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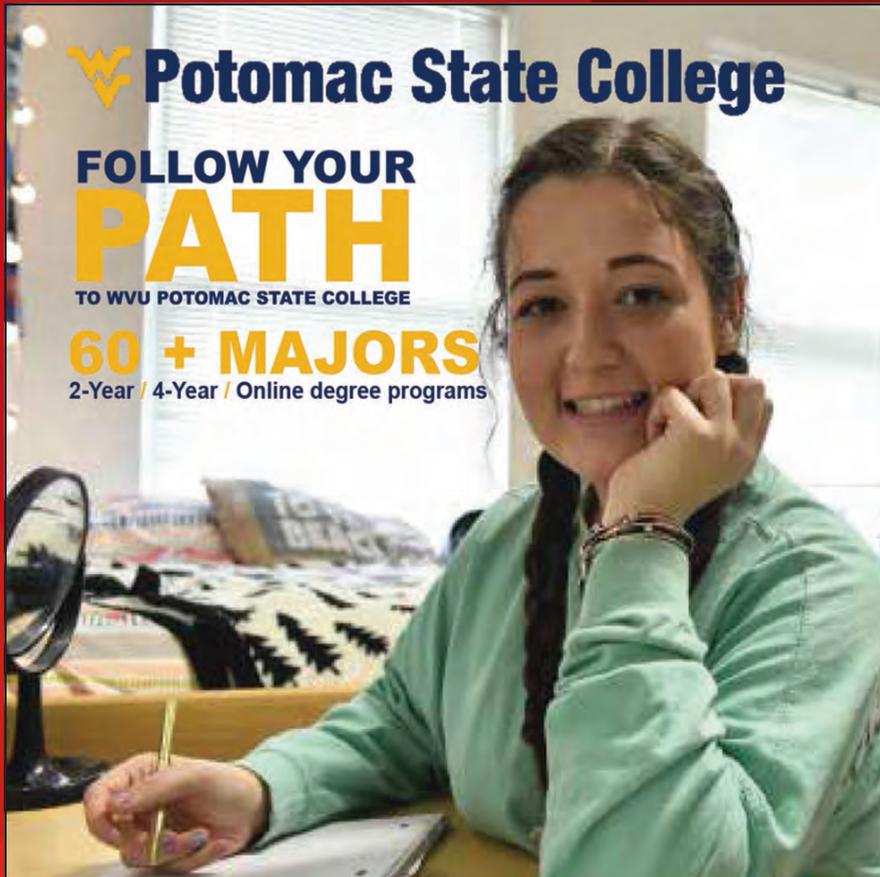
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BUCKHANNON-UPSHUR HIGH SCHOOL

BUCCANEERS



The Inter-Mountain photo by Joey Kittle

Zach Davis is entering his third season as the Buckhannon-Upshur head coach.



DAVIS

Head coach: Zach Davis
(third season, 8-12)

2022 record: 5-5

2023 schedule

Aug. 25: Bridgeport, 7 p.m.

Sept. 1: at Ripley, 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 8: at Philip Barbour, 7 p.m.

Sept. 15: at Elkins, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22: Morgantown, 7 p.m.

Sept. 29: University, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 6: Lewis County, 7 p.m.

Oct. 13: at Oak Hill, 7 p.m.

Oct. 20: at Grafton, 7 p.m.

Oct. 27: Preston, 7 p.m.

2022 results

Bridgeport, L, 63-7

Ripley, W, 13-6

Philip Barbour, W, 26-22

John Marshall, L, 31-7

University, L, 49-7

Lewis County, L, 35-34

Oak Hill, L, 27-7

Grafton, W, 48-0

Preston, W, 25-12

Elkins, W, 27-0

KEEPING THE MOMENTUM

Bucs ended the 2022 campaign on a three-game winning streak

By Joey Kittle
Sports Editor

TENNERTON — Buckhannon-Upshur looks to keep the momentum of last season's late surge into the 2023 campaign.

"We finally got healthy and got some players back," said Zach Davis, whose team won three straight games to close the 2022 campaign. "We played some nice competition

and finished real well."

Unfortunately, several key players were lost to graduation but when preseason practice got underway, the Bucs and Davis had 55 players report for drills.

"That's good numbers for us," the third-year coach said. "I know some schools are getting players in the era of the transfer portal but our program tries to do it the right way —

“We finally got healthy and got some players back. We played some nice competition and finished real well.”

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Zach Davis,
B-U coach

Bucs

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With the loss of leading rusher and all-Big 10 Conference first-team selection Savion Farmer, who rushed for 1,500 yards in 2022, and fullback Eli Bryant to graduation, B-U has several players competing at running back.

The front-runners include seniors Bryson Johnston (6-foot 1, 170 pounds), Luke Yardley (6-1, 215) and junior Wyatt Morris (6-0, 168).

“Our backs will share the carries. I’m an old offensive lineman and we’re going to run the ball with some play action,” Davis said.

With the loss of three-year starter Ian Donnen, Dawson Tenney will be at quarterback. Tenney (5-11, 165) saw action last year as a freshman.

Hauling in receptions from Dawson include junior receiver Carter Zuliani (6-4, 218), sophomore receiver Cooper Antolini (5-2, 117) and sophomore tight end Levi Posey (6-3, 180). Johnston will also see time at the receiver spot, while Davis said 6-4, 156-pound senior Ian Strader, who didn’t play last season, has looked good in preseason drills.

Up front, the coach returns an experienced and big line.

“We have six good players on our line and you have that to play the physical brand of football in North Central West Virginia,”

Davis said.

Seniors Ryan Kelley (6-7, 349), Blake Runyon (5-10, 231), Ryan Thompson (6-2, 271) and Jeremy Streets (6-1, 188), along with junior Darren Daugherty (6-2, 324) will anchor the line.

Kelley was an all-Big 10 Conference selection last year on a line that helped the Bucs rush for nearly 3,000 yards.

Defensively, the offensive linemen will rotate along the front wall, with Runyon, Yardley and Kayson Ball (anchoring the linebacker spots).

Runyon earned all-Big 10 first-team laurels in 2022 on the defensive side.

Zuliani will also see time at the end or linebacker spots.

Johnston, Morris, juniors Daniel Hedrick and Chase Hackett and senior Drake Davis are names to watch for in the secondary.

B-U faces a challenging schedule, which includes Bridgeport (in the opener), Morgantown and University.

“Us, along with Preston and Hampshire, are triple-A teams in rural areas,” coach Davis said. “Most of the teams from our area are in double-A. We are competing with other triple-A teams that have enrollments of 2,000 or so, while we have around 1,100 but realisti-



The Inter-Mountain photo by Joey Kittle

Sophomore Dawson Tenney will guide the Bucs on offense at quarterback after the graduation loss of Ian Donnen.

cally draw from 600.”

Davis added he loves coaching at B-U.

“I’m very blessed to be here and being able to coach where

there is only one high school in the county, which is what I always wanted to do.

“Buckhannon and Upshur County is a beautiful place. I

know we are having some hard times with our school system right now but hopefully this team can provide some positives the county needs right now.”





ELKINS HIGH SCHOOL

TIGERS



The Inter-Mountain photo by Joey Kittle

Jimmy Hankins, shown directing a preseason drills, is entering his third season as the Elkins High School football coach.

FOCUSED ON FOOTBALL

Tigers look for success after several seasons of off-the-field issues

By Joey Kittle
Sports Editor

ELKINS — Elkins High School coach Jimmy Hankins was pleased during the preseason when a new addition to the coaching staff made a comment.

“Everything seems normal in regards to football here,” the assistant told Hankins, entering his third season at the helm.

During Hankins’ tenure, how-

ever, the Tiger football program has been anything but normal.

“It’s been tough the last few years,” Hankins said. “But the boys didn’t quit and neither did I.

“It could have been real easy to just pack it in, but the players fought hard in every game and the ones that are now juniors and seniors have been with me from the start.”

From having to play mostly road games as the new field at

“It could have been real easy to just pack it in, but the players fought hard in every game and the ones that are now juniors and seniors have been with me from the start.”

EHS was being completed, to a shortage of equipment and player numbers, the tradition-rich pro-

gram was near rock bottom.

But through hard work —

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HANKINS

Head coach: Jimmy Hankins (third season, 1-19)

2022 record: 1-9

2023 schedule

Aug. 25: Liberty, 7 p.m.

Sept. 1: at Lincoln, 7 p.m.

Sept. 8: at Lewis County, 7 p.m.

Sept. 15: Buckhannon-Upshur, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22: at Philip Barbour, 7 p.m.

Sept. 29: Grafton, 7 p.m.

Oct. 6: North Marion, 7 p.m.

Oct. 20: East Fairmont, 7 p.m.

Oct. 27: at Fairmont Senior, 7 p.m.

Nov. 3: at Robert C. Byrd, 7 p.m.

2022 results

Liberty, L, 21-20

Lewis County, L, 47-7

Robert C. Byrd, L, 49-7

Philip Barbour, L, 48-0

Grafton, W, 16-0

North Marion, L, 44-7

Lincoln, L, 42-14

Frankfort, L, 50-13

Fairmont Senior, L, 42-13

Buckhannon-Upshur, L, 27-0



The Inter-Mountain photos by Joey Kittle

Members of the Elkins High School offensive line take part in a drill during preseason practice.



Junior running back Nick Bowers returns after leading the Tigers in rushing in 2022.

Tigers

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from the players and coaching staff — the Tigers seem to be able to now concentrate on just playing ball.

“My first year we had no returning starters,” Hankins said. “All of our games were on the road and we had to practice on the baseball field.

“Now we have one of the best fields in the state and our number of players out for the team has increased.

“I knew (when I took the job) that we had to have patience because we were starting from scratch — and through hard work, we are now seeing improvements and I’m happy for the kids, especially our juniors and seniors.”

Elkins currently has 34 players on the roster but more additions were expected to happen

over the preseason.

Plenty of experience is also back, especially at the skill positions.

Three of the four top rushers from last season are back in juniors Nick Bowers and Riley Rider, along with senior Andrew McGilberry.

Bowers, despite missing time on offense last year due to an injury, led the team with 388 yards on 116 carries with two scores, while Rider added 120 yards from the fullback spot and McGilberry nearly 100 yards and one touchdown.

Tavon Phillips, Jayden Harding and Dylan Fortney are also in line for some carries.

“Fortney has had a great preseason for us for being a freshman,” Hankins said. “He reminds me of how Nick was

his first year and that’s quite a compliment.”

Todd Vandevender returns at quarterback and Hankins expects a big season from the senior.

“This is Todd’s third year as a starter,” Hankins said. “He is basically an athlete playing quarterback and knows our offense. He makes the calls at the line and gets our offense going in the right direction.

“His arm is a lot stronger and this is the best version of him at quarterback we’ve had and we’ll need his leadership.”

Returning at receiver are seniors Christian Lopez and 6-foot-3 Cayden Ramirez, who the coach says has grown two inches and put on 20 pounds.

Along the front line, two starters were lost to graduation.

Veterans back include seniors Aaron Sharp and Nick Bonner, who have both played center, junior Aiden Lambert, who has started since he was a freshman, and sophomore Cam Warner.

Devin Hulver and Owen Stanley are new additions.

“Both Hulver and Stanley will play as freshman, which is not ideal, but they are not your average freshman,” Hankins said.

Defensively, leading tackler and all-Big 10 Conference selection Rider will lead the unit from his linebacker spot.

The front will consist of the offensive lineman and Vandevender, Sharp. McGilberry and Ramirez will join Rider at the linebacker spots.

Ramirez, who blocked a punt

and four extra-point attempts last season, was second behind Rider in tackles in 2022.

Bowers and Lopez return at free safety and cornerback, respectively.

“The strength of our defense will be at linebacker and secondary,” Hankins said. “Rider is a tackling machine and Lopez, despite his size, covers the other team’s best receivers and had some big games for us last season.”

A concern for the coach is up front.

“We are definitely a little thin on the defensive line,” he said. “And we’ll have a lot of new faces up there that are inexperienced.”

