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Aug. 19. vs. Tullahoma  
 Aug. 27 at Marshall Co.  
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 Sept. 10 at Riverdale  
 Sept. 17 BYE  
 Sept. 24 vs. Kenwood  
 Oct. 1 at Lebanon\*  
 Oct. 8 vs. Hendersonville  
 Oct. 15 at Warren Co.\*  
 Oct. 22 vs. Summit  
 Oct. 28 vs. Cookeville\*

\*Denotes Region 3-AAAAAA game

## 2020 Rewind

Aug. 20 at Tullahoma (38-13) L  
 Aug. 28 at Columbia Acad. (29-7) W  
 Sept. 4 vs. Page\* (29-13) W  
 Sept. 11 vs. Marshall Co. (50-35) L  
 Sept. 25 vs. Centennial (44-28) W  
 Oct. 2 at Lincoln Co.\* (66-44) W  
 Oct. 9 at Cleveland (50-14) W  
 Oct. 16 at Summit\*\* (1-0) L  
 Oct. 23 vs. Franklin Co.\* (43-10) W  
 Oct. 30 vs. Columbia\* (30-14) W

\*Denotes Region 5-AAAAA game  
 \*\* Denotes COVID-19 impacted game

# Shelbyville Central High School



## Eagles primed for 2021 after full preseason

By **GARY JOHNSON**  
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As the high school football season is set to begin, things are different compared to this time a year ago for Shelbyville Central's Golden Eagles.

With the hiring of head coach Josh Puckett in late spring to all the COVID-19 restrictions in the preseason last year, the Eagles seem to be leaps and bounds ahead this time around.

"I really didn't get to meet with the players last year for a while after I was hired and we really didn't have regular off season with all the COVID stuff," Shelbyville Central coach Josh Puckett said.

"We struggled a bit at the start of the season then things began to click and we were a really good football team at the

end of the season."

With being banned from the playoffs last season after an unfortunate incident in the last game of the regular season with Franklin County, the Eagles are more than ready for the start of this year and are extremely motivated.

"It's been a long offseason and I think it's fair to say we didn't like the way our season ended for sure. There is nothing we can do about that but use it as motivation going into the season," Puckett said.

"It's still frustrating but we were fortunate to win the appeal on the ban for the playoffs this year and that's a positive. We have learned from it and now we are excited for this season and a playoff run."

The players worked extreme-

ly hard over the offseason and have gotten stronger and faster.

"We put a lot of emphasis in our workouts throughout the offseason and we want to work harder than any team," Puckett said. "I know I can see a difference already and we will continue to work to get bigger and stronger."

Shelbyville Central's offense looks to continue the success it had last year, while the defense looks to be improved if preseason scrimmages are any indication.

The offense is led by long-time starting quarterback Kade Cunningham, the region co-player of the year last season.

"I wouldn't trade Kade for any other quarterback out there," Puckett said.

"He's a great leader for us

and a guy that has played a lot of football. I trust him and I trust him a lot."

Senior Laquan Young is set to handle most of the carries in the backfield while seniors Gavin Donegan and Kendall Trice look to be Cunningham's top targets in the passing game.

"We most definitely want to control the line of scrimmage and run the football, but we also have the ability to throw the football downfield. That's the offense we want to be—an offense that will keep opponents guessing," Puckett said.

The Eagles will be replacing four of the five offensive linemen from last year's team.

The lone returning starter on the offensive line is junior left guard Jasper House.

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Shelbyville Central will open the 2021 season against arch-rival Tullahoma at Eagle Stadium.

# SCHS

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Senior Mason Smith has bulked up, gotten stronger and will start at center.

Senior Lukas White will be at right tackle, junior Jamison Norton will handle the right guard spot with sophomore Logan McBee at left tackle. Junior Jake Preston will spend time at tight end.

In the preseason, the Eagle defense has been impressive, especially stopping the run.

“That is kind of where we want to hang our hat. We want to run the football, then be able to stop the run on defense. We do put a lot of pressure on our defensive backs because we do load the box quite a bit,” Puckett said. “The seven up front on defense has held up pretty good and we are happy about that.”

Senior Gharri Brown is the staple of the

defensive line for Shelbyville Central.

Senior linebacker Jaden Harper has been very impressive in preseason scrimmages and looks to anchor the Eagle defense.

Senior safety Cayden Puckett has recovered from his illness and is extremely excited about getting back on the field and he along with Cunningham provide a huge boost in the secondary.

“We are fortunate to have those two guys back there. They are very smart football players and like coaches on the field,” Puckett said.

Freshman Caleb Fortel has a chance to be a really good kicker for this football program for years to come and will handle the kicking duties.

Look for Cam Grogen, Will Gallimore, Raydon ddnshaw and Theo Washington to play key roles in the team’s success.

“With the realignment we have a challenge now being in Class 6A, but I think we are up to the challenge,” Puckett said. “I look for Lebanon and Cookeville to be in the race for the region title as well.”

## 2021 Shelbyville Central Golden Eagles Roster

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| No. 1 Jaden Harper TE/LB Senior         | No. 36 Kenny Gregory RB/CB Fresh      |
| No. 2 Cam Grogen WR/S/CB Senior         | No. 38 Caleb Fortel WR/LB/K Fresh     |
| No. 3 Theo Washington RB/S Soph         | No. 39 Eli White WR/CB Soph           |
| No. 4 Laquan Young RB/LB Senior         | No. 40 Tyson Dunn WR/LB Fresh         |
| No. 5 Katayn Marble WR/CB Junior        | No. 43 Dashawn Emmons TE/DL Junior    |
| No. 6 Kendall Trice WR/CB Senior        | No. 44 Travon Wyatt WR/CB Fresh       |
| No. 7 Jake Preston QB/TE/LB Junior      | No. 50 Iran Zuasnava OL/DL Junior     |
| No. 8 Kade Cunningham QB/S/P Fresh      | No. 51 Caleb Crowe OL/DL Junior       |
| No. 9 Ben Betzelberger QB/S/K Fresh     | No. 52 Amir Ross OL/DL Junior         |
| No. 10 Gharri Brown OL/DL Senior        | No. 53 Logan McBee OL/DL Soph         |
| No. 11 Gavin Donegan WR/CB Senior       | No. 54 Jamison Norton OL/DL Junior    |
| No. 12 Cayden Puckett WR/S Senior       | No. 55 Terrance Thompson OL/DL Soph   |
| No. 13 Caden Arnold WR/CB Junior        | No. 56 Mason Smith OL/DL Senior       |
| No. 14 Micah Threatt WR/CB Soph         | No. 58 Tarvis McClain OL/DL Soph      |
| No. 15 Robert Ross-Mallory TE/LB Senior | No. 59 Caleb Campbell OL/DL Fresh     |
| No. 16 Mason Shavers QB/S Fresh         | No. 60 Jacob Hiles OL/DL Fresh        |
| No. 17 Zion Bonner WR/S Fresh           | No. 61 Miquel Garcia OL/DL Fresh      |
| No. 18 Ethan Jones WR/S Senior          | No. 62 Nathaniel Hobbs OL/DL Soph     |
| No. 20 Will Gallimore WR/LB Junior      | No. 63 Jonathan Contreras OL/DL Fresh |
| No. 21 Raydon Crenshaw RB/LB Soph       | No. 64 Lukas White OL/DL Soph         |
| No. 22 Zeke Lopez WR/DL Senior          | No. 66 Ramsey Moore OL/DL Senior      |
| No. 23 Maddox Wright WR/S Fresh         | No. 68 Jayden Taylor OL/DL Fresh      |
| No. 24 Cohen Abernathy WR/CB Fresh      | No. 69 Cutler Hastings OL/DL Fresh    |
| No. 25 Devonta Edson WR/CB Senior       | No. 70 Clayton Smelcer OL/DL Fresh    |
| No. 26 Bron Ransom WR/CB Fresh          | No. 71 Chris Alamillo OL/DL Fresh     |
| No. 27 Nate Doak RB/LB Senior           | No. 73 Caleb Smith OL/DL Fresh        |
| No. 28 William Bobo WR/LB Fresh         | No. 74 Christopher Wiser OL/DL Soph   |
| No. 30 Quincy Henderson WR/CB Junior    | No. 75 Micah Spence OL/DL Soph        |
| No. 31 Garrett Doak WR/CB Soph          | No. 76 Evan Condit OL/DL Junior       |
| No. 32 Rocky Chandler RB/LB Fresh       | No. 77 Ean Matusek OL/DL Fresh        |
| No. 33 Brody Lovvorn TE/LB Fresh        | No. 78 Jasper House OL/DL Junior      |
| No. 34 Noah Presley WR/S Soph           | No. 79 Brandon Woodring OL/DL Soph    |
| No. 35 Palmer Edwards TE/LB Fresh       |                                       |

# Marshall County Tigers



## Veteran talent has Tigers poised for big season

By **CHRIS SIERS**  
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Loaded with returning talent for 2021, the Marshall County Tigers are hoping a summer chalked full of improvements can springboard the team into a deep, nine-team region schedule.

