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We have to take time to thank the coaches who have taken time out of their hectic schedules to spend time with us doing interviews and allowing us to shoot photos. Chris Keylon, Harrison; Mack Chermak, Berryville; Greg Tibbitt, Green Forest; and Justin Crain, Yellville-Summit are quality people that are great leaders for their respective teams.

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Good luck to all of our teams this season. I hope everyone is 10-0. I hope we get an entire season of games without any problems. I hope none of our players are injured this year.

I enjoy talking sports, so feel free to stop and chat at any of the games. I have had complete strangers sit and eat with my wife and I. So, I don't mind talking sports at games. Our sports section belongs to everyone.

THANK YOU!

On the Cover: Six Harrison seniors posed for the cover of the Harrison Daily Times football magazine. Team members on the cover include: (from left) Braden Long; J. Henry Brandt; Tag Glidewell; Mason Ketterman; Brock Simmons; and Jayce Straub. The photos were taking by Daily Times' sports editor, Jeff Brasel.

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# BERRYVILLE BOBCATS



## Berryville Schedule

Sept. 1	West Fork
Sept. 8	@Greenland
Sept. 15	@Magazine
Sept. 22	Ozark
Sept. 29	@Gentry
Oct. 6	Elkins
Oct. 13	@Gravette
Oct. 20	Huntsville
Oct. 27	Lincoln
Nov. 3	@Green Forest



## BERRYVILLE BOBCAT ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class	No.	Athlete	Class
2	Alex Esparza	11	34	Nick Utt	12
3	Zayne Gentry	12	35	Samuel Hausman	12
5	Declon Woodward	10	44	Leland Kuhn	11
6	Cameron Hutchison	10	55	Jose Cuches	10
7	Kobe Garcia	10	60	Anthony Deleon	11
8	Carlos Barrios	12	64	Alex McClellan	11
9	Cooper Summers	11	65	Talan Hill	12
10	Andre Esparza	10	70	Antonio Smith	11
11	Lucas Pierce	12	71	Alex Figueroa	12
12	Decimus Ruiz	11	75	David Moreno	11
13	Alex Castillo	10	77	Kaiden Flowers	11
14	Colton Franklin	10	—	Deyan Arrieta	10
15	Hunter Rankin	10	—	Anthony Boche	12
16	Kaiden Veach	10	—	Cristian Mendez	10
17	Kyle Chaney	10	—	Jacob Pierce	10
18	Kale Smith	10	—	Juan Rivera	10
20	Russell Conard	10	—	Dennys Roca	11
23	Xander Wright	11	—	Daniel Roque	11
25	Brayden Reeves	11	—	Jobani Tapia	10

## Berryville team members include:

Alex Esparza; Zayne Gentry; Declon Woodward; Cameron Hutchison; Kobe Garcia; Carlos Barrios; Cooper Summers; Andre Esparza; Lucas Pierce; Decimus Ruiz; Alex Castillo; Colton Franklin; Hunter Rankin; Kaiden Veach; Kyle Chaney; Kale Smith; Russell Conard; Xander Wright; Brayden Reeves; Nick Utt; Samuel Hausman; Leland Kuhn; Jose Cuches; Anthony Deleon; Alex McClellan; Talan Hill; Antonio Smith; Alex Figueroa; David Moreno; Kaiden Flowers; Deyan Arrieta; Anthony Boche; Cristian Mendez; Jacob Pierce; Juan Rivera; Dennys Roca; Daniel Roque; and Jobani Tapia. The team is coached by Mack Chermak; Ryan Whetham; Josh Fox; Adam Brannon; Tate Ferguson; and Drew Golden



# BERRYVILLE IS UNDER DIRECTION OF CHERMAK

By JEFF BRASEL

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**BERRYVILLE** — Excitement has filled the air for the new Berryville football season.

Part of that excitement comes with the hiring of a new head coach.

Mack Chermak took the position in the spring and is ready to show the community his team.

Chermak, who served the last four seasons as defensive coordinator at Coweta, Okla., brings collegiate and high school coaching experience to the Bobcats.

Chermak knows that there will be a learning curve for his Bobcats as they adapt to his system.

"Every head coach is different and with that different expectations and ways of doing things," said the coach. "This team has been very malleable and coachable. They've adjusted very well to my personality and ways of doing things."

Coming into the season, there are a few players that are taking on different roles.

"We have two seniors that will have to be very versatile for us," said Chermak. "Nick Utt and Talen Hill both have to be able to play on the offensive and defensive line, but also roles like linebacker and fullback when we need them. Both are terrific young men who will play any role the team needs them to."

A new coach always looks to his seniors to help develop his

program. The coach has been impressed with the class.

"The senior class is a small group," he started. "But, they are the great young men who are doing a great job of leading by example. Carlos Barrios, Alex Figueroa, Zane Gentry, Samuel Hasuman, Talan Hill, Lucas Pierce and Nick Utt will be our leaders in the lockerroom."

"The senior class is doing a better and better job leading the team," continued the coach. "I would definitely say that Talan Hill and Lucas Pierce are separating themselves a bit from the pack with how well they are leading."

Chermak pointed to Talan Hill as the "heart of the team." While the seniors will be leaders on and off the field, the coach has tapped a few players that will be expected to do a solid job on the field.

"Decimus Ruiz is at quarterback and Andre Esparza is at running back and they will definitely be key players on offense," said Chermak. "On the line, we need to find ways to get Talan Hill and David Moreno in position to make plays." Chermak went on to comment about Esparza as a sophomore will make a big impact on the team.

"Andre Esparza has been a key piece of the puzzle for us," said the coach. "A sophomore that starts at running back on offense and linebacker on defense and most special teams. The hard part is finding him some rest."

When asked about the most improved players this year, the

coach commented.

"It is tough to say with this being my first year here," he started. "It looks like Decimus Ruiz is throwing the ball better. He is definitely playing with the confidence of a second year starter. Lucas Pierce is another second year starter that seems to be on his way to being a big time player for us at corner, receiver, and punter."

The Bobcats have some challenges that lay before them.

"Attendance," was Chermak's answer about challenges.

"There are a lot of legitimate reasons to miss practice, but a lot more illegitimate reasons to miss practice. We suffer from both right now. It takes a lot of work to be good at something, we need to be at football practice to be good at football."

Even though he is new to the Bobcat program and the 4A-1, the coach knows who to look for at the top of the heap.

"Elkins," he answered about the toughest game of the season. "They are very athletic and like every team in this conference, well coached. It's also our homecoming so it will mean a lot to us."

When asked which game the team is motivated to win, the coach gave a similar answer.

"Elkins," was the repeat answer. "I was lucky enough to poach my offense coordinator from their staff."

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# GREEN FOREST TIGERS



**Green Forest team members include:** Boris Tobar; Justin Ayala; Tristin Burgess; Ryne Stone; Jadon Ochoa; Diego Martinez; Mason Meador; Chance McKee; Thomas Blewett; Brityn Gilliam; Jonathan Rivera; Jaden Kaler; Gabe Serna; Kasen Robinson; Ridge Gordon-Swofford; Grady Gordon; Aksel Ochoa; Fernando Gonzales; Wescley Lopez; Victor Cervantes; Luis Bathen; Nelson Deleon; Carlos Lemus; Isiah Lopez; Bradley Davis; Christian Perez; Daniel Reyes; Braden Epperly; and Colton Fancher. The coaching staff includes: Greg Tibbitt; Tyler Harness; Daniel Fitts; Gary Smith; Brandon Stone; and Preston Stone.

## GREEN FOREST IS BLENDING YOUTH, EXPERIENCE

By JEFF BRASEL

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**G**REEN FOREST — The Green Forest Tigers are ready for the upcoming season. Playing in the solid 4A-1, Green Forest will have to be ready for anything that can be thrown their way by the league teams.

Under Greg Tibbitt, the Tigers are ready to roar into the new season.

It is no secret that the Tigers have a solid backfield. Tibbitt feels that this will be a key to success.

"We have to be able to run the football and control the tempo of the game," he said about his team.

The coach likes what he has seen coaching this year's squad.

"We are a lot younger this year," he said. "But we have better leadership."

One other characteristic of the team that the coach likes is the chemistry of the players.

"It is the best it has been since I've been here," he said of the

squad.

Another characteristic that Tibbitt likes about his team is "a talented group of underclassmen."

With all of the excitement around Tiger football, there is a potential weakness that may hurt the team.

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"With number we have depth."

Even without number of the team, Tibbitt Tigers to be battling When looking at the season, Tibbitt is expecting



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a large players on still expects his for a playoff spot. league schedule this one team to be head-and-

shoulders above the competition. He points to Elkins as the league favorite.