On special teams, kicker-punter Isaac Sigley was lost

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to graduation after being an all-Big 10 first-team selection last year.

“Losing Isaac is big for us, especially on place-kicking and kicking off,” Hankins said. “He was pretty consistent for us last year and was a great weapon with his field goals and putting the ball into the end zone on kick-offs and forcing the other team to drive the length of the field.”

Hankins said three of four different players are competing for the duties.

“Everyone claims to be a kicker,” Hankins said with a laugh. “We’ll narrow it down to three or four and see who can be the most consistent.”

The Tigers’ 2023 schedule

is against Big 10 Conference schools only.

“Our conference is very tough. Our schedule last season was ranked the seventh hardest in the state and this year it’s fifth,” Hankins said. “But I like playing the good teams because if you get a win, you know you earned it.”

Elkins opens the season Aug. 25 at home against Liberty.

The Tigers, meanwhile, will face old rival Buckhannon-Upshur at home this season in Week 4, instead of the regular-season finale.

The remainder of the slate includes Philip Barbour, Grafton Lewis County, Fairmont Senior, Lincoln, Robert C. Byrd, East Fairmont and North Marion.



Elkins players participate in a blocking drill in preseason practice.

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Todd Vandevender enters his third season as the Tiger starting quarterback.

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 East Hardy at Wahama
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 Pendleton County at Green-
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 Madonna at Wellsville
 (Ohio)

Van at Meadow Bridge
 River View at Mount View
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 Williamstown at
 Ravenswood
 Richwood at Webster County
 Tyler Consolidated at Ritchie
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 Hurley (Va.) at Sherman
 Wirt County at South
 Harrison
 Valley-Wetzel at Tygarts
 Valley

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 Morgantown at Bridgeport
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Cabell Midland at Spring Valley	Parkersburg at Riverside
Hurricane at Capital Blazer (Ky.) at George Washington	Parkersburg South at University
Greenbrier East at Woodrow Wilson	Preston at North Marion
Hampshire at Frankfort	Bluefield at Princeton
Keyser at Hedgesville	Spring Mills at Warren County (Va.)
Huntington at South Charleston	Nitro at St. Albans
Jefferson at Sherando (Va.)	Thomas Jefferson (Md.) at Washington
Union Local (Ohio) at John Marshall	Wheeling Park at Brashear (Pa.)
Lincoln County at Roane County	Greencastle (Pa.) at Berkeley Springs
Stonebridge (Va.) at Martinsburg	Lewis County at Braxton County
Loudoun Valley (Va.) at	Chapmanville at Poca
	Grafton at East Fairmont
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South Harrison at Liberty-Harrison	Magnolia at Wirt County
PikeView at Liberty-Raleigh	Man at Mount View
Sissonville at Logan	Meadow Bridge at Richwood
Westside at Mingo Central	Tolsia at Midland Trail
Nicholas County at Shady Spring	Moorefield at Pocahontas County
St. Marys at Oak Glen	East Ridge (Ky.) at River View
Gallia Academy (Ohio) at Point Pleasant	Sherman at Tug Valley
Wayne at Scott	Tygarts Valley at Tucker County
Weir at Toronto (Ohio)	Webster County at Williamstown
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Valley-Wetzel at Calhoun County	
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PHILIP BARBOUR HIGH SCHOOL

COLTS



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Philip Barbour and head coach Nick Mayle welcomed approximately 37 players for the start of preseason practice.



MAYLE

Head coach: Nick Mayle
(third season, 4-14)

2022 record: 3-7

2023 schedule

Aug. 25: at Grafton, 7 p.m.

Sept. 8: Buckhananon-Upshur, 7 p.m.

Sept. 15: at Liberty, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22: Elkins, 7 p.m.

Sept. 29: Berkeley Springs, 7 p.m.

Oct. 6: at East Fairmont, 7 p.m.

Oct. 13: Robert C. Byrd, 7 p.m.

Oct. 20: at Lewis County, 7 p.m.

Oct. 27: Lincoln, 7 p.m.

Nov. 3: at Preston, 7 p.m.

2022 results

Grafton, W, 52-7

Clay County, L, 36-30

Buckhananon-Upshur, L, 26-22

Liberty, W, 35-10

Elkins, W, 48-0

East Fairmont, L, 34-33

River (Ohio), L, 47-27

Lewis County, L, 35-28

Lincoln, L, 34-21

Robert C. Byrd, L, 50-20

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Close losses kept Colts from earning Class AA playoff berth in 2022

By Joey Kittle
Sports Editor

PHILIPPI — Several close losses in 2022 kept Philip Barbour from reaching the Class AA playoffs.

“Four of our seven losses came by one score,” said Nick Mayle, entering his third season as the Colts head coach. “We lost some late leads and had some injuries that hurt us as well

in those games.

“With the players we have back from last year, hopefully we can learn from that and finish games this year.”

Offensively, Philip Barbour lost talented skill players to graduation in DaShawn Webster, Ethan Floyd and Michael Salisbury.

However, talent does return, along with a pair of transfers that are expected to contribute

“**F**our of our seven losses came by one score. We lost some late leads and had some injuries that hurt us as well in those games.”

Nick Mayle,
Philip Barbour coach

immediately.

Running back Nate Hulver, who was Tygarts Valley’s leading rusher the past two seasons,

is now suiting up for the Colts. Hulver, a senior, missed last

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season after being injured in the opening game of the season. He also was a defensive starter on Elkins High School's playoff team as a freshman.

Logan Beam played for Elkins last year as a freshman and displayed his quickness in several games, including as a returner on special teams.

They join holdover Patrick Webster, who saw time at receiver as a freshman, and junior Drew Morrall.

Running the offense, which averaged over 30 points per game in 2022, will be senior Kaden Humphreys, a three-year starter. Humphreys is a threat with both his passing and running ability.

"We have to keep Kaden healthy this year," Mayle said. "We really don't have a lot of depth to work with at the quarterback position."

Humphreys' top targets will be junior Braylyn Edwards, 6-foot-5 junior tight end TD Bodkins sophomore Cam Bennett, along with Webster and the other running backs.

"One of the things for us this year on offense is that we don't have to rely on just one player," Mayle said. "We have more weapons to utilize and coach (Toby) Poling, our offensive coordinator, does a great job of the schemes he uses and the offense

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Layna 'Turkey' Grassi, shown during preseason practice, is rated as one of the top returning kickers in the state.

The Inter-Mountain photo by Joey Kittle

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 Buckhannon-Upshur at Philip
 Barbour
 Hurricane at George
 Washington
 Bluefield at Greenbrier East
 Hedgesville at Hampshire
 Ripley at Lincoln County
 Musselman at Morgantown
 Oak Hill at Princeton
 Parkersburg South at
 Charleston
 Woodrow Wilson at Parkers-
 burg South
 Preston at Fairmont Senior
 Riverside at St. Albans
 Spring Mills at South Hager-
 stown (Md.)
 Washington at Frankfort
 Perry (Pa.) at Wheeling Park
 Berkeley Springs at East

Fairmont
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 Winfield at Chapmanville
 Clay County at Roane County
 Elkins at Lewis County
 Lincoln at Grafton
 Nitro at Herbert Hoover
 Mingo Central at Liber-
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 Wyoming East at Nicholas
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 James Monroe at PikeView
 Poca at Buffalo
 Scott at Sissonville
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 Man at Westside
 Calhoun County at Tyler
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 Frontier (Ohio) at Cameron
 Valley-Wetzel at Clay-Battelle
 Gilmer County at Doddridge

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 Hampshire at Grafton
 Hedgesville at Herbert Hoover
 Spring Valley at Hurricane
 Washington at John Marshall
 Lincoln County at Oak Hill
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Colts

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The Inter-Mountain photo by Joey Kittle

Kaden Humphries returns at quarterback for Philip Barbour. The senior is a threat through the air and on the ground.

he has installed.”

The offensive line must replace a pair of seniors in all-Big 10 Conference first-team selections Kemper Longwell and Quinton Payton.

Holdovers include seniors Keaton “Beef” McDermott, Ivan Johnson and junior Jon McGee.

Sophomore Malachi Cross and freshman Ayden Bremigan are expected to move into the starting unit.

Mayle is optimistic the defense for the Colts will be improved in 2023.

“Losing DaShawn at linebacker is a big loss,” he said. “But one area we should be improved in is our pass coverage. We had a lot of breakdowns last

year in the secondary that hurt us, especially in those close losses, and we have to cover the pass better.”

The offensive line, along with senior Xander Kline, will comprise the defensive front, with Bodkins, an all-Big 10 first-team selection last year, lining up on the outside or at linebacker.

The skill players will occupy the linebacker and spots in the secondary. Humphreys was an all-Big 10 first-team selection last year for his play in the defensive backfield.

Bennett will see time in the secondary as well.

Philip Barbour is blessed to have a threat at kicker as well with the return of senior Layna

“Turkey” Grassi.

“Turkey is kicking the ball very well,” Mayle said. “She can consistently hit from 35-yards out and gives us a chance to score some points when we get into the red zone.”

Philip Barbour opens the season this coming Friday at Grafton, before triple-A opponent Buckhannon-Upshur on Sept. 8 in the home opener.

Big 10 Conference opponents in 2023 include Liberty, Elkins, East Fairmont, Robert C. Byrd, Lewis County, Lincoln and another Class AAA school in Preston.

The Colts will face Berkeley Springs in non-conference action.

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Philip Barbour runs an offensive play during preseason drills. The Colts averaged 37 points per game last season.

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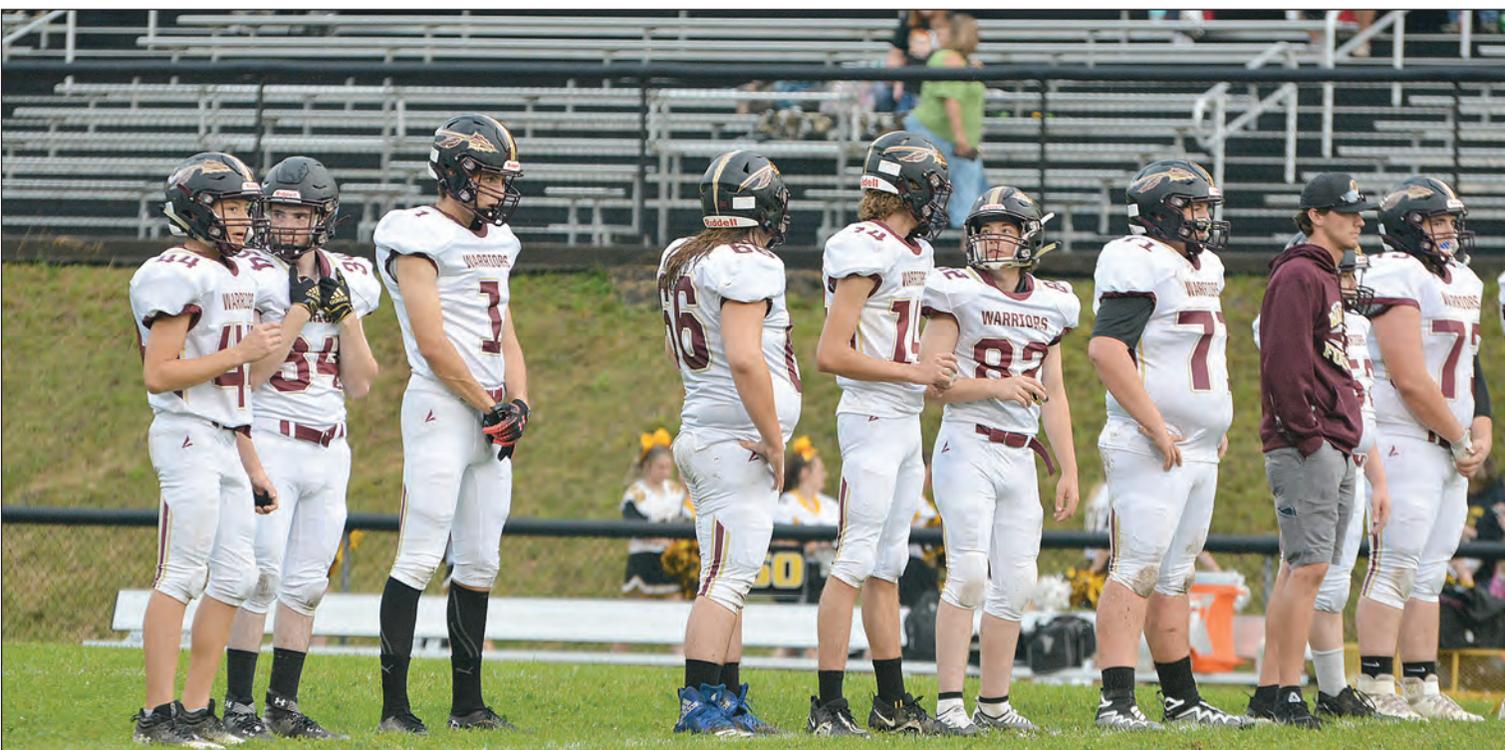
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Pocahontas County must replace 15 players lost to graduation under first-year coach Bradley Carpenter.

