

Owls

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a lot of continuity in our play calling whether it is offense or defense systems," said Dyer. "Nothing has changed and that is a bright spot and a strength we have heading into the season."

Dyer continued, "And with that, we have high expectations for ourselves — and in the community they have high expectations for us. We would not have it any other way."

"We have a high standard and the standard is the standard — we are going to hold our guys to high expectations regardless."

The Owls made noise late in the season in 2021 after beginning the year 2-2 — Smith County recovered and compiled a 3-1 region record. The squad would end the year with a 6-6 record.

The Black-and-Gold were in position to claim a region championship in Week 10 before falling to East Nashville — the eventual Class 3A runner-up.

The Owls were able to host their first round contest in Carthage — where they topped Fairview, 18-7. The 5-3A runner-up would make an exit in the second round after falling to White House on the road, 17-13.

Smith County posted regular season wins over Maplewood, Westmoreland, Stratford, Jackson County and a thrilling overtime victory over border rival Macon County.

In their six victories, opponents averaged 8.5 points against a physical and fast Owls defense.

Dyer hopes that the seed planted last season can sprout into success for the program during the 2022 campaign with the eyes of the Owl-faithful in Carthage upon them.

"We hope we can pack the stands full with Black-and-Gold and show a little SCP and fill "The Hole" up," said Dyer. "We have six home games."

"This is one of the bigger senior classes we have had in the last few years. It is a very talented group. It is very exciting to watch this group perform. I think we are going to make a deep playoff run as long as we can stay together and stay healthy. Let's get ready for the fireworks."

THE 2022 SCHS OWLS

Coach Dyer leads 47 Owls onto the gridiron for the 2022 season the group features 25 experienced upperclassmen including 11 seniors. Dyer provided his thoughts on the Black-and-Gold squad and featured players that will be critical to the team's success.

SENIORS

#1 JOHNNY LYDA (5'9", 148 lbs., WR/DB) "He is a kind of a feel good story. Last year going into his junior season, he was the starting quarterback for us and he got hurt in the Watertown scrimmage. He had to miss seven or eight weeks. We had to bring him along slowly at the end of the year. He only played three games for us at receiver — but he led the team in receiving yards and receiving touchdowns. He is a very explosive play-maker and even on the defensive side of the ball — he does a great job leading that secondary as a senior."

#2 TRISTIN WASHER (6'0", 160 lbs., WR/DB) "Tristin plays a little "X" receiver for us and also cornerback for us. He is a physical corner. He is going to challenge a lot of routes and challenge a lot of balls being thrown his way. But also at receiver, he has a sure set of hands. He is a big motivator type guy. He is a momentum guy. He loves to have the hype. He is going to get excited about big plays not only for himself but for his



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2022 SMITH COUNTY HIGH JUNIORS — Kneeling from left: Peyton Hix, Clayton Rigsby, Keylando Harris, Marissa Hughes - mgr.. Second row from left: Riley Lollar, Seth Barnhart, Landon Butler, Trenton Solomon, Ethan Madewell. Third row from left: Braxton Sircy, Jay Phillips, Javier Gaspar, Ty Martin. Not pictured: Kylan Johnson, Alissa Woodard - mgr.



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2022 SMITH COUNTY HIGH SOPHOMORES — Kneeling from left: Ja'kodi Gibbs, Jaeden Evans, Jay Howell, Jermaine Cason. Standing from left: Paxton Hix, Brian Soucy, Maddy Sampson - mgr. Not pictured: Wyatt Claywell, John Summers, Spencer Estes.

teammates. So he is a good guy to have at receiver and at defensive back."

#3 HAYDEN BUSH (5'10", 155 lbs., RB/DB) "Hayden plays a little "wing back" or slot for us. He is one of the faster guys on the team and probably one of the hardest workers. I love Hayden. He does a great job for us. He takes pride in what he does and on the defensive side of the ball he moves around in the secondary — we play him at safety and at corner. He is that type of guy that takes pride in what he does. He is going to make that pride tackle — if it is from opposite field or he is going to make that pride block. He will block his tail off down field for any of his teammates."