Green Forest will play the Elk in the middle game of the conference season. The Tigers travel to Elkins on Oct. 13.

Starting the non-conference season with a heavy dose of northwest Arkansas, the Tigers are hoping to build momentum heading into league play.

The Tigers start the season at West Fork before coming home to host Greenland.

After a week off the Tigers will play Cedarville.

Sept. 22, the Tigers host Lincoln in 4A-1 play. This marks the third game in a row at home.

After going to Ozark, Green Forest hosts Gentry before the Elkins game.

Gravette comes to visit on Oct. 20 before the Tigers hit the road for the last regular season away game at Huntsville.

Green Forest will host Berryville in the last regular season game

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## GREEN FOREST

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of the year.

"They are one of the best teams in the state," the coach said. "They are ranked No. 4 in the state in most polls."

However, the last game of the season is perhaps the most important game of the season.

Berryville will come to town to finish the regular season. The game could have playoffs implications.

The Tigers will use a pro style set to be ready to move the ball this year. The team has had a lot of players that have stepped up over the summer to help lead the team.

Green Forest has had several players that has impressed the coach. He commented on three in particular.

"Brityn Gilliam has taken ownership of the quarterback position," said Tibbitt. "He has been a leader all summer. Ridge Gordon-Swofford has had a great summer and is in better shape and looks better than he did as a sophomore."

"Colton Fancher has high energy," continued the coach. "He is a leader on defense."

When the Tigers have the football, Tibbitt expects Gordon-Swofford and Braden Epperly to be the players to get it done for Green Forest.

Tibbitt pointed to Epperly and Victor Cervantis as the most improved players on the squad when comparing last season's and this year's squad.

The youth movement of the Tigers have produced some players that will be in the lineup early.

"Gabe Serna, Axel Ochoa, Kasen Robinson and Colton Fancher will all have an immediate impact for us," said Tibbitt. "All four will be immediate starters as sophomores."

When asked who are the leaders on offense and defense, Tibbitt replied.

"On defense we will look to Fancher and Carlos Lemus," stated the coach. "On offense it will be by Gilliam and Victor Cervantis."

Tibbitt tapped Gilliam as the heart of the team.

"He has really grown into his leadership role," he said.

Gilliam will be the starting quarterback this year.

Tibbitt mentioned his work ethic has really improved this year.

"His arm is pretty accurate," said the coach. "He's worked hard to develop more strength."

The strength of the team will be the backfield.

"We are deeper than in years past," he stated. "Our goal is to pick up three or four yards on every carry."

There is a good news, bad news situation with the receiving corp. The team has a returning starter back, but the rest of the group is young.

"Braden Epperly is a returning starter and lead receiver coming back," stated Tibbitt. "The rest of the corp is very young and inexperienced."

That doesn't worry Tibbitt much.

"We feel like we have the best guys in the right positions," he said.

It is a tale of two sides for the offensive line of Green Forest. "We are big on one side and quick on the other side," said the coach.

The linemen have battled all summer on improving their technique.

"Yes," answered Tibbitt when asked if the line could open holes and protect the quarterback. "They've been working that all summer."

The Tiger defensive line might get over looked.

"We are small," started the coach. "We don't have much depth either."

Green Forest may have some players play on both side of the line this season. Tibbitt commented that would happen if needed and sometimes it would be situational.

The Tigers will be mostly a three front this year.

Green Forest will bring four linebackers this season.

"I would say that is their strength," said Tibbitt when asked if the group was quick to the ball.

He calls the linebackers a decent hitting squad.

Playing in the 4A-1, a team must have a solid secondary. The Tigers have that.

"The secondary will be the strength of our defense this year," stated the coach. "We have a talented group in the back end led by junior returning starter Boris Tobar"

Tibbitt stated the the group is very talented and has the speed that is necessary to play in the conference.

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# 5A-West Schedules

ALMA	
Aug. 24	@Van Buren
Sept. 1	Siloam Springs
Sept. 8	@Pryor, Okla.
Sept. 22	@Clarksville
Sept. 29	Farmington
Oct. 6	@Pea Ridge
Oct. 13	Harrison
Oct. 20	@Prairie Grove
Oct. 27	Dardanelle
Nov. 3	Shiloh Christian

CLARKSVILLE	
Aug. 25	Ozark
Sept. 1	@Morrliton
Sept. 8	@Elkins
Sept. 22	Alma
Sept. 29	@Shiloh Christian
Oct. 6	@Prairie Grove
Oct. 13	Farmington
Oct. 20	Pea Ridge
Oct. 27	@Harrison
Nov. 3	Dardanelle

DARDANELLE	
Aug. 25	LR Hall
Sept. 1	@Pottsville
Sept. 8	Rison
Sept. 22	Shiloh Christian
Sept. 29	@Pea Ridge
Oct. 6	@Farmington
Oct. 13	Prairie Grove
Oct. 20	Harrison
Oct. 27	@Alma
Nov. 3	@Clarksville

FARMINGTON	
Aug. 25	Greenbrier
Sept. 1	@Springdale
Sept. 8	Rogers
Sept. 22	Harrison
Sept. 29	@Alma
Oct. 6	Dardanelle
Oct. 13	@Clarksville
Oct. 20	Shiloh Christian
Oct. 27	@Pea Ridge
Nov. 3	@Prairie Grove

HARRISON	
Aug. 25	Springdale
Sept. 1	@Mountain Home
Sept. 8	Batesville
Sept. 22	@Farmington
Sept. 29	Prairie Grove
Oct. 6	Shiloh Christian
Oct. 13	@Alma
Oct. 20	@Dardanelle
Oct. 27	Clarksville
Nov. 3	@Pea Ridge

PEA RIDGE	
Aug. 25	@Gravette
Sept. 1	Gentry
Sept. 8	Huntsville
Sept. 22	@Prairie Grove
Sept. 29	Dardanelle
Oct. 6	Alma
Oct. 13	@Shiloh Christian
Oct. 20	@Clarksville
Oct. 27	Farmington
Nov. 3	Harrison

PRAIRIE GROVE	
Sept. 1	@Huntsville
Sept. 8	Gravette
Sept. 15	@Tulsa (Okla.) Metro Christian
Sept. 22	Pea Ridge
Sept. 29	@Harrison
Oct. 6	Clarksville
Oct. 13	@Dardanelle
Oct. 20	Alma
Oct. 27	@Shiloh Christian
Nov. 3	Farmington

SHILOH CHRISTIAN	
Sept. 1	@LR Christian
Sept. 8	Victory (Okla.) Christian
Sept. 15	@Lincoln (Okla.) Christian
Sept. 22	@Dardanelle
Sept. 29	Clarksville
Oct. 6	@Harrison
Oct. 13	Pea Ridge
Oct. 20	@Farmington
Oct. 27	Prairie Grove
Nov. 3	@Alma





# 4A-1 Schedules

<b>BERRYVILLE</b> Sept. 1 West Fork Sept. 8 @Greenland Sept. 15 @Magazine Sept. 22 Ozark Sept. 29 @Gentry Oct. 6 Elkins Oct. 13 @Gravette Oct. 20 Huntsville Oct. 27 Lincoln Nov. 3 @Green Forest	<b>ELKINS</b> Aug. 25 Pottsville Sept. 1 @Charleston Sept. 8 Clarksville Sept. 22 @Gravette Sept. 29 Huntsville Oct. 6 @Berryville Oct. 13 GreenForest Oct. 20 @Ozark Oct. 27 Gentry Nov. 3 @Lincoln	<b>GREEN FOREST</b> Aug. 25 @West Fork Sept. 1 Greenland Sept. 15 Cedarville Sept. 22 Lincoln Sept. 29 @Ozark Oct. 6 Gentry Oct. 13 @Elkins Oct. 20 Gravette Oct. 27 @Huntsville Nov. 3 Berryville	<b>GENTRY</b> Aug. 25 @Westville, Okla. Sept. 1 @Pea Ridge Sept. 8 Quitman Sept. 22 @Huntsville Sept. 29 Berryville Oct. 6 @Green Forest Oct. 13 Ozark Oct. 20 @Lincoln Oct. 27 @Elkins Nov. 3 Gravette
<b>GRAVETTE</b> Aug. 25 Pea Ridge Sept. 1 Inola, Okla. Sept. 8 @Prairie Grove Sept. 22 Elkins Sept. 29 @Lincoln Oct. 6 @Huntsville Oct. 13 Berryville Oct. 20 @GreenForest Oct. 27 Ozark Nov. 3 @Gentry	<b>HUNTSVILLE</b> Aug. 25 @Lamar Sept. 1 Prairie Grove Sept. 8 @Pea Ridge Sept. 22 Gentry Sept. 29 @Elkins Oct. 6 Gravette Oct. 13 Lincoln Oct. 20 @Berryville Oct. 27 Green Forest Nov. 3 @Ozark	<b>LINCOLN</b> Aug. 25 @Greenland Sept. 1 @Westville, Okla. Sept. 8 Mena Sept. 22 @Green Forest Sept. 29 Gravette Oct. 6 Ozark Oct. 13 @Huntsville Oct. 20 Gentry Oct. 27 @Berryville Nov. 3 Elkins	<b>OZARK</b> Aug. 25 @Clarksville Sept. 1 Boonesville Sept. 8 Charleston Sept. 22 @Berryville Sept. 29 Green Forest Oct. 6 @Lincoln Oct. 13 @Gentry Oct. 20 Elkins Oct. 27 @Gravette Nov. 3 Huntsville

