32 total tackles and two fumble recoveries, a year ago.

Ray Coney, Jr, S – Was solid in his first year as a starter. Coney tallied 25 total tackles, with a sack and an interception, as a sophomore.

Jordan Jackson, Jr, CB – What a luxury the Indians have at cornerback – "Jackson & Jackson, Shut Down, Inc." Jordan Jackson recorded 42 total tackles and had an interception, in his first year as a starter, in 2020. Josiah Jackson, Jr, DB – The future looks very bright over the next two seasons for the Fairfield secondary. Josiah Jackson was in on 41 total tackles and had an interception as a sophomore.

NEWCOMERS

Juniors DL Aamir Rogers, DL Amani Oden, slot/CB Michael Figgins and sophomore OL Isaiah Moore all have legitimate shots at cracking the starting lineup. Senior WR Christian Jackson, a transfer from Mount Healthy, brings instant leadership and experience to the receiving corp. He had 17 receptions for 336 yards, as a junior.

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 at Centerville, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 SPRINGFIELD, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 at Sycamore, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 OAK HILLS, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 at Princeton, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 HAMILTON, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 Lakota West, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 MASON, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Lakota East, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 MIDDLETOWN, 7 p.m.

2021 FAIRFIELD INDIANS ROSTER

0 Kavi Bivins 11 RB/LB
1 Mason Blanchard SR MGR
2 Kavi Bivins 11 RB/LB
3 Jordan Jackson 11 CB
4 Ki'Arran Love 11 RB
5 Trent Stephenson 12 SLOT/CB
7 Josiah Jackson 11 WR/S
8 Talon Fisher 10 QB
9 Nate Hannah 12 WR
10 Christian Jackson 12 WR/S
11 Quentin Gehm 12 LB
13 Tyler Fischer 12 CB
14 Eli Abner 10 RB
15 Jasiah Holley 11 S
16 Jumahl McClain 12 RB
17 Mike Figgins 11 SLOT
18 Isaiah Glover 11 WR/CB
19 Matt Toledo 11 LB
20 Juseters Fataki 10 RB
21 Rais Fataki 12 CB
22 Te'Sean Mosley 11 RB
23 Victor Sanylaou 12 DL

24 Ray Coney 11 S
25 Tyler Bolden 12 DL
26 Amani Oden 11 DL
27 Matt Humbarger 11 S
28 Aamir Rogers 11 DL
29 Mauricio Narvaez 11 SLOT
30 Rayzier Jones 10 S
31 Martrell Boykin 11 S
32 Caleb House 11 QB
33 Dillion Bolden 11 DL
34 CJ Coleman 10 DL
35 Ben Feldman 11 RB
36 Conner Moser 10 TE
37 Demier Clark 10 SLOT
38 Braeden Shanklin 10 SLOT/CB
40 Dorian Soriano 10 LB
41 Fehin Isojola 11 S
42 Daniel Opoku 11 S
43 David Cogar 10 WR
44 EJ Butler 10 LB
45 Brannndon Leahr 12 LB
46 Mykel Neal 12 S
47 Jeremiah Wilson 10 LB

48 Irving Gomez 11 SLOT
49 Brady Otting 10 LB
50 Mason Johnson 10 DL
51 Jonell Lattimore 12 DL
52 Josh Maupin 11 OL
53 Jamere Davidson 10 LB
54 Collin Robinson 11 OL
55 Dalton Davis 11 OL/DL
56 Kendrix Goodman 12 OL
57 Gabe Boggs 10 OL
58 Reese Laseke 11 OL
59 Noah Blevens 10 OL
60 DJ Butler 10 OL
62 Evan Williams 10 OL
63 Spencer Pippin 10 DL
64 Alex Le 12 PK
65 Rylan Creutzinger 10 OL
66 Heyward Thompson 11 OL
67 Harrison Mensah 11 OL
68 Caden Haddix 10 LB
70 Caellen Givler 10 DL
71 Levon Thomas 11 OL
72 Isaiah Moore 10 OL

73 Augie Groh 12 OL
74 Steven Bolin 10 OL
77 Lucas Hollandsworth 12 OL
78 Bryce Muldrow 11 OL
80 Reggie Sandifer 11 LB
81 Aydan Williams 11 WR
82 Clayton Combs 10 WR
83 Jakai Lowe 12 WR
84 Peyton May 10 WR
85 Luis Canedo 11 DL
86 Mykel Jones 10 WR
87 Chris Gamble 11 WR
88 James Thomas 11 TE
89 Luke Corner 11 S
92 Aiden McGuire 9 PK
93 Brock Snell 11 PK
94 Trey Cogar 11 DL
95 Ethan Grove 11 DL
99 Matthew O'Bryan 11 SA
HEAD COACH: Jason Krause

HAMILTON BIG BLUE

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

HHS still on the move

By Chris Vogt, The Report

HAMILTON — The Hamilton High School football team is already cashing in on the momentum it gained from the last two seasons. Reaching the playoffs will instill that kind of a mindset.

But according to coach Nate Mahon, the Big Blue are looking to broaden the horizons.

“I don’t want us to go backwards, that’s for sure,” said Mahon, who enters his third year at the helm following the program’s back-to-back visits to the postseason.

“We’re looking to be in the middle and the top half of the league. We’ve worked hard to get to the point where we don’t want to go backwards.

“We’ve put ourselves in a position to be competitive,” Mahon added. “We don’t want to be an easy out anymore in the GMC. We’re wanting to go out there and expect to win each week. It’s a whole different ball game.”

Hamilton is coming off a 6-4 record (4-3 GMC) a season ago and kicks off the 2021 stint at West Clermont.



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PLAYERS TO LOOK OUT FOR

Senior running back Kaleb Johnson returns after rushing for 768 yards and eight scores in 2020. The all-purpose back has been collecting Division I offers at the collegiate level.

Junior two-way stud Breeon Ishmail will be looked upon to make some plays at wide receiver and defensive back.

Junior defensive end Gabe Verdon is back after tallying 23 total tackles, a sack, forcing a fumble and recovering a fumble as a sophomore.

Senior Kerry Ware returns and will contribute on both sides of the ball at wide out and defensive back.

Seniors Darrick Deaton (OL), Isaac Craft (DL), Karian Jones (DL) and Haiden Renner (OL), and juniors Kaden Bennett (DL) and Taylor Camden (OL) are looking to produce for the Big Blue as well.

Mahon said to expect senior Elijah Givens to get the ball on the offensive end as well.

IN THE KNOW

- Big Blue has had six playoff appearances, including two visits in the last two years.
- Other players to look out for include seniors Andrew Huff (WR/DB), Mario Meadows (DB), Justin Altman (MLB), Kimarion Mundy (DL), Antwan Chisley (DL), Nathan Barker (OL), Preston Ratliff (OL), Jakob Poe (OL), Nic Brito

(WR/DB) and Donovan Ripley (WR/DB).

QUOTABLES

“We have tried very hard to put an emphasis on toughness and the weight room and strength,” Mahon said. “We’ve gotten through the first couple of years of making sure that kids are there all of the time.”

“I think we’ve grown the numbers and grown the program,” Mahon said. “Last year before the season, we were taken away some of the things we usually need, like transportation and stuff like that.”

“This is the first full year under my belt that we’ve been able to have a full schedule with practice,” Mahon said. “We’re able to fully preach the toughness and strength and being able to move full steam ahead in year three. Hopefully this all will ring true and everyone will see a big strong team hopefully. That’s the plan.”

“Using the last two years as motivation, we really want to cash in on that momentum,” Mahon said.

“I just want the city to be proud of its football program,” Mahon said. “We want people to go to the games, and we want them to see the product that’s out there. We didn’t want the running clock anymore. We came from a situation where we were on the running clock for a good portion of the season. We’ve gotten past that, and now we’re

a team that has gotten to the playoffs two times in a row.”

“We’re going to do a lot things. Balance is key, but we’re going to do a little bit of everything.

“On our defense, we return a lot of guys on the defensive front. And that’s a big deal,” Mahon said. “We lost some guys in the secondary, but we do have some new guys stepping up that will help us.

“We’re just looking to be sound and disciplined and not give up big plays,” Mahon said. “That’s going to be the mindset.”

“The biggest thing is that we’ve got kids in the weight room all year around,” Mahon said. “I don’t think that we’ve been year-round. That’s the type of program we’re wanting to continue to see here. And that will hopefully turn into the success from the current momentum and basically put some butts in seats.”

