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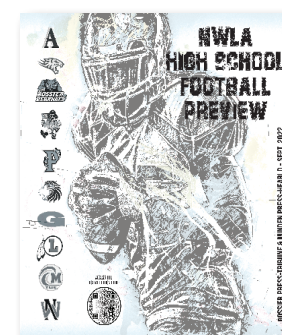
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Nerves & uncertainty, but hope, reign for 2022 season

There is always a lot of uncertainty before a new season and 2022 is no exception.

Of course, the major uncertainty involves the postseason — specifically, what it will look like as many teams in the LHSAA have moved from non-select to select status.

The plan for the playoffs hadn't been decided at presstime for this publication. Of course, we have to get through the 10-week regular season first.

The six Bossier Parish teams had mixed results last season. Parkway and Benton had very good seasons. Bossier also had a solid year under first-year Head Coach De'Aumante Johnson.

Haughton went .500 in the regular season but as a whole the season fell short of the success of recent teams. Airline had an uncharacteristic bad season. Plain Dealing struggled for the most part. There are two new head coaches. Justin Scogin has replaced Bo Meeks at Airline. Clint Walker has replaced Christopher Wilson at Plain Dealing.

Both face big challenges.

Scogin will be trying to rebuild confidence in a team that went 1-9 last year. Walker will face the same small roster issues his predecessors had to deal with.

In District 1-5A, none of the four parish teams will be favored to win the title. But it won't be a surprise if one does.

Parkway and Benton seem the most likely candidates. Haughton could be in the mix too. And despite last season, there is no way you can count Airline out.



Byrd and Captain Shreve, who shared the title last year, are the favorites again.

There is plenty of talent among the 5A parish schools. Haughton's Colin Rains and Benton's Gray Walters are back for their third year as starting quarterbacks.

Parkway is led by one of the state's best — and fastest — running backs in Jaylan White. Benton running back Greg Manning is coming off a sensational sophomore season.

Benton also has one of the top receivers in the area in Pearce Russell.

Tigers linebacker Zach Halbert was the All-Parish Defensive MVP last season. Parkway end Ray Mayweather and linebacker Barrett Newman are

among the other candidates for that honor this season.

And that's just a few of the notable returnees. For the rest, see the team preview pages later in this section.

Bossier makes the jump from District 1-3A to 1-4A. It will be a challenge playing the likes of Huntington, Northwood and North DeSoto. But Johnson is the type of coach that welcomes a challenge.

Bossier was hit hard by graduation, but you can expect the Bearcats to be competitive at the very least.

As mentioned earlier, Plain Dealing's Walker has the difficult task of managing a small roster of players.

But there are some talented athletes among those. And the Lions' schedule is not as strong as last season so the potential for success is there.

Yes, there are plenty of uncertainties going into the season. But one thing is for certain. It will be fun to watch it play out.

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GAMES TO WATCH

WEEK 1

Northwood at Benton

Benton pulled out a 12-7 victory last season. The game should feature a matchup between two of the area's best quarterbacks in Benton's Gray Walters and Northwood's Mason Welch.

Airline at North DeSoto

This game marks the debut of Airline Head Coach Justin Scogin. The Vikings are coming off a 1-9 season, so they will want to get off to a good start. They will be facing a team that will likely be a strong contender for the District 1-4 title.

WEEK 2

Glenbrook at Bossier

The Apaches return most of the players off last season's 8-2 team. As a first-year member of the LHSAA, Glenbrook was ineligible for the playoffs. Coach David Feaster's team is looking for big things this season.

Benton at Newman

Benton will travel more than 300 miles to face Newman, a Class 1A school, and quarterback Arch Manning, a Texas commit. Manning, nephew of Peyton and Archie, is generally considered the No. 1 QB prospect in the nation.

WEEK 3

Bossier at Parkway

The Bearcats and Panthers haven't faced off since 2010, when both were in District 1-4A. This is the final non-district game for both teams.

WEEK 4

Parkway at Haughton

This is the third matchup between the Brotherton brothers. Parkway won 17-3 last season, giving Parkway Head Coach Coy Brotherton his first win over brother Jason. The series between the two stands at one win apiece. More importantly, it's a District 1-5A opener.



WEEK 5

Captain Shreve at Parkway

This game should go a long way toward deciding the district championship. The teams split games last season. The Gators won 46-21 in the regular season. The Panthers pulled off an upset in the second round of the playoffs, winning 30-23.

Haynesville at Plain Dealing

The Lions take on perennial Class 1A power Haynesville.

Byrd at Benton

The Yellow Jackets routed the Tigers 45-17 last season en route to a share of the district title. The game will likely have a big impact on the district race.

WEEK 6

Airline vs. Captain Shreve (Lee Hedges Stadium)

Captain Shreve won 33-0 in the regular-season finale last year. Airline will like be the underdog, but the Vikings will be looking to prove they are back among the district's elite teams.

WEEK 7

Byrd at Parkway

It won't be a big surprise if this game turns out deciding the district championship. The Yellow Jackets won 35-24 last season. The offense played well, but like other teams in the district the Panthers couldn't contain Byrd's veer option.

WEEK 8

Benton at Haughton

Benton had one of its most impressive offensive performances of the season in last year's 42-21 victory. It could be another high-scoring game.

WEEK 9

Glenbrook at Plain Dealing

Head Coach David Feaster's Apaches make their second trip to Bossier Parish. It will be interesting to see how Plain Dealing has progressed under its new head coach.

Parkway at Airline

If Airline is able to pull off some upsets, this game could have a big impact on the district race. The Panthers won 34-17 last season.

Captain Shreve at Benton

Captain Shreve won 48-35 last season. Trailing by 21 in the third quarter, the Tigers got within six with about three minutes to play. This is another game that will likely have a big impact on the district race.

WEEK 10

Benton at Parkway

Last year the teams met in a district opener in Week 4. In one of the best games of the year, Parkway rallied for a 30-23 victory.

Bossier vs. Huntington (Independence Stadium)

If Bossier pulls off some upsets, this game could impact the District 1-4A race. The Raiders are one of the favorites to win the title and will likely have a very good record.

DISTRICT PREVIEWS

1-1A

OUR PREDICTION

1. Homer
2. Glenbrook
3. Haynesville
4. Arcadia
5. Plain Dealing
6. Magnolia
7. Ringgold

2021 STANDINGS

Calvary Baptist 8-0, 11-2 overall
Homer 7-1, 11-3 overall
Glenbrook 6-2, 8-2 overall
Haynesville 5-3, 8-5 overall
Lincoln Prep 4-4, 7-5 overall
Arcadia 3-5, 4-8 overall
Plain Dealing 2-6, 2-9 overall
Magnolia 1-7, 1-9 overall
Ringgold 0-8 0-9

For the first time since 2018, there will be a new champion in District 1-1A.

Calvary Baptist, which didn't lose a district game in three seasons, has moved up to District 1-2A.

With Lincoln Prep moving to District 2-1A, the district is down to seven teams. Despite Calvary's departure, the district remains one of the strongest in Class 1A.

The Homer Pelicans finished runner-up last season, losing only to Calvary, and went on to win the Class 1A state championship. It was the school's first state title since 1939.

The Haynesville Golden Tornado, who have won 17 state championships, reached the semifinals last season, falling to Homer 40-0.

As a first-year member of the

LHSAA, Glenbrook was ineligible for the playoffs, but the Apaches made their presence felt in the regular season, going 8-2.

Glenbrook defeated Haynesville 42-41 in a game that decided third place in the district.

Homer must replace quarterback Te'Keviuntae Kidd, the MVP in Homer's 41-28 victory over Logansport in the state championship game. But the Pelicans, who were 11-3 last season, are still one of the favorites to take the district title.

Two LSWA first-team All-State selections — running back Ely'jay Curry and offensive lineman Davion Champ — are back.

Curry rushed for 1,662 yards on 134 carries and scored 20 touchdowns last season. Head Coach Richie Casey also has his second-

and third-leading rushers back in Gregory Williams and Andrevious Buggs.

Glenbrook returns eight players who made first- or second-team All-District last season.

Maddox Mandino was a first-team selection at linebacker and athlete on offense.

Other first-team selections returning are wide receiver Turner McClelland and linebacker Hayden Harmon. Quarterback Ty Feaster is back. He will also handle placekicking duties again.

All told, Head Coach David Feaster returns 10 starters on offense and nine on defense.

Plain Dealing has a new head coach. Clint Walker takes over for Christopher Wilson, now an assistant coach at North DeSoto.

1-4A

OUR PREDICTION

1. Northwood
2. Huntington
3. North DeSoto
4. Evangel
5. Bossier
6. Minden
7. Woodlawn
8. Booker T. Washington

2021 STANDINGS

District 1
Northwood 4-0, 9-3 overall
North DeSoto 4-1, 6-6 overall
Evangel 2-2, 3-8 overall
BTW 1-3, 4-5 overall
Woodlawn 0-5, 3-7 overall

District 2
Neville 4-0, 11-2 overall
Huntington 4-1, 9-3 overall
Minden 2-3, 4-7 overall
Franklin Parish 1-7
Bastrop 0-4, 1-9 overall

District 1-4A has a new look this season.

Last year, the 10 teams divided into two five-team divisions dubbed District 1 and District 2 with each crowning a champion. This year, the district is down to eight teams with a seven-game district schedule.

The teams are Bossier, Northwood, Evangel Christian, Huntington, Minden, North DeSoto, Booker T. Washington and Woodlawn.

