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2020 FOOTBALL PREVIEW

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How the West Was Won

‘Sticking with it’ through COVID-19, PureMagic back to sponsor HWWW

Taking a wise step backward, Jim Rooney shut down his seven-location area business “for five weeks so we could fully understand and prepare our business to open up safely,” given the effects of COVID-19 early last spring.

He then introduced his PureMagic carwash customers to the “Interior Disinfectant Fogging Service complimentary to any vehicle that comes through our buildings for interior cleanings at our Farragut facility (11133 Kingston Pike),” added Rooney, PureMagic CEO and co-founder along with his wife, Teri Rooney. “We did that because we ‘stick with it’ and we want to continue to fight against this.”

“Sticking with it” also explains Rooney’s continued sponsorship of How the West Was Won high school football scoreboard contest — unpredictable effects of the coronavirus pandemic on teams and schedules notwithstanding.

Once again in 2020, six Farragut-area schools will compete for the PureMagic HWWW crown, which recognizes the best regular season record: Farragut, Hardin Valley Academy, Bearden, Knoxville Catholic, Webb School of Knoxville and Christian Academy of Knoxville.

In addition to receiving the revolving PureMagic HWWW Stetson hat trophy, the “regular season” champion program also receives \$500 each from PureMagic and farragutpress.

“I think ‘sticking with it’ is just part of what we do, and it’s part of the expectation that we have with each other,” Rooney said about he and his employees at all seven locations.

“We have been an ardent sponsor, and long-term sponsor, of How the West Was Won and high school football for, I believe it’s now been a decade,” he added. “Times like these test a lot of people, and they test a lot of businesses — and they test a lot of young people.

“We don’t want to turn our backs, or disconnect, from our community just because we’re all being tested.”

It’s especially hard on high school youth, including student-athletes.

“Young people are being pulled left and being pulled right, pushed forward and pulled backward,” he said. “They don’t know which way to turn, and some of the leaders in our community don’t know which way to lead.

“We’re all trying to figure this out together.”

History

In the 12 years of HWWW among the six schools, four each have earned the PureMagic Stetson hat trophy three times as regular season “best record” champ: Farragut (2015, 2017, 2018), CAK (2011, 2012 and as defending champ in 2019), Webb (2008, 2009, 2010) and Catholic (2013, 2014, 2016).

Hardin Valley and Bearden, meanwhile, have proven to be tough competitors during most seasons in the HWWW era.

Rules

In anticipation of cancellations, which already have affected one HWWW team, a season must include a minimum of six games to be championship eligible (unless a majority of the six teams play less than six games).

In the likelihood of teams playing different numbers of games, winning percentage will be the tiebreaker. If the winning percentage is the same for two given teams (a 4-2 finish versus a 6-3 finish, for example), the team with the greater number of wins would be rewarded.

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Two-way Purcell, Nesbitt lead 2020 Admirals

“Our expectations never change. We have five goals every year,”

~ **Eddie Courtney**,
Admirals head coach



Courtney

Although the start of the 2020 high school football season is under way, longtime Farragut head coach Eddie Courtney has plenty of questions about his team.

However, a solid core returns defensively, led by senior linebacker Eli Purcell and senior defensive end Trey Nesbitt.

“These two guys have really battled adversity,” Courtney said. “They’ve worked hard every day and they were always able to find a place to work out.”

Purcell was a steady and solid contributor on the defensive side of the ball last season, finishing with 96 tackles (including 15 tackles for loss), five sacks, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

These seniors are ready to lead when the time comes each week, as Farragut again faces a tough overall and Region 1-6A schedule.

“We’re confident that we can win the region, and it’s an especially strong region,” Purcell said. “We want a region championship, and

I have full confidence that we can do this.”

Nesbitt said Farragut “can win our region, but we just have to keep working hard.”

Defense

Dawson Brown, a senior, mans the other defensive end spot, while the tackle positions in Courtney’s 4-2-5 alignment are secured by Corey Walker, a junior, and Joe Maine, a senior. Nick Milstead, a senior, adds depth at defensive end.

Joining Purcell at inside linebacker is senior Carter Nussbaum, who has recovered from a serious leg injury suffered early last season. Outside linebackers are seniors Camden Kuhn and junior Dylan Cosey.

Still more experience returns at the corners, with seniors Matt White and Landon Foody. Seniors Bridges Coffey and Grant Rice are the top safeties.

“We feel like this defensive unit has got good team speed, and we feel like we have a lot of depth with guys backing up,” said Courtney, beginning his 25th season as Admirals skipper.

Overall, Courtney said his team strengths lie in the skill positions and at the linebacker spots, while the main area of concern is continuing to build depth on the offensive line.

Offense

New FHS quarterback Dawson Moore, a junior, “has made a lot of progress,” the coach said after Moore’s 9-of-15 passing performance in a 25-21 home win versus



#1 Grant Rice



#2 Camden Kuhn



#5 Alex Taylor



#7 Max DeVault



#8 Eli Purcell



#9 Dion Williams



#19 Logan Foody



#20 Matt White



#22 Brock Hodges



#27 Trey Nesbitt



#29 Andrew Doane



#31 Carter Nussbaum



#45 Joe Maine



#54 Eli Harville



#61 Dawson Brown

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2 Camden Kuhn	Sr.	DB	24 Ashton Aderman	Jr.	TE/OLB	46 Drew Hulsey	Jr.	TE/DE	71 Will Mather	Jr.	DE
3 Bridges Coffey	Sr.	DB	26 Parker Arrington	Jr.	WR/DB	47 Cameron Mansfield	So.	WR/DB	72 Thomas Witthauer	So.	OL/DL
4 Alex Brown	Jr.	DB	27 Trey Nesbitt	Sr.	DE	48 Will Changas	Jr.	OLB	74 Carter Schuermann	Sr.	OL
5 Alex Taylor	Sr.	WR	28 Elijah Gibbs	So.	RB/DB	49 Reese Keeney	So.	P/PK	75 Corey Walker	Jr.	NG
6 Dawson Moore	Jr.	QB	29 Andrew Doane	Sr.	ILB	50 Brice Fontenot	So.	OL/DL	77 Wilson Ventura	Sr.	OL
7 Max DeVault	Sr.	WR	30 Jay Smiley	So.	ILB	51 Dennis Longmire	Jr.	OL	78 Max Wegzyn	Sr.	OL
8 Eli Purcell	Sr.	TE/OLB	31 Carter Nussbaum	Sr.	TE/OLB	52 Howie Sentell	So.	OL/LB	80 Hank DeVault	So.	WR
9 Dion Williams	Sr.	RB/LB	32 Andrew Celeste	So.	RB/LB	53 Landon Russell	Jr.	TE/OLB	81 Jacob Farhat	So.	OLB
10 Zach Keasling	Jr.	WR/DB	33 Sam Moses	Jr.	RB/DB	54 Eli Harville	Sr.	OL	82 Jeremiah Ward	So.	WR/DB
11 Barrett Smith	So.	QB	34 Matt Ferrari	So.	QB/DB	55 Max Radtke	So.	OL/DL	83 Jake Wallace	Sr.	TE
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13 Brandon Vest	So.	QB/WR	36 Bradyn Lurry	10	RB/DB	57 Nick Milstead	Sr.	DE	86 Jackson Fisher	So.	RB
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15 Trace Corum	Jr.	WR/DB	38 Schumann Xie	Jr.	DB	59 Jerome Brekken	Jr.	ILB	88 Garrett Vanacker	Jr.	TE/DE
17 Mason Collins	Jr.	WR/DB	39 Grant Gahagan	Jr.	DB	60 Connor Capps	So.	OL	89 Eddy Kim	So.	WR/DB
18 Griffin Mashburn	So.	WR/DB	40 Keefer Tatman	So.	RB/LB	61 Dawson Brown	Sr.	DE	91 Tyson Hunt	So.	DB
19 Logan Foody	Sr.	DB	41 Hayden Newport	So.	RB/LB	63 Levi Vinsant	So.	OL/DL	93 Brady Hodges	Sr.	P/PK
20 Matt White	Sr.	WR/DB	42 Daniel Williams	So.	RB/DB	65 Logan Roark	Jr.	OL	94 Andrew Mee	So.	WR
21 Brock Cragen	Jr.	RB/DB	43 Elijah Harmon	Jr.	ILB	66 Reid Keyes	So.	OL	99 Canaan Jackson	Sr.	DE/LS
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#74 Carter Schuermann