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 at West Clermont, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 EDGEWOOD, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 at Princeton, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 at Lakota East, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 LAKOTA WEST, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 at Fairfield, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 OAK HILLS, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 COLERAIN, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Sycamore, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 MASON, 7 p.m.

2021 HAMILTON BIG BLUE ROSTER

1 Andrew Huff	DB	6'1 175 SR
2 Kaleb Johnson	RB	6'2 215 SR
3 Gabe Verdon	LB	6'1 220 JR
4 Anderson Daishawn	WR	5'8 190 SR
5 Kaden Bennett	DL	6'2 240 JR
6 Breeon Ishmail	LB	6'4 200 JR
7 Hassan Robertson	TE	6'2 240 JR
8 Kerry Ware	QB	5'11 175SR
9 Mario Meadows	DB	5'7 160 SR
10 Lanny Ash	LB	6'3 215 JR
11 Elijah Givens	WR, DB	6'1 170 SR
12 Donovan Ripley	DB	5'8 175 SR
13 Semaj Aldridge	WR	5'6 150 JR
14 Michael Scott	DB	5'6 160 JR
15 Jaylan Garrett	DB	5'11 160 JR
17 Jaielen Morris	DB	5'7 150 FR
18 Donovan Smiley	WR	5'10 180 JR
20 Darrius Aldridge	LB	5'9 200 SO
21 Christian Waldon	DB	5'4 120 JR
22 Izaiah McCall	RB	6'0 165 SO
24 Jesus Reynoso	LB	5'11 200 JR
25 Justin Altman	DL	5'9 210 SR
26 Terry Crowder	DB	5'4 125 SO
27 Antwan Chisley	DL	6'2 210 SR
28 JoJo Baker	QB	6'0 225 SO

30 Cam McKinney	WR	5'10 150 JR
31 Anthony Phillips	DB	5'6 135 SO
32 Quintin Majeed	DL	5'10 200 JR
33 David Johnson	DB	5'2 100 SO
34 Nick Lyndsey	LB	5'11 190SO
35 Chris Tillman	DB	5'8 145 SO
36 Marquez Black	LB	5'8 150 SO
37 Bobby Dadabo	LB	5'7 170 JR
41 Christian Johnson	DB	5'6 175 SO
42 Ben Zeck	LB	5'10 190SO
43 Caden Brock	OL	5'6 205 JR
44 Trey Verdon	DL	5'10 200FR
45 Jacob Spangenberg	LB	6'0 186 JR
47 Gannon Romer	LB	5'9 160 SO
48 Malachi Wyatt	DL	5'10 194SO
49 Eli Little	WR	6'1 150 SO
50 Devon Mick	DL	5'10 265SO
53 Kaden Hollingsworth	OL	5'10 200JR
54 Karion Jones	DL	5'10 260 JR
55 Kimarion Mundy	DL	5'11 250 JR
56 Tylor Camden	OL	6'1 260 JR
58 Preston Ratliff	OL	5'11 235SR
59 Cameron Runk	OL	5'8 260 SO
60 Eddie Gray	OL	6'0 240 JR
61 Conner Bowling	OL	5'8 235 SO
62 Haiden Renner	OL	5'11 260SR

63 William Benjey	OL	5'9 230 SO
64 Jermiah Hutcherson	OL	5'10 250SO
65 Nathan Barker	OL	5'11 220SR
66 Marcos Garcia	DL	5'9 230 JR
67 Devon Adams	OL	5'7 180 JR
69 Noah Dodson	OL	5'11 320SO
70 Jakob Poe	OL	6'4 295 SR
71 Kaleb Taylor	OL	6'5 345 SO
72 Derrick Deaton	OL	6'6 330 JR
74 Joe Decker	OL	6'3 290 JR
80 Zane Taylor	K	5'9 155 SR
81 Demetrius Berry	WR	6'1 155 SO
82 Wes Fox	LB	6'1 170 JR
84 Zach Waller	WR	5'10 150JR
85 Ty Ramey	K	5'5 140 SR
86 Brian Carter	WR	5'8 155 SO
87 Noah Waller	WR	5'10 152 JR
89 Tea Pence	K	5'8 165 SR
92 Jamere Collins	DL	6'5 225 SO
93 Wauyna Wager	OL	SO
94 Ben Roark	DL	5'8 220 JR
95 Nasir Harper	DL	6'2 225 SO
99 Ethan Robertson	OL	5'10 210 JR

HEAD COACH: NATE MAHON

LAKOTA EAST THUNDERHAWKS

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

East loaded with senior leadership



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By TriStateFootball.com

LIBERTY TWP. — Every season there are teams that fly under the radar. As the Friday nights go by those squads start finding more and more casual fans beginning to root for them. Lakota East has all the ingredients to be one of those schools in 2021.

The Thunderhawks have outstanding senior leadership. They are a hard-working group that embraces discipline. You get the vibe that they genuinely like each other and are bonded to getting the job done. On the field, Lakota East will embody the “toughness” persona of head coach Rick Haynes. There will be no quit in this team.

After starting last season 0-3, the Thunderhawks reeled off four straight wins before falling at rival Lakota West (who was unbeaten at the time) in the playoffs. The confidence from that strong finish will spill over into this season. Lakota East is going to be a real menace to its opponents.

HONOR ROLL

TJ Kathman, Sr, QB – Back for his third season as the Thunderhawks signal-caller. Kathman expanded his game last fall, adding the dimension as a runner. He amassed 1,403 yards of total offense (873 pass, 530 rush) and accounted for 13 touchdowns (11 pass, two rush) to earn OPSWA Division II Honorable Mention All-Southwest District acclaim in 2020.

Austin Siereveld, Jr, OL – Will be one of the top linemen in the GMC for the next two

seasons. The 6-foot-5, 315-pound Siereveld was named First Team All-GMC as a sophomore. Don’t be surprised if Division I offers start to flow for Siereveld, shortly after the season begins.

Charlie Kenrich, Sr, RB/TE/LB – A special talent to say the least. Kenrich is a two-time Second Team All-GMC selection. He has 1,404 all-purpose yards (853 rush, 551 rec), 24 receptions, eight touchdowns (four rush, four rec), 12 total tackles, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery as a Thunderhawk. Kenrich has offers from Air Force, Akron, Ball State, Bowling Green, Buffalo, Central Michigan, Eastern Kentucky, Harvard, Iowa State, Kent State, Liberty, Marshall, Michigan State, Navy, Purdue, Toledo, Virginia Tech, Vanderbilt, Western Michigan and Yale.

Caleb Vanhossler, Sr, DB – The leader of the secondary. Vanhossler was named Second Team All-GMC as a junior. He scored his first varsity touchdown after recovering a blocked punt in the end zone at Lakota West last fall.

Nate Rosario-Santos, Sr, LB – An excellent tackler who can really get after it. Rosario-Santos was in on 56 total tackles with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery on his way to Second Team All-GMC accolades as a junior. He has an offer from Notre Dame College.

OTHER RETURNEES

Kyle Poppe, Sr, WR/FS – Limited to just four games as a junior, Poppe is back and

ready to be a vital cog of the defense. He has 45 total tackles and two forced fumbles in his career.

Kevin Kornau, Sr, OL/LB – A huge asset for the Thunderhawks in all three phases of the game. Kornau recorded 21 total tackles and a sack last season.

NEWCOMERS

Harrison Bucheit, Jr, LB – Showed glimpses of a bright future with 15 total tackles in four games as a sophomore.

Justin Green, Jr, DB – Look for Green to be a staple in the secondary over the next two campaigns.

Taebron Bennie-Powell, So, RB/SS – Very rarely does coach Haynes list a sophomore on his group of “first year players to watch,” so we know that Bennie-Powell must be a special talent.

PLAYOFF HISTORY

(four appearances, 4-4) – 2020, 2018, 2014, 2012

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 MOELLER, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 at Milford, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 MIDDLETOWN, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 HAMILTON, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 at Mason, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 SYCAMORE, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Colerain, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Oak Hills, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 FAIRFIELD, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Lakota West, 7 p.m.

