

Alabama

Jameson Williams (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Transferred from Ohio State

-“Things didn’t work out well with me so I ended up in the transfer portal and you see what happened: I just ended up at Alabama playing for Coach Saban,” Williams said. “At the end of the day, they say good things always come back.”

-Saban said it’s important to have the right combination of receivers on the field and Jameson Williams’ speed is a factor that makes him a good fit.

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

“We looked for a receiver. We looked at everybody in the [transfer] portal,” Saban said. “He started and played against us last year in the national championship game, and we had a lot respect for him from that standpoint.

-“When he was in the portal and looked at all the players, we said, no doubt, this is the best guy out there. Let’s try to get him.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Really an impressive second half for Jameson Williams. He’s clearly the guy to whom Alabama will turn in crucial situations with his combination of speed and strong hands.

-Saban said he does “done extremely well” and is a vertical threat on every play. Saban thought Williams played “really well” against Texas A&M. “He’s added a lot,” Saban said. “Our receivers have got to be very consistent in terms of the way we play -- we can’t afford to miscommunicate, we can’t afford to drop balls and he’s been a real positive spark for us.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

- Saban said Young has done a good job of managing the entire offense and Jameson Williams is “exactly what” Alabama sought in the offense as a vertical threat who can take the top off the defense.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-John Metchie and Jameson Williams have had “outstanding years.” Slade Bolden has stepped up and Ja’Corey Brooks is also getting a bigger role, Saban noted.

-And receiver Jameson Williams was named one of three finalists for the Biletnikoff Award going to the nation’s top receiver.

-Of players being finalists for awards, Saban said both Jameson Williams and Will Anderson have done an “outstanding job all year long,” adding Williams is a great competitor with energy, enthusiasm and how he players with emotion has impacted other players on offense.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Alabama named Young as one of three offensive players of the year along with wide receivers John Metchie and Jameson Williams.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-The Associated Press released its version -- the third of five official teams used in NCAA record books -- and the Crimson Tide were represented by Bryce Young, Jameson Williams and Will Anderson.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

- "He can catch the ball inside and destroy pursuit angles with that speed," Brugler said. "Keep defenses off balance. He's a type of creator and weapon that makes defenses nervous. That's what offenses in the NFL are looking for."

- The ACL injury will likely impact his stock, but Williams still has a good chance of being a first-round pick. All three analysts still think he will be. He might have been a top-10 pick if he wasn't injured, though

- "Not every team is going to be OK with starting him on the PUP list and missing a portion of his rookie year most likely," Edholm said. "Not a big one. I think he can still contribute as a rookie, and if you loved the speed before, he's probably going to come back. ACLs are so common and guys come back from them so well these days, I'm not concerned. He's got a different gear."

- "But I'm hearing I'm ahead of schedule," he said. "I'm six weeks out of surgery right now. I've been walking without the brace for two weeks. Without the crutches for three weeks, stably. So things hopefully will keep going on this track and we'll be back as soon as possible."

- "I won't be rushing anything," he stressed. "I'll just let it happen when it happens."

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

- "You get your intel from the league on that, and the intel told me first round for Jameson Williams," Kiper said. "Some still think second round because of the ACL. But my intel, and I didn't talk to 32 teams, but the ones I did speak to said first round for Jameson Williams."

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

- "probably the thing that affected our team the most was losing those two guys at the end of the year, because that was the strength of our team -- quarterback and receivers. Everything else was kind of a complement to that." Saban added of the two receivers, "They don't have the mindset of, 'I just want to catch passes.' They want to be complete players at their positions. They'll play on special teams, they'll do whatever they need to do to help the team get better."

Henry To'o To'o (LB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

- Transfer from Tennessee

- "Built relationships here," To'o To'o said, "and honestly, when I got in the transfer portal, kind of just picked up where we left off when I was in high school."

- Left the Miami game with an elbow injury, should be "OK" according to Saban

- "Just a little sprain," he said, "nothing too serious."

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

- fellow linebacker Henry To'o To'o was named national defensive player of the week by the Walter Camp Football foundation.

-“He was very confident when he came here that he could create a role for himself because of the kind of competitor and the kind of person (he is) and how important football is to him that he would do just fine,” Saban said. “And he certainly has.”

-Saban said Henry To’o To’o has “done a really good job,” is a good communicator and is smart. Saban believes To’o To’o has added something to the defense in his ability to communicate and help other people feel confident they are doing the right things.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Senior defensive lineman DJ Dale joined the group that includes linebackers Henry To’o To’o and Will Anderson along with safety Jordan Battle and quarterback Bryce Young -- the only of the five who plays on offense. The fact Anderson and Young were permanent captains and returning group members from last season speaks to the youth left in the wake of the senior-laden 2020 team.

Bryce Young (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“You know, he’s smart,” Saban said. “Most people just look at the stats and say he was whatever he was, for whatever he was for this many yards. But, you know, he redirects the protection, he plays like a veteran out there.”

-“I was really impressed with the way he played in the game, the poise that he played with, the command that he had. He kind of took what the defense gave. And really directed the offense in a really positive way. And when we had opportunities to make plays on third down and a couple other explosive plays, he certainly did a great job in getting the ball to the right guy in the right time in the right place. So I was really pleased.”

-“To know we were going to take a shot early and for him to trust me and not try to hold back or changing the play calls, that means a lot,” Young said. “And I felt like that was trust I was trying to build and establish in the offseason. But having that trust from Coach Saban and (O’Brien), it means a lot to me,” Young said

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Bryce did a really good job,” Saban said. “He was very composed. That was a difficult circumstance and situation to play in. We clapped some. We went on silent some but I thought he managed the game really well. Made some really, really good decisions for the most part.”

-“But it was really more of a snap count issue than it was (Young’s) doing,” Saban said. “So, the center had a tough time hearing a couple of times and we snapped the ball late and got some penalties but all in all, there’s a lot to learn.”

Date: 10-7-21

-“We’ve got a lot of players that are capable. I think when you play a team like we played last week who drops eight guys a lot, the quarterback has to do a good job of reading the defense. So it’s not so much about trying to get the ball to a particular player as it is to read the defense and hitting the soft spot whenever possible. And I think Bryce did a really good job of that. A consequence of that is we had a lot of guys involved in the passing game.” From Saban

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Alabama quarterback Bryce Young was among three players selected by the Associated Press to its midseason All-America team.

-Asked about Bryce Young's input in scripting the plays, Saban said, "I don't really think so. I think what we do is maybe do it in a different direction." They ask all three quarterbacks' input about what they like in each situation. They don't want to run what quarterbacks don't like, Saban said, but he believes coaches that have decades of experience can make better decisions about what is best for the entire team.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“But he’s done a really good job of scrambling,” Saban said. “He is really deceptively quick and has a really good burst and moves around very effectively in the pocket. So he’s not easy to sack. So that’s been very beneficial to us. I would actually hope that he doesn’t have to do it, that we could protect well enough and get people open well enough that we can throw and catch it and he wouldn’t have to do that.”

- “There’s also always time for some teaching moments, which players gain and learn through experience,” Saban said. “And you know, sometimes, you just need to talk about things, and Bryce is always really receptive to that because he’s one of those guys that’s never defensive about any corrections because he really takes it like you’d like people to in terms of trying to use that experience, that failure even, as an opportunity to grow and get better.”

- “He’s one of those guys that’s focused on the right stuff,” Saban said. “He understands that his value is created by performance, and he’s focused on his performance. And players should come to Alabama to want to win a championship and create value for themselves. And the smart ones know that they create value for themselves by how they perform and that none of those things really should be a factor relative to all that.”

-“He’s an easy guy to coach,” Saban said. “He tries to do everything the right way. He wants to do everything the right way. He always prepares well for the game. He’s got a great personality. He’s got really good leadership qualities about him. It’s really important to him to sort of be the best that he can be, which you always love in competitors and you always love in players.”

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Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- Bryce Young is a competitor who prepares hard and is intense in practice and in games. They haven’t been disappointed in his play but Saban notes the improvement over time with his first-year starting QB.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-ESPN play-by-play announcer Chris Fowler briefly mentioned Young had a “slight limp as he trotted off the field,” and from the press box, head trainer Jeff Allen and team doctor Lyle Cain could be seen congregating in the quarterbacks’ area of the bench after the play.

-“You’ve always got a little bit of soreness going in and out, but I’m blessed to not have anything major happen to me, anything really bad happen,” said Young, who walked gingerly to and from his post-game news conference. “That’s a blessing.”

- Saban said Young has done a good job of managing the entire offense

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

- Saban said Bryce Young made really good decisions about who to throw the ball to. He dealt with some drops from receivers and had some overthrows. “The guy had a fantastic game, I think,” he said.

-Saban said Bryce Young is “deceptively quick” and has “better speed than most people think,” and he does a good job of keeping his eyes downfield when running, “which is the key to the drill,” he said.

-“He has a great knack in the pocket for where to slide, keeps his eyes downfield,” Saban said. “So it’s not like he’s scrambling to run and looking at the rush, which I think is a real key to the drill if you’re going to be the guy who’s a successful passer.”

-Quarterback Bryce Young is a up for the Maxwell Award for the national player of the year as well as the Davey O’Brien National Quarterback Award.

-Saban said you can’t do what Bryce Young does if you don’t have natural instincts. But an ability to use those instincts consistently is developed, and takes an understanding of what the defense is doing to quickly know where to go with the ball. Young feels the rush without looking at it to make plays on the move.

-Asked about Bryce Young’s decision-making, Saban said decision-making promotes production. Young is well-prepared and they have good plans on offense, Saban added. “His decision-making and judgment is what leads to the production we’ve had. Poor judgment leads to bad plays.” Saban said Young’s “batting average” is “really good” and he’s only had a couple bad plays.

-“He’s played very well in most of the games this year,” Saban said of Young. “He’ll be the first guy to say there’s things he could have done better on the few plays he might have had an opportunity to do something different. But that’s the right kind of mindset to have to be able to continue to improve and make progress, which he’s always done a good job of.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Alabama football starting quarterback Bryce Young is a finalist for the Walter Camp Player of the Year award.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Asked about Bryce Young, Saban said he has played well all year long and has made incredible plays down the stretch that “certainly enhanced our chances of being successful in the game.”

-Alabama quarterback Bryce Young was chosen by his teammates as the Tide’s most valuable player for the 2021 season.

-Young was also voted by his teammates as one of four permanent captains alongside outside linebacker Will Anderson, defensive lineman Phidarian Mathis and offensive tackle Evan Neal.

-Alabama named Young as one of three offensive players of the year along with wide receivers John Metchie and Jameson Williams.

-Later Wednesday, the SEC announced Young and Anderson had won the coaches' offensive and defensive player of the year awards, respectively.

-Bryce Young is now Alabama's bronze standard for award-winning quarterbacks. Young is Alabama's first quarterback to take home the Heisman Trophy.

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Quarterback Bryce Young, who will be a junior this fall, threw several dozen passes to wide receiver Slade Bolden and running back Brian Robinson, giving the NFL scouts and coaches gathered an early look at the Heisman Trophy winner who will be discussed as a potential No. 1 overall pick.

Christoper Allen (OLB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Likely out for season with fractured foot suffered versus Miami

-"He's a really good pass rusher," Saban said. "And really was a luxury to have him and Will on the edges as outside backers."

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Those two guys are two very unique players,” Saban said of Allen and Anderson. “I’m not sure you really replace them but these other guys are capable. They’re young guys who don’t have the same amount of experience but we’re certainly confident they can go in and do a good job for us.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Linebacker Christopher Allen told The Tuscaloosa News that he will participate in the program's second pro day on April 13.

Trey Sanders (RB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Dealt with a Foot Injury Freshman season

-Broke his hip in car accident last season

-Saban: "there's probably nobody on our team that has had more adversity and more things to overcome. So I was as happy as all get out to see him score a touchdown today."

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“He had multiple fractures and soft tissue damage,” Allen said. “And internal injuries as well. Without diving into what they were specifically, I think that kind of speaks for itself.”

-Added Saban: “I was as happy as all get out to see him score a touchdown today. Most people don’t know how hard this guy’s worked to try to get back as a football player.”

-“[Given] the demands on a person at that position to not just play, but play it here -- it would have been OK if he didn’t get back,” Gsell said. “He did [get back] with flying colors.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Saban said they are “really pleased” with how Roydell Williams and Trey Sanders have played since Jase McClellan went down for the season.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“Obviously Trey Sanders is going to have to step up now,” Saban said. “We’ll be a little thin but we’ve got to keep the guys that we got improving and get those other guys even more ready to play in the future.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“I think he’s got a great opportunity,” Saban said. “I thought he played well in the game. It was good to get him some touches in the game. I think he understands the offense well and I think he’s a very capable guy. Now that he’s gonna have a more significant role, it’s time for him to take advantage of that opportunity, as well, but we have every confidence that he can do that very well for us.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-“He did a good job,” Saban said of Sanders. “He did a nice job with catching the ball. He did a good job in block protection, especially on some critical passing situations. When they blitzed, he made great pickups and ran the ball fairly effectively. So we were pleased.”

-“I do think it took a while for him to A, get his confidence in himself physically that he could go out there and do the things physically that he’s capable of and that he could do in the past,” Saban said Thursday. “But I also think that the opportunities that he’s had to play this year, the role that he has -- a more significant role now -- has also helped him develop confidence knowing we trust and believe that he can go out and do a good job always helps a player in terms of the responsibility and accountability to go out and do his job well.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“I’m pleased with the running back situation. Trey Sanders is doing good. That’s not an issue on our team at all,” Saban said Wednesday. “We’ve got lots of good players there and we’ll have plenty of depth when the other guys get back.”

Cameron Latu (TE)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-started at LB before moving to TE

-“You got good hands, you got great size, you’re a good athlete. And he bought into it,” Saban said of Latu, who scored two touchdowns versus Miami.

-“I’d like to evaluate the guys that did play in the game and did a good job in the game,” he said. “And Cameron Latu certainly did a good job. He didn’t have a lot of experience. I think passes that he caught, he made some really good catches. He made a good run after a catch, scored a couple of touchdowns. Did a good job of execution. Played his position fairly well. So this is a real positive for us at that position.

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Cameron Latu grew up mostly in the small town of Chisholm in northern Minnesota with a population of 4,976 people, according to the 2010 census. Growing up in Chisholm, rugby was Latu's primary sport as a kid.

Jahleel Billingsley (TE)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Saban publicly challenged Billingsley during fall camp and Alabama listed him as a co-backup to Cameron Latu on its depth chart, a departure from the big role Billingsley was expected to play in the offense after emerging as a pass-catching threat last season.

-“We’ll continue to try to develop players at that position, and hopefully they’ll make the decision to do the things they need to do to improve, and that will reflect in how much playing time they get,” he said.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Asked about Jahleel Billingsley, who has one catch over the past four games, Saban said they miss Billingsley’s production but he needs to take advantage of opportunities and play fast. “We need him to sort of go out there and play like he’s capable of playing, and that’s certainly our responsibility as coaches to try to get him to do that.”

-“He knows what he is supposed to do in practice,” Saban said in August. “He knows what he is supposed to do. This is not a democracy. Everybody doesn’t get to do what they want to do. Everybody doesn’t get to do what they feel like doing. You’ve got to buy in and do what you’re supposed to do to be a part of the team and do the things you need to do in practice every day.”

Drew Sanders (LB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-replaced injured Christopher Allen

-“Drew has done a really good job for us. He’s been a really good special teams player,” Saban said Monday. “Now he’s going to have the chance to step up and start, although we’ve kind of rotated the three of those guys at outside linebacker all as starters.

-“We’ve got a lot of confidence in Drew. He’s a good athlete. Smart, hard worker, plays with toughness, gives good effort. So we’ll have to, you know, bring some other guys along at that position as well, but we’re really pleased and confident in Drew.”

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-“We’ve got a lot of confidence in Drew,” Saban said. “He’s a good athlete. Smart. Hard worker. Plays with toughness. Gives great effort. We’ll have to bring some other guys along at that position as well, but we’re really pleased and confident in Drew.”

-“Every time he hit somebody, we’d always say, ‘If he dies, he dies,’” Tolleson (HS Coach) said. “Drew would just give you a little smirk.”

-“He’s different,” defensive back Brian Branch said. “He comes to work every day. His work ethic is incredible.”

-“When he showed up, I called him Thor,” De La Torre said. “I said, ‘Good god, he looks like Thor.’”

-“I told my head football coach: I can’t imagine Drew Sanders only learning one position and one position only,” Tolleson said, “and how great he will be when he doesn’t have to think that much.”

Date: 10-7-21

-“It was little maybe worse than we thought,” Saban said. “He is going to be game-to-game here for a few weeks. We’ll just have to see how it goes.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Nick Saban on Wednesday said sophomore Drew Sanders will miss a second straight game with the hand injury that sidelined him against Texas A&M.

-“He’s out there in pads every day,” Saban said, “but it’s not safe for him to use his hand yet. So he’s not going to play this week.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Saban said outside linebacker Drew Sanders, who has missed the past two games with a hand injury, is “probably very doubtful” for this Saturday but they are hopeful that the bye week will help him get back for the LSU game. “It just depends,” Saban said. “They got to re-X-ray his wrist and make sure everything is OK in there.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- Saban said doctors will scan his hand next week and “if those work out, then he may be able to play in the next game. But they still got to make sure he’s healed. If he’s healed, then they can clear him to play.” Saban added, “the technology in medicine right now is unbelievable. They can really tell if his wrist and thumb and all that is healed properly so he won’t have a setback.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“They’re going to do further X-rays to see how he’s healed,” Saban said. “There’s a good possibility we think that he may be cleared to play in this game.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

- Saban said Drew Sanders, who returned from a hand injury three games ago but has not started, is getting more accustomed and confident in his hand cast

Quandarrius Robinson (LB)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-suspended indefinitely because of a DUI arrest last month

Dallas Turner (LB)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“Dallas is a really good athlete. He’s got really good size. He fits the profile in what we look for in outside linebackers,” Saban said. “He showed great promise and is sort of work in progress from an assignment, responsibility, exactly-how-to-do-things standpoint, which is usually a case when a guy is a freshman -- especially early in the season. But this will get him more reps and hopefully it will enhance his development.”

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-Sophomore Drew Sanders was the first off the bench when Allen went down against Miami and the former five-star drew strong reviews from teammates who praised his relentless work ethic.

Date: 10-7-21

-“Dallas Turner is a good young player,” Saban said. “He is probably going to get more opportunity, as well as Chris Braswell at that position. Those guys have played some, but they are obviously going to get more opportunity now.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Asked about Will Anderson and Dallas Turner, Saban said both did a great job and they affected the quarterback. “I think those guys did an outstanding job,” also nothing there was “pretty good coverage for the most part.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Freshman Dallas Turner has started in his place and “done a really nice job for us,” Saban said. “He’s gained a lot of confidence, a lot of experience. He doesn’t make a lot of errors in the game. He’s a smart guy. He prepares the right way. We feel like all three of those guys can play winning football with us, with Will [Anderson].”

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Outside linebacker Dallas Turner, cornerback Kool-Aid McKinstry and return specialist JoJo Earle were all named to the SEC’s all-freshman team, announced Thursday.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“[Anderson is] the best competitor on anybody’s team that you could ever ask for: works hard every day, great leader, sets a great example, does everything you could ask for in a player and does it right,” Saban said at the coaches’ clinic. “So this guy [Turner] is over here with [Anderson], trying to be like him. So he works his butt off, works his butt off. He was third team.

Jordan Davis (EDGE)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-was academically ineligible and could not enroll.

JoJo Earle (WR)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“[He] is just a freshman, little No. 10, but I think this guy is special,” Saban said. “He can be special.”

-“He’s also a really good returner. We’re trying to get him to be a little more confident back there -- commanding, especially in punt return, which he could really be good at,” Saban said. “He’s a little Waddle-like when it comes to that.”

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“We’re trying to get JoJo experience and we think he’s an explosive player,” Saban said. “He played some last week on a couple of the shorter passes, and then working him as a punt returner, trying to get him to gain confidence. Slade is very dependable out there, but JoJo can be very explosive.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Saban showed a lot of trust putting Earle, a true freshman, back to field A&M punts in a hostile environment like that.

-By the second week of the season, Nick Saban said Earle could be “special” and compared his skills to Jaylen Waddle.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-JoJo Earle will out for a little while, he said, although it is not as serious as Williams. “Those are two pretty significant injuries,” he said.

-Alabama freshman wide receiver JoJo Earle appeared to suffer a left leg injury in the first quarter when he was hit hard on a punt return for no yards in the first quarter. Earle was helped to the sideline without putting weight on his left leg and was later carted to the locker room.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Wide receiver JoJo Earle does not need surgery after being injured in Saturday’s game against New Mexico State and will be out “maybe a week or two,” Saban said.

-On receiver JoJo Earle, Saban said he’ll “be back sometime shortly,” but that wouldn’t be Saturday against Georgia.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Nick Saban said JoJo Earle, who was back in uniform for pregame warmups against Georgia, has been dry-land running and they will see how much further he can come along by Dec. 31. Earle wore a brace over his left knee while warming up Saturday.

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Camar Wheaton (RB)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Freshman RB was injured in practice.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Saban said freshman running back Camar Wheaton, a five-star recruit who has been sidelined so far this season because of a meniscus injury, is not yet practicing and “has a ways to go.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Freshman Camar Wheaton remains out with a meniscus injury.

Roydell Williams (RB)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-He (Nick Saban) said Roydell Williams had an issue with where he carries the ball that led to the fumble.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Saban said they are “really pleased” with how Roydell Williams and Trey Sanders have played since Jase McClellan went down for the season.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Roydell Williams will be lost “for a good while,” Saban said

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Alabama sophomore running back Roydell Williams has a knee injury that requires surgery and “will be out,” coach Nick Saban said Monday.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-As for the injury recoveries, both are progressing well – with McClellan a bit ahead of Williams because his rehab began several weeks before Williams’. McClellan saw more action between the two last year, and flashed a nose for the goal line with nifty moves on touchdowns against Florida and Southern Miss. He’ll be back at some point, but the larger point is that there’s no reason to believe this backfield as a whole, in time, won’t check in with the same dynamic production of virtually all its predecessors in the Saban era.

Ga’Quincy “Kool-Aid” McKinstry (CB)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-True Freshman

-“I thought he did a good job,” Saban said of McKinstry. “I really did. He knew the game plan. He prepared well. He played well in the game.”

-“On the long [60-yard] touchdown pass, I’m not sure if he should have been on the back-outside half or if he should have followed his guy over,” Saban said. “I know we busted in the back end on that one, and we busted on the other [22-yard] touchdown pass they threw, too. New group -- one side is running one thing, the other side is running something else, so we got nobody in the deep part of the field.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Asked about Kool-Aid McKinstry starting over Josh Jobe, Saban said Jobe had a turf toe that “flared up on him” and was not able to practice.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Saban said freshman cornerback Kool-Aid McKinstry did a “pretty good job” when he entered the game in place of Josh Jobe. “We have a lot of confidence in him playing, and I thought he did a pretty good job,” he said.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Kool-Aid McKinstry replaced Jalyn Armour-Davis since he was banged up

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Outside linebacker Dallas Turner, cornerback Kool-Aid McKinstry and return specialist JoJo Earle were all named to the SEC’s all-freshman team, announced Thursday.

Will Anderson (EDGE - OLB)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-questionable for next weekend’s game against Florida after suffering a knee injury in Saturday’s win against Mercer.

-“Checking out his knee,” Saban said, without providing further details about the possible extent of the injury.

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“We’re taking it day by day,” Saban said on the SEC media teleconference. “If he continues to make improvement throughout the rest of the week, he certainly could play in the game.”

-“Those two guys are two very unique players,” Saban said of Allen and Anderson. “I’m not sure you really replace them but these other guys are capable. They’re young guys who don’t have the same amount of experience but we’re certainly confident they can go in and do a good job for us.”

-A week after a scary hit, Will Anderson walked off the field Saturday (Florida game) with his arm around a staffer.

-“He was fine,” Saban said. “He played more plays, probably and got tired in the game. That was probably his biggest issue.”

-“I talked to him in the locker room after the game and I asked him if he had any issues and he said no. He said he did get tired in the game but it was humid out there.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Anderson, a sophomore who has been a captain for three games this season

-become a vocal leader of the team

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Alabama LB Will Anderson was among three players selected by the Associated Press to its midseason All-America team.

-Will Anderson was named the national player of the week from the Nagurski and Bednarik award organizations

-Asked about Will Anderson’s lower body power, Saban said explosion and explosive quickness are important for any position. “It’s not just having strong legs,” he said. “It’s about having flexibility, being able to explode out of your hips so that you can take advantage of that.” He added that lower-body power helps turn speed to power and impacts initial quickness. “The faster you can move, the inertia of that is what generates power as well,” he said.

-Saban on Will Anderson: “He’s not just a good player on game day. This guy has got some of the best character, one of the best people we’ve ever had on our team. ... Really is about as fine of a person as we’ve ever had on our team.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Asked about Will Anderson and Dallas Turner, Saban said both did a great job and they affected the quarterback. “I think those guys did an outstanding job,” also nothing there was “pretty good coverage for the most part.”

-“(Lower-body explosion) usually impacts your initial quickness and obviously the faster you can move, the inertia of that is what generates power as well,” Nick Saban said. “So I think it’s really critical at any position, but Will is certainly a guy that has great lower-body explosion, initial quickness and that’s been a real advantage for him and his development as a really productive player.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Linebacker Will Anderson is one of three finalists for the Bronko Nagurski Trophy going to the nation’s top defensive player

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Saban said Anderson was on the field for many plays, played hard and made plays. “I can’t say enough about the way that guy competes and the way he plays in game,” he said.

-Linebacker Will Anderson is one of four finalists for the Chuck Bednarik Award going to the national defensive player of the year. He was previously named a finalist for the Bronko Nagurski Award that also honors the top defensive players.

-“I haven’t really been looking into doing any NIL deals right now,” he said Monday. “I’ve just kind of been low key. I’m just worried about the season and waiting for all that stuff until after the season. But right now, my main focus is just playing football right now.”

-Of players being finalists for awards, Saban said both Jameson Williams and Will Anderson have done an “outstanding job all year long,” adding Williams is a great competitor with energy, enthusiasm and how he plays with emotion has impacted other players on offense.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-On Will Anderson as a recruit, Saban said they loved his speed and power as a high school player. They weren’t sure if he’d be a stand-up LB or play with his hand in the dirt but they loved his attitude and willingness to work.

-On Will Anderson: Saban said the LB is among the most productive defensive players in college football. On the Heisman, “he’s done as much for our team anyone ever has.”

-“Oh, we loved Will Anderson in high school,” Nick Saban said Monday. “He had great size. You could see the initial quickness, explosive power. We didn’t know for sure if he’d end up being a stand-up player or end up playing down. He kind of does both for us now and does both very well. He’s certainly been everything that we thought he would be, and I think that’s because of the kind of person he is, the kind of competitive character he has, the leadership qualities that he has. The guy’s always trying to get better.”

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Young was also voted by his teammates as one of four permanent captains alongside outside linebacker Will Anderson, defensive lineman Phidarian Mathis and offensive tackle Evan Neal.

-team named Anderson and Mathis as defensive players of the year.

-Later Wednesday, the SEC announced Young and Anderson had won the coaches’ offensive and defensive player of the year awards, respectively.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-The Associated Press released its version -- the third of five official teams used in NCAA record books -- and the Crimson Tide were represented by Bryce Young, Jameson Williams and Will Anderson.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Senior defensive lineman DJ Dale joined the group that includes linebackers Henry To’o To’o and Will Anderson along with safety Jordan Battle and quarterback Bryce Young -- the only of the five who plays on offense. The fact Anderson and Young were permanent captains and returning group members from last season speaks to the youth left in the wake of the senior-laden 2020 team.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“[Anderson is] the best competitor on anybody’s team that you could ever ask for: works hard every day, great leader, sets a great example, does everything you could ask for in a player and does it right,” Saban said at the coaches’ clinic. “So this guy [Turner] is over

here with [Anderson], trying to be like him. So he works his butt off, works his butt off. He was third team.

