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2022 SMITH COUNTY HIGH MANAGERS — Front row from left: Brooke Russell, Briley Halliburton, Hannah Anderson, Maddy Sampson. Second row from left: Marissa Hughes, Genni Williford, Kendall Baines, Gracie Allison, Camden Huddleston. Not pictured: Alissa Woodard.



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2022 SMITH COUNTY HIGH TIGHT ENDS — Kneeling from left: Brian Soucy, Jackson Collins. Standing from left: Nathen Davis, Riley Lollar, Jay Phillips. Not pictured Spencer Estes.

Owls

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runner. We are going to try to get the ball in his hands some just to help us out. He may also play a little JV quarterback for us."

#31 JAEDEN EVANS (5'7", 165 lbs., RB/LB) "Last year, I think he had around 200 rushing yards as a freshman. He got a lot of reps at running back for us. I think he had maybe three or four touchdowns. We have a lot of talented backs. He is going to help us in the fall on varsity."

#56 JAY HOWELL (5'8", 185 lbs., FB/LB) "He is going to be a guy who to be a smaller kid - he is built like a LEGO block - is a very physical kid. He is going to knock your socks off. Even if he might not know where to go all the time, he is going to make sure wherever he is going someone ends up on their back. We are going to have some contributors out of the sophomore group."

#4 JAKODI GIBBS (So., 5'8", 190 lb., TE/DL)
#20 MIKE MARTIN (So., 6'0", 165 lb., WR/DB)
#21 BRIAN SOUCY (So., 5'11", 160 lb., TE/DE)
#52 PAXTON HIX (So., 5'10", 235 lb., OL/LB)
#66 JOHN SUMMERS (So., 5'7", 200 lb., OL/DL)
#88 SPENCER ESTES (So., 6'0", 150 lb., TE/DL)

FRESHMAN
 Twelve freshmen will get their first taste of SCHS football this season with some expected to make an immediate impact.

"This freshman class is fairly large. We have 12 freshmen."

#8 KADEN POWELL (6'3", 232 lb., QB/DB) "One guy that is probably going to make the most impact in this class is Kaden Powell. He and Peyton Hix are battling right now for our starting quarterback position. But even if Kaden does not win that position, he is going to help us somewhere on the field. He is a big freshman. He might be one of the top three or four fastest kids on the team. He has a cannon of an arm. We are going to find somewhere where Kaden can help us on the offensive side of the ball and the defensive side of the ball whether he is our starting quarterback or not."

#25 JACKSON COLLINS (6'1", 170 lb., TE/LB) "He is another guy that he could potentially help us whether it is in cover unit or the defensive side of the ball. I am glad we have him for four years because as soon as he learns what he is doing - he is going to be a force."

"We have a lot of linemen in this freshmen group that at some point they are going to help us. By the time they are juniors, they are going to be a cohesive set of linemen as long as they keep working - and get their nose in the dirt to become a pretty physical group."

#14 HUNTER WEILACHER (Fr., 6'0", 165 lb., RB/DB)
#23 KELLY ROLLIN (Fr., 5'5", 115 lb., WR/DB)
#26 JADEN PRESTON (Fr., 5'10", 143 lb., WR/DB)
#44 ELI KNIPPER (Fr., 5'11", 160 lb., OL/DE)

#57 DYLAN TOMLINSON (Fr., 5'8", 200 lb., OL/DL)
#61 CODY STAFFORD (Fr., 5'4", 205 lb., TE/DL)
#64 NOLEN YOUNG (Fr., 6'1", 230 lb., TE/DE)
#65 DOMINIC RESTREPO (Fr., 5'6", 260 lb., OL/DL)
#77 BRYSON HALLIBURTON (Fr., 6'0", 245 lb., TE/DL)
#99 JONATHAN GUINN (Fr., 5'6", 210 lb., TE/DL)

COACHES
 The Owls will have consistency in the coaching ranks this fall as head coach and both coordinators return for the squad. Dyer discussed the coaching staff and their roles this fall.