#77 Wilson Ventura

#83 Jake Wallace

#93 Brady Hodges

Admirals Preview

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Bradley Central to open the season Friday, Aug. 21.

"He works hard in the weight room, getting in football shape, worked hard on throwing the football and being accurate, and worked hard just studying the offense," he added.

While senior Dion Williams adds power to the rushing attack, scoring two touchdowns and rushing for 113 yards against Bradley, Purcell stepped in the backfield last season due to injuries and averaged seven yards a carry (327 yards) while scoring three touchdowns.

"We lost four running backs last year and he really stepped up for us, but that's what we preach," Courtney said.

Meanwhile, White and junior Sam Moses are more breakaway threats as running backs.

"The versatility of our running backs is good: we've got a couple of power runners and we've got some guys that have some speed," Courtney said. "Our running backs and receivers got a lot of time last year because of our injury situation."

The receivers, meanwhile, "have really come on," Courtney said about juniors Mason Collins and Trace Corum, and seniors Max DeVault and Alex Taylor. White also will shift to wide receiver at times.

The offensive line, however, returns just one starter: senior tackle Carter Schuermann. The other tackle spot is filled by senior Wilson Ventura, while guards Dennis Longmire, a junior, and Howie Sentell, a sophomore, "are splitting (time). Junior Aiden Smith mans the other guard spot. Senior Eli Harville is the center.

Returning punter is senior Brady Hodges. Kickers are senior Simeon Sharpe and sophomore Reese Keeney.

Team goals

Farragut looks to improve upon a 6-6 overall record in 2019, which was down from recent years' performances. The Admirals were region runner-up last fall.

Courtney listed his five annual team goals: "hold our team accountable ... make the playoffs ... win our region ... practice on Thanksgiving Day and ... play for a state championship."

~ Ken Lay, Correspondent





Farragut High School cheerleaders for 2020-21 are led by nine seniors, all of whom are located on the front row. From left are seniors Makenzi Dougherty, Mallory Deeson, Shelby Faulkner, Emerson Keeney, Rachel Farhat, Elli Kohlmyer, Bethani Morris, Rachel Nelson and Teagan Fowler. Second row, from left, is freshman Olivia Karich, sophomores Reese Higdon and Brooke Simpson, juniors Bailey Luman and Abby Mahoney, sophomores Alex Kate Cole and Mariah McDonald, and junior Eryn Williams. Back row, from left, is freshman Rachel Drummond, sophomores Layne Burkey and Carys Wygal, and freshman Mackenna Pease. Not pictured is junior Kate Franqui.

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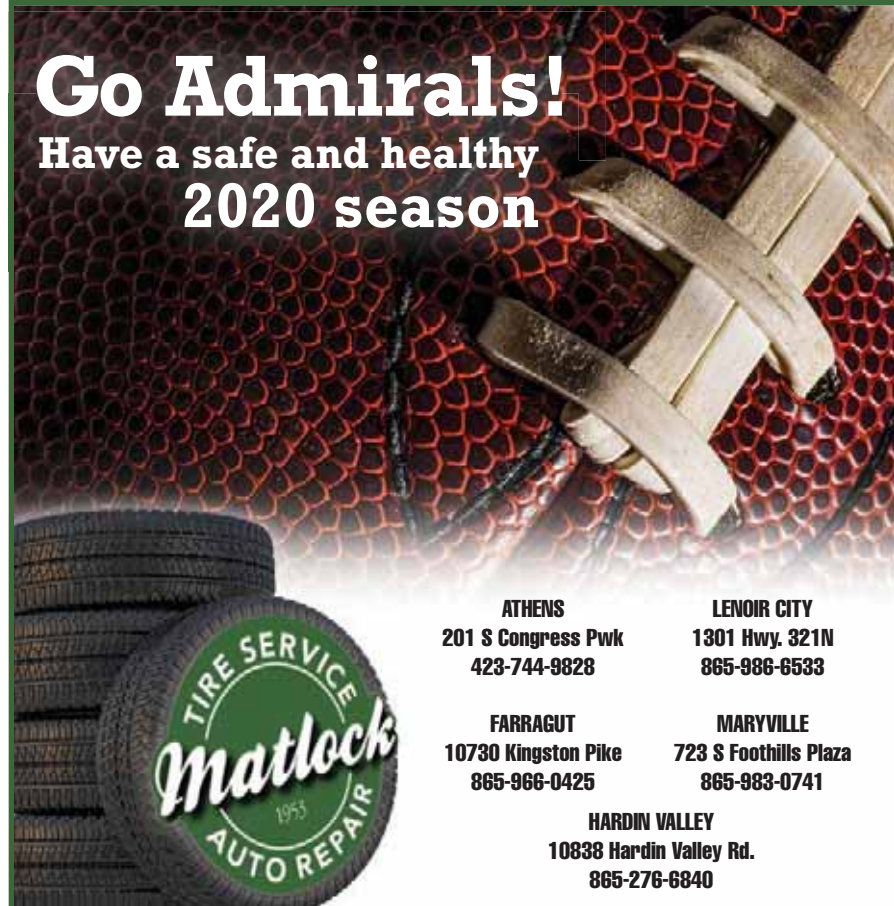
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Left: Thrown into the fire as a freshman quarterback last fall at home against Region 1-6A power Kingsport Dobyns-Bennett, Bearden's John Carlevato rolls out looking for an open receiver as running back Makai Williams (5) looks to block.

Above: Feared most as a breakaway threat for long yardage, Bearden running back Makai Williams avoids a McMinn County defender as teammate Seth Arana (14) looks to block during a huge Bulldogs opening round playoff win, on the road, last fall.

Strength in defense

← Run stop, run go biggest Bulldogs assets for 2020 →

“We’re returning six starters on defense,”

~ **Morgan Shinlever,**
Bulldogs head coach

In defending against the coronavirus pandemic, with the subsequent adjustments and uncertainties, “We’ve just been rolling with the flow,” said Morgan Shinlever, Bearden varsity football head coach, about preparing for the 2020 season.

Defending also seems to be the biggest Bulldogs strategical strength, especially against the run.

“We’re returning six starters on

defense,” which includes “an All-Region (1-6A) free safety in (senior) Reed Frederick, who’s very good not only in pass coverage but coming up in his run lanes,” Shinlever said.

“I’ve got two returning linebackers, both of whom basically were one and two on the team in tackles last year; both of them were All-Region honorees,” he added about seniors Christian Spining and Ty Seritt. “So I feel very confident there.”

