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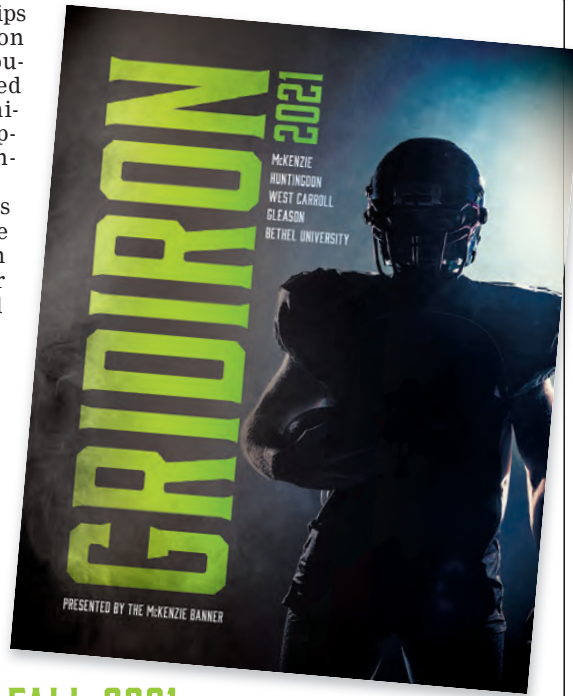
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# Comer Looking for Leadership in Talented Rebel Squad

**REBELS' SEASON PREVIEW**

**T**he latest TSSAA reclassification spells big changes for the McKenzie Rebels, who moved from 2A to 1A, and Head Coach Wade Comer is excited about the team who will start this new journey.

With the summer wrapping up and the football preseason underway, Comer spoke with The Banner about his team.

After a summer of hot practices, the coach said "The kids are doing a good job, but there are some areas to improve on. I like our attitude, and we've improved all summer long, but we need more leadership. And those leaders have to be more vocal."

On the offensive side, Comer noted, "It has to start with the quarterback. It's a position that demands leadership." He added, "The guys on the offensive line have to take a leadership role as well."

He hit the same notes of "vocal leadership" regarding the defense. "Our linebackers have got to be more vocal, and the same goes for the safeties."

Similar to recent years, the team has added a sizable freshman class



**Head Coach Wade Comer**

coming off a ton of success at the middle school level. Comer expects contributions specifically from newcomers Tate Surber, Colt Norden and Landon Brown, but calls the entire slate of

rookies "overall pretty good."

The Rebels face some unfamiliar (and a few familiar) teams in their new Region 6-1A: South Fulton, Perry County, Dresden, Gleason, Hollow Rock-Bruceton and McEwen.

Among prognosticators, McKenzie is expected to be a strong front-runner in the region, but Comer says, "We've gotta focus on us. There are some good teams, some with a lot of history. It's not going to be easy, we can't fall into that. When it comes down to it, you're playing yourself."

In addition to facing two 4A teams in the preseason in McNairy and Lexington, the team will face 4A Chester County in the second game of the regular season and 4A Obion County two weeks later. Comer sought out the larger competition in order to really challenge his team.

Also on the schedule are long-standing rivals Huntingdon and West Carroll. The coach said he was happy to be able to maintain the rivalries and the excitement they generate.

McKenzie begins the season hosting Huntingdon on Friday, August 20.

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**REBEL SENIORS**



McKenzie Football Seniors — Front Row (L to R): Trey Cook, Collin McLearn and Andrew Cole. Middle Row: Brandon Hatley, Hayden Hudson and Gage Moon. Back Row: Meya Chesser.

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# 2021 MCKENZIE REBELS



# High School Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
1	Eti Jay Tharpe	RB/LB	11
2	Trey Cook	R/LB	12
3	Zach Aird	R/DB	11
4	Zay Webber	R/DB	11
5	Landon Brown	R/DB	9
6	Collin McLearn	R/DB	12
7	Marquez Taylor	RB/DB	11
8	Andrew Cole	TE/LB	12
9	Jake Cassidy	R/LB	10
10	Lane Anderson	R/LB	10
11	Jackson Cassidy	QB/DB	11
12	Colt Norden	R/DB	9
13	Stafford Roditis	R/DB	10
14	Tate Surber	QB/DB	9
15	Drew Chappell	RB/LB	10
16	Lute McCaslin	R/DB	10
17	Camden Allison	R/DB	11
20	Carson Hill	R/DB	9
21	Ryan McCreary	RB/LB	9
25	Gage Crosland	R/DB	9

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
26	Rashad McCreary	RB/LB	11
27	Martez Teague	R/LB	9
28	Brady Brewer	RB/DB	10
30	Dalton Hatley	TE/LB	10
34	Ty Anderson	TE/LB	11
35	KaDarius Cunningham	RB/DL	9
47	Ace Fisher	TE/LB	10
50	Braxton Sulock	OL/LB	10
51	Craegen Travis	OL/DL	9
52	Elijah Edmonson	OL/DL	11
54	Brandon Hatley	OL/LB	12
60	Gage Moon	OL/DL	12
62	Cameron Flippin	OL/DL	10
63	Aiden Heath	OL/DL	9
64	Carter Swalley	OL/DL	9
65	Austin Luci	OL/DL	9
66	David Cheney	OL/DL	11
67	Jacob Smith	OL/DL	9
72	Hayden Hudson	OL/DL	12
74	Jose Luna	OL/DL	11
77	Daniel Latimer	OL/DL	11