After essentially not having a 2020 preseason that left the Tigers with just three losses on the schedule, head coach Thomas Osteen hopes the improvements made over the summer months can help power the Tigers to a longer postseason run.

"I think we have improved throughout the summer. We have had a lot of moving parts this summer trying to get people working in the right spots. I think we have a much better understanding now

of where most of the puzzle pieces fit," he said.

Last season, of Marshall County's three losses, two came at the hands of the Tullahoma Wildcats, who played for the Class AAAA state title a season ago.

With two losses a year ago at the hands of the Wildcats, Osteen says while the September 10th meeting against Tullahoma has aspects of a revenge game to it, playing in a tough, nine-team region means every week is important for post-season implications.

"It will definitely be a big game for us, but our region is so big and tough, if we take one game for granted we will be sorry that we did," he said.

"We are in a nine-team region. Only

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The Marshall County Tigers will travel to Columbia for their 2021 season opener.



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## 2021 Marshall County Tigers Roster

No. 1 Trice Gordon WR/RB Senior  
 No. 2 Lamarion Pierce WR/DB Senior  
 No. 3 Devante Davis WR/DB Senior  
 No. 4 Aja Jones WR Fresh  
 No. 5 Kamarian Ingram WR Soph  
 No. 6 Jakavan Curry DB Soph  
 No. 7 Khamani Ewing DB Soph  
 No. 8 Jayden Randolph WR/DB Soph  
 No. 9 Kortez Ingram DB Senior  
 No. 10 Cahlin Henry QB Fresh  
 No. 11 Malachi Ervin DB Junior  
 No. 12 Trey Warner QB/LB Junior  
 No. 13 Jamal Gentry RB/DB Fresh  
 No. 14 Bryson Hammons QB Senior  
 No. 15 Antomme Cowthorne WR/DB Soph  
 No. 16 Marquay Allen DB Fresh  
 No. 17 Markese Davis TE Soph  
 No. 18 Nathan Pinedo DB Senior  
 No. 20 Ronnie Lyttle WR Fresh  
 No. 21 Malachi Trapp WR/DB Soph  
 No. 22 Thomas Beech TE/LB Junior  
 No. 23 Decambion Harris DB Junior  
 No. 24 Kamron Dunavant LB Senior  
 No. 25 Jaden Keys RB Fresh  
 No. 26 Grayson Miller DB Junior  
 No. 27 Iyasan Biggers RB Senior  
 No. 28 Kamariq Perryman RB/LB Fresh  
 No. 29 Demari Braden RB/LB Junior  
 No. 30 Jeffrey Terell LB Fresh  
 No. 31 Darian Crenshaw DE Junior  
 No. 32 Christian Smith DB Soph  
 No. 33 Jayden Hart WR/DE Junior  
 No. 34 Wyatt Joyce K Soph  
 No. 35 Makiy Tapp RB/DE Fresh  
 No. 36 Imar Pineda DB Fresh  
 No. 37 Frankel Jones RB Junior  
 No. 38 Griffin Kaipio DE Junior  
 No. 40 Hendrix Kaipio WR Fresh  
 No. 41 Brock Anderson TE/DE Junior  
 No. 42 John Morgan Thomas TE/LB Junior  
 No. 43 Brandon Tucker LB/DE Soph  
 No. 45 Magnum Cannon LB Soph  
 No. 46 Austin Wells TE/DE Fresh  
 No. 47 Eric Aviles DB Fresh  
 No. 49 Richard Leal LB Fresh  
 No. 51 Bradley Wright OL Senior  
 No. 52 Gorge Vilchiz OL/DL Junior  
 No. 53 Hunter Lashley DL Soph  
 No. 54 Quenten Pool OL Junior  
 No. 55 Jonathan Bair DL Junior  
 No. 56 Christian Wilson OL Soph  
 No. 57 Tristen Crabtree OL Junior  
 No. 59 Seth Vines OL Soph  
 No. 60 Deshawn Crenshaw OL Soph  
 No. 61 Caleb Christmas OL Fresh  
 No. 62 Dalton Haislip DL Soph  
 No. 63 Wesley Holder OL Soph  
 No. 64 Reid Mitchell DL Fresh  
 No. 65 Austin Dyer DL Junior  
 No. 66 Anthony Smith DE Fresh  
 No. 67 Elijah Wentzl OL/DL Soph  
 No. 68 Josh Campbell OL Fresh  
 No. 70 Braxton Roberts OL/DL Soph  
 No. 71 Adam Blackwell OL Fresh  
 No. 72 Anthony Diaz DL Junior  
 No. 73 Kacy Pannel DL Soph  
 No. 74 Zach Moore OL Senior  
 No. 75 Peyton Garcia DL Soph  
 No. 77 Gabe Church OL Soph  
 No. 78 Eli Alexander OL Soph  
 No. 79 Charmello James OL Senior  
 No. 80 Landon Brewer WR Fresh  
 No. 81 Xavier Brown WR Senior  
 No. 82 Jorge Campuzano K Senior  
 No. 83 Teagan Stinnett WR Fresh

## Tigers

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four will make the playoffs. There will be two or three playoff caliber teams that don't even make this playoffs out of this region because its so tough. The champion will be extremely deserving."

As far as the returning talent goes, the Tigers' offense will go as far as their returning senior quarterback goes.

Bryson Hammons enters the season as a three-year starting quarterback and with all those starts comes a boat-load of experience for the Tigers' signal caller.

"Bryson has had a great summer. The game is moving so much slower for him. You can tell he has a great comfortability with all that we are doing. He is a team leader and will have a big say on our success this fall," Osteen said.

Hammons threw for over 1,300 yards last season and had 16 touchdown passes against just six interceptions.

Hammons has plenty of talent surrounding him at the Tigers' skill positions as well—and that depth will play a major role in the Tigers' 2021 final outcome.

"I think we have as much depth at the skill positions on both sides of the ball as we have had in a while. Lamarion Pierce, Devonte Davis, Demari Braden, Antomme Cowthorne, Jayden Hart, Trice Gordon, Jayden Randolph, Kortez Ingram, Jakavan Curry will all factor big roles on the perimeter this fall," Osteen said.

Braden looks to be the top returning back for the Tigers, rushing for over 500 yards last year.

There's plenty of depth out of the backfield as Pierce showcased versatility, rushing for 300 yards and posting 105 receiving yards as well.

Devonte Davis is the top returning defender after recording 82 tackles last season.

Playing in one of the biggest regions of any classifications in the state means Marshall County only gets two non-region opponents this season, which includes the season opener at Columbia and a Week 2 meeting against a Shelbyville Central team that looks to be highly competitive at the 6-A level.

Of the nine teams in the region, four enter the 2021 season after winning at least nine games a season ago, which includes the nine-win Marshall County team.

Last season, Creek Wood posted a 10-win season, with Tullahoma's 12-1 record being the top mark from a season ago.

Facing such a long region slate, Osteen and the Tigers aim to take the season one game at a time in order to make a run at the region title later this fall.

Success is giving ourselves a chance to win each game that we are in. We have had a very high standard here of being in the

playoffs. Obviously it will be very disappointing if we don't find a way to get in the playoffs. If we can stay healthy, especially along the lines of scrimmage, and get better each week. We will be a tough team to beat by the end of the year I think," Osteen said.

The Tigers open the 2021 campaign on August 20 at Columbia.

### 2021 Schedule

Aug. 20 at Columbia  
 Aug. 27 vs. Shelbyville  
 Sept. 3 vs. Creek Wood\*  
 Sept. 10 at Tullahoma\*  
 Sept. 17 at Hillwood\*  
 Sept. 24 BYE  
 Oct. 1 Lawrence Co.\*  
 Oct. 8 Pearl Cohn\*  
 Oct. 15 Glencliff\*  
 Oct. 22 Montgomery Central\*  
 Oct. 29 at Greenbrier\*

\*Denotes Region 5-AAAA game

### 2020 Rewind

Aug. 27 at Lincoln Co. (24-6) W  
 Sept. 4 vs. Tullahoma (42-7) L\*  
 Sept. 11 at Shelbyville (50-35) W  
 Sept. 18 vs. Giles Co. (38-14) W\*\*  
 Sept. 18 Maplewood (1-0) W\*\*\*  
 Sept. 25 vs. Springfield (28-2) W  
 Oct. 2 Lawrence Co. (48-0) W\*  
 Oct. 9 at Giles Co. (25-15)W  
 Oct. 16 Spring Hill (21-14) W\*  
 Oct. 30 Nolensville (35-28) L\*  
 Nov. 6 Macon Co. (24-12) W\*\*\*\*  
 Nov. 13 at Tullahoma (35-7) L\*\*\*\*

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\*\*\*\* Denotes Class AAAA state playoff victory

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# Cascade High School



## Champs ready for new region slate

By **CHRIS SIERS**  
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For several years, Cascade has been playing non-traditional region football teams and some of the local rivalries just haven't meant as much.