“I think it’s better for me to lead by example, by my play and how I act,” Spining said. “... I think people follow better when you set an example.”

The defensive line also returns

an All-Region honoree, senior James Milazzo.

“And we have some more experience coming back there as well, with (senior) Jay Pemberton, our big nose guard who came on very strong in the last half of the (2019) season, which allowed us to have a pretty good finish, winning a play-off game,” Shinlever said about Pemberton’s help in BHS winning five of its last seven games after an 0-5 start.

“As well as Henry McCool (senior defensive end), who was in and out of the line-up quite a bit last year due to injury.”

Overall defensively, “I feel like from the box standpoint, that’s going to be the strength of our team,”

Shinlever said.

Especially concerned about the cornerback position, “If we can grow in the secondary, in which Makai (Williams, a senior) will help and play some corner, if we can have some young guys that don’t have as much experience step up, defense can be a very bright spot for our football team this year,” the coach added.



Shinlever

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Fighting off a McMinn County block attempt is Christian Spining, left, Bearden linebacker who was a key defensive cog in the Bulldogs' opening round playoff win in Athens last fall.

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2 Henry McCool	Sr.	TE/DE	24 Aaron Gault	Jr.	CB	48 Rylee Buche	So.	RB	69 Owen Johnson	So.	OL
3 Jaquez Bolland	Sr.	OLB	26 Braden Buchanan	Fr.	S	49 Carson Hammond	Jr.	TE/DE	70 Isaac Brown	Jr.	OL
4 Reed Frederick	Sr.	S	28 Michael Parris	So.	RB	50 Jonathan Gonzalez	Jr.	OL	71 Dustin Yanez	Sr.	OL
5 Makai Williams	Sr.	RB/CB	29 Timyathus Spikes	Jr.	WR	51 Owen Matthews	So.	OL	72 Alex Parks	Sr.	DL
6 Nick Stock	Sr.	WR	30 Jack Adams	Sr.	LB	52 Joseph McCord	Fr.	OLB	73 Josh Lovett	Jr.	OL
7 Jarrel Parker-Smith	Jr.	S	31 Bryce Chesney	So.	TE/LB	53 Donovan West	Sr.	DL	77 Will Haney	Sr.	OL
9 Cayden Douglas	So.	WR/OLB	33 Antario Gault	Sr.	CB	54 JP Givens	Sr.	OL	79 Jalen Nevels	Sr.	OL/DL
10 John Carlevato	So.	QB	34 Skylar Terry	Jr.	RB	55 Tyler Phillips	Sr.	DL	81 Connor Ruth	Fr.	WR/DB
12 Price Duff	Sr.	WR	35 Lance Nelson	Jr.	OLB	56 James Milazzo	Sr.	OL/DL	83 Max Giesecke	Jr.	WR
13 Griffen Oros	Jr.	WR/S	36 Preston LaBanca	So.	RB	57 Jack McKenry	Sr.	OL	84 Tanner Oliver	Jr.	WR
14 Seth Arana	Jr.	TE/LB	37 McCoy Workman	So.	RB	58 Gabo Geronimo	Jr.	DE	85 Sam Tummins	Fr.	WR/DB
15 Dillon Waldbauer	Sr.	WR	38 Stanley Parker	So.	LB	60 Aedan Hudson	Jr.	OL	87 Ozzie Partin	So.	TE
16 Ethan Ford	So.	WR/DB/K	39 Marcus Bishop	So.	CB/P	61 Lucas Epperson	So.	OL	90 Cole Edmundson	Sr.	DL
17 Nicco Young	Jr.	RB/LB	40 Bryson Sharp	Jr.	LB	62 Preston Young	So.	OL	91 Eric Lyttle	So.	OLB
19 Mugisha Ironside	Fr.	CB	42 Ty Seritt	Sr.	LB	63 Brenden Releford	So.	OL	92 Kam Smith	Jr.	DL
20 Asa Pacetti	So.	LB	44 Sam Nicaud	So.	LB	64 Jay Pemberton	Sr.	DL	93 Nolan Russell	Jr.	DL
21 Jett Gentry	Sr.	CB	46 Ethan Payne	Jr.	TE	65 Andrew Mullinax	So.	OL			

Bulldogs Preview

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Offense

Only four starters return, though Williams proved to be one of the region’s top running backs in 2019. “That is not counting John Carlevato at quarterback, who got a good amount of experience” as a fill-in starter and back-up in 2019, Shinlever said about the sophomore. “We’ve got some good pieces to build around,” he added. “I think the most encouraging thing offensively is in the skill positions.” Williams “had a really, really strong second half of the season last year,” Shinlever said. “Makai has shown that’s he’s not only a breakaway-type talent, he’s got enough strength and durability to hammer out those really short, tough runs, two to three yards at a time.

“But any time he touches the football, the other team better hold their breath,” he added. “He could possibly take it to the house.” “I try to set an example in everything I do,” Williams said. “I try to be a leader, try to have people follow me. I try to help the young guys out on what they’re doing. I try to get them ready for varsity. “... I try to be a good role model.” The coach labeled his top receivers — seniors Dillon Waldbauer and Nick Stock and junior Seth Arana — as “very intelligent, very sure-handed kids who all have considerable experience and knowledge of our offensive schemes.” Such qualities “will help our young quarterback develop,” Shinlever added. Two starters return on the offensive line: Milazzo, left tackle, and senior Jalen Nevels, left guard. “We’re untested at center, we’ve got a couple of guys competing for

that position,” the coach added about senior Jack McKenry and junior Josh Lovett. On the right side of the line, senior J.P. Givens — who started one game in 2019 — “currently is penciled in as the starter at right tack-

le; we’re excited to see how much he’s grown,” Shinlever said. “The right guard spot is a wide open race.” ~ Alan Sloan, editor@farragutpress.com

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Bearden High School cheerleaders for the 2020-21 school year, front row from left, are Leini Elder, a junior, and seniors Lexie Anderton, Desiree Burkett, Gracie Sapp, Aniah Patrick, Jailyn Reeves, Hannah Winter and Madison Bryant. Middle row, from left, are sophomores -aria Riley, Lily Shaw, Olivia Coleman and Rachel Johnson, senior Nadia Burris, sophomores Ellie Phillips, Hannah Mathews and Emma Cooley, and junior Ella Conroy. Back row, from left, are freshmen Reagan Wells, Abbey Lauren Howell, Anna Grace Lynn and Alyssa Farrell, sophomore Chloe Ayo, and freshmen Margaux Whitcomb, Ali Nisley, Haley Edgerton and Willow Beltran.

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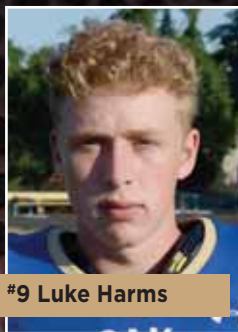
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#53 Jake Rogers

Leadership in place

← Stronger senior class, learning how to win in '19 key for CAK →

“We have a good returning core on offense and defense,”

~ Travis Mozingo,
Warriors head coach

Despite having a small senior class entering the 2019 season, Travis Mozingo's fourth as head coach at Christian Academy of Knoxville, the Warriors had a breakthrough season and won eight games.

With a more experienced CAK team in 2020, “We have a good returning core on offense and defense,” Mozingo said about the prospects for his fifth season, trying to erase memories of three consecutive losing seasons to begin his time as Warriors boss.

“One of the good things, too,

we've got a little bit larger senior class this year, so we've got some leadership in place — especially at the skill positions,” the coach added.

