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# 2021 White County High School Warriors

## 2021 White County High School Cheerleaders



No.	First	Last	Grade	Pos
2	Braxton	SeEVERS	11	WR/DB
4	DJ	Paul	12	DB/WR
5	Javyn	Strode	12	WR/DB
6	Malaki	Dowell	11	WR/DB
7	Rylan	Bumbalough	11	DL/TE
8	Bray	Frasier	11	LB/TE
9	Thomas	Paul	11	WR/DB
10	Christian	Kelso	12	WR/DB
11	Payton	Simpson	10	WR/DB
12	Jaden	Simpson	11	WR/DB
13	Parker	Case	11	WR/DB
14	Jackson	Guy	12	DL/TE
15	Garrett	Nash	12	TE/LB
16	Owen	Adams	10	QB/DB
17	Nate	Mullins	11	WR/DB
18	Nick	Bouldin	10	DB/WR
19	Jasper	Young	10	LB/TE
21	Harley	Dewett	10	WR/DB
22	Asher	Kelso	10	WR/DB
23	Tyrone	Harris	12	RB/LB
24	Caden	Mitchell	10	RB/LB
26	Rawland	Ayotte	10	WR/DB

No.	First	Last	Grade	Pos
27	Brenton	Kilgore	10	WR/DB
30	Layne	Brown	12	WR/DB
31	Kayden	Blaylock	10	RB/LB
32	Garrett	Johnson	11	FB/LB
33	Caden	Johnson	11	K/P
34	Kaden	Hatmaker	10	WR/DB
35	Isaiah	Fisher	10	WR/DB
39	Kody	Reece	11	LB/TE
42	Colton	Gentry	10	LB/TE

44	Connor	Brewington	11	DL/TE
45	Ryan	Odell	11	DL/TE
47	Zach	Jones	11	WR/DB
51	Jacob	Jenkins	11	OL/DL
52	Keaton	Sparkman	10	OL/DL
53	Ty	Marable	10	OL/DL
54	Hunter	Slone	12	OL/DL
55	Kobe	Jones	11	OL/DL
56	Kolton	Dolinich	11	OL/DL
57	Laken	Eller	10	DL/OL
58	Jaylen	Hannah	11	DL/OL
61	Noah	Gateley	10	DL/OL
63	Keaton	Steele	12	OL/DL
68	Maliki	Billings	12	DL/OL
70	Tyler	Payne	12	OL/DL
71	Colby	Lowery	12	OL/DL
72	Hayden	Bilbrey	11	OL/DL
75	Simon	Ogletree	12	OL/DL
77	Dane	Harper	11	OL/DL
78	Brady	McKay	11	OL/DL
80	Zach	Whited	10	WR/LB
88	Grayson	Walker	11	DL/TE/WR

**COACH** - Mark Frasier

**ASSISTANT COACHES** - Gregg Segraves, JJ Morris, Curtis Beaty, Jason Harris, Steve Wilson, Jordan Bailey, Michael Slone, Parker Beech

**MANAGERS** -Nautica Brown, Ashlynn Phillips, Addison Frazier, Haley Richardson, & Savannah Kelley

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** - Terry Crain

# WCHS football coach Frasier optimistic about 2021

**RACHEL AUBERGER**  
staff writer

Coach Mark Frasier enters his third season as head coach for the White County Warrior Football team and will be leading the boys back into regional play after a two-year hiatus that was granted as a time for the team to learn and grow under new leadership.

Frasier, who worked as a volunteer coach under previous Warrior head coaches Malone and Houser and also served as the WCMS head coach in 2018, led the high school team to a 5 and 5 record in non-regional play in 2019 and a 5 and 4 record in 2020.

“We are back in regional play and our goal is to be competitive every game,” Frasier said. “We are back in a tough 5A regions and two of our out-of-region games are against 6-A teams.”

While he knows that the regional play will provide a more difficult schedule than the past two seasons, the once Warrior gridiron star turned coach, said that his team is up for the challenge.

WHITE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY			
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
AUGUST 20	LIVINGSTON	TTU	7:00
AUGUST 27	WARREN COUNTY	AWAY	7:00
SEPTEMBER 3	STATION CAMP	HOME	7:00
SEPTEMBER 10	COOKEVILLE	HOME	7:00
SEPTEMBER 17	MT JULIET	HOME	7:00
SEPTEMBER 24	GREEN HILL	AWAY	7:00
OCTOBER 1	WILSON CENTRAL, HOMECOMING	HOME	7:00
OCTOBER 8	HILLSBORO	AWAY	7:00
OCTOBER 15	OPEN		
OCTOBER 22	HUNTERS LANE	AWAY	7:00
OCTOBER 29	SEQUATCHIE, SENIOR NIGHT	HOME	7:00

“We are excited to be back in region play this year. It will be a challenge but that is what football is all about. I’m

proud of these players and the work they have put in. This senior class has been with a lot of our coaches since

they were pee wee players, which is special,” Frasier said that the senior players are definitely the team leaders and have fostered a sense of unity for the team and are providing accountability for their teammates. “They have worked hard in the off-season, and we know they are going to give it all they’ve got.”