-Saban called Anderson one of the most dominating defensive players in the country last year. Improving on already being among the nation's best won't be easy for Anderson in his junior season, but he's got the necessary mindset to do so.

-"I think he challenges himself to continue to develop knowledge of 'how can I apply the skills that I have to be even more productive? Whether it's in pass rush, whether it's in playing the run, whether it's how I prepare for a game so I can anticipate what will happen next,'" Saban said. "Because I know as a competitor, he's never satisfied. I think that's probably why he is what he is and why he will continue to improve."

Josh Jobe (CB)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“I think [those players] should be back,” Saban said. “We didn’t think their injuries were that serious to start with, but they were a little bit more serious than what we originally anticipated or thought they would be. They weren’t able to practice all week.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“We need for our younger guys to be playing on special teams so a lot of the older guys who are playing more plays in the game don’t have to play, because those guys are really good special teams players.” He noted Josh Jobe, Jordan Battle and Brian Robinson as such players. “They served their time,” Saban said. “Now they’re playing a greater role and playing all the time, so we need other players to understand.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Asked about Kool-Aid McKinstry starting over Josh Jobe, Saban said Jobe had a turf toe that “flared up on him” and was not able to practice. Saban said they were not going to play Jobe unless they had to play, but eventually Jobe entered when Armour-Davis went down.

-“(Jobe) was ready to play in the game, but because he hadn't practiced a lot and fear of making his toe worse we were sort of seeing if we could get it done without him,” Saban said Saturday. “Then when Jalyn went down, we thought he was the best option to put in the game and he wanted to play, and he was ready to play, and I thought played pretty well.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-left game versus Arkansas

-Josh Jobe practiced well all week but had “a couple tough plays in the game” before Kool-Aide McKinstry replaced him at cornerback in the second half.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Cornerback Josh Jobe underwent foot surgery this week and is expected to miss the remainder of the season, On3 Sports reported Thursday. Rivals.com reported the surgery was on Jobe’s toe.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Alabama starting cornerback Josh Jobe is "very doubtful" to play in the College Football Playoff semifinal game against Cincinnati on Dec. 31, Nick Saban said Wednesday.

-Suffered turf toe injury

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Jobe did not participate in on-field drills during the 2022 NFL Combine.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Cornerback Josh Jobe is another player who is recovering from an injury who will not participate in the first pro day. He did not take part in any of the drills at the combine either.

Jalyn Armour-Davis (CB)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“I think [those players] should be back,” Saban said. “We didn’t think their injuries were that serious to start with, but they were a little bit more serious than what we originally anticipated or thought they would be. They weren’t able to practice all week.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Jalyn Armour-Davis got hit in the ribs. X-rays are negative. “Hopefully he’ll recover quickly,” he said.

-Jalyn Armour-Davis “is fine” after his rib injury. They expect him to be able to practice Monday.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Saban said starting cornerback Jalyn Armour-Davis had a “little hip injury” and was not full speed, so “we’ll see how he responds this week and see if can be able to play in this game.” Armour-Davis did not start against Auburn;

-“He’s been able to do just a limited amount of things,” Saban said. “He doesn’t play a position where if he’s not full speed, he could be expected to play but we’re still going to still sort of look at him on a day-to-day basis too and see how he progresses.”

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Jalyn Armour-Davis is going to try to play in the bowl game but Saban said he didn’t have specific updates on injuries just yet.

-“We’re starting practice tomorrow obviously,” Saban said. “I don’t know what Jalyn Armour-Davis’ status will be, how much he will be able to do in practice, where he will be physically. I know he wants to try to play in the game.”

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Alabama cornerback Jalyn Armour-Davis (St. Paul’s Episcopal): 4.39 seconds

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Others who will compete in some portion of the pro day will include cornerback Jalyn Armour-Davis

Slade Bolden (WR)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

- Slade Bolden “is very dependable” says Saban

Date: 10-7-21

-“We lost a lot of safeties that year, and I came in as an athlete technically,” Bolden said. “So coach was like, ‘We need a safety.’ Me as a freshman I was willing to do whatever coach asked.”

-Played safety when called upon in 2018

-Slade Bolden played quarterback during his high school career. But that’s not all. He also lined up at receiver, running back and cornerback.

-Also enrolled to play baseball at Alabama

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-John Metchie and Jameson Williams have had “outstanding years.” Slade Bolden has stepped up and Ja’Corey Brooks is also getting a bigger role, Saban noted.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-“I think we have some young guys that are going to get opportunities now. They certainly -- Ja’Corey Brooks did it last week and this week. And I think Slade prayed really well. But I also think that a lot of that comes from Bryce having trust and confidence in those guys as well because a good quarterback can make receivers look good, and those guys have to run good routes and do things the right way to get open.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Bolden, who said Wednesday he had already met with a Patriots staffer at the combine, did not know whether Jones recommended to coach Bill Belichick for Bolden to be drafted.

-“All the time,” he said. “So it was basically, kind of how they use me. If you need a good third-down play or a good third-down catch, having that guy that’s been able to run an option route, or run a catch-tuck-turn type of passes. That’s the kind of guy that Wes was. Catch the ball in the middle of the field, middle of traffic. That’s kind of how I was used as well.”

-“I got a masters degree in business and was kind of schooled-out, to be honest,” he said. “I felt like it was time to come out and take the next step and take the next opportunity.”

-Alabama wide receiver Slade Bolden: 4.66-second 40-yard dash, 32-inch vertical jump and 9-foot, 8-inch broad jump. Bolden did not participate in the bench press, three-cone drill or shuttle run.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Others who will compete in some portion of the pro day will include wide receiver Slade Bolden

Will Reichard (K)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-Junior kicker’s streak of 19 consecutive made field goals, dating back to September 2019 as a freshman, ended when he missed a 34-yarder in the third quarter.

Brian Robinson Jr. (RB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Saban said they’re working with Robinson “on his avoid” so he isn’t involved in so many collisions.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“We need for our younger guys to be playing on special teams so a lot of the older guys who are playing more plays in the game don’t have to play, because those guys are really good special teams players.” He noted Josh Jobe, Jordan Battle and Brian Robinson as such players. “They served their time,” Saban said. “Now they’re playing a greater role and playing all the time, so we need other players to understand.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Saban said Brian Robinson has been a “real workhorse” for Alabama this season.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Saban said Brian Robinson has a lower body pulled muscle. "We'll kind of see how he progresses through the course of the week and see where he's at," Saban said.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Running back Brian Robinson on Wednesday became the second Alabama player to accept an invitation to the 2022 Reese's Senior Bowl.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Miller doesn't think Robinson will shine at the combine as much as he will with intangibles such as vision, toughness and consistency. Speed isn't where Robinson derives his success, so teams won't expect him to be at the top of the 40-yard dash times. But he also can't run too slow.

-Robinson had a 4.53-second 40-yard dash, 30-inch vertical jump and 9-foot, 11-inch broad jump. Robinson did not participate in the bench press, three-cone drill or shuttle run. He pulled up in his first attempt in the 40-yard dash, and while he completed his second 40 run, Robinson did not continue with the workout after that.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Others who will compete in some portion of the pro day will include running back Brian Robinson Jr.

Chris Braswell (LB)

Date: 10-7-21

-"Dallas Turner is a good young player," Saban said. "He is probably going to get more opportunity, as well as Chris Braswell at that position. Those guys have played some, but they are obviously going to get more opportunity now."

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Sophomore Chris Braswell has also been called upon to help fill the void left by Sanders and Allen at outside linebacker.

Malachi Moore (DB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-missed most of the Texas A&M game due to an early targeting penalty

John Metchie (WR)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Saban said he spent a lot of the offseason battling injuries but the more they can practice timing in the passing game will only help.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-John Metchie and Jameson Williams have had "outstanding years." Slade Bolden has stepped up and Ja'Corey Brooks is also getting a bigger role, Saban noted.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

- John Metchie left the game with what appeared to be a season-ending knee injury in the SEC Championship Game.

-Saban said he "has an ACL" and will be out

-Alabama named Young as one of three offensive players of the year along with wide receivers John Metchie and Jameson Williams.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“He seems like a real detail-oriented guy,” Edholm said. “He’s like a classic complimentary receiver.”

-Metchie suffered a torn ACL a few weeks before Williams, which will also likely impact Metchie's stock. “I think his stock had slipped a little bit before he got hurt even,” Miller said. “Unless there’s a big run on receivers, he’s probably an early round two, mid-round two type player.”

-“Around June, in June, I should be cleared, I should be good to go,” he said at the NFL combine in Indianapolis. “Just ready to play football and run some routes.”

-“I don’t really get that sense from them,” he said. “I don’t really get much concern for my injury. Everything checks off. Everything is going well. Rehab’s going well, them looking at my knee is going well.

-“My recovery is going really well. All the doctors say it’s going really well, so I shouldn’t have any issues there at all.”

-It’s part of football,” Metchie said Wednesday at the NFL Scouting Combine. “Playing without the ball is just as important as playing with the ball, especially for your offense. ... Creating big plays in the run game, it’s really blocking on the secondary that creates those big plays. I think it’s just pride and being a football player, really.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

- “probably the thing that affected our team the most was losing those two guys at the end of the year, because that was the strength of our team -- quarterback and receivers. Everything else was kind of a complement to that.” Saban added of the two receivers, “They don’t have the mindset of, ‘I just want to catch passes.’ They want to be complete players at their positions. They’ll play on special teams, they’ll do whatever they need to do to help the team get better.”

Agiye Hall (WR)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Asked in late September about Hall, Nick Saban said, “We’d like to see Agiye become a part of the offense. He’s got a lot of talent and a lot of ability. I think consistency in performance, making good choices and decisions on a day-to-day basis to do the right things, whether it’s on the field, off the field, in academics, whatever it is, aight, because those things really prove dependability.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Alabama football freshman receiver Agiye Hall has played minimally this season, and after the Mississippi State game, he sent out a cryptic tweet. “Yea nah, calling it quits,” he tweeted before it was later deleted.

Ja’Corey Brooks (WR)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

- Asked about Ja’Corey Brooks blocking a punt and contributing on special teams Saban said Brooks has been one of the “real positive freshmen” who have played in that phase and realize the importance of that role. “A lot of other guys don’t take it serious,” Saban said. “But he’s done an outstanding job for us. He loves to play. He’s a really good

competitor. He just likes to play. And we need more guys on our team to be able to contribute.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-He said Ja’Corey Brooks has made “steady improvement” and he is pleased with the progress they are making. He added it is important to have young players make progress because of some of the injuries they have experienced. “You just got to have more guys that are ready to play winning football,” he said.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

“I think we have some young guys that are going to get opportunities now. They certainly -- Ja’Corey Brooks did it last week and this week. And I think Slade prayed really well. But I also think that a lot of that comes from Bryce having trust and confidence in those guys as well because a good quarterback can make receivers look good, and those guys have to run good routes and do things the right way to get open.”

Jordan Battle (SS)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

“We need for our younger guys to be playing on special teams so a lot of the older guys who are playing more plays in the game don’t have to play, because those guys are really good special teams players.” He noted Josh Jobe, Jordan Battle and Brian Robinson as such players. “They served their time,” Saban said. “Now they’re playing a greater role and playing all the time, so we need other players to understand.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

- Saban said Jordan Battle has been one of their most consistent players. On the pick-six interception last Saturday, Battle anticipated the route, passed it off and picked off.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-The Crimson Tide also had safety Jordan Battle on the AP All-American third team.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Senior defensive lineman DJ Dale joined the group that includes linebackers Henry To’o To’o and Will Anderson along with safety Jordan Battle and quarterback Bryce Young -- the only of the five who plays on offense. The fact Anderson and Young were permanent captains and returning group members from last season speaks to the youth left in the wake of the senior-laden 2020 team.

Evan Neal (OT)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Alabama LT Evan Neal was among three players selected by the Associated Press to its midseason All-America team.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Saban said left tackle Evan Neal has played really well and “probably been our most consistent performer.” He also said Neal has “become a leader on the team.” Neal was rated earlier this week by ESPN’s Todd McShay as the No. 3 overall prospect in the 2022 NFL draft.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Young was also voted by his teammates as one of four permanent captains alongside outside linebacker Will Anderson, defensive lineman Phidarian Mathis and offensive tackle Evan Neal.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-The Crimson Tide also had offensive tackle Evan Neal on the AP All-American second team

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Alabama's Evan Neal, a potential early first-round pick in the NFL draft, has opted out of any on-field drills, according to Ian Rapoport.

"The flexibility, the quickness to go with that amazing strength and size," (Matt) Miller (ESPN) said. "He's definitely a standout player."

-Dane Brugler said Neal bends well in pass protection, is controlled in use of his hands and can drive block, among other skills. "There are times where he would get off-balance a little bit," Brugler said. "The sustain skills start to fade. That's why there's a few of the areas he can get better. But when you put it all together, there's a rare mix of size and athleticism and flexibility. That's why I think he has Pro Bowl potential."

-Who has the pick tends to determine what type of player is picked at No. 1 overall, making Neal a legitimate possibility for the top pick. Jacksonville has the first pick. "It's very much in play," Miller said. "They want to protect Trevor Lawrence, their franchise quarterback, and this is a great way to do it."

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Neal will compete in some portion of the pro day

"[Neal]'s size and athletic ability have put him in a position where I think he has a very bright future," Saban said. "He did a great job for us, whether he played guard or tackle. I'm sure that versatility will help him as a pro, as well."

Jase McClellan (RB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-suffered season ending injury to knee

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-As for the injury recoveries, both are progressing well – with McClellan a bit ahead of Williams because his rehab began several weeks before Williams'. McClellan saw more action between the two last year, and flashed a nose for the goal line with nifty moves on touchdowns against Florida and Southern Miss. He'll be back at some point, but the larger point is that there's no reason to believe this backfield as a whole, in time, won't check in with the same dynamic production of virtually all its predecessors in the Saban era.

Byron Young (DL)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Saban said defensive lineman Byron Young, who injured his shoulder late against Mississippi State, has practiced and they are hopeful that he will be able to contribute against Tennessee.

Daniel Wright (S)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Asked about Daniel Wright starting at safety over DeMarcco Hellams in Starkville, Saban said Hellams has been "struggling with kind of a lingering ankle injury" dating back to fall camp and they still view him as a starter.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Others who will compete in some portion of the pro day will include safety Daniel Wright

DeMarcco Hellams (S)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Asked about Daniel Wright starting at safety over DeMarcco Hellams in Starkville, Saban said Hellams has been "struggling with kind of a lingering ankle injury" dating back to fall camp and they still view him as a starter.

-"(Hellams) has been a warrior all year long, fighting through this, battling in practice, overcoming adversity every way that he could, doing everything he could to help the team," Saban said. "But I also think that if he can't play 100% in some circumstances, then we should try to protect him and give him an opportunity to have a chance to get back to 100%."

-"But last week, especially against the spread offense that we were playing against, we wanted to make sure we had fast, healthy guys out there who could cover people and cover more ground and break on the ball," Saban said. "DeMarcco does those things extremely well, but you've got to be 100% to do that. We're trying to get him there."

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Saban said safety DeMarcco Hellams had a thigh bruise entering the game and got hit in that spot during the game. He could have gone back into the game, Saban said.

Traeshon Holden (WR)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Saban said he has "played really well" and made plays whenever he has been in the game. Saban thought Alabama had "great bench enthusiasm" and they were happy especially when Holden scored a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

Darrian Dalcourt (C)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Saban said center Darrian Dalcourt has a sprained ankle and does not know how serious it is.

-"I think Darrian going out certainly didn't help the issue any," Saban said Monday. "Chris got moved in. New right tackle. The right tackle did pretty well in the game actually. Chris hadn't played center for a while. We had a couple of snap issues and a couple of times he probably could have executed things a little better. I think he did a good job relative to the reps that he had."

-Asked about Dalcourt's ankle injury, Saban said he is day-to-day. "I can't really make a call right now," he said. Dalcourt dressed for Wednesday's practice but did not do much. "If he can do some things tomorrow, then maybe he can play in the game," Saban said.

-Darrian Dalcourt will practice on Tuesday.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

- Darrian Dalcourt is warming up at center after missing last week's game with the ankle injury he suffered against LSU.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Dalcourt is out for the spring and was seen with his right arm in a sling on Wednesday at the pro day.

-"I feel really good about those two guys," Saban said. "It's trying to get the other guys in the right spot and maybe who do we develop to be a third center, because that's always an important spot to have somebody to fill if you lose a guy."

Damieon George (RT)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Saban praised the play of right tackle Damieon George after Dalcourt went down and Chris Owens moved to center.

-"It was a positive to get (George) to play," Saban said, "he's making good progress and I thought he played pretty well in the game."

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Saban said right tackle Damieon George has done a really good job and played well, and they are pleased with his progress. George stepped in for Chris Owens, who moved to center after Dalcourt's injury. "If [George] continues to play well, we're going to play him," Saban said

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-And at right tackle, Damieon George is still in the lineup. That would mean sixth-year senior Chris Owens could be the odd man out on senior day.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Asked about Damieon George at right tackle replacing Chris Owens, Saban noted he has played well and again brought up the holding penalty, saying he was "anxious to see that" on film. "He's a big, ol' powerful guy, which is really what you would like to have at right tackle."

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Saban listed players such as Damieon George, J.C. Latham and Javion Cohen as players who could play guard or tackle.

Chris Owens (OL)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Saban praised the play of right tackle Damieon George after Dalcourt went down and Chris Owens moved to center.

-"We need to be more prepared that if something like that happens, the guy's going to be confident enough -- and I think Chris was confident enough -- that he can go in there and get the job done and do well.

-"Chris got moved in. New right tackle. The right tackle did pretty well in the game actually. Chris hadn't played center for a while. We had a couple of snap issues and a couple of times he probably could have executed things a little better. I think he did a good job relative to the reps that he had.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-And at right tackle, Damieon George is still in the lineup. That would mean sixth-year senior Chris Owens could be the odd man out on senior day.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Marcus Banks (CB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Alabama cornerback Marcus Banks has entered the transfer portal, he announced Monday evening on Twitter.

Seth McLaughlin (OL)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

- Saban said sophomore Seth McLaughlin would be the next center up if Dalcourt cannot play and they decide not to start Chris Owens. "He's made a lot of improvement," Saban said. "Plays really well. He's smart. He's tough. He's competitive. He plays with the intangibles that we're looking for at that position."

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

"I feel really good about those two guys," Saban said. "It's trying to get the other guys in the right spot and maybe who do we develop to be a third center, because that's always an important spot to have somebody to fill if you lose a guy."

Demouy Kennedy (RB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

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Javion Cohen (G)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Saban said Javion Cohen had his wrist “repaired” and is “fine,” Saban said. Both he and Darrian Dalcourt will practice on Tuesday.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

- Javion Cohen is also back at left guard after missing last week’s game with a wrist injury.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Emil Ekiyor (G)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Early in the third quarter, starting right guard Emil Ekiyor was seen walking to the locker room with a member of the training staff. He later returned to the sideline later in the quarter.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Emil Ekiyor Jr. at right guard. He has 29 career starts and has started most of the past two seasons at right guard. Ekiyor is back for another season in 2022 and figures to continue in that right guard spot.

DJ Dale (DL)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Saban said DJ Dale “did something to his knee” but the MRI is “fine,” Saban said, noting Dale has had two surgeries on his patellar tendon and was “scared, more than anything, that something happened.” Saban said it is probably too early to tell but “hopefully he’ll be OK.” Dale tweaked his knee in pregame warmups and did not play.

-Asked about DJ Dale’s injury, Saban said he practiced Wednesday. “He probably wasn’t 100 percent, but I think this is something that will get better and better, so we’ll just see how he progresses.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Senior defensive lineman DJ Dale joined the group that includes linebackers Henry To’o To’o and Will Anderson along with safety Jordan Battle and quarterback Bryce Young -- the only of the five who plays on offense. The fact Anderson and Young were permanent captains and returning group members from last season speaks to the youth left in the wake of the senior-laden 2020 team.

-“We added DJ Dale to the leadership group because he’s emerged as a leader in the offseason program,” Saban said Wednesday. “Bryce has been a really good leader and affected a lot of people in a positive way and has developed more and more of a presence as his confidence has grown throughout last season to be more assertive, to get other players to do the things that they need to do to be successful. So we really haven’t added a whole lot of guys to that group.”

Kendall Randolph (TE - OL)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Kendall Randolph is effectively an offensive lineman even though he wears an eligible number (No. 85). Saban has to alert officials to that before every game. “He’s a unique

player,” Saban said of Randolph. “It helps us a lot because we don’t have that many guys at tight ends who are, kind of, dominant blockers, I’m gonna call it. ... [Randolph] has certainly done a marvelous job this year of doing that.” Saban said having a tight end who can block is a key to many plays.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

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Pierce Quick (OL) Alabama → Georgia Tech

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Former five-star offensive lineman Pierce Quick has entered the transfer portal multiple outlets reported.

-In three seasons, Quick appeared in eight games as a reserve including just one this fall.

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Former Alabama offensive lineman Pierce Quick announced Saturday that he is transferring to Georgia Tech.

Jackson Bratton (LB)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-entered transfer portal

-Bratton has not appeared in a game in his two seasons with the Crimson Tide

Xavier Williams (WR)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-entered transfer portal

Marcus Banks (DB)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-entered transfer portal

Robbie Ouzts (FB - TE)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Freshman fullback/tight end Robbie Ouzts has a stress fracture in his foot and will not play in Saturday’s game.

LaBryan Ray (DL)

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Hampered by injuries throughout a five-year college career, the former Alabama defensive end doesn't have the deep library of game tapes that would make him a prized draft pick. He's just looking for an NFL shot, a chance to continue his football career in any way he can. His window of opportunity is a slim one.

-The Madison, Ala., native's career didn't go as any player plans it. A seemingly endless cycle of injury, rehab and recovery – only to start again with another injury. Ray ticks them off one by one, from his freshman year on: Broken foot. Broken ankle, twice. A groin injury. An elbow dislocation.

-Due to his latest injury recovery – from post-season surgery on his elbow – he wasn't able to compete at the NFL Scouting Combine in Indianapolis.

Phidarian Mathis (DL)

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Young was also voted by his teammates as one of four permanent captains alongside outside linebacker Will Anderson, defensive lineman Phidarian Mathis and offensive tackle Evan Neal.

-team named Anderson and Mathis as defensive players of the year.

-Alabama's Phidarian Mathis has accepted an invitation to the 2022 Reese's Senior Bowl, game officials announced Wednesday.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-"The motor, it keeps going," Brugler said. "That really helps him clean up some plays in the backfield." Mathis has room to grow in his hand-fighting, Brugler said, as well as being more balanced through contact.

-The consensus is that Mathis helped his draft stock considerably this past season. Brugler thinks he will be part of a defensive line rotation early in his career.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Participating in three drills, Mathis was sixth in broad jump (109 inches), last in the 20-yard cone shuttle (4.91 seconds) and second from last in the vertical jump (23.5-inches).

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Eli Ricks (CB)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Former five-star cornerback Eli Ricks confirmed his transfer to the Crimson Tide on Twitter. The former Louisiana State-standout started as a freshman and was the only true freshman named to the AP All-America Team in 2020 (third-team).

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-The Crimson Tide have added three transfers this offseason in cornerback Eli Ricks, running back Jahmyr Gibbs and wide receiver Jermaine Burton. They're among the most talented players who transferred this winter.

Jahmyr Gibbs (RB) Georgia Tech → Alabama

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Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Transfer running back Jahmyr Gibbs, who was outstanding in averaging more than five yards per carry over two years at Georgia Tech, bolsters the backfield in a big way. Saban expressed excitement about Gibbs' skill set on Wednesday.

-"Gibbs was a very productive running back at Georgia Tech -- very fast, very explosive guy, has really good hands," Saban said in February. "He actually practiced with us before the national championship game, and we're excited about the speed and explosiveness. He's a really good receiver. I think he can do a lot of positive things for us."

-"He has really been a very good addition to our team," Saban said Wednesday. "He's got great speed. He's really a good receiver, good third-down back. He's got great vision. He's got really good burst out of a cut."

-"I'm really, really impressed with what he's been able to do. He's smart. He picked up things. He's an experienced player. He really does a good job of understanding what we're trying to do and how we're doing it, and that's what experienced players can do. He's done a really, really good job."

Jermaine Burton (WR) Georgia → Alabama

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Christian Harris (OLB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-"He did have several splash plays, but he also had three or four missed tackles," Brugler said. "The ability is there. It's just about being a little more consistent and diagnosing the action."

-"I think he'll be a starter in the NFL his rookie year," Miller said. "And probably for a long time. He's a good player."

-"Christian Harris has all the talent to be a scheme-diverse, three-down linebacker in the NFL," Brugler said. "It's just all about putting it all together and being more consistent with the key to read, as a finisher, the little things that separate the good from the great linebackers."

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Harris ran the second-fastest 40-yard dash at 4.44 seconds and broad jump with a 132-inch jump. Harris finished near the middle of the group in vertical jump with a 34.5-inch jump.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Others who will compete in some portion of the pro day will include linebacker Christian Harris

Jaylen Moody (LB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Perhaps it will be Jaylen Moody. The redshirt senior removed his name from the transfer portal after Harris declared for the draft.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Asked about Jaylen Moody, another candidate to start at inside linebacker, Saban said he has made positive contributions to the team, been a "great special teams player," has accepted his role in the past as a backup and played well when called upon. "But I also think when guys have been in that role, you have to understand what goes with being a starter. You have to challenge yourself to be ready and prepared to play with great consistency in performance, and that's something that he certainly, we certainly want him to come out of the spring and prove to himself and everybody else that he's very capable of doing that,"

Jamarion Miller (RB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“I'm pleased with the running back situation. We've got some experience there. Jamarion Miller has shown some promise. He's a young player. Trey Sanders is doing good. That's not an issue on our team at all,” Saban said Wednesday. “We've got lots of good players there and we'll have plenty of depth when the other guys get back.”

Deontae Lawson (LB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Asked about rising sophomore inside linebacker Deontae Lawson, who could be part of a competition to start alongside Henry To'o To'o, has progressed, Saban responded, “Well, we've moved guys around quite a bit. But he's doing fine. I see maturity in him. I see better knowledge and confidence in what he's supposed to do and how he's supposed to do it. I'm pleased with the way he's practiced and developed, and the toughness and instincts he's showing. We're encouraged.”

J.C. Latham (OL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Saban listed players such as Damieon George, J.C. Latham and Javion Cohen as players who could play guard or tackle.

-Latham was a five-star prospect and the No. 1 offensive tackle in the 2021 class, according to the 247Sports Composite. He received 142 snaps in 2021, 137 of which came while filling in at right guard, according to Pro Football Focus' charting. In the Cotton Bowl against Cincinnati, he got 55 snaps and was Alabama's second-highest graded lineman behind Neal in pass blocking.

Tommy Brockermeier, (OT)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Another player to watch at tackle is Tommy Brockermeier, a former five-star prospect who Saban said will have a chance to compete at the position.

Auburn

T.D. Moultry (EDGE)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“We were flying around. We tackled well. I thought we tackled well. I thought we were relentless in our pursuit to get to the ball. And T.D., he’s a guy who, just talking about that consistency, he does that in practice. He does that in the weight room. He’s got that motor that I think we saw that tonight, and I think he was able to go out there and make plays.” - Head Coach Bryan Harsin

-“He shows up every day,” Harsin said. “He’s obviously talented, and I think his motor, his effort, is something that separates him and why he had the kind of game he did tonight. I know he’ll continue that too, because that’s just who he is.”

