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### Tigers

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week-to-week standpoint. You're trying to be all-in every game. If anything, I think it puts that much more focus on every game. Maybe it's easier to get your kids to focus a little bit knowing every game matters for playoff seeding. I feel like if you make it to the playoffs out of this region, you're a really good football team," Osteen said.

One of the preseason strengths showcased by the Tigers has been the ability to stop the run in preseason scrimmages.

While scrimmage work isn't necessarily indicative of mid-season form, Osteen likes what he sees on the defensive side of the ball so far.

"If you can't stop the run on defense, you're not going to be able to have a chance to be a great football team. Being a good defense starts with stopping the other team's run game. Our level of competition is definitely going to increase, but so far I've been pleased with the run defense," he said.

From the extensive numbers participat-

ing in preseason workouts, to the experience returning in the senior class, Osteen says there's high expectations for the Tigers in 2022.

"I think it's just the character and chemistry of our older guys. It's a group that had a lot of success in middle school. It's a group that I would say is the leaders in our school. It's "cool" to play football right now and I think a lot of that is attributed to our older kids. We've had 82 kids out, which is the most we've had out since I've been here," he said.

"I'm as excited about this football team as I have been in about three or four years. We have some talent. At least at the moment, we're not putting many guys out there who aren't ready. Some years, you're putting three or four guys out there who aren't ready, but that's what you've got to do in high school football. I'm as excited as I've been in a long time. Our region is tough. Class 4-A is tough. But I'd be lying if I said I didn't have high expectations for this team."

Marshall County opens the 2022 season against Columbia Central on August 19.

### **2022 Marshall County Tigers**

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| No. 14<br>No. 15<br>No. 16<br>No. 17   | Marcus O'Neal<br>Antomme Cowthorn<br>Tyler Thompson<br>Kel Hightower  | WR<br>DB/WR<br>QB<br>WR/DB  | Soph.<br>Jr.<br>Fresh.<br>Fresh.  |
| No. 19<br>No. 20<br>No. 21<br>No. 22   |   |   |   |
| No. 24<br>No. 25<br>No. 26<br>No. 27   | Lavonte Addison Jaden Keys Grayson Miller Hendrix Kaipio Elijah Cable   | DE/LB DE/LB RB DB/LB WR LB/RB   | Sr.<br>Soph.<br>Sr.<br>Soph.<br>Fresh.  |
| No. 29<br>No. 30<br>No. 31<br>No. 32   | Demari Braden Jeffrey Terrell Darian Crenshaw Christian Smith Wyatt Joyce   | RB/LB<br>LB<br>DE<br>DB<br>K  | Sr.<br>Soph.<br>Sr.<br>Jr.  |
| No. 35<br>No. 36<br>No. 37<br>No. 38<br>No. 39   | Anthony Chavez<br>Marquavious Armstrong<br>Cale Naylor<br>Alex Cruz<br>Hayden Williams  | LB  | Fresh.<br>Fresh.<br>Fresh.<br>Soph.<br>Jr.  |
| No. 40<br>No. 41<br>No. 42<br>No. 43<br>No. 44   | Aiden Bryant<br>Brock Anderson<br>John Morgan Thomas<br>Brandon Tucker<br>Anthony Smith   | LB<br>DE/TE<br>TE/LB<br>LB/DE<br>TE   | Fresh.<br>Sr.<br>Sr.<br>Jr.<br>Soph.  |
| No. 46<br>No. 47<br>No. 49   | Jaylen Davis<br>Austin Wells<br>Eric Aviles<br>Laken Marquez<br>Michael Beazley   | DL<br>DE/TE<br>DB<br>DL<br>DL   | Fresh.<br>Soph.<br>Soph.<br>Fresh.<br>Fresh.  |

DL/OL No. 52 Trai Amos Fresh No. 53 De'kaius Terrell No. 54 Quenten Pool No. 55 Jonathan Bair DL Sr. No. 56 Christian Wilson No. 57 Charlie Hargrove No. 58 Levi Franks No. 59 Aiden Brown DL Fresh. No. 60 Marshall Lamberes OL Fresh. No. 61 Caleb Christmas ΩI Sonh No. 62 Gage Stoner OΙ Fresh No. 63 Wesley Holder No. 64 Reid Mitchell OL Soph. No. 65 Gabe Meredith DB Fresh No. 66 Deshawn Crenshaw No. 67 Elijah Wentzel OL/DL No. 68 Mario Draine Sr. No. 70 Braxton Roberts No. 71 Adam Blackwell Soph. No. 72 Anthony Diaz DL/OL Sr. No. 73 Caden Mills DL/OL No. 74 Bowen Poarch Fresh. No. 75 Peyton Garcia No. 77 Bentlee Wright OL Fresh No. 78 Gavin Johnson OL Fresh. No. 79 Isaiah Stewart DI No. 80 Logan Mullings Fresh No. 81 Jose Ibarra Fresh No. 82 Colin Farrar Fresh No. 83 Teagan Stinnett WR Soph. No. 84 Luiz Gonzalez Fresh No. 85 Joost Bastiaans LB No. 86 Tristian Hernandez No. 87 Merrik Kaipio

Head Coach: Thomas Osteen

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