In 2021, the regions have realigned and Cascade aims to piggyback off a 2020 playoff appearance for a strong showing this season.

"Playing local teams in the region again brings all those close rivalries back. The region is kind of wide open and kind of unknown. I think any of the six of us can win the region," Champion coach Jake Tyre said.

One game in particular reignites a heated rivalry against the Forrest Rockets.

While Cascade has faced the Rockets

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Photo by Chris Siers

The Cascade Champions open the 2021 season at the Stable against Moore County.

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# Champions

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over the past several seasons, Forrest hasn't been a league opponent since 2012.

Now the Rockets are back on the region slate, Tyre says that game carries a little more meaning than in past seasons.

"I enjoy playing against them. It's more than playing a regular game," he said.

Cascade will open the 2021 season against another traditional rival, Class A opponent Moore County, at the Stable on August 20 and unlike last season, the Champions have loaded a full preseason of scrimmages and seven-on-sevens under their belts.

Leading up to the opener, Tyre says the Cascade coaching staff has been pushing the team hard in practice.

"We're getting after it and getting ready for Friday night. We're pushing them hard in practice. We're pushing contact and tempo to get as much out of them as we can," Tyre said.

So far this preseason, Cascade looks to showcase what the Champion football team has branded itself as over the past sev-

eral seasons—a focus on defense with clock control by running the ball.

"The defense has been playing pretty lights out in the preseason. We're going to run the football and we're going to play good defense. That's the recipe we've had success with over the last couple of years and we hope to continue that," Tyre said.

Running a Wing-T offense, Cascade has always relied on plentiful depth in the backfield, but in 2021, Tyre says the true depth at the start of the season is in the trenches with the offensive and defensive lines.

"We're pretty healthy right now. Our big depth is the offensive and defensive lines. We're two-deep across the board there. We have more depth on the offensive and defensive line than we have in years past," Tyre said.

So far in the preseason, Ryan Inmon and Elijah Arnold have emerged as not only leaders on both sides of the ball, but from a locker room perspective as well.

"Ryan Inmon has done a good job. He's a three-year starter there. Another one of our seniors—Elijah Arnold is our quarterback of the defense and our quarterback of the offense. Taylor Dowell stepped in for Seth Countess playing free safety," Tyre said.

Offensively, in the last scrimmage at

Eagleville, Cascade fielded two quarterbacks, Arnold and Inmon, both of whom bring their own elements to the position—which gives the Cascade offense another wrinkle in the scheme.

"I feel comfortable with either one of them. We'll play it by ear and it will probably be a platoon system. We're going to try to keep up with that this year, especially with both of those guys being leaders on defense and getting them some rest on offense," Tyre said.

Last season, Cascade ended a five-year playoff drought and advanced to the first round of the Class AA playoffs against a talented Bledsoe County team.

While the playoff victory eluded Cascade, Tyre says the playoff berth helped springboard the Champ's into what's been a very productive offseason.

"It made the offseason—the workouts meant a little more. The guys had a little taste of it (the playoffs) and they want more this year. They've been focused and hungry. It really set the offseason off to a good tone. They're not just satisfied with only making the playoffs this year. They want to go a little deeper," he said.

While last season's Champion team was loaded with veteran talent, the 2021 Cascade team only has a handful of seniors on the team, putting all the more importance on being able to participate in a full preseason.

"Last year, we had a lot of older guys. We've got some younger guys that needed this preseason and needed the reps. I think we're more prepared than we were last year, just like anybody in the state. We've had time to fine tune some things and see some kids that might do better here and there whereas last year we had to use the first couple of games as scrimmages," Tyre said.

Cascade opens the 2021 season on August 20 at the Stable against Moore County.

## 2021 Champion Roster

- No. 2 Damian Byford WR/LB Soph
- No. 4 Kobe Inmon TE/DE Senior
- No. 5 Xamarion Dixon RB/CB Junior
- No. 6 Chris Sullivan RB/CB Senior
- No. 7 Taylor Dowell WR/S Junior
- No. 8 Max Darefsky FB/DE Soph
- No. 9 Blake Olive WB/LB Junior
- No. 10 Shade Williams WR/CB Junior
- No. 11 Christian Casey RB/S Fresh
- No. 12 Joel Anthony QB/CB Soph
- No. 13 Elijah Arnold QB/LB Senior
- No. 14 Drake Hodge K/P Senior
- No. 15 Conner Huie RB/LB Junior
- No. 16 Vaden Moore RB/CB Fresh
- No. 17 Jacob Cagle RB/LB Soph
- No. 19 Sawyer Lovvorn TE/DE Soph
- No. 21 Hayden Dowell RB/CB Soph
- No. 22 Preston Gentry WR/LB Fresh
- No. 24 Aden Rawls WR/CB Soph
- No. 34 Noah Hawkins TE/DE Fresh
- No. 36 Dylan Crouch FB/LB Soph
- No. 45 Eli Elliot TE/DE Junior
- No. 50 Jake Bates OL/DL Junior
- No. 51 Colton Spivey OL/DL Junior
- No. 52 Issac Chapa OL/LB Soph
- No. 53 Cody Mason OL/DL Soph
- No. 54 Logan Morton OL/DL Soph
- No. 56 Elijah Bobo OL/LB Soph
- No. 57 Dakota Gabbert OL/DL Fresh
- No. 58 Shamari McChristian OL/DL Soph
- No. 59 Houston Kologinczak OL/DL Soph
- No. 62 Richie Nicolson OL/LB Soph
- No. 63 Gavin Kale OL/DE Fresh
- No. 70 Ethan Meli OL/DL Fresh
- No. 71 Mason Crowder OL/DL Fresh
- No. 72 Daniel Craig OL/DL Junior
- No. 73 William Kramer OL/DL Soph
- No. 74 Chris Murphy OL/DL Soph
- No. 75 Austin Powell OL/DL Junior
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## 2021 Schedule

- Aug. 20 vs. Moore Co.
- Aug. 27 at Cannon Co.
- Sept. 3 at Mt. Pleasant\*
- Sept. 10 vs. Huntland
- Sept. 17 at Richland\*
- Sept. 24 at Community
- Oct. 1 vs. Forrest\*
- Oct. 8 vs. Jo Byrns
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- Oct. 22 BYE
- Oct. 29 vs. Summertown\*

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- Oct. 23 at Forrest (17-14)\* W
- Oct. 30 at Westmoreland\* (14-0) L
- Nov. 6 at Bledsoe Co.\* (48-21) L

\* Denotes Region 5-AA game

\* Denotes Region 4-AA game  
\*\* Denotes State AA playoff game



# Forrest Rockets



## Depth, experience to lead Rockets in '21

By **ANTHONY S. PUCA**  
Sports Writer

The Forrest Rockets lost some great players from last season but bring back plenty of experience for the 2021 campaign that includes 10 seniors, 12 juniors, 13 sophomores, and 11 freshmen.

The Forrest philosophy on offense has always been pretty simple, play a hard-nosed physical style of football that features a solid offensive line, anchoring a lethal running game.

The Rockets have a deep backfield with some very talented running backs led by juniors Brenton Burchell, Tayton Swift, and Chris Davis, sophomore Liam Bell, while senior McCalister Wilson will give the Rockets some extra punch as he moves from tight end to wingback.

"Burchell is very athletic and moves great from side to side," Stephenson said. "He is a hardnosed player and runs downhill and he will try to run somebody over."

"Swift will be our rotating guy, he has the athletic ability to play any position in the backfield, Wilson is hardnosed, a great blocker, and sneaky fast and Davis and Bell are a couple of guys that have really stepped up."

Other running backs in the mix are Noah Helmick, Aiden Cantrell, and Levi Van Patten.

At the quarterback position, senior Hunter Bennett returns to the gridiron after a two-year absence and he has looked sharp in camp while also adding more senior leadership to the Forrest squad.

"I missed the atmosphere and the guys," Bennett said. "It felt good coming back, I had to come back my senior year with my boys."

Sophomore Bryce Tankersley is the backup quarterback.

"Hunter can spin it pretty good, he has great accuracy and can get the job done, but of course for us, everything is based on the run," Stephenson said. "If they bring a lot of guys up in the box, we can loosen them up a little bit with the pass."

Bennett is very capable and can run the rock as well as slinging it and he will get a chance to throw to some talented receivers led by senior Christian Hammond.

"Hammond has done a great in the passing league at catching the ball for us and Blaine Meeks and our transfer from Cookeville, Tyler Ayers, will be our other receivers this year," Stephenson said.

Wilson, Swift, and Burchell are all good receivers out the backfield and Bennett will have two new weapons at tight end as seniors Braden Bowyer and Dominic Smithson have moved off the interior line.

"Smithson has done excellent in the weight room and we are looking forward to seeing what he can do," Stephenson said. "We moved Braden to tight end to close up that hole and he can get downfield and make some plays and they are both physical in the running game."

Meeks can play multiple positions as a running back and a receiver for the Rockets.

Forrest has the horses up front, anchored by senior guards Braden Jones and Layne Strasser, junior Mikey Stoddard at center, and sophomore tackles Spence Tankersley and Cameron Orr.