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# 3A-2 Schedules

ATKINS	
Aug. 25	Bigelow
Sept. 1	@Dover
Sept. 8	Conway Christian
Sept. 15	@Jessieville
Sept. 22	@Salem
Sept. 29	Perryville
Oct. 6	@Newport
Oct. 13	Quitman
Oct. 20	Yellville-Summit
Nov. 3	@Melbourne

MELBOURNE	
Aug. 25	@Bald Knob
Sept. 1	Lonke
Sept. 8	@CaveCity
Sept. 15	Hoxie
Sept. 29	@Yellville-Summit
Oct. 6	@Salem
Oct. 13	Perryville
Oct. 20	@Newport
Oct. 27	Quitman
Nov. 3	Atkins

NEWPORT	
Aug. 25	Osceola
Sept. 1	@Beebe
Sept. 8	Stuttgart
Sept. 15	@Trumann
Sept. 22	@Quitman
Sept. 29	Salem
Oct. 6	Atkins
Oct. 20	Melbourne
Oct. 27	@Yellville-Summit
Nov. 3	@Perryville

PERRYVILLE	
Aug. 25	@Cedarville
Sept. 1	@CAC
Sept. 8	Bigelow
Sept. 15	Episcopal
Sept. 22	Yellville-Summit
Sept. 29	@Atkins
Oct. 13	@Melbourne
Oct. 20	@Quitman
Oct. 27	Salem
Nov. 3	Newport

QUITMAN	
Aug. 25	@Conway Christian
Sept. 1	Hector
Sept. 8	@Gentry
Sept. 22	Newport
Sept. 29	England
Oct. 6	Yellville-Summit
Oct. 13	@Atkins
Oct. 20	Perryville
Oct. 27	@Melbourne
Nov. 3	@Salem

SALEM	
Aug. 25	Earle
Sept. 1	Thayer, Mo.
Sept. 8	@Riverview
Sept. 15	Walnut Ridge
Sept. 22	Akins
Sept. 29	@Newport
Oct. 6	Melbourne
Oct. 13	@Yellville-Summit
Oct. 27	@Perryville
Nov. 3	Quitman

YELLVILLE-SUMMIT	
Aug. 25	@Baptist Prep
Sept. 1	@Johnson Co. Westside
Sept. 5	Lighthouse Academy JV
Sept. 15	@Mountainburg
Sept. 22	@Perryville
Sept. 29	Melbourne
Oct. 6	@Quitman
Oct. 13	Salem
Oct. 20	@Atkins
Oct. 27	Newport



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BERRYVILLE

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The coach is already making comments about winning the last regular season game of the year against Green Forest. When asked about which game that stands out, he replied, "Green Forest for obvious reasons."

Berryville starts the season on Sept. 1. The squad will host West Fork. Then the group hits the road for the next two weeks to complete the non-conference portion of the schedule. The Bobcats will travel to Greenland and Magazine.

Conference football starts at home for the Bobcats. They will face Ozark on Sept. 22 in the first week of 4A-I play. After a trip to Gentry the team is home for homecoming with Elkins.

A trip to Gravette is followed by home games with Huntsville and Lincoln.

The shortest trip of the season will be on Nov. 3 as the team heads to Green Forest.

As the team starts the season, the innate attributes of football will have to kick in for the team to be successful in the long season.

"Really, really good," answered Chermak about his team's chemistry. "With a handful of new players coming in, we will see how that proceeds."

He feels that his team's biggest asset is the ability to "fly under the radar."

For the Bobcats to be successful this year, the team and coaching staff will have to be on the same page.

"How well this comes together and buys in" said Chermak on the key to success this season.

Berryville has a weakness that Chermak would like to fix quickly.

"Inexperience for sure," he said. "There are a lot of changes and they have to be willing and able to adjust."

Chermak brings a new style of offense to the Bobcats this year.

"Spread," he said when asked about the new offense.

"Inside and outside zone."

Berryville will be using a two quarterback system to run this offense.

"One of them does have an accurate arm and one doesn't," said Chermak about his quarterbacks. "One will beat you with their legs and one with their arm."

An area that Chermak doesn't find depth is in the backfield. "No," he said about having a large amount of ball carriers. "We've lost some key players and multiple of them were running backs."

Despite not having many running backs. The coach feels that the team can pick up three or four yards on every play.

The wide receivers can develop into a bright spot for the Bobcats.

"We are very



deep at wide receiver," said the coach.

"But, we are very inexperienced."

Developing this group will be a key to the Bobcat coaching staff.

"Not yet," was Chermak's answer to if the receivers have the intangibles to play this position. "But they are on their way."

A big spot for Berryville this season is the offensive line. The coach feels that the Bobcats have the size to compete in the 4A-I.

"They do," when asked about meeting opponents pound-for-pound. "We lack depth there and those are tough positions to play both ways.

They are getting better with every practice."

Across the ball on the defensive side, Berryville also has some talent.

"Same as the O line," joked Chermak when asked how the defensive line looked. "We have some talent there, but it's tough to play both ways there."

When the Bobcats are lining up on defense, Berryville be playing a 4-2 or a 4-4 most of the time.

Chermak and staff is doing something a little different with the linebackers.

"We are currently using smaller and quicker linebackers," stated the coach. "We are still working on technique. However, Nick Utt hits well."

In a conference of spread offenses, the Bobcats are a little behind the curve in the secondary.

"We are still learning how to do this," said the coach when asked about reading the opponent's plays.

Berryville does not have much experience in this part of the game.

The Bobcats will be hoping to use their special teams to an advantage this year.

"We have a chance to be pretty solid in the kicking game," said Chermak. "Lucas Pierce can punt very well. Andra Esparza has done well kicking."

Esparza made a 26-yard field goal in Berryville's preseason scrimmage.

Esparza will be the return man for Berryville. "He has proven to be a very effective runner," said the coach.

Joining Chermak this season on his staff is Josh Fox; Ryan Whetham; Tate Ferguson; Adam Brannon; and Drew Golden.

Fox will serve as the team's offensive coordinator. He will also coach the quarterbacks and running backs.

Whetham is the head junior high coach. He coaches receivers and quarterbacks.

Ferguson is the offensive line coach and the head seventh-grade football coach.

Brannon has the defensive backs and is the junior high defensive coordinator and Golden has the defensive line.

Being new in Berryville, Chermak has felt the Ozark hospitality.

"The community has been amazing and extremely supportive," he said.

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No.	Athlete	Class	No.	Athlete	Class
3	Justin Ayala	10	35	Grady Gordon	10
4	Tristin Burgess	12	50	Aksel Ochoa	10
5	Ryne Stone	10	52	Fernando Gonzales	12
6	Jadon Ochoa	10	55	Wescley Lopez	11
7	Diego Martinez	11	58	Victor Cervantes	12
10	Mason Meador	11	60	Luis Bathen	10
11	Chance McKee	10	61	Nelson Deleon	10
12	Thomas Blewett	11	62	Carlos Lemus	12
18	Brityn Gilliam	11	73	Isiah Lopez	11
19	Jonathan Rivera	10	74	Bradley Davis	12
20	Jaden Kaler	10	80	Christian Perez	10
21	Gabe Serna	10	84	Daniel Reyes	10
22	Kasen Robinson	10	88	Braden Epperly	11
24	Ridge Gordon-Swofford	11	95	Colton Fancher	10

Green Forest Schedule

Aug. 25	@West Fork
Sept. 1	Greenland
Sept. 8	Open
Sept. 15	Cedarville
Sept. 22	Lincoln
Sept. 29	@Ozark
Oct. 6	Gentry
Oct. 13	@Elkins
Oct. 20	Gravette
Oct. 27	@Huntsville
Nov. 3	Berryville

GREEN FOREST

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Another area that may end up being an asset for the team is the special teams. "That has the potential to be a strength as well," said the coach. Jonathon Rivera will be the kicker. He is accurate from 30-40 yards out. Rivera or Mason Meador will be the punter. The opponent's scouting report will have to be up-to-date. The Tigers will use an array of players to help with this portion of the game. "They will present decent speed," said Tibbitt about the group. "There will be multiple players that will line up there." He said that so far the group has good hands. In a rarity in high school football, there was no turnover in the football staff. Tibbitt is also the offensive coordinator for the squad as well as being the head coach. Tyler Harness is the defensive coordinator and he also coaches the offensive line. Daniel Fitts leads the running backs and on the defensive side of the football he has the line. Gary Smith is an offensive line coach and he handles the outside linebackers. The inside linebackers belong to Brandon Stone. Stone also coaches the wide receivers. Preston Stone is the special teams coordinator. He also coaches wide receivers and defensive backs. As the new season is upon us, Tibbitt is excited about his squad. "I'm excited for a new year," he said. "Our numbers will be a little low, but this will be one of our most talented groups that we've had come through."

