

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMANDERS



GAME SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 11	BARDSTOWN WASHINGTON COUNTY 7:30PM
SEPTEMBER 18	MARION COUNTY MARION COUNTY 7:30PM
SEPTEMBER 25	THOMAS NELSON WASHINGTON COUNTY 7:30PM
OCTOBER 2	BETHLAHEM BETHLAHEM 7:30PM
OCTOBER 9	LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN LEXINGTON CHRISTIAN 7:30PM
OCTOBER 16	DANVILLE WASHINGTON COUNTY 7:30PM
OCTOBER 23	SOMERSET WASHINGTON COUNTY 7:30PM
OCTOBER 30	METCALFE COUNTY METCALFE COUNTY 7PM
NOVEMBER 6	GARRAD COUNTY WASHINGTON COUNTY 7:30PM

The Washington County Commanders football team has been inconsistent in recent years. However, with young rosters they've fielded in recent years, they think they have a strong chance to break out. And they're really hoping it's sooner rather than later.

Commanders Head Coach Eric Sagrecy has been in charge of the program for nearly 20 years, starting back in 2001. While he's had success, he hasn't seen the production he'd truly hoped for yet. He feels that this year, though, is special in its own way.

"We have a great senior class with some guys who have a lot of experience," Sagrecy said. "With that being said, we will have a lot of new faces out there as well, who will need to make an impact for us. I think like most teams right now, we are just grateful to get the opportunity to compete and improve one week at a time."

Sagrecy wants to build a winning culture on the team, with the seniors leading their younger teammates

by example. Jacob Yates, Michael Ellery and Caleb Foster are three guys the coach knows will be proven leaders this year.

"We will also lean on veterans Colin Sparrow, Waylon Young and Javontae Wright to provide leadership as they are all experienced starters," the coach said.

With such a young group and so little time to prepare, the coach has had to work even harder than normal to fill out who will play where. Offensively, he has his locked in starters for skill positions.

At quarterback, Sagrecy is counting on senior Jacob Yates to start. Yates was a utility man last season, taking snaps as a running back, wide receiver and quarterback. He had two receiving touchdowns, one rushing touchdown and also passed for 44 yards on just two completions.

The wide receiving corps for the Commanders will consist of Javontae Wright, Will Pettus, Beau Baker and Kobie Hughes. Wright is a familiar name with Commander fans. In 2019, he led the team in

all receiving statistics and was fourth on the team in total points scored. The other three guys will be younger and less experienced, so they will have to go the extra step in becoming a better player in the shadows of Wright this season.

At running back, senior Mike Ellery will take the lead role. Last season, he split the job with class of 2020 senior Jatavian Churchill. Both guys still managed to rush for over a thousand yards, Churchill with 1,282 and Ellery with 1,011. Ellery will now take over and carry that production for himself. With more carries, he has the opportunity to become a star in Washington County.

Sagrecy is excited to see how both the offense and defense perform, with plenty of his seniors on both, so it will be a good spread of leaders throughout.

"This is a great group of young men," he said. "They have proven to be accountable, dependable and hardworking. They lead by example and I couldn't ask for a better group. I can't wait to