2021 LAKOTA EAST THUNDERHAWKS ROSTER

1 TJ Kathman 6-1 QB SR
2 Caleb VanHooser 6-2 DB/WR SR
3 Trevor Hoffman 5-10 K SR
4 Kyle Poppe 6-2 DB/WR SR
5 Charlie Kenrich 6-3 RB/LB SR
6 Nick Brady 5-10 DB JR
7 Justin Green 6-1 DB JR
8 Nick Rabin 5-9 RB SR
9 Kam Freeman 5-9 DB SR
10 Devon Medley 6-3 OLB SR
11 Nate Rosario-Santos 6-0 OLB SR
12 Aiden Troutman 5-10 QB JR
13 Jude Prather 5-10 QB JR
14 Stave Embry 6-0 OLB/DB JR
15 Camden Braden 5-7 QB SO
16 Brayden Reip 6-0 RB/WR

17 Samuel Waldeck 5-11 WR JR
18 LJ Robinson 5-11 DL/OLB JR
19 Andy Vogelmann 5-9 WR SO
20 Aidan Prisco 5-7 DB JR
21 Luke Ellis 5-9 DB JR
22 Samuel Abdelnour 5-10 TE SO
23 Draven Files 6-0 DB JR
24 Noah Troutman 5-8 DB JR
25 Kellen Warren 5-5 DB SO
26 Taebron Bennie-Powell 6-2 RB/DB SO
27 Brent Taylor 5-11 DL SR
28 Aidan Terry 6-1 WR SO
29 Shaun Stacy 5-8 RB SO
30 Ethan Evans 6-1 FB/LB JR
31 Cole Hughes 5-6 RB SR
32 Marvin Richter 6-0 FB SO
33 Harrison Buchheit 6-3 LB JR
34 Eric Davis 5-11 FB/LB JR

35 Gavin Hall 5-5 WR SO
36 Jakob DeRamo 5-10 FB SO
37 Alex Woodruff 5-4 RB SO
38 Aresal Alam 5-9 FB/LB SO
40 Rashaun Perry 5-7 DB JR
41 Bryce Taylor 5-10 RB JR
42 Cristian Lawless 5-6 FB SO
44 Hezekiah Holliman 5-11 LB SO
45 Dylan Johnson 5-7 DL JR
48 Jake Reisner 6-2 OLB JR
50 Nasir Moore 5-10 OL SR
52 Tyler Pepples 6-0 OL SR
53 Nrimal Toor 6-2 OL JR
54 Harry Clute 6-0 OL JR
55 Vincent Hilton 6-1 DL JR
56 Nick Fritzsche 6-3 OL SO
58 Kevin Kornau 6-2 DL/LB SR
59 Nate Butturini 5-10 LB SO

61 Patrick Slomba 6-4 OL SR
65 Greg Roberson 6-0 OL SR
68 Evan Bradford 5-8 LB SO
69 Davis Teague 5-10 DL SO
70 Owen Hamilton 6-0 OL SR
72 Austin Siereveld 6-5 OL JR
73 Aiden Siereveld 6-0 OL/DL JR
74 Gabriel Gambetta 6-3 OL SO
75 Camden Haberthier 6-0 OL SR
76 Trenton Fitzharris 6-0 OL JR
80 Wyatt Pleasant 5-10 DL SO
81 Jalen Ashford 5-11 DL SR
85 Zak Alexander 5-7 WR SO
87 Ben Stowe 6-3 TE SR
88 Noah Rauch 6-3 TE JR
89 Jaiden Palmore-Lett 6-0 DL SR
90 Caden Hibbard 6-1 DL SR
HEAD COACH: RICK HAYNES

LAKOTA WEST FIREBIRDS

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

West has pieces to compete for State



PHOTO BY LOU SPINAZZOLA

By TriStateFootball.com

WEST CHESTER TWP. — They are the real deal. Lakota West has an outstanding defense and a veteran offense with players who are primed for huge years. The Firebirds have the pieces to compete for a state title.

Getting out of Region 4 will not be easy. Having been to the schools first-ever regional finals in 2020, Lakota West knows the effort it will take to accomplish the feat.

TOP RETURNEES

Alex Afari, Sr, DB – A fantastic football player who will line up in a myriad of positions for the Firebirds defense. Afari was named OPSWA Division I First Team All-Ohio and First Team All-TriState Football as a junior. He has four career interceptions including a pick-six against Fairfield last fall. Afari has verbally committed to Kentucky.

Tegra Tshabola, Sr, OL – The anchor and leader of the Firebirds offensive line. The 6-foot-5, 340-pound Tshabola was a OPSWA Division I First Team All-Ohio and First Team All-TriState Football selection as a junior. He has verbally committed to Ohio State.

Jyaire Brown, Sr, DB – A lightning-fast lockdown corner. Brown will also show up

more on offense and in the return game this season. He was a OPSWA Division I First Team All-Ohio and Second Team All-TriState Football selection in 2020. Brown has verbally committed to Ohio State.

Aden Miller, Sr, RB/LB – The backbone of the Lakota West defense. Miller tallied 55 total tackles, six-and-a-half sacks, forced two fumbles and an interception last fall. That performance earned him OPSWA Division I Third Team All-Ohio and Third Team All-TriState Football honors. He also has 383 yards and four touchdowns rushing in his career.

Mitch Bolden, Jr, QB – Back for his third year as a starter, Bolden was a OPSWA Division I Honorable Mention All-Southwest District selection as a sophomore. He has thrown for 1,461 yards, ran for 621 yards and accounted for 25 touchdowns (20 pass, five rush), in his career.

Bryan Henderson, Sr, DL – Was an absolute terror on the Firebirds defensive line last season. Henderson was in on 35 total tackles, had five-and-a-half sacks, forced three fumbles and recovered three fumbles. He was named First Team All-GMC. Henderson has verbally committed to Buffalo.

Lathan McComis, Sr, OL – An unsung hero on the West o-line. The 6-foot-4, 280-pound McComis was named First Team All-GMC as a junior.

Cam Goode, Sr, RB – Look for Goode to have a breakout senior campaign. He ran for 454 yards and four touchdowns a year ago. He earned Second Team All-GMC honors for the effort.

Trent Lloyd, Jr, WR – Could emerge as the Firebirds top receiver this fall. Lloyd had 19 receptions for 236 yards and four touchdowns as a sophomore. He was named Second Team All-GMC.

Division I, Region 4

2020 RECORD: 8-1, 6-0 GMC

COACH: Tom Bolden (15-5 at Lakota West, two years; 147-26 overall, 14 years)

PLAYOFF HISTORY

Seven appearances, 5-7) – 2020, 2019, 2014, 2013, 2009, 2006, 2004

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 – at St. Xavier, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 – WEST CLERMONT, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 – at Oak Hills, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 – PRINCETON, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 – at Hamilton, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 – at Mason, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 – FAIRFIELD, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 – MIDDLETOWN, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 – at Colerain, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 – LAKOTA EAST, 7 p.m.

2021 LAKOTA WEST FIREBIRDS ROSTER

1 Brown Jyaire DB/WR 12 6'0" 175
2 Afari Alex DB/WR 12 6'3" 200
3 Sparrall Tyler DB 12 5'11" 180
4 Lloyd Trent WR 11 5'11" 180
5 Edwards John RB 12 5'8" 130
6 Peters Aaron WR 11 5'10" 160
7 Bolden Mitch QB 11 6'2" 190
8 Jones Isaiah LB 12 5'10" 200
9 Hartford Malik DB 11 6'3" 180
10 Richardson Dwayne WR 11 5'9" 145
11 Asbeck Jacob DB 10 5'11" 170
12 Henderson Jeremiah DB/WR 11 5'11" 150
13 Minich Ben DB/WR 11 6'1" 175
14 Remy Brennan WR 10 6' 175
15 Parker Nolan QB 10 5'8" 150
16 Alapizco Victor RB 12 5'10" 215
17 Miles Bukari DB 10 6' 170
18 Burg Kaynen WR 11 5'11" 180
19 Minich Drew QB 10 6'2" 180
20 Lumpkins Barry DB 10 5'10" 165
21 Fussell Joshua DB 11 5'11" 180
22 Shipmon Tyler DB 10 5'10" 165