Bossier is a newcomer, having moved up from District 1-3A. Former District 1 members Neville and Franklin Parish are now part of an official District 2 with Grant, Tioga and Peabody. Bastrop is now a member of District 1-3A.

Huntington and Minden competed with the Monroe-area teams for district honors last year with Huntington finishing runner-up to Neville.

Northwood won the division with area schools, and North DeSoto was second.

Northwood, Huntington and North DeSoto will play the role of favorites this season.

Northwood is coming off a 9-3 season. The Falcons reached the

quarterfinals of the playoffs, falling to eventual state champion Westgate 34-32.

Northwood returns one of the state's top players. Defensive back Mar'javius Moss was the 2021 District 1 Defensive MVP and a first-team LSWA Class 4A All-State selection.

First-team All-District quarterback Mason Welch and running back Quintavion White are also back along with second-team receiver Marc Denison and second-team running back Fabian Evans.

Welch passed for 1,786 yards and 15 touchdowns last season. He also scored six rushing TDs.

First-team All-District offensive lineman Jamarion Kennedy and defensive lineman T'derius Collins also return.

The return of first-team All-District 2 quarterback Kamron Evans is one reason Huntington is among the favorites.

He led the Raiders to a 9-3 record last season, passing for 2,920 yards and 36 touchdowns in the regular season. For the full season, he threw for 3,630 yards and 44

touchdowns.

Damarion Carter, the team's second-leading receiver last season, is also back. He caught 47 passes for 666 yards and 11 touchdowns.

First-team All-District defensive lineman Jaylon Buckner and linebacker Michael Casey, a first-team selection at Athlete, also return.

North DeSoto went 6-6 last season with two of the losses coming against Northwood. The Falcons won 13-7 in the regular-season finale in a game that decided the District 1 title and 19-9 in the second round of the playoffs.

First-team All-District running back Brian Banks and second-team quarterback Sam Odom return. First-team placekicker Landon Falls is also back.

Seven other second-team All-District players return, including four on defense.

Evangel Christian, coming off a 3-8 season, returns receiver Parker Fulghum, the District 1 Offensive MVP.

Fulghum caught 70 passes for 1,156 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

DISTRICT PREVIEWS

1-5A

OUR PREDICTION

1. Byrd
2. Captain Shreve
3. Parkway
4. Benton
5. Haughton
6. Airline
7. Natchitoches Central
8. Southwood

2021 STANDINGS

Byrd 6-1, 9-2 overall
Captain Shreve 6-1, 10-2 overall
Benton 4-3, 8-4 overall
Natchitoches Central 4-3, 7-4 overall
Parkway 4-3, 8-5 overall
Haughton 3-4, 5-6 overall
Airline 1-6, 1-9 overall
Southwood 0-7, 0-10 overall

In the last three seasons, either Byrd or Captain Shreve has been at the top of the District 1-5A standings.

Shreve shared the title with Airline in 2019. Byrd won it outright in 2020. Shreve and Byrd shared it last season.

The Gators and Yellow Jackets are again favorites to claim the title. But it won't be a big surprise if another team steps up and takes it.

Byrd, which went 9-2 last season, has experience on both sides of the ball.

Quarterback Lake Lambert is back to run the Jackets' veer option offense, which averaged 331.7 yards per game last season. Devon Strickland, the team's leading rusher with 937 yards on 133 carries, also returns.

First-team All-District linebacker Brooks Brosette and lineman Isaiah Ford are among five starters that return on defense.

Captain Shreve has a new head coach in Adam Kirby. He replaces Bryant Sepul-

vado, now an assistant principal at the school.

Shreve is led by veteran quarterback Kenyon Terrell, a first-team All-District selection who led the Gators to a 10-2 record. Terrell passed for 2,072 yards and 21 touchdowns. He also rushed for 413 and nine.

Shreve lost its top two receivers, but Marquez Stevenson, perhaps the fastest player in Class 5A, returns along with Cam Randolph.

Linebacker Scotty Simo and defensive back Tre Miller are other players to watch.

After losing to Shreve 46-21 in the regular season, Parkway upset the No. 2 seed Gators 30-23 in the second round of the playoffs. The Panthers finished 8-5 after losing to Acadiana in the quarterfinals.

Parkway has a new quarterback in Ashton Martin, who transferred from Shreve during the last school year.

Martin saw extensive action at Shreve as a sophomore. But a pre-season injury caused him to miss all but a few plays of last season.

The Panthers have one of the state's top running backs in Jaylan White, a three-year starter.

Second-team All-District tight end Jatavious Calhoun is also back along with second-team lineman Chandler Davis.

First-team All-District end Ray Mayweather and linebacker Barrett Newman lead the returning starters on defense.

Benton should also be in the championship mix.

Second-team All-District quarterback Gray Walters and his top receiver, first-team selection Pearce Russell, are back along with second-team running back Greg Manning. The trio helped the Tigers finish 8-4 last season in their second season in

Class 5A.

Benton must replace its top two offensive linemen but three other starters return.

Linebacker Zach Halbert, the All-Parish Defensive MVP, and second-team All-District defensive back Sawyer Simmons return.

Colin Rains returns for his third season as the starting quarterback at Haughton. A threat passing and running, he was a first-team All-District selection at Athlete. Running back Tyler Rhodes, who came on strong in the second half of last season, also returns. Two-year starter Peyton Polk is one of the area's best offensive linemen.

Second-team All-District linebacker Connor Blank leads four returning starters on defense.

All district previews by Russell Hedges



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Parkway defensive back Greg Chitman (30) and lineman Kris Mesloh (41) try to bring down Airline running back Tre Jackson in a 1-5A battle last season.

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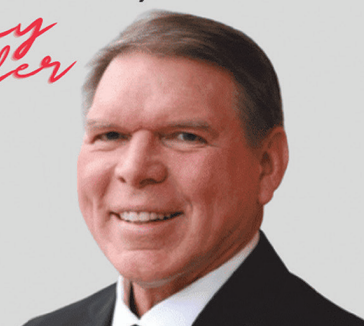
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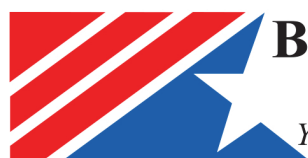
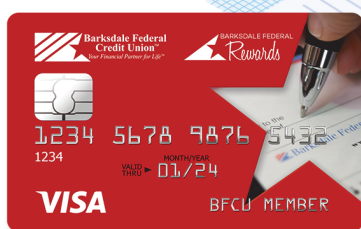
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Scouting report

The Vikings will be looking for stability at quarterback. Three players saw significant playing time at the position last season. Preston Dornier and Ben Taylor were expected to battle for the starting job. Either one will have a talented pair of receivers in Daxton Chavez and Cameron Jefferson. Tre Jackson, who gained over 600 yards last season, returns. Guard Reid Hawsey is back on the line. Bob Patterson, a TE who can play WR and H-Back, should be an impact player.

The Vikings allowed 28.3 points per game last season but with a solid group of returning players that number should go down this season. Jeremiah Boudreaux, one of the area's top hurdlers last spring, has moved from WR to DB. He has the potential to be one of the best in the area. Chris Montgomery, Kye Lehr and Braden Linton also return in the secondary. Carter Tate and Jaylon Shuemake are experienced linemen. End Kam Wilson is another player looking to make a name for himself. Mark Engelke leads the LB corps.

The Vikings have something to prove after going 1-9 last season. Airline has a strong non-district schedule. If the Vikings can have some success, the confidence gained should carry over into district play. The offense has the potential to put a lot of points on the board. How the defense comes together will be key. Airline won't be among the teams favored to win the District 1-5A title. But the other district teams better not take the Vikings lightly.



2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 @ North DeSoto
Sept. 9 Union Parish
Sept. 16 @ Northwood
Sept. 23 @ Benton
Sept. 30 Natchitoches Central
Oct. 6 @ Captain Shreve (LHS)
Oct. 14 Houghton
Oct. 20 @ Byrd (LHS)
Oct. 28 Parkway
Nov. 4 Southwood

2021 RESULTS: 1-9

Ouachita Parish L 20-3
Union Parish L 43-20
Ruston L 50-0
Natchitoches Central L 28-7
Southwood W 36-14
Houghton L 10-7
Parkway L 34-17
Byrd L 51-27
Benton L 28-7
Captain Shreve L 33-0

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Wide receiver Daxton Chavez.

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022



Daxton Chavez
WR, Sr.

The 6-foot-4 Chavez caught 28 passes for 314 yards last season. Those numbers should increase significantly this season. He is a big target with great speed.



Cam Jefferson
WR, Sr.

Jefferson was the fifth-leading receiver in the parish last season with 29 catches for 452 yards and three touchdowns. A three-sport athlete with great speed, he was a member of the Vikings' 4X200-meter relay team that qualified for the state meet.



Carter Tate
DL, Sr.

A second-team All-Parish selection last season, Tate had 25 tackles, including five for loss, seven assists, three sacks and one forced fumble. He will play a larger role this season.