He went on to say that the team’s strong work ethic and their drive to become physically stronger and more competent each day will be the driving force behind the team’s success, as Frasier plans to take the season one game at a time never looking further ahead than next Friday.

“I have been fortunate to work with so many amazing coaches and players over the years and I want to be able to give back to my community what I’ve learned through my experiences,” he said. “I hope that when these kids look back, they remember their football years in Sparta with the fondness that I do.”

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**WCHS JUNIOR VARSITY/FRESHMAN FOOTBALL ROSTER**

No.	First	Last
2	Braxton	Seevers
4	DJ	Paul
5	Javyn	Strode
6	Malaki	Dowell
7	Rylan	Bumbalough
8	Bray	Frazier
9	Thomas	Paul
10	Christian	Kelso
11	Payton	Simpson
12	Jaden	Simpson
13	Parker	Case
14	Jackson	Gray
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18	Nick	Bouldin
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# Cross-country season is off and running at WCHS

## RACHEL AUBERGER

staff writer

Coach Gregg Seagraves, along with Coach Copeland, have taken over as co-head coaches for the high school Cross Country team this year, and the coaches have set some lofty goals for the school's runners.

"Our goals for our athletes are to improve each and every meet. (PR) We want them to be at their best at the end of the season to compete at a high level for the state qualifying tournament," Seagraves said. "Our team goals are for our student athletes to become a close group that work hard to be the best team they can be and learn to respect each other and help push each other to eventually qualify in the state tournament as a team."

Seagraves said that he knows the team is young and that it will take time to see great results coming in from their meets, but he has the confidence that they will continue to work through the season and push themselves and each other.

"Early on the extreme heat was tough on the kids. We had some really hot days, but the kids fought through the heat. It's always difficult in the early days because the kids come in at so many different levels of fit. Some have been running all summer, and then you have others that have not been running much," he said, "but we plan to build this program up to be one of the best in the state."

Seagraves pointed to the athleticism of his freshmen runners as part of what will carry the program into the future.

"We've got some awesome freshmen coming into the program. Breanna Powell, Poppy Shank and Luci McKee who also play soccer (which is also played in the fall) are going to be awesome. Doubling up in two sports says a lot about any athlete," he said. "Gabriel Wiles, another freshman, works as hard as anybody. He's just going to keep getting better and better because of his hard work. Sophomore, McKenzi Tuck always gives it her all. She is returning from last season."

Seagraves said that the young runners will be looking to the leadership of senior athletes Dean Limper and Abigail Welch to direct them.

"Dean is a great leader and looks after the team," he said. "Abigail is a 4-year letterman in Cross Country who also runs track and is on the swim team. Abby had a difficult junior year that caused her to miss competition in swimming and track."

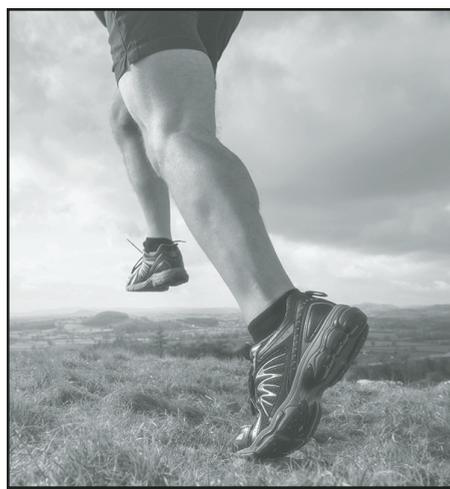
Seagraves talked about some medical issues that kept the three-sport athlete sidelined but said that she has worked hard to get back to competitive form. "We are happy to say she is back running and doing well. Her experience and leadership will be a major asset for this young team."

The first-year coach also said that the team will be featuring a new runner who recently transferred in from Illinois, Evan Ferris.

"If he stays healthy, look for new records to be set at WCHS," Seagraves said of Ferris's abilities and future with the team.

