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2022 SMITH COUNTY KICKERS / PUNTERS — From left: Javier Gaspar, Clayton Rigbsby.

## Owls

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back and he was nearly a 1,300 yard rusher for us last year in his first year as a running back. He is a great linebacker. He is the returning Offensive MVP of our region. I think he made 90 tackles at linebacker and he is the captain of our defense. He is the leader of our team and as Bryce goes this team goes. He is the heart and soul of our team."

**#58 JIMMY ENOCH** (6'4", 301 lbs., OL/DL) "Jimmy is another one of those three-year starters. He has played all along the offensive line. He has played tackle, guard and center. Jimmy is a very physical kid. He has an offer to play at Glenville State right now. I assume he is going to get some more offers once he gets some senior tape out there. But he is a very physical presence on our offensive line and I think he is going to help us some on defense too."

**#72 DANE WOODARD** (6'9", 348 lbs., OL/DL) "Dane is another feel good story like Johnny Lyda. His freshman year he was out all year due to an injury, his sophomore year was the COVID and he had to miss some time then, last year his junior season he was out all year with a knee — so now here he is for his senior year — all 6'9", 350 lbs. of him. He moves very well for a big guy. He has multiple offers right now and he is committed to play at Austin Peay. We are looking for great things out of Dane this year on the offensive line. He is the strongest kid on the team, he is the biggest kid and is one of our smarter guys on the team. He is probably going to help us at nose on the defensive end too."

**#78 JOEDANIEL STOUT** (5'9", 285 lbs., OL/DL) "Last year he came in and earned a starting role as an offensive lineman. We moved him to right tackle and he did a very good job for us there. He was also another big body we brought in as a nose guard on defense. I am very proud of the work ethic that Joedaniel has he is a hard worker. He has worked his butt off all spring and all summer. He is one of the stronger players on the team. He has earned a spot as our starting right tackle. He has done a great job for us and he is going to have a great senior year."

**#87 NATHEN DAVIS** (5'11", 165 lbs., TE/LB) "Nathen plays a little linebacker for us and tight end. He is also going to be a good special teams cover guy for us going into the fall. He shows up everyday and he works extremely hard."

### JUNIORS

The junior class consist of 14 Owls and is the largest class on the 2022 squad. This class is not only large in numbers but also in physical size. The group features six linemen with all six weighing over 240 lb. — including Javier Gaspar who registers 350 lb. on the scales.

**#5 CLAYTON RIGSBY** (6'2", 155 lbs., QB/DB) "Clayton has shown a lot of improvement since the spring. He is a basketball guy and he is a very good athlete. He just had a really huge growth spurt. I bet he has grown six inches since last year. He attacks the ball better than any defensive back we have. He goes up, he climbs the ladder, and gets it. He has one of the better sets of hands on our team. He has made a lot of good catches in our 7-on-7's and our fall scrimmages. We are expecting big things out of Clayton this year on both sides of the ball."

**#6 KEYLANDO HARRIS** (5'7", 135 lb., WR/DB) "Key was a sophomore last year and he was the leader of our secondary. He got everybody lined up. He was probably the smallest guy out there but he was our best tackler. He is going to get his nose down there in the thick of it. He plays that strong safety role for us. He is going to spin down into the box. He has made a lot of plays for us. He is going to get everyone lined up on that back end. Hopefully, he can help us this year on offense as a slot but expect big things in the secondary from Key."

**#7 KYLAN JOHNSON** (6'2", 165 lbs., RB/DB) "Kylan is an extremely versatile athlete. He is an extremely athletic kid. He is very fast

and he is probably the fastest kid on the team. We asked him to do a lot of things last year and we have scaled back on that a little bit. We are letting him concentrate on running back. He is going to break open a lot of plays for us and a lot of games. He is also our return specialist. He had a kickoff return last year against Maplewood. I think he had over 300 kick return yards. He had over 450 rush yards and 100 receiving yards. He is an offensive weapon. Defensively, he is going to make a lot of plays for us at free safety. He has great range running from hash to hash and sideline to sideline."

**#10 PEYTON HIX** (6'2", 220 lbs., ATH/LB) "Peyton is a three-year starter for us. He started at linebacker as a freshman. He makes a lot of plays for us and he roams all over the field as a linebacker. He is a hard -hitter and he plays the game very fast. Offensively, he is going to be in a quarterback battle. He does good things with his feet. He is a hard runner at running back but he does also have a good arm where he can sling it down field. We probably need to get a little better at mechanics. But he is a good leader. He was thrust into action last year during the DeKalb game. He never gave up that position. Hopefully, going into his junior year we can have some good things from him. He is also probably going to help up at tight end and wide receiver. He has some of the best hands on the team."

**#11 ETHAN MADEWELL** (5'11", 200 lbs., RB/DB) "Ethan has worked extremely hard in the weight room. He is a weight room warrior. He is one of the faster kids on the team. I expect him to have a big year out of the backfield playing running back for us. He is going to play some outside linebacker for us as well. I am very proud of the progress Ethan has made. He had to get eligible going through summer school. He completed all of his classes with passing grades I am very proud of Ethan and the work he has put in to be able to play this fall."

**#13 JAY PHILLIPS** (6'1", 170 lbs., TE/OLB) "Jay might be one of the more physical players on our team. He is a very physical guy, very physical hitter, tackler and is physical in everything he does. He has actually got pretty good range and speed. He played a lot as a freshman. He started last year at outside linebacker at our "star" position. He is also going to help us at tight end a little but this season. He is one of our better down blockers to be one of our smaller guys. When I say small, he is around 6'2", 170 lbs. He is very physical at the point of attack and we are looking for big plays by him this year."

