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AREA RUNNING BACKS TAKE CENTER STAGE FOR UPCOMING WPIAL SEASON



CENTURY

2021 Champion: Washington

WPIAL 2A

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE



STO-ROX VIKINGS

The Vikings shift into the Century with a roster ready to roll through the competition. Nearly everyone returns for a season that will be a revenge tour under a new administration. 2A WPIAL Favorites?



KEYSTONE OAKS GOLDEN EAGLES

The Golden Eagles were a middling playoff team in 3A. Now in 2A, and with a brand new coach, a returning core is ready to do some damage. Watch out for the Golden Eagles to be possible WPIAL title dark horses.



WASHINGTON PREXIES

Washington is back after winning the Century title last season. A talented QB and emerging back will look to reclaim their conference title in a league that will be much more difficult. Can the Prexies take the next step?



MCGUFFEY HIGHLANDERS

The Highlanders bring back a very talented roster and one of the top athletes in the area. If it all clicks, McGuffey will be title hunting. What's the Highlander's ceiling?

WAYNESBURG RAIDERS



The Raiders are back with a very experienced team that barely missed the playoffs in 2021. The much more difficult schedule will be to the Raiders downfall.

CHARLEROI COUGARS



There are more questions than answers for the Cougs, with a new coach coming in 2022.

BRENTWOOD SPARTANS



Brentwood has battled numbers for the past few years, they will struggle in 2022

2021 Final Standings

Rnk	Team	Record(Overall)
1	Washington	5-0 (8-1)
2	Char. Houston	5-1 (7-2)
3	McGuffey	4-2 (5-6)
4	Beth Center	3-3 (3-7)
5	Charleroi	2-4 (2-7)
6	Waynesburg	1-5 (2-7)
7	Frazier	0-5 (0-9)

PRESEASON SUPER 17

DL	Jason Redlinger	Brentwood
LB	Tyler Bercik	Charleroi
QB	Nick Buckley	Keystone
WR	Shawn Rieck	Keystone
LB	Ryan Thamert	Keystone
QB	Logan Carlisle	McGuffey
RB	Kyle Brookman	McGuffey
OL	Tyler Wright	McGuffey
QB	Josh Jenkins	Sto-Rox
RB	Zay Davis	Sto-Rox
WR	J. Green-Miller	Sto-Rox
DB	D. Miller-Ross	Sto-Rox
QB	Davoun Fuse	Wash High
LB	Carlos Harper III	Wash High
OL	Semaj Fuse	Wash High
RB	Eddie Lewis	Wash High
RB	Breydon Woods	Waynes.

BIGGEST GAMES OF 2022

8/26	Southmoreland @ McGuffey
9/2	Steel Valley @ Sto-Rox
9/9	Washington @ Serra Catholic
9/16	GCC @ Washington
9/23	Keystone Oaks @ Sto-Rox
9/30	Sto-Rox @ McGuffey
10/7	Washington @ Sto-Rox
10/14	Keystone Oaks @ McGuffey
10/21	Washington @ Keystone Oaks
10/28	McGuffey @ Washington



STO-ROX VIKINGS

Century

RECORD: 10-0

VIKINGS AT A GLANCE

LOCATION: McKees Rocks, PA

COACH: Marvin Mills

2021 RECAP

The Sto-Rox Vikings showed in 2021 why they are one of the top teams in 2A. With the three of the top teams in the WPIAL, the Vikings journeyed all the way to the Semifinals before losing to the eventual champion Serra Catholic Eagles. Now with two of the three stars back, and a new coach, it's go time in McKees Rocks.

OFFENSE

JOSH JENKINS is the best WPIAL QB in 2A and it isn't even that close. He'll have two of his top targets back with JAYMONT GREEN MILLER and DEIGO ELLIS. At RB, Jenkins loses his prime counterpart in Jay Pearson but returns ZAY DAVIS, who will get the bulk of the carries. Up front there is some loss, but plenty of depth led by DAVID TARAVELLA.