-“I liked it. I liked when the D-Line, those guys can provide pressure. T.D. Moultry was able to do that.

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-It was an impressive opening performance for Moultry, who displayed his versatility by lining up as a stand-up edge rusher and with his hand in the ground, as defensive coordinator Derek Mason moved him around in the Tigers’ defensive scheme against the Zips.

-“It was fun just to showcase my abilities and show what I was asked to do and get that nervousness out,” Moultry said. “Years in the past, I was nervous the day before because I wasn’t prepared. When I walked on the field, that’s when the nerves kicked in just a little bit. The day before the game, throughout before the game, it wasn’t no nervousness before I got on the field.”

Date: 9-12-21

-“I always told myself I was a walking millionaire; I still am,” Moultry said. “I just didn’t have the confidence, but now the confidence is there.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- Edge T.D. Moultry (undisclosed) doubtful for Ole Miss game

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Moultry joined his teammates for pregame warm-ups Saturday prior to the Tigers’ game against No. 10 Ole Miss. Moultry returns after missing the last three games for undisclosed reasons.

-Harsin says, “Well, you saw it. I want to have that play. When they swung the ball out there in the open field tackle. I mean, he looked good. And we know Owen is a good player. And obviously, TD has done some really good things for us as well. So just get some you get some depth but you also get some really quality depth and really good players back so with Owen and TD I mean those two guys are really popular guys in our team got players like him and so when they’re out there on the field, you know guys are cheering for him. They want to see him succeed and those guys are gonna go out there and make plays.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Auburn will be without T.D. Moultry for the first half against South Carolina due to a controversial targeting call in the fourth quarter of last week’s loss to Mississippi State

Bo Nix (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“I thought he had fun,” Harsin said. “He was good, he had a smile on his face, he had good energy out there, he was executing well. So, all the work that he’s been putting in — he’s a dedicated player — he got a chance to show some of that tonight.”

-Check out some of the characteristics that Harsin gave to Nix: Leadership. Poise. Execution. Decision-making. Game management. Accuracy. Communication. Attitude. Dedication. Work ethic. Vision.

-Week 1: “Players of the game. So, we had, on offense, we had Bo Nix.”

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“I’ve got to go back and watch and see where the progression starts,” Harsin said. “And that’s really the one thing with the quarterback position: sometimes those plays don’t work out, and the main question is, ‘Well, he made the wrong read.’ Not necessarily; sometimes either it’s a route, it’s the defense doing a good job in their coverage.... But ultimately, you know, you want to give yourself a better chance in that situation right there. I don’t know if that was a decision — we’ve run that thing quite a few times and we’ve had some really good plays on it. So, I trust that what he saw out there, we’ll look at it, we’ll learn from it, and we’ll go from there.”

-“Not good enough,” Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said of the passing game. “That’s really — we needed to hit some, some explosive plays. We got opportunities to do that. We need to catch the ball, and we need to be in the right areas in the pass concepts. That just goes back to those are things that we have to work on on this team, and those are things that have to be continually focused on. They’ve got to become priorities for everybody involved in order for us to go out there and execute those concepts that we have in there.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Bo Nix was benched briefly three weeks prior vs Georgia State

-“I think Bo, like hopefully everybody on our team, they’re just improving on their position,” Harsin told reporters on Tuesday via teleconference. “So he’s learning each game that he plays. As we go back and watch what went well, what didn’t go well, you learn from that and try to apply it to the next week.”

-“I thought he threw the ball well; I thought he made good decisions and ran the ball effectively,” Harsin said. “He was able to help us put points on the board by being able to run and then close out the game. So those are all factors that he’s worked on.”

-“I think he’s progressing. He needs to continue to do that. That’s the whole identity of what we’re trying to accomplish every week is just make improvements and get better, and he’s no different. I think he’s in that same frame of mind of just, ‘How do I do that? What are the things I need to focus on?’ He’s willing to go out there and work on them.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

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lineman of the game. That's continued through this week with his preparation. His play has gotten better. We'll get Austin Troxell back, and so that'll be good to have both those guys in that position. D-line, Colby Wooden continues to play at a high level for us and has done very well at the d-line position, and then special teams was Shedrick Jackson.

-On Nix's mechanics "It takes time to really iron some of those things out and fine-tune it, and we're still a work-in-progress. But he works hard at it," Harsin said.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Yeah, I think, like a lot of our guys, more players on this team are showing some consistency week-to-week, and I’ve said it before: Bo has always prepared well. He works hard, so it’s never been that. And I also think it’s guys around him, too. At the quarterback position, it’s not just you; it’s the guys around you. You got to have protection, you got to have a decent run game that will help you. You got to have wideouts that will make plays and catch the ball. I don’t know if it’s so much one guy as it is multiple players just improving their game and being more consistent weekly. Bo’s going to be a recipient of that being at the quarterback position.

-“There’s plenty of things for him, too. He’s still got his deals every week that we work on and focus on, just like everybody else, but I think the consistency of his practice habits, the guys around him—those have all gotten better, so I think that shows up and your quarterback’s going to look better out there. The other part with Bo is he shows up every single week. I think in his preparations, all the behind-the-scenes stuff that nobody sees, he’s improving on that as well. It’s just his maturity, his play in the game, he’s been in this offense now and is figuring out how it’s going to look at times. That just takes time. But his effort, everything else you want from a player, has always been there. Now just, as we go through it, guys around him, himself, are just getting better at what we’re doing.”

-“I think he’s playing consistently. So, there are some good things from that standpoint, and consistency is the key at the quarterback position, and he’s doing that,” head coach Bryan Harsin said. “He’s tough. He’s making good decisions, throwing the ball well. I think his fundamentals will continue to improve, and he’s a weapon with his legs.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

- on not benching Nix, “As far as the momentum goes, I felt like Bo could get us back in the game, that we could get that spark,” Harsin said. “That’s something that he’s shown and that we’ve done throughout the season, we just didn’t get it.”

-And Bo, he’s capable of it. He didn’t have his best game obviously. There were things and reasons why; you know, it’s not always just on that one particular position.

-Harsin said, “Yeah, well, that’s not ideal. You don’t want to have to -- some of the plays that we had moving on were designed to actually do that. Now, the other ones where he’s moving from the pocket, you’re right: they got push up the middle and he was escaping. You know, when you’re running really as fast as you can, it’s hard to complete a pass full-speed. You’ve got to be able to have a chance to kind of settle down and throttle down and make a good throw.”

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of going back and making sure that, one, he's playing better, two, the guys around him are playing better and we have a better plan and we execute those things more consistently throughout the week of practice.”

-“The message for everybody and any particular player that doesn't have their best game is consistency,” Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. “That's the quest I think for everybody in things that we do, certainly as a performer. In any sport, how can you be consistent? You know you can reach a certain level, how can you do it again? That's really the mystery in — I think in sports and in anybody: How do you find that consistency?”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Quarterback Bo Nix is out for the remainder of the regular season after sustaining a broken ankle in the second half against the Bulldogs. Nix confirmed the news on his social media accounts, announcing he will undergo surgery Monday.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-“I have graduated in three years. That was my goal coming in, so Auburn is definitely my school. I think it will always be my school. But obviously right now, I'm just trying to get healthy,” Nix said. “You know, I'm not sure what next year looks like. I've got to get my ankle better first, got to make sure I can play and get back to my normal self and then obviously I'll graduate, get through the bowl game.”

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Nix announced Sunday night he intends to transfer to Oregon. His decision will reunite him with Oregon offensive coordinator Kenny Dillingham, who was the Tigers' offensive coordinator for Nix's freshman season.

Shedrick Jackson (WR - ST)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

- “Shed was injured. And so, he was limited was limited in spring, and had a chance to come back, had class this summer. Missed a few opportunities to play in practices, but we got that all sorted out. But I've always, I've always been impressed with Shedrick. I think he's a leader. He has a level of maturity that makes him successful on and off the field and we get to see that every single day. And I think he'll continue. He's one of those guys who will come to work every day and give you his very best. So that consistency with him is really important.

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Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-On Shedrick Jackson and Ja'Varrius Johnson returning: "Both of those guys are going to be a huge advantage for us." Calls Jackson the glue of the group, while Johnson "had a lot of explosive touchdowns last year."

Tank Bigsby (RB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-I thought Tank ran hard tonight. I thought Shaun ran hard tonight. He took care of the football. It was good to see that. The o-line gave them opportunities. Jarquez was a guy that we felt like would get an opportunity, regardless, in this first game to go out there and play. He's earned that through practice. He's another guy, a new guy. He went out there, I thought, on the first run he ran it well. I know he got 30-something yards on it. He did a good job of seeing it, bouncing it, and you could see that he's got speed. So the vision's there and the speed is there and the opportunity to make big plays. Even at the end there, we wanted to finish getting those guys a few more reps, have chance to finish in the end zone. For a young player that mindset. especially at the position, is crucial for us to keep growing and developing at that area of the running back position."

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-One of the biggest surprises this fall has been the lack of big games from Bigsby, who wowed as a true freshman last fall but hasn't taken the step forward most expected.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-He had a good night. Ran hard. Thought he did some good things. Thought the o-line did some good things. We obviously didn't do enough," said Harsin

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-On Tank Bigsby: "I expect a lot of him.... We're going to start this thing with a downhill, physical run game.... You need to have a foundation. You need to put your feet on something, and Tank is a big part of that."

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“You need to have a foundation; you need to put your feet on something, and Tank is a big part of that,” Kiesau said. “I’m excited about it. We’re going to do some things differently to kind of fit his running style.”

Starting Offensive Line (from left to right — Austin Troxell, Brandon Council, Nick Brahms, Keiondre Jones and Brodarious Hamm)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“This wasn't just something that happened tonight,” Harsin said. “They've been working on that really hard, and it showed up. So, I'm proud of our O-line.... We've got plenty to work on, but it was a good start for those guys. They've been working very hard, so it was nice to see that hard work not go unnoticed tonight and to see those guys really have an opportunity to help those other players shine.”

-“I thought our offensive line was solid. In the run game they did what they were supposed to do. They double-teamed to the right linebackers. I think we got movement on the D-line, so there was some opportunity for the running backs to press the line of scrimmage and get a chance to find that cut lane. We protected well for the quarterback, so I thought we did a good job in those areas.

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Auburn has finally settled on a five-man group along the line, officially handing the starting jobs at left and right guard to Brandon Council and Keiondre Jones, respectively, after previously listing Alec Jackson (left guard) and Tashawn Manning (right guard) as co-starters in those spots for the first two games of the season

“The O-line has done a good job,” Harsin said. “I think they’ve been solid. I think we’ve improved in some areas. I think we need to continue to be consistent. I do like the work ethic the O-line has shown. I like the attitude of the O-line. I think guys have been focused the way they need to be day-to-day to do the things coach (Will) Friend and our offensive scheme and coach (Mike) Bobo need from the O-line.... This week is another opportunity for them to keep developing and hopefully shining when we get a chance to go out there and play Saturday.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Hamm left late in the first quarter due to injury, forcing Kilian Zierer to take his spot. Hamm eventually came back only for other changes to take place: Zierer moved to left tackle in place of Troxell, Tashawn Manning stepped in at left guard.

-“We’ve done that a little bit throughout the season already, so that’s been part of the formula, getting some guys in there that deserve to play and getting some guys in there that we feel are a little more fresh at times,” Harsin said.

Austin Troxell

-“Yeah, I thought he was solid, like the rest of the guys. Consistent in the run game. Did a good job in pass protection. I know his story, just the injuries and things he’s overcome. Really for Austin and his performance, all that goes back to just his preparation that he put in leading up to the game. He’s another guy, he works hard every day. He does things, in my opinion, at a high level, or to the best of his ability each and every day, and it shows up in practice, so we got a chance to see that in a game.

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Despite a string of injuries that would cause some to consider calling it quits, Troxell persevered — and now his determination and patience is paying off. He earned the starting job at left tackle along Auburn’s offensive line in the preseason, and the season opener against Akron marked just his fifth career start for the Tigers.

-“Really for Austin and his performance, all that goes back to just his preparation that he put in leading up to the game,” Harsin said. “He’s another guy, he works hard every day. He does things, in my opinion, at a high level, or to the best of his ability each and every day, and it shows up in practice, so we got a chance to see that in a game. What I like about Austin is I like his approach. I don’t think he’s a guy that gets too high or too low. I think he’s very steady. You like that in your tackles. And he certainly brings the energy out there on the field.”

-“His maturity, I think his experiences, I think his appreciation for the game, not taking things for granted, I think that stuff’s going to continue to help our football team, and certainly the offensive side and the O-line,” Harsin said. “Because, you know, as we said in the meeting yesterday, you can tell guys like him and some of these older players, they’re excited about what happened, but they also know that we have a lot of work to do this week. And he’s one of those guys that I know will be ready for that, and he’s one

of those guys that appreciates the opportunity to be out there playing, because that's been taken from him before."

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Kilian had taken a decent amount of reps in practice. Troxell was ready to go. It was really going to be about how Troxell feels on game day, but we also felt like Kilian had a good week of practice. So we were in a good spot. We've had a guy to play. We had a guy that hadn't played very much during the season but was ready through practice; he came out, he played well he was the offensive lineman of the game, which is good. And Troxellis a tough guy, so that he could have gone in there and played. We just felt like Kilian had gotten some really good reps and were ready to go. We want to start with him to see how we did. And as the game went on, you know, we were doing some things pretty well on offense which he was a part of that and continued with that formula.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Our o-lineman of the game was Kilian Zierer, and proud of him and his opportunity to get in there and play. Did a very good job obviously, and it was good to see him go out there and just improve as the game went on and also have the opportunity to, you know, be the offensive lineman of the game. That's continued through this week with his preparation. His play has gotten better. We'll get Austin Troxell back, and so that'll be good to have both those guys in that position.

-“Troxell is feeling better, so those guys get a chance to compete. So, the thing about Trox, that dude is tough. He is blue-collar; he's tough; he's everything we talk about in this program. He lives it, and he's a guy that, in my opinion, exudes exactly that mentality that we want to have.”

-OT Austin Troxell (undisclosed) probable vs Ole Miss

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

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Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-“Yeah, all those guys are healthy. They're getting healthy, and they will be by the bowl game,” Harsin said. “Troxell and Council, both those guys have been in practice. They look good.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Along the offensive line, starting center Nick Brahm (knee) and offensive tackle Austin Troxell have been limited.

Keiondre Jones

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“I feel like I have come a long way just thinking back to my freshman year out of high school,” Jones said Tuesday. “Little things like pad level and keeping my hands inside are things I'm emphasizing myself to get ready for this week and the rest of my career here. Coming off the ball is something I'm really working on right now and my foot speed in pass pro. I'm just making sure I've got my good hands and good pad level and good feet.”

-Jones said Friend, Bobo and head coach Bryan Harsin have challenged the linemen to be more physical and assertive in the run game as the

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Starting guard Keiondre Jones is dealing with a minor “tweak” he sustained during the first week of practice and is expected back soon, according to Harsin.

Kilian Zierer (LT)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Started at LT in place of Troxell

-Kilian had taken a decent amount of reps in practice. Troxell was ready to go. It was really going to be about how Troxell feels on game day, but we also felt like Kilian had a good week of practice. So we were in a good spot. We’ve had a guy to play. We had a guy that hadn’t played very much during the season but was ready through practice; he came out, he played well he was the offensive lineman of the game, which is good. And Troxell is a tough guy, so that he could have gone in there and played. We just felt like Kilian had gotten some really good reps and were ready to go. We want to start with him to see how we did. And as the game went on, you know, we were doing some things pretty well on offense which he was a part of that and continued with that formula.

-You know I think he’s proud of his performance because we won the game. He’s probably thinking through everything that happened to but also just the opportunity to be out there, and that’s, that’s why you come to Auburn you want to play you want to be a part of games like that you want to be on the field. Not everybody gets that opportunity; you know how important that is, but when you get that taste, to get that opportunity. You know that’s what you want to be a part of; he certainly is very passionate about the game, so he’s going to want to find a way to get back on the field; that’s where there’s going to be competition to do that. And, you know, we’re very proud of how he played and how he prepared himself to play like that.

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-Our o-lineman of the game was Kilian Zierer, and proud of him and his opportunity to get in there and play. Did a very good job obviously, and it was good to see him go out there and just improve as the game went on and also have the opportunity to, you know, be the offensive lineman of the game. That’s continued through this week with his preparation. His play has gotten better.

-(Zierer’s) certainly put himself in a position to compete, there’s no doubt about it,” Harsin said. “One of the hardest things -- somebody gets injured, and they’ve been out there fighting for you, in any sport, and someone comes in and plays really well. Well, you know what, there’s a positive for that, because the player that came in was ready for his opportunity. And you’re always telling guys, ‘Be ready. When your opportunity comes, you need to take advantage of it.’ And Kilian did exactly that.

-“He got his opportunity,” Harsin said. “You know, Troxell was a little bit banged up, so we had to give him some time to just start feeling better, and so Kilian was getting more reps. We saw that Kilian was doing a pretty good job in practice. We felt like that would be the right decision going into the game.” “Kilian got his chance, and he made it count. He played well.”

-A knee injury sustained in 2019 held Zierer back during his first year at Auburn in 2020. He saw his first game action with the Tigers in this year’s season opener against Akron

then played the next week against Alabama State before taking on his biggest role yet a little over a month later.

-“He's certainly very passionate about the game,” Harsin said. “He's going to want to find a way to get back on the field, and there's going to be competition to do that. We're very proud of the way that he played and how he prepared himself to go play like that.”

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Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Harsin lauded the leadership of guys like Hall, Owen Pappoe, John Samuel Shenker, Nick Brahms and Kilian Zierer, but it has been a collective effort from the top down to build a more cohesive locker room this offseason — an environment where players aren't afraid to speak their mind and address concerns.

Brodarious Hamm (RT)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- Well, he doesn't lack any toughness. Let me tell you that. All right. He's been through a lot more than any opponent that he's faced in his career. So he has gotten better. I love his mentality because it's important to him. You know, even out of practice if you make some mistake, he's upset about it. He wants to get it right so I love guys like that because I know it's important to him. And you know, he doesn't take anything for granted. I can tell you that he loves being out there. You know, he's obviously been through some things personally. He's a really good player. He's a really good man. And so you know, he's a guy that you know, when you have an out there, we're better you pull for a guy like that too. And, you know, certainly, I think he's he's living in an opportunity and a dream that he's always wanting to be a part of, and, and he's fought really hard to be here. So every time he's out there, I think he's just he's just enjoying it and kind of like we talked about just being in the moment. And knowing that this is the most important thing right now is what we're doing.

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--“Our O-line man MVP was Brodarious Hamm”

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Right tackle Brodarious Hamm has opted out of the bowl game, head coach Bryan Harsin announced Thursday while in Birmingham for a kickoff event for the game, which will be played Dec. 28 at Protective Stadium.

-Brodarious Hamm, who has been a starter along Auburn's offensive line the last two seasons, declared for the NFL Draft on Thursday. Hamm announced his decision in a lengthy letter posted to his Instagram account.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-pro day: Former Auburn offensive lineman Brodarious Hamm came in at a lean 306 pounds, which was a lot slimmer than his listed weight of 334 pounds during his time at Auburn.

Tashawn Manning (LG)

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Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-G Tashawn Manning has entered the transfer portal.

Brandon Council (G)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“Those guys are good. Nothing season-ending,” Harsin said when asked about the athletes during Wednesday’s SEC teleconference. “Expect those guys to be able to play.... Those guys have been working hard, and... should be ready to go in this game.”

-Junior linebacker Owen Pappoe and senior offensive guard Brandon Council were present but not dressed out during warm-ups for the Tigers’ game against Mississippi State.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-offensive guard Brandon Council went through warm-ups prior to the Tigers’ game against Alabama on Saturday. Their presumptive returns for the Iron Bowl Council missed the last three games due to injury.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-“Yeah, all those guys are healthy. They’re getting healthy, and they will be by the bowl game,” Harsin said. “Troxell and Council, both those guys have been in practice. They look good.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Brandon Council has also been sidelined after undergoing an offseason procedure.

Nick Brahms (C)

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Senior center Nick Brahms underwent a minor procedure on his right knee last week and will miss Auburn’s bowl game against No. 20 Houston, a source familiar with the situation confirmed to AL.com.

-“I’ve talked to the coaches a little bit about it,” Brahms said Nov. 17. “I do have that extra year, so a lot of guys are still debating on whether they come back or not, and so that’s just gonna be a thing that I have to talk to, at the end of the year, with my coaches, my family, stuff like that. But I definitely have that opportunity, so I haven’t ruled it out. I made that clear to the coaches and stuff. So, we’ll see where that goes at the end of the season.”

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Additionally, center Nick Brahms underwent surgery after the Iron Bowl, which will leave him unavailable for the Dec. 28 contest.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Harsin lauded the leadership of guys like Hall, Owen Pappoe, John Samuel Shenker, Nick Brahms and Kilian Zierer, but it has been a collective effort from the top down to build a more cohesive locker room this offseason — an environment where players aren’t afraid to speak their mind and address concerns.

-Along the offensive line, starting center Nick Brahms (knee) and offensive tackle Austin Troxell have been limited.

Jarquez Hunter (RB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Jarquez was a guy that we felt like would get an opportunity, regardless, in this first game to go out there and play,” Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. “He’s earned that through practice.... You could see that he’s got speed. So, the vision’s there and the speed is there and the opportunity to make big plays. Even at the end there, we wanted to finish getting those guys a few more reps, have chance to finish in the end zone. For a young player that mindset, especially at the position, is crucial for us to keep growing and developing at that area of the running back position.”

-“And then as far as Jarquez, he was good. He came in, and on his first run he had just a downhill play where he got a chance to bounce it. You could see his speed, and you could see the ability that he has running inside the tackles and being able to get on the perimeter and utilize his speed. He also had a couple opportunities in pass protection that he did a good job in.

-“So, a young player, took advantage of his opportunity, played hard, was prepared and ready. So, we didn’t have the mental mistakes that, you know, a young player sometimes has, so that’s a credit to him and the guys in that room just having themselves prepared and ready go.

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

“When he popped on the one, no one was going to catch him,” Harsin said. “Yeah, he can go, and that was one of the things watching his high school film: when he was in the open -- and he did that in high school. He could go.”

-three-star prospect out of Philadelphia, Miss., and he was one of the final additions to Auburn’s 2021 signing class, hopping onboard two days after National Signing Day in February.

-“Jarquez, he’s going to keep getting better,” Harsin said. “I think these two games he’s had a chance to play in gave him really valuable experience.”

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Jarquez is humble. He works every single day. He focused on trying to be the best that he can every single day, and he’s getting more experience with his opportunities to play,” Harsin said. “He’s got a role on this team, and it’s going to continue to grow and he’ll have opportunities that way. So I’m proud of him. I’m proud of what he was able to accomplish.”

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Hunter has been named to the SEC’s All-Freshman team, the conference announced Thursday. Hunter received the recognition after taking 84 carries for 576 yards and three touchdowns this fall.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

—Auburn running back Jarquez Hunter will miss the remainder of spring practice after undergoing a minor procedure to clean up some damage in his leg, head coach Bryan Harsin announced Friday.

Jaylen Simpson (CB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Simpson, listed as the backup to Nehemiah Pritchett at the outside corner spot, saw the field during the season opener but sustained an undisclosed lower-body injury in the first quarter. After limping off the field and making a visit to the injury tent on Auburn's sideline, he was seen walking to the locker room with Auburn's team trainers.

-“He had an opportunity to come back in there,” Harsin said. “So, I don't know exactly where he's at. Hopefully we can get him back this week. Nothing that I'm aware of that's season-ending, and hopefully the rest yesterday and today, and then the opportunity to get out there tomorrow and practice -- hopefully we can get him out there tomorrow and get him going... He's definitely a guy that we need to have on the field.”

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

- “available” for the Tigers this weekend against the Hornets. Auburn and Alabama State are set to kick off at 11 a.m. in Jordan-Hare Stadium on Saturday.

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Was unavailable for Penn State Game

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Opposite him could be redshirt junior Jaylin Simpson, who appeared in 11 games and made four starts last season. Simpson also finished with 27 tackles last season, intercepted one pass and had three pass-breakups.

Ladarius Tennison (Nickel) Auburn → Mississippi

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Hopefully they are (available). They weren't available this last game, so hopefully they're back this week. Both those guys have worked hard. No issues as far as anything discipline-wise and all that, but hopefully we'll get them back this week.”

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“available” for the Tigers this weekend against the Hornets. Auburn and Alabama State are set to kick off at 11 a.m. in Jordan-Hare Stadium on Saturday.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“He did some really good things,” Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. “One of the things when you play more, maybe some of those little penalties, things don't happen as much because you just have more reps, you have more experience out there. But he showed he can play physical. He showed he can play fast. He showed that he's going to go out there and be a guy that gives great effort.”

-“We clean up a couple decisions that he had, but when you're playing hard like that, sometimes things happen. I'll take the relentless effort from a guy out there playing fast, and he did a good job stepping up.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Sophomore defensive back Ladarius Tennison became the latest Tiger to test the transfer waters

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-The former Auburn defensive back, who entered the transfer portal on Nov. 30, announced Wednesday that he has committed to Ole Miss.

Tar'Varish Dawson Jr (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Hopefully they are (available). They weren’t available this last game, so hopefully they’re back this week. Both those guys have worked hard. No issues as far as anything discipline-wise and all that, but hopefully we’ll get them back this week.”

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

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Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

- On Tar’Varish Dawson: “Of all the receivers, he’s probably made the biggest jump in improvement from when he first got here to now. He’s extremely talented, he’s just very, very raw.... I think he could be really, really special.” Adds that Dawson isn’t there yet, but it’s a process.

Zakoby McClain (LB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

- Week 1 MVP “On defense, we had Zakoby McClain”

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“And Zakoby in particular, he came in there. He’s got a great feel for the run game and where a back is trying to fit. He’s really almost playing tailback on the defensive side. He sees the hole. He’s able to hit it. And then he plays with great pad level. He gets a shoulder into the tackle like he should; he runs his feet; and I think there was probably some big hits that came from him and other guys from the defense. Tackling is something we work every single week. It’s a focus for our guys on the defense, and it’s something that is the main thing that we try to make sure that we come out of the game and we have really good examples of live tackling. because you don’t get to do that very much. You don’t do it in practice all week long. It’s really, at this point, it’s the games that you have a chance to go live.

-We did tackle well. We did get to the ball, and Zakoby was certainly a guy that was an example out there of doing that.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“Chandler, Zakoby — those two guys have been very good for us,” Harsin said.

“They’ve been playing, I think, some really, really good football, and when we get Owen back in the mix that’s going to really help in that rotation.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“Just wanted to recap from the Arkansas game. We put these players out, but just players of the game: Bo Nix on offense, Zakoby McClain on defense. Our o-lineman of the game was Kilian Zierer, and proud of him and his opportunity to get in there and play. Did a very good job obviously, and it was good to see him go out there and just improve as the game went on and also have the opportunity to, you know, be the offensive lineman of the game. That’s continued through this week with his preparation. His play has gotten better. We’ll get Austin Troxell back, and so that’ll be good to have both those guys in that position. D-line, Colby Wooden continues to play at a high level for us and has done very well at the d-line position, and then special teams was Shedrick Jackson.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Yeah, I think Zakoby does it every day. He loves football. There’s no question about it. He is that way from when he walks into a meeting to the end of our game on Saturday. That starts on Sunday. I love it. I love that mentality. I love that he prepares himself to go

out there and play and really, truly enjoys the game. Like, that's one thing when you watch Zakoby play: You know he enjoys the game. And I enjoy watching him play.

-“He was out there. He made some tremendous tackles. He played physical in that game. And that's part of who we want to be. That's a big part of who we want to be, but his part in that is critical, especially the position that he plays. That's going to continue. That's a lot to do with just him. He wants to be great. He works at, it prepares that way. He does the things necessary to get himself in position to go out and make the plays like he did last game.

