

Coach Whitlow to lead Dragons

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Brad Todd is a former Western Kentucky University football player and high school coach with multiple regional and district championships under his belt.

"Neither will be full time, but they are assets," Whitlow said. "I intend to have them in early and often to help establish the best program foundation."

Full-time assistants will be Jon Whitlow and Josh Judd, and the coach is working to fill other positions.

His plan for success: "Work hard as coaches. Work our kids hard," Whitlow said. "We will start immediately in the weight room. From there we will organize our plans to have spring practice and use that opportunity to introduce new concepts and review previous ones."

The new coach wants to perfect the path through drills and technique right up until the season opener.

"During the summer, we will continue workouts and be involved in some 7 on 7 passing tournaments."

The Dragons will lose several players this upcoming season including all starting linebackers, strong safety, free safety, five players that rotated on the line and snaps at cornerback.

Offensively, the Dragons lose their starting quarterback, three starting running back rotations, two offensive linemen and five players that rotated at receiver and tight end.

"All positions are up for grabs and those who compete day in and day out, and are the most ready, will be those that secure those positions," Whitlow said. "All positions will have to be earned and earned weekly."

The coach said the front runner right now at quarterback is soon-to-be sophomore Zack Ferguson, with Calen Squires and Chase York at running back.

"I see guys such as Noah Grey, that had a good year, but I look for him to explode during his junior year," Coach said. "Two guys I expect to hit pay-dirt several times this season are Calen Squires and Chase York. Both possess speed and quickness... I look to utilize them in many ways and call upon their leadership."

He also sees Blake Houchens, Blayde Milby and Harley Montgomery getting a considerable amount of touches, and Bryson Edwards, Tuff Harper and Damon Johnson getting a lot of JV action.

"We are going to move guys around and do some things out of the norm," said Whitlow.

"I see tight end type players like Nathan Davis and Noah Grey lining up in the backfield at times to mix up our schemes... if



Photo submitted

Jeremy Whitlow was named last week as the Green County High School Head Football Coach. Whitlow is married to Jordan Lynn Whitlow. They have three sons, Scout Bryant, Jeremy "JJ" and James "Jamer" Whitlow.

we are able to get Cole Edmonds back out, we are going to create a series of special plays where he takes the snaps from shot gun to take advantage of his skills. Keaton Perkins, Brooks Wood, Elliot Owens and Jack Hessian are the guys returning with the most experience on the offensive line."

Whitlow plans to look for new faces for the field as well.

"We have to be in the hallways as much as possible at school, we have to get on the phone with potential players and their parents and just reach out to them by any means necessary."

He has "hype" videos of past seasons ready to go and plans to use those successes as a motivator, even showing to local youth.

"I will take things such as that into our primary, intermediate, and middle schools to help foster our youth programs...they are our lifeblood and of extreme importance."

Whitlow is overjoyed with his new position and his excitement built during the first football meeting Friday when many former players and potential new players showed up.

"A kid I was thrilled to see at the meeting was Gunner Bush. Gunner is another guy of extreme potential and possesses great leadership qualities that could be used as a tight end and wide receiver to various defensive positions."

Green County will move into a five team district that includes Clinton, Edmonson, Metcalfe and Monroe counties.

However, Whitlow feels a District Championship can be achieved immediately.

"We will be challenged, especially in the early part of the season," Whitlow said. "That will allow us to figure out what and who we can hang our hat on before District play begins."

Offensively, Whitlow will lean towards running the ball, with a short passing game to compliment the run.

"From a formation

standpoint, fans will see the I, Flexbone, Wishbone, Singlebacks, and various Shotgun formations," he said. "Within those formations, we will look to feature the option a great deal, be it double or triple option, or run pass options, along with sweeps, power and misdirection plays."

For the upcoming season, the base defense will be a 4-3 under front.

"We will be playing gap assignment football with a 7-man box as much as possible and will adjust our secondary shells as needed," Whitlow said.

More than anything, Whitlow wants to see each player fulfill their worth and make the community proud.

"We intend on representing Green County and our people to the team's fullest potential in every single moment and certainly on Friday nights," Coach said. "We greatly appreciate your support and will work effortlessly with selflessness in hopes of making you proud."

Coach Whitlow is married to Jordan Lynn Whitlow. They have three sons, Scout Bryant, Jeremy "JJ" and James "Jamer" Whitlow.

Clark competes at DYW



Photos by Christopher Zollner

Green County was represented at the State Distinguished Young Woman competition Jan. 12 by Jessica Clark. Clark performed a piano solo entitled "Scherzo in D Minor" by Cornelius Gurlitt for the talent portion of the event.



Ava-Kate Sprowles was Clark's "little sister" for the DYW event. More event photos can be found online at www.carpe-imago.smugmug.com.

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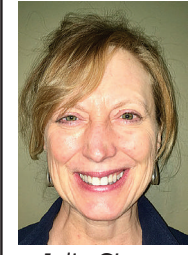
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