UNDER NEW DIRECTION

Bradley Carpenter takes over as head coach for Warriors in 2023

By Joey Kittle
Sports Editor

DUNMORE — Pocahontas County will be under the direction of Bradley Carpenter in 2023.

The former middle school coach at Pocahontas County replaces Doug Burns, who resigned after 10 seasons at the post.

The Warriors went 2-8 last season, facing a challeng-

ing schedule which included games against playoff squads Tucker County, East Hardy, Petersburg and Greenbrier West.

Among the graduation losses was Class A all-state first-team offensive lineman Austin Morgan and all-state honorable mention running back Evan Hamrick.

Carpenter's 2023 squad has several sophomores and

freshmen as 15 seniors were lost to graduation.

One of the top returning players is receiver-defensive back Clayton Burns.

Pocahontas County averaged 20 points per game last season, while giving up 31 points per outing.

The Warriors suffered several close losses in 2022, falling to Moorefield, Pendleton County and Summers by

one score.

Pocahontas County opens the season Friday at home against Tucker County, followed by another home encounter the following week against Moorefield.

The first road game of the season takes place Sept. 8 at Greenbrier West.

The season concludes with road trips to Tygarts Valley and Midland Trail.

Head coach: Bradley Carpenter (first year)

2022 record: 2-8

2023 schedule

Aug. 25: Tucker County, 7 p.m.

Sept. 1: Moorefield, 7 p.m.

Sept. 8: at Greenbrier West, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22: Richwood, 7 p.m.

Sept. 29: at East Hardy, 7 p.m.

Oct. 6: at Petersburg, 7 p.m.

Oct. 13: Pendleton County, 7 p.m.

Oct. 20: Summers County, 7 p.m.

Oct. 27: at Tygarts Valley, 7 p.m.

Nov. 3: at Midland Trail, 7 p.m.

2022 results

Tucker County, L, 34-12

Moorefield, L, 36-29

Greenbrier West, L, 54-0

Petersburg, L, 47-18

Richwood, W, 54-0

East Hardy, L, 52-6

Pendleton County, L, 14-12

Summers County, L, 27-21

Tygarts Valley, W, 35-12

Midland Trail, L, 34-20





2022 ALL-STATE FOOTBALL TEAMS

Class AAA FIRST TEAM

Offense

QB - Ezra Bagent, Martinsburg - Sr.

RB - Jeremiah Riffle, Hurricane - Sr.

RB - Zach Rohrig, Bridgeport - Jr.

WR - Jerrae Hawkins, Wheeling Park - Jr.

WR - Cyrus Traugh, Parkersburg South - Sr.

WR - Dominick Collins, Princeton, Jr.

OL - Kamar Summers, Bridgeport - Sr.

OL - Layth Ghannam, George Washington - Sr.

OL - Robby Martin, Huntington - Jr.

OL - Eli Campbell, Princeton - Jr.

OL - Shawn Rouse, Cabell Midland - Sr.

U - Robert Shockey, Parkersburg South - Jr.

U - Gavin Lochow, Huntington - Sr. (Captain)

U - Brett Phillips, Wheeling Park - Sr.

K - Casey Stanley, Parkersburg - Jr.

Defense

DL - Rashad Reid, Martinsburg - Jr.

DL - Michael Lunsford, Cabell Midland - Jr.

DL - Kiyou Jackson, Huntington - Jr.

LB - Cody Shy, Spring Valley - Sr.

LB - Mondrell Dean, Hurricane - Sr (Captain)

LB - Gage Wright, Parkersburg South - Jr.

LB - Phil Reed, Bridgeport - Sr.

LB - Kam Shallis, Martinsburg - Sr.

DB - Spencer Powell, Jefferson - Sr.

DB - Jaeden Hammack, University - Sr.

DB - Zah Jackson, Huntington - Soph

U - Jameer Hunter, Martinsburg - Sr.

U - Bobby Powell, Morgantown - Jr.

U - Wayne Harris, Huntington - Jr.

P - Conor Fitzpatrick, John

Marshall - Jr.

SECOND TEAM

Offense

QB - Grant Cochran, Princeton - Sr.

QB - Abe Fenwick, George Washington - Jr.

RB - Curtis Jones, Cabell Midland - Jr.

RB - Ian Cline, Greenbrier East - Jr.

RB - Matt Moore, Beckley - Sr.

WR - Ray Adames, Musselman - Sr. (Captain)

WR - Keegan Sack, George Washington - Soph.

OL - Seth Burke, Morgantown - Sr.

OL - Eli Stahara, Morgantown - Sr.

OL - EJ Hendricks, Martinsburg - Jr.

OL - Sam Boothe, Spring Valley - Jr.

OL - Tyree Fowlkes, Beckley, Sr.

U - Anthony Valentine, George Washington Jr.

U - Bayden Hartman, Musselman - Sr.

K - Johnny Aya-ay, Huntington - Jr.

Defense

DL - Charles DiSaia, Wheeling Park, Sr.

DL - Demetrius Gearheart, Parkersburg South, Sr.

DL - Donovan Garrett, Huntington, Sr.

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Chapmanville at Nitro
 Clay County at Sissonville
 Frankfort at Weir
 Shady Spring at Independence
 Lewis County at Roane County
 Philip Barbour at Liberty-Harrison
 Sherman at Liberty-Raleigh
 Logan at Poca
 Mingo Central at Man
 Toronto (Ohio) at Oak Glen
 Westside at PikeView
 Point Pleasant at Scott
 Wayne at Winfield
 Summers County at Wyoming
 East
 Greenbrier West at Buffalo
 Calhoun County at Wahama
 Cameron at Magnolia
 Beallsville (Ohio) at Clay-Battelle
 Doddridge County at
 Ravenswood

Tygart Valley at East Hardy
 Tucker County at Gilmer
 County
 Hundred at Millersport (Ohio)
 Meadow Bridge at Bath County
 (Va.)
 Midland Trail at Wheeling
 Central
 Strasburg (Va.) at Moorefield
 Richwood at Pendleton County
 Petersburg at Northern Garrett
 (Md.)
 Williamstown at Ritchie
 County
 River View at Hurley (Va.)
 Tug Valley at East Ridge (Ky.)
 Webster County at Tyler Consolidated
 Frontier (Ohio) at Valley-Wetzel
Saturday, Sept. 16
 Woodrow Wilson at Bluefield

Mount View at Paden City
Friday, Sept. 22
 Bridgeport at Robert C. Byrd
 Morgantown at Buckhannon-Upshur
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DL - Aydin Fleming, Martinsburg, Jr.

LB - Jerimiah Jackson, Oak Hill, Sr.

LB - Turner Garretson, Parkersburg South, Jr.

LB - Erick Brothers Jr., Wheeling Park, Sr.

LB - Khamrin Proffitt, Princeton, Sr.

LB - Jordan Price, Huntington, Sr.

DB - Triston Walker, Parkersburg South, Jr.

DB - Keyshawn Robinson, Jefferson, Jr.

U - Murphy Clement, Martinsburg, Jr.

U - Ryan Hall, Bridgeport, Sr.

U - Lucas Rippitoe, Hurricane, Sr. (Captain)

P - Ethan Vargo-Thomas, Oak Hill, Sr.

Honorable Mention

Jaylen Abercrombie, Spring Valley; Gavin Adkins, Huntington; Maximus Anderson, Spring Mills; Isaiah Ayers, George Washington; Drew Banks, Lincoln County; Andrew Baria, Riverside; Charlie Brazier, Bridgeport; Noah Braham, University; Mason Brookman, Princeton; Drew Boczek, Morgantown; Aaron Clark, South Charleston; Jacob Coffield, John Marshall; Peyton Coulter, George Washington; Avonte Crawford, Huntington; Christian Conrad, Hurricane; Monquelle Davis, Greenbrier East;

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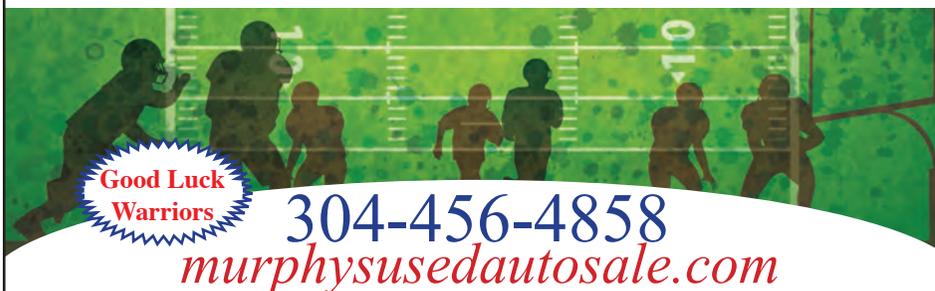
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A.J. Rapp, in his 20th season as the Tucker County coach, directs a drill during preseason practice.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS

Mountain Lions seek another playoff berth with key returnees back

By Edgar Kelley
Staff Writer

PARSONS — With a strong crop of skilled players returning to the offensive side of the ball from last year's 9-2 playoff team, Tucker County has high hopes entering the 2023 campaign.

Headlining the list of returnees for the Mountain Lions, who will open the season Aug.

25 at Pocahontas County, is senior quarterback Ethan Rosenau (6-2, 190).

The talented signal caller completed 176 of 264 passes for 2,942 yards and 36 touchdowns in a new offensive scheme inserted by veteran coach A.J. Rapp last season.

"He's a tough kid who is also very smart," said Rapp. "For what he did in that new offense in one year was impressive.

"The kids who play multiple sports are our athletes, we know that and it has really benefited us the past two years."

He made some mistakes, but that was to be expected. He's worked his tail off and I look for him to have a great season this year."

A.J. Rapp,
Tucker County coach

Rosenau also threw 14 interceptions a year ago and for several weeks during the

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RAPP

Head coach: A.J. Rapp
(20th season, 97-102)

2022 record: 9-2

2023 schedule

Aug. 25: at Pocahontas County, 7 p.m.

Sept. 1: Tygarts Valley, 7 p.m.

Sept. 8: at East Hardy, 7 p.m.

Sept. 15: at Gilmer County, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22: at Eastern, Ohio, 7 p.m.

Sept. 29: Pendleton County, 7 p.m.

Oct. 6: at Moorefield, 7 p.m.

Oct. 13: Southern (Md.), 7 p.m.

Oct. 27: Petersburg, 7 p.m.

Nov. 3: Hampshire, 7 p.m.

2022 results

Pocahontas County, W, 34-12

Tygarts Valley, W, 16-14

East Hardy, W, 14-13

Berkeley Springs, W, 70-19

Pendleton County, W, 32-7

Southern (Md.), W, 56-27

Gilmer County, W, 42-14

Petersburg, W, 26-13

South Harrison, L, 44-24

East Hardy (playoffs), L,

34-6

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season he led the state in passing yards. Rapp said the interceptions were to be expected in the new offense and that the talented signal caller is more athletic coming into the 2023 campaign.