DEFENSE

The Vikings defense was a calling card in 2021. It will be interesting to see if new coach Marvin Mills goes with a similar scheme with all that's coming back. MAKHY UPSHAW could be one of the best returning defensive players in the classification, and behind him the secondary is loaded. DRE MILLER-ROSS will be an exciting name to watch for. Up front is a collection of returners that will get better as the season progresses.



JOSH JENKINS

OVERVIEW

New coach, but a boatload of talent coming back for the Vikings. In a new, likely weaker, conference, the Vikings will be heavy favorites- not just to win the Century- but maybe the whole thing. The biggest questions about Sto-Rox won't be answered until the money comes due in the playoffs, where the Vikings have always been close but more than not, ended up with the short end of the straw. The Vikings will host two of the teams that will vie for a conference title in Washington and Keystone Oaks with McGuffey sandwiched between. If Sto-Rox survives that stretch unscathed, they will coast to a top playoff seed in 2A. Another fun matchup will be the second week of the season against Steel Valley- a fantasy championship that fans were robbed of in 2021.

KEY GRADUATES

RB	Jay Pearson
LB	Taemar Hull
CB	Austin Jones
LB	Tre Barron
DT	Michael Durrett
DT	Zyhaire Young

TOP RETURNERS

QB	5	Josh Jenkins	SR.
RB	1	Zay Davis	SR.
WR	3	J. Green-Miller	SR.
WR	4	Deigo Ellis	SR.
LB	23	Makhy Upshaw	SR.
OL	66	David Taravella	SR.
OL	70	Coby Hale	SR.
S	11	Dre Miller-Ross	SR.

FRESH FACES

RB	6	Emir Short	SR.
CB	12	Eric McGuire	JR.
DE	55	Amaree Harper	JR.
DL	99	Delantae Woodson	JR.
DL		Calvin Griffin	JR.

2022 SCHEDULE

8/26	Burgettstown Blue Devils
9/2	Steel Valley Ironmen
9/9	@ Avonworth Antelopes
9/16	@ Charleroi Cougars
9/23	Keystone Oaks Golden Eagles
9/30	@ McGuffey Highlanders
10/7	Washington Prexies
10/14	@ Brentwood Spartans
10/21	Waynesburg Raiders
10/28	@ Seton LaSalle Rebels

2021 RESULTS

8/27	Bishop Sycamore (OH)	19-7
9/3	@ Jeanette	82-0
9/10	McGuffey	36-0
9/17	Avonworth	19-16
9/24	@ Shady Side	65-12
10/1	@ South Side	63-6
10/8	Seton LaSalle	FF
10/15	@ Western Beaver	41-0
10/22	@ Brentwood	55-6
10/29	Carlynton	41-0

MUST WATCH: Sep. 2nd- vs Steel Valley



KEYSTONE OAKS GOLDEN EAGLES

Century

RECORD: 5-5

EAGLES AT A GLANCE

LOCATION: Dormont, PA
COACH: Steve McCormick

2021 RECAP

The Golden Eagles were a good team at 3A in 2021. The Eagles had the misfortune of playing the best two teams in 3A in their schedule along with two 4A playoff teams and the best regular season 2A team. The Golden Eagles lost all five of those games. In the offseason, the Golden Eagles dropped down a classification and longtime coach Greg Perry left the program. That will make Keystone Oaks one of the most intriguing teams in all of 2A.

OFFENSE

Historically, Keystone Oaks has had a very consistent offense. NICK BUCKLEY continued the trend of stellar QB play for the Golden Eagles and he'll be back for his senior season. SHAWN RIECK exploded at receiver in 2021 and he'll be back as well. The Eagles had 4 running backs they could turn to last season and all of them graduate. DANTE MORE and CAMDEN MILLER will try to fill the massive void among others.

DEFENSE

Keystone Oaks has an experienced defense coming back in 2022. Unfortunately the Golden Eagles struggled to stop good teams in 2021. Now in a new conference, expect new names to emerge. RYAN THAMERT will be the leader of a defense stocked at the secondary and the second level. Watch for RYAN HAZLETT to emerge on the line as well.



