

Sears was focused on defense last year and only carried the ball 11 times. While he will be carrying the ball more this year, his effort, and all of his defensive teammate's effort, must increase if they plan on replacing Brady Holleran. Holleran accounted for 154 tackles and 19.5 sacks last season, and James admits it will be hard to replace.

"Brady is not a kid that you can just replace," said James.

Junior Nahavian Davis has moved closer to the line of scrimmage this season and will act primarily as a pass rusher for the Flyers.

"He's a heck of a pass rusher and he has really flourished since we moved him down to play Brady's position," said James.

It is encouraging too that young defenders like Sears, sophomore Peyton Ledford, junior Jayden Mattison and senior Phillip Peiffer are all returning to the Flyers lineup this season, and James is excited, not just for this season, but for the future.

"We're excited about it, and the crazy part is all of those guys except Phillip are coming back again. Defensively we are still young," said James.

Ledford and Sears are expected to be the quarterbacks of the defense this season and

with the introduction of Davis at Holleran's former position, Sears thinks the Flyers will be just fine.

"I think our defense will be just fine. We just gotta come to practice everyday mentally focused and ready to work," said Sears. "My goal personally is to be one of the best linebackers in 4A, and in the state, but that's not going come easy. I gotta come everyday working hard," said Sears.

James hopes for his players to compete on defense. He believes they have what it takes to become a renowned defense in Kentucky.

"We feel like we've been playing pretty good defense, but we want to take the next step and be mentioned as one of the elite defenses in the state," said James.

The strength of this Flyer squad is their toughness according to James, but the things they most need to improve on are all a by-product of COVID-19. The small details like ball security and hand-offs are critical when they are piled up and missing so much practice will set almost every team back. James feels it is a necessity to get those issues fixed as soon as possible, but his overall expectations for the 2020 season aren't too different from what he told his team last

season after losing in the playoffs.

"I just want to see our kids compete and get better every day," said James. "We've got some goals that we talk about but we just want them to get better every day and we want to see where it takes us. We're excited about the talent and the experience and the mix that we have but we're taking it one day at a time and I think with the way the world is right now that's a good choice."

The Franklin County Flyers open their season in an away game against Anderson County, at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11. Their home opener will be against Woodford County on Friday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m.

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## ROSTER

61 Brian Aguilar	So.	21 Brenton Sears	Jr.
68 Diego Martinez	So.	74 Joshua Golson	So.
36 Kenneth Aitken	Jr.	19 Frances Severino	So.
11 Jayden Mattison	Jr.	26 Bailey Green, DB	So.
12 Greg Anderson	So.	66 Jacob Sizemore	Jr.
14 Brandon Maupin	So.	96 Alex Greene	So.
53 Seth Black	Jr.	15 Emanuel Smith	So.
85 Shakur Muhammad	So.	67 Carson Greenwell	So.
86 Sophia Booze	Jr.	54 Noah Stanley	So.
31 Christian Nava	Jr.	62 Tanner Haney	Jr.
10 Nick Broyles	Sr.	75 Anthony Stark	So.
78 Stephen Parido	Jr.	59 Ethan Hogan	Jr.
97 Nevaeh Carter	Jr.	56 Lamarques Summerour Jr.	So.
75 Ronald Pascua	Sr.	52 Michael Holloway	Jr.
7 Zach Claudio	Jr.	79 Ethan Tabor	So.
87 Phillip Peiffer	Sr.	9 Austin Hortenbury	Sr.
84 Maggie Conway	Jr.	44 Blair Tate	Jr.
98 Kaden Poole	So.	5 Gavin Hurst	So.
22 Chris Cox	Jr.	8 Dominick Taylor	So.
72 Isaac Prado	Jr.	71 James Jensen	Jr.
57 Nahavian Davis	Jr.	6 Braedyn Tracy	Jr.
16 Chris Purvis	So.	88 Grant Lacy	Jr.
70 Taesean Davis	Jr.	1 Bryce Tucker	Sr.
65 Kendall Roederer	Sr.	3 Peyton Ledford	So.
2 Fred Farrier	Sr.	25 Micah Williams	Sr.
57 Jordan Ross	Sr.	60 Jonnell Martin	So.
35 Xavier Gilmore	So.	58 Wyatt Wylie	So.

## SENIORS

Nick Broyles, Ronald Pascua, Phillip Peiffer, Kendall Roederer, Fred Farrier, Jordan Ross, Austin Hortenbury, Bryce Tucker, Micah Williams

## COACHES

Head Coach Eddie L James, Receivers Coach Alphonse H Allen III, Offensive Coordinator Kaelin Ammons Sr., Assistant Coach Daniel J Anderson, Assistant Coach Marcus Dunnigan, Assistant Coach Michael Gearhart, Assistant Coach Sean Hatton, Assistant Coach Dennis M Ledford, Assistant Coach Greg Moore, Assistant Coach Nick Moore, Assistant Coach Stephen S Perkins Sr., Assistant Coach Donald Polly, Assistant Coach Chris A Roberts, Assistant Coach Barrett Sanderson, Assistant Coach Joshua Walker