23 Miller Aden LB/RB 12 5'11" 200
24 Harris Micah RB 12 5'10" 190
25 Goode Cameron RB 12 5'10" 215
26 Wilson Jiovionni WR 10 5'9" 155
27 Henderson Anthony DB 10 5'9" 160
28 Mensah Peter RB 11 5'9" 165
29 Guinn Re'vontez DB 10 5'10" 160
30 Gonzalez, Jr Eudes RB 10 5'10" 200
31 Mayes AmenRa DB 10 5'9" 155
32 Kauffman Owen LB 12 6'1" 210
33 Simpson Anderson TE 12 6'2" 190
34 Brankamp Mike LB 11 6'0" 225
35 Bohn Tyler K 11 5'9" 155
36 Christian Coleman DB 10 5'10" 165
37 Raimey Noah DB 10 5'9" 165
38 Leach Austin DB 10 5'10" 160
39 Barrett Carter LB 11 5'10" 185
40 Hammons Brody
41 Knollman Zander TE 10 5'11" 180
42 Simpson Johnny TE 10 6'1" 185
44 Flores Gabriel LB 10 6' 190
45 Hunt Nathan LB 11 5'10" 165
46 Krause Nico K 12 5'9" 155
47 Benner Brayden K 10 5'9" 155

48 Gilbert Luka TE 9 6'6" 200
49 Duncan Hannah K 12 5'7" 130
50 Khayo Aaron LB 11 6'0" 193
51 Griffith Jonas DL 10 5'11" 240
52 Fletcher Kaden OL 11 6'2" 225
53 Curry Ebony LB 11 6'2" 180
54 Siders Christian DL 10 6'1" 225
55 Cifuentes Eric OL 12 6'5" 240
58 Gertz Mike LB 11 6'1" 215
59 Griffin Marshall OL 10 6'3" 220
60 Gonzalez Chris OL 10 5'11" 280
61 Stepaniak Enoch OL 10 5'10" 225
62 Goines Brian DL 11 6' 240
63 Barnes Javion DL 10 5'11" 240
64 Hermes Tyler OL 11 5'11" 215
65 Hermes Alex OL 11 5'11" 215
66 Toor Onkar OL 10 6'2" 245
67 Grewal Simmer OL 10 6'3" 245
69 LeBlanc Logan OL 12 6'1" 320
70 Johnson Maxx OL 10 6'4" 280
72 Curtis Tony OL 11 6'0" 240
73 McComis Lathan OL 12 6'3" 270
75 Key Alex OL 11 6'0" 220
76 Snowden Connor OL 11 6'4" 255

77 Tshabola Tegra OL 12 6'6" 300
80 Miller Caden WR 11 6' 170
81 Johnson Scott WR 11 6'2" 170
82 Meadors Dylan WR 11 5'10" 155
83 Loughrie Gavin WR 10 5'9" 160
84 Holland Bronson WR 10 6' 160
85 Remy Luke WR 12 5'10" 170
86 Beesla Gurtaj WR 10 5'9" 145
87 McCoy DaVeon WR 10 6'1" 170
88 Taylor Coby WR 10 5'9" 155
90 Davis Elijah DL 10 6'2" 260
91 Boose Kentrell DL 12 5'10" 280
92 Gomez Joseph DL 12 5'10" 230
93 Darla Sam DL 11 6'0" 260
94 Clark Drew DL 11 5'11" 232
95 Boateng Ernest DL 11 5'9" 210
96 Bobie Kofi DL 11 6'0" 250
97 Boakye Manny DL 11 5'11" 220
98 Herrera Rafael DL 11 6'2" 252
99 Henderson Bryan DL 12 6'1" 260
HEAD COACH: Tom Bolden

MADISON MOHAWKS

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Another era of Mohawk football begins



PHOTO BY SARAH WILLIAMS

By Chris Vogt, The Report

MADISON TWP. — The Madison High School football team is poised. It’s poised enough to want to be successful during the 2021 season.

And it starts under the new direction of the Mohawks’ fourth coach in as many years — Dan Baker.

“We’re trying to get the kids to be successful as best as possible,” said Baker, who steps in to man the helm. “The big thing is getting the kids to buy in.

“I’m the fourth head coach in four years,” Baker added. “With various circumstances, it’s kind of hard to get that buy-in when you have a fourth coach in four years. It’s a unique perspective right now. And what we’re trying to do is to get the kids ready to rock and ready to roll and play some football.

“That’s one of the big pieces that we’ve been working on is to get the kids to buy in to a system and the coaching staff and being a big family,” Baker continued. “That’s the biggest thing at this point before football.”

Baker said the positive thing is that a lot of players either started last year or played a lot of minutes.

Senior running back Logan Gibson is the mainstay in the backfield. He returns after rushing for a team-best 909 yards, while tallying five scores.

Sophomore quarterback Brady Haas will take the snaps. He handled the majority of the signal-calling duties last year as a fresh-

man.

Senior Dontai Pendleton is also back at running back, while senior Justin Schaefer, senior Chase Patrick and senior Kelton Salyers will get the nods at wide receiver spots.

The offensive line will see senior Preston Brown, senior Tyler McCracken, senior Owain Kelly, junior Damario Pendleton and junior Davin Adams.

“They’ve all got a little bit of varsity experience,” Baker said of the Mohawks’ line. “Most of them started last year. At the end of the day, you’ve got a lot of game experience between those guys.

“On the defensive side of the ball, we’re kind of in the same boat,” Baker added. “A lot of returning starters, but things could change since we’ve had our last scrimmage. We are hopeful that we are fast and physical. A lot of the same names you see on offense, you will see time on defense.”

IN THE KNOW

The new turf field is expected to open Friday, Oct. 8 against Brookville, according to Madison athletic director Matt Morrison. Madison will play its prior home games at Franklin Community Park.

QUOTABLES

“The No. 1 thing that I feel will always ring true to me is getting a buy-in from the kids and building those connections with the players,” Baker said. “Some days they’re going to like you and some days they’re going to

not like you. But at the end of the day, if they know that you are looking out for what’s best for the players, typically things tend to go a little bit better. Some days I’ll be that arm or shoulder you can lean on.”

“We are hopeful that we’re going to find a way to compete and get better every week,” Baker said.

“Once you’ve gone through these types of changes, and that’s a bunch of change with high school kids, we eventually want to show them that the stability will be there and be a piece of what we’re trying to bring here to Madison,” Baker said.

“My big thing with coaching is that everything is built around relationships,” Baker said. “I truly believe that being a guy that has also been a high school teacher for the last 7 years.”

“If we are able to stop the run and able to stop the pass and make people stay on their toes, then we should be in good shape,” Baker said.

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 at Greeneview, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 FENWICK, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 at Upper Scioto Valley, 7 p.m.
Sept. 11 WAYNESVILLE, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 VALLEY VIEW, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 at Eaton, 7 p.m.
Sept. 30 at Bellbrook, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 BROOKVILLE, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Carlisle, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 OAKWOOD, 7 p.m.

2021 MADISON MOHAWKS ROSTER

52 Davin Adams	11	OL/DL	62"	220	62 Brayden Ketcham	9	OL/DL	5'8"	195	7 Caedon Rupp	10	WR/DB	6'3"	185
53 Billy Allmon	10	OL/LB	6'0"	220	16 Devin Lindsey	9	WR/DB	5'11"	155	2 Kelten Salyers	12	WR/DB	5'10"	185
75 Preston Brown	12	OL/DL	6'3"	265	31 Kyle Maloney	11	TE/LB	5'9"	175	99 Elijah Sams	9	OL/DL	6'2"	260
60 Ryan Brown	10	OL/DL	6'4"	210	66 Tyler McCracken	12	OL/DL	6'1"	245	9 Kaden Sarbaugh	10	WR/DB	5'11"	170
6 Brayden Dickensheets	9	WR/DB	5'2"	195	18 Kaleb Miller	9	RB/DB	5'10"	180	21 Justin Schaefer	12	WR/DB	5'11"	180
61 AJ Dwyer	9	OL/DL	5'9"	225	28 Rocky Millsap	9	QB/DB	6'1"	175	55 Dayne Scott	10	OL/DL	6'3"	250
22 Mason Edwards	11	WR/DB	6'0"	160	70 Bryson Moore	9	OL/DL	5'11"	220	57 Silas Sheely	9	OL/DL	5'9"	180
20 Logan Gibson	12	RB/DB	5'11"	195	56 Peyton Neal	9	OL/DL	5'9"	175	4 Kenneth Sorrell	10	RB/DB	5'9"	160
12 Aiden Grooms	10	TE/DB	6'3"	200	13 Chase Patrick	12	WR/DB	5'7"	155	35 Mason Sorrell	11	WR/DB	5'11"	170
14 Brady Haas	10	QB/DB	6'2"	190	63 Damario Pendleton	11	OL/DL	5'11"	235	77 Bryant Tinch	9	OL/DL	6'1"	240
64 Johnny Harris	11	OL/DL	6'1"	200	27 Dontai Pendleton	12	RB/LB	6'2"	215	32 Garret Webb	10	TE/LB	5'10"	200
78 Caden Kakaris	9	OL/DL	5'8"	195	8 Jaylin Pendleton	10	WR/DB	6'2"	175	5 Ryder Williams	10	WR/DB	5'11"	170
50 Conner Kakaris	10	OL/LB	5'11"	195	34 Jordan Perry	10	WR/DB	5'8"	175	45 Gavin Wright	9	TE/LB	5'6"	150
72 Owain Kelly	12	OL/DL	6'1"	235	73 Eli Rhodus	9	OL/DL	6'2"	180	51 Jared Courcy	12	OL/DL	6'0"	230
24 Aiden Kennedy	12	RB/LB	6'0"	180	23 Kwenton Rhodus	10	RB/LB	5'10"	175	HEAD COACH: DAN BAKER				
					15 Xavier Rhodus	11	WR/DB	5'8"	165					

Middies ready to roll



PHOTO BY JERMAINE RICHARDS

By Chris Vogt, The Report

MIDDLETOWN — Middletown High School football coach Don Simpson couldn't be anymore excited. When all the pieces are able to come together before the start of the season, it's given him a reason to believe that Middle football is back.