-According to a Monday morning release, Colby Wooden and Zakoby McClain were each honored by the SEC as players of the week after No. 12 Auburn's (6-2, 3-1 SEC) defense shut out Ole Miss en route to Saturday's 31-20 victory at Jordan-Hare.

-“That's a group, talking about out there just having some fun throughout the game in a good way. Like, they're playing hard, they're getting after it, they're making plays,” Harsin said. “I think there was a good edge with that group as far as getting into this game and having Owen back and those three guys playing kind of like we had at the beginning of the year.

-“He's kind of an old-school football player,” Harsin said. “Like, every single day, he may be -- I don't know if he's having a bad day some days because you'd never know that, because he just goes out there and he puts in the work. So, he's got a genuine toughness about him, like, if we have something we've got to get done, he gets it done. And I appreciate that because not everybody has that mentality.”

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Cornerback Roger McCreary, edge defender Derick Hall and linebacker Zakoby McClain all landed on the league's All-SEC teams released Tuesday afternoon. McCreary was a first-team selection, while Hall and McClain both earned second-team recognition.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-linebacker Zakoby McClain has opted out of the bowl game, head coach Bryan Harsin announced Thursday while in Birmingham for a kickoff event for the game, which will be played Dec. 28 at Protective Stadium.

John Samuel Shenker (TE)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-targeted five times, catching each pass thrown his way and finishing with 38 yards. It may not seem like much, but the five receptions were tied for the most on the team in Week 1, and it was more than half of Shenker's total from the entire 2020 season, when he finished with nine catches for 97 yards. It also nearly matched his production from his first two seasons combined, when he had six total catches for 61 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

-“We've got a good group of tight ends,” Harsin said. “I think they're smart and they work hard. Shenker had a chance to get a couple opportunities in the pass game, but that was created by what he was doing in the run game, and some of those type of things. It was good to utilize him, and that position I think can continue to keep developing for us in the run game, in the pass game, and those guys, now that we got a chance to get out there

and actually play live, we got to see some things, and they got a chance to go out there and execute some of the schemes that we had in. And they were effective.”

Date: 10-7-21

-At the center of Auburn’s tight end revolution this season has been Shenker, the former three star prospect who signed with the program in 2017 with promise of being a renaissance-type player who was part tight end, part receiver and part H-back

-“He’s a great mismatch,” Fuller said. “Coach Bobo has taken great advantage of getting him in one-on-one matchups, and I think Bo (Nix) is feeling comfortable with getting it to the tight end. Teams are really sleeping on tight ends right now all across the country, and Bo — like his father Pat did when he was Auburn — is taking what the defense gives you and looking for mismatches.”

-“I don’t know how many receptions I had after the game. We were just focused on the win, and that locker room was a lot of fun afterward. But I didn’t realize it until we got on the plane on the way back,” Shenker said. “I think Coach Bobo told me that I’d reached the 100-yard mark, and then I saw some stuff on Twitter about 1994, which was crazy because that was Bo’s dad [Patrick Nix] that was the quarterback that time. So that was a cool little experience to have with Bo.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Samuel-Shenker showed a lot of versatility during a rough season for Auburn. He can line up anywhere on the field as a blocker or receiver. He was a favorite target of Nix for a good reason. Auburn’s new starting quarterback would be wise to lean on the surehanded Samuel-Shenker.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Harsin lauded the leadership of guys like Hall, Owen Pappoe, John Samuel Shenker, Nick Brahms and Kilian Zierer, but it has been a collective effort from the top down to build a more cohesive locker room this offseason — an environment where players aren’t afraid to speak their mind and address concerns.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“I gave him all the positives,” Bedell said of Shenker. “And so, he needed to sit down with his family and see if that’s the best thing for him. And that’s what we did. And it worked out. He was my top recruit coming out of the season.”

Luke Deal, Tyler Fromm, Brandon Frazier, Landon King (TE’s)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“We’ll continue to find ways to get those guys involved in what we’re doing, and certainly that includes the pass game and those opportunities,” Harsin said. “They showed that in this last game, and I think that will continue moving forward.”

Landen King (TE)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“I think he’s got a tremendous upside. What does that mean? I think that as we move forward in the future and his ability to play the game -- he’s worked hard,” Harsin told reporters two weeks ago via zoom. “He’s shown up on scout team, which earned him opportunities to get out there with the offense and contribute and be a part of that.”

-“Landen wants to be out there. I think he’s determined to get on the field and contribute,” Harsin said. “We need to be better in areas where we can go make plays.”

And that comes back to how we prepare and practice. The guys that are doing those things day in and day out are going to have the chance to get on the field and play for us.”

-“He’s good to be around. He’ll make you laugh, but he’s also serious. He knows when to get serious as well at practice,” Wooden said. “He’s going to be a good leader for this team, I believe. It’s just there.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-“Landen is a guy that works really hard to be a good football player,” Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin said. “He’s a young player, so we’re excited about his future and the things he can do for us.”

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

Landen King will be used at both tight end and wide receiver due to his versatility, size and skillset. “We still want to develop him as a tight end.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“We’re going to kind of use him at both (tight end and wide receiver),” Kiesau said. “We still want to develop him as a tight end, but his strength for us moving forward will definitely be maybe as an extended receiver or a bigger body inside where he could get linebacker or even a nickel who’s going to try to play a bigger body like that. We can create that advantage.”

-“He cut his teeth, right?” tight ends coach Brad Bedell said. “Usually as a freshman, during the recruiting process, they all want to play early. Then they get here, and they’ve got to get through it. Another early enrollee. Weight room, running, getting bigger, getting stronger and things like that. Landen got through all of that. He played. He made some big plays for us. That’s the one thing with Landen is that he comes with maturity.

“There’s an understanding of when you get here and step into the stadiums as a young kid, you’re like, ‘Oh, OK.’ He did that, and now he’s successful. His confidence is higher, his maturity has grown.”

-“We’re going to do everything we can with Landen,” Bedell said. “Look at what he did last year, so young. We can do a lot of things with Landen, and we’re excited about Landen and how multiple he can be.”

Brandon Frazier (TE)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Frazier is 6’7, which could make him a target in red zone situations. Most of his playing time has been on the special teams unit at Auburn. He could challenge for more touches if he has a good spring session.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Boy, he’s gotten bigger and faster and stronger,” Bedell said. “And you’re seeing that. With him developing, you’ve got a lot of competition in that room, and it’s getting everybody better. Through this, I wanted to point that out. He’s done a real nice job. He’s pushed everybody else. That’s kind of that lost guy where everybody’s asking, ‘Where’s Brandon Frazier?’ Well, Brandon Frazier’s in the thick of it. He’s done a nice job.”

Demetrius Robinson (WR)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-The veteran receiver, now in his sixth season and with his third different team, knew those chances were running out as time wound down on his college career.

-“Yeah, he’s got great speed. He was able to take a little reverse and go score. I thought that was a really good run. He ran the sideline well; I believe that was Shenker out in front of him that was blocking. So we had done a good job with the boundary wide receiver; I believe it was Shenker out there, and Demetris worked off of him. He also had some opportunities in the passing game. I think he’s done a good job. He came in late, so he didn’t get the entire summer like everybody else; I think that’s important. He was able to come in and pick things up fairly quickly. He’s a really bright player and a great person; he takes care of his business — everything leading into getting him here, he was on it.

-“That’s what I appreciate, too; the portal allowed us to get a player like that. But he handled everything that he needed to, and he was very proactive. And that’s how he plays and prepares himself. So today we had -- he was back there as a punt returner; we had some opportunities for him in the pass game; we had the big run. So, he’s going to continue to keep getting better and better. What I love about him is that he’s got a great attitude -- he’s always positive, he’s going to fist-bump you, he’s excited for his teammates, he enjoys when we have success on the offensive side, whether it’s him or someone else. I think he really just appreciates being out there and playing good football and being a part of this team.”

-“Well, I think that’s part of his role being an older player. I think he needs to be an example for the younger players, and I believe that about the older players on our team, especially the ones that are on the field.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“I think we’ve made strides. I think that’s part of just the progress that our team is making because of the amount of time that we spent together,” Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin said. “You know, I think that room has improved through the work and their attention to detail in certain areas in the wide receiver room that’s helped those guys make some strides. Still got a long ways to go, but I think there’s been improvement there.”

Owen Pappoe (LB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

- who left the game in the second half and didn’t return... “I don’t (have an update). He didn’t go back in the game. He was out there, so I don’t have anything else to tell you that way. I’ll know more tonight and tomorrow. Owen’s a tough player, he’s a tough person, so I imagine we’ll figure out what that looks like and how we operate that going into next week.”

Date: 10-7-21

-Pappoe, who has missed each of Auburn’s last two games after exiting the second half of the Penn State game with an apparent leg injury, is “doing things in practice” this week, according to Harsin, who sounded hopeful about the captain’s status for Saturday’s 2:30 p.m. kickoff against Georgia.

-“You can call it a game-time decision, but we’ll know before that,” Harsin said. “We hope to get him back here this week and get him ready to roll, and obviously being at home

and have the chance to get back on the field. I know he wants to do that, so I anticipate he'll have himself in a position to hopefully help us this week and get out there to go play."

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Linebacker Owen Pappoe has missed the last four games after sustaining a leg injury in the second half of Auburn's loss to Penn State last month

-“I hope he's ready to go,” Harsin said Wednesday during the weekly SEC coaches teleconference. “We need him. I think this is a good time, at least for him, with this bye week to really give us a chance (to get him healthy).”

-“I know Owen wants to be out there; there's no question about that,” Harsin said. “Owen wants to play. He wants to be with his team. He's done everything he can just standing on the sideline to help his teammates out, and when he's on the practice field, when he's out there, he's coaching guys up. He's into it, and I know he wants to play. So, hopefully this week is the week where we can get him to the point where he can play at the level he needs to play at.”

-“We're still sharpening ourselves every day, but we're also trying to be smart about making sure guys get a little bit of a chance to recover and really maximize and spend a ton of time on that,” Harsin said. “Owen's no different, so my hope is that he's going to be ready to go by Ole Miss.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- On Owen Pappoe, Harsin says he's again hopeful that the linebacker/captain will return this week.

- LB Owen Pappoe (lower body) probable vs Ole Miss

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Auburn junior linebacker Owen Pappoe was announced as one of the Tigers' starting linebackers for their game against No. 10 Ole Miss on Saturday. Pappoe's return comes after the star defender missed the last four games with an apparent leg injury.

-“I hope to see him this week,” Harsin said. “Owen has been getting himself ready to play. I know he wants to play.”

-“It was great to have Owen back. That showed up,” Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin said after the game. “Those three guys in the middle, that's really where it's at. You've got to be able to stop the run inside, and those guys did that. They played well.”

-“That's a group, talking about out there just having some fun throughout the game in a good way. Like, they're playing hard, they're getting after it, they're making plays,” Harsin said. “I think there was a good edge with that group as far as getting into this game and having Owen back and those three guys playing kind of like we had at the beginning of the year.

-Harsin says, “Well, you saw it. I want to have that play. When they swung the ball out there in the open field tackle. I mean, he looked good. And we know Owen is a good player. And obviously, TD has done some really good things for us as well. So just get some you get some depth but you also get some really quality depth and really good

players back so with Owen and TD I mean those two guys are really popular guys in our team got players like him and so when they're out there on the field, you know guys are cheering for him. They want to see him succeed and those guys are gonna go out there and make plays."

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Junior linebacker Owen Pappoe and senior offensive guard Brandon Council were present but not dressed out during warm-ups for the Tigers' game against Mississippi State.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Linebacker Owen Pappoe and Wide Receiver Kobe Hudson aren't dressed for the game

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-the team will play without Owen Pappoe for the seventh time this season in the Iron Bowl.

"As far as being hurt, this is the first time I've ever had to go through something like this, so this was foreign to me," Pappoe said on Nov. 3. "I'm still not even really fully 100 percent yet; it's still bothering me a little bit now, but it's not going to get better until after the season, you know what I'm saying, so I'm still pushing through it."

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Pappoe's drop in draft status last year could serve as a win for new defensive coordinator Jeff Schmedding. A motivated and healthy Pappoe should boost a unit seeking to replace Chandler Wooten and Zakoby McClain.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Pappoe began last season with several draft sites projecting him as a first-day pick. He struggled with injuries and didn't live up to expectations based on the previous season. Pappoe can cover tight ends on pass plays, rush the quarterback, and tackle runningbacks with intensity.

-On the linebackers this spring: Owen Pappoe is not practicing right now, "but in the long run, that will be the best thing." OP is still locked into everything and engaged, even as he recovers from an offseason procedure to help heal the injury he dealt with much of last season.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Harsin lauded the leadership of guys like Hall, Owen Pappoe, John Samuel Shenker, Nick Brahm and Kilian Zierer, but it has been a collective effort from the top down to build a more cohesive locker room this offseason — an environment where players aren't afraid to speak their mind and address concerns.

Shaun Shivers (RB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Running back Shaun Shivers was unavailable for the Tigers' showdown against the Nittany Lions. Shivers missed the Alabama State game last week for undisclosed reasons

"Could not attend my Auntie funeral today or the game today," Shivers tweeted Saturday afternoon.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Shaun Shivers has entered the transfer portal

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-The former Auburn running back, who entered the transfer portal two days after the regular-season finale, announced Saturday that he has committed to Indiana. Shivers graduated from Auburn on Friday and will use his free year of eligibility granted by the NCAA due to the pandemic with the Hoosiers next season.

Ja'Varrius Johnson (WR)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-the Tigers did get a big boost in the return of sophomore wide receiver Ja'Varrius Johnson, who missed the Alabama State game due to an undisclosed injury.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

"I think we've made strides. I think that's part of just the progress that our team is making because of the amount of time that we spent together," Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin said. "You know, I think that room has improved through the work and their attention to detail in certain areas in the wide receiver room that's helped those guys make some strides. Still got a long ways to go, but I think there's been improvement there."

"I think sometimes in games that you win, you cover up some things that were not good and mistakes that were made," Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. "Then, in games you lose, I think there's players that play really hard and really well and do things that you ask them to do. We asked our wide receivers to be playmakers and make big plays when they had opportunities to do that.... There's guys that, even in losses, take what they're asked to do to heart and go out there and execute it."

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

- Ja'Varrius Johnson will start in place of Hudson.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Ja'Varrius Johnson is, indeed, back. The wide receiver entered the transfer portal back in January before withdrawing his name. He has been enrolled in classes throughout the spring, and it was widely expected that he was going to return to the Tigers this season -- though it was less clear whether he would be with the team for spring practices.

-Harsin on WR Ja'Varrius Johnson: "He was very productive last year. It could've been more productive last year. It should have been. That's not on him. Us as a coaching staff, we've got to do a better job of putting our guys in better positions."

-On Shedrick Jackson and Ja'Varrius Johnson returning: "Both of those guys are going to be a huge advantage for us." Calls Jackson the glue of the group, while Johnson "had a lot of explosive touchdowns last year."

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Wide receiver Ja'Varrius Johnson has been sidelined with a hamstring issue but is expected to return to the field this spring.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Ja'Varrius Johnson returned to practice participation. Harsin spoke to reporters after Friday's scrimmage and said Johnson sat out some spring training sessions because of a hamstring injury. Johnson caught passes from TJ Finley and appeared comfortable running and cutting.

Zykeivous Walker (DT)

Date: 10-7-21

-Walker has been dealing with an arm injury he sustained against Georgia State two weeks ago, when he exited the game and went to the locker room for further examination. When he returned to the sideline, the 6-foot-4, 289-pounder had a sling around his left arm and did not return to the field. He was unavailable for Auburn's game at LSU, but Harsin assured Wednesday that the sophomore defensive tackle is doing well.

-“Zykeivous is fine,” Harsin said. “So, there’s no issues there.”

-True Freshman

Ekua Leota (DL)

Date: 10-7-21

-The Northwestern transfer wanted the chance to play on the big stage and in the spotlight of the SEC and to become more than just a pass rush specialist.

-“Ekua, it was good to have him out there,” Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. “I mean, this is why he came here, to be in the game. He did some things off the edge that were positive.”

-“One thing that really stood out was just the scheme Coach Mason had,” Leota said. “Just the 3-4/4-2-5 look that I’m able to show I’m more than just an edge rusher; I can play 4i, as well. Just the opportunity Coach Mason presented was very good.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Ekua Leota will start over Tony Fair at defensive tackle.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

- Harsin complimented Derick Hall and Ekua Leota for their effort during the first practice. He also said the squad wore helmets and soft shell pads.

- On the edge position: “We understand how critical that position is, especially with a versatile defense.” Derick Hall, Ekua Leota and Dylan Brooks are the primary guys there. “We’re not waiting around to solve that depth problem; we’re actively seeking it.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“Those two guys have had a really good spring,” Harsin said about Hall and Leota. “From the standpoint of coaching both those players, they’re always going to give you great effort.”

JJ Pegues (DT/TE) Auburn → Mississippi

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-The versatile 6-foot-3, 308-pound athlete didn’t want to close the door on his prospects on the offensive side of the ball, even though he made the switch to the defensive side earlier this year. He said, at the time, that he wanted to prove he could play defensive tackle and tight end — and in each of Auburn’s first two SEC games this fall, he has done just that.

-“We utilize him.” Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. “J.J.’s a good player, and you want to try to get the best players on the field.... So, he’s doing quite a bit: playing D-line, playing on special teams, doing a little offense. I would imagine that will continue.”

-“His football intelligence is very high,” Harsin said. “He understands the game, and that’s what allows us to be able to do multiple things with him.”

-“Still feel like he’s really developing himself into a D-lineman, and a really good D-lineman, that coach (Nick) Eason has done a good job with,” Harsin said. “He’s getting better up front, so we’ll get a chance to see that. There’s little sprinkles here and there of him on the offensive side. And then what he’s doing on special teams.”

-“I don’t know how much, as we move forward, his role is going to play on the offensive side,” Harsin said. “But (he’s) a guy who’s done it. That’s one thing. So, there’s video evidence of him.... We’ll see on this game plan. It’s a little bit week-to-week how we utilize him. But the one thing I would say is you’ve got to give him credit because he’s able to do all those things in all three phases and contribute and be a guy that could start for us in all three phases, which is a credit to him, his ability and then just how he prepares himself.”

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-transfer from Auburn to Ole Miss

Chandler Wooten (LB-DE)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Wooten was voted by his peers as a captain before the season, and with that honor comes a responsibility.

-Wooten’s girlfriend, Camryn Collins, was pregnant with their first child, leading Wooten to opt out of what would have been his senior season in 2020.

-“[Chandler has] filled that role, which is what good players do,” Harsin said. “He’s obviously a leader on this team, but to me he’s one of those guys you want to have. You want more guys like him with that kind of attitude and mentality and work ethic and focus and drive and all those things that really make someone successful.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-According to a Monday morning release from the SEC, Colby Wooden is a Southeastern Conference Defensive Lineman of the Week.

-“Chandler, Zakoby — those two guys have been very good for us,” Harsin said. “They’ve been playing, I think, some really, really good football, and when we get Owen back in the mix that’s going to really help in that rotation.”

Colby Wooden (DE)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“Just wanted to recap from the Arkansas game. We put these players out, but just players of the game: Bo Nix on offense, Zakoby McClain on defense. Our o-lineman of the game was Kilian Zierer, and proud of him and his opportunity to get in there and play. Did a very good job obviously, and it was good to see him go out there and just improve as the game went on and also have the opportunity to, you know, be the offensive lineman of the game. That’s continued through this week with his preparation. His play has gotten better. We’ll get Austin Troxell back, and so that’ll be good to have both those guys in that position. D-line, Colby Wooden continues to play at a high level for us and has done very well at the d-line position, and then special teams was Shedrick Jackson.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Colby, much the same. Colby is — I think he's making a lot of plays up front on the D-line. I think he plays with really good technique. He plays hard. He's tough. And he does that throughout the week as well. So another guy that shows up every day. I think he's got an intensity about him. When he gets in meetings, when he gets into practice, that shows up each day. And then obviously shows up come game time. So those are two examples of players that in my opinion prepare themselves and have a have a level of intensity that I think you need to be ready to go play so that you can go perform on Saturday. When you step on that field, that you're ready and you've done the work. You've done everything up to that point that you need to do. And this is about performing and going out there and playing your best football on game day.

-According to a Monday morning release, Colby Wooden and Zakoby McClain were each honored by the SEC as players of the week after No. 12 Auburn's (6-2, 3-1 SEC) defense shut out Ole Miss en route to Saturday's 31-20 victory at Jordan-Hare.

-“He's chasing after the ball but he's also, like, taking his right hand and he's hitting his left shoulder 'cause his left arm is just dangling as he's running down the field,” said Byron Shells, Wooden's defensive line coach at Archer. “He's slamming his right hand into his left shoulder. He didn't get to the ball, but he makes a tackle on the punter with his left shoulder dangling out — I mean, dangling.”

-“I think he's got an intensity about him,” Harsin said. “When he gets in meetings, when he gets into practice, that shows up each day. And then obviously shows up come game time.”

Zion Puckett (S)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He's stepped up,” Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. “He's getting better. I think he's getting more comfortable with what we're doing on the defensive side. I think he's getting himself prepared. He's one of those guys that is learning and has some awareness of the things that we need from players on this team and what we needed from that position in order to be out there and play.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- Following injury “Zion is doing fine right now. I'll know more tonight. We have our meetings. We'll talk about that this evening. So don't really have anything for you there. Nothing season ending so we'll see where he's at.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Sophomore defensive back Zion Puckett was not with the team during warm-ups for the Tigers' game against Texas A&M on Saturday.

-“Zion is doing fine right now. I'll know more tonight,” Auburn head coach Bryan Harsin said Monday. “We'll talk about that this evening. So don't really have anything for you there. Nothing season-ending, so we'll see where he's at.”

-“Those guys are good. Nothing season-ending,” Harsin said when asked about the athletes during Wednesday's SEC teleconference. “Expect those guys to be able to play.... Those guys have been working hard, and... should be ready to go in this game.”

-Sophomore defensive back Zion Puckett is back for the game against the Bulldogs.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Zion’s potential is extremely high,” Etheridge said. “I’m expecting Zion to go as far as he wants to go, and being an all-conference safety, because he’s one of the smartest guys in the room.”

-“Being able to play quarterback in high school, they see the game differently,” Etheridge said. “They see the full picture. That’s what you want on the back end, is understanding what the quarterback is reading, understanding the rotation. Zion understands those things, so it allows him to move faster and play faster because he understands what the final picture should look like for those guys. It’s always good to have a guy that came and played high school quarterback to be able to play on the back end.”

-He has been limited so far this spring due to injury, still participating in 7-on-7 periods and position drills but being held out of live periods while sporting that yellow non-contact jersey. Bryan Harsin noted that Puckett “wants to go” full speed this spring, but the staff is taking a cautious approach with the junior and will continue to assess his progress this spring.

-“He understands what comes with the game of football,” Etheridge said. “He don’t get down. He don’t make excuses. He just shows up and he keeps going, and that’s what you love about him. We have conversations about that, but I think as long as Zion can walk and breathe, and he got two arms and two legs, and he’s got a heartbeat, he’s going to continue to push to play the game.”

Jeremiah Wright (DT/OL)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Auburn defensive tackle Jeremiah Wright is progressing in his recovery from a spring ACL tear but will not be cleared to return to the field this season.

-“I wish he could (return),” Harsin said. “... He’s out there doing things. Will he be ready to play this year? No, he’s not going to be ready to play this year.”

-A former offensive line signee, Wright moved to the defensive side of the ball prior to the start of his freshman season in 2020 to provide the Tigers with additional depth along the defensive line.

-“You don’t want to reinjure an ACL; you want to make sure that guys are completely healthy, fully at that full strength, full capacity where they can make all the moves and things they have to do to play at their level,” Harsin said. “But it’s good to see him out there. He’s running with the guys, he’s got pads on. He’s got help. He’s got a helmet on at times, so it’s just good to have him out there.”

-“He’s got a vibe about him that you want on this team,” Harsin said “He’s got, I think, leadership qualities that you want on this team. He is very aware of what’s going on with this football team, so the more he’s around, the better that we are. I wish he could play. We could use him. That guy would be a difference maker for us without a question.

-“I wish he could. I’m glad you asked about him. He’s running now. He had shoulder pads on the other day, so he’s out there doing things. Will he be ready to play this year?”

No, he's not going to be ready to play this year. And even that injury, you're coming off an ACL. You don't want to reinjure an ACL; you want to make sure that guys are completely healthy, fully at that full strength, full capacity where they can make all the moves and things they have to do to play at their level. But it's good to see him out there. He's running with the guys he's got pads on. He's got help. He's got a helmet on at times, so it's just good to have him out there.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

- Jeremiah Wright is back after missing last season with a torn ACL. The 6-foot-5, 335-pounder is now working with the offensive line. That's the position he originally signed on to play with the Tigers before making the move to defensive tackle last spring. He was an early standout during spring practices a year ago and looked like he could make an impact on the interior of the defensive line, but his torn ACL derailed that, and now he's back to compete and provide depth on the offensive line.

Roger McCreary (CB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-The senior Auburn cornerback this week was projected as a Day 1 selection in next spring's NFL Draft in the most recent mock draft by ESPN NFL Draft analyst Mel Kiper Jr., who said McCreary is "as 'safe' a pick as it gets this far out from the draft."

-“He's trying to improve and make strides every week in his game,” Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. “So, he's been steadily getting better from that standpoint. And I do think he gives us the ability, when we do have a one-on-one, if there is a man situation, we feel like he can handle whoever it is that he needs to cover.”

-He's trying to really master his craft and be a good football player, and he's playing with confidence,” Harsin said. “That's one thing you see out there: He's playing with confidence, he's doing some good things, but he also prepares like that. You can tell in his mentality, his attitude and everything like that that he's out there every day trying to get better. That's why he's a good football player, and that's what's going to make him a really good football player when he continues to use the same process.”

-“I think he's improved as a player. He's improved, just the maturity level... and the evolution of being a guy that prepares, improves and studies.” Says McCreary has worked to master his craft and is playing with lots of confidence.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“I think, two, just as a person and being on this team, his personality shows up and there's a lot of positives from that standpoint. It's just a lot of little things over the course of several months that he's getting better at. It's helped our team. It's showing up on Saturday and at the same time, there's still more to come. There's still more that he can do. As long as that still remains his focus, I'd expect him to keep getting better and making plays and improving on the position he plays and helping our team go out there and win ballgames.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-He first noticed it in the weight room, when the 160-pound McCreary benched 220 percent of his body weight. Then on the field, when McCreary clocked a 40-yard time in the low-4.4 range “without any technique.” In the meeting room, he absorbed everything Coleman and Williamson's coaches threw at him.

-“I told (Auburn’s coaches), and it sticks to this day: He’s not short of talent,” Coleman said. “It’s all about developing him as a corner vs. him playing five or six positions in high school. Once you develop him as a corner, he’ll be one of the best kids in the nation.... This kid, he works his tail off and he deserves everything he’s getting right now.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Auburn cornerback Roger McCreary has accepted an invitation to the 2022 Reese’s Senior Bowl, the school announced Friday.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Cornerback Roger McCreary, edge defender Derick Hall and linebacker Zakoby McClain all landed on the league’s All-SEC teams released Tuesday afternoon. McCreary was a first-team selection, while Hall and McClain both earned second-team recognition.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Auburn’s Roger McCreary named 1st-team AP All-American

-Cornerback Roger McCreary has opted out of the bowl game, head coach Bryan Harsin announced Thursday while in Birmingham for a kickoff event for the game, which will be played Dec. 28 at Protective Stadium.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-McCreary earned that indulgence Tuesday morning with a solid showing at Auburn’s pro day. He ran an unofficial 4.46-second 40-yard dash, improving on the 4.5 he posted at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis. He also recorded a 31.5-inch vertical and complete 19 reps of 225 pounds on the bench press after not participating in either of those events in Indianapolis earlier this month.