Rosenau will have a talented crop of receivers to sling the ball to this fall with several starters returning. Seniors Maddox Anderson and Blaike Adams will headline the list of pass catchers.

Anderson pulled in 43 receptions for 1,134 yards and 16 touchdowns a year ago in earning all-state first-team honors, while Adams hauled in 39 passes for 455 yards and seven scores.

“Maddox and Blaike are small little guys who can both catch a five-yard pass and take it the distance,” said Rapp.

“We got several of our skilled guys back this season, which is exciting.”

Seniors Ashton Lycliter and Racer Channell, along with junior Garrett Wilfong will also be flagging down aeri-als from Rosenau. Lycliter and Channell both saw considerable action a year ago. Wilfong didn't play in 2022, but Rapp expects big things from the gridder.

“Garrett came back out this year after playing as a freshman,” said Rapp. “He's a big, tall lanky kid that can dunk a basketball six different directions. He's going to be another good target for us in the passing game.”

When the Mountain Lions decide to keep the ball on the ground, they will look to

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Senior Ethan Rosenau threw for 36 touchdowns and nearly 3,000 yards last season in helping lead Tucker County to a berth in the Class A playoffs.

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Teams

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Noah Dotson, Greenbrier East; Buzz Dover, Martinsburg; Tyshawn Dues, Hurricane; Jacob Ellis, Hurricane; Eli Faircloth, Hedgesville; Savion Farmer, Buckhannon-Upshur; Austin Fleming, Parkersburg; Isaiah Fritts, Jefferson; Zion Grantham, Martinsburg; Tanner Griffith, Brooke; Declan Hall, Hedgesville; Laron Hall-Dues, Hurricane; Sha'lik Hampton, Capital; Ethan Harper, Preston; Hayden Hatfield, George Washington; Grant Hicks, Hampshire; Michael Hogan, Wheeling Park; Luke Hudson, University; Nycere Jacobs, Jefferson; Ethan Jackson, University; Caden Johnson, Hurricane;

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Class AA FIRST TEAM Offense

QB - Matt Frye, Scott, Jr.
RB - Judah Price, Independence, Sr. (captain)
RB - Skyler Delk, Roane County, Sr.
RB - Caden Beam, Winfield, Sr.
WR - Jake Wiseman, Sissonville, Jr.
WR - RJ Hairston, Bluefield, Jr.
OL - Logan Isom, Independence, Sr.
OL - Brady Grimmatt, Independence, Sr.
OL - Roman Milam, Nicholas County, Sr.
OL - Jaxson Cunningham,

Winfield, Sr.
OL - Cameron Jones, Weir, Sr.
U - Dane Hatfield, Herbert Hoover, Soph.
U - BJ Williams, Clay County, Jr.
U - Trey Bowers, Independence, Jr.
K - Levi Paxton, Herbert Hoover, Sr.

Defense

DL - Jacob Morton, Clay County, Sr.
DL - Gabe Ryan, Keyser, Sr.
DL - Harley Sickles, North Marion, Sr.
DL - Chase Snyder, Frankfort, Sr.

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Junior Jared Reall rushed for 621 yards and 14 touchdowns last season for the Mountain Lions.

Jared Reall. The junior running back rushed for 621 yards and 14 touchdowns last season.

Rapp says filling spots on both the offensive and defensive lines will be the biggest challenge for Tucker County entering the season.

He does, however, return three starters on the offensive line in right tackle Owen Knotts, right guard Gavin Mullenax and left guard Marky Phillips.

“Up front on the offensive and defensive line is where we lost the most,” said Rapp. “We need to replace our center and left tackle on offense, but we have some guys who we think can possibly play well at those spots.”

Although the Mountain Lions’ roster size is smaller than a year ago, Rapp said expectations are

still high for this year’s team.

“Last year we started out with around 38 players, but this year we only have about 25 kids right now,” said Rapp. “We lost some to graduation and some of the guys didn’t come back out. The freshmen class didn’t have as many kids come out as we did last year either.”

As far as the hype goes surrounding this year’s team, Rapp said, “I hope they don’t get too cocky with it. We had a good 7-on-7 this summer, I know it’s not football, but it’s part of it. Our skilled guys are our skilled guys and our question marks are going to be who’s going to fill in some of the shoes on the line both offensively and defensively. We

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feel pretty good in the defensive secondary with the same group of guys back and we have a couple linebackers returning.”

The veteran coach pointed out that having multi-sport players on the field last year was a big key to the team’s success.

“The kids who play multiple sports are our athletes, we know that and it has really benefited us the past two years,” said Rapp. “We’ve had a bunch of basketball players on the team and it really helped. That’s what you have to do in a small school, though, you have to have kids play multiple sports.

“I mean you have Maddox Anderson and Ethan (Rosenau) both who play football, basketball and baseball. And they are

pretty good at all three sports.”

Even though the Mountain Lions won nine games in 2022, the season didn’t end the way they wanted after a first-round loss to East Hardy in the Class A state playoffs. Tucker County defeated the Cougars 14-13 during the regular season.

“We drew East Hardy, which was the worst team we could have drawn for the playoffs,” said Rapp. “I would have rather played anybody else but them, because it is hard to beat a team twice in a year, especially a good one like East Hardy.

“They figured some things out from the first time we played them, which was a very tight game, and it got away from us a little bit.”



Senior Maddox Anderson pulled in 43 receptions for 1,134 yards and 16 touchdowns a year ago in earning all-state first-team honors,

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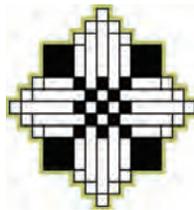
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 Tucker County at Eastern
 (Ohio)
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 County
 Valley-Wetzel at Beallsville
 (Ohio)
 Marietta (Ohio) at
 Williamstown

Saturday, Sept. 23

Steubenville Catholic (Ohio)
 at Madonna
 Point Pleasant at Warren
 Local (Ohio)
 Watkins Memorial (Ohio) at
 Brooke

Thursday, Sept. 28

Woodrow Wilson at Preston

Friday, Sept. 29
 Bridgeport at Brooke
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LB - Jordan Harvey, Independence, Sr. (Captain)

LB - Tyler Curry, North Marion, Sr.

LB - Dylan Ours, Fairmont Senior, Jr.

LB - Colton Paxton, Roane County, Sr.

DB - Alex Culp, East Fairmont, Sr.

DB - Luke Robinette, Frankfort, Sr.

DB - Cyrus Goodson, Independence, Sr.

U - Aiden Slack, Logan, Sr.

U - Brody Dalton, Chapmanville, Sr.

U - Bray Boggs, Winfield, Sr.

P - Jordan Wolfe, Poca - Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Offense

QB - Caleb Fuller, Bluefield, Sr.

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2022 record: 0-10

2023 schedule

Aug. 25: Valley-Wetzel, 7 p.m.

Sept. 1: at Tucker County, 7 p.m.

Sept. 8: at Webster County, 7 p.m.

Sept. 15: at East Hardy, 7 p.m.

Sept. 22: Clay-Battelle, 7 p.m.

Sept 29: Richwood, 7 p.m.

Oct. 6: at Pendleton County, 7 p.m.

Oct. 13: Doddridge County, 7 p.m.

TBA: at Hundred, TBA

TBA: Pocahontas County, TBA

2022 results

Valley-Wetzel, L, 37-0

Tucker County, L, 62-6

Webster County, L, 20-6

East Hardy, L, 63-0

Clay-Battelle, L, 51-14

Richwood, L, 20-6

Pendleton County, L, 40-0

Trinity Christian, L, 33-14

Pocahontas County, L, 35-12

Doddridge County, L, 57-0

The Tygarts Valley offense prepares to run a play during preseason drills.

The Inter-Mountain photo by Joey Kittle

BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Younger players gained experience for Bulldogs in 2022 due to injuries

By Edgar Kelley
Staff Writer

ELKINS — After losing a host of talent from back-to-back Class A state playoff teams, Tygarts Valley head football coach Rodney Bright knew there would be some challenges in 2022.

But what the veteran coach didn't foresee was the slew of injuries that hit the Bulldogs

hard at many key positions last year.

"The biggest contributing factor to our 0-10 season last year was the amount of injuries we had throughout the season," said Bright. "At one time we had all three of our running backs down. We just really struggled last year with injuries."

Due to the fact that many of Tygarts Valley's younger players saw considerable var-

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Rodney Bright,
Tygarts Valley coach

sity playing time last season, the injuries could end up being a blessing in disguise for this

year's Bulldogs squad.

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“Our young guys had to play a good bit last year,” said Bright. “I think that experience they got will really help us this season. I think we are going to be fine, I really do. If we stay healthy, we’re going to be competitive in a lot of games this year.”

One area Bright feels confident about his team is up front on both sides of the ball.

“We are going to be big and strong up front on both sides of the ball,” said Bright. “But it is going to be one of those rare seasons where all of our skilled are really young. We’re going to have to simplify quite a bit and try and stay as close to who we

are as we can.”

Leading the way will be senior Seth Currence, who is being looked at by several colleges to play football at the next level. Bright said the talented senior is bench pressing well over 300 pounds and will be the leader of the line on both sides of the ball.

Senior Kaiden Warder will also make an impact up front when he is not called upon to carry the ball some out of the offensive backfield.

Seniors Luke Malcomb and Issac Shiflett will bring experience and strong play to both

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Tygarts Valley executes a running play during preseason practice.

Teams FROM PAGE 28

RB - Briar Begler, Roane County, Sr. (Captain)

RB - Kohl Farmer, Chapmanville, Sr.

RB - Kaleb Clark, Nicholas County, Sr.

WR - Jayden Sharps, Scott, Sr.

WR - Landon Frey, North Marion, Jr.

OL - Kobi O'Dell, Lincoln, Sr.

OL - Christian Jarvis, Roane County, Sr.

OL - Parker Withrow, Independence, Sr.

OL - Logan Howell, Winfield, Sr.

OL - Connor Brinckman, Herbert Hoover, Sr.

U - Nick George, RCB, Sr.

U - Ian Crookshanks, East Fairmont, Jr.

U - Casey Minor, North Marion, Jr.

K - Alex Shrader, Point

Pleasant, Soph.

Defense

DL - AJ Dunbar, Poca, Sr.

DL - Braxton McKinney, Independence, Sr.

DL - Isaiah Chapman, Herbert Hoover, Sr. (Captain)

DL - Evan Helm, East Fairmont, Sr.

LB - Jaxson Damron, Wayne, Jr.

LB - Levi Moore, Lincoln, Sr.

LB - Mike Kruzel, Fairmont Senior, Sr.

LB - Bryce Davis, Logan, Sr.

LB - Parker VanMeter, Frankfort, Sr.

DB - Shay Harper, Roane County, Soph.

DB - Gavin Michael, Fairmont Senior, Sr.

DB - Garrett Williamson, Logan, Sr.

U - DaShawn Webster,

Philip Barbour, Sr.

U - Mateo McKinney, Clay County, Sr.

P - Nate Flower, Fairmont Senior, Sr.

