

Just as in 2021, 2022 Football

Cardinal team will need all hands on deck

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"We should be athletic and I feel like we will be pretty good on both sides of the ball in spite of us being very young as well," said Adamsville Head Coach Brandon Gray. "We will not be very big, I'm sure that we will be out-sized in most of our games. We only have seniors starting on defense but several more seniors will get playing time. We have grit and have a bunch that will fight back and not give up.

"Our goal is always to make the playoffs and that will never change. We should improve as the season goes along if we can stay healthy which has been a real battle the past several seasons. We are breaking a new quarterback but have some good talent behind center."

Quarterbacks

"Senior Josh Ginn and sophomore Ayden McGee have competed and are still locked in a competition with neither having won the job at this point," said Coach Gray. "Ginn is a big contributor on our defense as well, we are still trying to decide which way to go, it's been a very even battle. Freshman Ben Hill is also coming on strong as he will be serving as a back up as the season begins."

Running Backs

Senior A.J. Finley and sophomore Malachi Moore are expected to get the bulk of the carries in 2022. When one of them has the hot hand and getting a lot of carries the other will play more defensively at

that point. Junior Asa Baker, sophomore Ayden Finley and freshman Avery Burks also have a chance to get several reps at the running back spot.

Wide Receivers

A group that includes sophomore Maddox Smith, sophomore Avery McCormick, senior Josh Francis, sophomore Keelan Surratt, freshman Isaac Howard, sophomore Dylan Beach and senior Sam Morgan are all expected to get a lot of playing time playing receiver. Sophomore Kyle Atwood is working hard and coming on strong in a bid for playing time.

Tight End/H-Back

Asa Baker, sophomore Brayden McLemore, junior Prestin James and Avery McCormick are all expected to get plenty of playing time.

Offensive Line

Junior Austin Compton is part of the first group at Center. Filling the Guard spots in the grouping are junior Jeffery Gambrell and junior Kylon Cory. Junior Jared Melton will be playing Right Tackle with senior Joe Holmes manning the Left Tackle position.

Seniors Lee Dornan, Landon Elliot, Joe Wickersheim, along with juniors Corey Petty and Chris Johnson are in the mix and battling for playing time as is sophomore Caden Alley.

Special Teams

Senior Reid Tucker is the new Cardinal Kicker while senior Tristen Graham may also get some duties as well. Avery McCormick will be punting the pigskin for AHS with Asa Baker and junior Austin Compton splitting the Long Snapper duties for

punting and kicking. Josh Ginn returns as Holder for extra point kicks and field goals. The Kick Returners group will be made up of a committee made up by A.J. Finley, Malachi Moore, Maddox Smith, Keelan Surratt and Josh Ginn.

Defensive Ends/Tackles

Getting playing time at End will be Lee Dornan, Joe Holmes, Jeffery Gambrell, Caden Alley and Landon Elliot.

Nose Guard

Anchoring the middle of the Cardinal defense is a group that is made up of Joe Wickersheim, Jared Melton, Caden Alley, Chris Johnson and Landon Elliot.

Outside Linebacker

Patrolling the outside lanes of the Cardinal defense will be Avery McCormick, Keelan Surratt, Brayden McLemore, sophomore Colton Enzor, Avery Burks and Isaac Howard.

Middle Linebackers

Starting as the anchor in the middle of the defense will be Asa Baker and Prestin James. Sophomore Carson Niukkanen and Kylon Cory will also see playing time from their back-up spots.

Cornerback

Sam Morgan, sophomore

Ayden Finley, Josh Francis and Maddox Smith are all part of the rotation getting the bulk of the playing time at Corner. The group is rotating depending on what style and formation their opponent is playing.

Senior Jeremy Lecompte, Kyle Atwood, sophomore Hayden Tate, junior Ryan Conway, Dylan Beach and sophomore Anthony Borden are also playing well and could get in for some snaps.

Safety

Josh Ginn and A.J. Finley are expected to start at Safety while Josh Francis, Malachi Moore and Maddox Smith also expected to get a lot of minutes as the last line of defense. Brennen Morris, Paxton Vickery and Jaxon Grant are all freshmen that could also log some playing time at Safety.

Region 6-2A Outlook

"Well I hope it's us and Riverside fighting for the top two positions in the Region," said Coach Gray. "I have no doubt Riverside is going to be a handful and I feel like we are going to be pretty good. Lewis County is always tough and I feel like East Hickman will probably finish in the top four. Scotts Hill and Hickman County could also be in the mix, you never know."



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