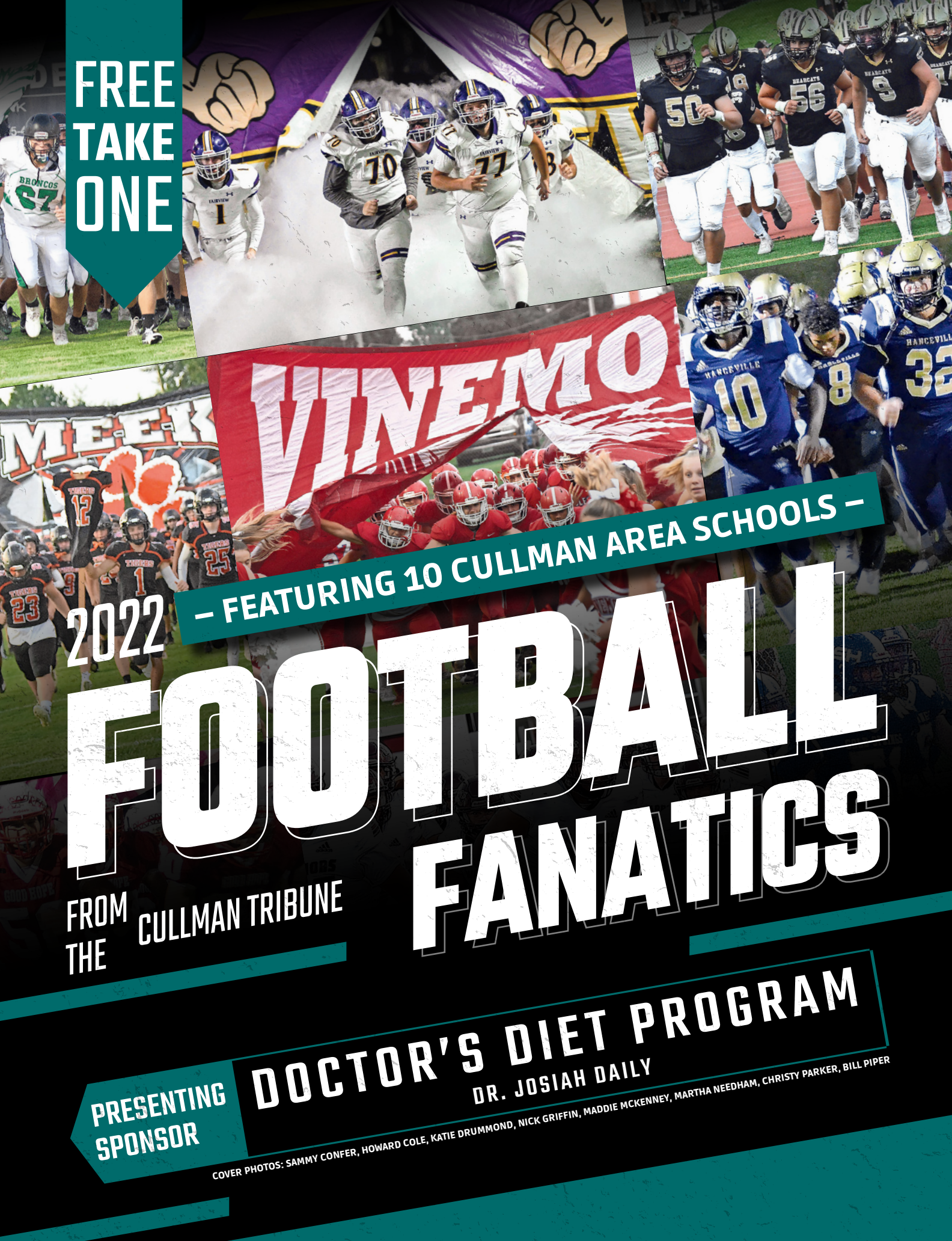


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Some teams like the Fairview Aggies, Meek Tigers and Good Hope Raiders are looking to maintain momentum from last season and take the next step while others like the Bulldogs of Addison and Hanceville have

bounce back this fall and make their postseason returns. Whether you're pulling for the Eagles of Vinemont and Cold Springs, cheering on the Holly Pond Broncos and West Point Warriors or you bleed Black and Gold, there is something inside to help you prepare for another year on the gridiron with your favorite team.

*Nick Griffin*  
Sports Editor

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# ADDISON



# BULLDOGS

## Addison Bulldogs look to return to glory in 2022

By: Todd Walker

**ADDISON, Ala.** — The 2021 football season was an underwhelming one for the Addison Bulldogs. Addison posted a 5-5 record and missed the playoffs for the first time in Head Coach David Smothers 10-year tenure. Now, the 2022 version of the Bulldogs are hungry to get back to where they belong, a spot in the postseason, in contention for a region title and fighting for a state championship.

Coach Smothers believes that this team will surprise some people. "I know we moved down to 1A but the main difference in 1A and 2A is the teams in the middle and lower end of 1A aren't as good as the middle and bottom of 2A. I know that this team will succeed and have a good season if, they keep working as hard as they have

in the off season and keep being coachable. This is probably the most coachable team I have had since I have been here.

"We will have more team speed than we have had in the past and we are very disciplined. We got some quick, fast kids. I think our skill positions are very experienced but our offensive and defensive lines won't be as big as we have had."

Coach Smothers believes that depth will be different on this team. "We have some depth on both of our lines but even though it is talented, it is not as game tested you would like. I am expecting huge things from Senior Lucas Crowe on the O-line. He is a big smart kid and tough as nails. I would like to be able to not have our offensive »

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ADDISON HEAD COACH  
DAVID SMOTHERS



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 5-5

Region record: 2-4

Home record: 3-2

Away record: 2-3

Opponents record: 55-56

Scored 20 points per game offensively while holding opponents to just 18 points per game on the defensive side of the ball.

Narrowly missed a playoff berth with a 21-7 loss to Sulligent in the regular season finale.

lineman play on defense, if we can. I think that we are really close to being able to do that. That would be a huge advantage if we can do that as it gives our big guys some rest."

The quarterback situation will be different for Addison this season after losing three-year starter Christian Roberts to graduation. Smothers feels lucky to have three athletes that each bring different skill sets to the position. Smothers sang the praises of all three kids fighting for that quarterback spot.

"Jed (Wilkins), Briley (Hayes) and Josh (Netherton) all can succeed at quarterback, but no one has taken charge of the position yet.

I can tell you this, all three of those young men are talented and all three will get on the field, a lot. We are going to have the best 11 on the field and if one can help us at tight end and one can be a wide receiver then will do that. These kids are athletes, and they are going to play."

The backs and receivers are smaller but quick and fast. Addison won't have that one big 200lb bulldozer of a back, but they may have four or five greyhounds.

"I feel really good about our team speed. We have the ability to score from anywhere on the field this year. (Jacob) Mauldin, (Brian) Berry, (Braden) Luker and of course any of the three

quarterback candidates can all run."

"I think that the strength of our defense will be our secondary. I hate to keep saying the same thing, but we will be fast in the backend. Most of the kids have played some and they will all have game experience.

"If we have a weakness right now it is our linebacking corps. I need to find at least two inside linebackers. Would love to have three but looking for at least two to play."

Addison will be a fairly young team this year and will be expecting a lot of freshmen to contribute on the field this season.

"In a perfect world you would want your freshmen

to not have to be depended on to play right away. This year we are blessed to have a really good ninth grade class coming up. This is a really athletic class and I think that if they keep improving and working hard some of them can see the field this fall."

The 2022 Addison Bulldogs will be back in 1A this season and will face a schedule with a few teams that they haven't played in a few years. Addison's schedule is an unknown. There aren't a lot of traditional powers on the schedule, but you just never know.

All in all, the 2022 football season is set to be another fun one for Bulldogs fans.



# Addison Bulldogs



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## TEAM ROSTER

- |                       |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| #1 Briley Hayes       | #21 Brian Berry       | #56 Lance Kennedy   |
| #2 Jacob Hardin       | #23 Braden Smith      | #60 Brye Dollar     |
| #3 Jed Wilkins        | #24 Hayden Holland    | #61 Brant Stovall   |
| #5 Jordan Hubbart     | #26 Malachi Blakely   | #64 Casen Hill      |
| #6 Jacob McLamb       | #28 Seth Hammack      | #66 Dave Tuggle     |
| #8 Briley Holt        | #34 Kaden Dyson       | #70 Isaiah Treece   |
| #12 Josh Netherton    | #40 Braden Luker      | #73 Bobby Williams  |
| #14 Shelton Alexander | #44 Jaxson Williams   | #74 Caleb Vinston   |
| #17 Trennon Burns     | #45 Bryant Wood       | #76 Lucas Crow      |
| #18 Peyton Holland    | #50 Tanner Lawrence   | #78 Bradley Willett |
| #20 Jacob Mauldin     | #52 Brodie Willingham |                     |

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 1A, REGION 8

- Aug. 19 – at Winston Co.
- Aug. 26 – Vina\*
- Sept. 2 – at Cherokee\*
- Sept. 9 – Hackleburg\*
- Sept. 16 – Waterloo\*
- Sept. 23 – Good Hope
- Sept. 30 – at Meek\*
- Oct. 14 – at Falkville
- Oct. 21 – Phillips Bear Creek\*
- Oct. 28 – at Shoals Christian\*



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Hailey Morgan, Ava Bishop, Madison Mertans, Bailey Womack, Arleigh Smothers, Elina James, Mikaela Netherton, Chyla Cookenmaster



# Addison Bulldogs



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## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Garrett McCurley

**Drum Major:** Kyria Walker

**Percussion:** Ryan White, Briley Denson, Noah Brenton, Nick Nail, Kaylee Pratt, Jaden Lee, Talon Woodard, Aron Sperling

**Trumpets:** Jessica Lewis-Kilgo, Daneual Walker, Grayson Whitlock, Lindsey Skinner, Noah Nail, Liam Spohr, Aiden Sperling, Justin Byrams

**Saxophones:** Emma Kate Cleghorn, Josie Ayers, Trae Barker, Desi Lancaster, Sawyer Crooks, Jesse Turner

**Clarinets:** Melanie Edwards, Anna Treece, Arianna Nelson, Honestee Overton, Brayden Denny and Layla Harris

**Flutes:** Brooklyn England, Kinsley Nuss, Miranda Box,

Auburn Kimbrough

**Low Brass:** Quinton Womack, Levi Fincher

**Majorettes:** Mallory Hayes, Elina James, Kalandra Sumlin, Lilly Folds, Addison Duncan, Laya Moreno, Jamie Johnson, Breonna Denson

**Color Guard:** Halle Lancaster, Allie Nail, Cambria Overton, Baylee Castle, Trinity Ladd, Amber Powell, Destiny Sumlin, Lillian Norman



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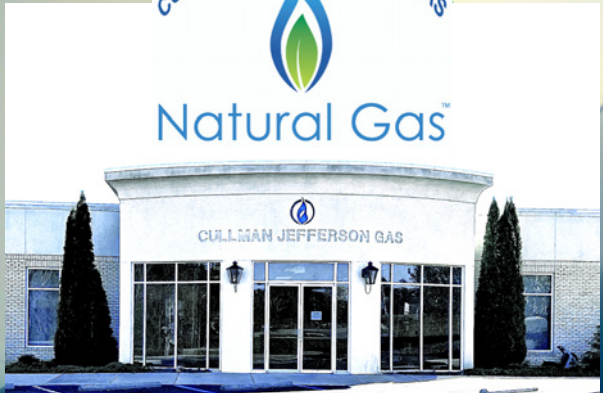

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# COLD SPRINGS

# EAGLES



## Cold Springs preparing to bounce back in 2022

By: Nick Griffin

**BREMEN, Ala.** — With football season fast approaching, the Cold Springs Eagles and Head Coach Brendan Voce have been working and preparing to put on the pads and get back under the lights. This will be Voce's first season as Head Coach of the Eagles and he's looking forward to embracing the opportunity and the challenge this fall.