Seagraves has plans to expand White County's cross-country program in the future so that when athletes get to the high school level, they already have experience in the sport and are more equipped for fast-paced level of high school athletics.

"It will take time, but we have the right group of kids in White County. We've got to get a middle school team started, which is in the works for next year, a summer program started, and a youth program started," he said, and then added that the White County is already working to host a cross-country event next season. "We want to take advantage of the beautiful landscape and views in White County. Our plan is to make a course in the Lost Creek area and invite schools from all over the country. This alone will make a major difference in our program."



## CROSS-COUNTRY ROSTER

Name	Grade
Dean Limper	Senior
Abigail Welch	Senior
Evan Ferris	Junior
McKenzi Tuck	Sophomore
Griffin Burton	Freshman
Gabriel Wiles	Freshman
Breanna Powell	Freshman
Luci McKee	Freshman
Poppy Shank	Freshman

## CROSS-COUNTRY SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event	Location
8/12	6 PM	Jamboree	At Cookeville
8/21	6 PM	Siegal - 2 Miles under the Stars	at Murfreesboro
8/28	8 AM	MSCCA Voyles Classic	at Hermitage
9/2	5 PM	Cookeville HS	at Cookeville
9/9	4:30 PM	The Webb School	Bell Buckle
9/25	10 AM	Burnett Invitational	at Cookeville
9/28	4 PM	The Hermitage	at Hermitage
10/5	4:15 PM	Woodland Park Baptist Church	at Chatanooga

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# White County High School soccer team



**RACHEL AUBERGER**

staff writer

The High School Girls' Soccer team will also have a fairly familiar face take over the lead this season as Coach Kayla Presson is moving from coaching the middle school Warriorettes to coaching the girls at the high school level.

"I see this being a building year for the Warriorette Soccer team," Presson said. "This year I'm fo-cusing on building up each individual player in their confidence and skill level, and so we're meas-uring our success based on the growth and quality of soccer played game to game."

She said that she is looking forward to the team's match up against the DeKalb County Squad in September as a way to measure that growth.

"Qe played Dekalb at the Crossville Classic Play Day and I'm excited to see how our team has grown throughout the season when we play them again in September," she said.

Presson said that the goal is to improve the mental toughness of the team while

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increasing their confidence in what they are capable of accomplishing on and off the soccer field.

“My goal for each individual player is for them to grow as a soccer player in their fundamentals and understanding of the game of soccer, as well as have them learn the importance of their role as a team player for the Warriorette Soccer Team,” she said.

Presson said that the team’s biggest needs are for focus and improvement is consistency in the de-fensive line. She added that the lack of consistency, however, may stem from a number of starting players being injured or sick.

“We’ve already started the season off with several injuries and team illnesses. So if we can bounce back from that and get our starting 11 back on the field I think we

have a good chance of seeing some success this season,” she said, but added that the dedication each individual team member is making to seeing the team improve is encouraging. “Success does not always come overnight, and these girls understand that and they are in it for the long haul.”

Presson said that the dedication and work ethic is being spearheaded by the team’s captains, Grace Jones and Katelyn Young.

“Grace Jones, who is a senior, does a phenomenal job of providing the calm and confident energy the team needs. Grace also leads the team with patience and understanding of her teammates and their needs on and off the field,” she said. “Katelyn Young is a junior, and Katelyn provides the stability we need on our back defensive line. She is a source of dependability to her

teammates. She is always the first to take initiative to get tasks done off the field.”

Presson said that while both of the girls chosen as captains are a perfect fit to lead our team this year, there are a number of leaders on the team, making her job easier knowing that she has athletes that want to be a bigger role in the program she is trying to build.

One such leader is the team’s starting keeper, Abby Guy.

“Abby has shown great ability and potential as a keeper. She is what our team unfortunately relies on too much in our soccer games,” Presson said. “She has left so many games a muddy mess from all the work that she puts in. She hardly ever complains, and always has a smile on her face. She is always striving to do better and is always there to listen and apply the coaching we provide

her. She is a natural leader and can go far with soccer!”

Presson knows that the team is in a building phase but is still looking forward to the season as well as a long-term process of building the team, and each individual student-athlete up.

“We have many challenges this year and we will overcome them and come out better on the other side. I look forward to seeing how this team grows!”