SHAWN RIECK

OVERVIEW

Brian Bradley can afford to go all out with this roster and this schedule for Keystone Oaks. Unlike in 2021, the Golden Eagles will have a better than favorable chance to start the season 4-0. After a tough away matchup with Sto-Rox, the Golden Eagles have a real shot to win out the rest of the way. The Golden Eagles will be able to expose weak secondaries in the conference all season. Playing McGuffey and Sto-Rox on the road will be a tough task, but the Golden Eagles have the experience and the talent to compete. The biggest game will be a monumental home matchup with Washington in the penultimate game of the season. It will be crowded at the top half of the new look century conference, and Keystone Oaks will be right in the mix for a conference title.

KEY GRADUATES

RB	Tyler Perry
RB	Kevin Drew
DB	Owen Minford
WR	Quinn Kenny
OL	Luke White
DL	Hunter Erny

TOP RETURNERS

QB	6	Nick Buckley	SR.
OL	58	Christian Flaherty	SR.
WR	2	Shawn Rieck	SR.
DB	3	Clinton Robinson	SR.
LB	86	Ryan Thamert	SR.
OL	53	Damien Szuch	SR.
C	20	Dimajio Locante	JR.
DE	65	Ryan Hazlett	JR.

FRESH FACES

WR	32	Collin Harris	SR.
NG	73	Ryan Thomas	SR.
RB	21	Dante More	JR.
RB	28	Camden Miller	JR.
WR	84	Hayden Kenny	SR.

2022 SCHEDULE

8/26	Seton LaSalle Rebels
9/2	South Park Eagles
9/9	@ Bishop Canevin Crusaders
9/16	Waynesburg Raiders
9/23	@ Sto-Rox Vikings
9/30	Charleroi Cougars
10/7	Hopewell Vikings
10/14	@ McGuffey Highlanders
10/21	Washington Prexies
10/28	@ Brentwood Spartans

2021 RESULTS

8/27	Brentwood	31-0
9/3	@ South Park	35-0
9/10	Chartiers Valley	34-35
9/17	Steel Valley	13-32
9/24	@ Montour	21-28
10/1	@ Avonworth	0-35
10/8	Central Valley	0-42
10/15	@ Quaker Valley	56-20
10/22	@ Hopewell	54-6
10/29	Ambridge	27-7

MUST WATCH: Oct. 21st- vs Washington



WASHINGTON PREXIES

Century

RECORD: 8-1

PREXIES AT A GLANCE

LOCATION: Washington, PA

COACH: Mike Bosnic

2021 RECAP

The Prexies took full advantage of a deep returning core in 2021 and turned it into a conference title. The closest game the Prexies played in the regular season was in the home finale against McGuffey where late game heroics clinched the title. That same clutchness couldn't translate a week later when Washington was unceremoniously bounced from the playoffs as a 4 seed.

OFFENSE

DAVOUN FUSE returns for his senior season and his third season under center for the Prexies. He'll have some competition with McGuffey youngster LOGAN CARLISLE. Wash High will lose Tayshawn Levy at RB, however 2021 led to the emergence of EDDIE LEWIS. Watch out for the youngster to put himself in the conversation as a top college prospect. SEMAJ FUSE and WYATT YOUNG bolster a line that will have plenty of gaps to fill after grad

DEFENSE

The returning Washington defense is more of a mixed bag. CARLOS HARPER III is one of the top LBs in the conference and will pose fits for QBs week in and week out. Several key parts of the secondary have graduated, watch for FUSE and BRAYCE PATTERSON to stand out, along with LOGAN CARLISLE. On the line, someone will have to step up for the production left by Cameron Carter-Green.



DAVOUN FUSE

OVERVIEW

Washington had a regular season in 2021 where everything went right and a postseason with adversity that they might have been ill-prepared for. That won't be the cast in 2022. Washington will hit the road out of conference with back to backs against Clairton and Serra Catholic. Two of the toughest places to play in the entire WPIAL. After that they'll host a strong GCC. In conference it doesn't get any easier. The Prexies will have to visit both Sto-Rox and Keystone Oaks before facing the rival from Taylorstown. Fortunately all three teams are back loaded into the schedule, so the Prexies will have a few weeks to work out the kinks. Washington is a team that has the talent to make a deep playoff run, but with a drastically more difficult schedule, they'll be battle tested if they end up getting there.

