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we're going give him ultimate freedom when it's all said and done we're going give him the keys to the car and say 'hey go make our decisions for us.'" Marsh said.

The coach said he is confident in Jones' ability to lead the team and while there may be a learning curve for the first time starter, he is ready to lead this team.

Jones feels his knowledge of the game and versatility in the backfield will make an immediate impact on the offense, and he's ready to lead Marsh's offense.

"I have the utmost respect for Coach Marsh and I'm eager to learn as much as I can from him for the next three years. I'm super excited and it's an awesome responsibility, and I feel lucky to be playing alongside such a talented group of football players," said Jones.

Most of the Colts' playmaking will come from their strong senior class, but they certainly aren't short on young talent. There will be many players who could surprise fans this upcoming season. A few of them are junior wideout and defensive back Ernest Stanfield, junior wideout and defensive back Damoni Owens and sophomore lineman James Hatfield.

Marsh is also looking for incoming juniors Will Sanchez and Jaden Miller to step in and help secure the defensive secondary for the Colts.

"It's really a nice mix, we're not senior heavy, we're going to have a nice equal contribution of all three classes," said Marsh.

The coach said he likes the balance on the team between youth and experience.

"We're going to have to have a lot of young guys play. They're good enough to play, they're talented enough to play," said Marsh. He believes the seniors will need to lead their younger teammates this season and show them how to practice and prepare on a varsity level.

The Colts are led by a special senior class according to Marsh. Willy Milfort, Haden Rowland, Jackson Greene, Bryson Scott, Caden Dowland, Luke Barr and Jackson Campbell are entering their last season for West Jessamine and they plan to make it count.

"They've been through a lot and they really want this," said Marsh, who says the seniors have been completely receptive of his coaching.

"The talent ratio is really high for this senior group, but we also have a bunch of really talented young kids too, so I really like the makeup and the mix of this group," said Marsh.

Specifically, Marsh looks to Scott, Dowland, Milfort and Rowland to lead the Colts to success this season.

"We need those guys to be play makers, and they certainly have the ability so I'm excited for them," said Marsh.

The Colts struggled on

defense last season as they were out-scored 159-440 through 10 games, but they are returning all four leading tacklers from that team, and Marsh is expecting them to be physical and have a strong front seven.

Also coming from Indianapolis with Marsh is 6-foot, 2-inch, 260-pound defensive lineman Luke Marsh, Scott's son, adding even more depth and strength to the Colt's front seven.

"It should be a physical group. I think the strength of our defense is going to be the core with our defensive line and our linebackers," said Marsh. There is some catching up to do from the Colts defensive backs, but Marsh says it is all about communication.

"I think our secondary, as they continue to learn how to communicate better and learn what we're asking them to do they'll come along," said Marsh.

West Jessamine's schedule has not changed much from last season despite COVID-19's effect on timing and the number of weeks during the regular season. Important games for the Colts this season include district foe Madison Southern on Oct. 16, former district opponent Mercer County on Oct. 30 and crosstown rivals East Jessamine on Sept. 25.

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34 John Adams	Fr.	21 (
17 Gabriel King	Jr.	99
48 Isaiah Albertson	Jr.	28.
42 Nathan Kohl	So.	24
54 Jaxon Applegate	So.	68
72 Michael Lewis-Simms	Jr.	8
86 Dezmine Arrington	Jr.	20
59 Ryan Long	Fr.	30
65 Luke Barr	Sr.	51
23 Luke Marsh	Jr.	5
64 Caleb Brown	Fr.	9 .
80 Isaac Maynard	Fr.	92
52 Grant Campbell	So.	58
78 Nick Miersma	Jr.	6
56 Jackson Campbell	Sr.	35 E
2 Willy Milfort	Sr.	53
10 Dalton Carter	So.	57 .
 Jayden Miller 	Jr.	19
14 Hunter Chastain	Jr.	67
25 Jordan Mulcahy	Jr.	75
26 Bryce Chestnut	Fr.	13 (
18 Elijah Nickell	Fr.	27 [
33 Jacob Collins	Jr.	79 l
3 Damoni Owens	Jr.	70 [
50 Jackson Combs	Jr.	43
97 Jackson Pierce	Fr.	85
61 Ben Dowell	Jr.	66
88 Braxton Pittman	Fr.	12
55 Caden Dowlen	Sr.	11 .
62 Carlos Plascencia	Jr.	

21 Chase Dowlen	So.
99 Alex Roberts	So.
28 Jveontae Emerson	So.
24 Haden Rowland	Sr.
68 William Ewing	So.
8 Will Sanchez	Jr.
20 Ian Fain	Jr.
30 Bryson Scott	Sr.
51 Tanner Giurgevich	Fr.
5 Solomon Smith	Jr.
9 Jackson Green	Sr.
92 Chance Speake	Fr.
58 Matthew Guy	So.
6 Ernest Stanfield	Jr.
35 Brayden Hager	Fr.
53 Skyler Stone	Fr.
57 James Hatfield	So.
19 Brady Swaim	Fr.
67 Matthew Hatfield	Fr.
75 Marc-Anthony Tha	laker
13 Greer Horne	Fr.
27 Dylan Watts	Jr.
79 Logan Hornsby	So.
70 Dorian Welch	Jr.
43 Kam Humber	Jr.
85 Kody White	Fr.
66 Tyler Isaacs	So.
12 Matthew Wilson	Fr.
11 Jacob Jones	So.

SENIORS



Luke Barr, Jackson Campbell, Willy Milfort, Caden Dowlen, Haden Rowland, Bryson Scott, Jackson Green

COACHES

Head Coach Scott Marsh, Assistant Coach Randy Carter, Assistant Coach Thomas Chestnut, Assistant Coach Brian Neal, Assistant Coach Chancey E Ramey, Assistant Coach Jonathan Q Smith, Scouting Coordinator Jared M Cobb, Scorekeeper Dean Geary, Statistician Karl Smith I know that last year was a tough year for everyone and I want nothing more than to be a leader on this team and change the culture...

- Greene.