**WCHS GIRLS' SOCCER SCHEDULE**

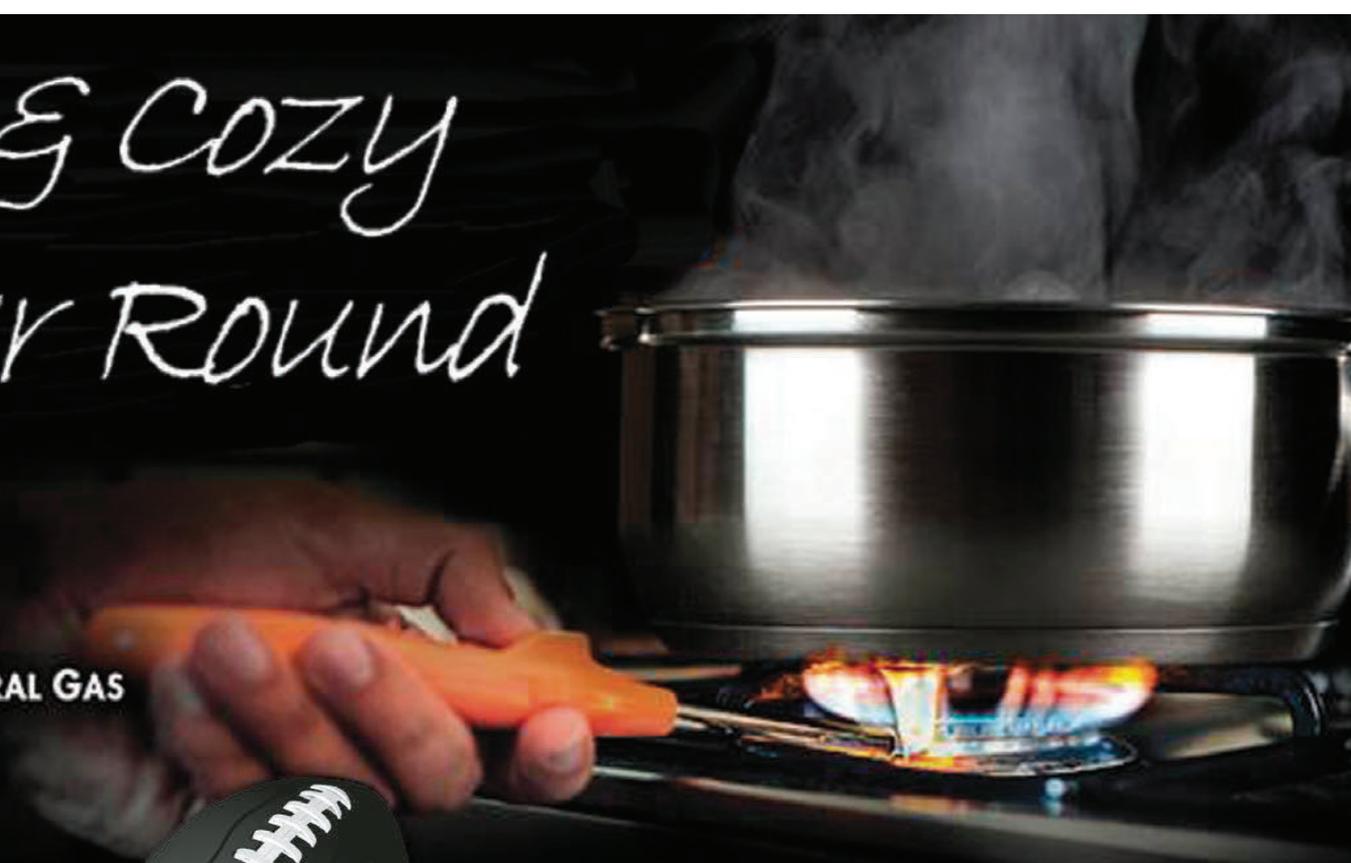
DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
AUG. 10	CUMBERLAND CO.	HOME	6:00
AUG. 14	CROSSVILLE CLASSIC	DUER COMPLEX	ALL DAY
AUG. 17	SMITH CO.	AWAY	6:00
AUG. 26	CUMBERLAND CO.	AWAY	6:00
AUG. 31	LIVINGSTON	HOME	6:00
SEPT. 2	UPPERMAN	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 9	STONE MEMORIAL	HOME	6:00
SEPT. 13	DEKALB	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 14	LIVINGSTON	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 16	TULLAHOMA	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 21	UPPERMAN	HOME	6:00
SEPT. 23	CUMBERLAND CO.	HOME	6:00
SEPT. 28	STONE MEMORIAL	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 30	DEKALB	HOME	6:00
OCT. 5	WATERTOWN	AWAY	5:00
OCT. 11	DISTRICT QUARTER FINALS	LIVINGSTON	5:30