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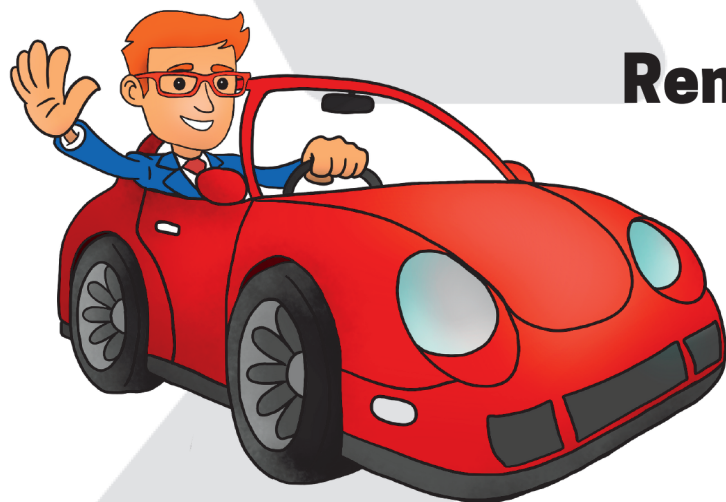
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BENTON TIGERS

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Stadium

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Scouting report

The Tigers have five returning starters on offense, including quarterback Gray Walters, receiver Pearce Russell and running back Greg Manning. All three were first-team All-Parish selections last season, and all are among the best players in the area at their respective positions. The line will be somewhat inexperienced, but Carson McCormack and Travis Flowers return. Kaleb Tree will be among the new starters. TE/WR Andy Lim saw action last season and is expected to be a major contributor. Brady Blaylock and Jeff King are new receivers. Speedy RB Landon Duggan can make big plays. The Tigers lost veteran kicker RJ Moore to graduation. Parkway transfer Peyton May will be the placekicker.

Five starters return on defense, led by linebacker Zach Halbert, the All-Parish Defensive MVP, and first-team All-Parish DB Sawyer Simmons, a free safety. Also returning are DT Brooks Spann, LB Cole Weir and CB Landon Duggan. New starters include DT Brandon Sanders, LB Bernie Walters and CB Ashton Jordan. Miller Malley or Cole Austin will also contribute in the secondary.

The Tigers averaged 33.2 points in the regular season last year. With Walters, Russell and Manning back, Benton has the potential to have one of the best offenses in the area. How the new starters on the line develop will be key. The new receivers will need to take the pressure off Russell, who will obviously be a focus of opposing defenses. Last year, Benton gave up a lot of points to the district's top teams, but the Tigers weren't the only ones to do that. With Halbert and Simmons leading the way, improvement is likely. Just a small improvement could be enough with the points the offense is likely to put up. Expect the Tigers to challenge for the district championship.



2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 Northwood
Sept. 9 Texas High
Sept. 16 @ Newman
Sept. 23 Airline
Sept. 30 Byrd
Oct. 7 @ Natchitoches Central
Oct. 14 @ Southwood
Oct. 21 @ Haughton
Oct. 28 Captain Shreve
Nov. 4 @ Parkway

2021 RESULTS: 8-4

Northwood W 12-7
Barbe W 49-40
Richwood W 41-12
Parkway L 30-23
Haughton W 42-21
Captain Shreve L 48-35
Byrd L 45-17
Southwood W 50-16
Airline W 28-7
Natchitoches Central W 35-16
Playoffs
Hahnville W 38-31
Ruston L 56-16

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Quarterback Gray Walters.

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022



Gray Walters
QB, Sr.

A first-team All-Parish and All-District selection last season, Walters completed 163 of 282 passes for 2,247 yards and 24 touchdowns with just six interceptions. The positive numbers should increase this season. He was also an effective runner with 235 yards and three TDs.



Pearce Russell
WR, Sr.

A first-team All-Parish and All-District selection last season, Russell caught 53 passes for 1,032 yards and 11 touchdowns. He also averaged 21.6 yards on 16 kickoff returns, taking one back 80 yards for a touchdown.



Zach Halbert
LB, Sr.

The Defensive MVP on the All-Parish team and a first-team All-District selection, Halbert had 73 tackles, including 13 for loss, and 4.5 sacks. He forced two fumbles, returned an interception for a touchdown and blocked two kicks.

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Stadium

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Scouting report

The Bearkats must replace their quarterback and top rushers and receivers from last season. Returning starters on offense include WRs Sen'Tavian Ball and Ja'karvis Guice, linemen Keith Hall and Ty'keithin Johnson, and PK Cristobal Cruz. Sophomore Quintarion Scott will take over at QB. Head Coach De'Aumante Johnson expects several players to see playing time at RB. Christian Johnson, a first-team All-Parish selection on defense last year, will likely get carries. J'Shaun Youngblood is a young RB with potential. Freshman Dominic Conde could see action at WR.

Defensively, Senior All-Parish LB Christian Johnson has been moved to the line where he should be a disrupter. Other returning starters include S Ja'karvis Guice, linemen Ty'keithin Johnson and Keith Hall, and DE Sen'Tavian Ball. Newcomers with potential are CB J'Shaun Youngblood, S Quintarion Scott and CB Randy Robinson.

Head Coach De'Aumante Johnson did an outstanding job last season getting new athletes to join a program that appears headed in the right direction. During spring practice, he said 46 players participated. The number will likely increase in the fall. But the Bearkats will still have several two-way players and that will be challenging in Class 4A. Despite the inexperience, Johnson believes his offense can be better than last year's with new OC Rahkeem Mitchell. He also likes the talent on defense. If the young players develop like he expects, the Bearkats could be a surprise contender.



2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 @ North Caddo
Sept. 9 Glenbrook
Sept. 16 @ Parkway
Sept. 23 @ Evangel
Sept. 30 Northwood
Oct. 7 @ Minden
Oct. 14 BTW
Oct. 21 @ Woodlawn (IS)
Oct. 28 North DeSoto
Nov. 4 @ Huntington

2021 RESULTS: 6-5

Arcadia W 36-12
Opelousas L 20-19
Logansport W 39-14
North Caddo L 42-6
Montgomery W 66-6
North Webster W 40-28
Loyola L 28-16
Mansfield L 14-9
Green Oaks W 28-6
Magnolia W 63-0
Playoffs
Iowa L 37-6

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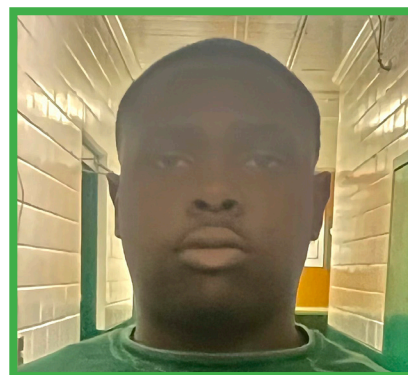
Bossier coaching staff talking to the players during a timeout.

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022



Quintarion Scott
QB, So.

An outstanding all-around athlete with good size, Scott is playing football for the first time in high school. He is also a member of the basketball team.



Keith Hall
OL, Jr.

Hall was an honorable mention All-District 1-3A selection last season. At 260 pounds, he gives the Bearkats some size up front and can play a variety of positions.



Cristobal Cruz
PK, Sr.

Coach Johnson believes special teams can be the difference between winning and losing. An outstanding soccer player, Cruz was a second-team All-Parish selection last season.

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HAUGHTON BUGANEERS

Head Coach

Jason Brotherton (45-24, 7th year)

Stadium

Harold Harlan Stadium

Scouting report

QB Colin Rains returns for his third season as a starter. Other returning starters on offense are RB Tyler Rhodes, WR Jalen Lewis, and OL Peyton Polk, Landry Donaho and Hunter Pence. John Ecot, one of the area's fastest players, is back at WR after missing last season because of a broken leg. Lewis and Ecot give the Bucs big-play potential. They along with Rashard Douglas and Jamarion Montgomery make up a solid corps of receivers. Rhodes came on strong last season after getting a chance to play in Week 4 because of an injury. Veteran Dexter Smith and newcomer Devontay Moss will join Rhodes in the backfield.

Defensively, the linebacker position will likely be the Bucs' strength. First-team All-Parish selection Connor Blank is one of three returning starters along with Tazavian Sweeney and Brayden Stovall. Second-team All-Parish DB DJ Riser is the only other returning starter. Outstanding athlete Dexter Smith is moving to S but will still see some action in the offensive backfield. Amaron Lars has moved from WR to CB.

The Bucs are coming off a challenging season. The offense has a chance to put up a lot of points. The offensive line could be one of the district's best. Haughton struggled on defense at times last year and will be looking for improvement in that area. If that happens and the offense lives up to the expectations, Haughton will have a chance to make a run at the district title.



2022 SCHEDULE

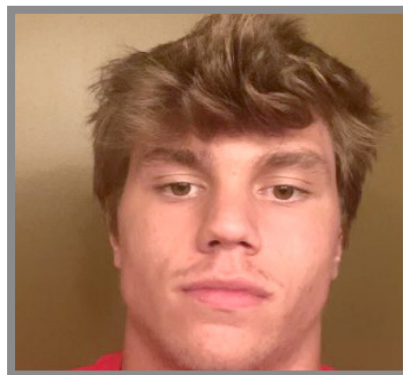
Sept. 1 Red River
Sept. 9 LaGrange
Sept. 16 @ Many
Sept. 23 Parkway
Sept. 30 Southwood
Oct. 7 @ Byrd (LHS)
Oct. 14 @ Airline
Oct. 21 Benton
Oct. 28 Natchitoches Central
Nov. 4 @ Capt Shreve (LHS)

2021 RESULTS: 5-5

Red River W 55-49
Northwood L 27-20
BTW W 40-0
Byrd L 38-7
Benton L 42-21
Airline W 10-7
Southwood W 34-0
Captain Shreve L 52-14
Natchitoches Central W 35-7
Parkway L 17-3

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Wide receiver Jalen Lewis.