"It's an honor for me to get the opportunity to coach at Cold Springs. I think this will be 21 or 22 years I've been there so over half of my life I've been at Cold Springs, and it's become home for me. It's a great community, we have great coaches, great band directors, great students and a terrific Principal in Mr. (Eric) Dickerson that has given me this opportunity so it's something I'm really looking forward to

and something I'm really excited about."

Voce was already part of the Cold Springs community when he accepted the job but even he wasn't prepared for the support he received right away.

"We've had a really good summer program. The kids have worked really hard, and we had a great opportunity to do work in the spring. That's something that Mr. Dickerson and I talked about. You don't always know how it'll go when you go through spring with everything else going on but the biggest thing to me was the community and the support we got. The first text message I got when I got the job was from Coach (Casey) Howell congratulating me and that just shows the type of people »"



THEY'VE DONE A REALLY GOOD JOB OF TAKING OWNERSHIP OF THIS PROGRAM AND THAT'S SOMETHING WE TALK ABOUT QUITE A BIT.

COLD SPRINGS HEAD COACH  
BRENDAN VOCE



HOWARD COLE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 0-10

Region record: 0-6

Home record: 0-4

Away record: 0-6

Opponents record: 61-49

Scored just over six points

per game offensively and

allowed over 40 points per

game on the defensive end

of we have. The first person I met with after I got the job was Mr. (Williams) Johnson. I didn't think we'd have a band or cheerleaders for our spring game, but I didn't even have to go ask Mrs. (Adrian) Dickerson, she told me that the cheerleaders would be there. That just shows that we have tremendous support from the school and the community there."

Voce is pleased with the work his team got done in the offseason and was particularly glad to see some of the older guys start to take on leadership roles.

"I think our offseason has gone pretty well. We're still a long way. We've had a really good turnout this summer, but we've got to develop a mindset to win and that's something that

doesn't just happen overnight. That's something that I think the players are doing a really good job with. They've done a really good job of taking ownership of this program and that's something we talk about quite a bit. This is their program, and my job is to put them in a position to be successful, and their job is to go out there and play that game. They're doing a really good job right now of preparing themselves for that."

Cold Springs will be playing in a new region this season due to AHSAA realignment in the spring and the Eagles are looking forward to playing some new teams in some new venues.

"We would love to have had a region that is closer than what it is. The football account at the school would

have loved that," Voce joked. "But that's the hand we were dealt. We've got to go to Tuscaloosa Academy in the next couple years and we've got Aliceville, Lamar County and Sulligent so hopefully the next time they realign everything we'll get some closer trips but that's the hand we were dealt, and I told the kids, it's a ball game. There are a lot of people that don't get the opportunity to play the game of football so if we have to go to Mobile to play, we're going to load up the bus and head to Mobile."

After a winless 2021 season, the Eagles are working toward a bounce back performance in 2022. Voce and his staff have been working to establish a culture this fall and he just wants his guys to take things one play at a time

this season.

"To a degree we're starting from scratch. We're going to be a hardnosed, physical football team. That's our ultimate goal. We've talked about goals as a team and the direction we want to head, and we determined that its going to be one play. That's our goal this year, if we can play one play and then move on when that play is over, our next goal is going to be one play. That's the approach we're going to take the entire season. We don't talk about the schedule, we talk about Curry, because that's the next game. The only play we really talk about as a team is that opening kickoff because whether we're receiving it or kicking it off that's going to be the first play of that game. That's our goal for this year."



# Cold Springs Eagles



LIFETOUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

## TEAM ROSTER

- |                      |                    |                      |
|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| #1 Tucker Philbeck   | #11 Harlis Eddy    | #53 Bennett Phillips |
| #2 Tyson Kilgo       | #12 Ethan Klar     | #55 Zack Loyd        |
| #3 Matt Williams     | #13 Hunter Garrett | #56 Jonah Davis      |
| #4 Ethan Day         | #14 Bryant Davis   | #58 Will Jackson     |
| #5 Victor Laurentius | #15 Mason Gable    | #61 Devon Johnson    |
| #6 Brady Phillips    | #18 Clayton Terry  | #68 Justin Stewart   |
| #7 Cason Alexander   | #23 Matrix Dinger  | #69 Eddie Maroney    |
| #8 Hank Harrison     | #24 Tidus Light    | #72 Trey Bailey      |
| #9 Cayden Johnson    | #25 Dylan Smith    | #73 Cody Jewell      |
| #10 Josh Winfrey     | #52 Jace Taylor    |                      |

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 2A, REGION 5

- Aug. 19 – Curry
- Aug. 26 – at Holly Pond
- Sept. 2 – Sulligent\*
- Sept. 9 – at Lamar Co.\*
- Sept. 16 – Locust Fork
- Sept. 23 – at Shoals Christian
- Sept. 30 – at Winston Co.\*
- Oct. 7 – at Aliceville\*
- Oct. 14 – Greene County\*
- Oct. 21 – Tuscaloosa Academy\*



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

**Seniors:** McKinna Duke, Jayden Williams, Madison Perdue; **Sophomores:** Hayla Watson, Hope Speegle, Kaylee Donovan, Brooklyn Ingram, Jozie Anderson, Hali Mavers; **Freshmen:** Blakelee Bartlet, Taylor Phillips



# Cold Springs Eagles



LIFETOUCH PHOTOGRAPHY

## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: William Johnson

Kaylee Windsor  
Savannah Bischoff  
Baylee McKendree  
LeighAnn Quinn  
Hailee Steadman  
Abby Stricklin  
Alyvia Schaefer  
Isabelle Howell  
Zasmine Burks

Preston Jones  
Lydia Twilley  
Sarah Moore  
Taylor Coffey  
Josiah Johnson  
Sofie Woodard  
Addison Jones  
Nick White  
Katelyn Stewart

Megan Starnes  
Nathaniel Gilliland  
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# CULLMAN



# BEARCATS

**Bearcats looking to 'enjoy every moment' this fall**

**By: Nick Griffin**

**CULLMAN, Ala.** — Football season is upon us once again and that means its time for the Bearcats to strap it up and hit the field. Cullman reached the postseason for the third consecutive year in 2021 but after falling at Jackson-Olin in the opening round, the 'Cats are hungry to get back to the playoffs this fall. The Bearcats graduated some key players at multiple positions so this year's team will have plenty of new names and faces to learn. Head Coach Oscar Glasscock is entering his fourth season at Cullman and is excited to see what a younger team can put together this year.

"I really like these kids, they're high-character kids, they're good students, they're making good decisions and I think they're all showing leadership. Half our team is 10th

graders and I think our seniors and juniors are really doing a good job of showing them how we conduct ourselves and I feel like we have a really good culture here. It takes time to build that, it really does and it doesn't make it easier when you throw in a worldwide pandemic and a hybrid schedule and all that so I really feel like a lot of the work we've done as far as teaching character, teaching sportsmanship, teaching how to make good decisions and have a good work ethic and get here on time and all those things is all paying off now. Things are sort of running themselves so I'm really happy with that and I'm really happy with this senior class. They've really committed themselves to enjoying things in the moment and enjoying it all the way through to the end »



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**CULLMAN HEAD COACH OSCAR GLASSCOCK**



of the season.”

Glasscock is pleased with the work his guys have put in this offseason and has been especially proud to watch the senior class help the younger players come together and improve.

“We’re trying to spend more time with the seniors and they’re the ones primarily responsible for teaching the younger guys how to act and how we do things and they’ve done a fantastic job with that. Of course, I’m really proud of our ninth-grade program. I have those kids all year in a weightlifting class, so they get used to how to conduct themselves before they ever come up as a varsity player but until we get together in the spring, they don’t interact a whole lot. So, it’s been a really smooth transition because of how we have our teams tiered. Ninth grade is where they really prepare and learn how to be a varsity football player. They have their own coaching staff, their own locker room and their own schedule so they learn a lot and we have an outstanding coaching staff over there with them.”

With some big losses in the offensive backfield and on the offensive line, the Bearcats are preparing to shake things up a little bit with a new scheme on the offensive side of the ball.

“Everybody knows I’m a defensive guy. I spent my whole career as a defensive coordinator so the scheme we run defensively is something I’ve carried around and

developed over the years and of course Coach (Matt) Hopper, Coach (Brad) Bray and Coach (Kyle) Morris have a lot of input on what we need to change and its ever evolving. I feel like our special teams and our weight room and how we run the program is pretty solid but you always kind of have to stay out front and see what other people are doing. You don’t want to change just to change. Sometimes you find out what you’re doing is pretty good and you stick with it and sometimes you see things you’re interested in, and think could help you win. Offensively, we’re still maturing, still finding the identity and last year toward the end of the season we moved toward more of a spread option attack.”