KEITH POWELL — "Keith Powell is our offensive coordinator. This is the first time since 2017 - that we have had the same offensive coordinator in consecutive seasons. He does a great job with our offense, getting the most out of our guys and getting them in positions where they are able to succeed."

JASON HARVILLE — "Coach Jason Harville did a great job last year with our defense and he is going to do another phenomenal job this year - being able to keep the verbiage the same, keep guys in the same position, another year of our defensive system and we are going to have a great defensive line. We have two good linebackers. Coach Harville is in charge of the secondary and he is going to have those guys prepared."

BILLY BARNHART — "Coach Barnhart is our offensive and defensive linemen coach. He does a great job with our offensive and defensive line. They are very well prepared each week - being able to talk, communicate with each other up front and knowing our blocking schemes. They take a certain pride in our physical brand of football. In 2020, we averaged 60 to 70 rushing yards per game - last year we averaged over 230 rushing yards a game. That goes on the back of our offensive line, Coach Barnhart and the great job they did with nearly the same group. We are looking for that same improvement this year - so those offensive linemen can eat."

ALEX BRAY — "Coach Bray is coaching our cornerbacks and our "X" receivers. He comes back from last year to also do some special teams for us."

BRIAN HACKETT — "A guy we are adding to our staff this year is Coach Brian Hackett. He is going to coach our outside linebacker - "Star" position on defense. He is an offensive analyst. It is great to have Coach Brian back. He is an alumni of Smith County and he was a position coach here for years. He helped Coach (Jimmy) Maynard and Coach (Chuck) Gentry at Cookeville for a year. He has been out of it - but now he is back and we are glad to have him and he is a great asset for our team."

DAVID REID — "Coach David Reid is our middle school coach and will be in the booth with us."

BRANDON RIGSBY — "Coach Rigsby will serve as an analyst and chart guy for us."

STEVE BRAY — "Coach Bray is our field guy and keeps our field looking great. He keeps our field looking great along with Smith Farmers Co-Op."

MARK SAMPSON — "Coach Sampson is another one of our coaches who will help us on Friday nights."

SCHEDULE
 Many are predicting that the Owls will factor into the race or the Region 5-3A title similar to last season when it came down to the Owls and the East Nashville Eagles for the 5-3A championship in the regular season finale.

Dyer discussed the unit's four region test (East Nashville, Stratford, Maplewood and Jackson County) while also breaking down the team's non-region tests (Gordonsville, DeKalb County, Westmoreland, Walker Valley, Trousdale County and Macon County).

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20 GORDONSVILLE AT SCHS

"It is a big community rivalry and it has been played a long time. It means a lot to both communities. We are playing on Saturday night - we started that last year. It is just a way to draw a bigger gate and draw a bigger crowd - maybe bring in some of the other counties that would like to watch a good game. It is always a hyped up game. It is a big game in everybody's minds. The kids love it and we love the rivalry as coaches."

"I know everybody on their staff - Coach (Stephen) Jackson, Coach (Adam) Shaw, Coach (Scott) Clemons, Coach (Mac) Petty and Coach (John) Foster. They are great coaches and Gordonsville is going to be a great team this year and they are very well coached. They are probably going to make another run in the Class 1A playoff. So, it is going to be a big test for us."

"But I think our guys will have plenty of dress rehearsals with our scrimmages and our jamboree heading into that week one game. It is going to be a physical game like it always is. We are going to get Gordonsville's best and they are going to get our best. It is just going to be an electric atmosphere for high school football."