**PRINCIPAL** Kelly Spivey  
**HEAD COACH** Wade Comer  
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**ASST. PRINCIPAL** Zach Tippitt  
**VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT** Kentrell Diggs  
**MANAGERS** Meya Chesser, Alyse Lowe, and Tanyiah Diggs.  
**VIDEO** Kristen Bradberry

# Middle School Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
1	Luke Toombs	WR/LB	8th
2	Lelan Gordon	QB/LB	7th
3	Morgan Christman	WR/DB	8th
4	Aaron Blue	WR/DB	8th
5	Matteo Campbell	WR/DB	7th
6	Tim Airline	RB/DB	8th
7	Avery Brown	WR/DB	7TH
8	Aiden Orton	WR/DB	7th
9	Cole Brown	QB/LB	7TH
10	Kaleb Crocker	WR/DB	7th
12	Casey Cunningham	TE/LB	7th
13	Owen Walker	TE/LB	8th
14	Eli Vinson	RB/LB	8th
16	Xander Johnsey	WR/DB	8th
20	Cole Pettingill	WR/DB	7th

24	Ethan Haney	WR/DB	8th
32	Jacoby Melton	WR/DB	7th
44	Mason Batten	TE/LB	8th
50	T.J. Johnson	OL/DL	8th
52	Khamari Coleman	OL/DL	8th
53	Davarion Gilbert	OL/DL	8th
54	Ryder Nevells	OL/DL	7th
57	Aiden Callis	OL/DL	8th
59	Ethan Batton	OL/LB	7th
63	Ramon Tellez	OL/LB	8th
66	Joe Stallion	OL/DL	7th
70	Ryan Toombs	OL/DL	8th
71	Henry Poff	OL/DL	7th
74	Landin Deatherage	OL/DL	8th
75	Caden Tucker	OL/DL	8th
76	Landon Knight	OL/DL	7th
77	Wade Chandler	OL/DL	7th

**PRINCIPAL** Dorethea Royle  
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**MANAGERS** Wyatt Brewer, Brody Davis, and Joseph Rogers.  
**VIDEO** Sarah Scott

# Schedules

## VARSITY

Aug. 13	Jamboree
Aug. 20	Huntingdon
Aug. 27	@ Chester Co.
Sept. 3	@ South Fulton*
Sept. 10	@ Obion County
Sept. 17	Perry County *
Sept. 24	West Carroll
Oct. 1	Dresden *
Oct. 8	@ Gleason *
Oct. 15	OPEN
Oct. 22	@ HR-Bruceton *
Oct. 29	McEwen *
Nov. 5	Round 1
Nov. 12	Round 2
Nov. 17	Round 3
Nov. 26	Round 4
Dec. 3	Championship

\* Denotes Region Game

## JV GAMES

Aug. 23	Trenton	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Dresden	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 20	@ Milan	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 27	@ Westview	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Camden	6:30 p.m.

## FRESHMEN

Sept. 2	@ Trenton	6:00 p.m.
Sept. 9	Camden	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	@ Henry Co.	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Milan	6:30 p.m.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Aug. 7	Jamboree
Aug. 12	@ Dresden
Aug. 19	Henry Co.
Aug. 26	@ Milan
Sept. 2	West Carroll
Sept. 9	@ Henderson North
Sept. 16	@ Huntingdon
Sept. 23	Gibson Co.
Sept. 30	Camden

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Macey Mayo,  
Kaida Walton and Reese Carroll.

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Brett Toombs, Emmy McMullin,  
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# Mustangs Face Tough Schedule in 2A

**MUSTANGS' SEASON PREVIEW**

**T**he Huntingdon Mustangs are glad to be back on the field and the boys are excited about the 2021 football season. Last season the Mustangs started the season off with a loss to in-county rival McKenzie. After making adjustments during the season and working on their depth the Huntingdon finished 2020 strong with a nine-win season.

Underclassmen saw more playing time than usual in part to COVID-19. Quarantines forced players to ready themselves at a moment's notice. Throughout the season it provided needed experience to certain portions of the team.

As with every year, teams can expect to undergo changes and battle through some adversity. For the Mustangs, a big change comes in moving from the single-A to double-A classification.

Head Coach Eric Swenson said of the reclassification, "When you move up to 2A with the schedule we have, it creates a whole lot of urgency. In the off-season, you've got to get stronger and work to get bigger. You've also got to try to build depth, which is even more important because our region and non-region schedule is an animal."

Swenson added the schedule works in their favor in the sense the team is



**Head Coach Eric Swenson**

reminded to stay focused. "All our guys have to do is look at the schedule on a day they feel like slacking off and they understand that it just can't happen." Each day of practice and time in the gym is crucial for Huntingdon.

