

TALAWANDA BRAVE

2022 H.S. FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Brave set for year No. 2 under Volker



TALAWANDA OPENS THE 2022 SEASON AT HOME AGAINST MONROE. PROVIDED PHOTO

By Chris Vogt, *The Report*

OXFORD — Talawanda High School football coach Jay Volker assessed the accountability card during the last few months.

Given the fact that the second-year Brave mentor has a season under his belt, all eyes are on one thing now. And that's making sure his players simply do their job.

"I honestly think our players are holding each other accountable," said Volker, whose squad is looking to bounce back from a 2-7 performance. "From the start, it's been a player-led culture. We've been preaching that since day one.

"Even though it was an interesting year last season, and we wanted to be more successful, the kids are showing up and putting in the effort," Volker added. "That's sort of been our stamp so far this year — accountability. All they want to do is become better football players and a better team."

Volker noted the noticeable difference between his first year on the sidelines and

now is the roster.

"When you go from fielding a team of around 40 last year to 60 this year, you're able to put together new schemes on both sides of the ball," Volker said.

Senior DJ Morris-Williams will see plenty of playing time on both side of the ball, according to Volker. He will do some work in the offensive backfield and some line duties on defense.

Sophomore Cale Leitch will be under center after getting more than enough reps as a freshman a season ago.

Senior linebacker Blake Detherage will call the shots on defense, following a second-team all-SWOC performance in 2021. Junior Caleb Dillhoff returns at linebacker as well after leading the Brave in tackles with 48 a season ago.

Other prospects to look out for, according to *The Report*, are senior wide receiver and defensive back Hayden Marcum, senior transfer in running back and defensive back Logan Howard, senior running back Da'Quawn Roberson, junior offensive line-

man Owen King, sophomore running back and defensive back Ryan Wright, and junior tight end and linebacker Heath Powell.

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"It's the brand of football that will set us apart. We want people to know when they play us," Volker said. "We want them to know that it's going to be an absolute battle.

"No matter what we do offensively or defensively, we're going to be fast and we're going to play physical," Volker said. "People are going to walk off the field sore."

2022 SCHEDULE

Aug. 19 Monroe
Aug. 26 Reading
Sept. 2 at Eaton
Sept. 9 at New Richmond
Sept. 16 Carroll
Sept. 23 at Harrison
Sept. 30 Ross
Oct. 7 Edgewood
Oct. 14 at Mount Healthy
Oct. 21 at Northwest

2022 TALAWANDA BRAVE ROSTER

No. Player Class Pos. Height Weight
2 Jake Francis 12 DB 6-1 160
3 Ryan Wright 10 DB 6-0 170
4 Deion Johnson 12 LB 5-11 190
5 Tristan Fincher 10 TE/DL 6-2 215
6 Demetrius Morris-Williams 9 QB/DB 5-8 130
7 Cale Leitch 10 QB 6-1 175
8 Payson Wilks 11 TE 6-2 185
9 Conner Brosey 12 DB 6-1 195
10 Hayden Marcum 12 WR/DB 6-1 190
11 Caleb Dillhoff 11 LB 5-10 180
12 Heath Powell 11 LB 5-11 200
13 Jason Frank 10 DB 6-1 165
14 Logan Kent 12 K
15 Henry Bowers 12 RB 5-8 165
16 Mason Asher 10 WR 5-11 160
20 Logan Howard 12 RB/DB 6-3 165
22 Aiden Vorhees 9 WR 5-7 130
23 DJ Morris-Williams 12 FB/DL 5-11 240

24 Brayden Glass 11 RB 5-9 165
25 Carson Price 11 DB 5-10 145
26 Dylan Pawlaczky 9 WR/DB 5-8 135
27 Da'Quawn Roberson 12 FB/RB 5-8 180
28 Sam Yoches 9 WR 5-6 135
32 Will Reide 11 DL 5-7 215
33 Blake Detherage 12 LB 5-11 200
34 Sammy Dillon 12 LB 5-11 160
35 Chris Young 12 LB 5-10 170
36 Will Tanner 9 LB 5-10 160
37 Lance Cantrell 9 RB 5-9 150
41 Zada Young 12 K
42 Dominic Pirigyi 11 LB 5-11 190
44 Owen Perry 9 TE 6-2 190
45 Jackson Ritchie 11 WR 6-2 170
46 Tad Polly 9 LB 5-9 190
47 Ashton Shea 9 LB 5-10 160
50 Clinton Askren 9 LB 5-11 160
51 Kyle Teeters 9 DL 5-8 180
52 Joe Claire 12 OL/P 5-9 190
53 Jacob Mackin 9 OL 5-7 190

55 Landon Coffey 10 OL 6-4 270
56 Jarret Fall 11 OL 6-2 250
57 Austin Puckett 9 DL 5-8 200
58 Clayton Bennett 10 TE/DL 5-11 210
60 Ryan King 9 OL 5-7 190
61 Brayden Shiflett 12 OL 6-0 250
63 Jericho Fletcher 9 OL 6-1 200
64 Eric Staley 9 DL 6-2 240
65 Caleb Kuykendoll 12 DL 5-10 200
66 Owen King 11 OL 6-2 260
67 Quenton Nelson 10 OL 5-10 185
70 Wyatt Jones 11 OL 5-11 245
75 Koen Broshear-Henley 12 OL 6-3 260
81 Braeden Douglas 9 WR 5-9 140
82 Caleb Bogseth 12 K
83 Prestin Rhodus 9 K
84 Braeden Meyer 9 DB 5-4 130
85 Nolan Henegar 9 DB 5-5 125
88 Joseph Horton 10 WR 6-2 155
89 Nico Motta 11 K
HEAD COACH: Jay Volker