KEY GRADUATES

DL	Cameron Carter-Green
DB	Mario Griffin
OL	Trevor Kern
RB	Tayshawn Levy
LB	Elijah Wise
OL	Issiah Patterson

TOP RETURNERS

QB	4	Davoun Fuse	SR.
LB	1	Carlos Harper II	SR.
WR	19	Travis Crutcher	JR.
OL	66	Semaj Fuse	SO.
WR	5	Ruben Gordon	JR.
C	54	Kevin McCracken	SR.
LB	12	Tyler Roberts	JR.
OL	74	Wyatt Young	SR.

FRESH FACES

RB	7	Eddie Lewis	SO.
WR	24	Zxavian Willis	JR.
QB		Logan Carlisle	SO.
TE	18	Anthony Adkins	SR.
OL	55	D. Daugherty	JR.

2022 SCHEDULE

8/26	Monessen Greyhounds
9/2	@ Clairton Bears
9/9	@ Serra Catholic Eagles
9/16	Greensburg CC Centurions
9/23	@ Brentwood Spartans
9/30	Waynesburg Raiders
10/7	@ Sto-Rox Vikings
10/14	Charleroi Cougars
10/21	@ Keystone Oaks Golden Eagles
10/28	McGuffey Highlanders

2021 RESULTS

8/27	Monessen	42-7
9/3	@ Jeff. Morgan	60-0
9/10	Clairton	43-19
9/17	@ Waynesburg	57-14
9/24	Chartiers Houston	35-0
10/1	@ Beth Center	FFW
10/8	Uniontown	FFL
10/15	Charleroi	55-0
10/22	@ Frazier	NC
10/29	McGuffey	41-34

MUST WATCH: Oct. 28th- vs McGuffey



MCGUFFEY HIGHLANDERS

Century

RECORD: 5-5

HIGHLANDERS AT A GLANCE

LOCATION: Taylorstown, PA

COACH: Ed Dalton

2021 RECAP

McGuffey's season in 2021 came down to two results, an upset loss on the road to Chartiers Houston, and a last second heartbreaker against rival Washington. It has been awhile since McGuffey has finished outside of the top 2 in the Century, however throughout the season, Ed Dalton found a young star on the team. Now with nearly everyone back in 2022, the Highlanders are ready to once again be in the conversation for a conference title.

OFFENSE

QB PHILLIP MCCUEN returns under center for the Highlanders, who split time with Logan Carlisle a year ago. Carlisle transfers across town to Wash High, leaving MCCUEN as the primary offensive presence. KYLE BROOKMAN and TRISTAN MCADOO will be an entertaining backfield duo in the triple option. There's continuity up front as well with TYLER WRIGHT and TROY FALOSK both back in the interior.

DEFENSE

The Highlanders have the chance to have on their hands the best defense in the entire conference. With versatility in the secondary in a number of talented young pieces, along with a deep LB corp and plenty of pressure returning up front, there's plenty to be excited about.



PHILLIP MCCUEN

OVERVIEW

The Highlanders will go into 2022 extremely undervalued, and that might be a good thing compared to the pressure McGuffey faced in 2021 defending their conference title. McGuffey has the total package. Identity on offense, a growing playmaker, a tough as nails defense, and experience in the trenches. McGuffey got shut out by Sto-Rox last season, now the Vikings join the Century, making that rematch all the more juicier. McGuffey will also host Keystone Oaks as their toughest conference opponent before their annual Week 9 matchup with the "W". McGuffey was right in that game last season and there's no reason that the short drive into town should scare the Highlanders. McGuffey has all the pieces for not just a conference title, put maybe a couple playoff wins as well. Everything just has to click.