The transition to 2A will force the Mustangs to deal with increased speed and physicality from their opponents. Swenson said the best 1A teams could be compared to the mid-level 2A teams. The larger schools/classification have an

increased number of athletes.

With teams like Martin Westview, Milan, Union City and Jackson, the Huntingdon defensive is going to have to keep improving their pass coverage. The Mustangs are spread thin in the secondary.

Moving up to 2A more teams run a spread offense and there are a few Division 1 NCAA recruits. This includes Westview's Quarterback Ty Simpson who has committed to the University of Alabama.

The Mustangs will need to play solid defense every Friday night according to Swenson.

On offense, Huntingdon will keep to much of the same strategy and style they have used over the years.

Several Mustangs have shown promise during the off-season. Darius Gordon has had a good offseason and spring; Eli Mota has continued to improve. Aden Hutcherson is the only returning running back and has looked good in scrimmages. Cade Wood was an all-state player last season and will be playing on both sides of the ball this season. There are a few injuries already, but guys are stepping up and filling in the gaps.

With a "brutal schedule" one of the keys to success in the season will be before the Mustangs stay healthy.

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Huntingdon High School Seniors — Front Row (L to R): Paxton Neely, Jacob Robertson, Sean Magee, Aden Hutcherson, Cade Wood, Blane Fields and Matthew Pelonero. Back Row: Nate Ricketts, Hunter Britt, Seth Hughes, David Downs, Blake Reeves, Darius Gordon, Aidan Ninness and Nathan Smith.



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Huntingdon High School Coaches — (L to R): Adam Parish, Robbie Miller, Head Coach Eric Swenson, Nathan Wallace, Jake Warbritton and Alan Eubanks.

**MUSTANGS' COACHES & MANAGERS**



Managers: Left, Carter Coleman. Right, Sydney Vinson.

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# 2021 HUNTINGDON MUSTANGS

# High School Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.	#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
05	Woods, Eddie	RB/DB	11	55	Ninness, Aidan	OL/LB	12
06	Robertson, Jacob	RB/DB	12	56	Montes De Oca, Braxton	OL/DL	11
07	Gordon, Landon	RB/DB	11	57	Gordon, Darius	OL/DL	12
08	Flowers, Elijah	RB/LB	11	58	Parker, Dave	OL/DL	10
09	Eubanks, Gray	RB/DB	09	59	Carter, Chris	OL/DL	09
10	Fields, Blane	WR/DB	12	60	Byars, Easton	OL/LB	09
11	Pearson, Kaleb	WR/DB	10	62	Byrd, Austin	OL/DL	10
12	Hutcherson, Ashton	RB/DB	10	63	Willis, Jaden	OL/DL	10
13	Chafin, Cole	RB/DB	09	64	Forbess, Wyatt	OL/DL	09
14	Williams, Wesley	WR/DB	09	66	Hughes, Seth	OL/DL	12
15	Rivers, Tayshawn	RB/LB	10	67	Peloner, Matthew	OL/LB	12
18	Jordan, Alec	RB/LB	09	68	Willis, Tirrell	OL/LB	10
19	Wood, Cade	RB/DB	12	70	Willis, Tycen	OL/DL	10
21	Warbritton, Brady	RB/DB	09	71	Brewer, Cayden	OL/DL	09
22	Mays, Austin	RB/DB	09	72	Rich, Braylon	OL/DL	09
23	Strop, Bailey	WR/DB	10	73	Livingston, Grant	OL/DL	10
24	Smothers, Noah	WR/DB	11	74	Postlethwait, Jay	OL/DL	10
25	Hutcherson, Aden	RB/DB	12	75	Mota, Eli	OL/DL	10
26	Butler, Easton	WR/DB	10	76	Smith, Nathan	OL/DL	12
27	Bartholomew, Graham	WR/DB	10	77	Furst, Aiden	OL/DL	10
28	Tippitt, Pate	RB/DB	10	78	Pearson, Dante	OL/DL	09
30	Bennett, Jax	WR/DB	10	79	Dickson, Jacob	OL/DL	11
33	Ricketts, Nate	RB/DB	12	80	Smothers, Gabe	WR/DB	09
36	Peloner, C.J.	RB/DB	10	81	Peevyhouse, Ethan	TE/DB	11
37	Gibson, Kaden	RB/DB	11	82	Parker, Rayshawn	TE/LB	09
50	Cooper, Luke	OL/DL	11	85	Johnson, Nathan	TE/DB	09
51	Britt, Hunter	OL/DL	12	86	Weathers, Jordan	TE/LB	11
52	Latch, Jeremiah	OL/DL	09	87	Reeves, Blake	TE/LB	12
53	McCaig, Robert	OL/DL	10	88	Neely, Paxton	K	12
54	Magee, Sean	OL/LB	12	89	Downs, David	TE/DL	12