Key seniors

Seniors Caleb Sparkman, wide receiver, and J.D. Presley, wide receiver/defensive back, “are two of our leaders,” Mozingo said, also mentioning seniors Noah Olsen (tight end/defensive end), Jake Rogers (offensive lineman/linebacker) and Ethan Fogle (lineman/long snapper) as “taking leadership roles this year.

“J.D. is a player who is extremely coachable, first of all, and will take any role on this team,” the coach added. “He's very team oriented.

“Caleb, what defines him is his work ethic. He's one of the first guys at school every day, and he's one of the last ones to leave.”

Mozingo also said Sparkman, who “caught 40 or 50 footballs for us” in 2019, progressed from “only playing a few snaps” as a sophomore “to being an All-Region player and a great weapon” last season. “That's pretty uncommon.”

Senior quarterback Ryan Degges returns after throwing for more than 2,000 yards in 2019. “This is my first year at CAK to have a returning quarterback,” Mozingo said. “He's one of our natural leaders, and he's got a lot of God-given ability. And he's got some championship experience with our baseball team.

“And probably the biggest thing, he just gets along well with all the kids in our locker room,” he added.

Overall, “Our passing game should be a pretty good weapon for us.”

J.D. Dunn Jr., a junior running

back, could be the main ground gainer.

On the other side, “Olsen is going to be a big leader for us on the defensive side,” Mozingo said about the defensive end.

In addition to Rogers, line-backing is strong with seniors Luke Myers, Grant Sherchi and Knox Woidtke and junior Chi McNeil-Harrison.

Seniors speak

As a defensive back, Presley said it's important “to lead by example because you can't really talk because you're so far outside (as a



Mozingo

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WARRIORS FOOTBALL ROSTER

1 Ryan Degges	Sr. QB-D	31 Jacob Dunn	So. WR-DB
2 JD Dunn Jr.	Jr. RB-DB	32 Kade Leach	Jr. WR-DB
3 Caleb Standifer	Fr. QB-DB	33 Zion Stinson	Fr. RB-LB
4 Denzel Jackson	Jr. RB-DB	34 Dominic Alford	Fr. WR-DB
5 Caleb Hoke	Jr. RB-DB	37 Ja'Kereon Duncan	Fr. RB-OLB
6 Chi McNeil-Harrison	Jr. WR-OLB	38 Alec Slack	Fr. RB-LB
7 Knox Woidtke	Sr. TE-DE	39 Jeremiah Fletcher	So. WR-DB
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9 Luke Harms	Sr. RB-LB	42 Eli Etherton	So. RB-LB
10 Chase Stokely	So. WR-DB	44 Lewis Brooke	Fr. RB-LB
11 Ethan Fulford	Jr. WR-DB	45 Jude Goldenberg	So. RB-LB
12 Thomas Simpson	So. QB-OLB	46 Ethan Fogle	Sr. LS
13 Eli Campbell	So. QB-LB	50 Jaqueze Turman	Jr. OL-DL
14 Luke Myers	Jr. RB-LB	51 Army Eckles	So. OL-DL
15 Dario Love	So. RB-LB	52 Malachi Harrison	Jr. OL-DL
16 Aiden Troutt	Fr. QB-DB	53 Jake Rogers	Sr. OL-LB
17 Collin Sapp	Sr. WR-DB	54 Austin Delp	Fr. OL-DL
18 Adam Howard	So. WR-DB	55 Garrett Brady	Jr. OL-DL
19 JD Presley	Sr. WR-DB	56 Eli Davis	Fr. OL-LB
20 Davis Frost	Jr. WR-OLB	58 Aaron Lanham	Jr. OL-DL
21 Kanye Harris	Jr. WR-DB	64 Hayden Brady	Fr. OL-DL
22 Lane Roberts	Jr. WR-DB	72 Yates Foster	Fr. OL-DL
23 Caleb Sparkman	Sr. WR-DB	75 Eli Milam	So. OL-DL
24 Grant Sterchi	Jr. WR-DB	78 Josiah Sealey	So. OL-DL
25 Sloan Helton	Fr. WR-DB	82 Aidan Asbury	Jr. WR-DB
26 Daniel Gallegos	Fr. RB-LB	83 Ross Badgett V	Sr. PK
27 Logan Sims	Sr. WR-DB	84 Ian McLemore	Fr. WR-DB
28 Jackson McDowell	Jr. WR-DB	87 Chris Cook	Fr. WR-PK
30 JC Blevins	Fr. RB-DB	88 Torin Piper	So. TE-DE

Head coach Travis Mozingo leads Christian Academy of Knoxville football coaching staff.

His assistants are Ryen Minton, offensive coordinator; Bart Kareken, defensive coordinator;

Craig Carter, wide receivers; Ed Harrison, linebackers; Dan Phillips and Kevin Winslett, defensive backs; Bill Beron, offensive line; Corey Thomas, running backs; and Daniel Matherly, tight ends.



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Working together

Potter points to ‘unity, work ethic’ to power HVA Hawks

“We have a lot of guys back and we have experience ...

~ **Mike Potter**,
Hawks head coach



Potter

As Mike Potter prepares to open his second season as Hardin Valley Academy’s football head coach, he’s hoping to build on a three-game winning streak to end 2019.

Such a finish, which helped soothe the pain of a six-game losing streak, was punctuated with a runaway home victory against rival Farragut.

“It’s always tough to go through something like (the losing streak), but we didn’t quit and we pulled it together. We still had a chance to make the playoffs,” Potter said.

Finishing 4-6 last season but just barely missing the Class 6A playoffs, the Hawks have 14 players back from last year’s squad who either started or made significant contributions.

But those veteran faces will fill new roles for the Hawks.

“We have a lot of guys back and we have experience, but we have some guys who are going to be fill-

ing new roles for us,” Potter said. “We have a lack of experience at each position right now because we didn’t have spring practice.

“We have guys who were backups last year who we will ask to start for us this year, so we can’t afford to take any nights off on our schedule,” he added. “There are no days off in our region and there are no days off on our non-region schedule.”

That was proven in a harsh way during the season opener, at HVA, last Friday, Aug. 21: the talented and experienced Oak Ridge Wildcats avenged a 2019 home loss to the Hawks with a resounding 40-0 win.

“Oak Ridge came out and took it to us, I think that’s the bottom line right there,” Potter said. “We’ve got to learn from our mistakes, keep plugging along and work on getting better.”

Sam Simpson, Hawks senior quarterback, actually enjoyed some early success in this game with targets including senior receiver Michael Spurgeon, junior wideout Ty Gentry (also a defensive back), senior Briley Love (also a defensive back) and sophomore Ty Denton (also a defensive end).