KEY GRADUATES

RB	Christian Cipoletti
S	Ethan Janovich
RB	Jeremiah Johnson
T	Jayden McConnell

TOP RETURNERS

QB	2	Phillip McCuen	SR.
RB	22	Ethan Dietrich	SR.
RB	23	Kyle Brookman	SR.
WR	40	Tristan McAdoo	SR.
DE	54	Tyler Wright	SR.
DT	55	Troy Falosk	SR.
OL	79	Cody McKee	SR.
OL	51	Evan Brookman	JR.

FRESH FACES

CB	7	Isaiah Dale	SR.
84	WR	Travis White	SR.
LB	30	Eric Donnelly	SR.
DE	61	Henry Hess	SR.
T	70	Reno Presto	SO.

2022 SCHEDULE

8/26	Southmoreland Scotties
9/2	Ringgold Rams
9/9	@ Mt. Pleasant Vikings
9/16	Brentwood Spartans
9/23	@ Waynesburg Raiders
9/30	Sto-Rox Vikings
10/7	@ Charleroi Cougars
10/14	Keystone Oaks Golden Eagles
10/21	South Park Eagles
10/28	@ Washington Prexies

2021 RESULTS

8/27	@ Southmoreland	22-47
9/3	Brownsville	44-0
9/10	@ Sto-Rox	0-36
9/17	Charleroi	41-0
9/24	@ Frazier	46-13
10/1	@ Linsly (WV)	21-26
10/8	Waynesburg	55-22
10/15	@ Char. Houston	7-13
10/22	Beth Center	35-8
10/29	@ Washington	34-41

MUST WATCH: Sept. 30th- vs Sto-Rox



WAYNESBURG RAIDERS

Century

RECORD: 2-7

RAIDERS AT A GLANCE

LOCATION: Waynesburg, PA

COACH: Aaron Giorgi



BREYDON WOODS

OVERVIEW

This is when teams turn the corner and real progress is seen. It is Aaron Giorgi's second season and with a team stocked with young talent, expect Waynesburg to be competitive in games that one wouldn't normally expect. Despite the improvement, the playoffs might be farther off with the reclassification. Beth Center, Frazier and Chartiers Houston have departed and in their place are Keystone Oaks and Sto-Rox. Both on the road. If either of those games are close it will be a huge sign of positivity for the program. For the Raiders in 2022, it's about taking care of teams that should be wins. Brentwood and Charleroi are both at home late in the year, and both should be big wins for a Waynesburg team that has aspirations for more coming soon down the road.

KEY GRADUATES

K	Chase Henkins
LB	Nate Kirby
OL	Brennan Matyasic
OL	Jordan Galloway
DE	Bo Chapman
OL	Owen Farrier

TOP RETURNERS

QB	6	Jacob Stephenson	SO.
RB	2	Breydon Woods	JR.
WR	8	Trenton Zupper	JR.
WR	7	Colby Pauley	JR.
WR	28	Devon Cowell	JR.
DE	52	Kaden Russell	SR.
OL	74	Dalton Hoy	JR.
LB	63	Layden Haynes	JR.

FRESH FACES

RB	3	Chase Fox	JR.
OL	75	Hunter Rogers	JR.
LB	20	Daniel Huffman	JR.
OL	64	Payton Raber	SR.
OL	72	Nick Burris	SR.

2022 SCHEDULE

8/26	Carmichaels Mighty Mikes
9/2	Jefferson Morgan Rockets
9/9	@ California Trojans
9/16	@ Keystone Oaks Golden Eagles
9/23	McGuffey Highlanders
9/30	@ Washington Prexies
10/7	Brentwood Spartans
10/14	OPEN DATE
10/21	@ Sto-Rox Vikings
10/28	Charleroi Cougars

2021 RESULTS

8/27	@ Carmichaels	33-54
9/3	@ Bentworth	64-20
9/10	California	7-49
9/17	Washington	14-57
9/24	@ Charleroi	7-28
10/1	Frazier	27-7
10/8	@ McGuffey	22-55
10/15	OPEN DATE	
10/22	Char. Houston	24-27
10/29	@ Beth Center	22-32

MUST WATCH: Oct. 7th- vs Brentwood

2021 RECAP

Waynesburg moved down into 2A two years ago, and last season the move started paying real dividends. The Raiders were even a win and seven points away from a playoff berth at the end of the season. Now a team that was made up of mostly freshmen two years ago is maturing, looking to take the next step. With a tougher conference schedule, that step will be all the more earned.