"Jones is our strongest person on the team pound for pound and Strasser has been a two-year starter and we are looking for big things from him," Stephenson said. "Spence is a big guy, 6'5 275-pounds and he is getting after it and Orr loves the weight room just like Tankersley and he has a great work ethic."

One of the key backups on the offensive line is junior Riley Durbin, who Stephenson calls his Swiss Army Knife.

"Riley has done a great job, he has a great motor and he really gets after it," Stephenson said.

Sophomore Reggie Pearson, senior Colton Cashion, and freshmen Luke Allen and Kameron Street have been pushing for playing time in camp and add some great depth to the line.

"We got some depth, especially up front for us," Stephenson said. "If you see our kids now they have slimmed up a lot, our big guys have slimmed down and still got strong."

There are a host of other players working hard and waiting for a chance to, something Stephenson greatly encourages to build depth for the squad.

"You can't hide here in playing iron man football, the kids gotta play," Stephenson said.

Burchell and Davis will return punts while Swift, Davis, and Burchell will return kickoffs.

Hammond was an all-region punter last year and has an outstanding camp.

Gavin Grissom is in a camp battle with Matthew Krug for the kicking duties.

The Rockets have a new defensive coordinator this season as Ryan Bridges comes from Stewarts Creek.

"He wanted to call the defense and we had the job opening," Stephenson said. "He has been a great benefit to us, the kids have responded to him well, he is full of energy, and we have been getting at it real good."

On the defensive line is Smithson, Bowyer, Durbin, and Spence Tankersley while Jones and Pearson will be at the nose guard spot.

"We are working hard every day," Jones said. "Forrest football is all about hard work and just doing what you have to do every day to become the best person and football player you can be mentally and physically and I think we have proved that, so we are ready to play."

Outside linebackers are Strasser and Wilson and in the middle are Bell and Davis.

Strasser is excited to change from defensive end last year to the outside linebacker spot, saying, "It's awesome, I've been ask-

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### 2021 Schedule

Aug. 20 at Eagleville  
Aug. 27 vs. Cornersville  
Sept. 3 vs. Loretto\*  
Sept. 10 at Moore Co.  
Sept. 17 vs. Summertown\*  
Sept. 24 at Marion Co.  
Oct. 1 at Cascade\*  
Oct. 8 BYE  
Oct. 15 at Richland\*  
Oct. 22 vs. E. Robertson  
Oct. 29 vs. Mt. Pleasant\*

\*Denotes Region 5-AA game

### 2020 Rewind

Aug. 21 vs. E. Robertson (10-0) W  
Aug. 27 at Portland (20-14) L  
Sept. 4 vs. Eagleville (19-7) W\*  
Sept. 11 Moore Co. (35-14) L  
Sept. 18 Loretto (18-7)W\*  
Sept. 25 Lawrence Co. (21-20)W  
Oct. 2 Summertown (1-0)W\*\*  
Oct. 16 at Community (33-0)W\*  
Oct. 23 vs. Cascade (17-14) L  
Oct. 30 at Lewis Co. (7-0) L\*  
Nov. 6 E. Hickman (28-7)\*\*\*  
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## 2021 Forrest Rockets Roster

No. 1 Chris Davis RB/LB Junior  
 No. 2 Tayton Swift RB/LB Junior  
 No. 3 Brianna Bishop RB/DB Junior  
 No. 4 Gavin Grissom K Soph  
 No. 6 Liam Bell RB/LB Soph  
 No. 8 Smeat Patel WR/DB Junior  
 No. 9 Brenton Burchell RB/DB Junior  
 No. 10 Noah Helmick RB/DB Fresh  
 No. 11 Micah McClendon RB/DB Junior  
 No. 12 Aiden Cantrell QB/DB Fresh  
 No. 14 Hunter Bennett QB/DB Senior  
 No. 15 Christian Hammond WR/DB Senior  
 No. 16 Bryce Tankersley WR/DB Soph  
 No. 17 Landon Groenvelt RB/LB Soph  
 No. 17 Tyler Ayers WR/DB Junior  
 No. 20 Ava Brown WR/DB Fresh  
 No. 21 Levi Van Patten RB/DB Soph  
 No. 22 Braden Bowyer TE/DE Senior  
 No. 23 Nyles Taylor WR/DB Soph  
 No. 24 Carson Yates TE/LB Soph  
 No. 24 Kasey Jones RB/LB Soph  
 No. 34 Hommie Torre OG/DE Senior  
 No. 38 Blaine Meeks RB/DB Soph  
 No. 40 Dominic Smithson TE/DE Senior  
 No. 42 Matthew Krug WR/DB Soph  
 No. 51 Connor Crawford OT/DE Fresh  
 No. 56 Brayden Jones OG/NG Senior  
 No. 56 Cameron Orr OT/DE Soph  
 No. 57 Jackson Blakemore OT/DE Fresh  
 No. 59 Jesse Lindeman C/DE Soph  
 No. 60 Layne Strasser OG/DE Senior  
 No. 61 Riley Durbin OG/DE Junior  
 No. 65 Kameron Street C/NG Fresh  
 No. 66 Jalen McAdams OG/LB Fresh  
 No. 68 Reggie Pearson OG/DE Soph  
 No. 70 Isaac Burlingame OG/DE Senior  
 No. 71 Luke Allen OT/DE Fresh  
 No. 72 Colton Cashion OT/DE Senior  
 No. 73 Jovoni Monreal OT/DE Fresh  
 No. 74 Damien Street OT/DE Fresh  
 No. 75 Colton Blue OT/DE Junior  
 No. 76 Jordan Bishop OT/DE Junior  
 No. 77 Spence Tankersley OT/DE Soph  
 No. 78 Jackson Wayne OT/DE Fresh  
 No. 79 Mikey Stoddard OT/DE Junior  
 No. 80 McCallister Wilson RB/LB Senior

## Rockets

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ing to go there since I was a freshman and they finally put me there, so I'm just excited to be out there flying around."

Backups are Levi Van Patton and Meeks outside with Grissom and Carson Yates backing up the middle linebackers.

Swift will be the strong safety and Bell is at the free safety position while Burchell and Hammond will man the cornerback position along with Helmick, Ayers, and Smeat Patel.

Backup safeties are Bryce Tankersley and Ayers.

It was a tough deal last year watching

Micah McClendon get seriously injured versus Moore County, but the kid is tough and an inspiration to all of us and his teammates.

McClendon has returned to school, is a fixture at practice, and will always be an integral part of the Forrest football program.

One of his best friends on the team and the player who wore Micah's No. 11 jersey last season is Burchell, who said, "It's hard to talk about it, I knew he was always going to be a great football player and go a long way and be something big someday."

"It's sad to not have him on the field with me because I miss his presence a lot, but it's always great to see him on the sidelines and see that strong face."



# Vikings hoping to build on momentum in '21

By **RICKEY CLARDY**

For the T-G

At the end of the 2020 football season, the Community Vikings started to click after some struggles during the season.

The Vikings showed promise against McEwen, but penalties and mistakes were costly in a loss.

Community closed the season by playing its best football in a 28-20 region win over Summertown.

Coach Chris Grooms hopes the momentum and late season play carry over to the 2021 season.

"We finished the season strong," Grooms said.

"We made some adjustments and moved a lot of people personnel-wise on the defense and even on offense the last couple of games."

"We were getting prepped for this year," Grooms added.

"The defense stepped up and knew what the job was. As long as you simplify the defense, they're able to play fast."

The Vikings kept a regular routine during June in preparation for official practices.

"We did some lifting in the morning and did some 7-on-7s in the afternoon," Grooms said.

"We had them set up to do a couple of tournaments so that's all we really did in June."

Community has been busy by participating in four scrimmages as the 2021 season draws closer.

"The scrimmages have been going great," Grooms said. "We cleaned up some of the mistakes we had."

"Against Nashville Christian we only gave up two big plays, and it was misalignment," Grooms added.

"They knew where they were supposed to be and they just made a mistake."

The Vikings will have 23 sophomores, juniors, and seniors making up the varsity roster.

Community will enjoy the luxury of some experience with 10 of the players coming from the senior class.

As in seasons past, the Viking offense will possess the capability of scoring on big plays.

"That's just how our offense is set up," Grooms said. "Our game plan is pretty decent week in and week out. We try not to depend on the defense the same look. We've got

different looks we can jump in and out of."

Several of the Vikings will be playing both offense and defense, but Grooms is able to get his players some breaks when needed.

"We've got some that go both ways, but we've got it where I can get them off the field," Grooms said.

"We did a good real job as far as personnel planning and moving them around."

"A lot of that came when we were in the building and knew what we had coming back," Grooms added.

"There were some pieces where we were light. We were able to get some of our seniors to do the job."

As with any team, a big part of the success of the Vikings will come by avoiding injuries.

"That's key. We'll make sure they know how to tackle, but we keep the contact down as much as possible," Grooms said.