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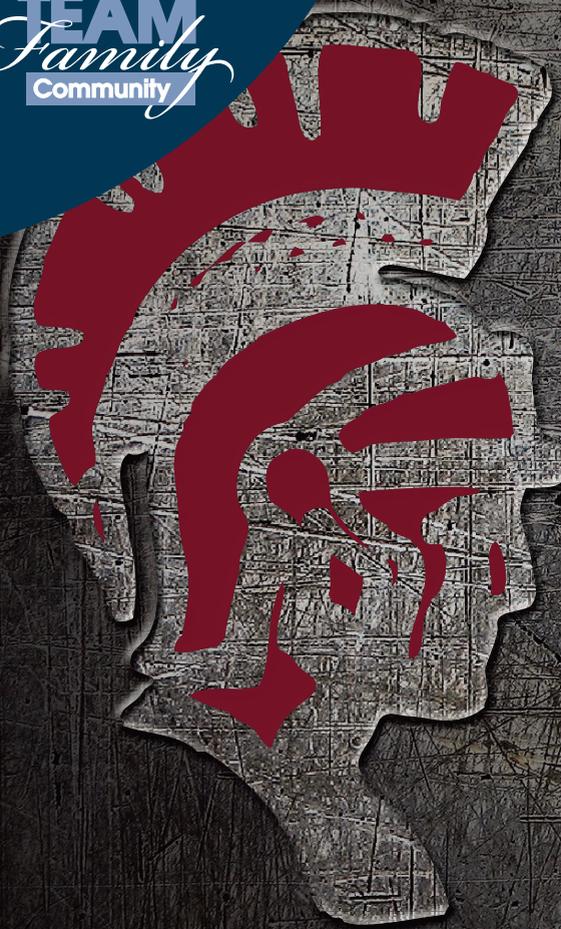
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# WCHS volleyball team

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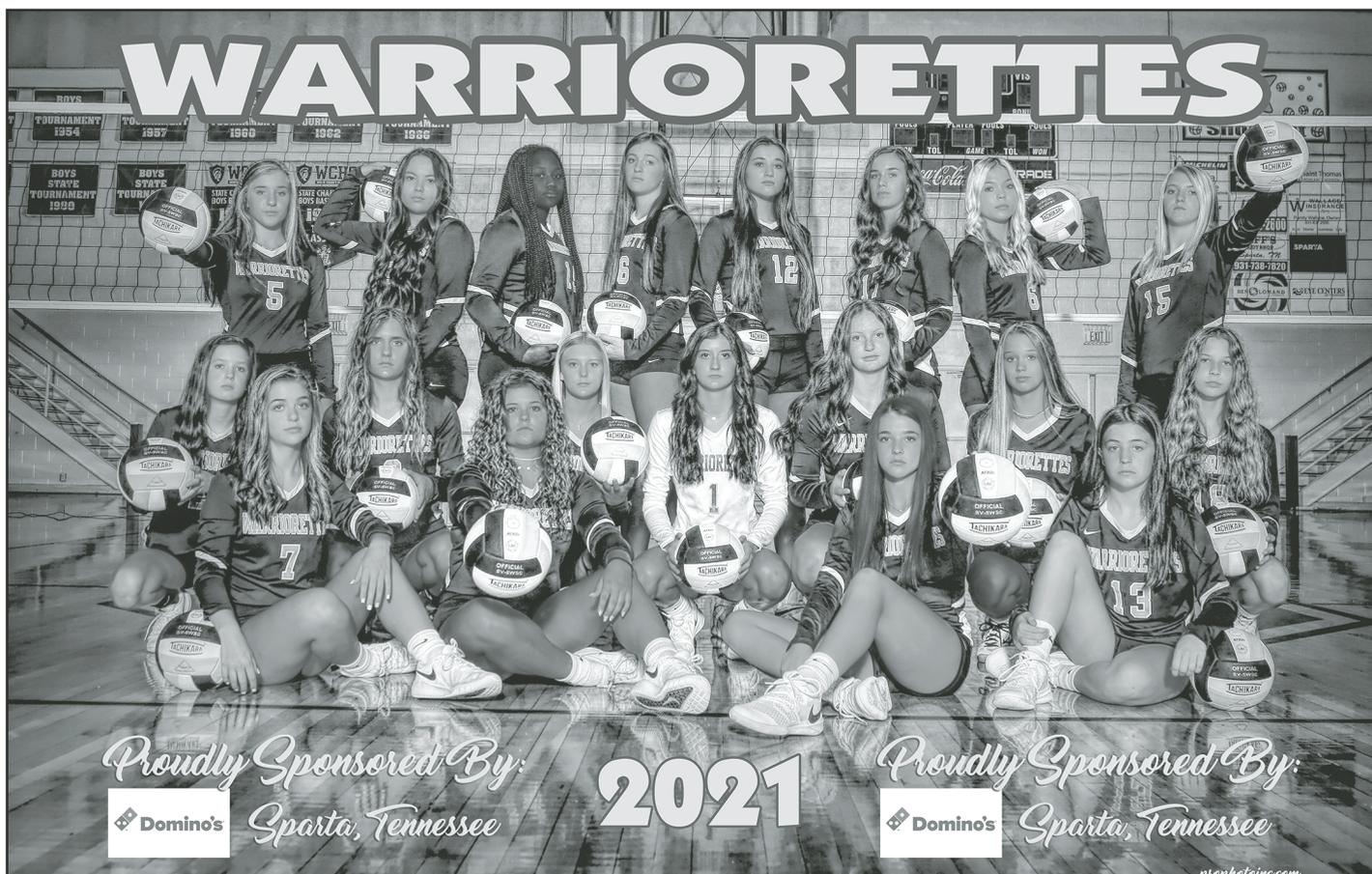
staff writer