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022



Connor Blank
LB, Sr.

A first-team All-Parish and second-team All-District selection, Blank will be a team leader. He leads a strong LB corps on a relatively inexperienced defense.



Colin Rains
QB, Sr.

Entering his third season as a starter, Rains passed for 1,568 yards and 15 touchdowns and rushed for 541 yards and eight last season. He is one of the area's top players regardless of position.



Jalen Lewis
WR, Jr.

Lewis was the team's second-leading receiver in the regular season with 29 catches for 394 yards. Those numbers should rise this season. He is capable of making game-changing plays.



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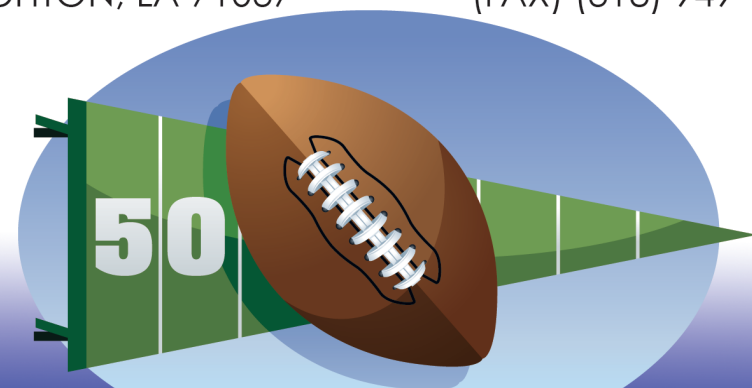
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PARKWAY PANTHERS

Head Coach

Coy Brotherton (11-10, 2nd year)

Stadium

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Scouting report

RB Jaylan White, one of five senior starters returning on offense, is one of the state's best. He will get most of the carries, but Demond Blackwell and freshman Antonio Gladney, also a receiver, should also contribute. New QB Ashton Martin, a senior transfer from Captain Shreve, isn't without experience. Parkway lost its top receivers to graduation, including All-State RB Ron Richmond. But Trenton Lape, an LSU baseball commit who has returned to football after having elbow surgery last October, will help fill the void. Andres Abner and 6-3 Michael Collier both started games last season. Three linemen return — Chandler Davis (6-3, 305), Jake Morton (6-2, 275) and TE Jatavious Calhoun (6-1, 250). Junior Jeremiah Williams (6-3, 350) is a newcomer to watch.

Defense could be the team's strength early in the season. Seven starters return, including first-team All-Parish DE Ray Mayweather, DL Kris Mesloh and LB Barrett Newman, and second-team DBs Ashtin Jackson and Greg Chitman Jr. Also returning are DT BJ Patterson and Amaray Brown, a free safety last season who has been moved to LB. Sophomore transfer DB Camaro Mayo was an All-District 1-4A DB at Huntington last season. New starting FS Carter Wells could also be an impact player. Four other players — Jayden Gulfan, Zayden Taylor, Chamichael Williams and SJ Driggers — are battling for a starting LB spot, but all are expected to contribute.

The Panthers averaged 31 points per game in the regular season last year and have the potential to equal or surpass that this season. If the receivers develop, the passing game could be a strength. Defenses will likely focus on White, but he will be hard to stop. Head Coach Coy Brotherton believes the defensive line has a chance to be something special. That could apply to the whole defense. Parkway may not be the favorite to win the district championship, but it won't be a huge surprise if the Panthers do just that.



2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 Minden
Sept. 9 @ Red River
Sept. 16 Bossier
Sept. 23 @ Haughton
Sept. 30 Captain Shreve
Oct. 6 @ Southwood (IS)
Oct. 14 Byrd
Oct. 21 Natchitoches Central
Oct. 28 @ Airline
Nov. 4 Benton

2021 RESULTS: 8-5

Minden W 45-14
North DeSoto W 42-13
Huntington L 38-31
Benton W 30-23
Captain Shreve L 46-21
Byrd L 35-24
Airline W 34-17
Natchitoches Central L 38-21
Southwood W 35-20
Haughton W 17-3
Playoffs
Alexandria W 41-27
Captain Shreve W 30-23
Acadiana L 42-14

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Linebacker Barrett Newman.

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022



Jaylan White
RB, Sr.

One of the state's top players at his position, White has received multiple scholarship offers including one from Mississippi State. He rushed for 1,397 yards and scored 12 touchdowns in 12 games last season. He also caught 25 passes for 451 yards and three TDs.



Ashton Martin
QB Sr.

A transfer from Captain Shreve, Martin missed almost all of last season after suffering a broken collarbone in the preseason. He started 10 games for the Gators his sophomore season.



Barrett Newman
LB, Sr.

A first-team All-District selection last season, Newman led the team with 93 tackles. He also had two interceptions. One of the area's best athletes, Newman is also an outstanding baseball player.



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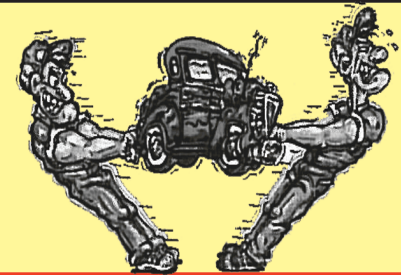
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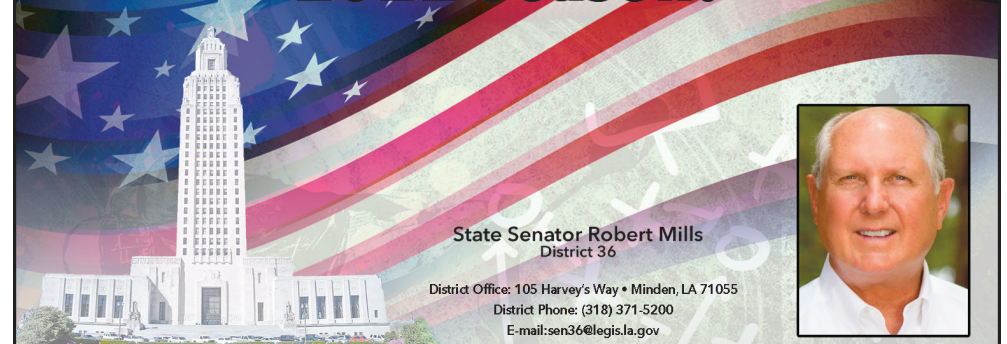
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PLAIN DEALING LIONS

Head Coach

Clint Walker (first year)

Stadium

Lions Stadium

Scouting report

With multiple players going both ways, the Lions will look to run first in order to keep the clock running. Senior Josh Miller, a backup last season, takes over at QB. "He will command the offense and take advantage of play action and drop back passing," Coach Clint Walker said. Finishing drives will be key. The return of RB Aaron Reddix gives the Lions a boost. RB Tyrese Kimble could be a playmaker. Reagan Foster, Jayden Gay and Jamauriel Ray return on a line that has more size than last year. Eli James is back at tight end.

Coach Clint Walker has revamped the defense "to help the athletes be more at ease lining up against multiple offenses that we will face." The emphasis in the offseason has been on speed, strength and durability. The linebacker corps should be a strength with Reagan Foster, Jayden Gay and Colten Davis returning. Eli James and Jamauriel Ray are back on the line. Colby Curry, Aaron Reddix and Tyrese Kimble have experience in the secondary.

As usual, depth will be an issue for the Lions with a small roster. An injury to one player will likely leave a void at two positions and special teams. QB Josh Miller's development will be key. With Aaron Reddix back, the potential for a strong running game is there. Even though Calvary Baptist has departed, District 1 is still one of the strongest districts in Class 1A. The good news is Class 4A BTW and North Caddo, a strong 2A team, are no longer on the schedule. The Lions' non-district opponents are Class 1A Delta Charter and Class 2A Lakeside and Beekman Charter. If Plain Dealing can stay reasonably healthy, a successful season is a realistic goal.

All Bossier Parish team previews by Russell Hedges



2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 Delta Charter
Sept. 9 @ Lincoln Prep
Sept. 16 @ Lakeside
Sept. 23 Ringgold
Sept. 30 Haynesville
Oct. 7 @ Homer
Oct. 14 @ Magnolia
Oct. 21 Glenbrook
Oct. 28 @ Beekman Charter
Nov. 4 Arcadia

2021 RESULTS: 2-9

BTW L 45-0
Homer L 49-0
Magnolia W 56-22
Haynesville L 41-0
North Caddo L 44-0
Ringgold W 38-6
Glenbrook L 42-8
Arcadia L 28-6
Calvary Baptist L 63-0
Lincoln Prep L 32-0
Playoffs
Oberlin L 51-0

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Tyrese Kimble.

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022



Aaron Reddix
RB/DB, Jr.

Reddix showed a lot of potential last season. He has very good speed. Last spring, he finished second in the District 1-1A meet in the 200-meter dash.



Tyrese Kimble
RB/DB, So.

Kimble is a multi-sport athlete. He has the potential to be a playmaker on both sides of the ball.



Regan Foster
OL/LB, Sr.

Foster should have a big impact on both sides of the ball. A multi-sport athlete and returning starter, his will be among the team's leaders.