# Middle School Roster

#	Name	#	Name
01	Wyatt Bergman	53	Jeramyah Cannon
02	Tyreke Hutch	55	DJ Armour
03	Kylen Turner	59	Khristofer Pulling
04	Kenton Smith	61	Sawyer Raines
06	Caleb Ezell	63	Trevor Davis
08	Jaden Martin	64	Tanner Stephenson
09	Taylor Jones	65	Brayden Davis
10	Broox Bennett	68	Bryson Whiteside
11	Braylin Dearmon	72	Ryker Hollowell
13	Zayden Connely	74	Gage Foster
14	Hayden Strop	76	Fisher Stokes
18	Cody Wilson	77	Grant Wilson
21	Silas Sharp	80	David Boals
50	Kaden King	81	Owen King
52	Derrick Spearman	88	Tripp Johnson

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# Schedules

## VARSITY

Aug. 13	Jamboree
Aug. 20	@ McKenzie
Aug. 27	Jackson South Side
Sept. 3	Camden Central *
Sept. 10	@ Riverside
Sept. 17	@ Houston County *
Sept. 24	Milan
Oct. 1	@ Gibson County *
Oct. 8	@ Westview *
Oct. 15	OPEN
Oct. 22	Peabody
Oct. 29	Union City *
Nov. 5	Round 1
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Aug. 30	Lexington
Sept. 7	Camden
Sept. 13	Martin Westview
Oct. 5	@ Henry County

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Aug. 7	Jamboree	
Aug. 12	@ Lexington	6:30
Aug. 19	@ Martin	6:30
Aug. 26	Camden	6:30
Sept. 2	@ Union City	6:30
Sept. 9	@ Henry Co.	6:30
Sept. 16	McKenzie	6:30
Sept. 23	@ Decatur Co.	6:30
Sept. 30	Jackson Northeast	6:30

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# War Eagles Working Towards Playoff Success

BY MICHAEL ODOM

*Milan-Mirror Exchange*

For the past two seasons, the West Carroll football team has won a combined 15 games and reached the Class 1A state quarterfinals under Josh Wolfe.

Wolfe resigned at the end of the 2020 season, but new coach Clayton Morris wants the War Eagles to play “physical” and keep the postseason success going.

“I have high expectations wherever I am at,” Morris said. “I think the community does, the administration does and I think the kids have high expectations. They understand what success feels like, and they know what it takes to go get it.”

West Carroll moves into Region 7-1A this season, which is loaded with teams like Peabody, who is a three-time state champion, and Lake County, who won a state championship in 2019.

And Greenfield is a dangerous team that won its first eight games of the 2020 season before losing twice to West Carroll.

“It goes back to our mindset,” Morris said. “We have some programs on our schedule that are solid. We have to have the mindset of ‘no games off’ and battling through.”

Morris is already looking to leave his



Head Coach Clayton Morris

mark on the program in his first head coaching position after spending last season as an assistant at Murray (Ky).

Much of the attention offensively is around senior quarterback Xander Moon, who was an all-region selection in 2020.

“He has experience and was able to do a lot of things for West Carroll,” Morris said. “He is a tough kid. We know what he does well, so we want to amplify it and find guys to go around him.”

The No. 1 area that Morris wants to

see the physicality is in the offensive line. West Carroll has some leaders in that position with senior Wyatt Hays, senior Hunter Lindsey and senior Hayden Hilliard, but there is a question of depth.

“We have the skill kids, but we are only going to go as far as our offensive line can handle it,” Morris said. “If they can set the tone and withstand the physical play for an extended period, we can be successful.”

Junior Jay Long looks to be one of the feature backs for the War Eagles.

Morris will look at two sophomores as leaders in the wide receiving corps with Drew Smith and tight end Nick Wykoff, and they will be joined by junior JaQuan Adkins.

Morris said the key defensively is rallying to the football. Like the offensive line, the defensive line will be young and smaller, so they will rely on their linebackers and defensive backs.

Junior Seth Edwards will be a key linebacker along with Wykoff as both can go fast and run to the football.

Morris said that he is putting a lot on Smith at the free safety position as he will be making the checks and working as “the quarterback on the defense.”

West Carroll opens the season on Aug. 20 at Bruceton with the first region games scheduled for Sept. 3 at Humboldt.

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West Carroll High School Seniors — Front Row (L to R): CJ Ray, Keaton Johnson, Alex Christian and Kylon Johnson. Back Row: Hunter Lindsey, Xander Moon, Hayden Hillard and Wyatt Hays.

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WAR EAGLES' COACHES & MANAGERS

Left, West Carroll High School Managers (L to R): Ashley Smith, Jamiayah Estes and Haylee Knight. Right, High School Coaches: Head Coach Clayton Morris, Assistant Hunter Dixon. Not Pictured: Assistant Colton Taylor.