He continued, “What we’re doing now is more similar to a Coastal Carolina or Davidson where you run spread formations. We’re not under center, we’re throwing a lot more screens and what you would think of as spread type passing concepts but we’re still running the triple option and doing some of the things we’ve had success with. So, it’s certainly not a wholesale change it’s just developing and growing, and I think with every place you find a certain fit, especially on offense. Our coaches have worked extremely hard and we’re doing everything we can to develop a schematic advantage. If you can do something a little different, I think that helps you. The flip side of it is

that we have outstanding coaching in this region and you’re not going to outcoach anybody, but I think you can gain some advantages from a technique, effort and unity standpoint so that’s what we’re working toward. It’s really not the offense you run, it’s the culture you have. I feel like that helps you be the most successful.”

The expectation at Cullman is always to be playing in the postseason and the ‘Cats have met that standard in each of Glasscock’s first three years but what he wants to see more than anything this fall is his team playing together, playing hard and enjoying each moment. It’s important to him for this year’s senior class (Nate Zills, Patton Elkins, Ryan Skinner, Elijah Hays, Evan Dye, Brody Hopper, Ben Washburn, Beckett Calvert, Tyler Owens, Evan Johnson, Garrett Hall, Preston Gray, Sawyer Trimble, Drew Carter, Carter Ziegenbien, Hayden Wynn and Jared Shelton) to make memories they’ll cherish long after their football days are over.

“It’s about us around here. We don’t ever dwell on another team or on this goal or that goal or whatever else. We don’t want to focus on anybody other than ourselves. Our goal here is simply to be the absolute best team that we can be. Now if that means you’re going to win this amount of games or that amount of games, I feel like that takes care of itself.

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 7-4  
Region record: 5-2  
Home record: 4-1  
Away record: 3-3  
Opponents record: 62-57

Scored just over 23 points per game offensively and held opponents to less than 16 points per game on the defensive side of the ball. Fell to Jackson-Olin on the road 22-14 in the first round of the state playoffs.

Linebacker Drew Ball earned first team All-State honors and defensive backs Dylan Sessions and Jamar Kay landed on the All-State second team

If we’re as good of people as we can be and we work as hard as we can work and we practice it at game speed and we continue our strength program through the season, make good decisions and stay loyal to each other, we’re going to win some games around here. So, that’s where the focus is. We’ve made the playoffs every year I’ve been here so certainly that’s something that we expect to do here, and these seniors are expecting to be there, but I really just want these guys to enjoy every moment. I want them to look back in 10 years or 20 years and be really happy and proud that they played for this program and that they were impacted in a positive way.”



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

## TEAM ROSTER

- |                      |                       |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| #1 Nate Zills        | #29 Cooper Ogstad     | #54 Pierce Bartle     |
| #2 Jackson Sessions  | #30 Bryce Hopper      | #55 Hayden Wynn       |
| #3 Patton Elkins     | #31 Isaac Jones       | #56 Sam Mayhair       |
| #4 Ryan Skinner      | #32 Wyatt Buchanon    | #58 Jackson Bentley   |
| #5 Elijah Hays       | #33 Ben Conway        | #59 Price Hall        |
| #6 Evan Dye          | #34 LJ Turner         | #60 Cole Burnham      |
| #7 Brody Hopper      | #35 Jackson Earnest   | #61 Miles Smith       |
| #8 Ben Washburn      | #36 Patrick Adcock    | #62 Tysen Simms       |
| #9 Beckett Calvert   | #37 Garrett Hall      | #63 Brodie Cobbs      |
| #12 Tyler Owens      | #38 Garrett Mobley    | #65 Jared Shelton     |
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## SCHEDULE

CLASS 6A, REGION 7

- Aug. 19** - at Mars Hill
- Aug. 26** - Jasper
- Sept. 2** - Hartselle\*
- Sept. 9** - Columbia\*
- Sept. 16** - at Gadsden City\*
- Sept. 23** - at Oxford
- Sept. 30** - at Muscle Shoals\*
- Oct. 7** - at Athens\*
- Oct. 14** - Decatur\*
- Oct. 28** - Bob Jones



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## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Christopher Smith

**Drum Major:** Rees Sheffield

**Flute:** Danica Vo, Jazmin Harper, Analise Eddleman, Heather Pendergrass, Mack Rudder, Eileen Russom, Eliana Stewart, Vivian Tran

**Clarinet:** Echo Duckworth, Logan Walker, Alex Jiang, Chloe Lambert, Jonah Jarrett, Lauren Harper, Peyton Arnold, Jay Lee, Madison Carroll, Evelyn Greenlee, Faith Smith, Haley Newman, Aubrey Shaddrix, Cas Hudson

**Bass Clarinet:** Maia Pate

**Alto Sax:** Yukino Shichinohe, Oscar Bell, Bella Wolfe, Noah Warren, David Speegle, Persia Ashley, Ace Hamilton, Conner Young

**Tenor Sax:** Domenico Brunetti, Avielle Shadrack, Katie Oliver, Austin Archer

**Bari Sax:** Elijah Putman

**Mellophone:** Grace Bunch, Emma Britton, Hilson Cole, Mason Motes,

Lucian Martinez, Gabe Eveland, Ethan Vines and Lane Davis

**Trumpet:** Caden Hornsby, Makayla Phenicie, Chelsea Hallmark, Juan Perez, Aryanna Harper, Noah Moore, Briley Hung, John Mark Johnson, Libby Phillips, Graham Waldrop, Blyss Murphree, Riley Kate Tucker, Colter Drake, Evan Cherry, Nicholas Hays, William Tomlin, Gavin Smelser, Dane Mauldlin

**Trombone:** Sam Adkins, Carmen Canada, Will Free, Alex Hill, Lucas Sawtelle, Dylan Hasting, Victor Nelson, Raven Sparks, Andy McRea, Kai Jorgensen, Josh Koch

**Baritone:** Zane Tran, Alex Rodriguez

**Tuba:** Kaden Glimpse, Owen Moore, Logan Smith, Dylan Tisdale, Andrew Rodriguez

**Snares:** Nolan Smith, Cayden Brewer, Logan Kee, Lily Howze, Gabi Silva

**Tenors:** Brandon Pipes, Ethan Quick, Rudra Patel

**Bass Drum:** Jordan Norwood, Ayden Robertson, Cade Reid, Sophia Lambert, Chasten Hawkins

**Front Ensemble:** Kelli Vo, Luke Adams, Valerie Hill, Alex Hieber, Deytan Ristine, Eli Bryant, Max Townson, Jonah Browning

**Color Guard:** Kasey Mann, Katie Mason, Lexi McCormick, Leah Hunt, Anna Henderson, Emma Mikus, Tiffany Miller, Lauren Smith, Ilana Shadrack, Lily Abbott, Natalie Smith, Annia Dominguez, Ashlin Schulte, Sophie Lowery, London Valladares, Nora Sheffield, Lily Smith

**Dance Line:** Lily West, Lily Barnett, Maddie Goble, Ivey Bynum and Zabria Thompson

**Feature Twirler:** Nevaeh Green

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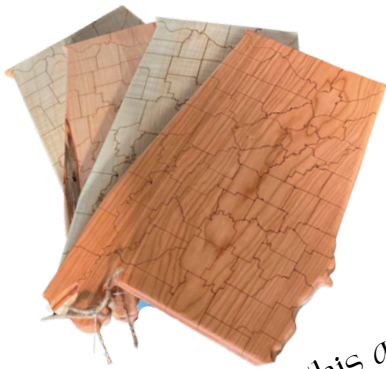
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# FAIRVIEW

# AGGIES



**Aggies looking for another playoff push in 2022**

**By: Nick Griffin**

**FAIRVIEW, Ala.** — After putting together a historic season in 2021, the Fairview Aggies are ready to get back on the field and make some more noise in 2022. Aggies Head Coach George Redding is preparing for his 16th season on the sidelines at Fairview and he hopes the momentum and energy that built last season can continue with this year's Aggie team.

"Last year was a tremendous season and I felt like those guys were able to put together multiple seasons here and did a tremendous job. They had great talent and they're great kids. I call them legends," Redding smiled. "It was an exciting season but when one season comes to an end, a new season begins and that's where we're at now. The energy has been

unbelievable, and we probably had one of the best first days of spring practice that I've been a part of this year. To bring that energy is a decision that these seniors have made coming into this year because they want to be successful as well. So, I was super excited to be a part of that and we've had a great start to this year. We've got a lot of challenges out there with a new region and some new opponents that we've never faced or haven't faced in many years, so we're really excited about that."

Redding is pleased with the attendance and effort from his guys in the offseason and is looking forward to seeing how this year's Aggie squad responds to adversity. With a big freshmen class coming

"We've had great energy and »



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**FAIRVIEW HEAD COACH  
GEORGE REDDING**

great effort in the weight room, our numbers have been tremendous across our entire program. Our numbers are up at both the middle school and the high school, so I feel like things are healthy right now. With the energy our guys are bringing every day, I feel like we're taking steps. I feel like each day in the weight room you can see that we're taking steps forward in the right direction with strength and conditioning. It's very important for this team to face some struggle and that's been one of our focuses this summer. We truly feel like there will be tremendous struggle throughout the season and you can either find the struggle or it'll find you, so we've taken the attitude this summer to go out each day and not leave until we find a little bit of that struggle. We want to get uncomfortable for a little while and see if we can't grow."

He continued, "We've got the biggest freshman class we've ever had coming in and they've had some success also so that's very exciting. I feel like our program has done a good job of encouraging guys to be player coaches. So, I think our guys do a great job when we bring the 2's in or the JV to do something we've got our 1's right behind them and they're coaching them up every play. I think that's very important, and it just helps to send that message that you're not doing this alone."

The Aggies will face county rivals Good Hope and West Point this season but are losing their usual game against Holly Pond. Redding is excited for those Cullman County battles as well as some new matchups against some unfamiliar opponents.

"It's awesome. It's sad to see a few of those games go away. We will not be playing Holly Pond this year and I know that was one of the longest running Cullman County rivalries to date and we lost another one of our county games as well but things like that happen. You have to move on, and we picked up a couple other opponents that had some tremendous seasons last year.

"So, getting to face some teams that we've never faced before and going into some new venues is always exciting, so I think that alone has brought some excitement for our players. We actually got to pick up Good Hope and we haven't gotten to play them in a long time. I love Alan (Scott) to death, he's a tremendous coach and a tremendous person and runs an unbelievable program down there so it's exciting to be able to compete with those guys. We're looking forward to all the new challenges."

Despite losing some big playmakers from last year's team to graduation, Fairview will still have a lot of production returning the field this fall.