One big change in 2021 will be the schedule. With an increased enrollment, the Vikings will jump up to Class 3A and will have seven new teams on the schedule.

"We did a pretty good job scheduling," Grooms said. "We kept Lewis County and Cascade, both hard teams to play against."

"I wanted the kids to have fresh looks seeing somebody," Grooms added. "My kids seem to play better when they don't know their opponent. When they tend to know them, they might have a bad taste in their mouth from a year prior."

"It also keeps them under control as far as personality and ego," Grooms said. "When you don't know the guy, you're less likely to be chirping with them and you're just out there playing."

The Vikings will be a part of the five-team Region 4 in Class 3A. Community's region opponents at home will be Grundy County and Cannon County, a team the Vikings beat in a non-region contest last season.

Sequatchie County and Giles County will be the Viking region opponents on the road.

Community will spend a lot of time on the road with six games away from home this season.

The Vikings open their season on August 20 at Lewis County.

After a second road game and a bye during the horse show, the Vikings will play their first home game on September 10 against Perry County.

## 2021 Schedule

Aug. 20 at Lewis Co.  
Aug. 27 at Lookout Valley  
Sept. 3 BYE  
Sept. 10 vs. Perry Co.  
Sept. 17 at Giles Co.\*  
Sept. 24 vs. Cascade

Oct. 1 at Sequatchie Co.\*  
Oct. 8 at Huntland  
Oct. 15 vs. Cannon Co.\*  
Oct. 22 at Hart Co. (Ky.)  
Oct. 29 vs. Grundy Co.\*

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Community begins its first year in Class AAA playing at Lewis County.

### 2021 Vikings Roster

No. 1 Maki Fleming WR/FS Soph  
 No. 2 John Stanley WR/DE Senior  
 No. 3 Dallas Grooms QB/SS Junior  
 No. 6 Jayse Monroe WR/CB Soph  
 No. 7 Jay Dabbs RB/DE Junior  
 No. 8 Riker Reid RB/DE Senior  
 No. 9 Cole Crocket WR/DE Junior  
 No. 10 Tyler Sanders WR/DE Junior  
 No. 12 Braylen Silva WR/CB Senior  
 No. 21 Gavin Garcia RB/TE/LB Junior  
 No. 22 Jordan Stanley WR/CB Junior  
 No. 26 Jordan Land WR/DT Junior  
 No. 50 Hayden Heath TE/H/NG Senior  
 No. 54 Reed Wallace LG/DE Soph  
 No. 55 Brandon Evans RG/DT Senior  
 No. 58 James Bowling LG/LB Soph  
 No. 67 Brycen Davis C/DL Soph  
 No. 72 Luke Underwood LT/DT Senior  
 No. 74 Gabe Stusse OL/DL Senior  
 No. 77 Jordan Lewis RT/DT Senior  
 No. 81 Logan Roberts WR/CB Senior  
 No. 88 Hunter Huggler WR/CB Senior

### 2020 Rewind

Aug. 21 vs. Cornersville (36-6) L  
 Aug. 27 at Moore Co. (41-8) L  
 Sept. 4 at Lewis Co.\* (55-6) L  
 Sept. 11 at Cannon Co (28-20) W  
 Sept. 18 at Eagleville\* (40-8) L  
 Sept. 25 at Cascade (42-6) L  
 Oct. 2 vs. Loretto\* (45-16) L  
 Oct. 16 vs. Forrest\* (33-0) L  
 Oct. 22 at McEwen (36-16) L  
 Oct. 30 vs. Summertown\* (28-20) W

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# Cornersville Bulldogs



## Bulldogs ready for brutal region schedule

By **CHRIS SIERS**  
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It's no secret the Cornersville Bulldogs have to face one of the most difficult Class A regions in the state, including defending state champion Fayetteville.

Posting a 2-3 region record a season ago put Cornersville on a collision course with a talented Huntingdon team that ended the Bulldogs' hopes of a deep postseason run.

For Cornersville to avoid an early playoff exit in 2021, coach Gerard Randolph has high hopes that his team can compete in difficult Region 5-A schedule for better playoff positioning.

"We have to do a better job of competing in our region if we want to make a deeper

run. The last two years we have let a region title slip out of our hands by giving games away. You give yourself a better chance for a deep playoff run by finishing at the top of your region," Randolph said.

"Therefore, you don't have to travel as early, and you can get that higher seed. Cornersville will take it one game at a time, and try to position ourselves to be in the thick of things when it comes to that time."

The expectations are nothing less than to compete for championships at the highest level Division I Class A can provide.

"Our expectations are always the same each and every year for Bulldog football. We expect our guys to go out and play at a high level and compete for championships.

We play in what I think is the toughest region in 1A football, and it's no secret that we have to play really good football each and every time that we get that opportunity," he said.

With last season's preseason scrimmages and seven-on-sevens nixed due to COVID protocols, 2021 has given the Bulldogs every opportunity to put the needed work in to find success this season.

"The uncertainty was very frustrating for football programs last year. This preseason has gone somewhat smoother as far as being able to put a full calendar together, and having some organization in place," Randolph said.

Cornersville aims to lean on a physical approach with a power-run priority, along with a stingy defense that gave up 30 points in just two games a season ago.

"We are more of a power running team this year, that will feature a few backs that can run downhill effectively. We will incorporate some zone concepts along with some power run formations," Randolph said.

Leading the way out of the backfield for the Bulldogs is senior running back Cason Warner.

"Cason will start at the running back position for the third-straight year. Cason is a hard-nose back that continues to get stronger as the game goes on. Ben Franklin will share duties at the running back position this year," Randolph said.

For the starting Bulldog signal caller, Randolph will turn to Caden White to lead the offense in 2021.

"This offseason Caden has done a good job on learning the offense and managing the offense this spring. Hopefully, with a strong running attack this will help Caden be able to keep defenses off balance with his ability to find the open receivers," Randolph added.

Randolph also has high expectations for his defense to be able to get off the field

### 2021 Cornersville Football Roster

- No. 2 Riley Qualls RB/LB Soph
- No. 4 Cason Warner FB/DL Senior
- No. 5 Rhett Woodard RB/LB Senior
- No. 6 Hunter Fitzgerald WR/DB Senior
- No. 7 Lilly Long K Senior
- No. 8 Mason Calahan RB/DB Junior
- No. 9 Blaine Woodard QB/DB Soph
- No. 10 Caden White QB/DB Junior
- No. 11 Logan Springer K/P Fresh
- No. 12 J.P. Bennett WR/DB Fresh
- No. 15 Wesley Pigg FB/LB Soph
- No. 19 Blake Estes WR/DB Junior
- No. 20 Kale Adcox WR/DB Soph
- No. 21 Riley Gillit QB/SS Soph
- No. 22 Khi Canty WR/DB Junior
- No. 24 Kaleb Courtemanche WR/LB Soph
- No. 27 Austin Cooper RB/LB Fresh
- No. 33 Ben Franklin RB/DE Soph
- No. 34 Austin King RB/LB Soph
- No. 38 Jonathan Zuniga RB/LB Soph
- No. 40 Eli Welch WR/DL Senior
- No. 42 Houston Pugh RB/LB Fresh
- No. 48 Tyler Brockman WR/DB Junior
- No. 50 John M. Jeter OL/LB Junior
- No. 51 Sam Mitchell OL/DL Senior
- No. 53 Xavier Viazcan OL/DL Fresh
- No. 54 Barrett Powers OL/DL Senior
- No. 55 Zac McCombs OL/DL Fresh
- No. 56 Bradden Hickman OL/DL Junior
- No. 58 Xander Campbell OL/DL Junior
- No. 63 Trenten Walker OL/DL Soph
- No. 65 Peyton Cherry OL/DL Soph
- No. 66 Parker Sandlin OL/DL Fresh
- No. 70 Blake Jones OL/DL Senior
- No. 72 Sam Wray OL/DL Fresh
- No. 75 Jake Welch OL/DL Soph
- No. 76 Caden Dunn OL/DL Senior
- No. 77 David Metcalf OL/DL Junior
- No. 79 Jacob Ghee OL/DL Fresh
- No. 80 Logan Peete WR/DB Junior
- No. 81 Beau Schillig WR/DB Soph