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# 2021 WEST CARROLL WAR EAGLES

# High School Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.	#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
1	Drew Smith	WR/DB	10	35	Hunter Walters	WR/DB	11
3	Jaxon Mims	QB/DB	10	40	Seth Edwards	HB/LB	11
5	Xander Moon	QB/DB	12	41	Jay Long	WR/DB	11
6	CJ Ray	DB/WR	12	46	Paytom Baum	OL/DL	10
7	Cornelius Cannon	LB/TE	10	50	Justin Mealer	OL/DL	10
9	Daelon Drasal	WR/DB	10	51	Nick Andre	OL/DL	10
16	Alex Christian	RB/DB	12	55	Hunter Lindsey	OL/DL	12
18	Jayden Milton	RB/LB	09	56	Jayden Morris	OL/DL	10
20	Shooter Nelson	HB/LB	10	60	Hayden Hillard	OL/DL	12
21	Malik Lee	RB/LB	11	65	Joseph Mckellar	OL/DL	11
22	Brannon Black	WR/DB	10	68	Brendan Knight	OL/DL	11
24	Nate Wykoff	TE/LB	10	71	Wyatt Hays	OL/DL	12
30	Preston Bosely	WR/DB	09	74	Joe Vermillion	OL/DL	10
33	Connor Kothe	HB/LB	09	78	Hayden Holley	OL/DL	10
34	Jordan Morris	WR/LB	09	79	Tiyce Reed	OL/DL	09

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**ASSISTANT COACHES**

Offensive Coordinator - Hunter Dixon

Special Teams - Colton Taylor

**MANAGERS** Ashley Smith,

Haylee Knight and Jamiayah Estes

# Middle School Roster

#	Name	Grd.	#	Name	Grd.
1	Qumarion Patterson	8	28	Isiah Clark	8
2	Darion Taylor	7	34	Evan Norman	8
4	Zac Fowler	7	35	Demyan Anderson	8
5	Ely Travelstead	8	44	Jace Hammett	7
6	Ben Pruitt	8	50	Joseph Brogdon	8
7	Jaiden Toler	6	51	Jacob Goodrum	8
8	Noah Cross	6	52	Zac Fowler	7
9	Cam Wood	7	55	Peyton Gilford	8
12	Logan Matthews	7	56	Gunner Martin	6
20	Mason Taylor	6	57	Sawyer Jackson	6
27	Gabriel Barber	7	60	Landon Lawrence	6
24	Devin Gocal	7	75	Robert Wilkes	8

**HEAD COACH** Jared Mims

**ASST. COACHES** Bo Stevens and Richard Coleman

# Schedules

## VARSITY

Aug. 13	Jamboree
Aug. 20	@ HR-Bruceton
Aug. 27	Gleason
Sept. 3	@ Humboldt *
Sept. 10	South Fulton
Sept. 17	@ Halls *
Sept. 24	@ McKenzie
Oct. 1	Lake County *
Oct. 8	OPEN
Oct. 15	Greenfield *
Oct. 22	Scotts Hill
Oct. 29	@ Peabody *
Nov. 5	Round 1
Nov. 12	Round 2
Nov. 17	Round 3
Nov. 26	Round 4
Dec. 3	Championship

\* Denotes Region Game

## JUNIOR HIGH

Aug. 7	Jamboree	
Aug. 12	Henry Co.	6:30
Aug. 26	Gleason	6:30
Sept. 2	@ McKenzie	6:30
Sept. 7	@ Henderson Co.	6:30
Sept. 11	JCM	1:00
Sept. 16	@ Bruceton	6:30
Sept. 23	JCS	6:30
Sept. 30	@ Greenfield	6:30

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# Gleason to Depend on Seasoned Leadership

GLEASON — Noah Lampkins, Gleason Bulldogs' Head Coach will rely on a number of seniors and juniors during the 2021 football campaign.

The team has had a good offseason and has worked in the weight room. The team looked good in 7 on 7 drills, said Lampkins. He said the team has got to overcome size and numbers of players on other teams.

"Confidence is high and it's all about expectations," said Lampkins.

The coach said last year's team was competitive, however, the win column did not reflect the intensity of the team. This year, there are seasoned players including seven seniors and 10 juniors, who make up the core of the 25 players on the roster.

Assisting Lampkins is Albert Collins, Bryan Sanders, and Archie Rich, who previously played as a Bulldog and was on the last team to make the playoffs.



Head Coach Noah Lampkins

Kyzer Crochet, a senior, returns as the quarterback. Lampkins said he is a good team leader and is capable of taking over the game. He is bigger,

faster, and stronger than last year.

The offense includes Isaac Denton, a running back, who was a good ball carrier last season. Drake Lovell also returns as a ball carrier.

Carson Tidwell, a senior, will be the primary receiver.

The defensive players include lineman Hunter Johnson, one of the stronger and bigger players, Aaron Lawson, Blake Inman, Joe Witherspoon, Mack Lawrence and Lane Fowler. Outside linebackers include Jack Blassingame, Hagen Hodges and Drake Lovell. Inside linebackers are Austin Clark and Kaiden Jones with Brady Witherspoon substituting.

The secondary includes Mason Fuzzell, Carson Tidwell and Kyle Brewer. The safeties include Issac Denton, Kolton Crocket., Jack Blasingame and Kyle Brewer.

