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being the starter quarterback. If it's Crawford, then Jones will get the call at running back and Yates put out at wide receiver. If it is Jones, then Crawford could be a receiver and Yates could line up at running back and receiver given the different situations.

If Estes chooses to go with Yates, then Jones will probably be running at tailback and Crawford at receiver. Either way, Estes will want to get the ball in their hands as much as possible.

The Lions have other options in the run-game. They have junior Jacob Brackett and two very good sophomores in Matthew Parker and Trevor Moore. Both of them gained valuable playing last year.

Dresden will have a good group of receivers if Estes goes with either Crawford or Jones at quarterback and uses Yates as a wide-out. That will pair him up with Divers Lockhart, a speedy 5-11, 150-pound receiver.

Other experienced receivers are juniors Drake Murphee, Tyle Dick and Nolan Johnson. Estes also has two good freshmen he may use in some games in wide receivers Trey Eddings and Chandler Turnbow.

However, none of the positions are set in stone on offense and defense.

"Every position on the offensive and defensive side of the ball is open," Estes said. "You come to practice and you will see five guys playing different positions. Everybody is competing for a spot. We are trying to find the best 11 players and put those on the field."

Those spots include the offensive line, which is where the Lions will be the youngest, with Brown being the only senior competing for a starting job on the line.

Other players vying for a spot on the offensive line are juniors Blake Lewis, Bryan Vieyra, Wes Sawyers, who is experienced, Drake Shelbourn and Evan Donoho, who is another player with experience on the offensive line.

Terry, Burkett, Logan Taylor and Daniel Worley are the only three sophomores attempting to get a starting offensive lineman position.

**DEFENSE**

Nearly every starting job is open on defense except. Yates, Crawford and Lockhart as shoe-ins for the secondary, while Jones will be at linebacker.

The Lions will have to replace the best linebacker in the county and the region from last year in Hudson Nanney. He was the leader and playmaker for the defense. Estes has one person in mind to take over as the leader of the defense.

"I think Drake Yates does a really good job at being a leader," the head coach said. "He does not miss any practice and he gives you everything he has got while he is here. I think we have three or four guys that are going to be able to step up and play some good football for us at the linebacker position."

"That is a big hole to fill. But we have some guys that kind of have some new talent that we did not know was back there. They have stepped up into the light and we are excited to see what we can do with the linebackers this year."

Players who could possibly be seen at linebacker alongside Jones are Mitchell, Winstead, Moore, Parker, Lewis and sophomore Jacob Cook.

The defensive line is also up for grabs. Whoever wins out the starting offensive line jobs will have the inside track on the de-



fensive line.  
**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
Here is another area that is up in the air for the Lions. No one

has won out the kicking job yet "Whoever can kick the ball consistently will be our kicker," Estes said. "Right now that is

undecided. It will be somebody who can get the ball down the field consistently for us." Dresden has several options

for kick returns with Yates, Moore, Parker, Jones, Lockhart, Murphee and even some of its freshmen.

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