Derick Hall (EDGE)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“He’s a big-time playmaker, and that’s what they do,” said John Archie, Hall’s coach at Gulfport High School in Mississippi. “He makes big-time plays like that. He responds to the pressure. You can always put him in a position like that, and he’s going to make a play.”

-“He sits in the front row and he takes notes and he pays attention,” Harsin said. “I know he loves playing the game, but I think his work ethic and his approach really stand out. That’s a guy that’s an example for other players on our team of how you’re going to get yourself prepared week in and week out.”

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Cornerback Roger McCreary, edge defender Derick Hall and linebacker Zakoby McClain all landed on the league’s All-SEC teams released Tuesday afternoon. McCreary was a first-team selection, while Hall and McClain both earned second-team recognition.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

- Harsin complimented Derick Hall and Eku Leota for their effort during the first practice. He also said the squad wore helmets and soft shell pads.

- On the edge position: “We understand how critical that position is, especially with a versatile defense.” Derick Hall, Eku Leota and Dylan Brooks are the primary guys there. “We’re not waiting around to solve that depth problem; we’re actively seeking it.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Harsin lauded the leadership of guys like Hall, Owen Pappoe, John Samuel Shenker, Nick Brahms and Kilian Zierer, but it has been a collective effort from the top down to build a more cohesive locker room this offseason — an environment where players aren't afraid to speak their mind and address concerns.

-“Those two guys have had a really good spring,” Harsin said about Hall and Leota. “From the standpoint of coaching both those players, they're always going to give you great effort.”

Romello Height (EDGE)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Edge defender Romello Height and defensive end Caleb Johnson were not with the team Saturday during Auburn's 31-20 win against Ole Miss at Jordan-Hare Stadium, and there is no clear timeline for their return, according to head coach Bryan Harsin.

-“I really don't, right now,” Harsin said Monday when asked if he had an update on the two defensive linemen. “We'll see how this week goes and the next few weeks.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Romello Height, who has missed the last three games for undisclosed reasons, is expected to return for the Tigers this weekend against the Gamecocks, a source close to the situation told [AL.com](#).

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Romello Height is dressed and warming up. Height should factor in the defensive line rotation. His last action came on October 16 in the Arkansas win.

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Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-EDGE rusher Caleb Johnson has entered the transfer portal.

Oscar Chapman (P)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Oscar, he's been pretty consistent for us. He's been able to help us win the field position battle at certain times in the game when we get a chance to get him out there. I know the punter position is not one you get to see all the time, but he does really prepare himself for practice. The days that we do, do punt, he's on point. He's not just out there punting the ball and hoping it goes in the direction that you want it to or hits the yard-line or area you want it to. He's pretty locked in to doing those things the way we need him to do it. And he's very talented. That's one of the things too.

-“I've never been a kicker, have no idea how you can place a ball or kick a ball like some of these guys do. He's ultra-talented when it comes to being able to punt it and place a

ball and do some of the things that he does, and have a little sense of urgency. He feels pressure to get the ball out. He's definitely a weapon and a guy that's helped us this season so far. We're going to need that again. We're going to need the field position so he's going to have to keep doing what he's doing."

Donovan Kaufman (S)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Sophomore Donovan Kaufman started in Puckett's place at safety. Kaufman ended the game with five tackles and one forced fumble.

Anders Carlson (K)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Kicker Anders Carlson also sustained an injury during Auburn's loss to Mississippi State and will be out for the remainder of the season with an ACL injury.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Kicker Anders Carlson continues to rehab from his torn ACL. Carlson was seen working individually during Auburn's scrimmage, kicking field goals from up to 35 yards out.

Ben Patton (K)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-With Carlson sidelined, Auburn will likely turn to Ben Patton at kicker. The sophomore has been Carlson's backup on the depth chart throughout the season. He has not attempted a field goal in his Auburn career but has connected on three extra-point tries.

-Head coach Bryan Harsin said Ben Patton and Evan McGuire would share kicking responsibilities during his weekly radio appearance.

Kobe Hudson (WR)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

"I think sometimes in games that you win, you cover up some things that were not good and mistakes that were made," Auburn coach Bryan Harsin said. "Then, in games you lose, I think there's players that play really hard and really well and do things that you ask them to do. We asked our wide receivers to be playmakers and make big plays when they had opportunities to do that.... There's guys that, even in losses, take what they're asked to do to heart and go out there and execute it."

-Hudson, who was injured on a third-quarter hit that was ruled targeting on the field but overturned after review and is questionable for Saturday's game at South Carolina. Hudson indicated on Instagram on Tuesday that he did not practice, and the only update Harsin gave about the sophomore's status Wednesday was that his injury was "not season-ending."

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Linebacker Owen Pappoe and Wide Receiver Kobe Hudson aren't dressed for the game

-Wide receiver Kobe Hudson, who missed last week's trip to South Carolina, is progressing in his return from injury and is expected to practice this week, according to Auburn starting quarterback T.J. Finley.

-“He’s a big guy in the receiver room,” Finley said of Hudson. “He’s a big influence on the other guys, and I think he brings energy to the receiver room that we need in order to be successful in this game.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Wide receiver Kobe Hudson went through warm-ups prior to the Tigers’ game against Alabama on Saturday. Their presumptive returns for the Iron Bowl come after Hudson missed one game games due to injury.

T.J. Finley (QB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-LSU Transfer

-taking over as starter after Nix season-ending injury.

-Harsin said, “However, you know, what I do like about TJ is he’s always he’s very focused. He’s very determined, and he doesn’t get caught up in too many things that aren’t the most important, and the most important things are, we need to have a really good day of practice.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“T.J., I thought he was solid tonight. I’m going to watch the tape, I’m going to really look at what opportunities he had and what he didn’t. First glance, he did some good things. I thought he led on the sideline and we had opportunities, he ran the ball a couple times and had some positive yards for us. But at the same time, there’s always going to be mistakes in the game. Before I make any decision on his play, I’m going to look at the film and make sure that we know what happened around him. Did we put him in the best position as a staff? How did he go out there and operate? This was a chance for him to be in the game and start the game, and I know he worked hard leading into it, and we didn’t get the result that we wanted.”

-“I thought he was solid. There’s some good things in there,” Harsin told reporters. “There were some things that we got to correct, we need to correct as we prepare going into this next game and another start and opportunity for him, we need to do a better job of, and so like any other player. I mean, you look at the good, and you look at some of the mistakes; you correct them.”

-“The worst thing you can do is to not come out there with that mentality as far as just being intense, Harsin said. Having a sense of urgency and practicing in a way so when you get to the game, you’re prepared for all the situations that the defense can give you on those particular plays or that particular down and distance, whatever it is. That’s nothing towards TJ’s preparation; it’s just, you know, the quarterback position in general, and what we try to help our guys understand is how you get yourself ready to play.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-“He was doing everything we asked him to do just to execute the offense and go out there and play that position to the best of his ability,” head coach Bryan Harsin said. “I thought he did some really good things tonight. As far as the toughness goes, he definitely showed that. He was ready to go out there and fight. He was ready to go out there and finish the game, so I appreciate that about him. I thought he did some pretty good things from that standpoint, having to fight through some injuries.”

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-suffered ankle injury vs Alabama

-T.J. Finley is still—he's coming along, but he's much better than what he was. So, by the time we play, he's going to be ready to go. But there's a few little things from the season that we're still recovering from, but those guys will be ready to play."

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Evan McGuire (K)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

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Elijah Canion (WR)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-WR Elijah Canion has entered the transfer portal.

-Canion entered fall camp with a chance to step up as one of Auburn's go-to receivers but ultimately did not do so. He only played in four games this fall and ended his sophomore campaign with four receptions for 46 yards.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-The former Auburn wide receiver announced on Wednesday that he has committed to Purdue.

Demetrius Davis (QB)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-expected to be in mix to start at QB in 2022

-Davis is a true dual-threat quarterback, passing for 3,553 yards and 38 touchdowns while rushing for 875 yards and 22 touchdowns as a high school senior, when he led his team to the state semifinals

"This cap," Davis called the notion, adding a few emojis with a laughing face for good measure. Davis has held firm in his commitment to Auburn football since his recruitment.

"He's getting reps now, which is good," Harsin said Thursday while in Birmingham for a Birmingham Bowl kickoff event. "... He's had more reps. He's getting into a groove."

-“We’re getting a chance to just see how he can operate,” Harsin said. “We’ve watched him... but we’re getting a chance to see him get some more reps in there. That’s what bowl practices do, and then we’ve got to really hone into the gameplan. But it’s good for him. It’s good for all those guys (who didn’t play as much this season)... They get an opportunity to get out there and you kind of rotate them in and they get to feel a part of it.”

-“When you’re not in a starting role, or a backup role where you’re getting a majority of reps, it’s hard at quarterback,” Harsin said. “When you come in, you get to throw every so often in one-on-ones. You might get thrown in there for a couple plays—so, he’s had more reps.... We get a chance to see a little bit more going into this game, but also a little bit more going into spring, on really ‘what needs to be the focus?’

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-“When you come in, you get to throw every so often in one-on-ones. You might get thrown in there for a couple plays, so he’s had more reps. He’s getting into a groove,” Harsin said. “We have Sundays where the guys that don’t play, the development squad, gets a chance to go out there and run a few plays and still get work during the week. But we’re getting a chance to see him get some more reps in there.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-The Tigers have two returning options at the position, including T.J. Finley—who started the final three games of 2021 after Nix fractured his ankle in November—and redshirt freshman Dematrius Davis

-Dematrius Davis didn’t see the field last season, redshirting after signing with Auburn prior to Harsin taking over the program in December 2020. One of the most decorated quarterbacks in Texas high school history, Davis is a former four-star prospect and a dual-threat option who brings some gamesmanship and a different skillset to the position. He isn’t of the same mold as Harsin’s typical quarterbacks, but his development this offseason under Harsin and Kiesau is something to monitor.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Auburn’s quarterback competition narrowed down from five to four candidates less than two full weeks into spring practice, as redshirt freshman Dematrius Davis announced Wednesday afternoon that he has entered the transfer portal.

Grant Loy (QB)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Super senior Grant Loy has been Finley’s backup, but Loy won’t factor into the mix in 2022 after he exhausts his NCAA eligibility this season.

Ahmari Harvey (S)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Auburn reserve safety Ahmari Harvey announced Saturday that he’s entering the transfer portal and leaving Auburn.

Jayson Jones (DL)

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Former-Calera defensive line standout Jayson Jones is heading back home, transferring from Oregon to the Plains after one year with the Ducks.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-He comes with the work mindset,” Harris said. “He just wants to get to work and help the team out as much as he can. He doesn’t say too much, but you can tell he comes to work every day. That’s how I came in here. I wanted to get to work and help the team out anyway I could. I can see that from him.... I feel like he’s going to be a good anchor down there.”

Zach Calzada (QB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-transfer from Texas A&M

-Finley’s chief competition may be Calzada, who transferred from Texas A&M back in January. Calzada was targeted by Austin Davis shortly after Davis took over as offensive coordinator, and he stuck with Auburn even after Davis’ sudden resignation in late January.

-Calzada provides Auburn with another experienced option at the position after he started 10 games for Texas A&M last season. Calzada, like Finley, fits the mold of what Harsin looks for physically in a quarterback — a big-bodied pocket-passer with a bigger arm to run a pro-style system.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Texas A&M quarterback transfer Zach Calzada “has a quiet confidence about him.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Quarterback Zach Calzada, who transferred from Texas A&M this offseason, is limited while dealing with a shoulder injury. Calzada has been participating in position drills but has not been able to take live reps with the rest of the Tigers’ quarterbacks. Harsin said Calzada, who is one of four candidates for the starting job, is still getting all the requisite mental reps but won’t be let loose this spring. He is expected to be a full participant in player-run practices this summer and fully cleared before the start of fall camp.

-“He wants to (practice fully), and he can spin it, now,” Harsin said. “He’s been out there, and that ball jumps out of his hand. He stands back there, and he’s getting every mental rep he can possibly get. I know it’s killing him. You can see it in his eyes; he wants to compete. He wants to play. He knows and feels like he can, but we’re not going to put him in a situation where that’s going to slow down the progress of his healing.”

Robby Ashford (QB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Oregon transfer

-Ashford, meanwhile, is an Alabama native and a dual-threat quarterback with more of a prototypical build at 6-foot-4 and 225 pounds. He did not see the field in two seasons at Oregon before transferring to Auburn this spring, but the former Hoover product was the top quarterback prospect in the state two years ago.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

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Holden Geriner (QB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Geriner, the four-star freshman who enrolled in classes this spring. He was the first high school prospect to commit to Auburn after Harsin took over, and he's someone Harsin has closely tracked over the last 14-plus months.

-His status as a true freshman could make it difficult for him to unseat some of Auburn's other options, all of whom have at least experienced a season at the college level

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-After Calzada, freshman Holden Geriner got reps with the second-team offense in the same drill.

Nehemiah Pritchett (CB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Senior Nehemiah Pritchett, who started eight games opposite McCreary in 2021, could be in line to be the next No. 1 corner for Auburn. He has been a contributor in the secondary since his freshman season, developing into a quality corner, finishing last season with 27 tackles, an interception and five pass-breakups.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-On Nehemiah Pritchett: "I've been impressed with him." Sees more quiet confidence in the senior.

Ro Torrence (CB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-He could be competing for the starting job along with fellow junior Ro Torrence, who worked behind McCreary last season after joining Auburn as a JUCO transfer. Torrence appeared in 10 games and had six tackles and a pass breakup, but he mostly worked on special teams. He could vie for time at corner, or he could get reps in the slot at nickel, given his 6-foot-4 frame.

Keionte Scott (CB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Scott was the nation's top-rated junior college corner, according to the 247Sports Composite rankings, and the 6-foot, 185-pounder totaled 27 tackles and three interceptions during Snow College's 2021 spring season. His three interceptions were second-most at the NJCAA level in the spring.

DJ James (CB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-James played in 32 games during three seasons at Oregon, including 12 appearances and one start last fall for the Ducks. He had 46 tackles, two interception and four pass-breakups, all of which were career-highs, before transferring to Auburn this offseason.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-"Having a guy come in that's from this state, that understands what it takes to win and just seeing what he did at Oregon -- he was very productive," Etheridge said.

-“Being from this state, (he) understands what it is in the South and how the game is played,” Etheridge said. “But going through the process and seeing his film, and just seeing the things he did on tape and the way we play, it was always intriguing, because he was a playmaker out there, and he’s obviously been a playmaker here this spring in terms of what we’re trying to do.”

-“Obviously, learning new terminology usually slows you down, but he picked things up fast,” Etheridge said. “You could just see his speed, his explosiveness in the things that he do. He don’t make a lot of mistakes.... He’s doing a fabulous job this spring in just coming in and moving faster than you expect when a guy comes in.”

-“You just see his growth every day,” Etheridge said. “... You always want to give yourself a chance to bring him in and create competition and go fight for a starting job. He’s doing that every day to go fight for that job and go push guys like Nehemiah, and push guys like Simp, who’s played a lot of ball here. He’s coming here to take a job, and that’s what you want him to do.”

Dylan Brooks (DL)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

- On the edge position: “We understand how critical that position is, especially with a versatile defense.” Derick Hall, Eku Leota and Dylan Brooks are the primary guys there. “We’re not waiting around to solve that depth problem; we’re actively seeking it.”

Caleb Wooden (S)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

- On freshman safety Caleb Wooden: “Man, it starts with energy. He’s got a good vibe about him.... We’re excited about him.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“I’ll tell you what, he’s around the ball,” Harsin said about Caleb. “He’s got a lot of skill and feels confident going up to get the ball.”

Jeffrey M’ba (DT)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-JUCO DT transfer Jeffrey M’ba isn’t practice right now, per Schmedding, “but I’m excited for when he does, I’ll tell you that.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Junior college defensive tackle Jeffrey M’ba has also been sidelined due to a shoulder injury he sustained prior to arriving at Auburn

Donovan Kaufman (CB)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

- On the nickel spot: Donovan Kaufman has started out there, but they’re doing rotating in the slot. “We’re working between safeties and corners” because there are run-fit responsibilities along with coverage.

J.J. Evans (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Along with Hunter, wide receiver J.J. Evans will miss eight weeks while recovering from a minor knee procedure

Micah Riley-Ducker (TE)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-The only change that occurred was that Bedell and the Tigers brought in freshman three-star tight end Micah Riley-Ducker to join the talented group.

Cayden Bridges (S)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Through the first two-plus weeks of spring practices, two top candidates have emerged for the second safety spot: sophomore Cayden Bridges and junior college transfer Marquise Gilbert.

-"He came a long way," cornerback Nehemiah Pritchett said. "He's learning the playbook still, but you can see a big jump from him from this year to last year."

-"He's probably one of our best players in terms of athleticism," Etheridge said. "Just trying to get him to understand the importance of details and the importance of being in that safety position.... Just seeing his growth from the time he got here to now is like, not only just him mentally and physically, his body is changing, and you can just see him growing every day to be that type of guy that you need on the back end."

Marquise Gilbert (S)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Through the first two-plus weeks of spring practices, two top candidates have emerged for the second safety spot: sophomore Cayden Bridges and junior college transfer Marquise Gilbert.

-The 6-foot-2, 178-pounder was the nation's top-rated safety coming out of the JUCO ranks during the 2022 recruiting cycle.

-"He's making strides every day to get better and take that position over," Etheridge said. "... You love to see him progress every single day, and that's what you love to see, because he's been showing he's capable and why we recruited him to come here. He's starting to get more comfortable in understanding what's going on, but most guys, they come in and they're thinking while they're trying to play it."

Sean Jackson (RB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Auburn's walk-on running back was a walk-on no more. Jackson informed his mom Friday evening, at the end of Auburn's 10th spring practice, that he has been rewarded with a scholarship this season.

-"He's been working really hard," Harsin told Carla Jackson as she thanked the Tigers' head coach. "Thank Sean. He's been putting in the work, now. He earned it."

-Jackson has been working with the second-team offense during the portions of Auburn practices that have been open to the media this spring, getting reps behind starter Tank Bigsby and ahead of Jordon Ingram.

SOUTH ALABAMA

O-Line

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“I thought there were breakdowns in all facets of our offensive unit in terms of running the football,” Wommack said. “When I turned on the film, I was very pleased with the urgency and physicality from our offensive line to begin the game. We certainly missed a few things and there’s some things that we definitely got to get cleaned up there. I did not think our backs were decisive enough. We created some holes that we did not take advantage of out of the backfield. Quarterback, there’s some checks that we missed, that we we’ve got to get ourselves in the right situation. And then our wide receivers, with some of the things that we did block up well on the inside, when we had a one-on-one on the outside, in space, we didn’t block the most dangerous threat.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“It’s a challenge,” head coach Kane Wommack said. “I don’t know if I ever remember a time where a position group, like our O-line, was diminished to this point. But at the same time, they’re out here giving everything they have right now. Anterrious Gray works his tail off every single day. He leads that group just in terms of his energy and effort. Every single one of them just continue to get better. And we’ve improved so much from where we were a year ago on the O-line. even despite having so many injuries and having to be able to move guys around.”

Devin Rockette (CB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Returned to practice

-Rockette suffered a head injury when he was the victim of an (uncalled) blindside block during the second quarter of the Jaguars’ 31-7 victory over Southern Miss on Saturday. He sat out the remainder of the game and did not practice Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday as he went through concussion protocol.

-“He went through the protocol and practiced today and he felt good,” Wommack said. “He did everything we asked him to do on the front end. And, you know, I don’t get involved in those [medical decisions]. When he’s cleared, he’s ready to go. And so it was good news for us.”

Trey Simpson (OG)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-was injured during pre-game warm-ups, but Kent Foster filled in admirably.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Thus far from an offensive perspective, Trey Simpson has done some really good things, just improving his game — a guy that continues to get better and better in our program. I’m really impressed with our wide receiver room.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Should Simpson miss an extended period, it’s likely Lucas would move up to the first team and leave a second-team hole. Walk-ons Duston Woodham and Kole Payne are the only other offensive linemen listed on the spring roster.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Guard/center Trey Simpson and running back La'Damian Webb will both need surgery for lower leg injuries suffered in practice. Webb injured his right foot last Friday, while Simpson hurt his right foot/ankle on Monday.

-“Trey’s going to have to have surgery, but he’ll be OK to go with fall camp,” Wommack said. “Probably midway through summer, he’ll be good to go.

-Simpson is a returning starter at left guard, and is also the Jaguars’ back-up center. His injury further depletes a South Alabama offensive line

Gi’Narious Johnson (NT)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-will wear the coveted No. 5 jersey on Saturday vs. Alcorn State. which is being rotated each week this season for the first time. The number is presented in honor of the late Anthony Mostella, a running back on the first South Alabama team who died in a 2010 motorcycle accident.

-“I could give the 5 jersey to just about anyone on our D-line right now,” Wommack said. “They’re relentless in their work ethic and they’re so physical and violent with their hips and hands They get off blocks and they make plays. ... ‘G’ is the guy in that room that, he doesn’t say much, he just works every single day. He’s not as flashy as (others), but he just can’t be moved. He gets off blocks and he makes plays. He’s deserving of that 5 jersey.”

A.J. DeShazor (LB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-linebacker was ejected for targeting in the third quarter vs. Texas State.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Linebacker A.J. DeShazor also went down late in the Troy game, but his injury is not considered serious.

Yam Banks (S)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-will wear the honorary No. 5 jersey vs. Georgia Southern.

-“Yam Banks has just been so solid for us,” Wommack said. “You watch him two times on kickoff (coverage), he goes down the field and sets the tone. ... Kickoff is a team-identity unit — it’s about attitude and effort. And he literally just bullies a guy for two plays and knocks him into the returner and gets two tackles the other night. He does his job on defense. For a young player to be so consistent, I’m really excited about his development.”

James Jackson (C)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-appears to be the most-seriously hurt, and is not expected to play on Thursday

-Dealing with knee injury; out vs Georgia Southern

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

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Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

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Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Starting center James Jackson — who has missed the last four games with a knee injury — is expected to be able to play on Saturday

Chandler Rogers (QB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

“He can extend plays and is probably a lot faster than some of the quarterbacks that we’ve seen,” South Alabama defensive coordinator Corey Batoon said. “He has top-end speed. They have a lot of speed in the backfield with the quarterback and their running back, Andrew Henry. One of the biggest challenges for us is going to be matching their speed on the perimeter. We are going to have to take great angles on [Rogers] and when he’s extending plays trying to throw the ball, we’re going to have to have great pursuit angles on him.”

Rhett Rodriguez (QB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-replaced by Chandler Rogers after he suffered injury

Kareem Walker (RB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-has not played since Sept. 18 vs. Alcorn State due to quad injury, but is on-track to suit up Saturday at Louisiana-Monroe.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-South Alabama running back Kareem Walker is feeling healthy for the first time in close to a month, and is set to return to the line-up on Saturday against Louisiana-Monroe.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

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Kelvin Johnson (LB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

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Caullin Lacy (WR)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-is expected to be at full speed on Saturday after missing two games with an ankle injury. Lacy is the Jaguars' third-leading receiver with 23 catches, and has also seen time at running back and is team's primary kick-returner.

Lincoln Sefcik (TE)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

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Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Sixth-year "super" senior linebacker Chris Henderson will wear the No. 5 jersey on Saturday vs. Coastal Carolina, his 55th career game

Shawn Jennings (LB)

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Jalen Tolbert (WR)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“Jalen Tolbert is a gifted receiver, but what’s really fun for me is to be able to watch the way he has grown from his freshman year when I was here before, and all the things he has done to learn our offense and to learn the game of football,” Wommack said. “What’s great for Jalen is that [with] Major [Applewhite] and the rest of our offensive staff, we teach the game; we teach concepts, never what one position does. We teach situational philosophy, how is that concept applied to third down, red zone, two-minute drive to go win a game, and then defensive recognition and how we have to adjust from each team week to week.

-“Jalen is learning the game of football on such a deep level right now, and he is applying that to his ability to go execute just like he had 11 catches for 174 yards. His best football is ahead of him, but I’m excited to watch him grow in his college career and certainly as he moves on to the next level.”

-The 6-foot-3, 190-pound Tolbert is considered an early-to-mid-round pick for the 2022 NFL draft, and is almost a lock to be invited to the Reese’s Senior Bowl, set for Feb. 5 at Hancock Whitney Stadium.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“I remember talking about that when he was here as a recruit and him to stay home and be a part of something special and what we’re building here then,” said Kane Wommack, South Alabama’s defensive coordinator in 2016-17 who returned as head coach this season. “... As soon as I got the job, I talked to him that night on the phone, and we talked about finding a way to give him the best opportunity to maximize his senior year and then give him an opportunity in terms of his chances to go on in the NFL. And the Senior Bowl was a big piece of that. So to see him accomplish that on an individual level is really special. And to, for it to happen for a Mobile guy, just means more. To have a guy, one of our own, to be able to represent South Alabama football in the Senior Bowl is really special.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-South Alabama’s Jalen Tolbert named Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

- South Alabama wide receiver Jalen Tolbert (McGill-Toolen): 4.49-second 40-yard dash, 36-inch vertical jump, 10-foot, 3-inch broad jump and 7.08 seconds in the three-cone drill (fourth among wide receivers). Tolbert did not participate in the bench press or shuttle run

Anterrious Gray (OL)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“It’s a challenge,” head coach Kane Wommack said. “I don’t know if I ever remember a time where a position group, like our O-line, was diminished to this point. But at the same time, they’re out here giving everything they have right now. Anterrious Gray works his tail off every single day. He leads that group just in terms of his energy and effort. Every single one of them just continue to get better. And we’ve improved so much from where we were a year ago on the O-line. even despite having so many injuries and having to be able to move guys around.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-In addition, running back Bryan Hill, guard Anterrious Gray and linebacker CJ Rias were both injured during the game with the Red Wolves. Wommack said he is “optimistic” that most if not all could play vs. Troy.

-Right guard Anterrious Gray is on track to be cleared from concussion protocol before Saturday

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Anterrious Gray was the subject of racially charged language and was spit on by an Appalachian State defensive lineman before both players were ejected from last weekend’s game.

-“I’m very disappointed in the actions that took place during the game,” Wommack said. “Anterrious is a young man that does things right on and off the field. We never condone a punch ... and at the same time, we completely back our player and the response and the situation he was put into, being spat at in the face, with some racially charged comments on top of it, is unacceptable.

Jamal Brooks (LB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Also banged up and at least questionable for Saturday are linebackers Jamal Brooks and Shawn Jennings and running back Kareem Walker.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-while linebackers Jamal Brooks and Shawn Jennings and safety CJ Thompson all sat out last week’s win over Arkansas State.

-The fifth-year senior linebacker was out on the practice field in the week leading up to that game (vs Arkansas State), wearing a whistle around his neck and providing tips and motivation to the Jaguars’ defensive players. Brooks said he was looking for a way to stay involved and provide leadership during his week on the shelf, as well as to prepare for what he hopes is his profession one day.

-“It was his idea,” Wommack said. “It’s his senior year and he’s like, ‘Hey, I’m going to contribute one way or another. I’m going to find something to do for this team. So he was coaching his tail off, running, chasing guys around, and I thought it provided a really good energy for us in practice. So everybody’s got a role, even if they’re not 100% healthy.”

C.J. Thompson (S)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Safety C.J. Thompson, the top back-up to starting rover Tré Young, returned to practice on Tuesday after missing the last two weeks due to injury.

Terrion Avery (RB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Running back Terrion Avery will wear the honorary No. 5 jersey vs. Arkansas State.

-“When things are tough, you have to have people that step up and have that next level of urgency,” Wommack said. “And that’s exactly what we saw from him. In the third quarter, he saw the adversity, he saw the challenge of the game and we had to be able to start creating some things in the run game and that’s exactly what he provided for our team. So I thought it was very fitting this week, to be able to give him that No. 5 jersey, after the effort that he played with more than anything else.”

