

Top Greenville area high school football linebackers to watch during 2022 season



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The linebacker spot is the heart of the defense and these players can make a big difference in their team's success this coming football season. Sideline-to-sideline ability, run-stoppers, all-around players:

This group has it all.

Here are the top linebackers in Greenville County to watch this season. Names are listed in alphabetical order by last name:

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Kazi Bland

Southside, Sr.

Outlook: Bland is one of the top tacklers in the county. He had 50 total stops last year with 2.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, 14 tackles-for-loss and was named all-region as a junior.

Jacari Bennett

J.L. Mann, Jr.

Outlook: Bennett is an outside linebacker and had 81 total tackles, seven tackles-for-loss, 10 Sacks, and one defensive touchdown last season. He will form one of the best front-sevens in the area alongside 2021 all-region MLB Jacob Watt.

Hayden Brown

Blue Ridge, Sr.

Outlook: Brown plays wide receiver and linebacker the Tigers. He had 53.5 total tackles, one interception and eight tackles-for-loss last season on the way to being named all-region as a junior.

Jacob Collins

Riverside, Sr.

Outlook: Collins was a part of a Riverside defense that made big strides in 2021. He had 90 tackles, eight TFLs, one sack and six pass breakups last season as a junior starter.

Thomas Edmondson

Greenville, Sr.

Outlook: Edmondson had 74 total tackles and 4.5 sacks last year. He'll form a very strong linebacker room alongside Luke Schuller.

Richard Hollingsworth

Hillcrest, Sr.

Outlook: Hollingsworth had a very strong start to last season: He had 49 total tackles in the Rams first six games. He also had three tackles-for-loss and two sacks as well.

Elliot Prescott

Riverside, Sr.

Outlook: Prescott is what one would describe as versatile: He had 92 total tackles, five tackles-for-loss, one forced fumble and three pass breakups last season. The senior LB contributes in a number of ways – and will again as a senior leader at Riverside.

Langston P. Scott

Eastside, Sr.



Outlook: Eastside struggled in 2021, but Scott was a bright spot. He played all over the middle for the Eagles and gathered 102 total tackles, 15 TFLs, one sack, five fumble recoveries, four pass breakups and one forced fumble. Per his Twitter, he has an offer from Limestone University.

Luke Schuller

Greenville, Sr.

Outlook: Schuller will be one of the best linebackers in the state to return this season. He was all over the field for Greenville High, finishing his junior season with 105 total tackles and nine tackles-for-loss.

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Da'Shun Sherman

Southside, Soph.

Outlook: Sherman played outside linebacker last season, finishing with 41 total tackles, 10.5 tackles-for-loss, six sacks, one pass breakup and a fumble recovery.

Tommy Sullivan

St. Joseph's Catholic, Sr.

Outlook: Sullivan never missed a snap last season. He totaled 87 tackles, four tackles-for-loss, two sacks, one interception, three forced fumbles and three pass breakups.

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Jacob Watt

J.L. Mann, Sr.

Outlook: An all-region middle linebacker, Watt was one of the area's best players in the heart of the defense. He had 91 total tackles, seven tackles-for-loss, one defensive touchdown during his junior season.

Mykel Woodfield

Southside Christian, Sr.

Outlook: Woodfield was all-region at middle linebacker in 2021 and tallied 91 tackles, 17 tackles-for-loss, nine sacks and three interceptions. He will lead an SCS defense that only gave up double-digit points twice on the way to a Class A state championship last season.

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