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Aug. 25	Open	@West Fork	Springdale	@Baptist Prep
Sept. 1	West Fork	Greenland	@Mountain Home	@Johnson Co. Westside
Sept. 8	@Greenland	Open	Batesville	Lighthouse JV (Sept. 5)
Sept. 15	@Magazine	Cedarville	Open	@Mountainburg
Sept. 22	Ozark	Lincoln	@Farmington	@Perryville
Sept. 29	@Gentry	@Ozark	Prairie Grove	Melbourne
Oct. 6	Elkins	Gentry	Shiloh Christian	@Quitman
Oct. 13	@Gravette	@Elkins	@Alma	Salem
Oct. 20	Huntsville	Gravette	@Dardanelle	@Atkins
Oct. 27	Lincoln	@Huntsville	Clarksville	Newport
Nov. 3	@Green Forest	Berryville	@Pea Ridge	Open













# HARRISON GOBLINS



**Harrison Goblin team members include:**  
Jon Bartlett; Peyton Reese; Brady Dillon; Eli McNutt; Noah Hopkins; Jackson Criner; J. Henry Brandt; Brody Burge; Noah Morris; Mason Ketterman; Lucas Brumley; Caleb Brumley; Owen Strode; Dekker Huskey; Elijah Wright; Taggart Glidewell; Mason Isbell; Tanner Smith; Braden Long; Lee Catt; Jaxson Ramsey; Talon Cutler; Blane Walker; Jaydin Welsh; Caydem Long; Jaxon Nolen; Ty Bundy; Justin Castillo; Colin Klott; Brody Weeks; Ben Estes; Jace Lineberger; Dayton Waters; Keegan Shaver; Logan Youngblood; Alex Getman; Landon Layfield; Tanner Larson; Tate Robertson; Brock Simmons; Paul Hardman; Tre Turner; Jackson Jones; Jonathan Gilliam; Edgar Garcia; Stephen Nelson; Trent Riggings; Jayce Straub; Ty Potter; Layton Aulds; Jacob Waters; Xander Watson; Josiah Moore; Caden Hinson; Tead Deakins; Keaton Caudle; and Tucker Sale.  
The team is coached by: Chris Keylon; Kyle Wood; Greg Cross; Doug Cross; Bruce Humphrey; Evan Cowling; Jerry Ewing; Solomon Walker; Matt Rodden; Michael Evert; Cooper King; Skylar Fowler; and Cameron Jones

Harrison Schedule	
Aug. 25	Springdale
Sept. 1	@Mountain Home
Sept. 8	Batesville
Sept. 15	Open
Sept. 22	@Farmington
Sept. 29	Prairie Grove
Oct. 6	Shiloh Christian
Oct. 13	@Alma
Oct. 20	@Dardanelle
Oct. 27	Clarksville
Nov. 3	@Pea Ridge

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# HARRISON HAS YOUTH ON ITS SIDE

By **JEFF BRASEL**  
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The Harrison Goblins will be a blend of older players and younger players this season. That can be exciting and scary for the Goblin coaching staff. Harrison has a luxury of having a complete staff back for the second season in a row.

"We have all of our coaches back that were here last year," said Chris Keylon, who is in his second year as head coach of the Goblins. "I am very happy with our staff."

Kyle Wood will be serving as the Goblin defensive coordinator as well as coaching linebackers. Solomon Walker is the secondary coach and Cameron Jones coaches the outside linebackers. Doug Cross is the special teams coordinator and defensive line coach. Greg Cross serves as offensive line leader. Skylar Fowler handles the tight ends while Bruce Humphrey is the quarterback and running back coach. Jerry Ewing is the passing game coordinator and receivers coach. As the Goblins come into the season, Keylon sees something about his squad that is troubling. Only one starter is returning on the offensive and defensive line.

"Our biggest challenge to overcome is the lack of experience on our offensive and defensive lines," he said. "We lost every starter we had from last year except Brock Simmons."

Despite no experience, the physical makeup of the lines gives the coaching staff a good canvas to work with.

"We have the size and strength," he said. "We need to overcome the inexperience and we need to do that early,"

The coach feels that the players have the technique to block for the backfield, but he stated, "we still have a lot of work to do to get to where we need to be."

When looking on the defensive side of the football, the staff is happy with the three front that they will put on the field.

"We are inexperienced, but good," Keylon started with the discussion of the line. "We have had a few surprises over the summer. Paul Hardman and Tre Turner are a couple that have impressed."

Harrison will use some players both ways this season.

"Ben Estes will be tough to keep off the field on both sides," stated the Coach. "Another surprise for us on the defensive line is Simmons. He has played offensive line primarily and will this year. But, we will utilize him on the defensive line this year. He has a really good quick first step which is crucial for the type of defense we play."

Harrison will be seeing a lot of young players and inexperienced players on the field.

"I am excited about our upcoming sophomores as well as guys that will fill roles this year that don't have a ton of experience," stated Keylon. "We have a talented sophomore group. Many of them could play early and a lot of them could be in the rotation early in the season once they get acclimated."

Keylon pointed to Tead Deakins, Eli McNutt, Lucas Brumley, Brody Weeks and Tate Robertson as just a few sophomores that can help the team this year.

"We also have some guys that don't have a ton of game experience that we are very excited about," stated the coach. "This isn't an all encompassing list of players, but Tre Turner, Jayce Straub, Ben Estes, Caydem Long, Lee Catt, Eli Wright, Jaydin Welsh and Jaxson Ramsey will help us."

"All of these guys will be able to contribute this year and we are counting on them," concluded the coach.

There are several players that will be taking on different roles this season for the Goblins.

Noah Hopkins played some last year, but he will be a free safety for Harrison this year. "He is an explosive player that is really raw," said the shot-caller. "He has tremendous upside."

Mason Ketterman was the quarterback last season for the Goblins. This year he will be playing many roles.

"He is our team's utility player," said the coach. "He plays quarterback, outside linebacker, punter and possibly long snapper if we need him. At times he could be a tight end. You will see Mason in all these positions this year."

Paul Hardman will hold down the nose guard position.

"We never considered him on defense as we always thought he was going to be one of our offensive linemen," stated the coach. "But he has taken over at nose guard and has played so well that we are going to let him focus mainly on defense."

Another player that the coach mentioned is Colin Klott.

"He is a kid that will help us this year in a different role," commented the coach. "Last year, we used him as our long snapper and some at defensive end. This year he will continue with his long snapping duties, but we will play some offensive line for us."

Keylon mentioned who will be the "go-to" guys for the team.

"Braden Long, Mason Ketterman, J. Henry Brandt and Owen Strode are our guys we feel can be really good players on offense and defense," said the coach. "Once they become acclimated to the speed of the high school game, we feel that Eli McNutt and Lucas Brumley could help us."

"Tag Glidewell is a player that is a prototypical inside linebacker, continued the coach. "I told him the other day he plays this position like it is supposed to be played with physicality, toughness and emotion. He will help us on offense too this year and will surprise some opponents."