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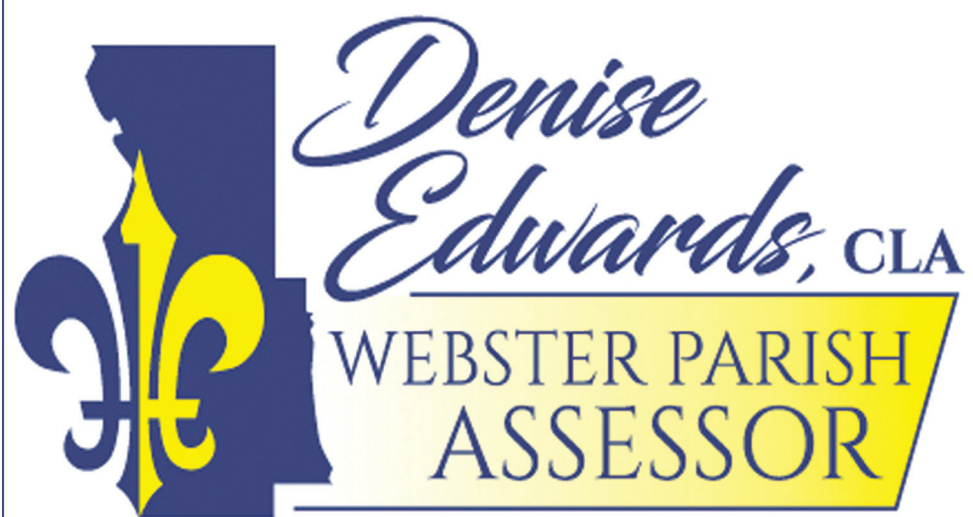
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GLENBROOK APACHES

Head Coach

David Feaster (13-7, Third season)

Stadium

Apaches Field

Scouting report

After turning in a surprisingly strong 2021 campaign in their first season as a Louisiana High School Athletic Association member, the Apaches have finished their probationary period and will be playoff eligible this season.

Even better, after going 8-2 Glenbrook lost only one departed senior off of last year's squad, so basically the entire team returns with some new younger additions.

And based on a 7-6 loss to Calvary Baptist in their spring football game, the Apaches are expecting similar success this season.

Senior running back DJ Clark will again be the primary offseason workhorse, but Coach David Feaster's team showed last year they like to mix things up and spread the ball around with plenty of other weapons to use.

Ty Feaster will be back behind center to quarterback the Apaches and will be throwing to receivers like Turner McClelland and Cason Clemmons, who both played well last season.

Defensively, the Apaches will be led by hard-hitting tacklers like defensive backs Hayden Harmon and Maddox Mandino along with linebackers Rhett Johnson and Luke Vining.



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Quarterback Ty Feaster.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 vs. Cedar Creek
Sept. 9 @ Bossier
Sept. 16 Delta Charter
Sept. 23 Haynesville
Sept. 30 Arcadia
Oct. 7 @ Magnolia SOE
Oct. 14 @ Ringgold
Oct. 21 @ Plain Dealing
Oct. 28 Homer
Nov. 4 River Oaks

2021 RESULTS: 8-2

River Oaks W 59-21
Calvary Baptist L 58-14
Lincoln Prep W 48-14
Homer L 36-21
Magnolia SOE W 51-6
Haynesville W 42-41
Plain Dealing W 42-8
Ringgold W 49-13
Beekman Charter W 51-14
Arcadia W 55-22

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022

► Ty Feaster QB, DB Jr.

Feaster kept getting better and better leading the Apaches' offense during his sophomore year and is expected to be a bigger offensive weapon in 2022 with last season's experience under his belt.

► DJ Carter TB, LB, Sr.

The 6-0, 200-pound Carter was Glenbrook's top rusher last year despite battling a nagging ankle injury for most of the season. Even more will be expected of a healthier Carter in his senior season, who is also a strong receiver coming out of the backfield.

► Maddox Mandino WR, DB, Sr.

The two-way starter is one of Glenbrook's top receivers and tacklers, who is also a dangerous return specialist be it on punts or on interceptions.

► Turner McClelland WR, DB, Sr.

McClelland is a strong receiver who is also dangerous rushing the football, and is one of those hard-hitting defensive backs for the Apaches capable of a pick six any time he hauls in an interception.

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LAKESIDE WARRIORS

Head Coach

Mike Santelices (7-18, Fourth season)

Stadium

Lakeside Stadium

Scouting report

Lakeside coach Mike Santelices is excited about the upcoming season, and that begins with the newly installed artificial turf the Warriors will be playing home games on this year.

More good news is that the Warriors have seven starters returning on offense. But Lakeside will have to replace departed running back Ashton Stewart, their workhorse last season. The Warriors will look to replace him with senior Rokedrick Smith, who was a valuable weapon as a receiver as well as rusher in 2021.

After a two-year absence, Omero Urbina has returned to the gridiron for his senior season and is expected to be the home run threat in the Warriors passing game and will be complemented by Kade Boley and Josh Sebald. Senior Jacob Whitehead was expected to be Lakeside's starting quarterback but will miss the season with a knee injury, pressing Cooper Chase into action again this season. Chase replaced Whitehead last season while also battling the injury bug himself, and Santelices and his staff are revamping the Warriors' offense to better fit Chase's playing style and abilities.

Also gone to graduation is two-way standout lineman Kris Redden. Redden was a bookend defensive lineman last season along with fellow defensive end JC Watt, who has shifted to middle linebacker this season to quarterback the Lakeside "D." That's fitting, as Watt also quarterbacked the Warriors offensively last year after Whitehead and Chase were both injured.



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Head Coach Mike Santelices talks to his time during a time out.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 @ Arcadia
Sept. 9 Ringgold
Sept. 16 Plain Dealing
Sept. 23 @ Block
Sept. 30 @ Lincoln Prep
Oct. 7 @ D'Arbonne Woods
Oct. 14 North Caddo
Oct. 21 Loyola
Oct. 28 @ Calvary Baptist
Nov. 4 Green Oaks

2021 RESULTS: 3-6

Magnolia SOE W 39-0
Block W 59-21
West Ouachita L 58-14
Beekman Charter W 48-14
Lincoln Prep L 36-21
North Webster L 51-6
North Caddo L 42-41
D'Arbonne Woods L 42-8
Jonesboro-Hodge L 49-13

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022

► Rokedrick Smith RB, WR, Sr.

Smith saw time rushing the ball last year while serving primarily as a receiver. He'll take over as Lakeside's primary running back this season and gives the Warriors a big threat both rushing and receiving out of the backfield.

► Omera Urbina WR, Sr.

Urbina has returned to the gridiron this season after two seasons and is expected to be Lakeside's top receiver, following in the footsteps of older Miguel Urbina, a former football standout for the Warriors.

► Cooper Chase QB, DB, Sr.

A solid thrower, Chase has unexpectedly become the starting signal caller for Lakeside's offense, but the good news is that he did receive crucial playing time at quarterback last season while fighting through injuries himself.

► CJ Watt K, MLB, QB, DL, TE, Sr.

The Warriors' "Mr. Everything" will primarily kick and quarterback the defense as Lakeside's starting middle linebacker this season. Watt can also play quarterback, tight end, receiver and lineman when needed and is one of the team's top players because of his strong abilities combined with that versatility.

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MINDEN CRIMSON TIDE

Head Coach

Spencer Heard (57-43, 10th season)

Stadium

W.W. Williams Stadium

Scouting report

Minden High School will be looking to get back on a winning track this season after going 4-7 last year.

Doing so will take a strong effort from younger players as the Crimson Tide returns only 12 starters from last year's squad.

The Tide is expected to rely on its rushing attack, especially early one, as Jakobe Jackson looks to adjust to his new full-time role as Minden's starting quarterback.

Senior tailback Daylen Robinson will look to improve on his 1,007-yard rushing performance last season and will be looking for senior offensive linemen Kielyn Combs (5-11, 270) and Makhi Reed (6-3, 310), two more of Minden's seven returning offensive starters, to help open holes to allow him to do so.

The top target Jackson will be trying to hit are 2021 leading receiver Jaylin Williams.

Minden will also be battling inexperience on defense with only five starters returners.

Two-way starters Reed and Combs will be asked to provide leadership and anchor the line on the defensive side of the ball.

The Crimson Tide's secondary will likely be the strongest defensive unit with Williams and White being joined by Jackson, Cameron Mitchell and Brennan Benton bringing solid experience against the pass.



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Running Back Daylen Robinson.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 @ Parkway
Sept. 9 Homer
Sept. 16 @ North Webster
Sept. 23 North DeSoto
Sept. 30 @ Huntington
Oct. 7 Bossier
Oct. 14 @ Northwood-Shreveport
Oct. 21 Evangel Christian
Oct. 28 Booker T. Washington
Nov. 4 @ Woodlawn-Shreveport

2021 RESULTS: 4-7

Parkway L 45-14
Green Oaks W 48-6
North Webster W 34-27
Mansfield L 46-25
Leesville L 49-36
North DeSoto L 28-7
Neville L 30-0
Bastrop W 39-14
Huntington L 40-7
Franklin Parish W 35-34
Neville L 42-0

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022

▶ Daylen Robinson RB, Sr.

Robinson brings solid receiving skills out of the backfield to add to the 1,007 rushing yards he gained last year. Robinson ran for 12 touchdowns on his 173 carries and was an All-District 1-4A selection.

▶ Jaylin Williams WR, DB, Sr.

Williams hauled in 28 passes for 362 yards and three scores last season to earn All-District 4-1A honors.

▶ Kielyn Combs OG, DE, Sr.

Combs earned first time All-District 1-4A accolades last year as an offensive guard.

