

# JACKSON

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Offensively, the Mountaineers will be relying on perhaps Jackson's best-ever corps of receivers, including one of the league's premiere players in wideout Mike Race. The 6-foot-2, 185-pound senior is attracting attention from several Division I college programs, including Army and Bucknell.

Senior wingback Nick Samanas is the other returning offensive starter and will be joined in the receiving unit by junior wideout Brad Fagula. Senior Dan Consodine will also see time at wideout and senior Rob-

**"This is a very blue collar team. I like this team. I love their work ethic. How good we're going to be, I don't know."**

**Ted Jackson**  
Dallas head coach

bie Tomko will start at tight end. Dallas could put as many as four or five wideouts on the field at a time.

"I don't know if there's been a better receiver than (Race) since I've been here," Jackson said. "And as a group, this could be the best group of receivers we've ever had."

The job of getting the ball into the trio's hands belongs to first-year starter Chris Parrish. The senior quarterback takes over the duties from two-year starter Matt Kelly.

"He's worked as hard as any kid who's ever gone through our program," Jackson said.

Senior Joe Lambert will start at tailback and senior Nick Onzik will handle the fullback duties. Both players have been backups at their respective positions for last two years. Mike Gergel and Robert Hayes will see action at fullback and tailback, respectively. If Dallas struggles with its passing game, expect Samanas to see time at tailback.

The offensive line is a phys-

ically strong unit with very little on-field experience. The starters include junior Sam Perry (center), junior D.J. Anderson (left tackle), junior Robert Monk (left guard), junior Adam Tamanini (right guard) and senior Andrew Hiller (right tackle). Senior Robert Appleby, a transfer from Wyoming Seminary, will see time at tackle or center.

Defensively – with several excellent athletes in the secondary – Jackson expects his team to be much more aggressive this season.

"We're going to change our philosophy on defense. We were a little passive last year," said Jackson, whose team missed the playoffs last season for only the second time in 14 years. "We have some kids who can play man, so we might be able to

come after teams a little more. We don't want to be sitting ducks like we were last year."

The defensive unit will be led by its corps of linebackers. Lambert, an outside linebacker, is the lone returning starter of a physical group. Onzik and Perry will start at inside linebacker, while Jake Devlin joins Lambert on the outside. Junior Greg Jerzak will also see time on the outside.

Anderson, Hiller and Appleby will all see playing time at defensive tackle, while Monk and Tomko will be the defensive ends.

In the secondary, Parrish will start at safety, while Fagula, Samanas and Race will play at cornerback. And on special teams, Race – one of the league's best kickers – will handle all placekicking and punting duties.

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and wide receiver. And with our (open) style of offense, those are very key positions."

Derek Shurmanek – one of only six juniors on the team – won the battle for starting quarterback, beating out senior Adam Harris and sophomore Ken Pollock.

"Derek brings a lot of athleticism to our system and that's a plus," Myers said. "He has a pretty good arm and we're working on his accuracy. Adam and Kenny are pushing him. Adam brings a great knowledge of our system and Kenny brings more physical tools."

Senior Steve Yankowski moves from wideout to the backfield, where he'll be joined by fellow senior tailback Brandon Higgins. Yankowski is the quicker of the two runners, while Higgins is more of a downhill runner. Seniors Matt Kosloski and Josh Arnold will play fullback.

Shurmanek will try to get the ball into the hands of an inexperienced receiving corps. Junior Kevin Racemus will start at one of the wideout positions, while seniors Mark Walsh and Nick Maciejczak will also play wideout. Senior Stan Brudnicki starts at tight end.

The entire offensive line is back from last season, including a pair of 300-pounders in seniors Justin Neare (6-foot-3, 310, right tackle) and Eric Gronski (6-5,



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Members of the Lake-Lehman football coaching staff, from left are assistant Pat Keating, head coach Greg Myers and assistant Matt Wincek.

**"We have a great senior class. We want to improve in all phases of the game."**

**Greg Myers**  
Lake-Lehman head coach

300, right guard). Senior Joe Klemunes and junior Josh Steele will see time at left tackle, and seniors Josh Stuffick and Ronnie Ritts will start at left guard and center, respectively.

In the Lake-Lehman 4-4 defense, Neare, Gronski, Stuffick and senior Tim Doty will rotate playing time at defensive tackle. Arnold, junior Mike Pelleschi and senior Justin Saraka will play defensive end. Neare, Gronski and Arnold were starters a year ago.

Yankowski will also play a

different position on defense, as well, switching from the secondary to outside linebacker. Returning starters Brudnicki and Koloski will play inside linebacker, and Higgins and Pollock join Yankowski on the outside.

In the secondary, Racemus will start at safety, with Walsh and Shurmanek handling the duties at cornerback. Maciejczak and senior Kyle Poluske are also expected to see plenty of time. On special teams, former soccer player Kevin Konicki, a senior, has been working out with the football all summer and will handle kickoffs, extra points and field goals. Harris will be the punter.

"There's definitely a lot of excitement around here," said Myers.

"Last year showed that we can play football with everyone on our schedule."

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