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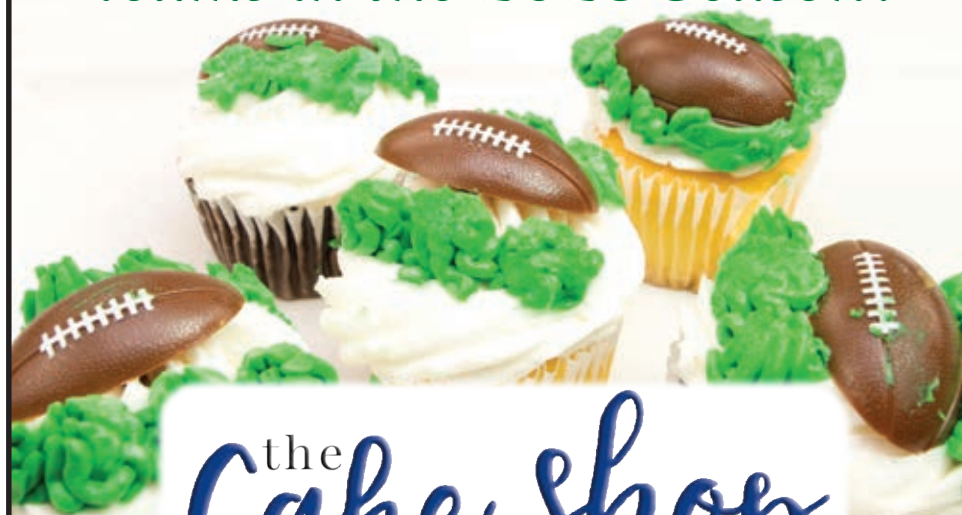
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# YELLVILLE-SUMMIT READY TO RUN OVER OPPONENTS

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**Y**ELLVILLE A coach returning a complete team is something that most hope for. Yellville-Summit coach Justin Crain has that luxury as he only graduated three seniors last season. The Yellville-Summit graduate, who is leading his team again four the fourth year, has a veteran team that wants to make noise in a very crowded 3A-2. "Last year half of the quarterfinal teams in the state playoffs were from our conference," said Crain about the league. "We have some very good squads." But Crain expects his team to be able to compete with the league. "We are in a very difficult conference," he started. "Salem is suppose to be No. 1. There is no weak link in this conference." Newport, Perryville, Quitman, Atkins, Salem and Melbourne join the Panthers in the conference. Five teams will move on to the state playoffs from the conference race. The conference race will pit the Panthers against their new rival. Quitman and the Panthers have some bad blood. "Quitman without a doubt," said Crain when asked if there was a game that his team was motivated to win. "The way they play the game. They have a lot of kids that come in from everywhere. They have kids from all over.

"Last season they got up by a lot on us," continued the coach, "and they never took their starters out." The Panthers have set their goals for the season and one of those goals is something that hasn't happened in Marion County for nearly two decades. "We expect to be able to host our first playoff game," he said. "That is one of our goals." The Panthers have an interesting schedule this season. The team plays four of its first five games on the road. The only home game during the stretch is a Tuesday night matchup with Lighthouse Academy of Springfield, Mo. on Sept. 5. "That doesn't really bother me," said Crain of the Road Panthers. "Once you get to the playoffs you have to go on the road." When looking at his Panthers this season, the coach assessed his biggest attribute. "Experience and returning starters," he said about his team. Crain went on to give an example of something else that made the coach happy. "We had an assembly the other day in the gym," he started telling his story. "I walked in and the team was sitting together. I didn't tell them too, but they did it on their own." The coach also sees something else that he likes about his squad. "They don't have a problem calling each other out," he said. "They are tough."

While the team has strong leadership, the coach did note some areas that have to be developed. "I would say depth," stated Crain. "It is crucial that we stay healthy." Yellville-Summit started preparing for this season when the year was over last year. "All of our seniors got stronger in the offseason," said the coach. "They bought into the weight program. The entire team did." That characteristic has led to more opportunities for the Panthers. "We have more weapons and versatility," said Crain. "We have a lot more weapons than last season." The Panthers have several "go-to" guys. "We have several players that can make plays," stated the coach. "We have Landon Keiter back. He was an All-Conference back last year." Yellville-Summit expects Eli Gerth, Tristan Teel and Adam Stewart to all add more punch to the lineup. Crain has been at Yellville-Summit long enough that the Panthers know what is expected from him. There is a difference this season from last year. "Coaching this team is different," Crain said. "This year we have 10 seniors that all started last year. Our leadership wants to

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# CHERMAK TAKES OVER REIGNS AT BERRYVILLE



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**B**ERRYVILLE — When the Bobcats take the field for the first time this season, Berryville will have a new coach. Mack Chermak will be leading the team onto the field.

Even though Chermak is new to Berryville, he has 13 years of experience coaching football. He has several stops along the way while moving up the ranks.

Chermak, who is a Wisconsin native, started to coach while he was still in college.

"I was helping some high schools in the Green Bay area while I was in college," he said.

Chermak completed his masters at Ohio University.

He started coaching in college at Coffeyville Community College in Kan. He was an intern there. He helped coach defensive back and special teams.

After one season, he moved to Olive Branch, Miss. He directed the outside linebackers.

One year later he was at Southern Arkansas University as a graduate assistant. He coached

defensive backs.

"I was 26 or 27 years old and I decided it was time to make money," he said.

He then moved to Mena High School where he was defensive back and special team coordinator for two seasons.

He then hit the road to Coweta, Okla. He served as defensive coordinator for four seasons before taking the job at Berryville.

"Having old players come visit me and watch my teams play at my new school," said Chermak when asked what was rewarding about his job.

"Coweta is not around the corner from Mena.

Those guys had to drive three hours to come watch me coach. That is definitely rewarding."

Chermak explained why he chose coaching.

"I have always been competitive," he started.

"Football is my first love. It is very rewarding." In the classroom, Chermak is a history teacher by trade.

"I love history, especially ancient history," he said. "I want to get involved in and always tried to stay on the history path."

At Berryville, the coach will serve as dean of students to keep students on the right path.

During the season, Chermak gets good rest.

"I get about six or seven hours of sleep a night," he said. "I try to distract myself and power down away from football."

Social media is not a distraction for the coach.

"I still have Facebook,"

he said. "I think I still have Twitter. My last tweet was 'Go Red Ravens' which was while I was at Coffeyville."

Chermak didn't know how many followers that he had. The coach owns one dog.



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# TIBBITT HAS BEEN A JOURNEYMAN



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**G**REEN FOREST — Some people have never traveled to four states. Greg Tibbitt of Green Forest has coached in four states. Tibbitt has called home in Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas and Arkansas while coaching. He has been on staff of private schools as well as public schools. Overall he has 21 years in coaching. This is his fourth season at Green Forest. He started his career in Lake Providence, La. at Briarfield Academy. He was head junior high coach and assistant senior high. That moved him to Marvell Academy where he stayed for four seasons. He was head coach three of those years. Leaving Marvell, he added his third state to his coaching resume. He was offensive coordinator at Liberal, Kan. for two seasons. The fourth state was Oklahoma. He coached in Woodward, Okla. for a season before becoming athletic director and head coach at Glenbrook School in Imoden, La.

After serving as defensive coordinator at Shiloh Christian for two seasons, He moved to Mena to be defensive coordinator there for three years. After a year as head coach at Rose Bud, Tibbitt moved to Green Forest just ahead of the Ramblers turning to eight-man football. When asked what was the most rewarding experience of coach, Tibbitt answered, "I would say having former players get into coaching and still staying in contact with them about these opportunities" Tibbitt continued, "I have always played football. It has been an important part of my life. I have enjoyed building kids into young men." His formal education included graduating from the University of Arkansas, Little Rock. His stops has allowed him to teach in many fields. "When you are at a small private school, you teach a lot of things," he said. "Mostly, I taught social studies, health and physical education." Now that the football season has started, don't expect Tibbitt to spend much time sleeping. "I sleep about four to six hours a night," he said about his rest during the busy season. Tibbitt has a knowledge of social media. He has

two accounts. One is Facebook and the other is Twitter. "I have no idea how many followers or friends I have," he said. "I am not really active." Tibbitt is married and has two children that are eight and 11. They are third- and sixth-grade students at Green Forest. Tibbitt's wife is Whitney and his oldest son is Braxton and his youngest boy is Maddox. The coach also has two dogs.



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# KEYLON ENJOYS BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS



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**T**here are a lot of moving parts in a football game. There is a lot of planning and execution that has to take place for a team to be successful.

Those aspects are one of the reasons that Harrison coach Chris Keylon loves the sport of football.

"I love the competition of football," said Keylon. "I love the intellectual part of scheming and game planning.

"I love the camaraderie with the coaches and players," the coach concluded on what he liked about coaching.

When asked what was the most rewarding experience of coaching, Keylon was quick to respond.

"Just seeing the kids having success, not necessarily on the football field," he said.

"I enjoy seeing how they grow and mature.

You have them for three years and it is awesome to see the change in their lives."

Keylon coached a little at the college level

when he first started. He played at Austin Peay and then coached there.

He then spent time in Indiana and Pittsburgh, Pa. coaching before coming to Harrison.

Working as a Goblin assistant for seven seasons, Keylon left and spent a year at Riverview as the head coach.

He has been back at Harrison for two seasons.

In between those coaching stops, Keylon spent 20 years in the business sector. Keylon teaches physical education at Harrison.

During the season, the coach gets rest.