Honorable Mention

Gaven Allison, Herbert Hoover; John Anderson III, Frankfort; Austin Altizer, Nicholas County; Jamari Bass, Weir; Trevor Bigelow, Fairmont Senior; Luke Boggs, Nitro; Landon Boone, North Marion; Connor Bradford, Liberty Raleigh; Carson Brinegar, Scott; Jacob Bunner, Roane County; Jacob Burns, Herbert Hoover; Avery Brown, East Fairmont; Isaiah Brown, Scott; Isaiah Bush, Scott; Bryce Byrd, Robert C. Byrd; Brayden Carder, Lewis County; Noah Casto, Clay County; Cody Clevenger, North Marion; Jaxon Cogar, Logan; Noah Collins, Clay County; Blake Cook,

Wyoming East; Jackson Danielson, Wyoming East; Gage Dean, East Fairmont; Caden Dotson, Herbert Hoover; Ty Drake, Robert C. Byrd; Braydon Edgell, Lincoln; Sencere Fields, Bluefield; Cam Foley, Grafton; Kholton Goodin, Oak Glen; Michael Greenlief, Oak Glen; Connor Hayes, North Marion; Wes Hill, Nicholas County; Antwan Hilliard, Lincoln; Brian Huggins, PikeView; Conner Hughes, Scott; Derrick Hypes, Independence; Matthew Jackson, Frankfort; Chandler Johnson, Independence; RJ Jones, Chapmanville; Nick Kellar, Lincoln; Braydon Keller, Keyser; Parker Kincell, North Marion; Caleb Kuhl, Winfield; Cameron Layton, Frankfort; Germaine Lewis, Fairmont Senior; Nate Lhotsky, Robert C. Byrd; Kemper Longwell,

Philip Barbour; Trey Longwell, Fairmont Senior; Laz Marquez, Sissonville; Conner Marshall, Wayne; Colton Mathis, Wayne; Dakota Martin, Westside; Marcus Matney, PikeView; Ory May, Roane County; Anthony Mele, Keyser; Bralyn Michael, Fairmont Senior; Zane Minger, Clay County; Wyatt Minor, Robert C. Byrd; Tyler Parrish, East Fairmont; Adam Richmond, Shady Spring; Evan Roach, Point Pleasant; Andrew Rollyson, Herbert Hoover; Tristen Root, Keyser; Andrew Schoon, Point Pleasant; James Sellards, Shady Spring; Jack Stanislawczyk, Keyser; Landen Tasker, Fairmont Senior; Nick Todd, Liberty Harrison; Dylan Vance, Mingo Central; Chaz Waine, Mingo Central; Kolton Weaver, Point Pleasant; Fisher

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lines. Junior Gavin Martin and Braeden Lanham, a freshman, are also expected to contribute.

Sophomore Austin Gear is projected to handle the snaps behind center at quarterback, while Adam Woods, Zeb Felton and Jamal Nesbitt will be looking to run the ball out of the backfield. Starter Aiden Phares is back at tight end and expected to contribute for the Bulldogs.

Bright said the aforementioned skilled players will make up most of the secondary and linebacker spots on the defensive side of the ball.

The same players battling on the trenches on offense will anchor the defensive line. Woods

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The Inter-Mountain photo by Joey Kittle

Sophomore Austin Gear is expected to start at quarterback for the Bulldogs.

Teams FROM PAGE 30

Williams, Independence; Michael Wines, Nitro

Class A FIRST TEAM Offense

QB - Layton Dowdy, James Monroe, Soph.

RB - Ty Nickell, Greenbrier West, Sr.

RB - Lorenzo Ferrera, Wheeling Central, Sr.

RB - Rickie Allen, Williamstown, Sr. (Captain)

WR - Maddox Anderson, Tucker County, Jr.

WR - Cody Harrell, Midland Trail, Sr.

OL - Aiden Corbett, Williamstown, Jr.

OL - Luke Given, South Harrison, Soph.

OL - Deante Suggs, Wheeling Central, Sr.

OL - Jeffrey Jones, James Monroe, Sr.

OL - Austin Morgan, Pocahontas County, Sr.

U - Maxwell Molessa, Williamstown, Jr.

U - Cooper Ridgeway, James Monroe, Jr.

U - Sawyer Vanmatre, Wauhatchie, Jr.

K - Eli Tucker, Wheeling Central, Jr.

Defense

DL - Adam Burnside, Doddridge County, Sr.

DL - Justin Parker, East Hardy, Jr.

DL - Brady Baker, James Monroe, Soph.

DL - Harbor Haught, Williamstown, Sr.

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will handle the kicking and punting duties.

“Defensively, I think we are going to be really good at stopping the run with those big guys up front,” said Bright. “Hopefully when we get down in the schedule where we play those teams who throw the ball quite a bit, we will have some guys settled in at the other spots.”

The Bulldogs will open the season at home on Aug. 25 against Valley Wetzel.

“You come off an 0-10 season and everyone is a little down, the community is down on the boys a little bit, but if we can win that opener at home and get everyone back where they need to be, that would be significant,” said Bright.



The Inter-Mountain file photo
Tygarts Valley senior lineman Seth Currence is getting interest from several colleges.

Weekly

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Valley

Washington at Spring Mills
Berkeley Springs at Philip
Barbour
Independence at Bluefield
Liberty-Harrison at Braxton
County
Chapmanville at Herbert
Hoover
Clay County at Logan
Grafton at Elkins
North Marion at Fairmont
Senior
Mountain Ridge (Md.) at
Frankfort
Keyser at Weir
Lincoln at Lewis County
Liberty-Raleigh at Westside
Mingo Central at Scott
Nicholas County at Midland
Trail
Robert C. Byrd at Oak Glen

Sherman at PikeView
Sissonville at Poca
Point Pleasant at Fort Frye
(Ohio)
Shady Spring at Greenbrier
West
Eastern (Ohio) at Buffalo
Calhoun County at Trinity
Cameron at Madonna
Clay-Battelle at Hancock
(Md.)
Pocahontas County at East
Hardy
Gilmer County at Meadow
Bridge
Montcalm at Hundred
Summers County at James
Monroe
Tyler Consolidated at Magnolia
Moorefield at Petersburg
Pendleton County at Tucker
County

Ritchie County at Ravenswood
Richwood at Tygarts Valley
South Harrison at Valley
Wetzel
Williamstown at St. Marys
Tolsia at Tug Valley
Wahama at Wirt County
Saturday Sept. 30
Van at Paden City
Maret (D.C.) at Wheeling
Central

Thursday, Oct. 5

North Marion at Elkins
Montcalm Phelps (Ky.) at Van

Friday, Oct. 6

Parkersburg South at
Bridgeport
Oak Glen at Brooke
Lewis County at Buckhan-
non-Upshur

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MIDDLE SCHOOLS SPORTS



Schedules

FOOTBALL

Barbour County

- Aug. 30: Lincoln, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 6: at Washington Irving, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13: Elkins, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 20: at Taylor County, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 27: East Fairmont, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 4: at Mannington, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 11: at Mountaineer, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18: Robert L. Bland, 6:30 p.m.

Buckhannon-Upshur (partial schedule)

- Sept. 6: at Elkins, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 14: Taylor County, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 20: East Fairmont, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5: Mountaineer, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 12: at Robert L. Bland, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 18: at Lincoln, 6:30 p.m.

Elkins Middle

- Aug. 30: Robert L. Bland, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 6: Buckhannon-Upshur, 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 13: at Barbour

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MIDDLE SCHOOLS SPORTS



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County, 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 20: at Washington-Irving,
 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 27: Lincoln, 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 4: at Taylor County, 6:30
 p.m.
 Oct. 11: at East Fairmont, 6:30
 p.m.
 Oct. 18: Mannington, 6:30
 p.m.

Tucker Valley

Aug. 31: at Braxton County, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 9: at Charles Town, noon
 Sept. 14: at Tygarts Valley, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 21: Webster County, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 28: Trinity Christian, 6
 p.m.
 Oct. 5: at Clay-Battelle, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 12: at South Harrison,
 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 19: Pocahontas County, 6
 p.m.

Tygarts Valley

Aug. 30: at Central Preston,
 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 6: Pendleton County, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 14: Tucker Valley, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 21: at Doddridge County,
 6:30 p.m.
 Sept. 27: at Webster County, 6
 p.m.
 Oct. 4: Gilmer County, 6:30
 p.m.
 Oct. 11: Pocahontas County,
 6:30 p.m.
 Oct. 19: at Richwood, 6:30
 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

Elkins

Aug. 28: Buckhannon-Upshur,
 7 p.m.
 Sept. 5: Bridgeport, 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 8: East Fairmont, 7:30
 p.m.
 Sept. 9: Notre Dame, 1 p.m.
 Sept. 11: at Robert L. Bland,
 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 19: West Fairmont, 7:30
 p.m.
 Sept. 21: at Washington-Irving,
 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 25: at Barbour County,
 7:30 p.m.
 Sept. 28: Taylor County, 7:30
 p.m.
 Oct. 2: at Mountaineer, 7:30
 p.m.
 Oct. 4: Barbour County, 7:30
 p.m.
 Oct. 11: at Buckhannon-Up-
 shur, 7 p.m.
 Oct. 12: at Taylor County, 6
 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

Elkins

Aug. 28: Buckhannon-Upshur,
 5:30 p.m.
 Sept. 1: at Fairview, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 5: Bridgeport, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 8: East Fairmont, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 11: at Robert L. Bland, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 19: West Fairmont, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 21: at Washington-Irving,
 6 p.m.



Sept. 25: at Barbour County,
 6 p.m.
 Sept. 28: Taylor County, 6
 p.m.
 Oct. 2: at Mountaineer, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 4: Barbour County, 6
 p.m.
 Oct. 11: at Buckhannon-Up-
 shur, 5:30 p.m.
 Oct. 16: at Lincoln, 6 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Elkins

Aug. 31: Tucker Valley, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 6: at Lincoln, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 11: Mountaineer, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 12: at West Fairmont, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 13: at Washington Ir-
 ving, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 18: at Bridgeport, 6 p.m.

Sept. 20: Notre Dame, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 21: Philippi, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 25: Buckhannon-Up-
 shur, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 27: at Robert L. Bland,
 6 p.m.
 Oct. 2: East Fairmont, 5:30
 p.m.
 Oct. 3: at Tucker Valley, 6
 p.m.
 Oct. 4 Taylor County, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 10: West Fairmont, 6
 p.m.
 Oct. 12: at Philippi, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 16: at Belington, 6 p.m.

Belington

Sept. 6: Gilmer County, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 7: at Taylor County, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 11: at Mountaineer, 6

p.m.
 Sept. 14: Buckhannon-Up-
 shur, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 20: Petersburg, 6 p.m.
 Sept. 25: at West Fairmont, 6
 p.m.
 Sept. 30: at Washington Ir-
 ving Tournament (Robert C.
 Byrd High School), 9 a.m.
 Oct. 4: Mountaineer, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 7: at Milton Tournament,
 9 a.m.
 Oct. 9: at Petersburg, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 10: at Buckhannon-Up-
 shur, 6 p.m.
 Oct. 14: Bumpfest at Philip
 Barbour High School, 8 a.m.
 Oct. 16: at Philippi, 1 p.m.
 Oct. 18: at Gilmer County, 6
 p.m.
 Oct. 19: Taylor County, 6
 p.m.

Teams

FROM PAGE 31

LB - Adam Angel, Cameron, Sr.

LB - Noah Burnside, South Harrison, Sr.

LB - Mason Miller, East Hardy, Sr.

LB - Bryce McKinney, Doddridge County, Sr.

DB - Eli Allen, James Monroe, Sr. (Captain)

DB - Colt Hesson, Williamstown, Jr.

U - Buddy Marcum, Tug Valley, Jr.

U - Seth Richards, Doddridge, Sr.

U - Sean Winfrey, Tyler Consolidated, Jr.

U - Ethan Holliday, Greenbrier West, Jr.

P - Peyton Amos, Webster County, Sr.

SECOND TEAM

Offense

QB - Ethan Rosenau, Tucker County, Jr. (CAPTAIN)

RB - Jordan Adams, Man, Sr.

RB - Joey Ramsey, St Marys, Sr.

RB - Peyton Day, Petersburg, Sr.

WR - Gabe Stewart, Doddridge, Jr

WR - Cole Burkett, Cam-

eron, Sr.

OL - Trey Ohlinger, Wahama, Sr.

OL - Charles Ibbeson, Doddridge County, Sr.

OL - Braden Whitelatch, Wheeling Central, Sr.

OL - Reney Cordial, Greenbrier West, Sr.

OL - Jacob Proffitt, James Monroe, Sr.

U - Ethan Haught, Ritchie County, Sr.

U - Drake Cole, Summers County, Jr.

U - Brady Green, Van, Sr.

