

BEDFORD



FROM LEFT
 Row 1: Grant Andrews, Jake Stark, Grant Nieszala, Austin Jankowski, Brendan Zeiler, Nick Kujda, Jacob Wexler, Jacob Steenrod, Kyle Krupp, Brad Williams.
 Row 2: Jacob Binder, Jordan Prajzner, Gabe Elarton, Austin Teague, Nicholas Hicks, Michael Decker, Jordan Kasper, Matthew Phillips, Keith Fistler, Austin Lake.
 Row 3: Markus Bowen, Cameron Braun, Ian Tyburski, Seth Dolan, David Jeffers, Kyle Kahut, Joey Wiemer, Joey Shepherd, Jared Nanney, Christopher Augustyniak.
 Row 4: Zach Putman, Jarred Floyd, Caleb Tanner, Ethan Beck, Brady, Nowak Joey, Oehlert Seth, Handy Drew, Nelson Jacob Herbster, Andrew Nusbaum.
 Row 5: Abhijit Risley, Tyler Licata, Wes Doxsie, Parker Eason, Gabe Caris, Jonathan Scout, Garrett Whitlock, Trevor Carr, Logan Santiago, Jared Hendricks.
 Row 6: Manager Harley Elsten, manager Mya Sherman, coaches DJ Lutz, Mike Piasecki, John Phillips, head coach Jeff Wood, Jim O'Brien, Jack Luettke, Jon Reynolds, Dan Lopez, Lee Wood, manager Ashlen Gangway, manager Megan Kirtos.

Coach: Jeff Wood, eighth season
Last season: 5-4, 3-2 Southeastern Conference

Returning letter winners: 24

Returning starters: Offense 6, defense 6

Schemes: Flexbone-veer/Multiple 4-3

Top players: Seniors Tim Stevens, 6-4, 270, OL-DL; Grant Nieszala, 6-0, 260, OL; Jordan Kasper, 6-2, 265, OL; Jacob Steenrod, 5-8, 200, RB-DL; Matt Phillips, 6-2, 225, TE-DL; Sam

Haise, 6-1, 205, DL; Brad Williams, 6-3, 19, SE-P-DB-K. Juniors Jared Nanney, 5-8, 165, QB-DB; Joe Wiemer, 6-3, 195, QB-DB.

Outlook: Numbers won't be an issue for the Kicking Mules, who have 67 players.

Stevens led Bedford's defense with 88 tackles last season, while Steenrod returns at nose guard but is also projected at starting fullback. Nanney and Wiemer will also contend for the starting quarterback job.

Youth, however, could be a disadvantage for Bedford, which has underclassmen at certain positions, and limited experience at fullback, quarterback and linebacker, and its safeties are mostly juniors or return as non-starters.

"We need to come together as a team at camp," Wood said. "Youthful teams have issues with this early in the season, but we will overcome a lot of these situations with our numbers"

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Aug. 28-St. Francis at UT
Sept. 4-Fenton
Sept. 11-at Ann Arbor Pioneer
Sept. 18-Saline
Sept. 25-Ann Arbor Skyline
Oct. 2-at Monroe
Oct. 9-at Ann Arbor Huron
Oct. 16-Tecumseh
Oct. 23-Detroit Country Day