**#16 RYNE MARTIN** (5'11", 185 lbs., TE/DL) "He is another big-bodied kid. He is a fast kid and he plays fast. He is another versatile guy that is probably going to be in multiple roles — he is going to help us at linebacker, at safety, running back and slot receiver. Hopefully, he can pick up the offense a little bit and make big plays for us — he came in late."

**#17 RILEY LOLLAR** (5'11", 185 lbs., TE/LB) "Riley is probably one of the toughest kids on our team. He is as hard as a piece of steel. He is very physical. He is the best down blocker on the team. He is our best outside linebacker and is great with his hands. He has even played a little middle linebacker for us. He is probably one of our hardest hitters and one of our best tacklers. He is one of our more aggressive players on the team. He is one of our "dogs". We can count on Riley to do big things for us."

**#50 TY MARTIN** (6'1", 270 lbs., OL/DL) "Ty is another guy that did a lot of things for us last year at defensive end in five-technique. He played a lot of guard for us — we pulled him a lot. As the year went on, he got a lot better. He is like a hammer out there — when he is pulling the kick guys out or pulling a wrap. He is a very athletic guy. He is a great baseball player and a big time baseball prospect. He moves like he is 170 lbs — a very athletic kid. He is going to help us on both sides of the ball and you can expect big things from him defensively. I think he had two or three sacks, an interception and a



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2022 SMITH COUNTY HIGH FRESHMEN — Kneeling from left: Kelly Rollin, Jonathan Guinn, Dominic Restrepo, Dylan Tomlinson, Cody Stafford. Second row from left: Genni Williford - mgr, Kendall Baines - mgr, Camden Huddleston - mgr, Gracie Allison - mgr. Third row from left: Eli Knipper, Bryson Halliburton, Nolen Young, Jackson Collins, Jaden Preston. Not pictured: Kaden Powell, Hunter Weilacher.

couple of fumble recoveries last season. He is a really good athlete in a big body to have on the offensive and defensive line."

**#54 LONDON BUTLER** (5'11", 280 lb., OL/DL) "London is another rising junior that we can hopefully increase his reps and he can give us some type of contribution. He is a hard worker in the weight room. We are looking for him to contribute a little bit in the fall."

**#63 SETH BARNHART** (5'11", 245 lbs., OL/DL) Seth is another junior lineman that we are looking to have increased production from. He is another guy that plays at a fast speed. We are going to look for him to give our guys at guard a rest. So he can give that first team O-Line a break and give us some good reps.

**#68 TRENTON SOLOMON** (6'0", 275 lb., OL/DL) "Trenton is another junior lineman we are trying to bring up to speed and get more reps for. Trenton is an athletic kid who made the basketball team. He has good footwork. We just have to look for more contribution from him and more physicality. He is going to be another junior lineman that can give our varsity a rest here and there."

**#74 JAVIER GASPARD** (6'2", 350 lb., OL/DL) "Javier is probably the biggest guy weight-wise on the team but he is very athletic. He is an explosive athlete to be a big body. He is a two-way guy and is also our kicker. He is our extra point guy and he takes a lot of pride in his extra points. He nailed two field goals in the Walker Valley game to send us to triple overtime. He kicked a field goal at the end of the first half against Stratford. He also kicked a field goal at Hartsville. He was clutch for us a lot of times. He was little bit over 50 percent on his extra points. Where he does his best things, is on the defensive line. He is a wrecking ball and he is an unstoppable force. As a guard, when he pulls — he pulls with mean intentions. He is pulling to hurt people. So expect big things from Javi."

**#79 BRAXTON SIRCY** (6'0", 270 lbs., OL/DL) "Braxton is our utility lineman. He is another guy. He is going to help us at center and at tackle. He is kind of our sixth lineman. Whenever one guy goes down and comes out, he is going to be one of the first guys to go in there. Braxton is an extremely hard worker. He works his tail off in the weight room. He is a very physical kid especially on the defensive side of the ball. He is great with his hands and he is going to come off the ball hard. Braxton is going to do a lot of good things for us this year."

### SOPHOMORES

Smith County has 10 players that will enter their second season with the high school squad. Dyer expects some of these young Owls to gain valuable experience and playing time this season.

"This sophomore group did some good things for us last year. They got to play in some JV games. We brought some of them up to where they are going to be contributors this fall. They got a lot of reps in the spring and in the summer — even going up into the fall. We have some guys at some positions that can help us out whether it is a role on offense, a defensive position or a special teams cover unit."

**#15 WYATT CLAYWELL** (5'9", 145 lb., WR/DB) "Wyatt is a guy that we are going to put on some special team units to cover. He also is going to help us at receiver a little bit. He is a very athletic kid and he may even help us at corner a little bit."

**#24 JERMAINE CASON** (5'8", 135 lb., ATH/DB) "He is a very physical kid even though he may be one of the smallest guys on the field. He is very quick and very shifty. He is a very physical corner and you do not get that a lot. He is a very sure tackler. He is going to battle for the ball. Offensively, he is a shifty



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2022 SMITH COUNTY HIGH RECEIVERS — Kneeling from left: Kelly Rollin, Josh Allen, Jermaine Cason, Keylando Harris. Standing from left: Jaden Preston, Jake White, Tristin Washer, Clayton Rigbsby, Johnny Lyda. Not pictured: Wyatt Claywell.

# Good Luck!

To the Carthage Owls  
and the Gordonsville Tigers  
in the  
2022 Football Season

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