Jamel Thomas (WR)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-South Alabama wide receiver Jamel Thomas has left the team with intentions to transfer, AL.com has confirmed.

CJ Rias (LB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

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-pass-rushing specialist CJ Rias is expected to be able to play on Saturday

Darrell Luter (CB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Cornerback Darrell Luter will wear the honorary No. 5 jersey for Saturday’s game vs. Troy.

-“It’s been quite a while since anybody’s consistently caught anything on him,” Wommack said. “He’s playing so hard. He’s detailed, he’s disciplined and he plays with consistency. And if you play with consistency on defense, you’re probably going to be pretty good. And that’s exactly what he’s provided for us.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Luter has received plenty of accolades heading into his third and final season with the Jaguars, having been named first-team All-Sun Belt Conference by league coaches in 2021 and a second-team All-American by Pro Football Focus. That same website calls the 6-foot, 186-pound senior perhaps “the most underrated player in college football.”

-“Luter’s a special player,” South Alabama coach Kane Wommack said. “What’s awesome about him is that he’s not the loudest guy on the field, the most vocal, but he’s just gone and done his work. You think about him coming out of high school, there were about six guys on his team that went Division I or FBS, and he wasn’t one of them. But you look now and he has developed himself into a true NFL prospect.”

-“It’s so exciting to watch. We structure some things we do defensively to showcase his full skill set. He’s taken advantage of that. And the ability to create turnovers gets you noticed.”

-“He’s a pro, hands down,” Wilson said. “He reminds me a lot of (Charvarius Ward) in that he’s very long and athletic. He’s right there in that same class, and probably ahead of where Ward was going into his senior year (at Tennessee State).

-“The thing about Luter is that he’s very patient. He’s always in the right spot. You tell him to do something one time and he has it. And he’s good around the ball. He can finish the play — whether that’s knocking a ball down or taking it away with an interception.”

Jake Bentley (QB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Jake Bentley went down with a knee injury on the first series of the game Saturday

-“I don’t know where Jake Bentley is at right now (health-wise),” Wommack said. “He got hit, hurt his knee up a little bit. It was one of those where we just didn’t feel like ... we could risk it in this game [to put him back in]. We’ll get a good evaluation on him going into this next week and see where we are from there.”

-South Alabama quarterback Jake Bentley will undergo an MRI on his injured left knee Monday afternoon, but coach Kane Wommack said the Jaguars don’t expect him being available for Saturday’s game at Appalachian State.

-“After the hit Saturday, we had an examination then, and then again on Sunday,” Wommack said. “(Bentley is) feeling the same things, a little bit of looseness in the knee. ... We’ll get the feedback from that, but won’t anticipate him for this week to play. “... He’s very optimistic about being able to come back in a shorter amount of time. Being his senior season probably plays into that. So I am optimistic about him, but we’re going to have to give him a little rest here.”

-“He’s a coach’s son, so he’s like a coach out there,” offensive coordinator Major Applewhite said. “He’s always been in-tune, well-prepared for meetings. ... He’s going to be someone who’s going to be able to, with Dez, tell him exactly what he needs to hear. And only what he needs to hear. A lot of people might over-coach in that situation, but Jake understands. He’s been in that room with Dez and will be of great help.”

-With Jake Bentley out indefinitely due to a knee injury, redshirt sophomore Desmond Trotter will start for South Alabama

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-South Alabama quarterback Jake Bentley suffered a knee injury on the opening series of the Troy game, and has sat out the last two after tests revealed a partially torn MCL.

-Wommack has said the last two weeks that he isn’t ruling out the possibility Bentley could play vs. Coastal Carolina. He was non-committal Monday when asked about Bentley’s status for the game.

-“Jake’s doing everything he can to get back,” Wommack said. “He’s doing some drills and some work and all those things. We’ll see how things go.”

-“He’s been getting to a little bit of stuff (in practice) seven-on-seven-wise,” Wommack said. “We’ll see how it feels pre-game for an emergency role.”

-Bentley played well Friday vs Coastal Carolina on a severely compromised left knee, one with a torn MCL and a damaged ACL

Desmond Trotter (QB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-replaced Bentley after his injury at QB

-Trotter has some limitations as a passer, but adds a dimension in the running game Bentley doesn’t have.

-Redshirt sophomore Desmond Trotter replaced Bentley in the lineup, and will take No. 1 reps this week as the Jaguars (5-4, 2-4 Sun Belt Conference) prepare for their game with the heavily-favored Mountaineers (7-2, 4-1).

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-“He has a lot of experience; he has played and started in a lot of ballgames, and it isn’t his first time out there,” offensive coordinator Major Applewhite said. “There are no uncertainties in terms of what it is like to be the starter. He understands what it’s like to prepare, and seeing Dez week-to-week in that preparation where he goes mentally in the film room, his responses and what he does on the field with his reps — I have all the confidence in the world in him. We just have to start getting ready for App State and focusing on what they do.”

-“He came in cold turkey the ninth game into the season,” head coach Kane Wommack said. “The biggest glaring situation was the ‘pick six’; he never should have gone there with the ball. It was a wide-open play, we had actually hit them on the same route earlier, but they had a guy who came free right there at the end and you just have to know in that situation you can’t force it because that’s when really bad things happen. He learned from it, I thought he really navigated things pretty well for the rest of the game.”

-“I was proud of the way he played, especially coming back out after the pick-six – being able to lead the team on a drive going into the half,” Applewhite said. “He settled in and was able to come back out and lead a couple of touchdown drives being down 17 (points) to get us back into the ballgame. He settled into the game and I was pleased with the way he finished. We’re obviously not pleased with the result, but I saw a lot of promising things from the way he played, competed, finished the game and helped the offense get back in the ballgame.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-I think Dez is doing a good job. Dez did some really good things in the game the other day, and I think we’ll continue to build with what he’s doing. But I am proud of the effort and the work that Jake’s providing, and the leadership that he provides on the sideline, really just helping Dez talk through some things as well.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-And it's Trotter who has taken most of the No. 1 reps this spring. The 6-foot-3, 222-pound Birmingham native said he's at ease heading into his second season running Applewhite's offense.

-“Desmond has really taken steps in the right direction moving forward,” Wommack said. “He is learning when to use his feet the right way. I think that he's become more accurate in the passing game, which is exciting. ... He's got to become a more consistent player across the board to establish that he's the guy.

Eli Gainey (QB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Wommack said freshman Eli Gainey, who saw action in one game at quarterback in 2020 but has not played this season, will work as the No. 2 quarterback during practice this week.

-“Eli is really sharp, he's really locked in,” Wommack said. “He's very Jake Bentley-like, in terms of his preparation and his urgency. He's just young and he doesn't have the experience of a guy like Jake.

Brandon Crum (TE)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Tight end Brandon Crum (foot) remains day-to-day.

Cade Sutherland (WR)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

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Frankie Onate (K)

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DaMarcus “D.J.” Thomas (TE) Mississippi → South Alabama

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-South Alabama has landed its first Division I transfer of the 2021-22 recruiting cycle, as former Ole Miss tight end DaMarcus “D.J.” Thomas announced Sunday he is headed to Mobile.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“We saw some guys offensively that are play makers who stepped out like D.J. Thomas, what he was able to do,” Wommack said. “Carter Bradley was able to make some really good throws in some third-down situations and in the red zone.”

C.J. Person (DL)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-South Alabama added its second Indiana transfer in two days on Wednesday, as defensive lineman C.J. Person officially signed with the Jaguars program.

Carter Bradley (QB)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-South Alabama’s 2022 quarterback battle got a little more interesting on Tuesday, as former Toledo starter Carter Bradley announced he was transferring to the Jaguars.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Two other transfers, quarterback Carter Bradley (Toledo) and running back La’Damian Webb (Jones College) are also currently second-teamers but are still making strong impressions. Bradley’s throwing arm is visibly the strongest on the team, while Webb showed plenty of break-away ability as both a runner and receiver on Wednesday.

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Jalen Wayne (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“Obviously, he’s got some big shoes to fill, but I’m not asking him to do that,” wide receivers coach Michael Smith said. “I want Jalen Wayne to be the best J-Wayne he can be. ... I think we’ve got a bunch of guys in there that are capable of making plays for us. It’s not that you want him to fill Tolbert’s shoes, but that’s kind of the expectation. My challenge to him is just go out there and make plays. And if he does, we’ll be fine.”

-“Jalen is a great football player,” Wommack said. “He’s a great athlete — his overall athleticism is right there with Tolbert. So I’m excited to see him take that next step. You think back two years ago, Kawaan Baker took on that senior role. And then Jalen Tolbert did a year ago. Now it’s Jalen Wayne’s time. He’s earned the right to go out there on the field and be a featured player. So I hope he really takes that role to heart.”

Devin Voisin (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Sophomore Devin Voisin is currently working with the first team in the third receiver spot, and “doing some really good things,” Smith said.

Jay’ Juan Townsend (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Townsend played in three games before being benched to retain his redshirt year, but did catch one pass for 62 yards against Georgia Southern. Smith admits he’s got to do a “better job of getting him on the field because he’s shown a lot of talent.

James Miller (LB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Indiana transfer James Miller has been working with the first-team defense at Mike (strong inside) linebacker the last few days, with holdover Quentin Wilfawn mostly on the second team. The 6-foot-1, 221-pound Miller was recruited to Indiana by Wommack, and totaled 75 tackles in three seasons with the Hoosiers.

D.K. Bonhomme (LB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Miller’s fellow Indiana transfer, outside linebacker D.K. Bonhomme, has not yet practiced due to a knee injury that Wommack said will not require surgery, but will cause him to miss the entire spring.

C.J. Person (DT)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-The third former Hoosier on the South Alabama roster this spring, defensive lineman C.J. Person, has also been limited due to injury, but is on track to return soon.

Allen Dailey (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Wide receiver Allen Dailey, who left the South Alabama program after three games last season only to return this spring, made several nice catches in traffic during 11-on-11 drills. Dailey, who transferred in from Kentucky in 2021, is currently working with the second-team offense.

-“I think Allen Dailey’s done a tremendous job.

La’Damian Webb (RB)

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-La’Damian Webb continues to stand out in terms of the way that he, he operates and does things,” Wommack said.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Guard/center Trey Simpson and running back La’Damian Webb will both need surgery for lower leg injuries suffered in practice. Webb injured his right foot last Friday, while Simpson hurt his right foot/ankle on Monday.

-La'Damian will be out for the rest of spring as well. He'll have to get some work done on his foot. But we anticipate that we should have both those guys back for the (2022) season."

-Webb's play had been one of the highlights of spring camp, as the junior-college transfer had numerous long-yardage runs during 11-on-11 drills. The former Alabama Mr. Football from Beauregard High School is expected to boost a South Alabama running game that ranked eighth in the 10-team Sun Belt Conference last season.

Jamie Sheriff (DE)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Defensive end Jamie Sheriff, back this spring after a knee injury cost him all of 2021, got several first-team reps on Wednesday, splitting time with Jamall Hickbottom. Sheriff received a medical redshirt for last season, meaning he has two seasons of eligibility remaining.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“You think about a D-line that already is in such a good place, and then you get Jamie Sheriff and Maurice Strong back, as well as all the new guys that we've added to the puzzle, that room is in a really great position,” Wommack said. “When you have a good defensive line and they do everything right, when they're the standard-bearer in your program, that's always a good thing.”

-A teammate fell into Sheriff's left knee and caused his lateral collateral ligament to tear. He soon after underwent surgery and missed the entire season, but was able to learn a lot by watching from the sidelines both in practice and in games. (Strong, a part-time starter in 2020, suffered a broken leg last spring. He attempted to come back in the fall, but was never right and was eventually shut down for the season.)

-“He's looked good,” Wilkerson said. “He's had to shake the rust off, but he's still a good player and it's good to have him back. We missed him last year, but we get him for two more years now. We want to get the best out of him. He's a smart kid, a good student and a good player. It's great to have guys like that around.”

Dontae Lucas (OL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Florida State transfer Dontae Lucas at left guard

-Should Simpson miss an extended period, it's likely Lucas would move up to the first team and leave a second-team hole.

Reid Gavin (OL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“He has come a long way and is really developing into a good football player,” Steele said of Gavin. “He's really putting emphasis on his assignments, being a young guy. He's done some really good things this spring.”

Hadon Merchant (OL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Veteran guard Hadon Merchant, who started four games last season, also chose to end his football career with one season remaining in order to focus on entering the workforce

Damean Bivins (RB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“We knocked off some really good runs, Damean Bivins had a really good one. So, from a positive stand point I think some of that stuff like establishing a run game, playing with physicality across the board, those are places where I think we took steps in the right direction.”

UAB

Tylan Kiere Jones (DL)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-According to a Blount County Sheriff’s Office incident report, Jones is accused of multiple acts of violence against his now ex-girlfriend, a 21-year-old Blount County woman who said she had been dating Jones for four months. She also obtained a temporary protection from abuse order against Jones on Wednesday.

- was booked into the Blount County Jail Wednesday night on a charge of third-degree domestic violence, jail records show.

Deshaun Oliver Jr. (ILB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“Deshaun has always been an instinctive guy,” UAB head coach Bill Clark said. “He’s gotten bigger, he’s gotten stronger and he understands what we’re doing. Sometimes, especially inside, there are a lot of moving parts and he’s getting better. It’s good to have a guy from around here that’s doing well.”

-As recently as this past year, Oliver lost his grandmother. A strong-willed matriarch that taught the young UAB linebacker many lessons, chiefly among them is the peace of understanding that you’re never alone.

-Converted from Safety to Linebacker

-“I know, for one, I had to increase my weight,” Oliver said. “I had to change my waist and am still in the process of gaining more. That’s one step I knew I had to take to better myself on and off the field. Coach Lyle (Henley) and a lot of the strength staff helped me in increasing my weight and how much I could lift.”

-“We knew there was going to be some development,” Reeves said. “We asked (Deshaun), going into the spring, to work his feet, work his eyes and work his weight. He did those things and you see that it was never an ability thing. Some of it was just growing into that position, physically and mentally.”

-“He’s heard and seen the calls, over and over and over,” he added. “What he brings to the table is speed, athleticism and his football IQ. He always understands what the call is and what he needs to do to get us in the right spot. He’s developing a set of linebacker skills that are going to allow him to excel. It takes runners and hitters and Deshaun is definitely one of those.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Obviously we got some guys returning,” UAB head coach Bill Clark said. “Noah has a lot of experience, Deshaun Oliver is a guy that’s stepped up, and we got a lot of new faces. It’s a good group and a talented group.”

Dylan Hopkins (QB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-entered the game on UAB’s third series, for a less effective Tyler Johnston III

-“He was the hot hand and that’s how we built this thing,” Clark said. “That’s why we’ve been getting him in on a third series. He was hot and you stay with the hot hand. They both understand that’s how it works.”

- the starting job is still Dylan Hopkins until he proves otherwise

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Dylan Hopkins has developed well this season since taking over for Tyler Johnston III, albeit with some room to improve on his downfield accuracy.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Dylan Hopkins is not taking part in spring practice, due to offseason surgery on his non-throwing shoulder, and that should provide plenty of opportunity for UAB’s ever-growing talent pool of quarterbacks.

-“I like what we saw the first day,” Clark said. “Dylan is recovering from a shoulder, non-throwing shoulder got fixed so there’s going to be a chance for quarterbacks to create some competition. But really all over the board offensively.”

Alex Wright (LB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-named C-USA Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts in the Blazers’ 31-14 win over FAU.

Date: 12-27-21 through 1-2-22

-Junior linebacker Alex Wright declared for the 2022 NFL Draft today, according to a post on his social media account.

Tyler Johnston III (QB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-recovered from his early-season ailments and has been participating in practice the last two weeks.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Tyler Johnston III, Ryan Davis and Sidney Wells have all missed time on the offensive side of the ball

-Johnston, meanwhile, has recovered from an early-season injury and is available on an emergency basis, as he was used in the second half at Southern Miss.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-The fifth-year senior quarterback for the UAB football program has entered the NCAA transfer portal, a source familiar with the situation confirmed to **AL.com**.

Ryan Davis (WR)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

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Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“You always look to the returning guys,” Clark said. “You look to the Fairbanks’, the Penn’s, the Fish McWilliams’; those guys who have actually had some reps. We got some new guys coming in and we’ll have some more guys coming in during the summer. But these are the guys right now and we got some young guys that get their opportunity to shine.”

Charlie Benton (ILB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

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Kris Moll (S)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-has not played since the Tulane win

Mac McWilliams (CB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-has been out the last two games

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“It took a lot from me when I had my first injury,” he said. “I was out for a few games and it really took a toll on my body. Just getting back to normal and getting my hand back right, that’s the best thing I could do. I want to get back on the field with my teammates.”

-“We got high expectations for the whole group but him especially,” UAB head coach Bill Clark said. “He had a thumb issue all year really, almost, and he battled through that. He wasn’t able to tackle like he wants to and obviously catch the ball. We’re glad to get him back well and at full speed.”

DeWayne McBride (RB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-got banged up a bit at the end of the Rice loss but shouldn't miss anytime going forward.

-ankle injury shouldn't keep him out long

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-The Conference USA league office announced its player of the week awards today and UAB sophomore running back DeWayne McBride was named C-USA Offensive Player of the Week

-“Debo had a huge day for us,” UAB head coach Bill Clark said at his Monday press conference. “For a guy that was kind of banged up with an ankle, (McBride) got well right before the game and really proud for him and his effort.”

-Clark on Marshall's RB, while pumping up McBride. Their running back leads the nation in rushing touchdowns – he reminds you a lot of our guy (DeWayne McBride). They have good speed and dynamic receivers all around. Their tight end played wildcat quarterback against us last year. They've got weapons offensively. It's just a really good team.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“This offense has come a long way,” Hopkins said. “I think the past five or six games; we've gotten a lot better. Debo (DeWayne McBride), the offensive line, the receivers -- every game we've gotten a lot better.”

- left the game early in the second quarter following an injury at the tail end of a long run vs UTEP

Mi'Carlo Stanley (DL)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Stanley was a redshirt senior during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season but utilized the extra year of eligibility granted by the NCAA to return for one more go-round.

-“I think there's a real competitive mindset that this was his last year,” UAB defensive line coach Kyle Tatum said. “There's no doubt that he had to finish strong and go out on a good note. He's been playing his tail off, that's for sure.”

-“I think a lot of those guys have really stepped their game up,” Tatum said. “Rio, he's moving around and playing inside and outside, and some of those guys and returners have been very productive.”

Will Boler (S)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“What a great job he's done for us, leading off the field and on the field,” UAB head coach Bill Clark said. “He's just solid, a great tackler. Obviously (Frank) Harris is a guy that does a lot, we're worried about him throwing and running, and Boler is going to need to have a good game for us.”

-“He's been consistent for us for a couple of years now,” defensive backs coach Blake Shrader said. “He knows how we do things and is a coach on the field. Boler is not always the most vocal but he is a leader on the field and leads through example. He's

always on time and where he's supposed to be, never lets himself get down and keeps everybody going. He's great to have on the field."

Hayden Pittman (TE)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“That guy (Pittman), he's just been such a warrior,” Clark said. “He's a guy that people love to watch play because he plays so hard and it's important to him. He's one of the faces of this program and will always be. From the Return itself, through championships and all the way this year, he's done a terrific job.”

Dy'Jon Turner (S)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“Poppie (Turner) has been a leader,” Clark said. “We've played him at star, we've played him at safety, we've moved him around. He's been banged up some and fought through it. Another face of the program.”

-Turner missed a few games after incurring a minor foot injury in pregame warmups at North Texas but returned to make an instant impact in the backstretch of his senior season.

Jermaine Brown (RB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“You talk about the next guy up,” Clark said. “It's got to be more than talk, it's got to be work. It ebbs and flows. You got to be ready when your number is called. Even though he has been playing, Debo (McBride) has got a lot of attention and Skull (Brown) just kept working.”

Bryson Lucero (QB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-With Hopkins on the mend, Bryson Lucero should receive a majority of first-team reps as the most experienced quarterback remaining on the roster. Lucero started five games during the 2020 season, leading UAB to a 3-2 record, and has thrown for 969 yards and seven touchdowns in his career.

Jacob Zeno (QB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-The offseason addition of Baylor transfer Jacob Zeno instantly raises the talent level at the position and the former 4-star recruit should compete with Lucero for an opportunity to challenge Hopkins in the fall.

Trea Shropshire (WR)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Trea Shropshire had a somewhat eventful offseason. He caught the game-winning touchdown in UAB's 31-28 victory over No. 13 BYU in the Independence Bowl and then entered and exited the transfer portal twice as he ultimately chose to remain with the Blazers for his final season.

Maleak Bryant (TE)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Maleak Bryant, returning after missing last season rehabbing an injury, have the leg up on the tight end competition

Michael Fairbanks II (OLB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

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Noah Wilder (LB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Noah is the quarterback of our defense, at least the front side,” UAB defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach David Reeves said. “There are times when the safety is going to take charge of the backend but Noah runs the show up there. The leadership he provides on the field is a great example for all of our young guys and newcomers to see. My favorite thing is he’s passing the torch, getting these guys ready who don’t know the Blazer way -- how it’s got to be done.”

TROY STATE

Deshon Stoudemire (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“When you talk about Deshon Stoudemire he continues to make plays since he got here,” head coach Chip Lindsey said. “I was really pleased with those guys.”

Demontrez Brown (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Demontrez made a nice catch. Demontrez, in my first year, was injured with a knee injury and now, it’s been two years, but looks like his old self. I thought our tight ends played well tonight and were active.”

Zion Williams (CB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Zion made a big time play and scored with it,” head coach Chip Lindsey said about the interception returned for a touchdown. “I’m really proud of Zion. He has really matured since he got here last year. It took him a while to get into rhythm. He had a great spring and a great fall camp. He’ll tell you that room is very competitive. I was really pleased with him tonight.”

Taylor Powell (QB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“I thought Taylor and Gunnar both made excellent decisions at quarterback. I thought they were very efficient and they got us in and out of the right plays in the run game and pass game. Really pleased with how both those guys played.”

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“We had one turnover in the redzone, it’s something we don’t want to do ever, but I thought Taylor and Gunnar both made good decisions at quarterback. I thought they were very efficient.

10-7-21

-“The first interception at ULM, the kid caught it and it got popped up in the air and they ruled it an interception,” Lindsey said. “It was good decision, just unfortunate. The second one was just an errant throw. He was open, a good decision, just a poor throw. Unfortunately for us there was a guy standing right behind him and the ball fell right in his arm. I don’t think either one of those was him forcing anything. Guys were open; both decisions were fine. It was just bad luck there.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“Taylor obviously was banged up,” Lindsey said. “I thought it would be nice to give us a shot in the arm. With Taylor not being 100 percent, it made that decision kind of easy. I’m really proud of Gunnar. He is a guy who is special.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Taylor Powell took over for Watson following injury

-“I really thought Taylor came in, with the exception of a miscommunication down the field, and handled himself pretty well, executed and we were able to get the win,” Lindsey said. “Taylor is still not 100 percent healthy. He has fought through some things to get as healthy as he can. He is a great teammate; he and Gunnar are close. If Gunnar isn’t ready to go, I have no problem with him playing. He ‘s doing a great job helping us. He’s a team guy. “

Gunnar Watson (QB)

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-“I thought he played really good,” Lindsey said. “You could tell early on he was pretty dialed in. Hit some big throws down the field. Held the ball a little bit in the second half, but overall, without looking at the film, I thought he played really well for us.”

-“His attitude has been great,” Lindsey said. “He’s practiced and prepared every single day like he was the starter. He waited his turn and in this day and age that’s not common. A lot of guys get mad, pack up and leave. He has been raised by great parents, and I think that has a lot to do with it. He just stayed ready. He kept fighting and ‘repping’ in practice. What people don’t know is that in the last two weeks he had the best two weeks of practice that I have seen him have. Love the way he responded.”

-“The biggest thing was be a good teammate and be a good teammate to Taylor,” Watson said. “Keep him positive and stay on the sidelines, look out for him and (tell him) what I see on the defensive side. He did the same thing for me. My biggest thing was go in every day and practice hard and not quit on the team.”

-“Gunnar is a great leader,” Woods said. “He obviously puts in the work and does the things coach asked him to do.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Troy quarterback Gunnar Watson also left with an injury, just before halftime

-Watson sustained a head injury in the opening half, giving way to back-up and former starter Taylor Powell.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“Gunnar has played the most and has the most experience on our team,” he said. “I thought he did some good things today. You can see he probably has the most confidence just because he’s done the most

Offensive Line

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“We lost some one-on-one battles and we didn’t maintain our blocks all the time, which is needed when you play good teams. We miss identified some things in the run game. We have to do much better up front in getting all five guys on the same page every snap.”

BJ Smith (RB)

Date: 10-7-21

-“During the game I had a smile on my face watching him (Smith) run,” Lindsey said. “All that kid has been through to fight to get back. He got back somewhat healthy and got banged up again. It was good for it to pay back and for him to get over 100 yards rushing. I was really pleased with his performance. We need him to continue that, especially with Kimani being down.”

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-One of the standouts of the day was sixth-year senior Smith, who impressed scouts and seemed to leave no doubt that he was fully healthy after a pair of devastating injuries during his Troy career. Smith not only ran a 4.56 40-yard dash but he performed 20 reps on the bench press – the most of any player there – and wowed those in attendance with a 35-inch vertical leap, which would have been good enough for seventh best out of all players at this year’s NFL Combine

-Smith came into the 2019 season as the preseason Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year before tearing his ACL in the second game of the season. He then suffered a hip injury in car accident that required surgery just before the 2020 season. Despite all of that, Smith returned to play in 2021 and ended his Troy career with 2,203 rushing yards and 23 touchdowns along with 532 yards receiving.

-“BJ is an incredible young man,” Sumrall said. “I had the privilege of knowing BJ when we recruited him here. He’s a phenomenal young man and has overcome a great deal of adversity and fought through injuries and has really set a tremendous example for our team.”

Javon Solomon (DE)

Date: 10-7-21

-was one of seven players added to the Chuck Bednarik Award Watch List, the Maxwell Football Club announced Wednesday afternoon. The award is presented annually to the nation's top defensive player.

-Solomon is off to a torrid start in 2021 as he is the only player at the FBS level with at least 10 tackles for loss and six sacks through the first five weeks of the season.

Carlton Martial (LB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-For the third straight season, Troy linebacker Carlton Martial has been named a nominee for the Burlsworth Trophy, which is presented annually to the nation's top player who began their career as a walk-on.

Kimani Vidal (RB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“I was pleased with the way we ran the football,” Lindsey said. “Vidal had another big game.”

-“Kimani is obviously a really talented guy,” Lindsey said. “The last few weeks we have really been able to get him going. He has been healthy and that's been the number one thing. He continues to run the ball inside the tackles. He usually makes the first man miss. Kimani is a complete back who can catch it and who can pass protect.

-“For us to be successful, he needs to get plenty of touches. That will be our plan as we play out the rest of the season.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Leading rusher Kimani Vidal also left the game in the first half due to head injury

Luke Whitemore (WR)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Whitemore exited after hurting his knee during a big catch along the sideline in the fourth quarter.

B.J. Smith (RB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“Those guys are pure leaders,” Lindsey said. “They are two guys that have been here for a long time. Local guys from this area and Troy means a lot to them. B.J. going through some injuries, as well as Dylan, they always found ways to come back. I think it says a lot about each of those kids. Their leadership and obviously their play on the field also will be missed.”

Dylan Bradshaw (OL)

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RaJae' Johnson-Sanders (WR) UAB --> Troy State

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-transferred from UAB to Troy

-Johnson stands out among Troy's current crop of receivers at 6-foot-4-inches and 224 pounds and quarterback Gunnar Watson took notice, as well.