"We've got some great key players coming back and

our focus this spring and summer has been the whole idea that iron sharpens iron. One man sharpens another and the focus behind that is you're not doing this alone. Those seniors that accomplished great things last year couldn't have done it without the guys that are stepping up as seniors now. We do have six returning starters on both sides of the ball, so we'll have some new faces but some key returners as well.

"One would be Carson Jennings, he's a three-year starter on O-line and D-line and an unbelievable leader for our team. We also have Zane Roberts coming back on the O-line and D-line, Bradley Smith on O-line and D-line, Caden Jennings is a dynamic player for us at receiver and defensive back, Jameson Goble will just be a junior at receiver, running back and safety, Eli Frost is returning at running back after going out and rushing for a little over 1,600 yards, Cale Foster is coming back on the O-line and at line-backer and Eric Gonzalez is on the O-line and at line-backer as well so those are some key players coming back this year that we expect to do big things."

The Aggies have been representing their school well on the field for several years now, collecting over 30 wins in the last three seasons but Redding's focus goes beyond that. His goal for this year's team and all his teams is to play for each other and represent Fairview

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 12-2  
Region record: 5-1  
Home record: 6-1  
Away record: 6-1  
Opponents record: 80-74

Scored just under 42 points per game offensively and held opponents to just 22 points per game on the defensive end

Won a school-record 12 game and scored a school-record 584 points

Advanced to the Class 5A State Semifinals for the first time in school history

Parker Martin earned first team All-State honors and Head Coach George Redding was selected as the Class 5A Coach of the Year. Eli Frost and Ethan Bice each earned second team All-State honors and Elijah Guyton received an honorable mention

High School both on and off the field.

"The winning part takes care of itself so that's never been a big focus of mine but the biggest thing for me is I struggle with the fear of failure. To me, that's not losing that's letting someone down and I want to make sure that anyone that's a part of anything I have an honor to be part of, I want to make sure I do my part to help them be successful and accomplish their goals," Redding said. "School pride is very important to me, our colors are very important to me, and I want to make sure that we're representing our school at an unbelievably high level each and every year. That goes way past the scoreboard and way past the football field."

# F Fairview Aggies



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## TEAM ROSTER

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| #1 Devin McGee      | #21 Jace Stevens      | #61 Jaccob Hays     |
| #2 Caden Jennings   | #22 Colby Bentley     | #62 Bradley Smith   |
| #3 Eli Frost        | #23 Devyn Ellis       | #63 Anthony Ramos   |
| #4 Jameson Goble    | #24 Colby Shackelford | #64 Cale Foster     |
| #5 Ashton Mcleskey  | #25 Jordan Ellis      | #65 Jayden Pineda   |
| #6 Gannon Black     | #26 Carson Jones      | #66 Trey Trotter    |
| #7 Cade Yeager      | #28 Nayman Austin     | #68 Logan Race      |
| #8 Caiden Hall      | #32 Alex Cruz         | #70 Andrew Latham   |
| #9 Isaac Elrod      | #33 Bradly Thompson   | #71 Vincent Lafont  |
| #10 Cylas Yarbrough | #35 Austin Filippone  | #73 Kaleb Carr      |
| #11 Zane Boyll      | #50 Eric Gonzalez     | #74 Zane Roberts    |
| #12 Colton Jennings | #51 Justin Nayman     | #75 Slate King      |
| #14 Jake Harper     | #52 Miles Mckelroy    | #76 Avery Latham    |
| #15 Kolt Redding    | #53 Bryce Newton      | #77 Nathan Freee    |
| #16 Zayden Cruce    | #54 Jacob Mayo        | #78 Carson Jennings |
| #17 Weston Allen    | #55 Braxton Brown     | #80 Kasen Humphries |
| #19 Barrett York    | #56 Daniel Hostetler  | #88 Ty Dunn         |
| #20 Germaine Jones  | #58 Ethan Yancy       |                     |

## VARSITY CHEER

From left to right: Kinzey Sizemore, Dixie Plunkett, Macee Bentley, Presli Martin, Samantha Rogers, Canaan Carroll, Katelynn Sims, Brynlee Merriman, Cassie Davis, Stephanie Moreno, Alex Marty

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 5A, REGION 8

- Aug. 18 - at Columbia
- Aug. 26 - Priceville
- Sept. 2 - East Limestone\*
- Sept. 9 - at Good Hope
- Sept. 16 - West Point\*
- Sept. 30 - at Ardmore\*
- Oct. 7 - Brewer\*
- Oct. 14 - at Lawrence Co.\*
- Oct. 21 - Russellville\*
- Oct. 28 - at Randolph



\*REGION GAME





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## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Nathan Kilgo

**Assistant Director and Auxiliary Sponsor:** Kristy Harris

**Percussion Instructor:** Caleb Garrison

**Drum Major:** Autumn Boeckeler

**Assistant Drum Major and President:** Gracen McCowan

**Percussion Captain:** Abby O'Leary

**Color Guard Captain and Vice President:** Amy Latham

**Secretary:** Johanna Wisener

**Treasurer:** Olivia Reyna

**Chaplain:** Jackson Golden

**Manager:** Xander McCalpin

**Historian:** Shelby Stringer

**Librarians:** Addy Bradford, Mia Fortner

**Flute:** Aubrey Bailey, Amy Brooks, Kaitlyn Collins, Ollie Chamblee, Zaylie Guthrie, Lizzy Hall, Axel Hidrogo Amador

**Clarinet:** Zoei Bledsoe, Halie Blevins, Keira Glaze, Dominick Hipolito, Gaby Huerta, Gracen McCowan, Desi Pruett, Olivia Reyna

**Alto Saxophone:** Bella Garcia, Abel Gomez, Terry Hunkeapillar, Spencer Jones, Jacquelyn Mendoza, Zach Smalley, Johanna Wisener

**Tenor Saxophone:** Bradin Lancaster

**Trumpet:** Kathleen Brooks, Jayden Burgess, Mia Fortner, Jake Gandy, Addy Higgins, Joesph Keck, Abby Moreland, Daizy Nayman, Kenny Sanders, Noah Wells, Sylar Williams

**Mellophone:** Jamie Ehlman

**Trombone:** Braxton Boyles, Garrett Casey, Logan Mayo, Xander McCalpin, Issac Perkins, Sophia Smith, Katie Wells

**Baritone:** Elijah Boeckeler

**Tuba:** Hawk Maze

**Percussion:** Hernan Garcia, Jackson Golden, Kimberleigh Huckabee, Breanna Japczyk, Delilah Jenkins, Tucker Kimbrough, Daxton Lane, Josalyn Mendoza, Abby O'Leary

**Guitar:** Dylan Wisener

**Color Guard:** Avri Bishop, Abby Calloway, Anna Douglas, Allee Duke, Avery Freeman, Amy Latham, Shelby Sims, Shelby Stringer, Cloie Watwood

**Feature Twirler:** Addy Bradford



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# GOOD HOPE

# RAIDERS



**Raiders ready to roll back to the postseason in 2022**

**By: Nick Griffin**

**GOOD HOPE, Ala.** — Football season is upon us once again and the Good Hope Raiders are getting ready to hit the field and play their way back to the postseason. The Raiders will open up the 2022 season with a pair of county rivals in West Point and Vinemont and they'll face Vinemont and Hanceville later in the regular season as well. Head Coach Alan Scott is always excited to see local opponents on the schedule and knows the players and the fans love to be part of those games too.

"As much as we can we'd love to play in-county rivalry games. The fans love it, and the players love it because they grow up playing ball against each other all the way up. With the way things are set up with regions in football, the state kind of dictates what we have to do

with six or seven of those games so it kind of limits your schedule. Most years its kind of difficult to get everyone on the same page as far as scheduling goes for whatever reason but this year it worked out well for us to play those and we're glad to have that opportunity. Based on what Coach (George) Redding and Fairview has done the last few years and the success that we've had, I know that's probably a game that people are anticipating. So, that's going to be a good opportunity for our guys to go out there and try to compete against a very good ball club."

Good Hope will be replacing three-year starter Tanner Malin at quarterback this fall and handing the reins over to junior Colton Whatley. Scott has been pleased »



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**GOOD HOPE HEAD COACH ALAN SCOTT**

## VARSITY CHEER

Front row, left to right: Mahayla Dillard, Ashlin Hamm, Lexi Doss and Natalie Scott; Middle row: Caselyn Whatley, Lauren Falls, Big Chief (Anna Pemberton), Decia McClure and Kylee Broadley; Back row: McKenzie McDonald, Maycie Nolen and Jessalyn Nichols; Not shown: Kailey White and Cori Stevens



with the work Whatley has put in this summer to prepare for the new role and is looking forward to watching him lead the Raider offense this fall.

"What we've said to Colton this year is that he just needs to be Colton. You can't compare yourself to other people. You have to play the game and the majority of these games are mental so the biggest thing for Colton is just gaining confidence. I think the spring game helped him and I think he's done a really good job for us at passing camps this summer. So, just trust the guys around you, don't try to do it all yourself, manage the game well, protect the football and let's finish drives."

The Raiders are 14-5 at home over the last three seasons. They usually have a loud, rowdy group of students behind them

at James W. Shabel Stadium on Friday nights and Scott believes they've been a big part of Good Hope's home field success.

"The Friday night atmosphere is unbelievable. If you haven't been to a Good Hope game in the last few years and seen the student section, it's out of this world. It's a little loud, so if you don't like to hear people hitting on tin, don't sit down toward the bottom.

"But we love it, and it really helps our guys, I really believe that. We've been all over the state now with the way region play is set up and we've been to different places, and I'd put our people and our community in Good Hope up against anybody."

The Raiders have collected some big wins over the last few years, including a massive 27-12 win over Jacksonville in 2018 that

pushed Good Hope to the third round of the playoffs for the first time in over 20 years. The Raiders have returned to the postseason every year since and made their way back to round three last year, so Scott has been happy to see the confidence level and excitement continue to grow within the program and within the community.

"I hope it builds some confidence in our players. We've tried to preach the message from the time that I got there that we can compete with anyone on any given day. So, if we put the work in and have the right mindset, we shouldn't try to back down from anyone. I think more than anything it gives you that confidence. Before we beat Jacksonville maybe there were some questions marks but hopefully that just creates some excitement. If we've got guys

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 9-4  
Region record: 5-1  
Home record: 6-2  
Away record: 3-2  
Opponents record: 84-59

Scored 27 points per game offensively while holding opponents to just 19 points per game on the defensive side of the ball

Defeated Central Florence and Northside in the first two rounds of the state playoffs before falling to No. 1 Madison Academy 35-28 in round three

Tanner Malin earned first team All-State honors and Ethan Anderson, Jager Burns and Paydon Bagwell each earned second team All-State recognitions

in the stands that can help us, I would love to have them out there. So, if something we do on the field catches their attention that would be a good thing."