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Left, Gleason High School Head Coach Noah Lampkins. Not Pictured: Assistant Albert Collins, Assistant Archie Rich and Assistant Bryan Sanders. Right, Gleason High School Manager April Watson.

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# 2021 GLEASON BULLDOGS

# High School Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
1	Mason Fuzzell	RB/DB	12
2	Jack Blassingame	WR/DB	11
3	Kyzer Crochet	QB/DB	10
5	Isaac Denton	RB/LB	12
10	Carson Tidwell	ATH/DB	12
12	Holden Puckett		09
13	Baker Atkins	WR/DB	10
18	Kolton Crochet	QB/DB	12
20	Christian Goad		09
22	Kyle Brewer		11
24	Kaidan Jones	RB/LB	11
25	Drake Lovell		10
30	Hagen Hodges	G/LB	12

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DIRECTOR** Lee Lawrence  
**HEAD COACH** Noah Lampkins

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
32	Karsen Mathias		11
42	Brady Witherspoon	RB/LB	12
45	Austin Clark	RB/LB	11
52	Mack Lawrence	C/DE	10
54	CJ Buechler	T/DE	10
55	Dalton Wade		09
58	Layne Fowler	G/LB	11
61	Jacob Johnson	G/NG	11
64	Blake Inman	T/LB	11
65	Joe Witherspoon	C/NG	12
72	Aaron Lawson	C/DE	11
74	Hunter Johnson		11

**ASSISTANT COACHES**  
Albert Collins, Archie Rich, Bryan Sanders  
**MANAGERS** April Watson

# Junior High School Roster

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
2	Ty Keeling	RB, LB	7
4	Noah Aeschbacher		8
5	Parker Morgan		8
6	Bryce Pettit	WR, DB	8
7	Wylon Gustafson		8
8	Beau Watson	WR, DB	8
12	Brody Sanders	QB, LB	8
18	Drake Lehmkuhl	ATH, LB	8
24	Gage Byington	RB, DB	7

#	Name	Pos.	Grd.
31	Eli Barber	WR, DB	8
34	Brock Dilday	RB, DB	8
51	Caleb Jones	OL, LB	8
52	Dalton McClure	OL, DE	8
55	Aiden Legens	RB, DE	8
64	Blaine Harrison	OL, N	8
65	Trey Mayo	OL, DE	8
76	Briley Horner		6

