

2022 Hardin County High School Football Coaches

HCHS Football

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has really been working hard and improving. Senior David Stout is also a newcomer and hadavery good fall camp. Reed Head and Brittain Ward have been getting second group snaps at guard. Ryan Brown and Garrett Sipes have been getting reps at tackle with the second group. Cooper Townley has also been getting reps at center with group two."

Special Teams

"Peyton Stricklin, Jacob Saunders and Brayden Wilkes are all locked in a battle to see who wins the job of punting for us. Nolan Foster will handle the placekicking duties and has really improved his leg strength. London Rose will be the long snapper for punts while Cooper Townley will do the same for extra points

and field goals. Carter Smith will serve as the holder for extra points and field goals. Brayden Wilkes, Tylin Irvin and Deondray Sparks are all expected to get opportunities to return punts and kickoffs."

Defensive Tackle

"Adam Harris returns as a three-year starter for us along with senior Qudarious Gray who played a lot at D-Tackle last year. Caleb McGee, Wade Vanhoose and Raymond Poirier should see some time as back-ups. A good young player who has shown improvement at the position is Taysean Johnson."

Defensive Ends

"All Region returning starter Ki-Andrae Smith returns at one end with Kevin Tarver at the other after playing there a lot last season. Ryan Weaks and David Stout are expected to get lots of playing time as well. Charles Durbin had a really good fall camp and Owen Roberts has done a lot of good things and the pair should get their share of reps also."

Linebackers

"Sam Tanner and Jaquan Keele are linebackers that return with some experience. Tanner and Kamron Haymon are expected to start at outside linebacker. Keele and Parker Jerrolds are being counted on as starters at inside linebacker. Caleb Goheen and Caleb Franks have made significant improvement and will see some playing time. Ben Benson, Peyton Stricklin and Haden Tidwell are all getting opportunities to get reps on the field at the Will linebacker spot."

Defensive Backs

"Deondray Sparks returns as the starter at one cornerback

spot with Brayden Wilkes a returning starter at Free Safety. Wes Blankenship has had a great spring and summer and will get first shot at the other corner back slot. Tylin Irvin, Jacob Saunders, Jack Gray, Gabe Eliff, Taylor Osteen and London Rose could all see time in the defensive backfield."

Region 6-4A Outlook

"Lexington, our oldest rival, will certainly be a tough opponent again this season. South Side will assuredly have some great athletes and are well coached. I expect Chester County to be much improved with a new coaching staff this year. I'm sure McNairy Central will be improved as well in the second season for Coach Harris. You never really know what to expect from Liberty. We are expecting it to be extremely competitive for the region title."