Scott is entering his eighth season as the head coach of the Raiders, and he feels blessed to be coaching at his alma mater. His Good Hope teams have been filling up the win column over the last several years as well and that only makes things even more fun for Scott.

"I'm very thankful and very blessed. I know there are so many variables that go into a season and there are just a lot of unforeseen things that can happen to you. We've been very blessed the last few years to have our kids stay healthy, we've had several great groups of young men that have come along over the last few years and for it to happen at my home school is very special."



# Good Hope Raiders



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## TEAM ROSTER

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| #1 Kmal Bell        | #20 Cody Stevens    | #58 Gabe Owen         |
| #2 Callahan Lindsey | #21 Zeb Smith       | #60 Russ Wooten       |
| #3 Charlie O'Neil   | #22 Bradley Russell | #63 Skyler Williamson |
| #4 Eli Clements     | #23 Jed Clements    | #64 Matthew Simmons   |
| #5 Tyler Cone       | #26 Henry Prado     | #65 Jude Johnson      |
| #6 Mason Drake      | #28 Tyler Byrd      | #67 Eli Boatright     |
| #8 Ayden Black      | #30 Kane Anderson   | #69 Houston Walton    |
| #9 Zak Keller       | #31 Brayden Cofer   | #70 Trey Quick        |
| #10 Landon Bagwell  | #33 Kaleb Jones     | #71 Jathan Smith      |
| #11 Hunter Moore    | #34 Corey Cummings  | #72 Jordan Rainwater  |
| #12 Tucker Keef     | #35 Taz Bartlett    | #73 Jacob Wright      |
| #13 Tucker Malin    | #44 Jacob Pitts     | #74 Asa Williams      |
| #14 Dylan Williams  | #52 Brodey Witcher  | #75 Waylon Smith      |
| #15 Colten Whatley  | #53 Paxton Buchanan | #76 Jet Swann         |
| #16 Brady Stripling | #54 Gannon Bowerman | #77 Eason Putman      |
| #17 Blake Cordes    | #55 Seth Loggins    |                       |
| #18 Hank Hudson     | #57 Guillermo Alday |                       |
| #19 Conner Clark    |                     |                       |

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 4A, REGION 6

- Aug. 19 - at West Point
- Aug. 26 - Vinemont
- Sept. 2 - at Cherokee Co.\*
- Sept. 9 - Fairview
- Sept. 16 - at Etowah\*
- Sept. 23 - at Addison
- Sept. 30 - Hanceville\*
- Oct. 7 - at Asheville\*
- Oct. 14 - Fultondale\*
- Oct. 21 - Oneonta\*



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# Good Hope Raiders



WHITNEY MCMINN

## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Joshua Anderson

**Drum Major:** Samuel Cregan

**Tenor Sax:** Kloe Abbott

**Clarinet:** Breanna Alvis, Piper Ballenger, Lexi Briscoe, Peyton German, Braxton Isbell, Rayanna Rusk

**Flute:** Haley Pope (section leader), Brinleigh Baker, Samantha Camper, Allison Day, Adrian Greenlee

**Percussion:** Olivia Clemons, Tristan Denson, Fulton Easterwood, Luke Easterwood, Jase Gibbs,

Kaley Hartwig, Jose Lopez, Jaxon Mosley, Korbin Posey, Caleb Sansing (section leader)

**Trumpet:** Mahala Denson (section leader), Rachel Jackson, Alexis, Lemoine-Mize, Noah Martin, Bryant Shelton, Caylee Stone

**Alto Sax:** Felicity Driver (section leader), Kai Schofield and Lola Wynn

**French Horn:** Savannah Egnor (section leader)

**Trombone:** Damian Fowler, Noah May, Amber Roat

**Baritone:** Kouhyn Lewis

**Tuba:** Parker Jett

**Majorette:** Jenna Crumpton, Avery Flynt (captain), Lexi McMinn, Jillian Zapka

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# HANCEVILLE



# BULLDOGS

**Bulldogs excited for big year on the gridiron**

**By: Nick Griffin**

**HANCEVILLE, Ala.** — It's football season in Hanceville and that means its time for the Bulldogs to get back under the lights at Ray Talley Stadium. Hanceville will get things started on the road against Brewer and the Bulldogs have already begun preparing for their matchup against the Patriots. Head Coach Ryan Brewer is entering his second season at Hanceville and he and his staff have been working to get ready for some of their region opponents as well.

"We open up the season at Brewer on Aug. 19 and I'm sure Coach (Matt) Plunkett is going to have his guys ready.

"They're going to have multiple looks on offense that we'll see, and they'll have trick plays, and they like to run inside zone offensively,

but our defensive staff is looking at film right now and getting ready for that first game.

"As far as Cherokee County goes, they're always really good. So, fortunately for us we get them a little later down the road and we'll be able to see some film on them. Right now, we don't have much to go by other than what we saw in their last couple games last season."

Brewer is optimistic about the Bulldogs' offensive backfield and is really looking forward to seeing his experienced defense come together this fall too.

"I think we should be able to run the ball well this year and I think our defense is going to be top notch. We've got two guys coming back at middle linebacker with »



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**HANCEVILLE HEAD COACH RYAN BREWER**



KATIE DRUMMOND/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 3-7

Region record: 0-6

Home record: 2-3

Away record: 1-4

Opponents record: 55-55

Scored just over 16 points per game offensively and allowed just under 30 points per game on the defensive side of the ball

Defeated Vinemont in season opener 28-16 and won regular season finale over Elkmont 24-6

Connor Pitts and L.J. Smith.

“The defensive backfield is still intact from last year and pretty much all of our guys are back, so you take that year of experience and just being bigger, stronger and faster, you’re going to see that on the field.”

With tough regional battles against Etowah and Oneonta and local rivalry matchups with Good Hope and West Point, the Bulldogs have a schedule packed with quality teams this season.

One thing that Brewer believes can help overcome that challenge is the culture growing within the program.

“It’s a very challenging schedule from top to bottom, it really is. However, one thing I want to talk

about is the fact that our kids like each other. The culture is coming together, and they have fun away from the field together.

“They’re doing different things together and I love to see our kids just hanging out with each other. There’s a genuine care for one another and when they have that, that’s a factor you don’t get a lot of times.

“I’m very fortunate being in my second year here to see them come together as quickly as they have so I really look forward to watching them gel.

“We’ve seen it at practice and in the weight room and I’m really looking forward to seeing it in competition.”

After losing only three

seniors to graduation in May, the Bulldogs will have a lot of experience returning this fall and Brewer is pleased with the preparation they’ve done in the offseason.

Hanceville hasn’t earned a playoff berth since 2013 but Brewer and his team are determined to turn that around this fall.

“Our guys are ready. We’re super excited about what we have in store.

“Last year we only graduated three seniors, so we’ve got pretty much the entire team coming back and that entire team has been in the weight room all year long.

“We’re a lot bigger, faster and stronger than we were last year so we’re ready to

rock.

“Please come out and support the Hanceville Bulldogs this football season.

“These guys have worked tirelessly from June of last year up to this point today and the way they have gelled together and the way they have come together as a team is exciting to watch.

“It’s fun for myself and our coaches to just sit back and watch them interact with one another.

“The way they’re practicing, the way they’re running, the way they’re hitting the weights, they should be fun to watch this year so please come out and support these guys. They’re earning it.”

# Hanceville Bulldogs



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## TEAM ROSTER

- |                    |                     |                       |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| #1 Keiton Whatley  | #16 Peyton Reynolds | #56 Giovanni Bautista |
| #2 David Springer  | #17 Dylan Lazzaro   | #58 Lucas Aker        |
| #4 JT Davis        | #18 Marquies Leeth  | #60 Ben Nichols       |
| #5 Malcome Delgado | #22 Tyler Hughes    | #62 Jacob Jordan      |
| #6 L.J. Smith      | #23 Drake Bentley   | #63 David Fields      |
| #7 Ashton Hurst    | #24 Konnor Helms    | #64 Paul Crosby       |
| #8 Zach Campbell   | #26 JT Jones        | #70 Tristan Grund     |
| #10 Brosnan Ward   | #32 Connor Pitts    | #71 Lamondre Williams |
| #11 Brady Cleek    | #34 Seth Basinger   | #72 Nathan Henderson  |
| #12 Noah Jones     | #40 Brian Recher    | #74 Brodie Butts      |
| #13 Braxton Broad  | #52 Eli Akin        | #77 Jayden Smith      |
| #14 Boston Brewer  | #54 Dakota Turner   |                       |
| #15 Hunter Black   | #55 Bear Busby      |                       |

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 4A, REGION 6

- Aug. 19 - at Brewer
- Aug. 26 - West Point
- Sept. 2 - Oneonta\*
- Sept. 9 - at Ashville\*
- Sept. 16 - Cherokee Co.\*
- Sept. 23 - at Lawrence Co.
- Sept. 30 - at Good Hope\*
- Oct. 7 - at Etowah\*
- Oct. 21 - Fultondale\*
- Oct. 28 - East Lawrence



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Left to right: Kyndall Hamilton, Makenzie Fowler, Josie Radcliff, Raegan Edwards, Abby Sharp-Captain, Tearsa Huckaby, Haylee Nethery, Audrey Boyd, Kenzie Hall; Not pictured: Destiny Warren-Captain, Jasmine McDonald-Captain, Allie Sharp

# Hanceville Bulldogs



ELYSSA JAMES

## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Jesse James

**Drum Major:** Ramses Garcia

**Flutes:** Elaina Lambert, Abigail Bates, Katy Ratliff, Jacoby Williams

**Clarinets:** Emily Davis, Audrey Graham, Mackenzie Dutton, Danica Martinez

**Saxophones:** Cynthia Lara, Tristen Burks, Lakota Hopkins, Eder Andablo

**Trumpets:** Kenzie Pace, Jonathan Rodriguez, Abigail

Burney, Alexis Haynes, Celeste Hamby, Jonathan Tarvin

**Mellophones:** Logan Jackson, Kailynn Sharp

**Baritones:** Breanna Burks, Arieana Manuel, Aaron Lopez, Tyler Lambert, Liam Tello, Jahzlin Martinez

**Tubas:** Jensen Jackson, Brett Watson

**Percussion:** Morgan Fraiser, David Amador, Hannah Lambert,

Karson Buckelew, Fallyn Boatright, Alona Haynes, Samantha Briscoe, Jayden Lavigne

**Majorettes:** Kyra Bales, Miley Bales, Ava Gantt, Callie Aker

**Color Guard:** April Heibel, Lexi Butts, Karissa Rosalez-Miller, Merella Smalls, Breanna Watson, Brody Woodruff, Destiny Hancock, Jada Holder, Alana Bice, Marissa Moreno, Aryelle Mahaffey, Emily Recher, Huntleigh Mash

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# HOLLY POND

# BRONCOS



**Young Broncos  
team excited to hit  
the field in 2022**

**By: Nick Griffin**

**HOLLY POND, Ala.** — Football season is back in Holly Pond and that means the Broncos are ready to get back under the lights once again. Head Coach Chris Moss has returned to the sidelines for the Broncos and he's looking forward to watching his young team compete and develop after a great offseason.