"I still get about seven hours of sleep a night," he said. "Weekends, I get very little.

We get home late and then I am back in the office early. We work all weekend."

When thumbing through Facebook, Keylon may be a suggested friend. The coach is on Twitter and Facebook, but he doesn't know how many followers or friends that he has.

"I wouldn't say that I am very active," he said of his use of social media. "I read a lot,

but rarely ever post anything."

Keylon is married to Marisa and he has a daughter, Jaycie, and a son Cole that is playing football at Harding.

The coach sees himself as a dog person. He has one dog.



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# GRAIN ENTERING THIRD SEASON AS YS COACH

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YELLVILLE — When the 1999 Yellville-Summit graduate had a chance to move home, he did. Justin Grain has been the Yellville-Summit coach for the past three seasons. He looks to continue the success that the team has made so far.

Crain, who was the Panther quarterback, has been involved in education for 18 years. He is a graduate of the University of Central Arkansas. Being certified to teach history, the coach is now teaching three classes of weight training and physical education outside of his football duties. After graduating from college, Crain landed a job at Rison under legendary coach Clay Totty. He spent 14 seasons there before moving to Melbourne. He spent one year as a Bearkat. He was an offensive coordinator at Melbourne.

Crain has loved the experience of coaching. "It is about the player relationships," he answered when asked what was the most rewarding. "I still have kids that I stay in touch with. I had some kids that I coached in Rison come to watch me coach at Yellville. It is a great feeling to know that you have built that relationship."

When asked what he likes about coaching, Crain replied. "I like watching them grow from young men and watch them become successful men," he started. "That is probably the most rewarding part of it."

During the season, Crain does get much sleep. "Not much," he answered when questioned about his sleep count. "I might wake up at 2 in the morning and think about a play. I could spend the rest of the night thinking about how we can use it and didn't options we might have from it. I get very little rest during the season."

When it comes to social media, Crain does have one platform. "I just have Facebook," he said. "I don't believe in any of that junk. I am old school. I do use Facebook to keep in touch with old players and family members that live off."

Crain didn't know how many Facebook friends that he had or how to find out the number.

"I'm old school," he laughed. When asked if he was a dog or cat person, Crain was quick to answer.

"I am a dog person," he said. "I have one dog and he is a lab/boxer mix. He loves the Buffalo River, which is a good thing." Duke is name of his dog.



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Jayce Straub and Klott have made perhaps the most improvement over the offseason. "Straub has shown his improvement this summer," he said. "We are very, very pleased with him. "Colin has had a history of knee issues throughout his career," stated Keylon. "His dedication to the weight room and building his body will make him a really good football player." There are players that are stepping up to lead the Gobblins this season, but Keylon also points to the tremendous growth by the entire team. "Mason Ketterman has become a leader and has had huge growth from his sophomore year until now," started Keylon on Harrison's growth. "Braden Long has impressed me because of his work ethic; Jayce Straub because of his intelligence and capitalizing on being a starter for us. "Lee Catt has really impressed us since the spring," continued the coach. "He has really come on, especially on defense. In our spring game, he was the player of the game. But honestly and this is not coach speak, I'm impressed with every one of our kids. The reason is because of their work ethic and attitude. It is so much easier to coach when your kids work hard, give great effort and

care. Our entire team does this. We will need this approach this year due to the opportunity to overcome some inexperience we have." Keylon found another asset of the Gobblins this season — team chemistry. "I feel like it is really good," he said. "We can always get better. Historically, there is a slight division between seniors and sophomores. We have to close that gap some. This year, I see our older guys more involved in helping our younger players which is a great thing for our team chemistry." While the team has great work ethic, toughness and great attitudes, Keylon may see a chink in the armor. "Due to inexperience, when things don't go our way, we need to have the mental toughness to overcome obstacles," said the coach about areas that may have to be addressed. "I think we will do that, but with inexperienced players you never know until the fight starts. We will help them navigate this." When the team takes the field, the coach knows what the key to success will be this year. "It will be overcoming our inexperience on the offensive and defensive line," he said. "Also, we need to be consistent in staying in the fight and overcoming obstacles as they approach. We have a good foundation to do this with our team's work ethic

and attitude." Overcoming the inexperience will start at the first of the season in the non-conference contests. This will push the Gobblins to get better for the long road of the 5A-West. "I think there will be several for different reasons," started the coach when asked about the toughest game of the season. "Springdale will be running a new offense, the flexbone. That is a difficult offense to stop. Mountain Home will be much improved. Coach (Steve) Ary has done an unbelievable job there, which we all knew he would. They have some very talented kids on their team. "Within the conference, Shiloh Christian is always loaded with talent," he continued. "We played very poorly against them last year. We are excited to face them at home this year. Farmington will be a very tough matchup this year. They are a very well coached football team all around." Keylon points to a flaw from last season that he will be correcting this year. "One of the mistakes we made last year I believe is getting too excited or not excited enough to play certain opponents," said the coach. "We need to have the same approach to each game in terms of focus and being ready to play. "But with that said, there are several games that are very important to

us," he continued. "The opener versus Springdale. Your first game is always important. Mountain Home due to the rivalry. Farmington and Shiloh Christian because of how good they are. Prairie Grove will be a game for us that we need to show up ready to play. Last year, we lost to them. All the credit goes to their staff and kids. They did a wonderful job fighting us, running their offense and not quitting. We didn't show up that night with the right mindset. We will not make that mistake again this year." Keylon expects the Gobblins to be at the top of the conference standing when the season is over. Goblin fans should not expect to see a new offense trot on the field at F.S. Garrison Stadium. "We will run the same offense we have for the past eight years in terms of plays," Keylon stated. "We will have some new formations this year and will base out of a two back and one tight end set." Ketterman is ready to be under center this year. "I have a ton of confidence in Mason," said Keylon. "He has a strong arm for sure. His accuracy has gotten better year-over-year. I gauge that by all of our competitions this summer in seven-on-seven and team camps." When it comes to the backfield, the Gobblins are solid in that position. "We have six or seven guys that can play right now," he said.

"Yes, but that is dependent upon the offensive line play," Keylon said about picking up three or four yards on each play. "Each of these guys have the capability to go the distance when they touch it. But our running game is only as good as our offensive line." Keylon feels that his receiving group is ready for the spotlight and that they have the intangibles to play the position. "What I like is that every receiver brings something different to this position," he said of the Gobblins. "I feel good about our receiving corp. J. Henry Brandt has become a powerful, big, fast receiver. Jon Bartlett has had a great summer. He is a tough kid. You will see others play this position this year like Lucas Brumley, Brody Burge, Jackson Criner and others." Protecting the quarterback and backfield is important. Keylon thinks that his offensive line has the size and the strength to get his accomplished. The coach likes what he sees in his blossoming defensive line. The squad will have to overcome no game experience as the season progresses. It is no secret that the Gobblins bring the linebackers on defense. Keylon is happy with his crew and doesn't plan on changing much. "Our inside linebackers are quick to the ball," he said. "We blitz a lot. We have four inside backers that

are excellent blitz guys, but also can read well too." The linebacking group brings a twinkle to Keylon's eyes. "The linebacker position is near and dear to my heart," he started. "I played this position in college, so I have an extra interest in this position. I absolutely love our linebackers and the way they play the game. They are physical, smart and have a thirst to get to the football." Another bright spot of the Goblin defense is the secondary. "I've been pleased with our secondary play this summer," commented Keylon. "They are coached well, have an identity and they take pride in what they do." When asked if there was enough speed in the secondary, the coach replied. "You can never have enough speed in the secondary," he laughed. "We are adequately fast, but not overly fast. We make up for it with smart football play in executing the fundamentals of our coverages and being smarter than the opponent." The special teams will be a work in progress for Harrison. It is not that it will be bad, but the Gobblins have not solidified the players expect to contribute there. "We are in the infancy stages of our special team work," he said. "They will be good though. I have high expectations this year for this group. We will need several key plays out of special teams this year to win us some games." One area that Keylon will not worry about is kicking. Burge will be back for the Gobblins. The senior was an All-Conference kicker last season. "He could hit one from 40 yards," said the coach on his distance. "He was very accurate last year and I anticipate him being better this year. He already has a college offer from Evangel to kick in college." The punter will be Ketterman or Owen Strode. The coach said both do good jobs. A return man is still not determined. "We are still in the process of determining who this will be," said the coach. "But speed is part of the attributes they will have to have to play this position. The second piece of it is that they have to have great hands to play as a returner." Keylon is happy to be home in Harrison. "I am excited and honored to coach our kids and work with our staff," concluded Keylon. "We look forward to getting this kicked off and having a lot of fun."

