

Tigers

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sophomore. He has got good size at 6'0" and 186 pounds. He is put together pretty well. He played some linebacker for us and some tight end. He is a pretty smart athlete. He understands games and the strategy of games. We hope he can be a play-maker on the offensive and defensive side of the ball."

"BILLY BENNETT (Sr., 6'0", 218 lb., OL/DL) is also a four year starter — he started when he was a freshman. Billy has had some nagging injuries in his career but a lot of that has to do with how he plays the game — he plays so hard. He is a guy that there is never any doubt on the football field of what you are going get out of Billy Bennett. He is going to play as hard as he can. He has got some athletic ability and speed for a lineman. We expect great things out of him especially in a leadership role too."

"J.B. HUGHES (Sr., 5'11", 270 lb., OL/DL) has worked in the weight room this year to get his body ready to play. He is battling for a starting spot at offensive tackle right now. We expect that to continue and expect him to be able to play some offensive tackle for us. If he continues to work, I think he is going to be a good offensive lineman for us."

"JAY WILLS (Sr., 5'11", 225 lb., OL/DL) This is the first year he has played since junior high. Jay is a big, strong kid. He is starting to understand how to play with his size, body and strength. If we can get him to understand what we want out of him, he is going to be a good football player for us. If he will continue to work, he will help us somewhere on the offensive line or the defensive line."

"SCOTT PITMAN (Sr., 5'7", 219 lb., OL/DL) played some last year at nose guard. We have moved him to center this year. He is one of the strongest kids on the team. He works hard in the weight room. We expect some leadership from him out there on the offensive and defensive lines."

"KODEY MADELL (Sr., 5'11", 210 lb., OL/DL) played as a freshman, but he has not played since and came back out. We were talking about in practice how hard he plays — we got to find a spot for him somewhere on the field. He is a good kid and he is not afraid of contact. He plays with a fast motor and as a defensive lineman that is what you want to see."

"I told those guys (senior class) in practice as a group, our season is going to be largely affected by how they play this year," said Clemons about his experienced group of seniors. "For a school our size to have a group of 15, that is pretty big. This is a good group when they were in junior high they had a lot of success. They have played a lot of football here so we expect some big things from our senior class."

Gordonsville's junior class features several players who can contribute at the line of scrimmage. Of the nine Tigers in the junior class, five are over 220 pounds with seven listed as linemen on the roster.

"SKYSHN WASHER (Jr., 6'0", 167 lb., QB/RB/DB) plays running back and defensive back. He has also played a little quarterback. He is very versatile. He is a great athlete with a lot of speed. We are just looking for more consistency out of him. He is going to be a good football player for us."

"JALEN BROWN (Jr., 5'9", 155 lb., RB/DB) played a little running back. He has worked with the defensive backs and the linebackers. He is one of those guys that we have to find a spot for him. He has also some good speed. He has really put his body together well in the weight room this winter. We are expecting some great things out of him."

"JUSTIN HANCOCK (Jr., 6'2", 266 lb., OL/DL) started last year as a sophomore on the offensive line. He has got good size at 6'2", 270 pounds or somewhere in that range. He has got a good frame. We have got to get him a little meaner as an offensive lineman that is what you look for. He has got that streak in him we have just got to get him to play with it all the time. Right now, he is starting for us at left tackle. We are expecting big things out of him. With that year of experience he had last year, it really helps out."

"HUNTER CLEMONS (Jr., 6'3", 250 lb., OL/DL) is 6'3", 245 pounds. He is battling for position at right tackle. Hunter is a kid who has got some athletic ability. Just like Hancock, we are looking for him to be a little meaner and a little tougher."

"COLBY ADAMS (Jr., 6'0", 197 lb., OL/DL) has put on some muscle this winter and has got his body ready to play. Colby is working for us some in the offensive line and the defensive line. He is a kid once

he figures some things out with his technique and he starts to learn how to use the strength he has added — he will be more effective. We expect big things out of Colby."

"LAYTON CRIPPS (Jr., 6'1", 205 lb., OL/LB) is one of those kids that is a hybrid type. He has played some tight end for us, some guard, some linebacker and defensive end. He is a kid that last year he changed numbers throughout the year and played different positions. He is a very versatile football player and he will play where ever you ask him to play — he does not care. He just wants to help the team. Layton has worked in the weight room this winter and has gotten some strength about him so expect those things to show on the football field. We are expecting some big things out of him."

"TRISTIN CORTHELL (Jr., 5'9", 230 lb., OL/DL) is an offensive and defensive lineman. Pound for pound he is probably one of the strongest kids on our team. He works hard in the weight room and he could really be a force for us at defensive end or guard — where ever he is at. Also, as a lineman he is able to run which is very important. He will factor into a lot of our special teams. Usually linemen are not a part of that stuff, but with his speed we are able to use him. That makes him more valuable. Corthell is a kid we are depending on to have a good year for us, if he can do that then people will not be able to run the football at us on his side."