OFFENSE

BREYDON WOODS emerged as the real offensive threat for the Raiders in 2021. He'll be back to lead the offense along with returning QB JACOB STEPHENSON. There's plenty of experience back at receiver and on the line. DALTON HOY, NICK BURRIS, and PEYTON RABER lead a line that already has plenty of reps under their belt despite their age.

DEFENSE

The defense for the Raiders will have the same job as the offense in 2022. Continuing to slowly improve and chip away at teams they are overmatched with. Losses to Washington, McGuffey, and Keystone Oaks shouldn't be as lopsided. Returning starters KADEN RUSSELL and LAYDEN HAYNES will be key at LB. Look out for a secondary that might be sneaky good in a conference that won't be afraid to air the ball out.



CHARLEROI COUGARS

Century

RECORD: 2-7

COUGARS AT A GLANCE

LOCATION: Charleroi, PA
COACH: Marc Gambino



DANIEL HUDOCK JR.

KEY GRADUATES

WR	Brennan Shannon
QB	Brendan Harps
WR	Terrance Woods
RB	Nikko Pellegrini
DT	Jake King
DT	Matthew Alton

TOP RETURNERS

QB	7	Cole Marucci	SR.
RB	1	Gianni Pellegrini	JR.
LB	32	Tyler Bercik	SR.
WR	15	Daniel Hudock Jr.	JR.
OL	64	Josh Rodabaugh	SR.
DT	71	Logan Collins	SR.
OL	77	Nick Polinski	SR.
OL	78	Tyler Porter	SR.

FRESH FACES

WR	8	Noah Pletcher	SO.
OL	62	Gavin Fazekas	SR.
RB	44	Connor Luckock	SO.
RB	21	Shane Lytle	JR.
TE	43	Bobby DiPiazza	SO.

2022 SCHEDULE

8/26	@ Steel Valley Ironmen (SCR)
9/2	California Trojans
9/9	@ Yough Cougars
9/16	Sto-Rox Vikings
9/23	Jeannette Jayhawks
9/30	@ Keystone Oaks Golden Eagles
10/7	McGuffey Highlanders
10/14	@ Washington Prexies
10/21	Brentwood Spartans
10/28	@ Waynesburg Raiders

2021 RESULTS

8/27	Steel Valley	SCR
9/3	Carmichaels	7-42
9/10	@ Monessen	6-24
9/17	@ McGuffey	0-41
9/24	Waynesburg	28-7
10/1	@ Char. Houston	10-27
10/8	Beth Center	22-39
10/15	@ Washington	0-55
10/22	Albert Gallatin	16-50
10/29	Frazier	33-6

MUST WATCH: Oct. 7th- vs McGuffey

OVERVIEW

2021 was a Murphy's law type season for the Cougars, where everything that could have went wrong did go wrong. The Cougars lose college level talent due to graduation, however they might be a better overall team because of the challenges they've faced over the past two seasons. If Charleroi can find a solution at QB and receiver, they'll be competitive in the Century. The schedule lines up well, with the Cougars hosting Sto-Rox, McGuffey and Brentwood. It will be telling to where the Charleroi program is in Mark Gambino's first year as to how the Cougars line up against those three teams. In the end, Charleroi is in the second group in the Century with Waynesburg and Brentwood, good enough to compete but still a big talent gap away from a playoff spot.

2021 RECAP

Charleroi was unable to transform a veteran laden team into a proven winner in 2021. Charleroi season was defined by two losses, an out of conference blowout loss to rival Monessen in the Battle of the Bridge, and an upset loss at home against Beth Center that ended the Cougars playoffs hopes.

OFFENSE

The Cougars offense will have to replace their leading passer, runner, two pass catchers, and two college level linemen on offense. A QB competition between COLE MARUCCI, DANIEL HUDOCK JR., NOAH PLETCHER, and MASON MEGELA will hopefully solve the QB issue. The Cougars will likely turn to another Pellegrini brother, GIANNI PELLEGRINI in the backfield. At wideout, the answer is less obvious.