# Schedules

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Aug. 13	Jamboree
Aug. 20	Fulton County
Aug. 27	@ West Carroll
Sept. 3	HR-Bruceton Central*
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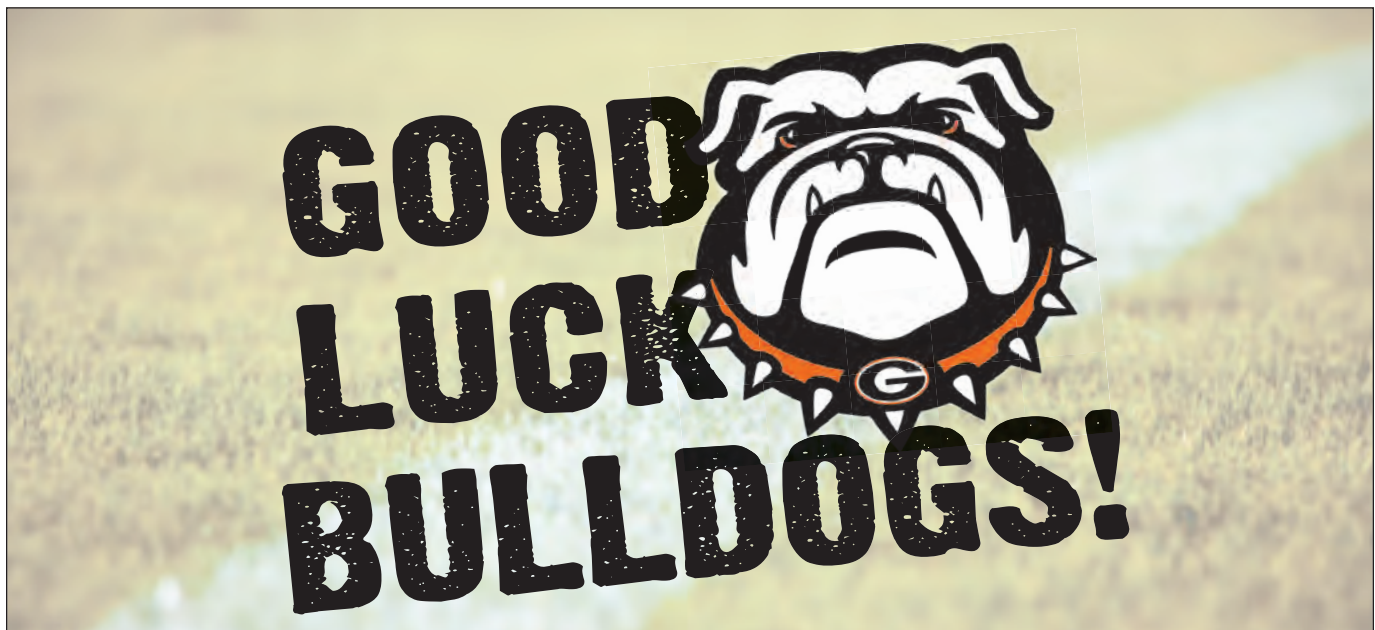
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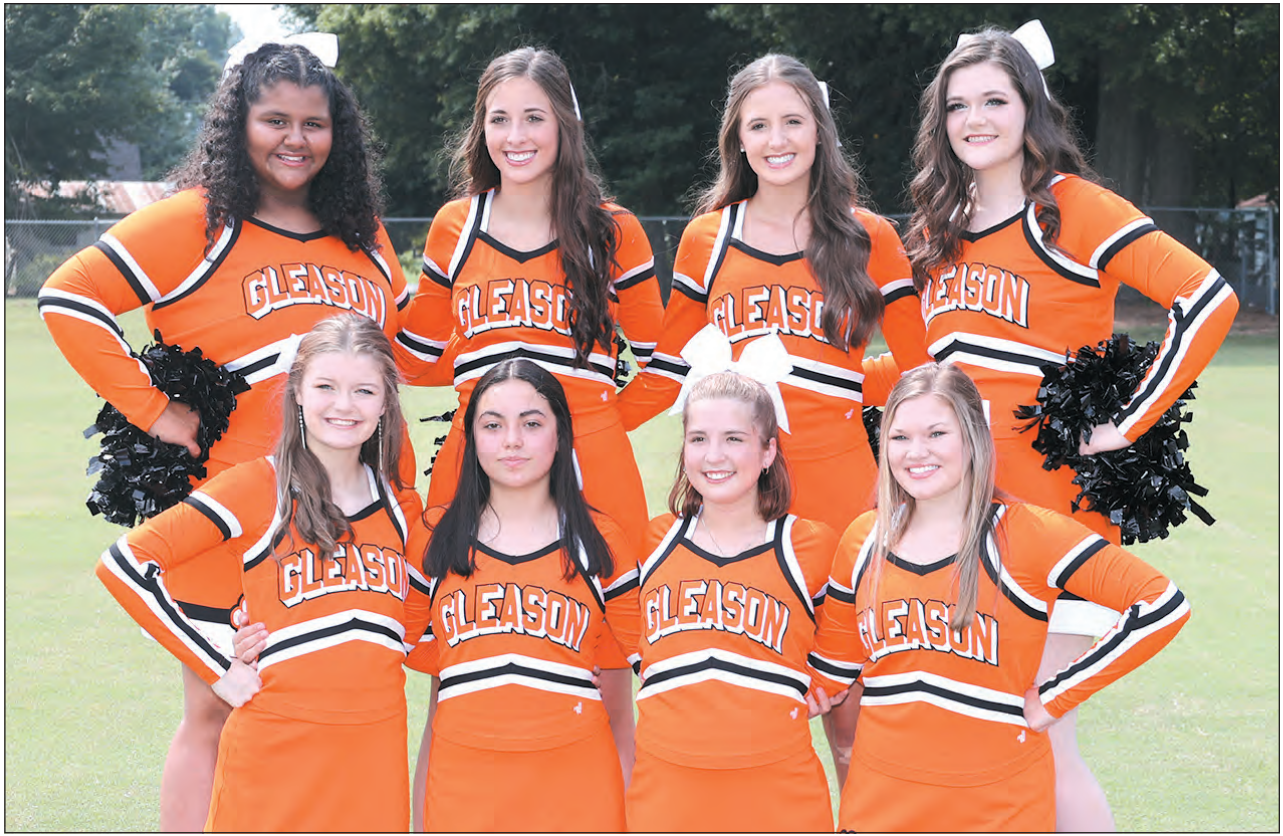
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Aug. 12	South Fulton	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 19	@ Bruceton	6:30 p.m.
Aug. 26	@ West Carroll	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 02	Greenfield	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 09	@ Hillcrest	5:00 p.m.
Sept. 16	Lake Road	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	@ Dresden	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	Fulton City	6:30 p.m.

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BULLDOGS' ROSTER & SCHEDULE



**BULLDOG CHEERLEADERS**



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Gleason Junior High Cheerleaders — Back Row (L to R): Marley Crews, Casey Sutton, Cadence Bailey and Kenlee Suddath. Middle Row: Emili Tillman, Hadley Garrison, Kyleigh Conway and Shelby Mayo. Front Row: Nevaeh Williams and Sophie Beasley. Not Pictured: Addison Aeschbacher and Natalie Connell.



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Sept. 11	@ St. Andrews University	12:00 p.m.	Oct. 23	@ Cumberland University	10:30 a.m.
Sept. 18	@ Union College	11:00 a.m.	Oct. 30	Lindsey Wilson College	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Reinhardt University	1:30 p.m.	Nov. 6	Thomas More University	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	@ Univ. Cumberlands	6:00 p.m.	Nov. 13	Campbellsville University	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 9	Georgetown College	1:30 p.m.			