Last season, Middletown simply didn't have the chance to prove it.

"I'm just happy to be having a full camp. This is amazing and we're coaching a lot of football," Simpson said. "It's been the whole gratitude of being out there. This current senior class got the chance to see one of the best senior classes to come through here and leave last season with a bad taste in their mouth — not getting camp, getting shut down multiple times and just to have to beg and plead to have a season. So now, they were there for that. They experienced that. When they're taking the field, they're not taking it for granted."

The Middies finished last season at 1-6, and Simpson said last year's performance doesn't represent the brand of football Middletown is known for.

"These young men are truly committed and excited to get back on the field and to give a better image of our program from last year," Simpson said. "A lot of people don't know what we endured. They just saw the result on the field. But they didn't

get the ample opportunity to put on their best. Now they get to represent last year's seniors who weren't able to get this type of prep. Our guys have taken true ownership of it."

Junior quarterback Kellen Davis is the leader on offense. He got the starting nod half-way through the season in 2020 and will have full control in 2021.

"This guy has been around me since eighth grade," Simpson said of Davis. "He's been working his tail off. When your hardest worker on the field is your quarterback, then you have something special."

Senior offensive lineman Logan Osborne comes back, and he will be given some help on the line from junior Brock Sorrell.

Filling the void of Josh Bryant at running back will be junior Lemond Chambers.

"H does just about everything," Simpson said of Chambers. "He's a freak of an athlete."

Senior Jaylon Dillard will see some time at running back, punt returner and corner back, according to Simpson.

"We're looking to see what we can do with the opportunity to go start to finish. And we're excited to show everyone. We're looking for the fruits of our labor. "This is all about figuring out the matrix," Simpson added. "It's all about what

we have to utilize the best way. We're wanting to see some consistency."

Simpson said the defensive side of things leans toward the youthful end.

"We're going to have some young guys stepping up," Simpson said. "

Some key names that will be heard on defense, according to Simpson, are Chambers at outside linebacker, junior defensive end Majaden Lewis and junior middle linebacker Ronan Casanova.

"This is going to be fun to watch this year. It's coming," Simpson said. "We have work to do, but it's just exciting to be coaching football. Last year at this time, we were sitting at home.

"Right now, we're not looking to boost egos," Simpson added. "We're prepping to fix stuff before the start of the season and capitalize on the opportunity to play some football."

- 2021 Schedule
- Aug. 20 – KINGS, 7 p.m.
 - Aug. 27 – SPRINGBORO, 7 p.m.
 - Sept. 3 – at Lakota East, 7 p.m.
 - Sept. 10 – MASON, 7 p.m.
 - Sept. 17 – at Sycamore, 7 p.m.
 - Sept. 24 – COLERAIN, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 1 – PRINCETON, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 8 – at Lakota West, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 15 – OAK HILLS, 7 p.m.
 - Oct. 22 – at Fairfield, 7 p.m.

2021 MIDDLETOWN MIDDIES ROSTER																	
2	Trevon Bryant	DB	5-10	165	JR	22	Majaden Lewis	LB/OL	6-4	245	JR	53	Johnny Harris	DL	5-9	195	JR
3	Jaylon Dillard	RB/WR	5-8	175	SR	23	Jaremill "JJ" Calhoun	LB	5-9	165	SR	54	Christian Printup	DL/OL	6-2	245	JR
4	James Franklin	WR/DB	6-3	195	SO	25	John "JC" Calhoun	WR/QB	5-10	180	JR	55	Quentin Russell	DL/OL	6-2	200	SO
5	Lemond Chambers	LB/RB	5-11	180	JR	26	Camarri Smith	DL/OL	5-9	185	SO	57	Logan Osborne	OL	6-6	235	SR
7	Jeremy Alvarez	DB	5-10	180	SR	27	Brayden Benge	DB	5-10	160	SO	59	Brock Sorrell	DL/OL	5-10	220	JR
8	Kendrick Bell	WR	6-3	195	SR	28	Eric Schroeder	RB	5-9	185	SO	62	Logan Flack	OL	5-10	215	SR
9	Ronan Casanova	LB	5-11	195	JR	29	Zach Johnson	K	5-8	160	JR	65	Evan Baggett	OL	5-9	250	SO
10	Elliott Warner	WR	5-10	175	SR	32	Lemondte Chambers	RB/LB	5-10	185	FR	66	Soniel Santana	DL/OL	5-9	195	SO
11	Gavin Thigpin	DB	5-10	170	JR	33	Gabe Terrell	LB	5-10	185	SO	71	Jeremiah Chambers	OL	5-9	205	SO
12	Daelon Moore	DB	5-10	155	SR	34	DeAndre Goodson	DL	5-9	195	SO	72	Jermaine Wolford	OL	6-1	215	SO
13	DeMarco Powell	WR/DB	6-3	197	JR	35	Elijah Knight	RB	5-8	150	SO	75	Kadin Raqeeb	DL	5-11	205	FR
14	Shon Goff	DB	6-1	185	SR	39	Nick Cox	OLB	5-9	150	JR	77	Taylor Cotton	OL	5-10	375	SR
16	Kellen Davis	QB	6-3	230	JR	42	Noah Earley	DL	6-0	195	SO	78	Hunter Yarber	OL	5-11	285	FR
17	Talan Malicote	QB	5-10	160	FR	44	Amarion Bryant	LB/RB	6-0	195	FR	80	Chandler Shields	WR	6-0	155	FR
18	Mikell Dorn	QB	5-8	150	SO	45	Karrow Jallow	LB	5-9	175	SO	81	Julianye Johnson	DL	6-1	180	SO
19	Benjamin Meiner	WR	6-0	160	SR	50	Eric Shomon	OL/DL	6-0	220	SO	82	Max Johnson	WR	5-10	155	FR
20	Leelah McGuire	RB	5-6	150	SR	51	Jovaun Davis	DL	6-1	210	SO	84	Tyler Patterson	WR	5-9	175	SO
21	Tyshawn Adams	LB	5-8	185	SR	52	D'Amonte Kinley	OL/DL	6-2	250	JR	85	Caleb Jones	WR	6-3	190	SR
															HEAD COACH: DON SIMPSON		

MONROE HORNETS

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Hornets take aim at winning season



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By Chris Vogt, The Report

MONROE — Monroe High School football coach Bob Mullins said the key word right now is “positive.”

He’s positive that his Hornets will be the hardest working team on the field in 2021, and he’s also positive that the prep work leading up to their season opener against Talawanda will make its presence felt.

“The one thing that we consistently want to hang our hat on is our hard work and the effort that we put in everyday,” said Mullins, who enters his third year at the Hornet helm. “The kids have done a great job all summer long of just embracing the game. They’ve done everything that we’ve asked them to do. They’ve exceeded all of our expectations. It’s a really good group of kids that get along with each other and support one another. It’s just been a very positive summer for us.”

“We’re very optimistic coming into the season with what we can do with these guys,” Mullins added. “Our guys know our system, and they know the routine. That makes a big difference. When you get consistency within the program, it makes a big difference in how they perform on the field on the Friday night.”

The Hornets went 4-5 a season ago, and

they celebrated an upset postseason victory over Elida.

“I believe if we were able to play another game last year, I think we would have went 5-5,” Mullins said. “We were playing our best ball at the end of the season last year.”