#9 JAMISON KEELEY (6'1", 255 lbs., FB/DL) "Jamison Keeley is an All-State defensive lineman from last season. He had nine sacks and 10 tackles for

loss. He also had a couple of forced fumbles. On offense, he played guard for us last year. We have moved him to kind of a full back role this season and we are going to give him the ball a little bit — let him bang in there like "The Fridge" used to. He actually had a big "earthquake" run in one of our scrimmages against Upperman. Jamison is going to do a lot of good stuff for us at running back and defensive tackle.

#12 JOSH ALLEN (5'10", 154 lbs., WR/DB) "Josh Allen is on the injured reserve right now. He has had to miss some time so we are waiting on him to get the medical okay. But as soon as he gets that and he gets caught up to speed, he brings a little speed, a little wiggle and a little athleticism on offense and on defense he help us in the secondary."

#22 JAKE WHITE (6'0", 165 lbs., WR/DB) "Jake White is another receiver

we use with Tristin Washer and Hayden Bush. They take great pride in what they do and they are going to block their tails off on the outside. Whenever they get a chance to make a play, Jake does a good job of attacking the ball in the air. Jake caught a touchdown pass on a deep post from Peyton Hix last year. We ask our receivers to do a lot of blocking and then we ask them to be able to make plays when we put the ball in the air. Jake relishes that role."

#33 BRYCE CURRIE (5'11", 223 lbs., RB/LB) "Bryce Currie is a three-year starter at linebacker. This is his second year at running

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2022 SMITH COUNTY HIGH QUARTERBACKS — Standing from left: Peyton Hix, Clayton Rigsby. Not pictured: Kaden Powell.

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SMITH COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL			GORDONSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL		
2022 Football Schedule			2022 Football Schedule		
Aug. 20	Gordonsville	Home	Aug. 20	Smith Co.	Away
Aug. 26	DeKalb Co.	Home	Aug. 26	Watertown	Home
Sept. 1	Maplewood*	Away	Sept. 2	Oliver Springs	Home
Sept. 9	W'moreland	Away	Sept. 9	Eagleville	Away
Sept. 16	Walker Valley	Away	Sept. 16	Lakeway Chr.	Away
Sept. 23	Trousdale Co.	Home	Sept. 23	Coatfield (HC)	Home
Sept. 30	Stratford*(HC)	Home	Sept. 30	Jo Byrns*	Away
Oct. 7	OPEN		Oct. 7	Trousdale Co.	Home
Oct. 14	Jackson Co.*	Away	Oct. 14	OPEN	
Oct. 21	Macon Co.	Home	Oct. 21	Red Boiling Spr.*	Home
Oct. 28	East Nashville*	Home	Oct. 28	Clay Co.*	Away

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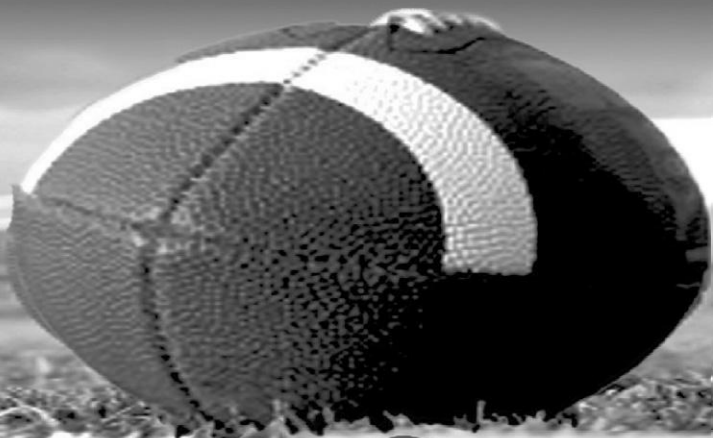
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