Meanwhile, junior running back Ryan Nichol (also a defensive back) and senior running backs Adrian Garcia (also a linebacker) and Marquette Hayes (also a safety) showed moments of promise in the first

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#2 Briley Love



#3 Adrian Garcia



#10 Marquette Hayes



#11 Seth Bailey



#14 Sean Moulden



#18 Sam Simpson



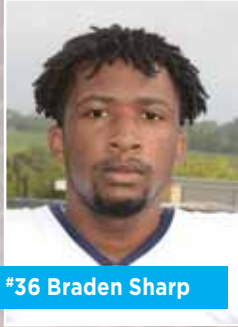
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#23 Isaiah Jones



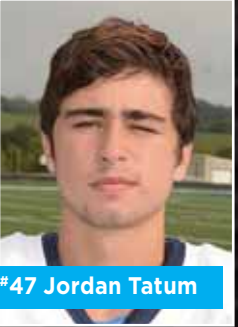
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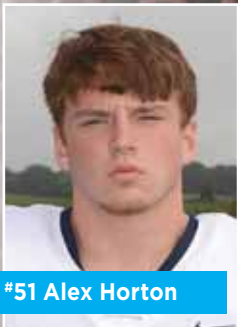
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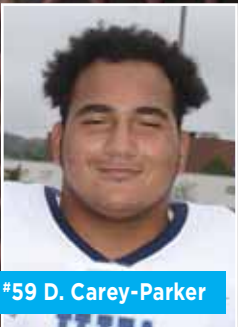
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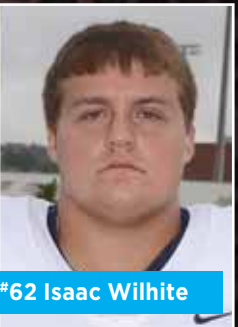
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#51 Alex Horton



#59 D. Carey-Parker



#62 Isaac Wilhite



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2	Briley Love	Sr.	WR/DB	23	Isaiah Jones	Sr.	RB/DB	44	Ben Howell	Sr.	WR/DB	75	Solomon Davis	Jr.	OL/DL
3	Adrian Garcia	Sr.	RB/LB	24	Josiah Swafford	Jr.	RB/LB	45	Andrew Lenz	Jr.	RB/LB	76	Joshua Atchison	Sr.	OL/DL
4	Ryan Nichol	Jr.	RB/DB	25	Raymond Johnson	Jr.	WR/DB	46	Cameron Hall	So.	RB/DB	77	Adel Aggad	So.	OL/DL
5	Ty Denton	So.	RB/DL	26	Ethan Blaylock	Jr.	RB/DB	47	Jordan Tatum	Sr.	WR/DB	80	Chris Keller	So.	WR/DB
6	Chase Idol	So.	WR/DB	27	Braxton Clarke	Sr.	TE/DE	48	Isaiah Alsup	So.	WR/DB	81	Mason LaSorsa	Sr.	WR/LB
7	McKraee Guinn	So.	RB/LB	28	Ian Salyer	Sr.	RB/LB	49	Jaylen Harris	Jr.	WR/DB	82	Easton Cox	So.	WR/DB
8	Jonah Smith	Sr.	WR/DB	29	James Petree	Jr.	RB/LB	51	Alex Horton	Sr.	OL/LB	83	Nate Edmiston	So.	TE/LB
9	Ty Gentry	Jr.	WR/DB	30	Hayden Bryant	So.	QB	54	Jonathan Smighelschi	Sr.	OL/DL	84	Nathan Forester	Jr.	DL
10	Marquette Hayes	Sr.	RB/DB	31	Eli Hurst	So.	WR/DB	55	Connor Clarke	Jr.	OL/DL	85	Luca Moro	So.	WR/DB
11	Seth Bailey	Sr.	WR/DB	32	Easton Smith	Jr.	RB/LB	57	Adam Eaton	Jr.	OL/DL	86	Landin Bolt	So.	WR/DB
12	Braden Schloff	Sr.	WR/DB	33	Matthew Gentile	So.	WR/DB	59	DeShawn Carey-Parker	Sr.	OL/DL	87	Nate Oslowski	So.	WR/DB
13	Caleb Smith	So.	QB/DB	34	Carder Rogers	So.	WR/DB	60	Reggie Johnson	Jr.	OL/DL	88	Harrell, Malachi	Jr.	WR/DB
14	Sean Moulden	Sr.	QB	35	Tyler Amos	So.	RB/LB	61	Daniel Kasulis	Jr.	OL/DL	89	Eddie Tan	So.	WR/DB
15	Matthew Vaughan	Jr.	WR/DB	36	Braden Sharp	Sr.	WR/DB	62	Isaac Wilhite	Sr.	OL/DL	90	Devon Hendershot	Sr.	WR/DB
16	Zach Passafume	Jr.	WR/DB	37	Jeremiah Slay	So.	WR/DB	63	Carlos Parker	Jr.	OL/DL	91	Thomas Pulvirenti	So.	WR/DB
17	Jacob Greene	Jr.	TE/DB	38	Griffin Mcalister	So.	K/WR	64	Alex Peeler	Sr.	OL/DL	93	Logan Joiner	Sr.	TE/DE
18	Sam Simpson	Sr.	QB	39	Dolan Walker	So.	WR/DB	66	Isaiah Carson	Sr.	OL/DL	94	Tyler Mann	Jr.	WR/DB
19	Anees Abu Hatab	Jr.	WR/DB	40	Issac Hillis	So.	RB/LB	67	Tyler Pickens	So.	OL/DL	97	Isaac Harrington	So.	TE/DE
20	Caleb Baker	Jr.	WR/DB	41	Jesse Myers	Sr.	K/DL	69	Robert Love	So.	OL/DL	98	Alex Jacobs	So.	WR/DB
21	Michael Spurgeon	Sr.	WR/LB	42	John Aragon	Jr.	K	72	Max Berry	Sr.	OL/DL	99	Clayton Swinler	So.	WR/DB

Head coach Mike Potter leads Hardin Valley Academy football coaching staff for 2020. His assistants are Reese Browning, offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach; Eric Meyers, defensive coordinator/defensive backs; Marc Giles, special teams coordinator/defensive line; Rudy Furman, offensive line; Paul Maynard, linebackers; Marcus Huie, wide receivers/defensive backs; Andy Hibbett, running backs; Matt Stevens, wide receivers; Matt Abba, freshman head coach; Troy Price, freshman assistant; and Tyler Bishop, freshman assistant.

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half before the offense stumbled after halftime.

Recovering two Oak Ridge fumbles deep in ORHS territory without scoring, “There were several opportunities that we didn’t take advantage of,” Potter said. “When we get in situations like that, we have got to find a way to cash in on it.

“But we didn’t tonight.”

Still looking at a tough remaining schedule for 2020 — which includes Cleveland, Knoxville Central (two-time defending Division I Class 5A state champs) and Knoxville West out of region, plus 1-6A foe King-sport-Dobyns-Bennett and region rivals Farragut and Bearden — “We’ll go look at film, we’ll correct our mistakes,” the HVA head coach said.

Key players speak

Spurgeon, also a returning linebacker, said during the off-season that he and his teammates “don’t want to go through another season like we did last year where we lose

six games in a row.

“We came back this year and we’re all working together and we’re all on the same page,” he added. “We’ve got to keep working hard and we’ve got to keep getting better.”

Senior wide receiver Braden Schloff, a major pass receiving target in 2019, agreed.

“We’re definitely going to make a run this year,” he said. “The whole team is working together.”

“The strengths on this team are its work ethic and its unity,” Potter said. “We want to work hard and compete and see what we can do.”

Other top players

Other key players back include Ian Salyer (senior, H-back/tight end/defensive lineman/linebacker); Isaac Wilhite (senior, offensive lineman); Alex Horton (senior, offensive lineman/linebacker); Mason La-Sorsa (senior, tight end/defensive end/linebacker); Josiah Swafford (junior, running back/linebacker); Connor Clark (junior, center) and Deshawn Casey-Parker (senior, defensive lineman).