▶ Mahki Reed OG, DT, Sr.

Reed uses his bulk (6-3, 310 pounds) to dominate on both sides of the ball and was an All-District 4-1A selection last year on offense.



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SEPT. 16	@ NORTH WEBSTER
SEPT. 23	NORTH DESOTO *
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OCT. 7	BOSSIER
OCT. 14	@ NORTHWOOD *
OCT. 21	@ EVANGEL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY *
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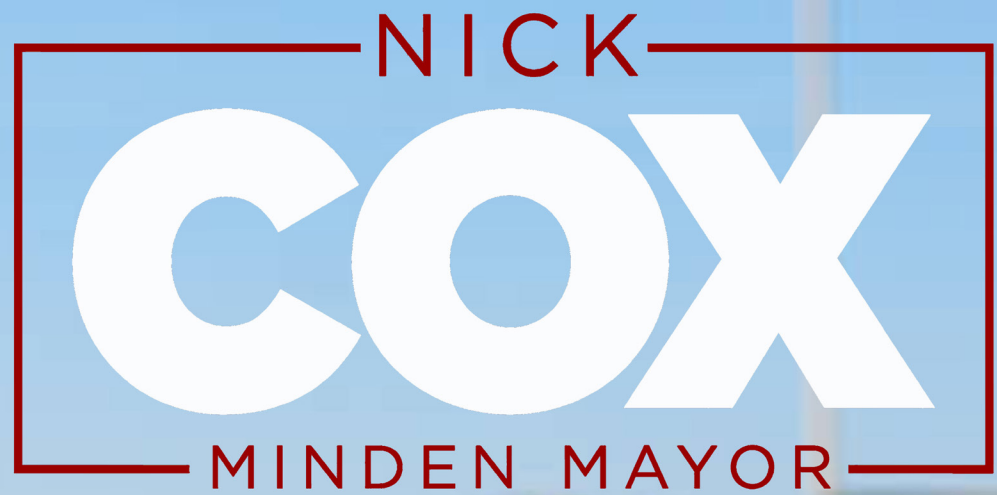
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Head Coach

John Ware (65-51, 11th season)

Stadium

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Scouting report

North Webster has a pair of new challenges to face in 2022 - significant inexperience and a tougher new district lineup.

The Knights return only 11 lettermen and 10 starters - six on offense and four on defense. That inexperience alone would result in some early growing pains.

Then once the district season rolls around, North Webster will have to face the two teams that battled for the 2021 Class 3A state championship - Sterlington and Union Parish. Sterlington won that title matchup between those two teams 26-24.

Senior Cooper Sanders returns for the Knights after leading the team in rushing and receiving last year. While mammoth offensive lineman Jacob Carter (6-3, 350) is back to lead North Webster's offensive front.

A pair of sophomores — running back Braydon Robertson and receiver Jasavion Miller — are also expected to contribute to a North Webster offense quarterbacked by Collin McKenzie, who earned All-District honorable mention last year.

Only four starters return to the Knights defense, with senior linebacker Haven Garza leading the charge after earning second-team All-District accolades last season.



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Quarterback Collin McKenzie and Running Back Cooper Sanders.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 @ Haynesville
Sept. 9 North Caddo
Sept. 16 Minden
Sept. 23 Richwood
Sept. 30 @ Wossman
Oct. 7 Union Parish
Oct. 14 @ Carroll
Oct. 21 Sterlington
Oct. 28 @ Bastrop
Nov. 4 @ Woodlawn-Shreveport

2021 RESULTS: 5-6

Haynesville W 34-7
North Caddo W 53-20
Minden L 34-27
Jena L 27-13
Jonesboro-Hodge L 34-32 (2OT)
Bossier L 40-28
Lakeside W 39-6
Loyola L 38-12
Mansfield W 38-22
Green Oaks W 44-0
St. James L 32-20

PLAYERS TO WATCH IN 2022

► Cooper Sanders RB, WR Sr.

The 5-9, 176-pounder led the Knights in rushing and receiving last year and with Jamarcus Stevens gone after graduating, Sanders is expected to take over as the Knight's primary offensive weapon.

► Collin McKenzie QB, DB, Sr.

McKenzie is a solid passer who is also a rushing threat who brings much-needed experience to North Webster's offense.

► Stermarrion Alexander OT, So.

Alexander is charged with protecting McKenzie from the opposing pass rush, but has solid size at 6-2 and 300 pounds to help make up for his inexperience.

► Haven Garza LB, TE, Sr.

Garza was a second-team all-district selection at linebacker last year and will take over as "quarterback" of the Knight's defense.

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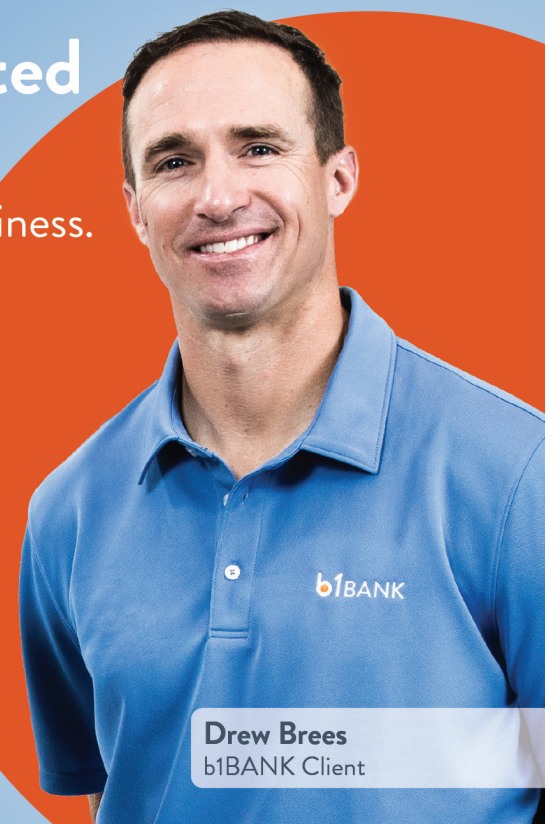
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COLLEGE PREVIEW

LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY TIGERS



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Junior wide receiver Kayshon Boutte is a preseason All-America and All-SEC selection.

Head Coach

Brian Kelly (first season)

Stadium

Tiger Stadium

Scouting report

The Tigers will have a decidedly new look this season. Ed Orgeron, who went 11-12 in the last two seasons after guiding the Tigers to the 2019 national championship, is gone. Brian Kelly, who was 92-39 in 11 seasons at Notre Dame, is now the head coach.

At presstime for this publication, the battle for the starting QB job was ongoing. Arizona State transfer Jayden Daniels and sophomore Garrett Nussmeier are the main contenders. Daniels passed for 2,381 yards and 10 TDs last season. Nussmeier passed for 329 yards in four games.

The Tigers have one of the nation's best receivers in junior Kayshon Boutte. Jack Bech is coming off a solid freshman season. Jaray Jenkins, Malik Nabers and Brian Thomas Jr. are also back. After being academically

ineligible last season, senior John Emery Jr. is set to be a featured RB. In his freshman and sophomore seasons, he gained 566 yards. Penn State senior transfer Noah Cain will also have a chance to show what he can do.

LSU ranked 10th in the conference in total defense last season, allowing 372.2 yards per game. The Tigers should be strong up front with the return of BJ Ojulari, Ali Gaye and Maason Smith. Jacquelin Roy could be a force. Former Evangel Christian star LB Micah Baskerville returns. Greg Penn and Mike Jones Jr. should be impact players. The secondary is mostly new with transfers likely taking key roles. Jarrick Bernard-Converse (Oklahoma State), Mekhi Garner (Louisiana) and Arkansas transfers Greg Brooks Jr. and Joe Foucha could claim starting spots. Jay Ward had 71 total tackles and two interceptions last year.

LSU has the potential for an outstanding season. Of course, Kelly wasn't brought in for anything less. Talent-wise, LSU is trending in the right direction again. Based on preseason predictions, LSU is not expected to contend for the title. The Tigers will attempt to prove the so-called experts wrong.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 4 Florida State, 6:30
Sept. 10 Southern, 6:30
Sept. 17 Mississippi State, 5
Sept. 24 New Mexico, 6:30
Oct. 1 @ Auburn, TBA
Oct. 8 Tennessee, TBA
Oct. 15 @ Florida, TBA

Oct. 22 Ole Miss, TBA
Nov. 5 Alabama, TBA
Nov. 12 @ Arkansas, TBA
Nov. 19 UAB, TBA
Nov. 26 @ Texas A&M, TBA

OUR PREDICTION: 8-4

2021 RESULTS: 6-7
(3-5 SEC)
UCLA L 38-27
McNeese State W 34-7
Central Michigan W 49-21

Miss. State W 28-25
Auburn L 24-19
Kentucky L 42-21
Florida W 49-42
Ole Miss L 31-17

Alabama L 20-14
Arkansas L 16-13, OT
ULM W 27-14
Texas A&M W 27-24
Kansas State L 42-20

Players to Watch

► BJ Ojulari
DE, Jr.

A first-team preseason All-SEC selection, Ojulari is one of the team leaders. He played in every game last season with 12 starts. Ojulari had a team-high seven sacks and ranked second with 11.5 tackles for loss.

► Ali Gaye
DE, Sr.

A preseason second-team All-SEC selection, Gaye played in only four games because of injuries last season. He has started 14 games and has recorded 51 tackles, including 4.5 sacks. He could be the Tigers' most effective pass rusher.