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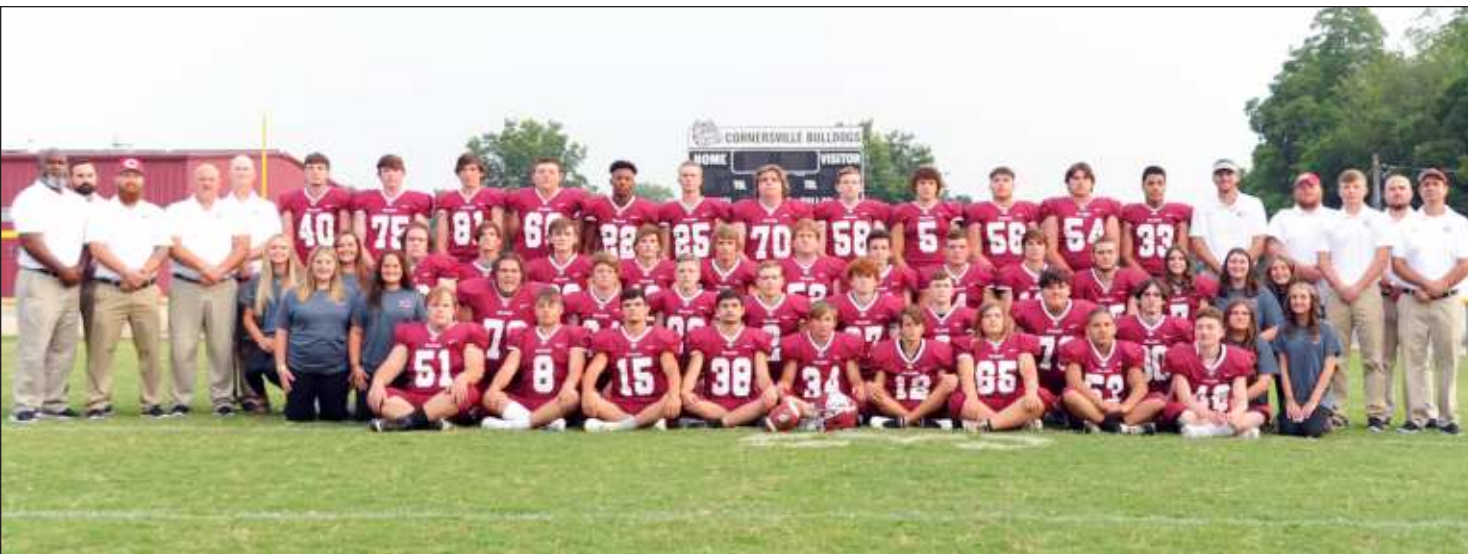


Photo by Chris Siers

The Cornersville Bulldogs will begin the 2021 season at home against Richland on Thursday, August 19.

# Bulldogs

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third down—which will be imperative against a talented region schedule.

“We have always taken pride in playing fast, physical, and aggressive defense. We feel like we have a good effective scheme on defense, and we spend a lot of time on trying to make sure that we do a good job of playing sound technique and fundamental defense. The defense has played well this preseason, and we want them to continue making strides,” he said.

With playmakers on both sides of the ball, a veteran senior class will be the glue that holds the team together and help position Cornersville to compete for a region title this season.

“We feel really good about this senior class that will be leading this team. Barrett

Powers is a senior offensive guard and defensive end. We look for Barrett to be a dominating force on both sides of the ball. Barrett will anchor an offensive line with three other seniors on it. Sam Mitchell will start at center for us,” Randolph said.

In the era of COVID, keeping a team healthy from an athletic perspective, as well as a health perspective, will play a pivotal role in how far the Bulldogs can press through the season.

“We feel like the strength of this team is up front. We have some powerful backs that can carry the football behind them. If those guys will dominate up front and open holes, then I think we have very capable backs on offense to carry the load,” Randolph said.

The recipe for success is fairly simple—Cornersville will rely on White to keep the chains moving and a hard-nosed defense to generate key stops along the way.

“If Caden can take what the defense

gives him on offense I think we can definitely keep defenses off balance. Defensively, we have to be stingy. Defense is all about “want to!” We need everybody to play at a high level on defense, and I think good things will happen for us,” Randolph said.

Cornersville opens the 2021 season on August 19 at home against Richland.

## 2021 Cornersville Schedule

- Aug. 19 vs. Richland
- Aug. 27 at Forrest
- Sept. 3 at Huntland\*
- Sept. 10 vs. Clay Co.
- Sept. 17 vs. Collinwood\*
- Sept. 24 at Eagleville\*
- Oct. 1 vs. Fayetteville\*
- Oct. 8 BYE
- Oct. 15 at Wayne Co.\*
- Oct. 22 vs. Moore Co.\*

\*Denotes Region 5-A game

## 2020 Rewind

- Aug. 21 at Community (36-6) W
- Aug. 29 vs. Eagleville (35-13) W
- Sept. 4 vs. Moore Co. (33-23) L\*
- Sept. 11 at Grace Christian (32-22) W
- Sept. 18 at Mt. Pleasant (1-0) W\*\*
- Sept. 25 at MTCS (13-7) W
- Oct. 2 vs. Fayetteville (14-7) L\*
- Oct. 16 at Richland (30-13) W\*
- Oct. 23 vs. Huntland (24-14) L\*
- Oct. 30 vs. Zion Christian (32-27) W
- Nov. 6 at Huntingdon (48-8) L\*\*\*

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- No. 27 Connor Kilgore 8th
- No. 28 Gunnar Boles 8th
- No. 32 Zethan Atwood Junior
- No. 50 Jackson Simpkins Fresh
- No. 52 Knox Wimberley Junior
- No. 54 Austin Smith Soph
- No. 57 Cyrion Grace Fresh
- No. 58 Jack Butts Fresh
- No. 70 Benson Harris Junior
- No. 71 Andrew Lawson Senior
- No. 72 Rett Davis Junior
- No. 73 Hughes Bradley Fresh
- No. 74 Roman Tavares Senior
- No. 76 Thomas Whitaker Fresh
- No. 77 Ryan Lawson Fresh

**By WILL CARTER**

For the T-G

With a little over a month left of summer, there is another season approaching.

As the late, great John Ward would say, "It's football time in Tennessee."

More importantly, it's football time in Bell Buckle for Coach Kyle Turnbow and the Webb Feet.

Turnbow is on the cusp of his second season of leading the Feet football program.

Given that last season was plagued by Covid-19 and constant "what if" moments, the Feet are ready to get back on the field and compete.

Turnbow's first season at the helm wasn't the most successful looking at the box scores, having turned in a 3-6 overall record and 2-5 in Division AA East, but the past year has been difficult for most schools.

With 2020 in the rearview, Turnbow is focused on taking the needed steps to compete at a high level in 2021.

"A big part of it is our numbers. We're finally able to practice 11-on-11 which helps with the competition and educational sides. The second part of it is physicality. It's one thing to tackle somebody, and another to want to tackle."

"We've gotten better at it, but it's definitely something we want to continue to

progress. The intensity is there."

Making the jump from eight-man to 11-man football is a high task in itself.

Add playing in Division II football in that mix and the mountain to climb is even higher.

The Webb Feet have done just that.

Even with that mountain, Turnbow looks to improve moving forward.

"There are teams in our division that can compete and beat AAAA and AAAAA schools. It's the type of league that has SEC and college football players in it.

"We might have 1A by our league, but it's very talented. We're talented too, but we're young. I think we'll be most improved in the division"

The backbone of any team are the leaders who set the tone.

While the Feet are young throughout the roster, there are many that possess the qualities needed to lead.

Among those are senior quarterback Weston Coop and junior center Rett Davis.

"He's (Coop) the type of kid that can do just about anything. Off the field and on the field he's in leadership positions.," Turnbow said.

"The center touches the ball every play. No other position on the field does that. Rett plays center on offense, and middle linebacker on defense. So he's the quarter-

back on defense, and he's responsible for the exchange on offense."

"He's a vocal leader, and he's done a good job so far."

Similarly, every team needs playmakers and athletes that can contribute to the team's success.

For the Feet, the majority of their playmakers are young which is promising for the future.

Additionally, there are some upperclassmen that Turnbow is excited to watch hit the field.

"Weston Coop can throw it 60 yards without hesitation, and he makes great reads when we run the option."

Khi Harris is another senior that makes his presence known on the gridiron.

Harris plays all over the field, but he has fought through injuries the last couple seasons.

"If he's injury free, he's a very dynamic player," Turnbow said.

Of the youth on the team, many are eighth-graders.

One that is highly regarded among the Feet roster is Justus Haggard who plays wide receiver and carries the ball on occasion.

"Justus Haggard is an eighth grader, but he has no fear. He's very talented," Turnbow said.

The "bruiser" for the Feet is junior Zethan Atwood.

Atwood plays tight end, but will also see some time in the backfield as fullback.

"He's always looking to run someone over. We should have plenty to go around with those guys on the field," Turnbow said.

The goal every season is to win games and compete in the playoffs.

While Turnbow recognizes they want to win, his main focus is to help his players grow as men.

"Obviously I want to win, but it means more to me to see guys years down the road doing what they're supposed to and acting like they're supposed to. We want to make

### 2021 Schedule

- Aug. 20 vs. Red Boiling Springs
- Aug. 27 vs. Clarksville Acad.
- Sept. 3 at Mt. Juliet Christian
- Sept. 10 vs. Cannon Co.
- Sept. 24 vs. Grace Christian
- Oct. 1 at Friendship Christian\*
- Oct. 8 BYE
- Oct. 15 at MTCS\*
- Oct. 22 Kings Academy\*
- Oct. 29 Lakeway Christian\*

### 2020 Rewind

- Aug. 27 vs. DCA (50-6) L\*
- Sept. 4 Grace Baptist (39-26) W\*
- Sept. 11 Tennessee Heat (41-8) W
- Sept. 18 Kings Academy (56-6) L\*
- Sept. 25 Grace Christian (45-12) L\*
- Oct. 9 Mt. Juliet Christian (21-20) W\*
- Oct. 23 at Friendship Christian (34-0) L\*
- Oct. 30 vs. MTCS (38-14) L\*
- Nov. 6 at Nashville Christian (54-26) L\*\*

\*Denotes Div. II Class A East Region game

\*\* Denotes Div. II Class A state playoff game

\*Denotes Div. II Class A East Region game





Submitted photo

The Webb School will begin the 2021 season with its home opener against Red Boiling Springs.