HARRISON GOBLINS ROSTER

No.	Athlete	Class	No.	Athlete	Class	No.	Athlete	Class
1	Jon Bartlett	11	23	Lee Catt	11	64	Tate Robertson	10
2	Peyton Reese	10	24	Jaxson Ramsey	11	66	Brock Simmons	12
3	Brady Dillon	12	26	Talon Cutler	10	67	Paul Hardman	12
4	Eli McNutt	10	31	Blane Walker	11	68	Tre Turner	11
5	Noah Hopkins	12	36	Jaydin Welsh	12	70	Jackson Jones	11
6	Jackson Criner	11	39	Caydem Long	11	71	Jonathan Gilliam	10
7	J. Henry Brandt	12	42	Jaxon Nolen	10	73	Edgar Garcia	12
11	Brody Burge	12	43	Ty Bundy	10	74	Stephen Nelson	11
12	Noah Morris	10	44	Justin Castillo	11	75	Trent Riggings	10
13	Mason Ketterman	12	50	Colin Klott	12	76	Jayce Straub	12
14	Lucas Brumley	10	51	Brody Weeks	10	77	Ty Potter	12
15	Galeb Brumley	12	52	Ben Estes	11	78	Layton Aulds	11
16	Owen Strode	11	56	Jace Lineberger	12	79	Jacob Waters	10
17	Dekker Huskey	11	57	Dayton Waters	10	80	Xander Watson	10
18	Elijah Wright	11	58	Keegan Shaver	10	81	Josiah Moore	11
19	Taggart Glidewell	12	59	Logan Youngblood	10	85	Caden Hinson	12
20	Mason Isbell	10	60	Alex Getman	11	87	Tead Deakins	10
21	Tanner Smith	11	61	Landon Layfield	10	88	Keaton Caudle	12
22	Braden Long	12	63	Tanner Larson	12	99	Tucker Sale	10



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have a true winning season. We haven't had that since 2011." When on the field, the Panthers will be running some tried and true offensive styles. "We are 'old school'," said Crain. "We run the old Maryland I, the split back and a double wing." Yellville-Summit also has added some new wrinkles to the offense. "We installed a gun package," he said. "If need be, we can jump into that from time to time."

Leading the team on offense will be quarterback Noah Cantrall. "He is a sophomore," he said. "He has a good arm and he is smart. We have to work on his foot work and release. He is getting better every week." He will be able to run the team. Keiter is the backup for the team. Running over people will be an asset for the Panthers. "We are very deep in the backfield," stated the coach. "We have several people that can pick up yards for us." Crain went on explain that Keiter can play every where in the backfield and can do anything the team needs him to do. Gerth played a lot for the senior

Panthers last year as a freshman. "We tell him to run to the open grass, but he wants to run people over," joked the coach. Teel is a strong, quick back that has good vision. He knows several positions. Stewart can play in the backfield if Yellville-Summit needs him too. When it comes to the wide receivers, the Panthers have improved its presence. "We upgraded with Stewart and Kobyn Hubbard," Crain stated. "Both are quick, fast with good hands. Kyloh Koksma has the best hands on the team. These guys have been receivers their entire lives." The Panther offensive line is back this season.

"A couple of them are only 5-foot-7 and 5-8," he said. "They are about 200 pounds the rest of the line is about 220." Yellville-Summit's line works hard to keep improving. "We work on that stuff everyday," said Crain about his team's practicing opening holes for the backfield. "We drive the sleigh every day. Our offensive line coach is one of the best in the state of Arkansas. They are trained very well." Across the line on the defensive side of the ball, the Panthers use most of the same players. "Pretty much the same kids" he said of the defensive line. "We have to do a good job of rotating them. We will play a few

younger players on the defensive line to get them more reps. "We will run a 50 front," stated Crain. "We can adjust depending on our opponent. We will work that from film." The Panther linebackers are ready to hit some people. "Our linebackers have gotten better," he said. "They are not afraid of anything. They are not scared of anything." The secondary must be prepared for league battles. They are working on reading offenses. "That is something we work on daily," he said. "We do work on read routes. We have five or six different things that we do. "We believe we have enough speed," continued Crain. "We have several guys that we can rotate in and rest the others. If we are not as fast as our opponents, we will make up for it with physical play." When it comes to special teams, the squad has three players that are working on their position. "We have some guys we are looking at there," said Crain. "We are inconsistent. The player that gets the most consistent will be the guy." Keiter will be the return man for the Panthers. Crain has a solid assistant crew returning to help him this season James Rhodes is the defensive coordinator and the head junior high coach. J.D. Woodward is the offensive line coach and head seventh-grade coach. Trent Middleton coaches special teams and linebackers. Crain stated that his team has a special group that makes his team function. "I have six managers," he said. "They take care of everything. They do laundry and they keep the boys in line. They are proud to be a part of the team. They could be a difference in the team this year."


YELLVILLE-SUMMIT PANTHERS ROSTER					
No.	Athlete	Class	No.	Athlete	Class
2	Kobyn Hubbard	10	33	Zen Novack	10
3	Drew Vigna	10	34	Landen Keiter	12
4	Norman Martin	10	42	Damien Dell	11
6	Denver Layton	11	43	Eli Gerth	10
7	Adam Stewart	12	44	Landyn Vetur	12
8	Elle Lee	11	45	Owen Layton	11
9	Landen Seawright	10	50	Arakin Faust	12
10	Caleb Hartle	11	53	Cashton Tilton	10
12	Noah Cantrall	10	55	Levi Brown	11
14	Nick Vetur	11	57	Dakota Pochman	12
15	Aiden Barnes	11	60	Ethan McCalla	10
20	TristanWinningham	12	62	Marcus Shephard	11
21	Tristan Teel	12	63	Kaden Pomeroy	10
22	Isaac Spitzer	10	65	Carey Martin	11
23	Bradon McCalla	12	66	Trent Purdom	12
24	Cameron Killian	11	70	Johnathan Rine	10
25	Kennedy Coleman	10	73	Kody Martin	12
27	Kyloh Koksma	11	—	Koda Stewart	11
31	Rylan Lunde	10			

Yellville-Summit Schedule	
Aug. 25	@Baptist Prep
Sept. 1	@Johnson Co. Westside
Sept. 5	Lighthouse JV
Sept. 15	@Mountainburg
Sept. 22	@Perryville
Sept. 29	Melbourne
Oct. 6	@Quitman
Oct. 13	Salem
Oct. 20	@Atkins
Oct. 27	Newport
Nov. 3	Open

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## ARKANSAS RAZORBACK SCHEDULE

Sept. 2	Western Carolina (Little Rock)
Sept. 9	Kent State
Sept. 16	BYU
Sept. 23	@LSU
Sept. 30	Texas A&M (Arlington)
Oct. 7	@Ole Miss
Oct. 14	@Alabama
Oct. 21	Mississippi State
Nov. 4	@Florida
Nov. 11	Auburn
Nov. 18	Florida International
Nov. 25	Missouri

## LINEBACKER ROOM FULL OF YOUNG PLAYERS

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FAYETTEVILLE — Travis Williams has a linebacker room that has a mixture of young players, sophomores and transfers, but he feels very confident in the job they can do.

Williams not only coaches the linebackers but serves as the defensive coordinator. His room is led by redshirt sophomore Pooh Paul and sophomore Jordan Crook. A pair of transfers are also making an impact. They are South Florida's Antonio Grier Jr. and Cincinnati's Jaheim Thomas. Three freshmen, Alex Sanford, Carson Dean and Brad Spence also are drawing praise. "You can tell the guys like each other," Williams said. "Bringing high school guys in and guys out of the portal with guys that were already here and trying to put it all together. First of all, the guys like each other. Effort is really what we've been kind of honing in on, and trying to fly to the ball. The great thing is they're trying to do exactly what we're asking them to do. We tell them there's going to be stuff we have to correct every day, but control what you can control. It's fun to coach those guys."

Paul was nursing a minor injury last Saturday and didn't scrimmage. That gave Thomas a chance to get more reps. In 29 games with the Bearcats, Thomas had 95 tackles, including 34 solo, seven for loss, 2.5 sacks and three quarterback hurries. Williams liked what he saw.

"It was good to get him out there and get those scrimmage reps," Williams said. "He didn't go through spring ball at the last place he was at, and to get him some live reps was always good. And we went in with the mindset to get him a lot of reps just to see if he could work the rust off or whatever you want to say. He did a really good job. He's doing a good job. Very smart, very detailed, takes a lot of notes. I'm happy he's with us."

Paul started the Missouri and Kansas games last year, but played a lot while Bumper Pool was nursing an injury. Crook started the bowl game against Kansas when Drew Sanders opted out. Grier played 48 games at USF compiling 238 tackles, 139 solo, 23.5 for loss, 10 sacks, five forced fumbles, two recovered, a pair of interceptions, six quarterback hurries and three pass breakups.