DEFENSE

The losses of Jake King and Matthew Alton will certainly be felt in the trenches for the Cougars defense. JOSH RODABAUGH will lead a group of senior depth from a year ago. TYLER BERCIK has potential to be an all-conference linebacker. In the secondary, there are bodies, and it will be a deep unit if athletes emerge. Watch out for the Cougars defense to be one of the better units in the Century.



BRENTWOOD SPARTANS

Century

RECORD: 1-9

SPARTANS AT A GLANCE

LOCATION: Pittsburgh, PA

COACH: Kevin Kissel

2021 RECAP

The Spartans followed up quality runs in 2019 and 2020 with one of the worst seasons in recent memory. The Spartans even lost to Carlynton and Seton LaSalle at the end of the year. Numbers wise, the Spartans also struggled. That area will be tested with a large and talented senior class on their way out once again.

OFFENSE

The Spartans have always prided themselves on having a dynamic offense, and that was the case in 2021 with the duo of Jase Keib and Tate Jones. Both have graduated, and suitable replacements are less obvious. DREW DAELIN and COLTON ROSING could fill in those spots. They'll have an experienced line coming back, led by JEFF BECK. Watch for ZACH WUENSCHHELL to play a role somewhere in the offense as well.

DEFENSE

The defense will be led by JASON REDLINGER and he'll have a full defensive line along with him. LB could be question with the loss of Jack Wisenauer and Jones, but watch for CJ FOX to step up and fill one of those roles along with TAHJAIRE ROSS. In the secondary, there will be gaps on the outside that the Spartans might have to rely on underclassmen to fill.



ANTHONY HERISKO

OVERVIEW

Kevin Kissel in 2022 doesn't have to replace a true talent like he did in 2021 with Wardzinski, however he does have to replace key players that had vital roles in previous playoff runs. There's confidence on the defensive side of the ball, and in a new, weaker conference, that will keep the Spartans very competitive. The Spartans open up conference play with back to back games against 2A playoff teams McGuffey and Washington. After that, the road is much more manageable. The Spartans host Washington, Sto-Rox and Keystone Oaks, and have a good chance to play the role of spoiler to at least one of those teams. Brentwood will likely pick up wins over Waynesburg and Charleroi, but they look to be a big talent and experience gap away from contending for a conference title.

KEY GRADUATES

WR	Mitchell Fox
WR	Riley Jesensky
RB	Tate Jones
QB	Jase Keib
OL	Jason McCleary
WR	Lamarr Williams

TOP RETURNERS

DL	56	Jason Redlinger	SR.
FB	21	CJ Fox	SR.
TE	10	Zach Wuenschell	JR.
WR	7	Tavian Miller	SR.
OL	58	Blake Davis	JR.
OL	55	Jeff Beck	SR.
WR	1	Forrest Betz	SO.
WR	15	Anthony Herisko	SR.

FRESH FACES

OL	57	Tyrin Bowie	SR.
RB	17	Owen Beck	JR.
RB	22	Drew Daelin	JR.
OL	62	Antonio Weir	SO.
QB	8	Colton Rosing	SO.

2022 SCHEDULE

8/26	Ellwood City Wolverines
9/2	Imani Christian Saints
9/9	@ South Park Eagles
9/16	@ McGuffey Highlanders
9/23	Washington Prexies
9/30	Beaver Bobcats
10/7	@ Waynesburg Raiders
10/14	Sto-Rox Vikings
10/21	@ Charleroi Cougars
10/28	Keystone Oaks Golden Eagles

2021 RESULTS

8/27	@ Keystone Oaks	0-31
9/3	Frazier	39-0
9/10	@ Leechburg	20-50
9/17	Quaker Valley	12-16
9/24	@ Steel Valley	6-42
10/1	Carlynton	0-6
10/8	@ Western Beaver	12-40
10/15	@ South Side	6-42
10/22	Sto-Rox	6-55
10/29	@ Seton LaSalle	20-34

MUST WATCH: Oct. 7th- @ Waynesburg