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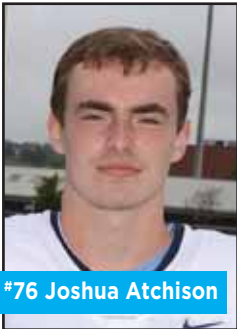
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Hardin Valley Academy 2020-21 varsity cheerleaders, from left side of the formation coming forward, from the left, are Makenna Bayne (junior), Marla Lowery (senior), Loryn Crocker (sophomore), Daley Griffith (junior), Chanley Nagle (freshman), Emma Knight (freshman), Lily Swenson (freshman), Emma Kate Wrather (senior), Megan Miller (junior) and, centered in front of megaphone, Niketas Harrison (senior). Cheerleaders on the right side of the formation, going back from the left, are Kelsie Weber (senior), Briley Clowers (freshman), Haley Strunk (senior), McKenzie Wooldridge (senior), Madison McAlister (senior), Christina Parrilla (junior), Ashlee Ferguson (freshman), Kennedy Crateau (freshman) and Mia Holloway (freshman). Not pictured are Julie Gunter, head coach, and Kathryn Gunter, assistant coach.

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Great expectations

← Speed, talent ‘probably’ on par with Matthews’ best at KCHS →

“Our goal is always to win the state championship and we embrace having a target on our backs,”

~ Steve Matthews,
Irish head coach

But for head coach Steve Matthews and Catholic, it was pretty much business as usual — at least as far as expectations.

“Our goal is always to win the state championship and we embrace having a target on our backs,” said Matthews, who will begin his eighth season as the Irish head coach. “We don’t shy away from anybody or anything.

“We feel like we can play with and compete with anybody and we just don’t shy away from that. We embrace that,” he added.

Matthews has won a pair of state titles at Catholic, in 2015 and 2017, as the Irish always have had talent. This year’s Catholic squad will be no exception.

“At our skill positions, we’re probably as talented as we’ve ever been — and we’ve probably had as much speed as we’ve ever had since

Knoxville Catholic High School’s football team began preparing for the 2020 football season during uncertain times for a second straight year.

Last year, the Irish made the transition to Division II-AAA. This summer the Irish, as every other area high school football team, had to make preparations in the midst of battling the coronavirus pandemic.

I’ve been here,” he said.

Moving up the depth chart, “We have some guys that you may have heard of because they got some reps last season,” Matthews said. “They’ve had to wait their turn for a little bit, and this season it will be their turn. It will be their time to shine.”

The offensive and defensive fronts were hit hard by graduation, but Matthews said he and his staff have some talented players “who are ready to step in. They are a little unproven, and the only way they get experience is by playing in games.”

Players speak

A every other team, the Irish missed about two months of off-season workouts and spring practice.

But the show must go on, according to junior quarterback Kaden Martin.

“We have the same goals that we always have and we’ve done a great job working together since we’ve been back,” said Martin, who is the son of Tennessee assistant coach and former Vol quarterback Tee Martin. “We have a little experience but we missed some opportunities for our younger guys. They’ll have to catch up a little bit.”

Fellow junior Tommy Winton agreed.

“Everyone has done well and we’re not going anywhere,” said



Matthews

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FIGHTING IRISH

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Head coach Steve Matthews leads Knoxville Catholic High School football coaching staff. His assistants are Justin Anderson, Sam Brown, Joe Morrissey, Penny Smith, Geraud Hall, Jadon Tullock, Jim Branch and Robert Ayers.

1	Keondre' Jarmon	Jr.	RB/DB	21	Keilyn Smith	Fr.		42	Matthew Brun	Fr.		67	Ian Inpanathan	So.	OL/DL
2	Raaphell Mayes	Jr.	WR/LB	22	Quincy Panell	Fr.	WR/DB	43	Braxton Cox	Fr.		68	Tyler Edmands	Fr.	
3	Kaden Martin	Jr.		23	Cristain Blanco	So.	RB/DB	44	Kaiden Surlas	Fr.		69	Garrett Rice	So.	OL/DL
4	Javis Mynatt	Jr.	WR/DB	24	Jaylen Harmon	Fr.		46	Michael Green	So.	RB/DB	70	Daven Cozart	So.	OL/DL
5	Sam Sompayrac	Sr.	WR/DB	25	Braylen Harmon	Fr.		48	Connor Cress	Sr.	TE/DL	72	Elijah Varner	Fr.	
6	Sam O'leary	So.	WR/DB	26	Nick Kaczmarek	Fr.		49	Eli Dempsey			73	Hayden Todd	Jr.	OL/DL
7	Tommy Winton	Jr.	WR/DB	27	Paul Lyles	So.	RB/LB	50	Devin Lively	So.	OL/DL	74	Hudson Huntsinger	Jr.	OL/DL
8	Javaree Roebuck	Jr.	WR/DB	28	Gray Jones	Fr.	WR/DB	51	Antori Hamilton	Fr.	OL/DL	75	Isaiah King	Fr.	OL/DL
9	Eli Hamilton	So.	RB/LB	29	John Dempster	Fr.		52	Jackson Arrowood	Jr.	OL/DL	76	William McHenry	Sr.	OL/DL
10	Grayson Goodale	Fr.		30	Emmitt Newman	Fr.		53	Tyler Rhinehart	So.	OL/DL	77	Evan Jones	Sr.	OL/DL
11	Landon Cox	Sr.	WR/LB	31	Joseph Iverson	So.	WR/LB	55	Cooper Crook	Fr.		78	Hayden Oliver	Fr.	
12	Dinero Watts	So.	WR/DB	32	Spencer Margolis	Jr.	RB/LB	56	Dom Clifford	Fr.		81	Joseph Briggeman	Fr.	
13	Bryson Gardner	Fr.		33	Eli Jones	Jr.	RB/LB	57	Max Vanderhoofven	Sr.	OL/DL	85	Jayson Graham	Fr.	
14	Joshua Whittington	Sr.	RB/DL	34	Luke Davenport	Sr.	RB/LB	58	Eli Lawson	So.	OL/DL	86	Braeden Ray	Fr.	
15	Dante Strickland	Fr.		35	Nicklaus Iverson	Sr.	RB/DB	59	Eli Lyndsey	Fr.		87	Alex Young	Fr.	
16	Paul Fisher	Jr.	RB/DB	37	Daniel Iverson	Fr.		60	Griffin Goodale	Sr.	OL/DL	88	Cade Huber	Jr.	TE/DL
17	Grayson Goodale	Fr.		38	Matt Stair	Jr.	RB/LB	62	Jack Acord	Fr.	OL/DL	89	Alex Bertram	Fr.	
18	Rockne Ullrich	So.	WR/DB	39	John Domzalski	Fr.		64	William Pinzon	So.	OL/DL	93	Josh Turbyville	Jr.	K
19	Colton Gaines	Sr.		40	Trevor Duncan	So.	TE/DL	65	Henry Bertucci	So.	OL/DL				
20	Broderick Gipson	So.	WR/DB	41	JT Quinones	Sr.	RB/LB	66	Nicholas LaMonte	Fr.					

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Winton, a wide receiver and strong safety for the Irish, who made an impact on the program upon his arrival two years ago. “We lost (linemen) like Cooper Mays (now at Tennessee) and Bryn (Tucker, who now plays for Clemson), but we have some talented guys up front.

“We had some things happen that were out of our control, but so did everybody else,” he added.

Other top players

Catholic went 7-4 last season, losing in the first round of the state playoffs to Memphis University School in West Tennessee, but the Irish have some savvy veterans and a talented crop of newcomers ready to compete.