"This is my second tenure at Holly Pond. I went through some issues in the past, but the good Lord is taking care of me and I'm moving forward. We're going to be a pretty young team this year, I think our biggest class is sophomores.

"We moved down to 2A this year so that will help us some, but we've got a good group of young men. They're working hard, working hard in the weight room and we're excited to get started."

Holly Pond will open the season on the road against Clements and Moss and his staff have been preparing their defense to face the Colts' offensive attack. Moss also hopes that move to 2A can be advantageous for the Broncos this fall.

"I've done a little scouting and we think they're going to run the spread, so we'll definitely be working on a lot of pass defense and pass rush.

"Moving down to 2A, there are some good teams in all classifications but the numbers game sort of helps us there. We've always been at the bottom of 3A for the last eight years so moving down to play schools with enrollment closer to ours will help."

The Broncos have put in »

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**HOLLY POND HEAD COACH  
CHRIS MOSS**





HOWARD COLE/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 3-7

Region record: 1-6

Home record: 1-5

Away record: 2-2

Opponents record: 54-55

Scored just over 21 points per game offensively and allowed 30 points per game on the defensive side of the ball

Opened season with back to back wins over Brindlee Mountain and Cold Springs by a combined score of 84-0

a lot of work throughout the offseason to prepare for the upcoming year and Moss has been pleased with the effort and the attendance he's seen from his team.

"We've had the opportunity to enlist Steve Johnson and he's worked the kids out through the year starting last year and he's continued through the summer and the kids are really working hard. We've got a good group of kids out there working, 7-12.

"We've got a good group of middle school kids out working too and I'm really pleased with what we've

done.

"Like we tell the kids, it all starts in the summer. You have to get used to being out in the heat and for everyone who's played you know it's a chore because the heat is always there.

"We can't turn on the air conditioning and change those scenarios, but we're excited about these kids working hard and they've been doing a great job."

A lot of Holly Pond's roster will be made up of underclassmen this season and Moss is excited to see them hit the field and grow together.

More than anything else he wants his guys to cherish the moment playing high school football for each other.

"These kids work hard every day to make themselves better at what they do.

"I tell the kids all the time that you can only do this once and once you finish school it's done.

"I've told them, I wish I had a dollar for every kid that's come back and said, 'Coach I wish you had made me play'. You can't do it again, so to see them taking advantage of the opportunities they've got

right now and doing the things they can't do in the future is great.

"It's a good group of kids. They're young and we've got some talent in that young group. Some of them are quick and a lot of those 10th graders are going to have to be playing.

"Usually, you like to have the young guys playing on Monday nights or Tuesday nights, but these guys are going to be playing on Friday nights. It's a good group of kids, I enjoy being around them and I expect big things from them."

# Holly Pond Broncos



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## TEAM ROSTER

- |                     |                     |                      |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| #1 Daniel Figueroa  | #16 John Garcia     | Hernandez            |
| #2 Tristen Hibbert  | #18 Bradley Woods   | #62 Dawson Simmons   |
| #3 Lucas Carlisle   | #21 Damian Raymond  | #65 Cade Albright    |
| #4 Zane Faulkner    | #22 Coby McCoy      | #67 Brayden Ivey     |
| #5 Diego Garcia     | #28 Kaleb King      | #70 Connor Cothren   |
| #7 Jayden Holloway  | #30 Luis Orona      | #73 Antonio Aguilar  |
| #8 Nik Goodwin      | #50 Aiden Motsinger | #74 Kyrian Grazer    |
| #10 Collin Brown    | #54 Aiden Rowe      | #75 Ronald Nunnolley |
| #11 Brody Howard    | #55 Patrick Sapp    | #77 Xander Grazer    |
| #12 Austin Mitchell | #56 Levi Kelsoe     | #79 Ben Welton       |
| #14 Boston Gibbs    | #57 Diego Arreguin  | #81 Christian Couch  |
| #15 Sawyer Olinger  | #61 Amancio         |                      |

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 2A, REGION 6

- Aug. 19 - at Clements
- Aug. 26 - Cold Springs
- Sept. 2 - Locust Fork\*
- Sept. 9 - at Pleasant Valley\*
- Sept. 16 - Southeastern\*
- Sept. 23 - at Glencoe
- Sept. 30 - at Gaston\*
- Oct. 7 - at West End\*
- Oct. 21 - Cleveland\*
- Oct. 28 - Vinemont



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

**Back row:** Erin Hibbert, Presli Carr; **Second row:** Ava Roper, Anna Nash; **Third row:** Hallie Rice, Kalli Hamm; **Fourth row:** Courtney Parker, Maddie Giles; **Bottom row:** Bre Holloway, Michelle Hernandez, Pyper Shaw, Kaylee Rohrscheib, Jayda Miller, Aliyah Ludwig, Sarah Grace Brown, Ava Claire Foust, Adalynn Tapscott, Brianna Vela, Blakely Baggett, Morgan Bartlett, Georgia Whitehead

# Holly Pond Broncos



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## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Steven Porter

**Color guard:** Ella Crider (captain), Brenna White, Kennedy Byers, Isabella Lindsay

**Flute:** Savannah Goings (woodwinds section leader)

**Clarinet:** Ella Barksdale, Cainen Bennett

**Alto:** Noah Collier

**Mellophone:** Kensley Jackson

**Trumpets:** Tatum Mayfield (section leader), Westin O’Ryan, Autumn Stanton, Kalli Rewis, Lilly Lindsay, Jordan Pierce, Izaiah Schonebeck

**Trombone:** Jenna Raymond, Reagan Echols

**Baritone:** Kaitlyn O’Rear,

Devin White

**Tuba:** Jeffrey Aspinwall (low brass section leader)

**Percussion:** Hayden Ritchie (section leader), Makayla Raymond Silas Reynolds, Dakota Wooten, Isaiah Horton

# MEEK



# TIGERS

**Tigers looking to stay hungry this fall**

**By: Nick Griffin**

**ARLEY, Ala.** — Its football season in Arley once again and that means its time for the Tigers to take the field. After a successful 2021 season that saw Meek post an 8-4 record and collect its first playoff win since 2003, the Tigers are hungry to build on that momentum and take it one step further in 2022. Head Coach Houston Powell is entering his third season at Meek, and he's been very pleased with the attitude, effort and attendance that his team has shown this offseason.

"The offseason has gone really well. Now that we've kind of gotten through all the COVID stuff from the last couple years it's made everything a lot easier.

"Our culture is where it needs to be, our guys are showing up and we've had 100% participation

throughout the summer which is great and that's all the players demanding that.

"We had team camps at Jasper and Oakman this summer and had great showings there and everyone we've been, we've been the smaller school so that's really preparing us for the competition that we're going to face this season."

The biggest difference Powell saw in his team from his first season to his second was their commitment to football year-round and he believes that was the key to last year's breakthrough success on the field.

"I think after the first year, the guys realized that we were bringing something different to Meek. It wasn't going to be the same and we're going to go out there and »



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**MEEK HEAD COACH  
HOUSTON POWELL**



NICK GRIFFIN/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 8-4  
 Region record: 5-2  
 Home record: 5-1  
 Away record: 3-3  
 Opponents record: 58-73

Scored just under 30 points per game offensively and held opponents to 20 points per game on the defensive side of the ball

Dominated R.A. Hubbard 52-20 in the opening round of the playoffs to collect first postseason win since 2003

Offensive lineman Tyler Cooper earned second team All-State honors

see if we can win.

“So, our offseason program really changed the mindset of our guys and honestly it really helped them understand that football isn’t a four-month sport, it’s a 12-month sport.

“So, they really accepted that last offseason and when we got into the season, we just had a confidence where we felt like we could really do this.

“We had a lot of success, and some things go our way that really

helped that mentality and helped that culture grow so we’re coming off of a really good year.

“It’s really helped our offseason and our guys have gotten a lot stronger, so we have high expectations for this season.”

Powell loves working with this team and is excited to see what they look like under the lights this fall.

“Something he and his staff are focusing on this season is helping their guys maintain their intensity over the course

of the entire schedule and continuing to build momentum as they make their way toward another playoff run.

“I think the biggest thing is just staying hungry. Our guys are hungry, but I want them to stay hungry.

“I think that’s going to be the biggest battle each week because its going to be a grind, there are going to be some weeks that we need our A game to win and there are going to be some games where we have

to strap it up and have a good mindset on who we’re playing against.

“But I feel good about it. We’ve got a really good group of kids and I love this team. It’s probably my favorite team that I’ve coached here and I’m really looking forward to it.

“We’ve got a great atmosphere and a great community so like I said I have high expectations this year and the kids know that, so we feel like we’re going to come out feeling pretty good.”