Monroe went 1-4 to start 2020 before winning 3 out of its last 4 contests.

“It was definitely a step in the right direction for our program to close the season out like we did,” Mullins said.

Mullins said the biggest thing that stands out the most on the offensive side of the ball is the fact that the Hornets return four senior offensive linemen in Zach Hagedorn, Chris Reber, Karson Gomia and Zachariah Kidd.

Returning is junior running back Elijah Jackson, who ran for 1,105 yards and eight touchdowns in 2020.

“He’s a workhorse,” Mullins said of Jackson. “He’s the type of guy who gets better as the game goes on.”

Junior linebacker Wyatt McPherson led the Hornets in tackles with 100, and Mullins expects him to be a leader on the defensive side of things.

Leading the way in the secondary is senior Alex Pitsch. He will also play a key role on the offensive end at the quarterback position.

“Alex has been doing a great job of knowing what we need and knowing our system,” Mullins said. “He’s the one leading our team right now.”

Other players to keep an eye on include senior Tanner Chastain (OLB), sophomore Ryan Miles (RB/BD), junior Konnor Loper (TE/DL), junior Tysen Rupp (DL), junior Tre Daniels (DB), senior Grant Martinez (K) and junior Alex Bemis.

“We’re going to compete,” Mullins said. “We’re going to get after it. What we’re going to be known for this year is playing hard, physical brand football. We’re not going to worry about wins and losses. We’re going to worry about getting after it and getting physical. We’re optimistic on where we’re at.”

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 TALAWANDA, 7 p.m.

Aug. 27 at Ross, 7 p.m.

Sept. 3 WESTERN BROWN, 7 p.m.

Sept. 10 BROOKVILLE, 7 p.m.

Sept. 17 at Oakwood, 7 p.m.

Sept. 24 at Carlisle, 7 p.m.

Oct. 1 FRANKLIN, 7 p.m.

Oct. 8 at Waynesville, 7 p.m.

Oct. 15 BELLBROOK, 7 p.m.

Oct. 22 at Eaton, 7 p.m.

2021 MONROE HORNETS ROSTER

No.	Last Name	First Name	Grade
25	Anne	Samba	10
8	Bailey	Donavan	10
18	Banner	Trent	11
2	Bemis	Alex	11
16	Bourgeois	Collin	9
61	Brill	Colton	9
89	Brown	Joey	9
3	Brown	KJ	9
30	Brush	Ty	11
31	Brush	Jake	9
36	Campbell	Tucker	9
22	Chastain	Tanner	12
68	Clouse	Shawn	11
19	Duckworth	Robert	11
79	Cruz	Emanuel	10
14	Daniels	Tre	11
55	Dooley	Logan	11
7	Downard	Michael	11

48	Faccinto	Nick	10
12	Franklin	Michael	10
62	Friend	Tyler	11
17	Funk	Lucky	9
70	Gomia	Karson	12
75	Hagedorn	Zach	12
27	Hamilton	Max	10
74	Hamilton	Sam	10
59	Holliday	Dalton	9
65	Houchell	Jaxson	10
21	Houston	Sam	10
15	Jackson	Elijah	11
9	Jackson	Levi	9
73	Jordan	Stephen	9
5	Jyan	EJ	10
51	Kemp	David	9
52	Kidd	Zachariah	12
79	King	Zach	10
24	Landis	Connor	10
33	Lee	Braylen	11

66	Levering	Andrew	11
95	Loper	Konnor	11
84	Loper	Kade	9
78	Mapel	Noah	9
13	Marcum	Karson	9
16	Martinez	Grant	12
64	Maxwell	Gabe	12
44	McPherson	Wyatt	11
1	Miles	Ryan	10
54	Moeller	Hunter	9
45	Montgomery	Evan	9
29	Montgomery	-Noah	9
35	Noble	Devin	9
67	Ohlman	Ian	10
60	Pelaez	Rodrigo	9
6	Pitsch	Alex	12
35	Pitsch	Braden	9
57	Rasnick	Jon	11
71	Reber	Chris	12
25	Reece	Brayden	9

34	Reeder	Kam	9
56	Rupp	Tysen	11
42	Sargent	Aiden	11
99	Schrader	Jackson	11
58	Sharp	Andrew	11
96	Smith	Tre	12
20	Stromberg	Brennan	11
77	Tarin	Micah	10
4	Taylor	Drew	11
76	Terry	Myles	9
32	Vance	Caden	10
50	Varela	Bryan	10
69	Varela	Jr	9
10	Wagner	Jack	9
92	Wheeler	Justin	11
23	Wynn	Landon	10
28	Placide	Aljah	11
87	Walker	Camarion	9
86	Treadway	Aidan	10

HEAD COACH: BOB MULLINS

NEW MIAMI VIKINGS

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Vikings look to stay competitive



PHOTO BY JORDAN PHILLIPS

By Chris Vogt, *The Report*

NEW MIAMI — The New Miami High School football team doesn't plan on shying away from its recent winning ways.

With the loss of one the best graduating classes in Vikings history, New Miami second-year coach Andy Stuckert sees an opportunity for his 2021 squad to continue the momentum.

"We're going to make sure that the guys coming back are not going to be left in the shadows of last year's seniors," Stuckert said. "It's their team now. They need to know that there won't be any sort of slump or any decline. It won't change the quality of play that we put out on the field. The young guys have stuck to that and that's what we've used all summer."

New Miami is coming off a monumental season by winning its first playoff game in school history. The Vikings finished 6-1 a season ago, bowing out to Division VII powerhouse Marion Local in the second round of the playoffs.

"A lot of people are talking about the winning streak we have right now in the regular season, and that means absolutely nothing to us," Stuckert said. "We want win streaks in the playoffs. And we plan on doing that game by game."

Battling it out at the quarterback position is sophomore Mason Stephens and junior

Emryk Moffitt. Stuckert said he's OK with seeing them compete for the position, simply because he knows there's a chance both of them could see time under center.

"We're hoping that there is a clear-cut winner, but they will play," he said.

The offensive line is basically still in tact. Senior Jarrod Caldwell is going to be the leader and captain, Stuckert said.

At the receiver spots, the Vikings are young. Junior Jayden Strong is going to be the starting running back.

"He will share some balls with (freshman) Dalson Hayes," Stuckert said.

Senior Jerrick Holland is another guy to watch at center, and he will give New Miami a boost on both sides of the ball. Moffitt will see time at receiver if he isn't under center.

Stuckert said the defensive line is back in shape as well. "Some guys will look to move at different roles."

Seniors Tug Jones and Nate Ciaveralla are making the move to linebacker. Hayes could be seeing some time at outside linebacker. Senior linebacker Jose Chavarria is a playmaker and will play a huge role on the defensive side of the ball.

Strong and Moffitt are in the defensive backfield. Stuckert said the cornerback spots will be pretty young, "so we don't really have a lockdown guy, but a few guys will rotate at spots."

Despite showing youthful signs at some positions, Stuckert said the main focus hasn't changed.

"Our goal is to win another MVC championship, and that's how we're going to enter the year," Stuckert said. "I hope we have enough to stay competitive even with the young guys taking the next step. But we have a phenomenal coaching staff that will help us get there. And the kids understand that."

Stuckert noted that seniors Josh Woods, Jacob Myers, Preston O'Neal, Dontez O'Neal and Cameron Foister will shine as well.

Other players to keep an eye on are juniors Daymeon Pennington, James Hamrick and Jackson Caldwell.

IN THE KNOW: New Miami has lost to the regional champions in postseason play each of the last three seasons.

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 19 at Gamble Montessori, 6 p.m.
Aug. 27 LANDMARK CHRISTIAN, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 at Fayetteville-Perry 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 HILLTOP 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 MILAN, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 CLARK MONTESSORI, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Cincinnati Country Day, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 MVCA, 7 p.m.
Oct. 16 at St. Bernard, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 LOCKLAND, 7 p.m.