White County High School Volleyball will see a new coach on the sidelines, but Logan Hicks isn't an unfamiliar face to the players as he was their coach when they were in middle school.

"The 2021 season will be my first year coaching at WCHS. I have been coaching volleyball at WCMS as an assistant coach and head coach since 2014," Hicks said that he is excited to be able to coach at his alma mater and reunite with some of his former players but admits that moving from middle school to high school has come with many challenges. "One of the major challenges will be keeping up with the speed of the game. It is much faster than what I am used to seeing."

Hicks pointed to the strength of the new district that White County High School finds themselves in this season as another challenge for himself and his team.

"Every time that we walk out onto the court, it's going to be an uphill battle to pull out a victory," he said, "but our team has worked hard this summer for us to have a



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successful season.”

Hicks’s first season is going to be full of challenges as he is leading a team that doesn’t have a single senior to provide experience and guidance for the unit, but Hicks said that the scenario has actually forced the players become stronger as a unit.

“Without having a senior on the team, I have challenged all of my players in becoming a leader for their team,” he said. “I feel like that has helped them become a better team/family.”

While Hicks is excited for the season and knows that each game will be important, he said that he is very much looking forward to the match up against the Cookeville squad.

“I haven’t been a part of the Cookeville/Sparta rivalry game since I graduated in 2011. I am excited to be a part of that tradition again.”



**WCHS VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
AUG. 3	Cumberland	Away	5:00 PM
AUG. 16	Mt. Juliet	Away	5:30 PM
AUG. 19	Stone Memorial	Home	5:00 PM
AUG. 20	Van Buren Co.	Away	5:00 PM
AUG. 23	Livingston Academy	Home	5:00 PM
AUG. 24	Lebanon	Home	5:30 PM
AUG. 26	Cookeville	Away	5:30 PM
AUG. 30	Gren Hill	Away	5:30 PM
AUG. 31	Stone Memorial	Away	5:30 PM
SEPT. 2	Wilson Central	Home	5:30 PM
SEPT. 3-4	Chatt. Choo Choo	Away	TBA
SEPT. 7	Livingston Academy	Away	5:00 PM
SEPT. 9	Mt. Juliet	Home	5:30 PM
SEPT. 11	Cohhulla Creek Tour.	Away	TBA
SEPT. 14	Green Hill	Home	5:30 PM
SEPT. 16	Lebanon	Away	5:30 PM
SEPT. 21	Cookeville	Home	5:30 PM
SEPT. 23	Wilson Central	Away	5:00 PM
SEPT. 24	Van Buren Co.	Home	5:30 PM
SEPT. 28	Upperman	Home	5:30 PM
SEPT. 30	Upperman	Away	5:30 PM
OCT. 2	JV District Tour.	Cookeville	TBA
OCT. 4-6	District Tour.	Mt. Juliet	TBA

**WCHS VOLLEYBALL ROSTER**

NAME	GRADE
Karley Beth Frazier	Junior
Karley Gentry	Junior
Lexie Golden	Junior
Alyson Jones	Junior
Nia Powers	Junior
Taylor Roberts	Junior
Sydney SMiley	Junior
Tenielle Baker	Sophomore
Sydney Gardenhire	Sophomore
Matasia Goodwin	Sophomore
Pyper Price	Sophomore
Rylee Savage	Sophomore
Natalie Whittenburg	Sophomore
Kennedy Billings	Freshman
CallieAnna Griggs	Freshman
Abby Heady	Freshman
Marian Swindle	Freshman
Jordyn Whiteaker	Freshman
Josie Williams	Freshman

**COACH** - Logan Hicks

**ASSISTANT COACHES** - Lauren Turner

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR** - Terry Crain

# White County Middle School sports

White County Middle School sports teams have new coaches this year, and that means new opportunities for the student athletes to learn and grow throughout the fall season.