# Meek Tigers



BILL MILLER PHOTOGRAPHY

## TEAM ROSTER

- |                    |                       |                       |
|--------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| #0 Isaiah Freeman  | #15 Riley Thompson    | #51 Nick Miller       |
| #1 Braylen Roberts | #17 Evan McCay        | #52 Lucas Rector      |
| #2 Justin Freeman  | #18 Seth Ryman        | #54 Caleb Manasco     |
| #3 Taylor Williams | #20 Jackson Brown     | #55 Tristian Shanklin |
| #4 Hayden Smith    | #21 Owen Barnett      | #60 Tyler Manley      |
| #5 Brayden Webster | #22 Hunter Wyatt      | #61 Aiden Benson      |
| #6 Ory Frith       | #23 Blake Miller      | #64 Xzaviar Arias     |
| #7 Brady Bexter    | #24 Cameron Deaver    | #65 Ethan Pounds      |
| #8 Bradigan Farmer | #25 Jordan Phillips   | #68 Liam Brown        |
| #9 Eason Williams  | #27 Aiden Vines       | #72 Jeremiah Baker    |
| #10 Jack Cotton    | #28 Carson Davenport  | #73 Tyler Cooper      |
| #11 Jarrett Benson | #33 Braxton Dickerson | #75 Ethan Wright      |
| #13 Jacob Smith    | #50 Cameron Grace     | #76 Judson Bradley    |

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 1A, REGION 8

- Aug. 19 - Maplesville
- Aug. 26 - at Hackleburg\*
- Sept. 2 - at Waterloo\*
- Sept. 9 - Colbert Heights
- Sept. 16 - at Phillips Bear Creek\*
- Sept. 30 - Addison\*
- Oct. 7 - Shoals Christian\*
- Oct. 14 - at Vina\*
- Oct. 21 - Cherokee\*
- Oct. 28 - at Oakman



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Left side, bottom to top: Kayla Clark, Christina Tyree, Anna Grace Cochran, Mckinli Sandlin, Raylee Smith, Evan Hutchins; Back row, left to right: Avery Cotton, Lillie Caldwell, Makayla Phillips, Chandler Arias, Jena Brown, Amori Miles, Anna Belle Collins, Brooklyn Deaver, Kaylee Owens, Kole Williams, Avery Archer; Right side, top to bottom: Makenzie Phillips, Jacie O'Quinn, Allyson Woodard, Belle Cleghorn, Carlee Bray, Maddie Kate Kilgore; Not pictured: Sierra Hamby



# Meek Tigers



## MEEK TIGERS

BILL MILLER PHOTOGRAPHY

### MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Zach Cleghorn

**Drum Major:** Hope Jacobs

**Flute:** Breanna Briscoe

**Clarinet:** Karlee Akins

**Alto Saxophone:** Samia Lewis,  
Ella Adair, Max Estes

**Tenor Saxophone:** Gavin Wright

**Mellophone:** Mallory  
Taylor, Aaron Greig

**Trumpet:** Vallyn Frith, Carroline  
Baker, Amy Farmer

**Trombone:** Emma Davis,  
Blake Owens

**Tuba:** Jesse Vines, Justin Taylor

**Percussion:** Tucker Andrews,  
Tyler Upshaw, Brantley Wright,  
Ian Andrews, Dominick Edwards,  
Caleb Sheffield, Grant Banks

**Color Guard:** Madison Richardson,  
Daisy Puccina, Phoenix Benson,  
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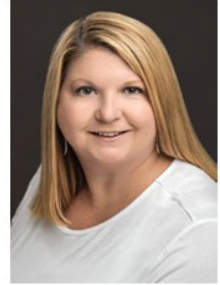
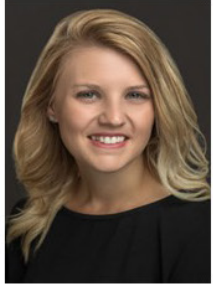
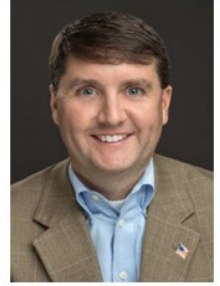
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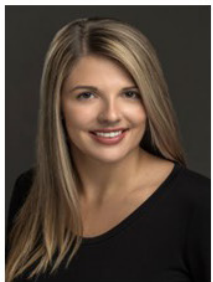
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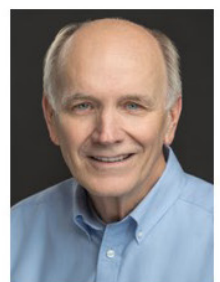
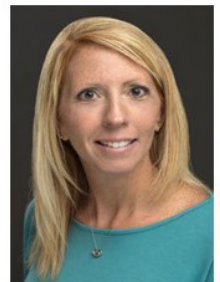




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# VINEMONT

# EAGLES



## Vinemont preparing for postseason return in 2022

By: Nick Griffin

**VINEMONT, Ala.** — After punching their ticket to the postseason last year, the Vinemont Eagles are ready to take the field once again and fight their way back to a playoff spot. The Eagles got their offseason started with a win over Southeastern in the spring game and Head Coach Stephen Robinson is pleased with the work his team has been putting in to prepare for this season.

"I was super excited, Southeastern made it to the third round last year, faced some really tough competition and ended up being a very good team. They've got a great coach and they run the wing T and they do it well. So, when we left there, I was excited, and I was pleased but I wasn't quite satisfied. We had a little let-up in

the third quarter of that game and some mental mistakes and things like that I feel like we could've done better to put the game away. Give them credit, they fought back and did some things in the second half, but I was pleased with our physicality up front in that game and just overall I was pleased. Just need to cut out some of those mental mistakes. We've got Falkville on the schedule first this year which is kind of a change from the last couple years, and we expect a good challenge from them. We're excited about this year; we've had great attendance all summer and we expect that to stay the same. We've got great kids and great leadership to lead the way for these guys. We've got about the same number of kids, running about 45 on the »



I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS SEASON. I THINK WE'VE REALLY WORKED HARD THIS SUMMER AND PREPARED WELL, AND I THINK WE'RE GOING TO COMPETE IN EVERY GAME THIS SEASON.

VINEMONT HEAD COACH  
STEPHEN ROBINSON

roster right now so we're super excited and it seems like it gets closer every year so once you finally get to go, you hit the ground wide open."

Vinemont will be replacing a few key contributors this fall, including quarterback Colby Miller. Robinson is pleased with how Ayden Thomason has prepared for the new starting quarterback role this season and knows that having a lot of experience returning on the front lines will help make things easier on his new signal caller.

"We've got quite a bit of experience coming back, especially on the offensive line which is a good thing. We've got Alex (Salazar) back who is a tremendously hard worker, he outworks everybody and holds people accountable so that's huge. We've got Brennan Watson coming back, Tatum Brown and Jacob Hale who missed a lot of the year but started as a true freshman on both sides of the ball, so we've got four of our starters coming back up front.

"That's really a huge deal, especially with what we do. We've also got out starting strong side tight end back which is essentially a lineman in what we do. Chayce (Sandlin) started quite a few games for us last year at weak side tight end so up front between those seven guys we've got five that are returning so that's

good. Now, we've obviously got to replace a Colby Miller, which is hard to replace and (Ayden) is shaped a little bit different than Colby but one of the good things that Ayden does is like he said he kept and even keel and he kind of does that for our team. He's a very good decision maker, probably a little stronger than Colby Miller was in that area. For Colby, when things broke down, he just outran you and that was his deal, and he was good at it but (Ayden) has a different game and he uses his brain a little more and so that's a good thing. He's a quarterback that allows us to do some things that we haven't done in the past."

Thomason got an opportunity to spend some time under center in the spring and he believes it helped him get a little more comfortable in the new role.

"I felt like I kind of kept an even keel throughout the whole game and didn't try to get too high or too low when good things or bad things happened," Thomason said. "I just tried to play the game how we play it. I'm really looking forward to this season. I think we've really worked hard this summer and prepared well, and I think we're going to compete in every game this season."

Robinson has been excited to see a big group of young players come out this season and he's particularly happy to see a lot of

them adding depth at the line of scrimmage.

"We had 19 freshmen come out in the spring and we've got 15 of them that have survived to this point so that's good. I think that out of that 15, 11 of them are on the O-line and D-line so that's pretty awesome and our upperclassmen continue to get stronger in the weight room.

"We've got multiple guys squatting over 480-500 pounds and we've got multiple guys benching over 250 pounds so the growth in that category has been great to see and the more we do it the more I think they get into it and the more they push themselves to see what they can do.

"We've had some shakeup on the coaching staff with a couple coaches that moved back him and kudos to them getting to do that, but we'll have a little different voice in the offensive huddle. I'll be back calling plays so it's going to be a little different for them but so far to this point I'm pleased with where we're at as we get ready to move into fall practice."

The Eagles have matchups against Good Hope, West Point and Vinemont this season and Robinson and his squad are looking forward to taking on some county rivals. Vinemont is also adding Madison Academy to its region opponents this fall

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

- Overall record: 5-6
- Region record: 4-3
- Home record: 3-2
- Away record: 2-4
- Opponents record: 65-56

Scored just over 24 points  
per game offensively  
allowed 28 points per game  
on the defensive end

Fell to Lauderdale County  
on the road in the opening  
round of the state playoffs

Senior Colby Miller  
earned second team  
All-State honors

but the Eagles don't plan on backing down from their tough schedule.

"I think it goes back to the days of when I played. When I played, we played everybody in the county, so it was exciting to get them on the schedule and its good for the gate. Now obviously in our first three games we've got a 4A and a 5A team in there and that's a good challenge. A lot of people don't want that, but I don't feel like we've ever shied away from anybody competition-wise. We've played everybody in the county and continue to try to do so, no matter how big of a school they are, and we feel like we give them everything we've got, whether its win or lose. So, I'm excited about those."