K - Owen Jackson, James Monroe, Sr.

Defense

DL - Peyton Girard, St. Marys, Sr.

DL - Chayse Myers, Moorefield, Soph.

DL - Cole Vandall, Greenbrier West, Jr.

DL - Ty Walton, Tyler Consolidated, Sr.

LB - Riley Watkins, Wheeling Central (CAPTAIN), Sr.

LB - Chase Parsons, Wirt County, Jr.

LB - Andrew Roush, Wahama, Sr.

LB - Tyson Adkins, Summers County, Soph.



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Tucker County's Blake Adams was listed as honorable mention on the 2022 Class A all-state team.

DB - DeShawn Middleton, Wirt County, Sr.

DB - Bryson Elia, Tug Valley, Fr.

DB - Duke Dodson, Summers County, Sr.

U - Levi Teets, Trinity, Sr.,

U - Zac Hall, Clay-Battelle, Jr.

U - Payton Neely, Cameron, Sr.

P - Johnathan Huff, Mount View, Sr.

Honorable Mention

Blake Adams, Tucker

County; Joey Baker, Paden City; Matt Barr, Wahama; Austin Bartlett, Ritchie County; Luke Bartram, Tug Valley; Chazz Boggs, James Monroe; Luke Bright, Tygarts Valley;

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<p>(Through 2022 season)</p> <p>Individual Points</p> <p>Game: 62 – Jeff Swisher, Sistersville vs. New Matamoras, Ohio, Frontier (76-8), Sept. 12, 1986; 9 TDs, 4 2-point PATs.</p> <p>Season: 396 – Judah Price, Independence, 13 games, 2022; 53 TDs, 39</p> <p>PATs</p> <p>Regular season: 300 – Judah Price, Independence, 9 games, 2022; 39 TDs, 33 PATs.</p> <p>Career: 748 – Blake Hartman, Musselman, 2016-20; 118 TDs.</p> <p>Touchdowns</p> <p>Game: 10 – Paul McCoy, Matewan at Burch (64-0), Sept. 29, 2006; Albert “Big Sleepy” Glenn, Elkins vs. Shinnston (79-0), Nov. 25, 1922 (also had 9 TDs vs. Parsons, 94-0, Nov. 4, 1922).</p> <p>Season: 54 – Spencer Farley, Morgantown, 14 games, 2004;</p> <p>Regular season: 46 – Ethan Payne, Poca, 2019</p> <p>Career: 118 – Blake Hartman, Musselman, 2016-20; Josh Culbertson, Nitro, 2002-05.</p> <p>Rushing attempts</p> <p>Game: 61 – Cam Zopp, Buckhannon-Upshur vs. Bridgeport (10-6), Oct. 31, 1980 (110</p>	<p>attempts in two consecutive games).</p> <p>Season: 389 – C.R. Howdysshell, Sistersville, 12 games, 1978 (330 – regular season).</p> <p>Career: 961 – Aaron LaPoe, Clay-Battelle, 2000-03.</p> <p>Rushing yards</p> <p>Game: 658 – Paul McCoy, Matewan at Burch (64-0), Sept. 29, 2006 (29 attempts).</p> <p>Season: 3,826 – Jordan Roberts, Scott, 13 games, 336 attempts, 2007 (2,895 – regular season; 241 attempts; playoff Game: 399 yards, 8 TDs vs. Berkeley Springs, 54-20); Average Yards, Carry: 27.0 – John Zontini, Sherman, 8 games, 1929; 79 carries, 2,135 yards.</p> <p>Career: 7,842 – Josh Culbertson, Nitro, 2002-05; 939 attempts; Yards per carry: 11.9 – Dick Horton, Spencer, 1943-46; 493 carries, 5,864 yards.</p> <p>Total offense Yards</p> <p>Game: 658 – Paul McCoy, Matewan at Burch (64-0), Sept. 29, 2006 (658 rush, 0 pass).</p> <p>Season: 5,763 – J.R. House, Nitro, 14 games, 1998 (5,526 pass, 237 rush); regular Season: 4,109 (3,909 pass, 200 rush).</p> <p>Career: 14,710 – J.R. House, Nitro, 1995-98 (14,457 pass,</p>	<p>253 rush).</p> <p>Points</p> <p>Season: 402 – J.R. House, Nitro, 14 games, 1998 (390 pass, 12 rush).</p> <p>Pass attempts</p> <p>Game: 64 – Austin Womack, Hurricane vs. Parkersburg (42-28 loss), Oct. 18, 2019; 40 completions, 441 yards, 4 TDs, 1 interception.</p> <p>Season: 610 – J.R. House, Nitro, 14 games, 1998 (regular Season: 432).</p> <p>Career: 1,725 – J.R. House, Nitro, 1995-98.</p> <p>Pass completions</p> <p>Game: 43 – J.R. House, Nitro vs. Morgantown (69-52), Dec. 5, 1998 Class AAA title game in Wheeling.</p> <p>Season: 425 – J.R. House, Nitro, 14 games, 1998 (regular season: 300).</p> <p>Career: 1,103 – J.R. House, Nitro, 1995-98.</p> <p>Passing yards</p> <p>Game: 594 – J.R. House, Nitro vs. Morgantown (69-52), Dec. 5, 1998 Class AAA title game in Wheeling.</p> <p>Season: 5,526 – J.R. House, Nitro, 14 games, 1998 (regular Season: 3,909).</p> <p>Career: 14,457 – J.R. House, Nitro, 1995-98.</p>	<p>Touchdown passes</p> <p>Game: 10 – J.R. House, Nitro vs. Morgantown (69-52), Dec. 5, 1998 Class AAA title game in Wheeling.</p> <p>Season: 65 – J.R. House, Nitro, 14 games, 1998 (regular season: 45).</p> <p>Career: 145 – J.R. House, Nitro, 1995-98.</p> <p>Pass receptions</p> <p>Game: 29 – Jeff Clark, Nitro vs. Roane County (37-8), Oct. 29, 1999</p> <p>Season: 132 – Chris Martin, Nitro, 14 games, 1998; regular season: 115 – Drew Hatfield, Mingo Central, 2019.</p> <p>Career: 343 – Drew Hatfield, Mingo Central, 2016-19.</p> <p>Receiving yards</p> <p>Game: 413 – Jeff Clark, Nitro vs. Roane County (37-8), Oct. 29, 1999.</p> <p>Season: 2,056 – Chris Martin, Nitro, 14 games, 1998; regular season: 1,795 – Drew Hatfield, Mingo Central, 2019.</p> <p>Career: 5,168 – Drew Hatfield, Mingo Central, 2016-19.</p> <p>Receiving touchdowns</p> <p>Game: 7 – Christian Johnson, Jefferson vs. Hampshire (51-7), Sept. 12, 2014.</p> <p>Season: 27 – Chris Martin, Nitro, 14 games, 1998 (regular</p>	<p>season: 24 and Christian Johnson, Jefferson, 2014).</p> <p>Career: 74 – Brandon Barrett, Martinsburg, 2000-03.</p> <p>Field goals</p> <p>Game: 5 – Alex Ashley, Capital vs. Riverside (38-15), Sept. 12, 2003.</p> <p>Season: 14 – Andy Ellington, Winfield, 2011.</p> <p>Career: 28 – Chris Lewis, Musselman, 1987-89.</p> <p>Field goal distance</p> <p>59 Yards – Corey Smith, Musselman vs. Woodstock, Va., Central (20-13), Sept. 14, 2007 (free kick after fair catch).</p> <p>Kicking points</p> <p>Season: 105 – Patrick Shadle, Morgantown, 14 games, 2004 (78-82 PAT, 9- 14 field goals; regular season: 73).</p> <p>Consecutive PATs</p> <p>Season: 59 – Chris Molina, Cabell Midland, 2012.</p> <p>Pass interceptions</p> <p>Game: 5 – Lewis “Buzz” Craddock, Poca vs. Nitro (21-13), Sept. 15, 1967; David Young, Richwood at Braxton County (28-6), Oct. 3, 1975; Donnie Shumate, Mullens at Marsh Fork (33-12), Oct. 15, 1982; Chad Furgason, Rivesville at Valley-Wetzel (21-0), Oct. 28,</p>
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Matthew Gaad, Clay-Battelle; Chris Goins, Mount View; Timothy Hager, Sherman; Colton Hall, Gilmer County; Evan Hamrick, Pocahontas County; Brad Harris, Buffalo; Ashton Haslacker, East Hardy; Dalton Heath, Greenbrier West; Cody Houser, St. Marys; Patrick Higginbotham, Valley; Trenton Huff-

man, Doddridge County; Chris Isaacs, Man; Jacob Kassay, Clay-Battelle; Miles Kidwell, East Hardy; Adam Landes, Moorefield; Landen Lafferty, South Harrison; Lucas McCallister, Madonna; Josh Moody, Buffalo; Aiden Moreno, South Harrison; Dominick Mullenax, Tucker County; Seaton Mullins, Meadow Bridge;

Ryan Oliveros, Summers County; Ian Persinger, Calhoun County; Dawson Price, East Hardy; Michael Radcliff, South Harrison; Jared Reall, Tucker County; Andrew Roush, Wahama; Jaden Sayre, Ravenswood; Carson Shriver, Clay-Battelle; Maddox Shriver, Clay-Battelle; Adam Slone, Tug Valley;

Joseph Stewart, Van; Bryce Taylor, Summers County; Jaxon Tipton, Man; Blake Turner, Petersburg; Michael VanMatre, Wahama; Bumby Van Meter, Petersburg; Owan Velazquez, St. Marys; Logan White, Williamstown; Trenton Wilfong, Tucker County; Zack Wise, Hundred; Jaylen Younger, Montcalm



B-UHS Boys Soccer

Aug. 22	Wheeling Park	6 p.m.
Aug. 29	at Lincoln	8 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Preston	8 p.m.
Sept. 5	North Marion	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Grafton	8 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Princeton	Noon
Sept. 12	Liberty	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Fairmont Senior	8 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Brooke	1:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at East Fairmont	8 p.m.
Sept. 21	Robert C. Byrd	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Philip Barbour	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Huntington	Noon
Oct. 3	Bridgeport	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Lewis County	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	University	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	Elkins	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Woodrow Wilson	Noon

B-UHS Girls Soccer

Aug. 19	Morgantown	11 a.m.
Aug. 26	at Greenbrier East	2 p.m.
Aug. 29	at Lincoln	6 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Preston	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	Martinsburg	Noon
Sept. 5	North Marion	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Grafton	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	Liberty	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Fairmont Senior	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Wheeling Park	11 a.m.
Sept. 19	at East Fairmont	6 p.m.
Sept. 21	Robert C. Byrd	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	George Washington	10 a.m.
Sept. 28	Philip Barbour	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 30	at Parkersburg	11 a.m.
Oct. 3	Bridgeport	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Lewis County	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Brooke	11 a.m.
Oct. 9	University	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	Elkins	5:30 p.m.



Elkins High Boys Soccer

Aug. 19	South Harrison	2 p.m.
Aug. 24	at Pocahontas County	5 p.m.
Aug. 29	Preston	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Notre Dame	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Lincoln	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Fairmont Senior	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Robert C. Byrd	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Grafton	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	East Fairmont	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Sissonville	1 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Lewis County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Bridgeport	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	Philip Barbour	1 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Buckhannon-Upshur	7:30 p.m.

Elkins High Girls Soccer

Aug. 19	Charleston Catholic	Noon
Aug. 24	at Pocahontas County	7 p.m.
Aug. 29	Preston	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Liberty	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	Herbert Hoover	1 p.m.
Sept. 5	at Lincoln	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	North Marion	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Winfield	11 a.m.
Sept. 12	Fairmont Senior	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Robert C. Byrd	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	at Grafton	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	East Fairmont	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Sissonville	11 a.m.
Sept. 26	at Lewis County	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Bridgeport	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	at Buckhannon-Upshur	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Philip Barbour	3 p.m.