"All three of those guys are doing a great job," Williams said. "It's a new defense for all of those guys. What's always exciting is to see the growth and football IQ and learning what we're doing and different concepts. All of those guys have a good football IQ. All of those guys love to come to work and come out to practice. It's been good."

"Pooh is very detailed. He takes pride in his performance. Same thing with Crook. Same thing with Antonio. Even when you watch them in the summer workouts and the way those guys bond together and work together. We need all of them. We need everybody in that room. We talk in the terms of we don't have starters, we have standards. If you uphold the standard, you will play. All of those guys work well together. I'm proud of all three."

The freshmen are also competing for playing time. Spence and Dean enrolled at midterm and Sanford in June.

"I think all three guys have bright futures here," Williams said. "All of them have a great pace of being able to help us at some point this year on special teams and maybe on the defense. All of those guys have a skillset and you can see they are SEC players. Brad Spence is one we're putting at so many different positions because he can do so much, but all those guys have high ceilings and we're very, very happy with their progress right now."

Williams was asked if there's any specific intangibles involving the three true freshmen?

"I take all three of those guys and just shoutout to their high school coaches," Williams said. "All of those guys learn ball pretty quickly and easily. Like Brad Spence is doing some really good things out there. Carson Dean is doing some really good things. Alex didn't go through spring ball and you can just see right now he's just running to the ball as fast as he can go. He likes to play physical and he's learning the system. He's just 12 days into practice, but you can see the skillset in all three of those guys."

It wasn't just Thomas that got some extra reps and stepped up with Paul out. Crook also took advantage of the situation.

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## RUNNING BACKS SHINE FOR RAZORBACKS

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FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas' deepest position on the team might be running back.

The Hogs return junior Raheim "Rocket" Sanders who finished second in the SEC in rushing last year. Sanders carried 222 times for 1,443 yards and 10 touchdowns. He also caught 28 passes for 271 yards and two touchdowns. Behind Sanders is junior AJ Green, sophomore Rashod Dubinion, redshirt junior Dominique Johnson and true freshman Isaiah Augustave. The group along with some walk-on backs were all at the first practice Friday morning. Sam Pittman obviously is very pleased with this group and likes what he has. He also paid a compliment to Jimmy Smith, who coaches the running backs.

"Yeah, you know a good coach keeps his players out of my office," Pittman said. "Now, they come in to visit but it's not ... 'Hey, hey ...' Jimmy does a great job. They respect him. Obviously we haven't gone in the portal there, so that means

two things to me: We're recruiting really well there, and, two, there's not conflicts in there. There could be, because you've got some good players in there. Dommio [Dominique Johnson] now, I believe, is going into Year 4 with us. Rocket and AJ is three. With R-Dub, I think he was the offensive MVP of the bowl game and all kinds of stuff. I just think we're very talented in there.

"R-Dub had his best summer by far. He's in shape. There's power of being in shape. It's powerful. It fills a lot of confidence being in shape, and he's in good shape. Then Isaiah [Augustave], he's big and can run. I like him. I don't know how fast he's ... he's picking up things, smart, but he's a big, good-looking kid that can run. We'll see if we can't get him in there. But you know right now we've got a whole lot of guys that need a lot of touches, especially with Domo coming back. Domo is a little bigger than what he has been before, so we'll see what kind of shape he's in."

Johnson is coming off two ACL injuries and hoping for a healthy season. In 2021, Johnson played in all 13 games and started six of them. He rushed for 575 yards and seven

touchdowns.

Sanders is up to 242 pounds and Pittman was asked if he can handle that much weight?

"Can't do nothing about it," Pittman said laughing. "You'd have to cut skin. I mean, you pinch him and nothing moves. There's nothing you can do about it. We talked to the nutritionist about it and we talked to Ben (Sowders) about it. He's 242 and there's no fat there. So I don't know what you do with it. But he's in shape."

The team entered Friday's early practice in relatively good health. Obviously cornerback Quincey McAdoo isn't practicing after being involved in an automobile accident last spring. "(Wynne offensive lineman) Terry Wells would be one that is going to be out for a while," Pittman said. "He tore his pec. Man, he's had some bad luck. But Terry would be one, so we just activate someone else. That would be one, and I think the rest of them, now there will be some like (Dominique Johnson), we're not just going to run him out there and let him do everything. He will be at every position drill, every team drill, he just might not take as many team drills as he might late, early."



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"Just a true leader," Williams said. "He's a warrior. I love the kid. In the workouts when they're racing or doing sprints he's always trying to be first. He wants to lead. He has that mike linebacker mentality that you want on your team. We see all of those guys... like Crook is a starter for us. Pooh is a starter for us. Antonio is a starter. Jaheim is a starter. Those guys are going to play, even the freshmen. We need all of them. Crook is a really, really good leader and a really good person. I'm glad he's on our team." Thomas actually played against Arkansas last year in the season opener. He had seven tackles, including five solo and a 0.5 for loss against the Razorbacks. "It was a great atmosphere," Thomas said. "It was a big crowd. It was good ball also. Being able to play in that atmosphere and make plays, I feel like that attracted me to come here." Williams was asked about Thomas' skillset just as he walked in the interview room on Friday. "He just walked in the room, so I can't really say too much," Williams said laughing. "Really good skillset, smart, can change direction and he brings length

to the room. He can cover out of the backfield. He's doing a really good job for us." He also added what Thomas is like behind the scenes. "Quiet," Thomas said. "Quiet. You see him in the back right now. He's not saying anything. He don't say anything in the meetings. He'll ask questions, but quiet and very detailed. A pro. Takes notes. He'll come talk to you one-on-one and ask questions. He's one of those guys that just loves ball and is always taking notes down and getting the fine details of everything." Harrison redshirt junior linebacker Brooks Both is also expected to make an impact this season. "Brooks Both is improving," Williams said. "Brooks Both, man, he gets a lot of reps for us on special teams and defense. He's very valuable to our team." He's someone who may help on special teams? "There ain't no probably," Williams said. "He is. Coach (Scott) Fountain loves him, because he does a great job. He does a good job of coming to work everyday and we're proud he's on our team. He really helps us out a lot." Both played in nine games in 2022. Both and the Razorbacks will hold a closed scrimmage on Saturday.

ARKANSAS QUARTERBACKS LOOKING GOOD

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FAYETTEVILLE — Arkansas' first day in pads produced some good showings on both sides of the ball, but one of the continued pluses is back-up quarterback Jacolby Criswell. The former Gatorade Player of the Year at Morilton High School is in his first season at Arkansas after transferring in from North Carolina. Criswell spent three seasons at North Carolina where he completed 18 of 31 passes for 204 yards, one touchdown and an interception. He also rushed 20 times for 133 yards and a touchdown. Criswell is running second-team quarterback behind KJ Jefferson, but on Thursday Criswell was throwing deep passes to receivers that were going for touchdowns. Following practice, Sam Pittman praised both Criswell and Cade Fortin. "I think it's always a battle," Pittman said. "I do. It's always a battle. But Jacolby Criswell is one heck of a quarterback and so is Fortin. Criswell has an elite, special arm and he can fly. They've both done a nice job. Criswell is really playing well, as well." Transfer wide receiver Isaac TeSlaa has been catching passes from Criswell since last spring and is impressed. "Yeah, Jacolby's a real... I mean, he's an athlete and a quarterback, so you know he's going to be able to move in the pocket but also make

throws outside of the pocket," TeSlaa said. "And he honestly throws one of the best balls I've ever seen from any quarterback. That thing, I mean he's got some zip on it, and he can put touch on it. I feel like he's just an all-around very solid quarterback, and he's able to make those throws wherever. Inside of the pocket, outside of the pocket. He's able to zip that thing anywhere." Safety Alfahiym Walcott has defended some of the passes thrown by Criswell and is equally impressed. "He can definitely put it in tight spots, I experienced it," Walcott said. "He's putting it in tight spots. That's all I have to say. Very good. Very talented. Getting better each and every day from summer to now. Very good. I can't wait to see that, as well." Redshirt freshman wide receiver Isaiah Sategna caught one of those touchdown passes from Criswell on Thursday. "I mean Jacolby, he has a cannon," Sategna said. "He wants to throw it deep every time. His intermediate passes are really good, too. We didn't have him last year so this is my first time throwing with him and stuff. I really like going with him. I'm a deep threat, so I love going with him." Andrew Armstrong is another transfer wide receiver who came in with Criswell. Armstrong likes the way Criswell delivers the football. "Jacolby knows what he's doing in the backfield," Armstrong said.



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