# Vinemont Eagles



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## TEAM ROSTER

- |                     |                     |                      |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| #1 Rush Sandlin     | #17 Isaiah Pair     | #57 Alex Salazar     |
| #2 Austin Marsh     | #18 Logan Ford      | #60 Tai Shurtleff    |
| #3 Kyler Pugh       | #20 JT Wilhite      | #63 Rylan McRae      |
| #4 Chayce Sandlin   | #22 Malachi Adams   | #65 Jake Hale        |
| #6 Ayden Thomason   | #23 Brody Speer     | #67 Connor Zimmerman |
| #7 Kayden Henderson | #28 Tucker Robinson | #70 Austin Drinkard  |
| #8 Toby Hill        | #33 Dalton Bryan    | #73 Levi Burch       |
| #9 Gavin Morales    | #45 Bradley Johnson | #75 Kane Twilley     |
| #10 Isaac Moody     | #50 Silas Hill      | #77 Brennan Watson   |
| #11 Kaien Earnest   | #51 Luke Gay        | #79 Roman Romero     |
| #12 Diego Rodriguez | #52 Nic Jankowski   | #88 John Briggs      |
| #14 Dawson Wilhite  | #54 Tatum Brown     |                      |
| #15 Xavier Sellers  | #55 Brett Aaron     |                      |
| #16 Jonny Valerio   | #56 Levi Shaw       |                      |

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 3A, REGION 7

- Aug. 19 - Falkville
- Aug. 26 - at Good Hope
- Sept. 2 - West Point
- Sept. 9 - at Brindlee Mountain\*
- Sept. 16 - at Susan Moore\*
- Sept. 30 - at J.B. Pennington\*
- Oct. 7 - Madison Academy\*
- Oct. 14 - Danville\*
- Oct. 21 - Asbury\*
- Oct. 28 - at Holly Pond



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

Left side (top to bottom): Callie Millwood (co-captain), Shaylynn Barnett, Alyssa Swafford, Ashton Kelley, Anneliese Kline, Makenna Howard; Right side (top to bottom): Berkley Gable (captain), Alaina Cody, Lily Williams, Ella Payne and Addison Whaley



# Vinemont Eagles



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## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Skylar King

**Drum Major:** Eli Keel

**Baritone:** Stormy Campbell

**Synth:** Eliza Hoffhienz

**Flute:** Kimberly Wilt, Destiny Espy

**Trombone:** Owen Rust

**Majorette:** Heather Sharp, Shelby Thompson, Halli Joiner, Emily Coats

**Saxes:** Blake Heaton, Destiny Stout, Mackenzie Smith, Crystal Paul, Marley Lemon

**Snare:** Daniel Brown, Tyler Campbell

**Tenor:** Gracie Moody

**Horn:** Savannah Drake, Skyla Pair

**Bass:** Maverick Johnson, Padrigc Dungan, Kaden Gay

**Trumpet:** Brandon Cason, Zoe Holcomb, Brianna White, Anika Oden

**Cymbals:** Clayton Oden, Miachel Ostberg

**Color Guard:** Lawson Whaley (captain), Lexi Sartin (captain), Ashley Barber, Kelsey Campbell, Bella Gingrich, Savannah Keel, Aura Simpson, Abby Tankersley, Brianna Harshman, Jana Woods, Sydney Mann, Emma Smith, Vayda Yabraugh, Alivia Bencze



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# WEST POINT



# WARRIORS

## Warriors eyeing playoff return this fall

By: Nick Griffin

**WEST POINT, Ala.** — The West Point Warriors are coming off a 6-4 season in which they narrowly missed out on a spot in the playoffs, so they'll be looking to take the next step and make their return to the postseasons this fall. Warriors Head Coach Don Farley has been pleased with the work his guys have put in during the offseason and he's seen a lot of development from some of the younger players as well.

"The growth has been tremendous. I was really excited with the ninth-grade group we had last year and the ninth-grade group coming in.

"They've had good success in middle school, and they are coming into high school with the mentality of wanting to learn. Of course, I remind them regularly that this is

5A varsity football and they have to be ready but they're willing to accept that challenge.

"They've really grown and gotten stronger in the weight room and like I said they're not afraid to work. That's the biggest key, they like to work, and they want to get better."

Farley believes West Point's jamboree matchup against Hayden will be a great opportunity for his guys to iron out some wrinkles and polish things up before the season opener with Good Hope.

The Warriors chose the extra week of fall practice this year instead of using practice days in the spring and Farley feels that it's been a good fit for his staff and his coaches.

"The jamboree is an opportunity to fine tune everything, »

I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYBODY IN OUR COUNTY TO BRING BACK SOME OF THESE RIVALRIES THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST AND FOR THESE COMMUNITIES TO BE ABLE TO GET TOGETHER AND CHEER THEIR RESPECTIVE TEAMS ON.

WEST POINT HEAD COACH  
DON FARLEY





BILL PIPER/THE CULLMAN TRIBUNE

## 2021 STATS AND INFORMATION

Overall record: 6-4

Region record: 2-4

Home record: 3-1

Away record: 3-3

Opponents record: 44-66

Scored just over 20 points per game offensively and allowed 22 points per game on the defensive side of the ball

Senior defensive back Suyeta DrowningBear earned an All-State honorable mention

to work out the bugs in substitutions and it's an opportunity for our guys to go against somebody different than who they've been going against the last couple weeks.

"We've never done this format; we always used the spring training format, so we took a different approach this year and it feels like it's paying off right now.

"Our guys have been fresh at practice, and everybody seems to be on the same page.

"We really got a lot installed this summer because we used a different approach to how we've been doing things in the summer.

"We've just added Coach (Justin) Cornelius as

our defensive coordinator coming on board so he's starting to get his defense installed.

"We really had a good spring and summer has gone great, so these guys have really bought in."

The warriors don't have a big senior class retuning this fall but everyone coming back has experience on the field.

Quarterback Hunter Hensley will be back for his sophomore campaign and Farley is excited to see how this year's group comes together.

"We only have nine seniors coming back and we lost 16 seniors last year but all nine are able to contribute to the team.

"We played a couple of freshmen in some key spots last year including our quarterback Hunter Hensley who will be coming back as a sophomore.

"We're not as experienced as we'd like to be in terms of snaps on the field, but we're experienced in football.

"These guys really know how to play football and they're not afraid of the challenge that we give them as coaches. They're answering every challenge that we give them."

Matchups like Lawrence County and Russellville will be big games for West Point this season but some of the games Farley and his team are most looking forward

to are battles with county rivals.

The warriors will face Good Hope, Vinemont, Hanceville and Fairview this season so there will be plenty of local rivalries for fans to get excited for this fall.

"I think it's very important for everybody in our county to bring back some of these rivalries that we've had in the past and for these communities to be able to get together and cheer their respective teams on," Farley said.

"I think it's a win-win regardless of how the score ends up. It's great for our county and its great for our kids and everybody involved."



# West Point Warriors



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## TEAM ROSTER

- |                     |                         |                      |
|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| #1 Aidan Maddox     | #19 Carter Rutherford   | #51 Gus McKenney     |
| #2 Brody Freeman    | #22 Noah Laney          | #54 Lane Talley      |
| #3 Hunter Lindsey   | #23 Jake Wray           | #55 Shawn Sanford    |
| #4 Adan Calvo       | #24 Dawson Smith        | #56 Mikhail Dujoud   |
| #5 Eli Sims         | #25 Kieran Smith        | #57 Nicholas Dujoud  |
| #6 Omar Segundo     | #26 Eli Sims            | #58 Aiden Dujoud     |
| #7 Bryson Phillips  | #27 Ollie Howell        | #60 Hayden Haygood   |
| #8 Garit Roberson   | #29 Christopher Skipper | #63 Kasey Lawrimore  |
| #9 Hunter Hensley   | #30 Damian Saint        | #64 Bryce Overton    |
| #10 JD Cochran      | #31 Chance Aldridge     | #65 Atticus Lindsey  |
| #11 Connor Crawford | #32 Riley Wayne         | #71 Taylan Eaves     |
| #12 Parker Marks    | #33 Joshua Shannon      | #73 Elijah Lee       |
| #13 Kolby Clifton   | #34 Logan Dillard       | #74 Nick Lee         |
| #14 Daniel Dean     | #44 Sylar Philyaw       | #78 Isaiah Ortiz     |
| #15 Noah Bryan      | #47 Connor Hopkins      | #79 Damien Kilcrease |
| #16 Jacob Bencze    | #50 Blayne Jones        |                      |
| #18 Caleb Vest      |                         |                      |

## SCHEDULE

CLASS 5A, REGION 8

- Aug. 19 - Good Hope
- Aug. 26 - at Hanceville
- Sept. 2 - at Vinemont
- Sept. 9 - Russellville\*
- Sept. 16 - at Fairview\*
- Sept. 23 - Douglas
- Sept. 30 - at Lawrence Co.\*
- Oct. 7 - Ardmore\*
- Oct. 14 - East Limestone\*
- Oct. 21 - at Brewer\*



\*REGION GAME

## VARSITY CHEER

From top to bottom, left side: Cole Riggs, Katelyn Saint, Alli Hillman, Makaly Wylie, Haylee Hernandez, Aubrey Moore, Jaeden Smith, Morgan Nail, Kaedince Cagle, Alexis Kimbril; From top to bottom, right side: Hanna Smith, Maddie Pinion, Tanya Veres - Assistant Coach, (Kristy McCrickard, Head Coach not pictured), Emma Kimbril, Hannah Veres, Morgan Paris, Taylor Tolbert, Jasmine Wilson, Kaci Cordes, Meadow Cooper, Allison Milligan, Kelsey Speegle; Not pictured Macy Jo Simpson



# West Point Warriors



BROOK B PHOTOGRAPHY

## MARCHING BAND

Band Director: Thad Walker

**Drum Major:** Elizabeth Brady

**Flute:** Illora Goodwin, Haley Love, Kaesey Yates, Cara Strevel, Emmaly Shaddix, Rachel Casper, Marley Freeman, Acacia Payne, Evan Lewis, Ash Lindsey

**Clarinet:** Kira Kuznyetsova, Madaline Carnes, Dorothy Salter, Maci Chastain, Jayda Fulenwider, Abbi Huckeba, Haley Pike, Kiera Sanders, Elisha Garrison, Regan Douglas, Abbie Greer, Tomorrow Simmons, Haley Hood

**Alto Saxophone:** Jaycob Cook, Jude Walker, Dante Beard, Angel Hernandez, Valentin Rodriguez, Evan Cooper

**Tenor Saxophone:** Jason Strevel

**Trumpet:** Judd Douglas, Hollie Salter, Kayden Klie, Parker Lawrence, Gabriel Eubanks, Jacob Boyles, Asher Beasley, Brian Romero

**Trombones:** Asa Cornelius, Jaxon Crow, Dawson Phillips, Michael Clark, James Kilpatrick, Troup Bridges, Scott Wells, Cohen Price

**Baritone:** Derrick Kilgore

**Tuba:** Landyn Haygood, David Lombardi, Skyla Miller

**Snare:** Karstin Doss, Greyson Yates

**Tenors:** Kayden Cleckler

**Bass Drum:** Isaiah Thompsett, Sarai Juarez, Madison Billings,

Kasen Duke, Deacon Lindsey

**Front Ensemble:** Lily Shannon, Lynnsie Fortenberry, Lill Capps, Makenzie Miller, Braxton Bryant, Ivy Hanes, Aiden Helms, Leon Franks, Cheza Tucker

**Color Guard:** Jossie Fortenberry, Lily Hallmark, Mariana Degollado-Ramos, Kaden Brown, Kayla Brown, Syndey Carpentier, Conor Carpentier and Lona Lamar.  
**Dance Line:** Heidi Armstrong, Ava Sims, Evelyn Guevara, Tara Miller, Jasmine Quick

**Majorettes:** Olivia Curtis, Jordan Shelton, Sierra Canford

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