# Webb

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to make this Webb community proud, and we also want to make Bedford County proud.”

Kickoff against Red Boiling Springs is right around the corner for the Webb Feet.

With that in mind, Turnbow and staff are looking to buff out any glaring mistakes

before they take the field on August 20th.

“We have the check, we just have to cash it. We’re just looking in that area between our first and second scrimmage for things we can polish. We just want to keep improving on making things faster and better as we get closer to game one.”

Due to their new turf field on track to be finished after the season opener, Webb’s game against Red Boiling Springs will be away.



**Good luck to all  
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# Region 3-AAAAAA Master Schedule

## Thursday, Aug. 19

Shelbyville vs. Tullahoma  
Cookeville vs. Upperman

## Friday, Aug. 20

Coffee Co. at Franklin Co.  
Lebanon vs. Antioch  
Warren Co. vs. DeKalb Co.

## Friday, Aug. 27

Coffee Co. vs. Tullahoma  
Shelbyville at Marshall Co.  
Cookeville vs. Livingston Acad.  
Lebanon at Wilson Central  
Warren Co. vs. White Co.

## Friday, Sept. 3

Coffee Co. at Shelbyville  
Cookeville vs. Lebanon  
Warren Co. at Ridgeway

## Friday, Sept. 10

Coffee Co. vs. Page  
Shelbyville at Riverdale  
Cookeville at White Co.  
Lebanon at Siegel  
Warren Co. vs. Mt. Juliet

## Friday, Sept. 17

Coffee Co. at Lebanon  
Shelbyville – BYE  
Cookeville vs. Warren Co.

## Friday, Sept. 24

Coffee Co. at Spring Hill  
Shelbyville vs. Kenwood  
Cookeville vs. Gallatin  
Lebanon at Lincoln Co.  
Warren Co. at Siegel

## Friday, Oct. 1

Coffee Co. vs. Warren Co.  
Shelbyville at Lebanon  
Cookeville at Alcoa

## Friday, Oct. 8

Coffee Co. – BYE  
Shelbyville vs. Hendersonville  
Cookeville – BYE  
Lebanon vs. Mt. Juliet  
Warren Co. – BYE

## Friday, Oct. 15

Coffee Co. vs. Cookeville

Shelbyville vs. Warren Co.  
Lebanon – BYE

## Friday, Oct. 22

Coffee Co. vs. Rockvale  
Shelbyville vs. Summit  
Cookeville vs. Blackman  
Lebanon vs. Gallatin  
Warren Co. at Franklin Co.

## Thursday, Oct. 28

Shelbyville vs. Cookeville

## Friday, Oct. 29

Coffee Co. at Rhea Co.  
Lebanon at Warren Co.

## Region 3-AAAAAA Teams 2020 Record

Coffee Co. (4-6, 2-5)  
Cookeville (6-4, 3-4)  
Lebanon (5-5, 1-4)  
Shelbyville (7-3, 4-1)  
Warren Co. (8-3, 5-2)



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# Region 5-AAAA Master Schedule

## Thursday, Aug. 19

Pearl-Cohn at Cane Ridge  
Tullahoma at Shelbyville

## Friday, Aug. 20

Marshall Co. at Columbia  
Creek Wood vs. Dickson Co.  
Glenciff at Cheatham Co.  
Greenbrier at Springfield  
Hillwood at Kenwood  
Lawrence Co. vs. Summertown  
Montgomery Central at Sycamore

## Friday, Aug. 27

Marshall Co. vs. Columbia  
Creek Wood at Fairview  
Glenciff vs. Whites Creek  
Greenbrier vs. White House  
Hillwood vs. McGavock  
Lawrence Co. at Loretto  
Montgomery Central vs. Clarksville NE  
Pearl-Cohn at MBA  
Tullahoma at Coffee Co.

## Thursday, Sept. 2

Hillwood vs. Pearl-Cohn

## Friday, Sept. 3

Marshall Co. vs. Creek Wood  
Glenciff at Greenbrier  
Lawrence Co. vs. Montgomery Central  
Montgomery Central at Lawrence Co.  
Tullahoma – BYE

## Friday, Sept. 10

Marshall Co. at Tullahoma  
Creek Wood vs. Pearl-Cohn  
Glenciff – BYE  
Greenbrier at Lawrence Co.  
Hillwood at Montgomery Central

## Friday, Sept. 17

Marshall Co. at Hillwood  
Creek Wood vs. Tullahoma  
Glenciff at Montgomery Central  
Greenbrier – BYE  
Lawrence Co. at Pearl-Cohn

## Friday, Sept. 24

Marshall Co. – BYE  
Creek Wood vs. Montgomery Central  
Glenciff vs. Lawrence Co.

Greenbrier vs. Hillwood  
Pearl-Cohn at Tullahoma

## Friday, Oct. 1

Marshall Co. vs. Lawrence Co.  
Creek Wood – BYE  
Glenciff vs. Pearl-Cohn  
Greenbrier at Montgomery Central  
Hillwood vs. Tullahoma

## Thursday, Oct. 7

Glenciff vs. Hillwood

## Friday, Oct. 8

Marshall Co. vs. Pearl-Cohn  
Creek Wood at Greenbrier  
Montgomery Central at Tullahoma

## Friday, Oct. 15

Marshall Co. vs. Glenciff  
Creek Wood at Hillwood  
Greenbrier at Pearl-Cohn  
Lawrence Co. vs. Tullahoma

## Friday, Oct. 22

Marshall Co. at Montgomery Central

Glenciff vs. Creek Wood  
Greenbrier at Tullahoma  
Hillwood at Lawrence Co.  
Pearl-Cohn – BYE

## Friday, Oct. 29

Marshall Co. at Greenbrier  
Creek Wood vs. Lawrence Co.  
Glenciff vs. Tullahoma  
Hillwood – BYE  
Montgomery Central at Pearl-Cohn

## Region 5-AAAA Teams 2020 Record

Creek Wood (10-2, 5-1)  
Glenciff (0-7, 0-5)  
Greenbrier (4-4, 2-4)  
Hillwood (3-3, 2-2)  
Lawrence Co. (4-6, 1-3)  
Marshall Co. (9-3, 3-2)  
Montgomery Central (2-5, 1-4)  
Pearl-Cohn (9-1, 4-0)  
Tullahoma (12-1, 5-0)

# Region 5-AA Master Schedule

## Friday, Aug. 19

Richland at Cornersville

## Friday, Aug. 20

Forrest at Eagleville  
Cascade vs. Moore Co.  
Summertown at Lawrence

Co.  
Loretto at Collinwood  
Mt. Pleasant vs. E.  
Hickman

## Friday, Aug. 27

Forrest vs. Cornersville  
Cascade at Cannon Co.  
Summertown at Wayne Co.  
Richland – BYE  
Loretto vs. Lawrence Co.  
Mt. Pleasant at Scotts Hill

## Friday, Sept. 3

Forrest vs. Loretto  
Cascade at Mt. Pleasant  
Summertown vs. Richland

## Friday, Sept. 10

Forrest at Moore Co.  
Cascade vs. Huntland  
Summertown vs.