2021 NEW MIAMI VIKINGS ROSTER

1 Emryk Moffitt JR QB/DB
2 Jason Wyatt FR RB/LB
3 Jose Chavarria SR RB/LB
4 Ondra Stewart SO WR/RB
7 Cirilo Lakes FR WR/DB
8 Dalson Hayes FR RB/LB
10 Nate Ciavarella SR TE/LB
11 Jayden Strong JR RB/DB
12 Luke McGraw SO WR/LB
15 Tug Jones SR TE/LB

18 Mason Stephens SO QB
22 Peyton Johnson FR WR/DB
27 Daniel W. Martinex JR WR/LB
30 Devin Smith SR WR/DB
33 George Eversole SO WR/DB
44 Josh Woods JR WR/DB
45 Perry Travis FR WR/DB
47 Josh Schnetzer FR WR/DB
51 Dontez O'Neal JR OL/DL
52 Preston O'Neal JR OL/DL
54 Jerrick Holland SR OL/DL

55 Cameron Foister JR OL/DL
57 Jacob Myers SR OL/DL
58 Brody Davidson FR OL/DL
61 James Hamrick JR OL/DL
65 Dalton Gentry FR OL/DL
68 Jarrod Caldwell SR OL/DL
69 Jackson Caldwell JR OL/DL
72 Jacob Mills SR OL/DL
75 Deymeon Pennington JR OL/DL
HEAD COACH: Andy Stuckert

ROSS RAMS

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Ross still aiming to raise the bar



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By Chris Vogt, *The Report*

ROSS TWP. — The Ross High School football team was Butler County's best last season.

And that has given every reason for Rams coach Kenyon Commins to want to continue to raise the bar even higher.

Even though Ross finished the season at 8-2 and made its deepest run in postseason history in 2020, Commins said there's always room for improvement in 2021.

"Each year that we've been here, we've always wanted to increase our excellence," said Commins, who enters his fifth season at the helm. "Our guys aren't interested in seeing a drop off. We're going to get whatever we worked for. And I'll keep saying the cliché stuff, anything else will be unacceptable."

"With the community that we have, we're going to be blue collar guys — what we work for is what we're going to get," Commins added.

Despite the loss of 22 seniors from last year's graduating class, Commins doesn't see his Rams skipping a beat.

"There's a lot of competition," Commins said. "When you look at these current seniors who were juniors last year, and you look at programs in our conference around the city and there are senior, senior, senior starting — that's a football program. We've worked our way to that. And we're looking forward to Wilmington on Aug. 20."

The Rams averaged 413 yards of offense last season, with 401 coming in the rushing department.

A key returnee for the Rams is senior offensive lineman Landon Herrmann. Herrmann displays leadership and an ability to help the always-potent Ross ground game.

"We're going to use last year as a stepping stone and build off that," Herrmann said. "We're going to keep that going. I'm pretty excited to get back on the field, and I'm going to enjoy taking that leadership role. We're hoping to put together another good season."

Bryson Bastin, a junior inside linebacker, returns after rounding up 82 tackles last season.

Junior running back Jaye Warren and sen-

ior athlete Brayden Fraasman will help continue the Ross ground game after having stellar seasons in 2020.

"Ross football isn't just defined on who we are on the field," Commins said. "We want them to be good friends, better husbands and better fathers. It's how we treat them as young men and how we hold them to that standard."

Other players to look out for include juniors Jack Hansel (DB), Frankie Gifford (DL) and sophomores Aidan Brown (QB) and Riley Caldwell (RB).

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 at Wilmington, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 MONROE, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 at Valley View, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 DUNBAR, 7:30 p.m.
Sept. 18 at Badi, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 NORTHWEST, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 TALAWANDA, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 HARRISON, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 at Edgewood, 7 p.m.
Oct. 22 at Mount Healthy, 7 p.m.

2021 ROSS RAMS ROSTER

1 Jack Hansel DB 6'0 175 JR	22 Brenden Sevier RB 5'8" 190 SR	49 Will Schroeder OLB 5'8" 190 SR
2 Aidan Brown QB 6'0 170 SO	23 Kellen Reid WR 6'2 175 JR	50 Austin Farthing OL 5'10" 215 JR
3 Dylan Hammons RB, DB 5' 10 165 SR	24 Josh Botts LB 5'9" 190 JR	52 Gary Durbin DL 5'8" 195 JR
4 Jaye Warren RB 5'7" 165 JR	25 Isaac Nunn RB, DB 5'8" 160 SO	55 Frank Gifford DL 5'11" 170 JR
5 Cole Diersing OLB 6'0 185 SR	26 Ben Kaake DB 5' 10 170 JR	57 Mason Shaw OL, DL 6'2" 240 SO
7 Brayden Fraasman RB 6'2 205 SR	27 Matthew Kahmann DB 5'8" 185 SO	61 Cade Tatum OL 5'11" 265 JR
8 Richie Jackson WR, DB 6'0 165 SR	28 Carson Adams RB, DB 5'7 165 SO	62 Trace Kirby OL 5'8" 230 SO
9 Ben Kugler RB 5'10" 165 JR	29 Sully Spencer K 5' 9 185 JR	66 Jordan Deatherage OL 5'11" 250 SR
10 Noah Licata RB, DB 5'11" 155 SO	31 Michael Lindsey DB 5'6" 135 SO	67 Caleb Broughton OL, DL 5' 10" 245 JR
11 Robbie Reiners OLB 5' 10 165 SO	33 Derrick Rack DL 5' 10 190 SO	69 Austin Dummitt OL, DL 5'9" 220 SO
12 Kyle Becker RB 5'9" 175 JR	34 Devon Furlong ILB 5'11" 170 JR	71 Landon Herrmann OL 6'3" 300 SR
14 Dustin DePrez DB 5'5" 140 JR	39 Jaice Neumaier K 5'5" 115 SO	72 Ivan Ramirez OL, DL 5'7" 200 SO
15 Riley Caldwell RB 5' 10 185 SO	42 Austin Farris FB, LB 5'9" 190 SO	75 Gabe Ward OL 6'2" 260 SO
17 Brayden Bastin QB, DB 5'8" 150 SO	43 Ryan Iams TE, LB 6'1" 190 JR	76 Tyler Ondrovich OLB 6' 1 185 JR
19 Paul Coyner DB 5'5" 140 SR	44 Bryson Bastin ILB 5' 9 185 JR	78 Justin Pence OL 6'0" 225 SO
20 Blake Jessee DB 5'0" 100 JR	45 Noah Nichols OLB 5' 10 180 SO	82 John Kahmann WR 6'3" 175 JR
21 Logan Hammons WR, OLB 6'3" 180 SO	47 Jude Hess FB, DL 5'9" 205 SR	HEAD COACH: KENYON COMMINS
	48 Kolton Commins DL 5'7" 220 SR	

TALAWANDA BRAVE

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Brave to begin another new era

By Chris Gundrum, *The Report*

OXFORD — If you asked any local high school sports enthusiast to name the top football programs in the state of Ohio, the Talawanda Brave may not be included on the list.

Consider the fact that the Brave captured the program's first ever playoff victory in 2020, it's no surprise they wouldn't be in the conversation with teams that compete regularly for state championships.

However, although first-year head coach Jay Volker doesn't appreciate the lack of respect from those outside the program, he plans to turn it into a positive by using it to motivate his new team in 2021.

"Talawanda's not really well respected in terms of the football world," he explained. "And we know that and we're trying to use that a little bit to our advantage."

To get his team competing at a high level and in the conversation with some of the best teams in the state, Volker said he wants his players to abide by the acronym E.A.T.- Effort, Attitude, Toughness.

This means giving maximum effort in everything that they do, both on and off they field, playing with an attitude of having a chip on their shoulders and having not just physical toughness but mental toughness as well.

Volker said when he took over as head coach, he was pleasantly surprised to find that his new team already had the effort part of the acronym down.

"The biggest thing is that they will give you everything that they absolutely have," said Volker. "We have 35 to 40 guys that are fully committed and will give you literally everything and anything that they have. And they'll do it for each other, and they'll do it for us as a coaching staff. They'll give that 100 percent maximum effort to win games."

But giving maximum effort will only take a team so far. It helps to have talented players to rely on to make plays when you need them.

One of those players for the Brave is leading rusher Deondre Bothast-Revalee who finished the 2020 season with 949 yards rushing and nine touchdowns. He was also an OPSWA Division II Honorable Mention.

The Brave will need Bothast-Revalee to continue utilizing his ability to run the ball when he switches from running back to quarterback as they transition to the



triple-option offense in 2021.

"He is a very natural leader. All of the kids listen to him and look up to him and whatever he says goes type of thing," Volker said of Bothast-Revalee. "And it just happens to be as well that he's a really, really good athlete."

And although it's not ideal to have to switch positions in your senior year, Volker said Bothast-Revalee has taken the challenge of learning a new position in stride.