Elkins High Volleyball

Aug. 29	Philip Barbour-Lewis County	6 p.m.	Sept. 28	at Grafton	6 p.m.
Aug. 31	Buckhannon-Upshur-Liberty	6 p.m.	Oct. 3	Pendleton County	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Petersburg	6 p.m.	Oct. 10	Preston	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	at Tucker County	6 p.m.	Oct. 12	at Notre Dame	6 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Robert C. Byrd	6 p.m.	Oct. 17	at Grafton	6 p.m.
Sept. 12	at Buckhannon-Upshur	6 p.m.	Oct. 19	at Petersburg	6 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Preston	6 p.m.	Oct. 23	at Pendleton County	6 p.m.
Sept. 19	Webster-Notre Dame	6 p.m.	Oct. 24	Braxton County	6 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Bridgeport	6 p.m.	Oct. 25	at Lincoln	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	at Braxton County	6 p.m.	Oct. 26	Lewis County	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	Tucker County	6 p.m.			





Philip Barbour Boys Soccer

Aug. 22	Pocahontas County	7 p.m.
Aug. 26	Ravenswood	Noon
Aug. 29	Robert C. Byrd	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Grafton	8 p.m.
Sept. 5	Fairmont Senior	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	North Marion	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Lincoln	8 p.m.
Sept. 19	Petersburg	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Bridgeport	8 p.m.
Sept. 26	Preston	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Buckhannon-Upshur	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	East Fairmont	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Elkins	1 p.m.
Oct. 10	Lewis County	7:30 p.m.



Philip Barbour Girls Soccer

Aug. 22	Pocahontas County	6 p.m.
Aug. 26	at Charleston Catholic	TBA
Aug. 29	Robert C. Byrd	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Grafton	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Fairmont Senior	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	at Liberty	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Oak Glen	Noon
Sept. 12	North Marion	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	at Lincoln	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	at Morgantown	10 a.m.
Sept. 19	Petersburg	5 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Bridgeport	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	Preston	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Buckhannon-Upshur	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 3	East Fairmont	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Lewis County	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Parkersburg South	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	at Elkins	3 p.m.



Pocahontas County Boys Soccer

Aug. 19	at Braxton County	11 a.m.
Aug. 21	at Midland Trail	6 p.m.
Aug. 22	at Philip Barbour	7 p.m.
Aug. 24	Elkins	5 p.m.
Aug. 26.	at Bluefield	1 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Petersburg	5 p.m.
Sept. 2	Lewis County	3 p.m.
Sept. 5	Nicholas County	5 p.m.
Sept. 7	James Monroe	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Lincoln County	TBA
Sept. 12	at Shady Spring	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	Petersburg	5 p.m.
Sept. 16	Bluefield	11 a.m.
Sept. 21	at Nicholas County	6 p.m.
Sept. 23	Midland Trail	Noon
Sept. 26	at James Monroe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Shady Spring	5 p.m.
Sept. 30	Braxton County	11 a.m.
Oct. 3	Webster County	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Riverside	Noon

Pocahontas County Girls Soccer

Aug. 19	at Braxton County	11 a.m.
Aug. 22	at Philip Barbour	5 p.m.
Aug. 24	Elkins	7 p.m.
Aug. 26.	at Bluefield	11 a.m.
Aug. 29	Greenbrier East	5:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Petersburg	7 p.m.
Sept. 2	Lewis County	1 p.m.
Sept. 5	Nicholas County	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 7	James Monroe	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	at Lincoln County	TBA
Sept. 12	at Shady Spring	5 p.m.
Sept. 14	Petersburg	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Bluefield	1 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Nicholas County	8 p.m.
Sept. 23	Midland Trail	2 p.m.
Sept. 26	at James Monroe	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 28	Shady Spring	7 p.m.
Sept. 30	Braxton County	1 p.m.
Oct. 7	Riverside	2 p.m.
Oct. 10	at Greenbrier East	5:30 p.m.

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1983; Jared Turner, Winfield vs. Nitro (14-7), Aug. 25. 1989; Nathan Murray, Wirt County vs. Paden City (40-7), Sept. 6. 2019.

Season: 16 – Rick Smith, Calhoun County, 1990.

Career: 33 – Chip Caudill, Burch, 1970-73.

Punt distance

105 Yards – Gatha Hoffman, Fairmont Senior vs. Clarksburg Washington Irving (33-0), Oct. 5, 1929; 70 yards in air from point of kick.

Blocked punts

Game: 4 – Carlton Wagner, Pennsboro, 1929.

Season: 16 – Carlton Wagner, Pennsboro, 1929.

Career: 30 – Carlton Wagner, Pennsboro, 1929-30.

Fumble recovery TDs

Game: 3 – Ken McIntire, Parkersburg South vs. Toledo, Ohio, DeVilbiss (48-14), Oct. 2, 1971 (return yards – 24, 35, 36).

Team records

All games win streak: 57 – Martinsburg, 2016-20.

All games unbeaten streak: 57 – Martinsburg (57-0-0), 2016-20.

Regular season win streak: 57 – Williamstown, 2001-07.

Regular season unbeaten streak: 57 – Williamstown (57-0-0), 2001-07.

Losing streak: 50 – Hundred, 2012-18.

Longest game series: 116 games, Parkersburg vs. Marietta, Ohio, 1901-active; Parkersburg leads, 81-29, 6 ties.

Points, game: 157-0, Magnolia vs. Woodsfield, Ohio, at See **RECORDS** on Page 41

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Musselman at Cabell Midland
Capital at Riverside
Oak Hill at Greenbrier East
East Hardy at Hampshire
Liberty (Md.) at Hedgesville
Woodrow Wilson at
Huntington
Hurricane at Princeton
Jefferson at South Hagerstown (Md.)
John Marshall at Keyser
Clay County at Lincoln County

Washington at Martinsburg
Morgantown at Fairmont
Senior
St. Albans at Ripley
Frankfort at Spring Mills
Berkeley Springs at Liberty-Harrison
PikeView at Bluefield
Nicholas County at Braxton County
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Philip Barbour at East Washington
Fairmont Greenbrier East at Ripley
Herbert at Hoover Wayne Hampshire at Berkeley
Westside at Independence Springs
Liberty-Raleigh at Midland Musselman at Hedgesville
Trail Huntington Parkersburg Poca
Lincoln at Robert C. Byrd Jefferson at Millbrook (Va.)
Scott at Logan Martinsburg at Highland
Mingo Central at Point Springs (Va.)
Pleasant Parkersburg South at
Buffalo at Nitro Morgantown
Winfield at Poca Woodrow Wilson at
Shady Spring at Man Princeton
Weir at Martins Ferry (Ohio) Riverside at South
Wyoming East at Richwood Charleston
Wirt County at Calhoun Spring Mills at University
County Wheeling Park at St. Clairs-
Cameron at Valley-Wetzel ville (Ohio)
Meadow Bridge at Bluefield at Grayson County
Clay-Battelle (Va.)
South Harrison at Doddridge Roane County at Braxton
County County
Gilmer County at Wayne at Chapmanville
Ravenswood Grafton at Clay County
James Monroe at Greenbrier East Fairmont at Liberty-
West Harrison
Paden City at Hundred Carrick (Pa.) at Fairmont
Beallsville (Ohio) at Senior
Madonna Man at Independence
Magnolia at Frontier (Ohio) Keyser at Allegany (Md.)
Tucker County at Moorefield Lewis County at North
Tygarts Valley at Pendleton Marion
County Logan at Nitro
Pocahontas County at Nicholas County at Westside
Petersburg East Liverpool (Ohio) at Oak
Wahama at Ritchie County Glen
Tug Valley at River View Robert C. Byrd at Philip
Summers County at Sherman Barbour
St. Marys at Webster County Marietta (Ohio) at Point
Tyler Consolidated at Tolsia Pleasant
Shadyside (Ohio) at Wheel- Wyoming East at Shady
ing Central Spring
Friday, Oct. 13 Sissonville at Winfield
Preston at Bridgeport Weir at Albert Gallatin (Pa.)
Brooke at John Marshall Buffalo at Tolsia
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Hill County
Cabell Midland at Hurricane Clay-Battelle at Cameron
Spring Valley at Capital
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New Martinsville, Nov. 10, 1917.
Points, losing team, game: 71
– Wheeling Park vs. Parkersburg
South, 77-71, 2 ot., at Wheeling,
Oct. 30, 2009.
Total offense, modern game:
850 yards – Parkersburg at Her-
bert Hoover, 75-22, Oct. 6, 2000.
Pass interceptions, game: 10
– Wirt County vs. Paden City
(40-7), Sept. 6, 2019; 2 TDs, 147
yards.
Fumbles, two teams, game: 23
– Williamstown lost 3 of 8 (36-6
win); South Harrison lost 9 of 15.
Game point average, regular
season: 61.3 – Point Pleasant,
2015; 613 points, 10 games.
Game point average, all games
season: 61.4 – Martinsburg,
2019; 859 points, 14 games.
Game point margin, unscored
upon season: 379-0 – Charleston
(8-0-1), 1920.
Quarters, unscored upon season:
40 – St. Marys (10-0), 1963,
scored 305 points; Frankfort (10-
0), 1990, scored 357 points.
Game attendance: 17,500 –
University d. Morgantown, 21-
20, Oct. 29, 1999, at Mountaineer
Field, Morgantown.

Coaching
State titles: 10 – Carl Ward,
Ceredo-Kenova, 1959-88; 13 fi-
nals, 16 playoffs (23-6).
Wins: 304 – Dave Walker,
Martinsburg (1997-2019) and
East Hardy (1988-96).
Wins, one school: 288 –
Larry McClintic, Meadow Bridge,
1969-2015.
Consecutive wins, all games:
56 – Dave Walker, Martinsburg,
2016-19.
Consecutive regular season
wins: 56 – Leon McCoy, Win-
field, 1957-59, 1969-72.
Playoff wins: 55 – Fred
Simon, Bluefield, 1986-active; 24
playoffs, 12 finals- 5 titles; 55-19
record.
Playoff games: 74 – Fred
Simon, Bluefield, 1986-active; 24
playoffs, 12 finals-5 titles, 55-19
record; and Dave Walker, Martins-
burg, 1997-2019, and East Hardy,
1988-96; 29 playoffs, 12 finals
– 8 titles, 53-21 record.

Annual scoring leaders
2022 – Judah Price, Indepen-
dence, 300
2021 – Gus Morrison, Ritchie
County, 154
2020 – Gus Morrison, Ritchie
County, 164
2019 – Ethan Payne, Poca,
276
2018 – Hunter America, Dod-
dridge County, 210
2017 – Dylan Smith, Chap-
manville, 206
2016 – Dylan Lucas, Buffalo,
260
2015 – Cody Mitchell, Point
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2014 – Justin Cogar, West-
side, 228
2013 – Jake Parker, Meadow
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Aug. 29	at Paw Paw	7:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	at Clay-Battelle	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	South Harrison	6 p.m.
Sept. 7	Union	6 p.m.
Sept. 14	at South Harrison triangular	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	at Highland County	6 p.m.
Sept. 18	at Trinity Christian triangular	5 p.m.
Sept. 21	Tucker County	6 p.m.
Sept. 26	Highland County	6 p.m.
Sept. 27	Moorefield-Notre Dame	5 p.m.
Oct. 3	East Hardy	6 p.m.
Oct. 5	at Notre Dame triangular	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Pendleton County	6 p.m.
Oct. 12	at Union triangular	5 p.m.
Oct. 17	at Tucker County	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	at South Harrison	6 p.m.
Oct. 19	at Pendleton County	6 p.m.
Oct. 23	Trinity Christian	5 p.m.
Oct. 26	at Petersburg triangular	5:30 p.m.