► Kayshon Boutte
WR, Jr.

A preseason All-America and first-team All-SEC selection, Boutte played in only six games last season after suffering an ankle injury. He still led the team in receiving yards with 509 and touchdowns with nine. Those were among national bests at the time of his injury.

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Sept. 17 vs.
MISSISSIPPI STATE

Sept. 24 vs.
NEW MEXICO

Oct. 1 @
AUBURN

Oct. 8 vs.
TENNESSEE

Oct. 15 @
FLORIDA

Oct. 22 vs.
OLE MISS

Nov. 5 vs.
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COLLEGE PREVIEW

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY TIGERS



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Wide receiver Joshua Quiett.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 @ Arkansas State
Sept. 10 vs. Northwestern State
Sept. 17 Jackson State
Sept. 24 @ Bethune-Cookman
Oct. 1 vs. Prairie View (Dallas)
Oct. 8 @ Alabama A&M

Oct. 15 Florida A&M
Oct. 29 Alcorn State
Nov. 5 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Nov. 12 @ Texas Southern
Nov. 26 vs. Southern

OUR PREDICTION: 7-4

2021 RESULTS: 4-7
(3-5 SWAC)
Tenn. State W 16-10
Southern Miss L 37-0

Houston L 45-0
Prairie View L 24-10
Alabama A&M W 37-28
Alcorn State L 24-20
Texas Southern W 34-20

Florida A&M L 26-3
Ark.-Pine Bluff L 33-26
Bethune-Cookman
L 31-14
Southern W 29-26

Head Coach

Hue Jackson (First season)

Stadium

Eddie G. Robinson Memorial

Scouting report

It is doubtful any college football program has undergone as much transition from last season to this one as Grambling State University's.

New head coach Hue Jackson takes over the program after serving stints as offensive coordinator at Tennessee State and head coach for the NFL's Oakland Raiders and Cleveland Browns.

Jackson is working to bring a new, NFL-style culture to GSU's football and Jackson feels that is slowly but surely happening for his team.

The GSU football roster has seen significant turnover with five new Tigers vying to take over as the starting quarterback. Chance Amie, a junior transfer from Syracuse, will be the likely choice to become the No.1 QB and is being challenged by Julian Calvez, Amani Gilmore, Quaterius Hawkins and Kajiya Hollawayne, a transfer from UCLA.

Keilon Elder, Jaylen Joseph and CJ Russell are the returning running backs for the Tigers and have been joined by newcomers Floyd Chalk IV, Jaden Handy, Dedrick Talbert, Maurice Washington and Chance Williams to give Jackson a full stable of diverse talent to run the football.

But the backbone of the 2022 GSU football team will be its defense led by senior defensive end Sundiate Anderson, a BOXTOROW 2022 HBCU Pre-season All-American and 2021 first-team All-Southwestern Athletic Conference selection.

Players to Watch

► Greg White
WR, Sr.

White was Grambling's leading receiver last season with 35 catches for 514 yards and three touchdowns — the most scoring receptions by a Tiger in 2021. At 6-3 and 205 pounds, White is a speedster with soft hands.

► CJ Russell
RB, So.

Russell is part of a full stable of GSU running backs and is the top returning rusher from 2021. Russell led the Tigers with 453 rushing yards and a touchdown on 112 carries last year while adding 10 receptions for 68 yards.

► Sundiate Anderson
DE, Jr.

Anderson led the Tigers with 5.5 sacks last season and totaled 33 tackles while adding three forced fumbles, two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup. At 6-6 and 240 pounds, Anderson is a pass-rushing specialist whose long arms cause big vision headaches for opposing quarterbacks.

COLLEGE PREVIEW

LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY BULLDOGS



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Linebacker Tyler Grubbs.

Head Coach

Sonny Cumbie (first season)

Stadium

Joe Aillet Stadium

Scouting report

New head coach Sonny Cumbie is charged with using his high-octane offense philosophy to turn the Bulldogs around after their 3-9 finish last season.

Finding a quarterback in fall camp is priority No. 1 for Cumbie and Co. with Texas Tech transfer Parker McNeil, TCU transfer Matthew Downing, North Colorado transfer Andrew Brister (son of former NFL QB Bubby Brister) and freshmen Landry Lyddy battling it out for that role.

Whoever earns the starting job will have plenty of talented targets to throw it. LA Tech returns 59.6% of their receiving yards, 65.3% of their receptions and 59% of their receiving touchdowns from last season.

Tech's offensive front is also solid with guard Joshua Mote, center Abraham Deflin and tackle Dakota White anchoring the line.

New defensive coordinator Scott Power brings his attacking defensive philosophy to the Bulldogs. Nose tackle Kevie Rose and end Mykol Clark lead a defensive line that will be asked to add more pressure on opposing quarterbacks while safety BeeJay Williamson and cornerback Cedric Woods return to a talented Tech secondary.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 @ Missouri, 7 pm

Sept. 10 Stephen F. Austin, 6 pm

Sept. 17 @ Clemson, 7 p.m.

Sept. 24 @ So. Alabama, TBA

Oct. 8 UTEP, 6 pm

Oct. 15 @ North Texas, 3 pm

Oct. 22 Rice, 2 pm

Oct. 28 @ FIU, 7 pm

Nov. 5 Mid Tenn St, 2 pm

Nov. 12 @ UTSA, 2:30 pm

Nov. 19 @ Charlotte, 2:30 pm

Nov. 26 UAB, 2:30 pm

OUR PREDICTION: 7-4

2021 RESULTS: 3-9

(2-6 CUSA)

Miss. State L 34-35

SE Louisiana W 45-42

SMU L 37-39

North Texas W 24-17

NC State L 27-34

UTEP L 3-19

UTSA L 16-45

Old Dominion L 20-23

UAB L 38-52

Charlotte W 42-32

Southern Miss L 19-35

Rice L 31-35

Players to Watch

► Smoke Harris
WR, Jr.

Harris returns for his redshirt junior season after tallying 71 receptions, 756 yards and six touchdowns last season. He also led the Bulldogs in receptions in every single game in 2021, becoming the first player since Biletnikoff Award Winner Troy Edwards (1998) to accomplish the feat.

► Tre Harris
WR, So.

The Bulldogs' second-leading receiver from 2021 is also back. Harris posted 40 catches, 562 yards and four receiving touchdowns last season.

► Tyler Grubbs
LB, So.

Grubbs turned in a team-best 97 total tackles (44 solo, 53 assists) last season while adding four pass breakups, two sacks, three quarterback hurries, two forced fumbles, and a fumble recovery.

COLLEGE PREVIEW

NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY DEMONS



CHRIS REICH, NSU PHOTOGRAPHIC SERVICE

DB Shemar Bartholomew is a preseason first-team All-SLC selection.

Head Coach

Brad Laird (12-28, 5th season)

Stadium

Harry "Rags" Turpin Stadium

Scouting report

The Demons underwent several big changes in the offseason. Head Coach Brad Laird has added six new assistants to his staff, including offensive coordinator Cody Crill and defensive coordinator Weston Glazer. NSU also signed nine junior college transfers and added several players from the FBS transfer portal. All told, there are about 30 new faces.

Senior Kaleb Fletcher and sophomore Zachary Clement return at quarterback. Clement started the season-finale victory over McNeese State. Fletcher led the team in passing yards last season with 1,313 in seven games.

Clement had 1,023 in nine.

Junior Scooter Adams returns at RB. He was a first-team All-SLC selection in the 2021 spring season but played in only four games in the fall before suffering an injury. The Demons lack experience at WR. Junior receiver Javon Antonio had a very good spring and the coaching staff has high expectations for him.

NSU will be looking for improvement on defense. Last year, the Demons allowed 34.09 points and 443.2 yards per game. Cornerback Shemar Bartholomew and safety PJ Herrington, both seniors, were preseason first-team All-SLC selections. Seniors DL Isaiah Longino and Jomard Volsin were second-team picks.

This is a pivotal year for Laird and NSU. If some young receivers develop, the Demons will have the potential to put some points on the board. But improvement by the defense will be the key to contending for the SLC title.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 @ Montana, 2
Sept. 10 Grambling State TBA
Sept. 17 @ Southern Miss., 6
Sept. 24 Lamar, TBA
Oct. 1 Nicholls State, TBA
Oct. 8 @ Eastern Illinois, 2

Oct. 15 @ Houston Baptist, 6
Oct. 22 Southeast Missouri, TBA
Nov. 5 Texas A&M-Commerce, 2
Nov. 12 @ Southeastern La., 6
Nov. 19. Incarnate Word, TBA

OUR PREDICTION: 7-4

2021 RESULTS: 3-8

(3-5 SLC)
North Texas L 44-14
Alcorn St. L 13-10

UT Martin L 35-10
Incarnate Word L 38-27
Houston Baptist W 21-17
McNeese St. L 35-17
SLU L 51-14

Nicholls State L 42-21
Houston Baptist W 28-24
SLU L 56-28
McNeese St. W 24-20

Players to Watch

► Scooter Adams
RB, RS Jr.

Adams' 2021 season was cut short by an injury after four games. He was still the team's third-leading rusher with 286 yards on 84 carries. Adams was a first-team All-SLC selection in the abbreviated 2021 spring season.

► Shemar Bartholomew
DB, Sr.

A second-team All-SLC selection last season, Bartholomew had two interceptions and six pass breakups. He has nine career interceptions and is two shy of entering the school's all-time top 10.