Coach Aaron Brown, who is entering his tenth season coaching football but his first as head coach for the WCMS Warriors, said that he is excited to return to White County where he has fond memories of games on the fields he grew up on and hopes to provide his players with similar memories and experiences.

"I hope to help them develop into upstanding young men and to give them valuable experiences in the hopes they continue their playing career at the high school," Brown said. "My goal is to team them how to work together and overcome diversity; to hold one another accountable and set a standard for culture than can be followed for years to come."

Brown said that the team faces some challenges this year as not only do they have a new head coach which means learning a new system, but they are also in a new conference, the Middle Tennessee Middle School Football Conference, so the

team will be facing all new opponents.

"Most of our team has never played before, or haven't played in a long time," Brown said the Warriors also face the challenge of fielding an inexperienced team this year, but that he truly believes the White County team will be "in the thick of it" by the season's end and that they will do that behind some strong leaders who are ready to take charge and bring the team along quickly. "Da-mon Conley provides experience and effort up front, Exavior Gamblin is the spark plug for the team, Cole Simms is a vocal leader with an excellent work ethic, Hunter Broyles is the brains up front for the lineman,"

Brown said that while the team is largely inexperienced, they are intelligent and it is just a matter of time to get their football IQ up and running, "We are relying on a lot of younger guys to step up. They are learning a new language, new ways of doing things during practice, games, and everyday protocols. Our biggest need for improvement is the team understanding game time situations and being able to adapt. They will come with experience."

Inside the gym this fall, Coach Brittany King will be taking the reins as head coach for the WCMS Volleyball team. While King is entering her first season as head coach, she isn't a new-comer to the team as she has served as assistant coach for the past three seasons, making the transition easier for the team.

King said that she is eager to see where her team lands this season as they focus on growth.

"This is a great group of girls with an even better work ethic. They come in every day with a great attitude and build one another up. I look forward to seeing them grow as individuals and team-mates throughout the season," King said. "The team has grown so much as a unit already, and we haven't had our first season match yet. I hope they continue to play cohesively and build off of each girl's strengths."

King said that her players are working to develop the fundamentals of the game and that focus is going to provide them with a sound base for years to come, "I want to see them grow as sound, skilled players so they will be prepared for the next level of play when they move on to

the high school."

One valuable lesson that the team is working to learn is how to overcome adversity and lean on each other as an entire team unit rather than focus on individuals.

"We are already facing one challenge. One of my starting setters fractured her foot and will be out for at least 4 weeks," King said. "She's encouraging her teammates from the sidelines, though, and they are stepping up to fill her absence."

The first-year head coach said she is excited for the season to begin and to see how far this group of girls will go, "I look forward to every game. Each opponent brings a new challenge and opportunity for us to learn."

The girls' soccer team enters the season with a new coach, Grace Tate, who is also new to coaching in general, but Tate says that she and her team will learn and grow together.

"The biggest challenge I foresee this season is inexperience," Tate said. "Almost half of our team is 6th graders which gives me a lot of hope for the future of this

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## WCMS SOCCER SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
AUG. 16	UPPERMAN	HOME	5:30
AUG. 19	CUMBERLAND CO	AWAY	5:30
AUG. 23	ALGOOD	AWAY	5:30
AUG. 27	JACKSON COUNTY	HOME	5:30
AUG. 30	PRESCOTT	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 3	SMITH CO	HOME	6:00
SEPT. 10	AVERY TRACE	HOME	5:30
SEPT. 13	OVERTON CO	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 14	DEKALB	HOME	6:00
SEPT. 21	MACON CO	AWAY	6:00
SEPT. 27-30	TOURNAMENT WEEK	TBA	TBD

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program, however the other side to that is that it's a lot of players who have never played in anything more challenging or competitive than a youth league and it's a big adjustment and one that will take just take time to overcome."

Tate went on to say that the team's biggest area for concern is field awareness and confidence, but that she feels both of those will improve rapidly once games begin and the team gets some experience.

"Just from the beginning of our practice season the girls have already improved in communications, formation and just basic ball skills and good soccer, and they've worked incredibly hard to get to

where they are now," she said that these were good indicators that the team will continue to improve rapidly. "For many of my girls this is their first year playing soccer, so I would love to see them continue to improve in the sport and develop into amazing soccer players that can compete at the high school level. For my more experienced players I want to see them become stronger as a team and learn to rely on each other both on and off the field."