"If he was apprehensive with it, he didn't show it at all which just speaks to the kind of player he is," Volker said. "It might not be the most ideal situation for him in an offense, but it's what our team needs, and he knows that. He wants the ball in his hands as much as possible and it fits a lot of his strengths."

Another key player for the Brave will be DJ Morris-Williams who forced two fumbles and recovered two fumbles in 2020. He also earned Second Team All-SWOC. Volker will look for Morris-Williams to contribute on both defense and offense in 2021.

"We're going to be counting on him a lot to cause some havoc on defense," said Volker. "And then I think people are going to struggle to tackle him in the run game as well playing a little bit of the midline-veer fullback for us."

As far as their schedule goes, the Brave aren't looking too far ahead into the season. Volker said they aren't focused on any one team or stretch of games, rather they will take it one game at a time.

"Coming in new I know people talk

about having different rivalries," said Volker. "I'm not trying to get too caught up in that. We're just going to try to take it one game at a time to be honest."

So, although people outside the Talawanda football program may not give the Brave much credit, Jay Volker and his new team don't mind. In fact, they'll take that lack of respect and use it as fuel to motivate them throughout the season. And regardless of how many wins they rack up, you can bet they'll approach every game with effort, attitude and toughness.

IN THE KNOW

Here are some players to keep an eye on: Senior linebacker Zach Flannery, senior center Jesse Campbell, senior tight end John Nelson, senior tight end and defensive lineman Blake Orona, juniors Hayden Marcum (wide receiver), Joe Claire (punter), sophomores Gavin Schlichter (offensive lineman), Heath Powell (linebacker) and Owen King (offensive lineman).

2021 SCHEDULE

Aug. 20 at Monroe, 7 p.m.
Aug. 27 at Little Miami, 7 p.m.
Sept. 3 Eaton, 7 p.m.
Sept. 10 New Richmond, 7 p.m.
Sept. 17 at Carroll, 7 p.m.
Sept. 24 Harrison, 7 p.m.
Oct. 1 at Ross, 7 p.m.
Oct. 8 at Edgewood, 7 p.m.
Oct. 15 Mount Healthy, 7 p.m.

2021 TALAWANDA BRAVE ROSTER

1 Ryan Wright 9 WR/DB 5-11 155
2 Jake Francis 11 WR/DB 5-10 160
3 LK Little 10 RB/DB 6-1 165
4 Deion Johnson 11 RB/LB 5-11 185
5 Tristan Tincer 9 TE/LB 6-0 190
6 Brayden Glass 10 RB/LB 5-9 170
7 Cale Leitch 9 QB/DB 6-1 180
8 Nick Engelhard 12 RB/DB 5-10 170
9 Brian Gully 12 TE/DL 6-1 180
10 Hayden Marcum 11 WR/DB 6-1 180
11 Caleb Dillhoff 10 TE/LB 5-10 175
12 Heath Powell 10 TE/LB 5-11 220
13 Jason Frank 9 WR/DB 5-11 160
14 Garrett Schenkel 10 QB/DB 5-10 160
15 Lucas Kuykendoll 11 WR/DB 5-10 140
16 Mason Asher 9 WR/DB 5-11 140

20 Austin Bidwell 12 WR/DB 5-6 140
22 Da'Quawn Roberson 11 RB/DB 5-5 165
23 DJ Morris-Williams 11 RB/DL 5-9 260
24 Deondre Bothast-Revalee 12 QB/DB 5-10 200
25 Austin Stitsinger 12 WR/DB 5-10 165
26 Brayden Osborne 10 RB/LB 5-5 160
27 Conner Brosey 11 WR/DB 6-1 180
28 Will Reide 10 RB/LB 5-5 185
32 Zach Flannery 12 TE/LB 6-2 240
33 Blake Detherage 11 TE/LB 5-10 190
34 Jaden Morgan 10 WR/DB 5-10 150
35 Chris Young 11 RB/LB 5-10 185
36 Sammy Dillon 11 WR/LB 5-11 140
41 Zada Young K
43 Joe Claire 11 TE/LB 5-9 195
44 Dominic Pirigyi 9 RB/LB 5-8 160
45 Jackson Ritchie 10 WR/DB 6-2 170

52 Blake Orona 12 OL/DL 6-3 230
55 Jesse Campbell 12 OL/DL 6-0 245
56 Koen Broshear-Henley 11 OL/DL 6-4 285
58 Clayton Bennett 9 OL/LB 5-11 200
61 Brayden Shiflett 11 OL/DL 5-11 280
62 Quenton Nelson 9 OL/DL 5-9 185
66 Owen King 10 OL/DL 6-1 255
70 Wyatt Jones 10 OL/DL 6-0 260
72 Gavin Schlichter 10 OL/DL 6-3 300
78 Caleb Chafin 12 OL/DL 5-11 310
79 Landon Coffey 9 OL/DL 6-4 280
80 Tanner Bown 12
81 Joseph Horton 9 WR/DB 5-10 130
83 Zach Chasteen 9 WR/DB 5-7 130
99 John Nelson 12 OL/DL 6-4 230
HEAD COACH: Jay Volker

2021 H.S. FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

WEEK 1

Thursday, Aug. 19

New Miami at Gamble Mont., 6 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 20

Madison at Greeneview
Lakota West at St. Xavier
Moeller at Lakota East
Milford at Edgewood
Ross at Wilmington
Badin at Mount Healthy
Talawanda at Monroe
Fairfield at Centerville
Hamilton at West Clermont
Kings at Middletown

WEEK 2

Friday, Aug. 27

West Clermont at Lakota West
Lakota East at Milford
Talawanda at Little Miami
Badin at Bellbrook
Landmark at New Miami
Monroe at Ross
Fenwick at Madison
Springfield at Fairfield
Edgewood at Hamilton
Springboro at Middletown

WEEK 3

Friday, Sept. 3

Lakota West at Oak Hills
Edgewood at Franklin
Ross at Valley View
Eaton at Talawanda
Northwest at Badin
Middletown at Lakota East
New Miami at Fayetteville-Perry
Western Brown at Monroe
Fairfield at Sycamore
Hamilton at Princeton
Madison at Upper Scioto

WEEK 4

Friday, Sept. 10

Princeton at Lakota West
Fenwick at Edgewood

Dunbar at Ross

Waynesville at Madison

New Richmond at Talawanda

Mason at Middletown

Brookville at Monroe

Oak Hills at Fairfield

Hamilton at Lakota East

Saturday, Sept. 11

Roger Bacon at Badin

Hilltop vs. New Miami at Loramie

WEEK 5

Friday, Sept. 17

Lakota East at Mason
Chaminade-Julienne at Edgewood
Valley View at Madison
Talawanda at Carroll
Middletown at Sycamore
Milan (Ind.) at New Miami
Monroe at Oakwood
Fairfield at Princeton
Lakota West at Hamilton
Saturday, Sept. 18
Ross at Badin

WEEK 6

Friday, Sept. 24

Lakota West at Mason
Sycamore at Lakota East
Edgewood at Mount Healthy
Northwest at Ross
Harrison at Talawanda
Badin at Carroll
Colerain at Middletown
Clark Montessori at New Miami
Monroe at Carlisle
Hamilton at Fairfield
Madison at Eaton

WEEK 7

Friday, Oct. 1

Lakota East at Colerain
Edgewood at Northwest
Madison at Bellbrook
Talawanda at Ross
Alter at Badin

Princeton at Middletown

New Miami at Cin. Country Day

Franklin at Monroe

Fairfield at Lakota West

Oak Hills at Hamilton

WEEK 8

Friday, Oct. 8

Lakota East at Oak Hills
Harrison at Ross
Brookville at Madison
Talawanda at Edgewood
Badin at Chaminade-Julienne
Middletown at Lakota West
MVCA at New Miami
Monroe at Waynesville
Mason at Fairfield
Colerain at Hamilton

WEEK 9

Friday, Oct. 15

Lakota West at Colerain
Ross at Edgewood
Madison at Carlisle
Mount Healthy at Talawanda
Oak Hills at Middletown
Bellbrook at Monroe
Fairfield at Lakota East
Hamilton at Sycamore
Saturday, Oct. 16
New Miami at St. Bernard
Fenwick at Badin

WEEK 10

Friday, Oct. 22

Lakota East at Lakota West
Edgewood at Harrison
Ross at Mount Healthy
Oakwood at Madison
Northwest at Talawanda
Badin at McNicholas
Lockland at New Miami
Monroe at Eaton
Middletown at Fairfield
Mason at Hamilton
(All times are 7 p.m. unless specified)



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