Collinwood

Richland vs. Hickman Co.  
Loretto vs. Wayne Co.  
Mt. Pleasant at Whitwell

## Friday, Sept. 17

Forrest vs. Summertown  
Cascade at Richland  
Loretto vs. Mt. Pleasant

## Friday, Sept. 24

Forrest at Marion Co.  
Cascade at Community  
Summertown – BYE  
Richland vs. FACS  
Loretto at Lewis Co.  
Mt. Pleasant vs. Columbia

## Friday, Oct. 1

Forrest at Cascade  
Summertown vs. Loretto  
Richland at Mt. Pleasant

## Friday, Oct. 8

Forrest – BYE  
Cascade vs. Jo Byrns  
Summertown – BYE  
Richland vs. Collinwood  
Loretto at Moore Co.  
Mt. Pleasant – BYE

## Friday, Oct. 15

Forrest at Richland  
Cascade at Loretto  
Summertown vs. Mt.  
Pleasant

## Friday, Oct. 22

Forrest vs. E. Robertson  
Cascade – BYE  
Summertown vs. Lewis Co.  
Richland at E. Hickman  
Loretto – BYE  
Mt. Pleasant vs. Spring Hill

## Friday, Oct. 29

Forrest vs. Mt. Pleasant  
Cascade vs. Summertown  
Richland at Loretto

## Region 5-AA Teams 2020 Record

Forrest (7-5, 4-1)  
Cascade (5-6, 1-4)  
Loretto (5-6, 2-3)  
Mt. Pleasant (1-9, 0-5)  
Richland (3-6, 1-4)  
Summertown (4-7, 0-5)

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# Region 5-A Master Schedule

**Thursday, Aug. 19**  
Cornersville vs. Richland

**Friday, Aug. 20**  
Huntland – BYE  
Fayetteville vs. Watertown  
Eagleville vs. Forrest  
Moore Co. at Cascade  
Wayne Co. at Hickman Co.  
Collinwood vs. Loretto

**Friday, Aug. 27**  
Cornersville at Forrest  
Huntland vs. Whitwell  
Fayetteville at Lewis Co.  
Eagleville vs. Houston Co.  
Moore Co. at Bledsoe Co.  
Wayne Co. vs. Summertown  
Collinwood – BYE

**Friday, Sept. 3**  
Cornersville at Huntland

Fayetteville vs. Wayne Co.  
Eagleville vs. Moore Co.  
Collinwood vs. Grace Christian

**Friday, Sept. 10**  
Cornersville vs. Clay Co.  
Huntland at Cascade  
Fayetteville vs. Upperman  
Eagleville at Gordonsville  
Moore Co. vs. Forrest  
Wayne Co. at Loretto  
Collinwood at Summertown

**Friday, Sept. 17**  
Cornersville vs. Collinwood  
Huntland at Wayne Co.  
Fayetteville at Moore Co.  
Eagleville – BYE

**Friday, Sept. 24**  
Cornersville at Eagleville  
Huntland vs. Lookout Valley

Moore Co. vs. Wayne Co.  
Fayetteville vs. Collinwood

**Friday, Oct. 1**  
Cornersville vs. Fayetteville  
Huntland at Collinwood  
Eagleville at Wayne Co.  
Moore Co. – BYE

**Friday, Oct. 8**  
Cornersville – BYE  
Huntland vs. Community  
Fayetteville – BYE  
Eagleville – BYE  
Moore Co. vs. Loretto  
Wayne Co. – BYE  
Collinwood at Richland

**Friday, Oct. 15**  
Cornersville at Wayne Co.  
Huntland at Eagleville  
Fayetteville at Red Bank

Moore Co. vs. Collinwood

**Friday, Oct. 22**  
Cornersville vs. Moore Co.  
Huntland vs. Fayetteville  
Eagleville at Collinwood  
Wayne Co. vs. MTCS

**Friday, Oct. 29**  
Huntland vs. Moore Co.  
Fayetteville vs. Eagleville  
Wayne Co. at Collinwood

**Region 5-A Teams 2020 Record**  
Cornersville (7-4, 2-3)  
Eagleville (5-6, 3-2)  
Moore Co. (11-2, 4-1)  
Wayne Co. (5-6, 4-2)  
Collinwood (7-6, 5-1)  
Huntland (7-5, 3-2)  
Fayetteville (13-2, 5-0)

## Div. II Class A East Region Master Schedule

**Friday, Aug. 20**  
Friendship Christian vs. Trousdale Co.  
Webb vs. Red Boiling Springs  
Lakeway Christian at Grace Christian  
MTCS vs. DCA  
King's Acad. at CAK

**Friday, Aug. 27**  
Friendship Christian at MJCS  
Webb vs. Clarksville Acad.  
Lakeway Christian vs. Midway  
MTCS at Grace Christian  
King's Acad. vs. Meigs Co.

**Friday, Sept. 3**  
Friendship Christian at DCA  
Webb at MJCS  
Lakeway Christian vs. N. Greene  
MTCS vs. Clarksville Acad.  
King's Acad. at Howard

**Friday, Sept. 10**  
Friendship Christian at Grace Christian  
Webb vs. Cannon Co.  
Lakeway Christian vs. Asheville School  
(N.C.)  
MTCS vs. MJCS  
King's Acad. vs. Grace Christian

**Friday, Sept. 17**  
Friendship Christian vs. King's Academy  
Webb – BYE  
Lakeway Christian – BYE  
MTCS at Trinity Christian

**Friday, Sept. 24**  
Friendship Christian vs. Maplewood  
Webb vs. Grace Christian

Lakeway Christian at MTCS  
King's Acad. vs. Swain Co. (N.C.)

**Friday, Oct. 1**  
Friendship Christian vs. Webb  
Lakeway Christian vs. Christian Heritage  
(Ga.)  
MTCS at King's Acad.

**Friday, Oct. 8**  
Friendship Christian – BYE  
Webb – BYE  
Lakeway Christian vs. King's Acad.  
MTCS – BYE

**Friday, Oct. 15**  
Friendship Christian at Memphis  
Nighthawks  
Webb at MTCS  
Lakeway Christian – BYE

King's Acad. – BYE

**Friday, Oct. 22**  
Friendship Christian at Lakeway  
Christian  
Webb vs. King's Acad.  
MTCS at Wayne Co.

**Friday, Oct. 29**  
Friendship Christian at MTCS  
Webb at Lakeway Christian  
King's Acad. – BYE

**Div. II Class A East Region Teams  
2020 Record**  
Friendship Christian (7-3, 5-2)  
Lakeway Christian (1-6)  
MTCS (6-6, 5-2)  
King's Academy (8-3, 5-2)  
Webb (3-6, 2-5)



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# Sports must endure and we'll be there for it all

Last season was an unprecedented time for sports. In March 2020, nobody on the planet knew when or even if sports would resume.

For those of us in the sports industry, questions about our livelihoods and professions swirled—what did the future look like?

Nobody knew.

But we endured.

While summer 2020 ushered in one of the strangest times for athletes at every level of competition, one thing endured—the will to persevere.

That's something society needs to embrace as we continue to navigate an ever-changing sports landscape.

Everything we love about our beloved sports can be taken from us in an instant.

When the fall season of 2020 rolled around, nobody knew how long sports

would be allowed to continue due to health concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It felt like each week could possibly be our last seeing football, volleyball, soccer or golf.

But we endured.

If anything can be taken away from the last year it's how important sports, like football, mean to society.

Fans, players and coaches alike get a chance to step away from the turmoil of the world, if even for just a few hours, and embrace the victories and defeats of our respective teams.

Memories that will last a lifetime—things like scoring a game-winning touchdown, winning a state championship, winning an upset victory, carrying on a family legacy—all things that could be gone forever if sports aren't allowed to continue.

One of the biggest positives we can take away from playing sports through a pandemic is we've been here before and we've navigated it together.

The great thing about sports like football is it gives everybody a chance to unite in an era where division is commonplace in every other aspect of society.

Sure, we're going to tow the line against our most heated rivals and we're going to be passionate when we win.

But it gives people a chance of all backgrounds, beliefs and perspectives to come together for a single cause.

That's something that must continue.

As stated, it can all be taken from us in an instant, but one thing is for certain—the staff of the Times-Gazette and Tribune

will be there on the sidelines to capture it all.

A lot can be captured through the lens of a camera.

A lot can be captured through a simple game story from a typical Friday night.

But those games, those memories, must endure for society.

Friday nights in the fall carry a special place among all sports fans.

With numerous books, television shows and movies carrying the very name, Fridays in the fall carry such a special place and it's with great privilege we get to deliver the news from every single game.

As long as games are allowed to continue, we'll be out there.

We'll endure. We must.

See you on Friday.

-Chris Siers, Times-Gazette & Marshall County Tribune Sports Editor

# TSSAA updates fall sports guidelines and protocols

## Recommendations provided with health and safety as a priority

### TSSAA Media

While the upcoming school year certainly looks much different than last year, COVID-19 is still an issue that member schools across the state will continue to deal with. Providing a safe environment for student-athletes to practice and participate in high school sports is something that administrators across the state will be striving to do amidst the ongoing pandemic.

A memo outlining updated guidelines and protocols for the fall sports

season was sent to administrators of member schools recently. The information provided to schools is as follows:

In the absence of policy at the school or school district level, TSSAA encourages member schools to follow recommendations for face coverings and social distancing from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

In the absence of policy at the school or school district level, students who have been in close contact with a person with suspected or

confirmed COVID-19 should follow recommendations for quarantine from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

All students who have tested positive for COVID-19 must receive clearance from a medical provider prior to resuming activities with his/her team. If a student tests positive for COVID-19 and subsequently receives his/her pre-participation physical and is cleared to play, no additional clearance is required. All coaches and students who are confirmed or sus-

pected positive for COVID-19 should follow recommendations for release from isolation from the CDC when considering a return to practice or activities.

These new guidelines will hopefully provide the administration of every member school the knowledge needed to make informed decisions concerning their athletic programs as we continue to battle this coronavirus.



# **GOOD LUCK TO OUR BOYS OF FALL**

**As we kick off another exciting football season, we'd like to wish our high school football teams good luck and much success. You're the best on the field, and we'll be cheering for you!**



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