Top returners who already have shined include Raaphell Mayes (junior, wide receiver/outside line-

backer who led the team in tackles, plus grabbing an interception, in a 42-0 home win versus Chuckey-Doak to open the 2020 season) and Luke Davenport (senior, fullback/linebacker who caught a 64-yard TD pass and ran for another score, from 13 yards, in the season opener).

Other top returnees are JT Quinones (senior, linebacker); Max Vanderhoofven (senior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Landon Cox (senior, wide receiver/outside linebacker); Keondre' Jordan (junior, running back); Javaree Roebuck (junior, wide receiver/safety); Javis Mynatt (junior, wide receiver/defensive back); Samuel O'Leary (sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back); Trevor Duncan (sophomore, defensive lineman); Daven Cozart (sophomore, defensive lineman); Eli Lawson (sophomore, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Garrett Rice (sopho-

more, offensive lineman/defensive lineman); Nick Iverson (senior, running back); and Hayden Todd (junior, offensive lineman/defensive lineman).

Key newcomers, according to Matthews, include: Brayton Harmon (freshman, wide receiver/

defensive back); Jaylon Harmon (freshman, wide receiver/defensive back); and Broderick Gipson (sophomore, wide receiver/defensive back).

~ Ken Lay, Correspondent

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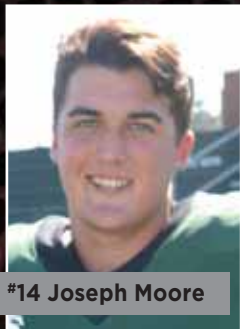
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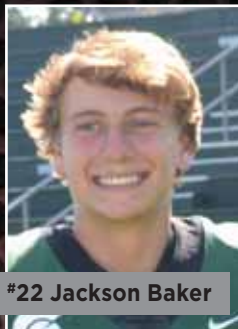
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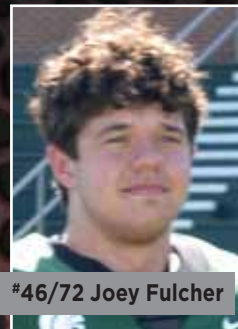
#19 Taylor Dunn



#22 Jackson Baker



#24 Elijah Bane



#46/72 Joey Fulcher



#50 Luke Julian



#54 Corey Williams



#55 Brik Boruff



#73 Jackson Bradley



#75 Tabb Layton

Strong experience

← Lots of line depth, 17 starters back, new shotgun look for Spartans →

“Experience is our biggest strength.

We have nine starters back on offense and eight on defense,”

~ **Dave Meske**,
Spartans head coach

Entering his 36th season as Webb School of Knoxville varsity football head coach, Dave Meske said he “can’t recall” ever having all five starters back on the Spartans offensive line.

There’s also depth in terms of his big boys up front on both side of the ball — not to mention having 17 starters back overall.

“Experience is our biggest strength. We have nine starters

back on offense and eight on defense,” Meske said.

Offense

Perhaps the most noticeable change: “We’re a wing-T team, but we’re going to do some different things out of it. We’re going to be in the shotgun,” Meske said of this pass-oriented aspect of his offense new in his 36 years at Webb. “... We’ll run some pass-run option out of that, too.”

Why the change? “The game has changed and we’re going to need to change some things with it,” the Spartans boss said. “I think what it does, it matches our personnel.

“Most of our offensive linemen, this is the third year that they’ve started,” he added. “I think we’re going to have some success just because of the experience — and we have some good football players.”

Saying he has “eight or nine of-

fensive linemen who can play,” Meske added, “We’re going to be able to not play kids both ways as much as we have in the past. ... Some playing offensive line and some playing defensive line.”

Leading the way up front on offense, “Jackson Bradley (senior tackle, 6-foot-5, 300 pounds) is probably a Division I football player,” he said. “Brik Boruff (senior guard) is a three-year starter for us; has done a great job.”

Other Spartans up front are senior offensive linemen Luke Julian (center) and Corey Williams (tackle), who will join junior Leo Bonifacio (guard).

Moreover, “One player who was ineligible last year ... in that mix” is senior Tabb Layton, Meske said. “He’s very talented.”

As for the skill positions, “We have three quarterbacks who can

play, and they’re all talented,” Meske said of senior Joseph Moore, sophomore Charlie Robinson and freshman Blake Carter.

“Joseph throws the ball really well,” the coach added. “The senior’s going to be up front” in terms of starting. “He started last year and did a good job.

“Charlie gives you the pass-run option look, he’s a tremendous athlete,” Meske added. “He started for us as a defensive back as a freshman. ... He’ll be a playmaker somewhere.”



Meske

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DAVID MESKE STADIUM



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2020 WEBB CHEERLEADERS

Webb School of Knoxville 2020-21 cheerleaders feature seniors on the front two rows (starting at the bottom). Front row, from left, are seniors Sarah Harvey, Tifannie Rosen, Claire Hamilton, Lily Grace Thome, Grace Sullivan and Liza-Handly Hughes. Seniors on the second row, from left, are Sarah Strider, Caroline Powell, Emery Green and Maggie Comer. Third row, from left, are Emma Brock, Carlie Bobo and Chloe Courtney. Fourth row, from left, are Elisabeth Overton, Ann Clark Bellamy, Ashley Kate Moore and Sadie Felton. Fifth row, from left, are Kristen Menna, Livvy Lightholder and Macey Norris. Sixth row, from left, are Natalee Oldham, Lilly Carroll, Molly Crawford and Rose Beall. Seventh row, from left, are Abby Jenkins, Gabbi Kile and Hailey Hudson. Eighth row, from left, are Abby Beatty, Reese Locascio, Taylor Jordan and Karley Weigel. Ninth row, from left, are Lauren Pate, Mari Cate Macdonald and Abby Bullington. Tenth row, from left, are Caroline Moss, August Evans, Ann Baker Tolsma, Keller Caldwell and Gracie Brogan. Not pictured is Ann Simmons. Coaches are Lindsay Lewis, Susie Norris and Holly Pace.

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"I'm not sure that we won't use more than one quarterback in a game."

As for main targets through the air, "Jackson Baker at wide receiver is maybe our best athlete," Meske said about the senior returning two-way starter (also a defensive back). "We're going to have to move him around and get him the ball, and have him run the ball some."

At running back, "Elijah Bane is probably our leader," Meske said about the senior. "He started for us last year both ways (also a defensive back). Very talented, very coachable and an unbelievable leader."

Junior Garrett Carnathan "started for us last year also; he started

sometimes both ways (also a defensive back)," the coach said.

Defense

Defense "is going to be led by Bonifacio (6-foot-3, 220), he started for us as a sophomore," Meske said about the returning linebacker. "He definitely has the potential to play college football."

His younger brother, sophomore Joey Bonifacio, also is one to watch at linebacker, along with junior Dominic Vance.

Boruff returns at one defensive end, while senior Joey Fulcher (6-foot-4, 235) "played a lot there last year," the coach said.

Corey Williams, senior defensive tackle (5-foot-11, 265) returns after "making a difference" in 2019 as an "out-of-state" transfer.

Concerns

Mentioning concerns, "Maybe

the depth at linebacker," Meske said. "... And we don't have the speed we had four years ago."

Last year "we lost a lot of games by one or two touchdowns," he add-

ed. "This year we've got to make sure we turn the corner."