Jaidyn Wilson (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-There were a number of new faces among the Trojan players, including former Pike County receiver Jaidyn Wilson, who has transferred to Troy from Southwest Mississippi Community College

Jake Andrews (OL)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“Jake hasn't really played center much here but he has all the physical tools you want out of a center,” Sumrall said. “Mentally, there are some different pieces, in terms of the communication aspect, involved in that position. So, he's learning it and we'll see how much he can take and how fast he can take it. He is a viable option there, though.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Among those players getting reps at center this spring is All-Sun Belt offensive guard Jake Andrews. While he's spent the majority of the past three seasons at guard, he also played center some as a freshman and even started when Bradshaw was injured late in the year in 2019.

-“Jake has been doing some good things there,” Sumrall said. “He's really comfortable at guard but we've run him a little at center, as well.

-“I think it's only helping him get better at his craft. He really does everything you ask him to do. Physically he dominates and he sticks out in the offseason program because he's a big guy that moves extremely efficiently and extremely well. We're trying to put something on him by playing center. Is that where he's going to play in the fall? I don't know that yet but we're trying to figure out what puts us in the best position to be successful.”

Quayde Hawkins (QB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“Quayde (Hawkins) did some really good things and I think he has a really live arm. He has an upside and potential and the talent, he just has to become more confident in what he's doing down in and down out in terms of his mechanics and procedures of what we're asking him to do.”

Will Carns (QB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Will Carns and Kyle Toole are in there battling, as well. We have to get better at that position and have to have more production there and those guys are working hard. They've put in a lot of extra time in and I thought they did some good things today and they'll continue to get better each and every day.”

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Logan Self (OL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Redshirt sophomore Logan Self is also getting reps with the first team offense during the spring. He's only played in three total games during his Troy career so far but he was a USA Today All-USA player at Hewitt-Trussville in high school.

Jeremiah Frazier (OL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Also in the fray is sophomore Jeremiah Frazier, who transferred to Troy this January after spending his freshman season at Tennessee State. The Pike Road native was the Ohio Valley Conference's Newcomer of the Year after starting all 11 games in 2021.

FLORIDA STATE

Jordan Travis (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Jordan had a great camp and he's continuing to grow and improve in all phases,” said coach Mike Norvell. “Tonight there was some good and some things he has to learn from.”

-“I'm excited about that quarterback room. I'm excited about Jordan Travis and who he is as a player,” he said. “We're going to continue to push forward together and we're going to face that stuff as we get into this week.”

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“There were some things that got on us really quick,” Norvell said after practice Tuesday. “That first drive, we had a couple of missed opportunities. Jordan knew, even on the sideline. He was maintaining poise, maintaining composure.

-“He's really coming in developing as a quarterback and the negative times where maybe he wasn't as accurate as he wanted to be, he went back to some of the fundamental things that he's really worked on and he's excited to get out here and continue to improve just like everybody.”

-“The 60-yard touchdown [to Ja'Khi Douglas] was ideal,” added Norvell. “He made the call, made the check and he was able to throw in rhythm on time — it was a big-time play in the game.”

-“You look at a couple of the turnovers that happened, the one on fourth down I don't necessarily put on him in that situation,” he said.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He played exceptionally with his eyes,” said coach Mike Norvell. “Those things aren't going to show up in the stat line but being able to be in the right spot and make sure he worked through his progressions, he pushed the ball down the field.”

-Quarterback Jordan Travis has also gone through his struggles with injuries, missing time against Louisville before returning to start the past two games against Syracuse and North Carolina.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Florida State found itself without starting quarterback Jordan Travis, who missed Saturday's game while battling the flu.

-“Jordan's legs are pretty dynamic and he has an effect on the game regarding forcing teams to have to account for him,” added Norvell. “But I don't know if they keyed in on the backs any more than what they would have done even if Jordan was there because he would have brought a different element.”

-“He was in pretty tough shape this past week and it carried over to [Sunday],” said Norvell. “We'll see as we progress throughout the week.

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-There is little mystery about who enters Florida State's spring camp as the favorite at quarterback. Jordan Travis is the incumbent, following a solid finish to the 2021 season.

Jermaine Johnson II (DE)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“I thought Jermaine played really well,” said Norvell. “Not only was he active in the passing game but also against the run. I thought our defensive front played with tremendous energy. They were definitely very physical in their approach to what they did and they fed off that with each other.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“Jermaine and Keir were both over 60 snaps in the game, which is a challenge, but we got young defensive ends who can continue to emerge,” said Norvell.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Florida State defensive end Jermaine Johnson II earned 1st team All-ACC honors Tuesday.

-Jermaine Johnson II named ACC Defensive Player of the Year

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Johnson impressed with his performance, showcasing his speed with a 4.58 time in the 40-yard dash and a 32-inch vertical jump. But he believes what he did on the field should answer any questions NFL personnel might have about him.

-ESPN's Mel Kiper Jr.: FSU's Jermaine Johnson could be a top 10 pick in NFL Draft

-“You can see him creeping up a little bit from 15 into the maybe just that at 10 or just inside the top 10,” said Kiper.

Mackenzie Milton (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Said FSU coach Mike Norvell: “As we went into this week, McKenzie kept saying, ‘Coach, I'll be ready. I'll be ready.’ You never know when the opportunity is going to present itself and McKenzie was ready. He's such a competitor. Everybody knows his story and what's gone into it. He's somebody you cheer for.”

-UCF Transfer after gruesome knee injury suffered in 2018; leg nearly had to be amputated

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“McKenzie, I thought, did a wonderful job being prepared and being ready,” Norvell said. “It’s something we talked about after the game — when you’re not starting and you have to come off the bench or be prepared for every opportunity, you’re staying engaged. That’s what I loved. Every time Jordan’s coming off the field, he had McKenzie in his ear talking about what he sees and the things they can do to help each other. “The relationship in that room, it’s awesome.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-FSU quarterback McKenzie Milton earned the surprise start with Jordan Travis out with a non-COVID illness

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-The former UCF and FSU quarterback announced Sunday he has accepted an invitation to the 2022 Hula Bowl, which will take place at UCF’s on-campus football stadium Jan. 15 at noon.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“There’s going to be some questions, but I have full clearance from my doctor at the Mayo Clinic, which is the best hospital in the world,” Milton said. “I’m not concerned about my knee. It’s the best I’ve felt since I’ve got hurt. I’m running well, moving well and throwing the ball well. I wouldn’t be doing Pro Day if I couldn’t go.

-Will Participate in both FSU and UCF pro days

Akeem Dent (S)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Akeem misses the tackle but he gets back up and makes it 20 yards down the field,” said Fuller. “I tell him, it doesn’t have to be perfect but it’s got to be done hard.”

Devontay Love-Taylor (G)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-went down early with an injury

Baveon Johnson (G)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Replaced Love-Taylor

Dennis Briggs Jr. (DT)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

- who is out for the rest of the season with an undisclosed injury

Jarrett Jackson (DT)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-missed UNC game

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Keir Thomas (DE)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

- "Jermaine and Keir were both over 60 snaps in the game, which is a challenge, but we got young defensive ends who can continue to emerge," said Norvell.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Defensive end Keir Thomas received third-team all ACC honors

Kevin Knowles II (DB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

- "Kevin is one of our best 11," said defensive backs coach Marcus Woodson. "He's earned the right to be one of those 11 to take the field on the first play of the game."

- "There was no hesitation about matching him up with their best receiver," Woodson said. "He went out, accepted the challenge, and did a really good job. It was a confidence-builder as well."

- "It's important to Kevin," said Woodson. "He understands the process and the grind day-in and day-out to reach his goal. He's a student of the game. He comes out to practice with the right mindset and the right approach. It's no surprise to me as a coach that he's one of the starters right now."

Chubba Purdy (QB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-But the portal works both ways with FSU seeing several players leave, including 4-star quarterback Chubba Purdy.

Omarion Cooper (DB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-made his first career start for the Seminoles last week and the true freshman made it a memorable one. Cooper secured his first interception by fighting off Miami receiver Mike Harley in the first quarter.

-“The interception was a huge play,” said Norvell. “When you’re a true freshman, you’re out there on an island and you’re going to get targeted. For him to respond that way with the PBUs [pass breakups] and the mentality that he took throughout that game, it was special.”

-“Go out and play and have fun,” said DB coach Woodson. “He was a kid that was well-prepared. He shows up to work every day with the right attitude. He’s a film junkie. He studies the opponent and he studies the game plan we give to our players. It was no surprise to me as a coach the way he performed.”

-“He missed some of the fall camp but I knew he was going to have the personality to be able to handle it,” said Fuller. “He’s got humble confidence to him and he expects to make all those plays. To see him go out there on a big stage and come up big was critical for us and important to his growth. He’s got an extremely high ceiling.”

Ja’Khi Douglas (RB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“He’s made some big plays since he’s been here,” said ‘Noles coach Mike Norvell. “But you see the confidence that you’ll have him now. He can line up at receiver a lot or at running back and he’s been great in special teams. We just need him to continue to grow and develop and if he does that, we’re very confident in what his future is going to be.”

-“That’s a guy who’s shown up when we’ve called his number and he’s made plays,” said offensive coordinator Kenny Dillingham. “We need to call his number more. If you make plays, then when you get to the ball more so that’s something that we’re going to attempt to do and he’s earned it and deserved it.”

Jammie Robinson (S)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-FSU found itself without the services of safety Jammie Robinson after officials ejected him at the end of the first quarter for targeting against Jurkovec.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Jammie Robinson named to 1st team All ACC

Jashaun Corbin (RB)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

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AJ Duffy (QB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-After arriving as an early enrollee in January, freshman AJ Duffy could push Rodemaker for the No. 2 spot. He is the highest-ranked quarterback signee by the Seminoles since Malik Henry in 2016 according to 247Sports rankings and he's built a reputation for his athletic prowess, creating with his arms and legs, which makes him an exciting option for Norvell.

-He's already impressed FSU coaches with his hard work and film study, something he attributes to being the son of a high school football coach.

Tate Rodemaker (QB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-is the only other quarterback (beside Travis with practical experience, appearing in seven games, including one career start during his two seasons at Florida State

Trey Benson (RB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Benson, who arrived as a transfer from Oregon, gives the Seminoles plenty of versatility, and Benson has the size and speed to make him a legitimate threat out of the backfield.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

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Treshaun Ward (RB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-One option could be Treshaun Ward, who assumed a more prominent role in the ground attack last season, rushing for a career-high 515 yards on 81 carries. He was second on the team with 21 runs of 10-yards-or-more and Ward's average of 6.4 yards per attempt was the most by Seminole in a season since Dalvin Cook (7.4) in 2015. According to Pro Football Focus, he was the top-graded rusher on the team with an 85.2 grade.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-“He is the most senior of guys that we have in that room,” Norvell said. “You can see him trying to take his game next level.”

Mycah Pittman (WR)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-The addition of transfers Pittman (Oregon), Wright (West Virginia), Spann (Illinois) and Wilson (Arizona State) gives FSU an injection of talent and much-needed experience.

-Pittman appeared in 22 games with 12 starts for the Ducks, totaling 547 yards on 38 receptions with two touchdowns.

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Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Florida State receiver Winston Wright Jr. will miss an extended period this spring as he recovers from a severe injury after a car accident last week.

-“Winston was involved in an accident over spring break,” Norvell said after practice Tuesday. “I’m thankful that he’s still here with the severity of the accident. It was very scary, and we’ve been in contact and he’ll be back in Tallahassee this week.”

-“He’ll miss an extended period of time in the short term, but we’re grateful for all things that have happened,” added Norvell. “We’ve been in constant contact with him and Sunday night, we were on FaceTime with him, showing him his locker. He’s in good spirits.”

-“He’s going to be back and rolling as soon as possible. We’ve got positive reports, but you’ve got to go through the process,” Norvell said. “Our thoughts and prayers have been with him throughout this whole break and I appreciate everyone who was keeping him in their thoughts because he’s a special young man. It’s one of those situations where you never know why, but you thank God we are where we are.”

Deuce Spann (WR)

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-Spann transitioned from quarterback to receiver in 2021, becoming a severe threat for the Illini, averaging 24 yards per catch.

Johnny Wilson (WR)

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-while Wilson appeared in 14 games (three starts) in two seasons with the Sun Devils, totaling 154 yards on 12 catches with a touchdown in 2021.

Kayden Lyles (IOL)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-FSU leaned on the transfer portal for the second straight season to secure an experienced lineman in Kayden Lyles. The redshirt senior, who split time at left guard and center while at Wisconsin, enters spring competition with his sights set on anchoring the middle of the line.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“That’s a position I’m excited about,” said Norvell. “We signed six offensive linemen and there’s going to be a competition having some of those guys coming in early, specifically transfer Kayden [Lyles] and Bless [Harris].”

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Dillan Gibbons (OL)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Dillan Gibbons (12) became a stalwart after joining the program as a transfer from Notre Dame in the offseason, starting 11 of the 12 games at left guard last season.

Brady Scott (OL)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-20 career starts. played snaps LT, RT, LG, & RG

Bless Harris (OT)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-The addition of Bless Harris, a transfer from Lamar University, gives the Seminoles another quality tackle.

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-Harris, a 6-foot-5, 315-pound tackle from Lamar University, has impressed his teammates.

Kanya Charlton (OL)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

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Dennis Briggs (DL)

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-Briggs, who has all the physical tools to make a move from tackle to edge if needed, is coming off a 2021 season cut short due to injury.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Briggs appeared in the first four games before a lower leg injury ended his run last season. Despite the sample size, he was the second highest-graded defender on the team, per Pro Football Focus. Healthy now, the redshirt junior has moved from tackle to end to utilize his speed and tenacity.

-“He is that body type that has the size to play inside if you want him to, but he does have the athleticism that he can play defensive end,” said Papuchis. “As our defense has evolved over the two years plus that we’ve been here, having that big physical presence in the edge spot is an advantage for us.”

Jared Verse (DE)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Jared Verse, a redshirt sophomore defensive end from UAlbany, announced Friday he will be transferring to FSU. (Courtesy UAlbany Athletics)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“He’s one of the fastest defensive linemen I’ve ever coached,” said Fuller. “He’s got legitimate straight-line speed. Jared’s been good for us, and he’s exactly who we thought he was. He’s a great teammate, and he’s got high expectations for himself. He loves football, too.”

-Added defensive end coach John Papuchis: “I’ve been impressed with Jared in many different ways. His ability to take correction and then apply it has been really impressive so far. He’s not a guy who makes multiple mistakes, or he doesn’t make the same mistake twice.”

Daryl Porter Jr (CB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Daryl Porter Jr. left South Florida to go play for the West Virginia Mountaineers back in the Class of 2020. Now he’s headed back toward home to play for the Miami Hurricanes.

-Porter will have three years of eligibility remaining once he gets to Coral Gables and he should compete for a starting job in the secondary. Porter started at corner for the Mountaineers in 2021 and had 46 tackles, five passes defended and one interception.

Tatum Bethune (LB) UCF --> Florida State

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-The addition of Bethune, who spent three seasons at UCF before transferring in the offseason, brings much-needed experience and leadership. Bethune led UCF in tackles (108) and his familiarity with Shannon, who coached him for two seasons with the Knights, should make the transition smooth. His time split at inside and outside linebacker should help as he contends for one of the three spots.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“Explosiveness, toughness, all those things you want to see in linebacker position,” Seminoles coach Mike Norvell said of Bethune. “He’s an accelerator to the ball. He doesn’t look maybe the size he is with his body weight, strength and all that stuff, but he packs a punch.”

-Bethune is coming off a career year at UCF, earning honorable mention honors in the American Athletic Conference after leading the Knights with 108 tackles. But after three

seasons in Orlando, the 6-foot-1, 215-pound defender transferred to Florida State in the offseason.

-“He’s been a tremendous addition,” said Shannon. “[Tatum’s] a guy that understands defenses and is a smart player, but also somebody that gets along with everybody on the team. He doesn’t have an ego about him, and he just wants to win games.”

Jarran Jones (CB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Jones struggled at times at wide corner, allowing 21 catches and 5 touchdowns, as did Jay, who gave up 4 touchdowns on 17 catches.

Camren McDonald (TE)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-“Last year between Jordan and Cam, there were like 35-something catches,” said Norvell. “It’s a position that can continue to do more. They play a huge role in this offense and as we continue to build upon that, I like the guys we have.”

-“You look at Cam and the experience he has and Wyatt Rector is coming into his own,” said Norvell. “You look at Jackson West and Markeston Douglas — both of those guys have flashed in moments through the first two days.

Brian Courtney (TE)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Another player making an early impression is freshman Brian Courtney, a multisport athlete from Independence (Virginia) High who signed as part of FSU’s 2022 recruiting class. While he played quarterback and linebacker in high school, his size (6-foot-3, 235-pounds) caught the eyes of the Seminoles coaching staff, who pushed him to make a position switch.

-They saw me at the Elite 11 combine and liked a lot of stuff they saw there,” Courtney said of his transition. “They saw my film and saw my defensive film and saw some of the transferable skills there. They plugged me in at tight end while some other schools saw me as a linebacker, but I thought that tight end was the best position fit for me

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Lawrance Toafili (RB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Lawrance Toafili is playing very confident as he’s come along with what he’s doing,” Norvell said.

Rodney Hill (RB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-“Trey Benson and Rodney, they’re learning through the process. I like our running back group and we’ve got some talented guys.”

-“I like Rodney so much,” said Norvell. “He comes to work every single day — whether it’s Tour of Duty, whether it’s a workout — he comes to meetings with an intense purpose and for him to go through that and have an opportunity to have some flash plays, it’s exciting.

-“We knew when we recruited him he was a special athlete. The way he accelerates, the way he can change direction, he’ll figure it out. We ask our backs to do a lot, and he’s studying and doing a great job and put himself in position and made some plays in the run game.”

CJ Campbell (RB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-“CJ was a guy who was our scout team player of the year. What we saw in Treshaun Ward, if CJ would continue to develop, he’s got a real opportunity,” Norvell said. “I like what I see in CJ, and he’s got a future here.”

Kalen DeLoach (LB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

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Jarvis Brownlee (DB)

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-Florida State redshirt sophomore defensive back Jarvis Brownlee has entered the transfer portal.

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N’Kosi Perry (QB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Current FAU and former Miami Hurricanes quarterback N’Kosi Perry signed a name, image and likeness deal with Islamorada Brewery and Distillery on Wednesday.

-Perry signed what is believed to be the first NIL deal with a beer or liquor company for a collegiate athlete.

Johnny Ford (RB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-HC Taggart on redshirt sophomore back, “He’s becoming more focused in practice and on his assignments and things he needs to do. He’s showing up on the football field. You get out there and put the ball in his hands and he’s making some plays. There’s some things he can get better as well. I still don’t think he’s reached his peak yet. But I just like where his head is, his mindset in practice and with teammates and about getting better with the entire offense.”

Diashun Moss (CB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Cornerback Diashun Moss will, once again, be out for FAU. Moss suffered an injury against Charlotte which kept him out of the remainder of that game, along with their game against UTEP.

Caliph Brice (LB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-On Monday, Taggart mentioned that Brice would be out indefinitely with an arm injury

FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL

Max Bortenschlager (QB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-a sixth-year senior who started his career with the Maryland Terrapins.

-“Max made some good throws,” Davis said. “On his interception, the ball was slightly high. It hit the hands of the receiver. If the ball were a bit lower, it could’ve been a catch. “Max also did a good job on audibles — changing protections, routes and plays if needed.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“No,” Davis said quickly. “Max potentially has another year [of college eligibility]. It’s not guaranteed, but he has that potential [for a medical redshirt] due to the surgeries he had before he came here.

-“He has played great. He is an unbelievable competitor. You’ve seen the hits he’s been getting.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“I don’t plan on coming back [to FIU],” he said. “But I would love to play at the next level if I get the opportunity.”

Grayson James (QB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-true freshman QB

-“We’ve tried to get some of the younger guys some playing time,” Davis said when asked about his quarterbacks. “James did a nice job [on Saturday] He drove the team down [in the final minutes], put them in the end zone.

-“If Max does leave [to try the NFL in 2022], then James has some experience.”

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Grayson made some nice throws and had a really good day,” new FIU football coach Mike MacIntyre said of James’ performance on Tuesday, which included a perfectly placed deep throw in a two-minute drill.

-“He has a strong arm. It’s exciting to see that. Yost is doing a good job with him, getting him used to our system.

Tyrese Chambers (WR)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Star wide receiver Tyrese Chambers told the Miami Herald on Sunday that he hasn't ruled out transferring to a Power 5 school.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Chambers broke T.Y. Hilton's school record for reception yards. Chambers also broke Jonnu Smith's school record for TD catches, and both of those ex-Panthers have gone on to become NFL standouts.

-"Chambers is an excellent athlete," MacIntyre said. "What I notice is that his teammates love him. He's a leader. He's a high-effort guy. He's what you want your star receiver to be." Since it was just the first day of spring drills, it's too early for MacIntyre to give an informed assessment of all his personnel.

Larry Preston (CB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-In addition to quarterback and cornerback, he has also played running back, wide receiver, linebacker, safety and special teams kick returner and tackler.

-No offers, and it had nothing to do with his stellar athletic ability. "I wasn't into my schoolwork like I should've been," Preston told the Miami Herald. "I didn't have the grades. I was caught up in the moment. I didn't have my priorities right. I was cutting classes and stuff." "As the quarterback, I thought I could get away with stuff. I lost a lot of opportunities, and I regret it."

-"That 2018 team was built on defense, but (Preston) could run and throw," Wekiva coach Rich Bedesem said. "He was teetering at a 2.0 grade-point average. Getting him eligible to play at the next level would've been a challenge."

-"I love football," Preston said. "I'm finding out more about defense, and I'm falling in love with it. I want to be a lockdown corner, make my presence known. I plan to make a big impact."

-Preston, who said he believes he is faster than his 4.47 timing at his most recent camp a couple of years ago, is indeed a versatile player.

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-Manuel, a former All-State linebacker from Atlanta, spent the past four years at East Tennessee State. The 6-1, 200-pounder made first-team All-Southern Conference, and he has a legitimate chance at starting for FIU

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Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Linebacker Donovan Manuel and wide receiver Dean Patterson are two of the surprises of FIU football practices this spring. New coach Mike MacIntyre cautioned that it's too early to draw much in the way of conclusions as Tuesday was just FIU's seventh practice under the new staff.

-Patterson, a 6-2, 200-pounder from the Tampa area, was Carlson's teammate at Steinbrenner High, setting school single-season records for receptions (58) and yards (847). He also caught 11 TD passes. Despite that, he arrived here as a walk-on, and now he has caught the attention of the new staff after catching just three passes for 34 yards for FIU last season.

Brian Blades Jr. (CB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Blades is the son of Brian Blades, the former two-time national champion at the University of Miami who made the Pro Bowl as a wide receiver in 1989.

-However, MacIntyre has been impressed with cornerback Brian Blades Jr.

Demetrius Hill (S)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-However, MacIntyre has been impressed with cornerback Brian Blades Jr. and safety Demetrius Hill, formerly of Miami Springs High.

D'vonte Price (RB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Pro Day” is Wednesday, and the Panthers' top prospect eligible for the 2022 NFL Draft is running back D'vonte Price.

-Lindy's magazine projects Price as a sixth- or seventh-round prospect, and no other FIU player made their list.

-“Price is unlikely to ever lead an NFL running back room, but he could provide valuable reps throughout the year,” Lindy's writes.

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Rick Wells (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“When I got here, early on I had questions whether he would make it,” Mullen said, “and then I said 'Hey, eventually you got to buy into the program’.” “He bought all into the program, and I saw a change in him, and then all of a sudden he got stuck kind of behind some guys, even though he bought in,” Mullen said of Wells. “But it never deterred him, and he just kept battling and kept working, kept his head down, kept grinding, and now he's reaping the reward of all that hard work.”

-“Rick just shows the perseverance,” Mullen said. “He's a guy that's worked his tail off.”

Emory Jones (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“I thought he did a good job,” Mullen said of Jones. “Missed a couple of reads out there. But I thought it was great for Emory to get that experience as the starter right now, for his first game out there.

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“Overall, he played pretty well last Saturday, but made some errors that he's not used to making,” Mullen said. “I don't know if trying to do too much is the word. Almost trying to be too perfect, too exact, mind is going in a million different directions trying to do too many things on the field instead of trusting your fundamentals, your techniques and doing what you're supposed to do.

-“Every performance is never as good as it seems or as bad as it seems. The performance is what it is and how do we find a way to improve. What you want is guys that understand that,” Mullen said. “With Emory, he can sit down and point and say, ‘Hey, my feet were off here. Hey, you know what I misread this play right here. Hey, I got myself off balance on that throw. Hey, I should have slid this way in the pocket.’

-“He's been around us a long time. I think he probably views it the same way I view it, which is, ‘This is how I played.’ You can't change how you played last week,” Mullen said. “What are you learning from it to move on? That does take maturity. But I think that maturity can go both ways.

“He could have lit it up last weekend and put up video game numbers, but I would still look at it the same way and said, ‘OK, here are the things you did well, here's the things you did poorly and you need that maturity to continue to grow and improve.’ He's been around long enough that he understands that either way.”

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“As I said, we have two really good quarterbacks,” Mullen said. “You'll see them both.”

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Kind of surprisingly he was just relaxed and comfortable with everything happening out there on the field, way more than he was the last two weeks,” Mullen said of Jones. “I think you saw him being a much more comfortable guy out there. Even his interception, his interception was a great read.

-“I thought Emory really stepped up his game,” said Mullen.

“He was relaxed and comfortable way more than the last two weeks. I think you saw him being a more comfortable guy.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Jones' ability to read coverages firmly establishes him as the No. 1 QB.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“We're really fortunate. We have two really good quarterbacks here,” he said. “We've played them both in every game they're been healthy. I see us continuing down that path.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Anthony Richardson made his first career start and played the entire first half, with Emory Jones making just one appearance on a trick play.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Despite testing positive for the flu Saturday morning and needing IV fluids before kickoff, quarterback Emory Jones was able to start for Florida.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-The Gainesville Sun reported on Wednesday that Jones hurt his ankle at practice on Monday and will not be able to play against the Seminoles.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-“I told Emory, ‘You have to take what they give you,’ “ Knox said. “Eventually, he'll get those shots he was looking for.”

-“Emory's a smart player, a good player. He's got to relax and take what they give you, and he'll eventually get those shots he was shooting for today.”

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Jones told multiple media outlets last week he plans to enter the transfer portal, but was noncommittal Thursday on his future plans. Jones said if he does enter the portal, there's still a chance he could return to UF.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“They watched the film, went over everything, and they said that I am very talented and they can do a lot to change how I played in the past,” Jones said. “They think they can make me a way better player than I have shown. Basically, I just wanted to give them a chance.”

-“I watched film on their quarterback last year. He's very talented, and he did a lot of great things,” Jones said. “I talked to him a couple times about how they do things and how coach Napier coaches the quarterbacks. That definitely helped me with my decision, too.”

Anthony Richardson (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“[Anthony Richardson] missed some reads too, but I think you see both of them have the ability to make explosive plays.” -Dan Mullen

-“He did some good things,” Mullen said of Richardson. “He's exciting with the ball in his hand, isn't he? Running around making some plays.”

-“Last year that was Kyle Pitts' position, where you kind of have a point guy that can go up and get a rebound. You're just throwing the ball on a Hail Mary into the end zone,” Mullen said of Richardson's role on the play. “And so when you look, if we went out on the basketball court and he's going to be our best power forward, that's the guy you kind of want to put at that spot right there to go try to jump up and make the play. So, it's something we came up with in training camp and put him in that position.”

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Mullen compared the buzz around Richardson's dynamic athleticism to what Tim Tebow created as a freshman in 2006 when he played a handful of snaps each game.