► Isaiah Longino
DL, Sr.

A preseason first-team All-SLC selection, Longino had 9.5 sacks last season, ranking second in the conference. He has 15.5 career sacks, sixth-most in school history.



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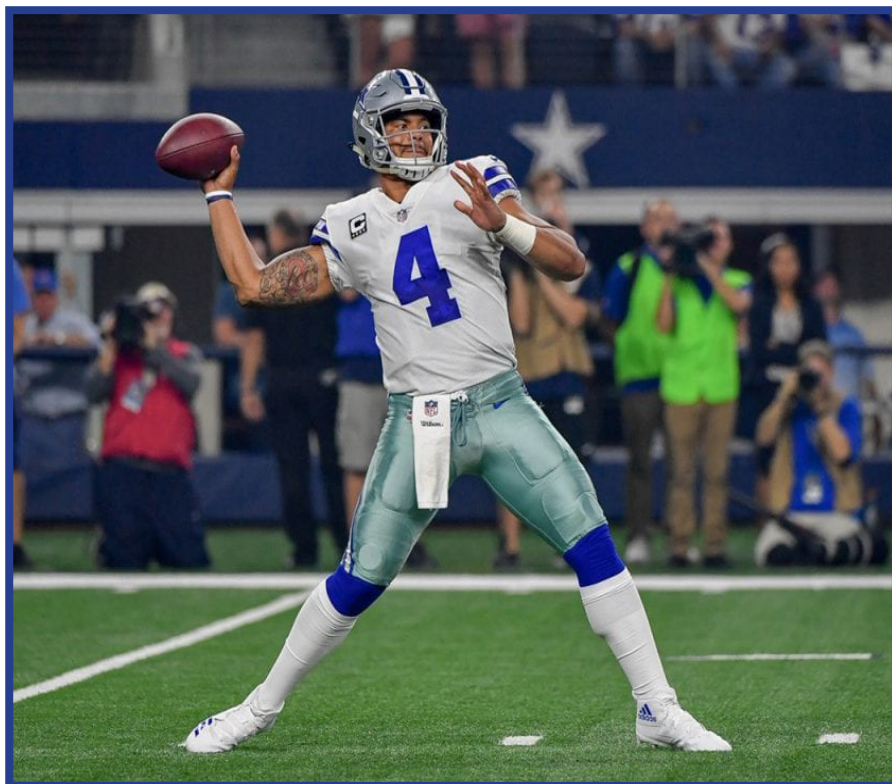
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DALLAS COWBOYS



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Former Haughton star Dak Prescott enters his seventh season as QB.

Head Coach

Mike McCarthy (18-14, third season)

Stadium

AT&T Stadium

Scouting report

The Cowboys made significant progress last season in Mike McCarthy's second season. But it ended on a disappointing note with an upset loss to the 49ers at home in the first round of the playoffs. The good news is Dallas looks to be in good shape to repeat as NFC East champion.

Quarterback Dak Prescott, entering his seventh season, is coming off the second-best season of his career. In media interviews, he has said he's in the best shape of his life. McCarthy said Prescott's running ability will be utilized more this season. With WR Amari Cooper traded to Cleveland, CeeDee Lamb will be called upon to do even more than he has in his first two seasons. Michael

Gallup also returns along with TE Dalton Schultz, who is playing with the franchise tag. RB Ezekiel Elliott's production has declined, but he remains a potentially potent weapon. Tony Pollard also returns. 2021 All-Pro Zack Martin leads an OL that has some question marks.

The Cowboys ranked in the middle of the pack in total defense last season, allowing 351.0 yards per game. But more importantly, they led the league in takeaways with 34, including 26 interceptions. A solid core group returns, including CB Trevon Diggs, the league-leader in interceptions, and LB Micah Parsons, the Defensive Rookie of the Year. Other key returning players include DBs Malik Hooker and Jayvon Kearse, DE DeMarcus Lawrence and LB Leighton Vander Esch. LB Randy Gregory's departure to Denver is a key loss.

If the younger players on defense develop, Dallas has a chance to be as good or better than last season. The offense certainly has the potential to again score a lot of points. Another first-round playoff loss won't be acceptable to fans or owner Jerry Jones.

2022 SCHEDULE

Sept. 11 Tampa Bay, 7:20
Sept. 18 Cincinnati, 3:25
Sept. 26 @ N.Y. Giants, 7:15
Oct. 2 Washington, noon
Oct. 9 @ L.A. Rams, 3:25
Oct. 16 @ Philadelphia, 7:15
Oct. 23 Detroit, noon
Oct. 30 Chicago, noon
Nov. 13 @ Green Bay, 3:25

Nov. 20 @ Minnesota, 3:25
Nov. 24, N.Y. Giants, 3:30
Dec. 4 Indianapolis, 7:20
Dec. 11, Houston, noon
Dec. 18 @ Jacksonville, noon
Dec. 25 Philadelphia, 3:25
Dec. 29 @ Tennessee, 7:15
Jan. 8 @ Washington, TBD

OUR PREDICTION: 13-4

2021 RESULTS: 12-6

12-6 (6-0 NFC East, 1st)
Tampa Bay L 31-29
San Diego W 20-17
Philadelphia W 41-21
Carolina W 36-28

New England W 35-29
Minnesota W 20-16
Denver L 30-16
Atlanta W 43-3
Kansas City L 19-9
Las Vegas L 36-33
New Orleans W 27-17

Washington W 27-20
N.Y. Giants W 21-6
Washington W 56-14
Arizona L 25-22
Philadelphia W 51-26
Playoffs
San Francisco L 23-17

Players to Watch

► Dak Prescott
QB

The former Haughton standout is coming off one of his best seasons. He completed 410 of 596 passes (68.8 percent) for 4,497 yards and 37 TDs with 10 interceptions.

► CeeDee Lamb

WR

Last season, Lamb caught 79 passes for 1,102 yards and six TDs. He led the team in receiving yards and receptions. With Amari Cooper gone, he will play an even bigger role this season.

► Micah Parsons

LB

Named the Defensive Rookie of the Year and first-team All-Pro by the AP and Sporting News, Parsons ranked third in the league with 21 tackles for loss and sixth in sacks with 13. In his third season, he could make a strong run at Defensive Player of the Year.

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NEW ORLEANS SAINTS



2022 SCHEDULE



COURTESY OF THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Saints QB Jameis Winston.

Head Coach

Dennis Allen (first season)

Stadium

Caesars Superdome

Scouting report

A new era dawns in the Crescent City as Dennis Allen is now the head Who Dat to replace former New Orleans Saints head coach Sean Payton, who shocked SaintsNation with his sudden "retirement" in January.

But sometimes change is good. Could it pay dividends for the Saints? Nothing is ever sure, but after being relegated to the bottom third of NFL rankings, many pronosticators are realizing that the Saints might be much better than many realized. Quarterback Jameis Winston has incredible po-

tential if he can fight off injuries. But if he can't, veteran quarterback Andy Dalton has shown that he has no problem conducting the Saints first-sring offense downfield if needed. But what the Saints really need Winston to be is healthy and continuing the promise he's flashed during his short career wearing the Black and Gold.

The Saints have become a deep team at many key positions, and have a bevy of promising young talent that will make roster decisions challenging at many decisions. But at worst the Saints already look to be at least a potential contender. At best, there seems to be an energy change, and maybe a touch of philosophy change of sorts.

The Saints are hoping change is good.

Sept. 11 @ Atlanta, noon
Sept. 18 Tampa Bay, noon
Sept. 25 @ Carolina, noon
Oct. 2 Minnesota (London), 8:30 am
Oct. 9 Seattle, noon
Oct. 16 Cincinnati, noon
Oct. 20 @ Arizona, 7:15
Oct. 30 Las Vegas, noon
Nov. 7 Baltimore, 7:15

2021 RESULTS: 9-8
(4-2 NFC South, 2nd)
Green Bay W 38-3
Carolina L 7-26
New England W 28-13
NY Giants L 21-27 OT

Nov. 13 @ Pittsburgh, noon
Nov. 20 LA Rams, noon
Nov. 27 @ San Francisco, 3:25
Dec. 5 @ Tampa Bay, 7:15
Dec. 17 Atlanta, TBA
Dec. 24 @ Cleveland, noon
Jan. 1 @ Philadelphia, noon
Jan. 8 Carolina, TBA

OUR PREDICTION: 11-6

Washington W 33-22
Seattle W 13-10
Tampa Bay W 26-27
Atlanta L 25-27
Tennessee L 21-23
Philadelphia L 29-40
Buffalo L 6-31

Dallas L 17-27
NY Jets W 30-9
Tampa Bay W 9-0
Miami L 3-20
Carolina W 18-10
Atlanta W 30-20

Players to Watch

► Jameis Winston
QB

Who Dat knows? The most important question mark for the Saints in 2022 is how Jameis Winston responds from the knee injury that ended his 2021 season early in the eight game of the season. He's shown flashes of potential greatness.

► Alvin Kamara
RB

Kamara is cleared to start the season, but when will the investigation into his Pro Bowl incident end up in a court ruling? But the key is how long will Kamara be available?

► Michael Thomas
WR

"Can't Guard Mike." How long CGM can play is of crucial importance to the Saints season. When healthy, Thomas was one of the best receivers in the NFL. He has looked strong early on in Saints training camp, and with first-round draft pick Chris Olave, Thomas could get open even more and continue his record-setting career.

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