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# Bethel University Faces Tough Season

**A**fter a sterling start to the season (2020) earlier this year, the Bethel Wildcats suffered through four straight disappointing losses to end the abbreviated year at 3-4.

The Wildcats look to turn things around this fall and with a big number of key players returning and an excellent group of newcomers the future looks bright for Coach Michael Jasper and his staff. Due to COVID, several players return with an extra season of eligibility.

Leading rusher De'Ontay Tate returns after running for 530 yards and two touchdowns. With his 530 yards Tate moved into 4th all-time in the Wildcat record book with 2,352 career rushing yards. The MSC All-Conference senior performer has been a three-year starter for the Wildcats. Davius Prather was the second leader rusher with 233 yards in the seven game schedule. He ran for three touchdowns on the season. Despite fighting injuries throughout the year, David Riggan was named first-team all-conference. Riggan was the MSC Defensive Freshman of the Year last season. Leading tackler Jakobe Griffin is back. The junior first-team all-conference performer had 6.5 tackles for losses. Junior Devious Christmon proved to be a nightmare for opposing quarterbacks last season finishing with four interceptions. Christmon has seven career picks which ranks him sixth all-time in career interceptions.

The Wildcats lost all-conference and four-year started Trace Pierce who was an anchor on the offensive line.

Three transfers highlight new faces for the Wildcats. An all-conference and senior from Missouri Baptist, Michael Malone comes in as a cornerback. Another corner, Mustafa Majeed joins the Cats transferring from Clark-Atlanta University. D J James, an all-conference Safety from the University of New England comes in for his junior season.

The 2021 schedule will be another tough slate especially considering action in what many believe is the toughest NAIA football league in the nation. Three Mid-South Conference squads finished the season ranked in the top 15 with Lindsey Wilson winning the NAIA title in convincing fashion. Bethel competes in the tough Bluegrass Division of the MSC.

The Wildcats will play five home games and six road game this fall.

Bethel plays six of their first eight games on the road.

The Cats open the season on the road in Cleveland, Mississippi Thursday, September 2 against NCAA DII Delta State. It will be the twelfth meeting between the programs with DSU holding a 6-4-1 margin in the series. It will mark the first meeting between the two since 1947.

Second week action will find the Cats visiting St. Andrews in Laurinburg, North Carolina on the 11th for a MSC affair. It marks the first ever meeting between the two.

The Wildcats could very well be deemed the Road Warriors as they remain on the road in Barbourville, Kentucky September 18 to battle the Union College Bulldogs. Bethel is 2-4 in Barbourville but owns 6-5 advantage in the series. The two last met in 2016 with Bethel winning 43-27.

Bethel's first home game will be a conference game against Reinhardt University on September 25. Reinhardt has a 5-1 margin in the prior meetings. Bethel's only win came in 2018 (31-21) in the season opener at Wildcat Stadium. RU was eighty in the final 2020 poll.

The Wildcats hit the road again on October 2 traveling to Williamsburg, Kentucky to face the University of the Cumberland Patriots. U of C leads the series 14-4 although Bethel did win earlier this year 38-14. The Cats are 1-6 in Williamsburg.

The Georgetown Tigers will visit Wildcat Stadium the following week (10/9) for a MSC Bluegrass Divisional match-up. The Wildcats and Tigers have faced each other 12 times with Bethel winning two of the 12. GC beat Bethel 17-14 in Georgetown back in March and finished the season ranked thirteenth. The Tigers are 5-0 in McKenzie.

The Cats travel to the Eastern Mountains of the Commonwealth October 16 to meet the Pikeville Bears in another divisional game. BU is 6-8 versus the Bears and have lost two straight in the series. The Cats are 3-4 in games played in Pikeville. UPIKE beat Bethel 35-19 in McKenzie earlier this calendar year.

Another divisional road game awaits the Wildcats as travel to Lebanon to meet the Cumberland Phoenix on the twenty-third. It will be the nineteenth meeting between the two programs. The Wildcats have met CU more than any other opponent in program history. The Phoenix upset Bethel in April in McKenzie winning 41-38. The series is tied at 9-9. BU is 1-6 in Lebanon.

Defending NAIA National Cham-

pion Lindsey Wilson will come to Wildcat Stadium the following week (10/30) to battle the Cats in a Bluegrass showdown. The Blue Raiders beat Bethel earlier this year dominating 49-7 in Columbia. LWC is 3-0 in McKenzie and had won five of the previous seven meetings.

Two more divisional games remain on the slate as the Thomas More Saints will be Bethel's Homecoming opponent on November 6. Bethel beat TMC 49-7 in February and is 2-1 all-time against the Saints.

The Cats close out the regular season November 13 against Campbellsville. The series is tied at 7-7 after Bethel beat the Tigers 39-14 in the 2020 game played earlier this year. The Wildcats have won three in a row between the two but have won just one of six games played in McKenzie.

Coach Jasper is in his third season as head coach. Several changes to the staff have been made with new personnel and duties.

## 2021 Bethel University Wildcat Football Staff

Michael Jasper- Head Coach, Defensive Line

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