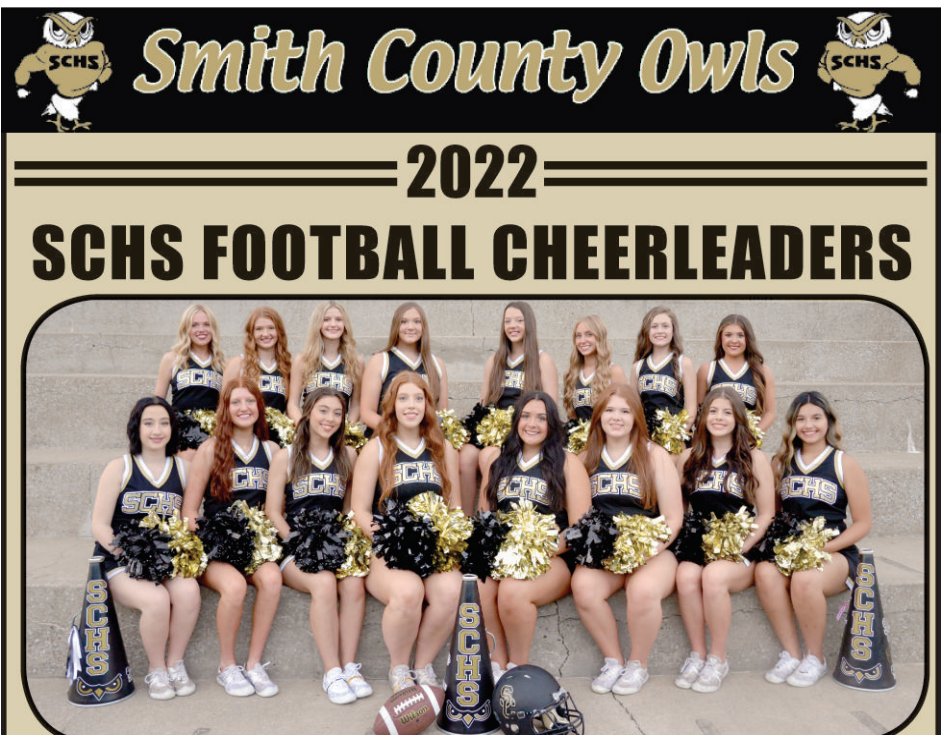
2021 RESULT:
 GORDONSVILLE 14, SMITH CO. 0

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 DEKALB CO. AT SCHS

"Coach (Steve) Trapp has done a great job with that program. I think he has been over there for 10 years now. You know they are going to be well coached. They like to air the ball out and spread people out. Last year, they had Isaac Knowles - he graduated and went to Tennessee Tech. So you know they are a premier program and I think in the last few years they have also made deep runs into the 4A playoffs. They have competed well in their 4A region."

"That is going to be another test for us. Last year, we kick-

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Front Row (left to right)- Kaili Schwan, Faith Good, Joella Morris, Payton Ray, Madysin Griffin, Haven Tippy, Ella Gentry, Carolina Caballero. Back Row (left to right) - Cambell Bush, Allie Rollin, Delaney Gregory, Jadelyn Washer, Airyn Enoch, Bailey Grisham, Alivia Rosenfelt, Mia Cook.



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 SENIOR



HAVEN TIPPY
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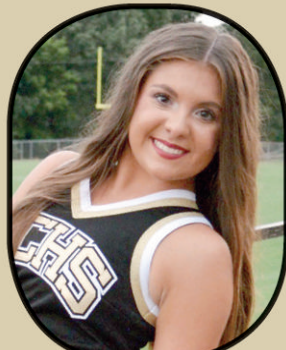
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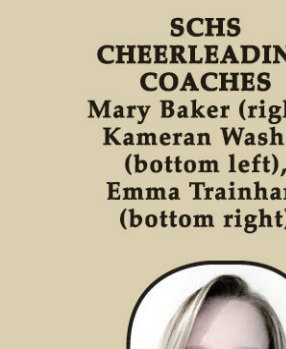
DELANEY GREGORY
 FRESHMAN



JADELYN WASHER
 FRESHMAN



ALIVIA ROSENFELT
 FRESHMAN



SCHS CHEERLEADING COACHES
 Mary Baker (right), Kameran Washer (bottom left), Emma Trainham (bottom right)