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Doddridge County at Tygarts Valley	Moorefield at East Hardy	Gilmer County at Webster County	Petersburg at Greenbrier West	Hundred at Hancock (Md.)	Midland Trail at James	Monroe	Richwood at Madonna	Magnolia at St. Marys	Meadow Bridge at Summers County	Montcalm at River View	Tug Valley at Mount View	Paden City at Beallsville (Ohio)	Pendleton County at Pocahontas County	Ravenswood at Tyler Consolidated	Sherman at Van	Wahama at South Harrison	Southern Garrett (Md.) at Tucker County	Wheeling Central at Martins Ferry (Ohio)
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SENATORS**D&E Men's Soccer**

Sept. 2	West Liberty	7 p.m.
Sept. 6	Notre Dame College	7 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Concord	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 13	Charleston	7 p.m.
Sept. 17	at Frostburg State	1 p.m.
Sept. 23	West Virginia Wesleyan	3 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Wheeling	4 p.m.
Oct. 4	Frostburg State	7 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Notre Dame College	Noon
Oct. 11	at West Liberty	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Charleston	4 p.m.
Oct. 18	at Catawba	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Concord	7 p.m.
Oct. 29	Wheeling	7 p.m.
Nov. 1	at West Virginia Wesleyan	7 p.m.

D&E Women's Soccer

Aug. 31	at Slippery Rock	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 3	UNC Pembroke	1 p.m.
Sept. 10	at Charleston	1 p.m.
Sept. 13	Glenville State	7 p.m.
Sept. 17	Concord	1 p.m.
Sept. 20	at West Virginia State	6 p.m.
Sept. 23	West Virginia Wesleyan	4 p.m.
Oct. 1	at Wheeling	1 p.m.
Oct. 4	Frostburg State	5 p.m.
Oct. 8	at Notre Dame College	3 p.m.
Oct. 11	at West Liberty	5 p.m.
Oct. 14	Fairmont State	1 p.m.
Oct. 18	Charleston	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	at Glenville State	2 p.m.
Oct. 25	at Concord	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	West Virginia State	5 p.m.
Nov. 1	at West Virginia Wesleyan	1 p.m.





POTOMAC STATE COLLEGE

CATAMOUNTS**Potomac State Men's Soccer**

Aug. 22	at Cecil College	4:30 p.m.
Aug. 29	at CCBC Essex	7 p.m.
Aug. 31	Westmoreland	6 p.m.
Sept. 9	Southern Maryland	2 p.m.
Sept. 14	Frederick	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	Hagerstown	4 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Christendom College	2 p.m.
Sept. 28	at Northern Virginia	TBA
Oct. 3	at Howard CC	TBA
Oct. 5	Allegany Maryland	5 p.m.
Oct. 12	Carroll CC	TBA
Oct. 17	at CCBC Catonsville	TBA
Oct. 20	at Harford	6 p.m.

Potomac State Women's Soccer

Aug. 29	at CCBC Essex	5 p.m.
Aug. 31	Westmoreland County CC	4 p.m.
Sept. 9	Southern Maryland	Noon
Sept. 14	Frederick CC	4 p.m.
Sept. 16	Hagerstown CC	2 p.m.
Sept. 21	at Garrett	7 p.m.
Sept. 23	at Christendon College	Noon
Oct. 3	at Howard	TBA
Oct. 5	Allegany Maryland	3 p.m.
Oct. 12	Carroll	TBA
Oct. 13	at Christendon College	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	at CCBC Catonsville	TBA
Oct. 20	at Harford	4 p.m.





WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

MOUNTAINEERS



Schedule

Sept. 2	at Penn State	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Duquesne	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	Pitt	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Texas Tech	TBA
Sept. 30	at TCU	TBA
Oct. 12	at Houston	TBA
Oct. 21	Oklahoma State	TBA
Oct. 28	at UCF	TBA
Nov. 4	BYU	TBA
Nov. 11	at Oklahoma	TBA
Nov. 18	Cincinnati	TBA
Nov. 25	at Baylor	TBA

Mountaineers tough slate in 2023 begins at Penn State

MORGANTOWN — West Virginia plays one of the toughest schedules in the country this season, with the opener coming at highly rated Penn State on Sept. 2.

The Nittany Lions, who have 16 starters and 44 lettermen returning from last year's 11-2 team that routed Utah in the Rose Bowl, were projected to be ranked in the preseason top 10.

If so, that means West Virginia will be opening in a top-10-ranked opponents' home stadium for the first time since 1982 when the Mountaineers played at ninth-ranked Oklahoma.

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File photo

Neal Brown is entering his fifth year as the West Virginia University head football coach. The Mountaineers travel to Penn State to open the season on Sept. 2.



Photo courtesy of BlueGoldNews.com

WVU quarterback Garrett Greene runs for yardage during last year's win over Oklahoma.

WVU eager to silence the doubters

By Bob Hertzell
WV News

MORGANTOWN — At Big 12 Media Day, West Virginia left no doubt that it wasn't happy being selected 14th and last in the conference's preseason media poll and was intent on proving the world wrong.

But that was talk.

The time for action has come as Neal Brown welcomes his fifth team, one with 32 new scholarship players and with 13 starters gone

from last year.

As they took to the field for preseason drills, they had to replace that chip they've carried on their shoulder with shoulder pads and begin the process of preparing for Penn State in a season-opening game in the intimidating surroundings of State College with more than 100,000 fans and a national television audience seeing if they can live up to the talk.

Brown, of course, left little doubt that he expected more from

his team than most expect as he coaches to keep his job.

"I believe in our staff and in our players," he stressed at Media Day in Arlington, Texas, a couple of weeks ago. "We're looking forward to proving everybody wrong."

His feelings run through the entire WVU locker room.

"Ever since West Virginia was a state, it's always been West Virginia against the world," Garrett

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WVU kicked off the 1994 season against fourth-ranked Nebraska in Giants Stadium and greeted top-ranked Ohio State in Morgantown to begin the 1998 campaign. More recently, West Virginia lifted the lid on 2014 with a game against second-ranked Alabama in the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, so you get the idea of what the team is up against in early September.

Neal Brown begins his fifth season at WVU in 2023.

“Penn State is really good, no matter when we play them, but the fact that you open up with them brings a sense of urgency to your preparation,” Coach Neal Brown said earlier this summer.

Brown will have 13 starters and 39 lettermen returning from last year’s 5-7 team that won two of its last three games against Oklahoma and Oklahoma State.

Brown said his team is going to have to do a much better job this season of taking care of the football on offense, while getting more takeaways on defense. The Mountaineers ranked 120th out of 131 teams in turnover margin in 2022.

“Offensively, the No. 1 thing is we’ve got to take care of the football,” he said. “The second thing

is we’ve got to be more efficient on third down, especially third and medium, and we’ve got to score touchdowns in the red zone. We did a really nice job of that two years ago, but not as much last year. The third thing is we’ve got to make explosive plays. We must be a more explosive team than we have been the last couple of years.”

West Virginia will have its offensive line returning intact from the end of last season. The five guys who started the regular season finale at Oklahoma State – Doug Nester, Tomas Rimac, Zach Frazier, Wyatt Milum and Ja’Quay Hubbard – should be on the field when the Mountaineers play Penn State, although there could be some rearranging. Frazier, a preseason All-America center, will anchor a unit that is considered one of the most experienced in the country with 132 combined starts returning.

“If that’s not the most in the country, it’s got to be close,” Brown said.

Four of West Virginia’s top five rushers return, including stellar freshman CJ Donaldson Jr. and athletic junior quarterback Garrett Greene, who will battle touted freshman Nicco Marchiol for the

starting job this fall. Both give WVU athleticism at the quarterback position it hasn’t had since either 2016 when Skyler Howard led the Mountaineers to a 10-win season, or Will Grier in 2018.

The wide receiver corps will be completely retooled with Cortez Braham and Jeremiah Aaron boasting the most experience, which means several transfers will have to step in and produce immediately. Among those are NC State’s Devin Carter, Kent State’s Ja’Shaun Poke, Angelo State’s Noah Massey and Marshall’s E.J. Horton. Touted freshman Rodney Gallagher III, from nearby Uniontown, Pennsylvania, is another possibility.

That group also got a big boost last winter when LSU tight end Kole Taylor joined the program and took part in spring drills. In all, West Virginia will have seven tight ends on its roster at the start of preseason camp.

Chad Scott, on Brown’s staff for four seasons as running backs coach, has been promoted to offensive coordinator, although Brown indicated earlier this month that he will resume play calling duties this season.

The defensive side of the ball is where West Virginia is going to have to make the biggest improvement in 2023. WVU took a step backward in 2022 after fourth-year coordinator Jordan Lesley fielded stingy units in 2020 and 2021.

“Our defensive performance last year was not good enough and then you start examining why?” Brown said. “Well, there were some personnel issues. Some of it was evaluation and some of it was our collective wasn’t yet established and we lost some starters, but as coaches we had to ask ourselves, ‘What can we do better that we can control right now?’ I think simplification, from a teaching standpoint, was one thing we could do.”

Last year’s defense finished 128th in turnovers gained, 126th in interceptions, 114th in scoring and 109th in passing yards allowed, primarily because of youth and inexperience in the secondary. This year, the back end will possess a lot more moxie with second- and third-leading tacklers Aubrey Burks and Marcis Floyd returning at the safety positions.

Malachi Ruffin, Jacolby Spells and Andrew Wilson-Lamp

are returning at corner and will be challenged by a couple of additions from the transfer portal in Minnesota’s Beanie Bishop and Kent State’s Montre Miller. Buffalo’s Keyshawn Cobb and Georgia Southern’s Anthony Wilson were also brought in to help with secondary depth.

Former Penn State transfer Lance Dixon, Hershey McLaurin and redshirt freshman Raleigh Collins III will battle it out at spear.

Inside linebacker Lee Kpogba, the team’s top tackler in 2022, returns, as does 6-foot-5, 291-pound junior Sean Martin, both of whom Brown believes have all-conference-type talent. Of the 19 defensive linemen listed on this year’s roster, six began their collegiate careers at other schools, including Penn State transfer Fatorma Mulbah. Brown is hopeful junior Edward Vesterinen, sophomore Hammond Russell IV and former Georgia Tech transfer Mike Lockhart can make big jumps this season.

Junior bandit Jared Bartlett and touted true freshman edge rusher James Heard Jr. are two other athletic defenders to keep an eye on.

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Greene, who is expected to be named starting quarterback sometime during preseason camp, said while appearing on MetroNews’ ‘Three Guys Before the Game’ podcast recently.

“Our team has embraced that. We love being the underdogs. Some of West Virginia’s best teams were counted out. We’re embracing that and shocking the world.”

Doesn’t matter who you speak

with among the WVU players, the feeling is the same.

“I feel like we’re very disrespected right now,” veteran defensive lineman Sean Martin said at Media Day. “We just got to prove everybody wrong and just show what we’re about.”

“I feel like we could definitely use it to fuel us just showing that nobody believes in us. It basically just shows what everybody thinks

about us. I could say right now that just being around the guys around that facility, I can promise we’re not finishing last in the Big 12,” Mike linebacker Lee Kpogba added.

“We want to prove that to everybody, but you got to prove to yourself first that you can do it,” defensive back Aubrey Burks, a potential all-Big 12 performer, said.

And the proving began with the first drills. The strength and con-

ditioning work of the winter and spring practice is history. There are a lot of new pieces who have come through the transfer portal who must be worked in, as players and as locker room brothers.

The task is daunting, for there has been only one winning season under Brown. He’s starting over with a new cast of characters in what is, essentially, a new Big 12 Conference with Oklahoma and

Texas on their goodbye tour and Cincinnati, Houston, Brigham Young and Central Florida added to the mix with Colorado now waiting in the wings for next year.

WVU is solid on its offensive line and with its running backs while Greene and/or Nicco Marchiol will give the offense a different look than it had previously, a mobile quarterback creating a new dimension.



Three students are shown holding signs for Davis & Elkins College orientation weekend. The student on the left holds a sign that says "HAVE A GREAT D&E DAY!". The student in the middle holds a sign that says "WELCOME HOME" with a map of West Virginia. The student on the right holds a sign that says "Senators". They are all wearing white t-shirts with the college logo and "2022 ORIENTATION WEEKEND DAVIS & ELKINS COLLEGE" printed on them.

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