"JASON SALISBURY (Jr., 5'11", 246 lb., OL/DL) did not play last year. Salisbury is part of that junior class which has some offensive and defensive line type kids in it. Salisbury is about 245 pounds. He is extremely strong and gritty. We are trying to find out where the best place for him is. He has worked for us at nose guard. He has played some linebacker in his time. So it is just trying to find where the best place is for him to be to try to make our team better. The thing I like about him is his grit and his effort so we will find a place for somebody who can do that."

"PEYTON CASH (Jr., 5'9", 255 lb., OL/DL) has been injured and he is coming off a surgery on his foot. He is still a couple of weeks away from getting cleared to go out and be a part of us. So he is doing what he can right now. We are trying to rehab him to get him back out there. Peyton has got some size to him and we are hoping to get him back healthy and back out there on the football field to help us out somewhere."

"Looking at the juniors, as a group they are mostly linemen and as a football coach that is what you want," said Clemons about the junior Tigers. "The most important position on the field is the guys who put their hand in the dirt. We are glad to have that group with us."

The Tigers have seven sophomores on the 2018 roster. These young players are still developing, but will still be able to provide depth for Clemons.

"JAX BOUDREAUX (So., 5'6", 135 lb., WR/DB) is a kid that plays with a lot of energy. He is starting to put some strength on his body which is going to help him. We are expecting him to play some receiver and maybe some defensive back for us. He moves pretty well. We are looking for someone to add some depth there and help us out in some situations. He maybe an option for special teams."

"GRANT UNDERWOOD (So., 5'10", 173 lb., TE/LB) has put on a little strength and some size. He is a kid that right now we have working as a tight end and a H-back. He is playing some linebacker on defense. We are trying to find out where is the best place for him to be to help us. So that he can be the best that he can be. Grant works hard in the weight room. He is a guy that we think is going to have a good career here at Gordonsville."

"SHAWN MAYFIELD (So., 5'10", 176 lb., TE/DL) has never played here before. He moved in. He is a gritty guy and he is starting to understand more about what he needs to do as a football player. I think when we get his technique ironed out — he is going to be a good football player for us



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2018 GORDONSVILLE HIGH JUNIORS — Kneeling from left: Peyton Cash, Jalen Brown, Jason Salisbury. Second row from left: Justin Hancock, Hunter Clemons, Skyshn Washer, Tristin Corthell, Colby Adams. Not pictured: Layton Cripps.

down the road. He also a guy that can run and maybe we can factor him into special teams somewhere."

"LUCAS CARTER (So., 6'1", 210 lb., OL/LB) is a kid who is blessed with some size. He is 6'1" and weighs about 210 pounds and for a big guy — he moves well. He is one of the faster kids on the team and he is a kid in the weight room is naturally strong. He is a guy that we are looking for a little more consistency out of and if we can get that — he will be a name that people will recognize on Friday nights because he can be a player."

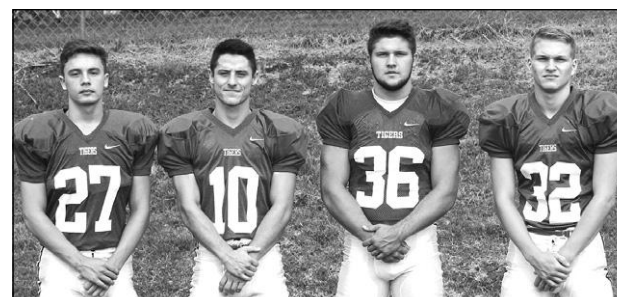
"DAMION FRANKLIN (So., 5'10", 222 lb., OL/DL) is another offensive and defensive lineman that we have. Damion is working at center and is working at defensive tackle for us. He is a kid who is starting to figure out things about football that I think it's going to help him. He has decided that he wants to play. That is a good thing when a young man decides he wants to play — then your are going to get some effort out of him. I think he has realized it is time for him play. Right now, he is playing at center and is doing a good job."

"JUSTIN WOODS (So., 5'7", 155 lb., OL/LB) is another offensive lineman, linebacker



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2018 GORDONSVILLE HIGH MANAGERS — Standing from left: Hannah Haaser, Hailey Peyatt, Lilly Turner, Lauren Boles. Not pictured: Aleiyah Mayo.



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2018 GORDONSVILLE HIGH KICKERS / PUNTERS / SNAPPERS— Standing from left: Chris Welsh, Levi Halliburton, Matthew Thompson, Adam Brinkley.

type kid. He played some guard for us. If you look at offensive linemen, he may be a little undersized — but he is just sophomore. He is going

to grow and get stronger. The thing I like about Justin is that he plays hard and he is not

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