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SPARTANS FOOTBALL ROSTER

1	Blake Carter	Fr.	QB/LB	31	Ethan Klasky	Fr.	WR/DB
3	Knox Foss	Jr.	WR/DE	32	Grant Morton	Fr.	WR/DB
4	Charlie Robinson	So.	QB/DB	34	Dominic Vance	Jr.	RB/LB
5	Markeis Barrett	Fr.	WR/DB	35	Joey Bonifacio	So.	RB/LB
6	Chris Hunter	So.	TE/DE	36	Cooper Cameron	Fr.	FB/LB
7	Ari Klasky	Fr.	RB/LB	41	Garrett Carnathan	Jr.	RB/DB
8	Brandon Winton	Fr.	WR/DB	42	Zachary Mitchell	Fr.	FB/LB
9	Bradee McCoy	Jr.	WR/DB	44	Ford Wagner	Jr.	TE/LB
10	Marcus Roberts	Fr.	RB/DB	46/72	Joey Fulcher	Sr.	TE/DE/OT
11	Otto Niendorff	Jr.	K/P	50	Luke Julian	Sr.	OL/DL
13	Luke Dolin	So.	WR/DB	51	Steven Beaty	So.	OL/DL
14	Joseph Moore	Sr.	QB/DB	54	Corey Williams	Sr.	OL/DL
15	Jack Wagner	Fr.	QB/DB	55	Brik Boruff	Sr.	OG/DE
16	Phillip Rondan	Jr.	QB/LB	56	Patrick Callahan	So.	OL/DL
17	Jack Felton	Fr.	WR/DB	59	Leo Bonifacio	Jr.	OG/LB
18	Will Hamilton	Sr.	RB/LB	60	Dylan Prezbindowski	Fr.	OL/DL
19	Taylor Dunn	Sr.	TE/DB	65	Theron Hubbard	So.	OL/DL
21	J.K. Hamilton	So.	WR/DB	73	Jackson Bradley	Sr.	OL/DL
22	Jackson Baker	Sr.	WR/DB	74	Jayden Levesque	So.	OL/DL
24	Elijah Bane	Sr.	RB/DB	75	Tabb Layton	Sr.	OL/DL
26	John Thome	Fr.	WR/DB	80	Nathan Redford	So.	WR/DB
27	Mason Huddleston	So.	RB/LB	83	Tyler Yatkowski	Jr.	TE/DE
30	Jalen Hill	Fr.	WR/DB				

Head coach David Meske leads the 2020 Webb School of Knoxville football coaching staff. His assistants are Robby Collier, Ryan Slowik, Randy Carroll, Kevin Julian, Jay Moore, Dakota Fitzsimmons, Chris Treece, Paul Yatkowski and Max McCoy.



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defensive back). ... Just keeping up the energy and keeping up the hard work on the outside.”

About Degges with his receivers, Sparkman said, “He’s just been around us for so long, that if I’m running a corner (route) he knows where I’m going to be. ... He knows how fast we run our routes.”

More than just catching passes, “I have to block a lot,” the senior added. “Be a leader and try and demonstrate blocking as well as running routes and such.”

Keys to success

Mozingo said two keys to success are “staying healthy and playing together.”

In addition, “The key for these seniors right here is not getting satisfied,” the coach added, realizing there’s more to do after going “from two wins (as freshman) to four wins (as sophomores) to eight wins (last year).”

“Being able to start in the fall

coming off an eight-win season, it’s a really good place to be,” Mozingo added. “You didn’t win quite enough that you got too satisfied, but you didn’t lose so much that your kids got discouraged.”

Overall, “They’re hungry enough. There’s a lot of optimism.”

As for overall depth, “We’ve got a number of players on our roster who are underclassmen,” the coach said.

Mozingo’s Warriors will look to match last year’s memorable wins against Knox rivals Webb School of Knoxville and Grace Christian Academy to highlight those eight wins.

Concerns

However, much of that depth is in the skill positions. “The offensive and defensives lines are really critical for us. To continue to improve throughout the season and continue to stay healthy,” he said.

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ADMIRALS

FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL 2020 SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 21..... **Bradley Central**..... **W 25-21**
 Friday, Aug. 28..... @ West..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 11..... **Oak Ridge**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 18..... **Morristown West**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 25..... @ Maryville..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 2..... @ Science Hill..... 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 9..... **Dobyns Bennett**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 16..... @ Bearden..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 23..... **Hardin Valley**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 30..... @ Jefferson County..... 7:30 p.m.

Home games in **Bold** • Region 1-6A games in *Italics*

HAWKS

HARDIN VALLEY ACADEMY 2020 SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 21..... **Oak Ridge**..... **L 0-40**
 Friday, Aug. 28..... **Cleveland**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 4..... @ Science Hill..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 11..... @ Knox Central..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 18..... **Dobyns-Bennett**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 25..... @ West..... 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 1..... @ Bearden..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 16..... **Jefferson County**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 23..... @ Farragut..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 30..... **Morristown West**..... 7:30 p.m.

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BULLDOGS

BEARDEN HIGH SCHOOL 2020 SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 4..... @ Dobyns-Bennett..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 11..... @ Bradley Central..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 18..... **Maryville**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 25..... **McMinn County**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, Oct. 1..... **Hardin Valley**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 9..... @ Jefferson County..... 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16..... **Farragut**..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 23..... @ Morristown West..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 30..... **Science Hill**..... 7:30 p.m.

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FIGHTING IRISH

KNOXVILLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL 2020 SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 21..... **Chuckey-Doak**..... **W 42-0**
 Sat., Aug. 29..... **Trinity Christian-Cedar Hill**...noon
 Friday, Sept. 18..... **McCallie**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 25..... @ Science Hill..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 2..... @ Brentwood Academy..... 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 9..... @ West Greene..... 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 15..... **Baylor**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 23..... **Brentwood**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 30..... @ Father Ryan..... 8:30 p.m.
 Friday, Nov. 6..... **Ensworth**..... 7:30 p.m.
 (All times Eastern)

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SPARTANS

WEBB SCHOOL OF KNOXVILLE 2020 SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 21..... @ Austin-East..... **W 48-14**
 Friday, Aug. 28..... **McCallie**..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 4..... **Boyd Buchanan**..... TBA
 Friday, Sept. 11..... @ David Crockett..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 25..... @ Notre Dame..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 2..... @ Grace Christian..... 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 16..... @ Silverdale..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 23..... **Chattanooga Christian**..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 30..... **CAK**..... 7:30 p.m.

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 Division II-AA Games in *Italics*

WARRIORS

CHRISTIAN ACADEMY OF KNOXVILLE 2020 SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 21..... @ Daniel Boone..... **W 28-14**
 Friday, Aug. 28..... **Clinton**..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 4..... @ White County..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 11..... @ Stone Memorial..... 8:00 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 18..... @ Silverdale Christian..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Sept. 25..... @ Chattanooga Christian..... 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2..... **Notre Dame**..... 7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 16..... @ Boyd Buchanan..... 7:30 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 23..... **Grace Christian Acad.**...7:00 p.m.
 Friday, Oct. 30..... @ Webb School of Knox...7:30 p.m.
 (All times Eastern)

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VOLUNTEERS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE 2020 SCHEDULE

Saturday, September 26..... @ South Carolina
 Saturday, October 3..... **Missouri**
 Saturday, October 10..... @ Georgia
 Saturday, October 17..... **Kentucky**

Saturday, October 24..... **Alabama**
 Saturday, November 7..... @ Arkansas
 Saturday, November 14..... **Texas A&M**
 Saturday, November 21..... @ Auburn

Saturday, November 28..... @ Vanderbilt
 Saturday, December 5..... **Florida**

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