Tate pointed to her captains, Katelyn Blakeman and Laria Roberts, as leaders who are going to play significant roles in the growth and success of the team as both bring a combination of experience and moral support to the young team.

"Katelyn has one of the best soccer

minds on the team and she sees the field in a different way than the other girls, so she leads the girls from the field telling them where to go, where to pass etc.," she said. "Laria has one of the best attitudes of anyone on the team. Everyone loves and respects her immensely and she carries out any task required of her with a smile on her face. She is the biggest encourager to everyone on the team."

Tate said that every girl on the team has worked hard over the summer to improve and that she is excited to see how much more they will grow over the course of the season. She said that she is looking forward to playing several of the middle schools in Putnam County as they have programs that have a long-standing his-

tory of fielding strong teams.

"It will be exciting to see how we compare as a much younger program and to get an idea of what our team could like in a few years," she said.

"Our big goal this season is to win just one more game," Tate understands the challenges that come with fielding such a young and inexperienced team but is hopeful that she can help them learn the game, build confidence, and become passionate about the sport. "Our goal is to win just one more game and then one more game after that until we have the confidence to back up a winning record."

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# White County Middle School football



NAME	NO.
Jackson Savage	1
Exavior Gamblin	2
Tucker Pinion	3
Jojo Dowell	4
J.G. Wallace	5
Marcus Azzaalini	6
Jack Walker	7
John David Dupree	8
Jack Carpenter	9
Dowdy Christian	10
Andrew Price	11
Cadem Carter	12
Ashton Randolph	13
Hudson Dodd	14
Cole Sims	15
Brayden Blanchard	16
Dravin Margeson	17
Caden Shockley	18
Brylee Kelso	19
Jeffery Clark	20
Maddox Pratt	21
Davion Baird	23
Carter Rich	24
Ashton Parker	25
Will Thomas	28
Enoch Weldon	30
Brian Anderson	31
Charles Anderson	33
Randy Lee	35

NAME	NO.
Jayden Farley	40
Will Walker	45
Tyson Gentry	46
Aiden Phifer	50
Landon Kerr	51
Arian Qualls	52
Eli Sparkman	53
Charlie Durfree	54
MATthew Mefford	55
Matthew Stoglin	56
Daymon Conley	75
Jason Threet	76
Justin Miller	57
Tyler Underwood	58
Ryan Young	59

NAME	NO.
Conner McBride	60
Kevin Tollison	61
Jacob Knowles	62
Jake Young	63
Tytus Scott	77
Chris Graver	89
Sean Gomez	65
Zach Conley	66
Carter Turner	68
Hunter Davis	70
Daniel Maples	71
Hunter Broyles	72
Allen Brown	73
Ethan Lough	74
Charlie Hall	79

COACH - Jacob Sparkman  
 ASSISTANT COACHES - Austin Allen, Jason Carpenter, Terry Green, Mike Harris  
 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR - Terry Crain

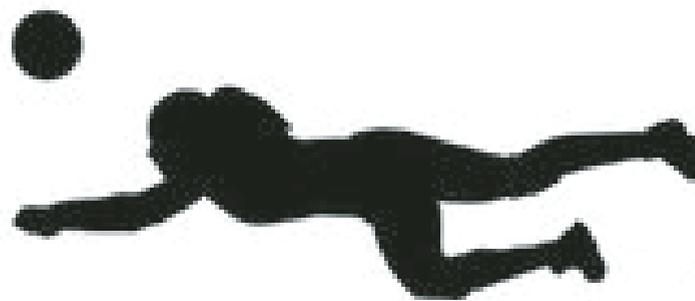
## WCMS FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

8/5	Macon County	Home
8/24	Trousdale	Away
8/30	Smith County	Home
9/2	Dekalb	Away
9/9	Prescott	Home
9/13	Upperman	Home
9/16	Warren County	Away
9/21	Algood	Home
9/25	West 1 vs West 2/ East 1 vs East 2	
9/30	Championship Game	



# WHITE COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL WARRIORETTE VOLLEYBALL

Name
Gracie Clark
Kyra Fox
Ashley Gibson
Hannah Haley
Kylie Norvell
Lily Parker
Bella Winningham
Anna Armstrong
Halle Floyd
Rhaleigh
Parrish
Torey Price
Tegan Rittenberry
Ashley Selby
Miah Swindell
Maddie Austin
Saydee Carpenter
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