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“As I said, we have two really good quarterbacks,” Mullen said. “You’ll see them both.”

-“He doesn’t always do the right thing, but he does special things,” Mullen said about Richardson. “We’ve got to keep coaching him to be efficient and make sure we’re making all the right reads.”

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Florida coach Dan Mullen said Wednesday that quarterback Anthony Richardson has practiced this week after suffering a hamstring injury in last weekend’s win over South Florida.

-“He’s done fine,” Mullen said during his weekly SEC teleconference. “He’s practiced every day. He’s still getting treatment, making sure that he’s healthy and ready to go. He’s had a pretty good week of practice.”

-“It’s one of those deals, when you have a hamstring, it’s not like a sprained ankle. When you look at injuries that, ‘hey he can go on, it’s not going to get worse, he might not be 100 percent but he’s not going to make it worse during the course of the game’,” Mullen said. “His is, he’s not going to be 100 percent, and if he plays he definitely can make it worse.”

-“We did an MRI yesterday. He was actually ahead of where we thought he would be, which was really positive for next week with him,” Mullen said of Richardson. “He knew (if) he was going to go in, back-up mode only and be a drop-back passer, stand in the pocket only, not running around, hand the ball off.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“We’re really fortunate. We have two really good quarterbacks here,” he said. “We’ve played them both in every game they’ve been healthy. I see us continuing down that path.”

-“You know what, I think he continues to improve,” Mullen said of Richardson. “I’ve seen improvement out of both guys throughout the course of the year, which is really something positive. What I like to see is, ‘Are we getting better as the year moves on? Are we better from one week to the next? Are you improving on things that you did poorly the previous week?’

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“No, I think probably more defenses load up the line of scrimmage when he’s in there, blitz a little more when he’s in there,” said Mullen.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Anthony Richardson made his first career start and played the entire first half, with Emory Jones making just one appearance on a trick play.

-Mullen offered no injury updates Monday and said “we’ll see” regarding quarterback Anthony Richardson’s status for the South Carolina game. Richardson made his first career start against Georgia, but took a hit to the head/neck area in the third quarter and did not return.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Mullen said Richardson “hurt himself dancing at the hotel” Friday night, leading Florida’s medical staff to evaluate Richardson’s knee for structural damage. Fortunately, the MRI

“came back clean” and “he’s fine”, said Mullen, though the former Eastside High standout had a visible limp prior to Monday’s practice session.

-“He got cleared to practice Thursday for the concussion. So he only practiced Thursday then somehow he hurt his knee dancing Friday night,” Mullen said. “Then he did treatment all day Saturday but was fine to go play, could have played Saturday, but having not practiced, coming off a concussion, and with that he was going to emergency-only situation. Then he was gimping around earlier today, so we’ll see.”

-“He practiced (Tuesday) in somewhat of a limited capacity. He practiced,” Mullen said. “So we feel good he’ll be cleared to play on Saturday.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“Anthony’s been banged up, had more injuries in practice this week,” Mullen said. “[He] was limited in his opportunity, in his ability to practice.”

-With Jones being out, This likely means freshman Anthony Richardson, who has played a fair amount this season, will start for UF.

-“If he’s healthy and available we’ll get him in the game,” interim coach Greg Knox said Monday.

-Following last week’s loss to Missouri, Mullen said Richardson didn’t play because he “was banged up with a bunch of injuries.” Earlier in the week, Mullen said Richardson was “100% healthy.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-on suffering tweaked knee, “But it wasn’t anything to keep me out, it just got a little stiff on me,” Richardson said. “So they had me run around on the sideline a little bit to get loose. I was ready to go the whole time, but they just wanted me to be smart.”

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Florida quarterback Anthony Richardson is expected to miss the Gasparilla Bowl against Central Florida on Dec. 23 in Tampa, sources told Gatorsports.com Saturday. Richardson recently underwent a procedure on his right knee and is focused on his offseason recovery. Richardson has not been at practice this weekend.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“I was impressed with what I saw,” Napier said. “It certainly comes out of his hand really well. There’s a reason why people think that he has an opportunity to be a good player.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“The one negative is I think there were a couple of critical situational errors,” he said. “But I think that’s part of it, because everything we’ve been doing has been compartmentalized.

Malik Davis (RB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“I thought he really ran the ball hard, breaking tackles, yards after contact, his vision, I thought he did a really good job with that,” Mullen said of Davis. “But that’s what we’ve been seeing and that’s the Malik I know and expect to see throughout the season and he’s really worked hard at that. I thought all our backs as a whole played pretty well.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-a late scratch against Vanderbilt

-“I didn’t actually know. I thought he was playing this week,” fellow RB Wright said of Davis. “He was in practice, so I thought he was playing.”

-“Hats off to him, he’s a great leader. With him not playing, he was still on the sideline being a vocal leader, being one of the leaders that we need. So, it was still like he was playing. He was energized, he was leading. He was telling me, ‘Hey, you seen that cut? You seen this cut? You seen that blitz? So he was definitely leading.’”

-“He should be back this week,” Mullen said of Davis. “I haven’t gotten a report yet, but he was on the report expected to be back to practice this week.”

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-“Malik Davis, he’s a tremendous young man,” Knox said. “He’s made some big plays this year, he’s done a lot of great things for us. He played his heart out. Most of these guys played their hearts out. We just made too many mistakes as a team to win that ball game.”

Kamar Wilcoxson (DB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Kamar Wilcoxson is going to miss the year,” Mullen said. “He had knee surgery, so he’s going to miss the rest of the season.”

Lamar Goods (DL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Hoping to get Lamar Goods back this week on the defensive line”

Jalen Lee (DL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Jalen Lee is going to be questionable, we’re not sure. He’ll be right there on the edge of being ready for this game on the defensive line,” Mullen said.

Andrew Chatfield (LB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Entered transfer portal

-“He played in the game on Saturday,” clarified Mullen, who was also asked whether he’s hoping to keep Chatfield at UF. “That would be up to him, I guess, more than us. I mean, there’s nowhere to go right now. So, he’s still here with the team.”

Zachary Carter (DL)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-named Co-SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week after recording a career-high three sacks and a forced fumble against FAU.

-“We do have some guys up front that can make some plays,” Grantham said of his front seven. “I think (FAU) had a good idea of the sense, we probably can’t block these guys on a traditional dropback. Because if you go back and look at traditional dropback passes, probably the first one Zach gets a sack and ball’s out.

Richard Gouraige (OL)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-On offensive line play: "It's going great. Every day in practice, we're always building that good chemistry. Everyday we work on each other. We always just encourage each other and try to make the best plays as much as we can."

Elijah Blades (DB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-the graduate transfer was once again not dressed out for Saturday's contest, a 42-20 victory over the University of South Florida.

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Florida dismissed senior transfer defensive back Elijah Blades (19) from the team Sunday, coach Dan Mullen said Monday.

-"He was dismissed from the program, so he's no longer part of the team," Mullen said. "I met with him and dismissed him from the program yesterday."

-The cause of Blades' dismissal is due to academic reasons, per a source close to the situation.

Jean Delance (RT)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-exited the game in the second half and didn't return

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-suffered an undisclosed injury to his left knee with 11:23 remaining in the second quarter of UF's

-returned in the 2nd half

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Right tackle Jean Delance is still getting snaps which sums up the state of the offensive line. Delance continues to commit false starts and miss assignments 11 games into his sixth season of college football.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Listed at 307 pounds at the start of last season, Delance's physical improvement was noticeable in Monday's showcase. He ran the pro shuttle in 4.65 seconds and benched 225 pounds 21 times in front of NFL general managers, coaches and scouts, in addition to an unofficial vertical leap of 28.5 inches.

-"April 4th I'm going to the (San Diego) Chargers, then April 11th I'll be with the (Arizona) Cardinals. Then, on April 7th I'll be going to Tampa's Pro Day as of now," Delance said. "I met with the Eagles last night, had dinner with them. So there's a lot of different interest from different places."

Diwun Black (LB/DB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-After arriving on campus in May, just over five months ago, Black had much catching up to do, both in the classroom and on the football field, and his coaching staff didn't shy away from preaching patience when it came to his level of contribution.

-"He's got good run ability. He's constantly improving his change of direction. Constantly improving his demeanor in the classroom and knowing what to do, and you know just go

about that communication deal, just communicating and knowing your assignments,” UF safeties coach Wesley McGriff said on Aug. 24th, “but he’s a guy that certainly has a skill set and talent that he’ll be able to support us down the road when we get going in this thing.”

Jaydon Hill (CB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-currently injured for the year (torn ACL) in preseason camp

- junior had entered into a deferred prosecution agreement on third-degree felony charges for unarmed burglary of an unoccupied vehicle, grand theft larceny of more than \$750 and less than \$5,000, and fraudulent and illegal use of credit cards

-Hill was arrested on June 2 after police tied him to the stolen debit card using IP address logs and surveillance footage, according to Alachua County public records

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Jalen Kimber and Jaydon Hill went through practice in non-contact jerseys while working with the defensive backs, a sign both players will be limited in spring. Kimber is recovering from shoulder surgery, while Hill is working his way back from an ACL tear suffered in fall camp. Both players are expected to be fully healthy by fall camp.

Brenton Cox Jr. (DL)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Cox played through a Jones fracture in his left foot in 2020, resulting in surgery and a recovery plan that has stretched into the current season. Jones fracture is a fracture of the bone on the pinky toe side of your foot, the fifth metatarsal bone.

-“It’s a long season, so try to take some hits off of him,” Grantham said of Cox. “I think the guy’s working his tail off, and I think as he moves forward through the season we’re going to see the kind of play you’re expecting.”

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Brenton Cox Jr. is another former five-star prospect who should see an increased role in spring practice. Cox, now a redshirt senior, was limited for much of last season after a Jones Fracture in his foot required surgery, though he didn’t let his ailment keep him from competing at a high level.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“He has all the skills,” said UF linebacker coach Mike Peterson.

-Cox had offseason surgery to repair a broken bone in his left foot. He never fully recovered and essentially played on one-and-a-half good feet.

-Cox considered declaring for the draft, but he was rated a second-day prospect. Third or fourth rounder.

Ventrell Miller (LB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-now expected to miss the remainder of the regular season (torn biceps tendon).

-“Ventrell, he’s a great guy and a great teammate, great leader, but I feel like we shouldn’t have an issue picking up with that leadership role,” Miller’s fellow redshirt

senior, defensive lineman Zachary Carter, said. "Guys just have to, you know, they have to step up."

Date: 12-27-21 through 1-2-22

-The Gators got a major boost for their defense heading into 2022 as star linebacker Ventrell Miller announced via an Instagram post that he would be returning to Florida for a sixth season in 2022

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

The Lakeland native led UF in tackles as a junior, and Miller was expected to further improve his rising NFL Draft stock in 2021, but a torn biceps tendon sidelined him for all but two games of his senior season. Rather than gamble on the Draft, Miller opted to come back to Gainesville to play for his third head coach.

-The scheme and coaching staff may be different, but Miller — if he's fully healthy, as expected — figures to be a consistent presence when the Gators open spring practice.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-There was a bright note in that Mike linebacker Ventrell Miller was capable of scrimmaging. He had been a Saturday participant only through the first three weeks because of a class conflict on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Jacob Copeland (WR)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“They got me in the role of KT (Giants First Round Pick Kadarrius Toney) right now, playing the X and H,” Copeland told the Sun in the spring. “Coach Mullen came to me during the bowl game week and told me he was going to work me in the H for the spring because he needs me to be versatile with it. He’s going to use me inside and outside depending on how they’re playing me.”

Stewart Reese (OL)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-injured in game but returned

Kemore Gamble (TE)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

--injured in game but returned

Kaiir Elam (DB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-injured in game but returned

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-missed Vanderbilt game; knee sprain has kept him out

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“You’ve got to love the game of football, you’ve got to love being on the team. A guy like Kaiir does that and he wants to get better as a football player,” Mullen said. “I think it would be scary for anybody to sit there and say, ‘I’m not going to play any more, I don't want to work or get better.’ So I think a guy like Kaiir; it just shows his work ethic, his grind, how he focuses on his improvement every single day. I think whatever he does in the future, that’s going to bode well for him because it shows his character and the kind of person that he is.”

-“It’s a position that we’ve suffered some pretty tough injuries at. But he’s been able to come step in and help those guys improve and grow,” Mullen said of Elam. “I’ve seen a lot of improvement out of the corners throughout the whole year.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“It’s Elam and everyone else,” longtime time draft analyst Tony Pauline told the Orlando Sentinel Monday following the Gators’ Pro Day.

-“He’s a terrific cover corner,” said Pauline of ProFootballNetwork.com. “He has some next level ball skills. Part of the problem is no one threw in his direction last year, which made it hard to scout him.”

-The 6-foot-2, 196-pound Elam is long, tenacious when the ball arrives and faster than expected at the NFL Scouting Combine, covering 40 yards in 4.39 seconds.

Khris Bogle (OLB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Now you’ve got a guy that is very conscientious in what he wants to do. He’s really a smart player, he can play multiple positions. And he’s worked hard to improve himself physically, and put himself in position to make plays for us and to make himself a good player.”

Tre’Vez Johnson (DB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-was ejected in the first quarter for targeting vs Vandy

Nay’Quan Wright (RB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“Obviously, with Malik down this game, Nay’Quan had more opportunities,” Mullen said. “He came up and played pretty well.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Running back Nay’Quan Wright appeared to suffer the most serious injury when his left knee was twisted. He put no weight on the leg as trainers carried him into the medical tent.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Nay’Quan Wright still sidelined after suffering a serious knee injury against FSU

Trent Whittemore (WR)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He’s always reliable,” QB Jones said of Whittemore. “He’s always going to be in the spot I expect him to be in. He does everything right. He’s a very smart guy, has a very good IQ for football. He reads the defense and just does what he’s supposed to do.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Gainesville native Trent Whittemore was seen practicing Tuesday for the first time in spring camp. The fourth-year wide receiver continues to progress in his recovery from an unknown ailment that kept him out of UF’s first three practices, though Whittemore showed no sign of being limited in his return to the field.

Trey Dean III (S)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“Trey has done a really good job at playing the ball. If you look at some of his plays, particularly in the second half, his ability to what we call glove the ball. He’s playing tight coverage, they throw, he gets his hand on the ball, incomplete pass. He got his hands on a lot of balls and he did get a pick. So the thing I’ve seen with Trey is that he’s improved his ability to make plays on balls that are thrown down the field. ... Really both of those guys are leaders in that room.”

-“Individually, I think they’ve improved unbelievably. Coach Crime has done a great job with those guys,” defensive coordinator Todd Grantham said of Dean and Torrence. “When you look at them right now, they’re guys that are taking coaching, they’re guys who have developed. I thought Rashad was an excellent tackler in the game on Saturday. If you look at his ability to make plays in space and tackle and be a physical presence that way, it was good.

Rashad Torrence II (S)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

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Jeremiah Moon (LB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Has suffered three season ending injuries

-I mean with everything, never give me up. I’ve been through a lot. A lot of adversity. But being in college has definitely helped me think about what I want to do after football and just never taking anything for granted. That’s why when I step on the field, I don’t take it for granted at all. I’m so thankful to be able to play football because I know it can all be taken away within an instant. So I’m just thankful.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Jeremiah Moon didn’t dress vs FSU

Dante Zanders (DE - TE)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Redshirt junior defensive end Dante Zanders, formerly Dante Lang has entered his names into the transfer portal.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Senior defensive end Dante Zanders (6-5, 260 pounds) has returned to tight end, the position he last played in 2019. “There’s no question in my mind that, not only is he going to be able to play, but he’s going to be able to do his job,” Napier said. “He has been a godsend to some degree, relative to his ability. He’s really bright. He has picked it up quickly. He’s able to go out there and execute.”

Gerald Mincey (OL)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-redshirt freshman offensive lineman Gerald Mincey has entered his name into the transfer portal.

Mohamoud Diabate (LB)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Mohamoud Diabate was injured in the second half, leaving Florida without both starting inside linebackers.

Daquan Newkirk (DT)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

Defensive tackle Daquan Newkirk wasn't dressed

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-He blamed the resulting few months of reduced activity on being 18 pounds heavier than his playing-weight goal of 310. In two 40-yard dash attempts at pro day, Newkirk ran 5.37 and 5.45 unofficially. Last month's combine average for interior defensive linemen was 5.05.

Gervon Dexter (DT)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

Gervon Dexter was limping on the field much of the day, minimizing the rotation at defensive tackle.

Kamari Wilson (S)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-UF's highest-rated signee out of high school according to 247Sports, safety Kamari Wilson out of IMG Academy signed early with the Gators and joined the program in time for the spring semester, giving him a jumpstart on acclimating to the collegiate level.

Jalen Kimber (CB) Georgia → Florida

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-A transfer from the reigning national champion Georgia Bulldogs, Jalen Kimber was a two-sport athlete growing up before focusing on football, and he eventually worked his way into a four-star designation as a high school recruit.

-247Sports' composite rankings had Kimber as the No. 9 overall cornerback coming out of Arlington, Texas, and he showed promise early in Athens, seeing action in three games as a true freshman while preserving his redshirt.

-The following season, however, saw Kimber play in just a lone contest before suffering a season-ending shoulder injury.

-A week out from spring practice, Kimber's status is a bit uncertain — if he's healthy, however, he should compete for reps at the cornerback spot throughout spring.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Jalen Kimber and Jaydon Hill went through practice in non-contact jerseys while working with the defensive backs, a sign both players will be limited in spring. Kimber is recovering from shoulder surgery, while Hill is working his way back from an ACL tear suffered in fall camp. Both players are expected to be fully healthy by fall camp.

Montrell Johnson (RB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Montrell Johnson, who transferred to Florida (from Louisiana Lafayette) after having a freshman season to remember in 2021, figures to be a key component of UF's backfield after he rushed for 838 yards and 12 touchdowns at Louisiana.

-Considering Florida's leading rusher last season was quarterback Emory Jones, the Gators don't have a running back on the roster with similar production to Johnson, let alone usage.

-With Dameon Pierce and Malik Davis, UF's primary running backs from last season, headed to the next level, and Nay'Quan Wright still sidelined after suffering a serious knee injury against FSU

O'Cyrus Torrence (OL)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-As a junior, Torrence started and appeared in 11 games on an offensive line that allowed on average just 1.86 sacks a contest.

-He was named First Team All-Sun Belt after helping block for an offense that finished the season ranked 10th in Division I football in rushing touchdowns and 18th in total touchdowns.

-Given his experience heading into his senior season, as well as the uncertainty at several spots along the offensive line, the 6-foot-5, 335-pound Torrence should be in the mix to start on UF's offensive line when the Gators open spring practice.

Jason Marshall Jr. (CB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-UF's looking for a return to form in 2022, and many eyes will be on underclassmen cornerback Jason Marshall Jr. to lead the charge. Marshall appeared in all 12 games as a true freshmen, including five starts opposite Kaiir Elam. A former five-star prospect, Marshall recorded his first collegiate interception in the team's final regular season game against FSU. UF will need him to maintain his current trajectory if the DBU moniker is to return to Gainesville in 2022.

Jack Miller (QB)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Ohio State transfer

-Along with Richardson and Jones, new arrival Jack Miller, the Ohio State transfer, took reps, as did redshirt freshmen Jalen Kitna and Carlos Del Rio-Wilson. Kitna's dad Jon, the former 14-year NFL veteran, was in attendance.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Until Saturday's practice session, Jack Miller III wasn't considered to be in the mix to compete for Florida's starting job. But, according to a source at Saturday's session, Miller was more impressive than he'd been in the weekday sessions, particularly with his awareness during live drills.

-He's a consistent passer from what the media has been able to see, and his arm strength doesn't appear to be an issue. It's only been a week, but Miller, who transferred from Ohio State at the beginning of the spring semester, appears to be more than just an emergency quarterback for the Gators — he's someone who appears to be pushing Florida's signees at signal-caller.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“The one negative is I think there were a couple of critical situational errors,” he said. “But I think that’s part of it, because everything we’ve been doing has been compartmentalized.

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Fenley Graham (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Graham, who played primarily on special teams as a redshirt freshman in 2021, has been working with Florida’s wide receiver unit since UF opened spring practice March 15. He has ability has a punt returner, having spent his high school career in Lakeland fielding punts and making defenders miss in the open field. Graham has impressive hands from what has been gleaned from practice, but early impressions show he has work to do with his route-running despite his impressive agility and acceleration.

Desmond Watson (DL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Sometimes we line him up in a gap, and he’s almost taking up two,” he said with a laugh. “We need to continue to work on his condition, but he moves remarkably well for his size.”

-“I’ve heard he bench presses 515, and that’s like an electric car, right?” Spencer said. “I don’t think I had anyone on the Giants go above 450.”

Chris McClellan (DL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“He’s young, so the highs and lows, you got to learn how to adjust that because sometimes you go to practice and lose a rep,” he said.

Jonathan Odom (TE)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

Sophomore Jonathan Odom tweeted Wednesday about undergoing surgery

Nick Elksnis (TE)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-and redshirt freshman Nick Elksnis has been out since last weekend.

Gage Wilcox (TE)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-More seriously, redshirt freshman Gage Wilcox, after not being sighted at any of the - media-accessible spring practices, sustained an injury that Napier feared “is going to be career-ending.” A four-star recruit in the 2021 class, Wilcox appeared in two games last season.

Miami (FL)

Mike Harley (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-left the game vs Alabama with an unspecified “upper extremity” injury, per ABC

-“He’s a little stiff, but hopefully that will keep improving by Saturday,” Harley’s father, Mike Sr., told the Miami Herald on Monday. “It was very scary, to tell you the truth. His head got pushed backward and his right hand couldn’t stop shaking. But that calmed down afterward and they said he’ll be OK, thank God.”

-Said Diaz during Monday’s Zoom videoconference: “I’ll know more at 4 o’clock today, but it sounds like it’s better than maybe we initially thought.”

-Receivers coach Rob Likens spoke after practice and said Harley “is fine” and “good to go” for Appalachian State.

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

“On that play at Alabama where you see I got hit by three guys, I want to say, my neck went a different way and I had sharp pain in my neck and my back. Just a muscled bruise. But I’m out there playing so I’m going 100 percent. Nothing wrong.”

-“Will is uniquely talented, a guy I know D’Eriq [King] trusts to get the ball to,” Diaz said. “Will and Mike don’t drop passes, not very often.”

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Miami Hurricanes wide receiver Mike Harley has accepted an invitation to the Hula Bowl on Jan. 15 in Orlando.

D’Eriq King (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“We had something that was there, to throw it. Probably — assuming we throw and catch — it’s a 20-yard gainer,” Lashlee said. “We don’t. We hand it off, take a 1-yard gain and end up going three-and-out. That’s not, obviously, how we intended it to happen.”

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“D’Eriq has been as courageous as they come,” Diaz said. “I think that’s why the team in the locker room is together. How can you quit on a guy who gives what D’Eriq King gives? The guy leaves everything out there and lays it all on the line for the University of Miami. I know, talking to him in the locker room after the game, he is hurting emotionally. He wants so badly for us to be great on offense. He is such a competitor and he is not going to be satisfied until we are.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Miami coach Manny Diaz revealed Monday on WQAM radio that King will undergo surgery, effectively ending his college career — unless he applies for a medical hardship waiver for 2022.

-Diaz said it was “a structural shoulder issue” and that King “could not have played another position.”

-Diaz said. “But the good part is his story is not done being written. I know that D’Eriq King’s DNA is going to make him very successful. And his reward is coming. “He’s going to be a success, I promise you that.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-D’Eriq King also could appeal for a medical redshirt after playing in only three games this season, but the quarterback said he would not return in an appearance on a Rivals.com podcast Nov.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“The more you can do, the more valuable you are, so if I can be the one guy on a roster that can do backup quarterback, receiver, special teams — whatever I can do, it’s all about getting the best opportunity to make a roster,” King said. “It’s just go where they tell me to go, at this point. I just want to keep playing football, so however that happens — we’ll make it work.”

Sam Brooks Jr. (LB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Linebacker Sam Brooks Jr. “is still a ways away” from returning from offseason toe surgery, Diaz said. Brooks was ahead of schedule and practiced during the preseason, Diaz said, but “had a little bit of a setback during training camp.”

“It’s been a series of just frustrating setbacks with Sam,” the coach said.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Linebacker Sam Brooks, who had offseason toe surgery and has played in two games this season, was not seen at media practice viewing Tuesday. When asked Wednesday about his status, Diaz, like inside linebacker assistant Jon Patke earlier this week, said that “Sam is still with us.”

-“He’s still part of the team,” the coach said. “As we know it’s been taking Sam awhile to get back up to full speed. Sam loves being here. We’re fully supportive of Sam. It hurts Sam to watch us because Sam was recruited to be here in this moment at this time. This is important for him. So it’s hard. It’s hard for those guys when they’re not 100 percent and feel that way. So we’re super supportive of Sam and his future here at Miami and he’s part of us.”

Xavier Restrepo (WR)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“He’s a real football player. He shows up every time that we put the ball down and we play football. He always finds a way to score a touchdown, it seems like,” the wide receivers coach said Tuesday, “so I kind of wasn’t surprised that he kind of had a good game.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

Receivers Jacolby George and Xavier Restrepo continue to get a lot of first-team work along with Key'shawn Smith, suggesting that Canes coaches see considerable upside in those three.

Key'Shawn Smith (WR)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“Studying the playbook — that’s what stopped me from playing last year, and I’m only saying that because it’s the truth,” Smith said Wednesday. “Once I started to study the playbook, I started to get more reps in practice, and then it just went up from there.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Don Chaney Jr (RB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“I don’t have the official word, so I’m not going to say anything for sure, but I know with Don Chaney Jr., and Keontra, neither initial prognosis was good

-Chaney, who had just recovered from offseason shoulder surgery sustained in UM’s second scrimmage of spring practice

-sustained “lower-extremity” injuries during the game, UM reported during the game.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-knee injury still has him sitting out

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-running back Don Chaney Jr. (knee) sat on the sideline Saturday dressed in black sweatsuits and white jerseys.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Unfortunately, the Canes won’t have Don Chaney Jr. fully back in spring as he continues to recuperate from major knee surgery.

Keontra Smith (LB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-sustained “lower-extremity” injuries during the game, UM reported during the game.

-“Keontra, he’s a key to our defense,” said striker Amari Carter, among UM’s defensive standouts with seven tackles and a first-quarter interception that led to Chaney’s touchdown. “Him going out, we had to put [Waynmon] Steed in, and he did a really good job.”

Waynmon Steed (LB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-Replaced Keontra Smith after injury

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Nesta Jade Silvera (DT)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“From the field it looked like Nesta played very well, very disruptive,” Diaz said. “He made a lot of plays in the backfield. I felt like the run defense was very good.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Nesta Jade Silvera did not travel with the Miami Hurricanes to Pittsburgh as he deals with an illness.

-Nesta Jade Silvera returned to the starting lineup for Miami on Saturday after missing their last game with an illness.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

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Jose Borregales (K)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-He said the block “affected” him “in the moment,” but he then thought, “That’s one kick. On to the next one. You can’t get stuck in the past.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Freshman kicker Andy Borregales did not practice Tuesday because UM said he was “feeling under the weather.” He also missed his scheduled Zoom appearance Wednesday. “We still have a few that are dealing with a little campus flu that has been going around,” Diaz said

Elijah Arroyo (TE)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-By now it’s unmistakable: University of Miami coach Manny Diaz — and all of Canes fandom, for that matter — is enamored of freshman tight end Elijah Arroyo.

-“Elijah, even in practice, does things that freshmen don’t normally do,” Diaz said Wednesday.

-“When we threw it to him in the flat,” Diaz said, “the guy was coming inside off the tackle and then normally you see they kind of butt into each other and the guy pushes him out of bounds. Elijah actually dipped his shoulder and ripped under the tackle and stayed in bounds. He took 5 or 6 more yards after that contact. That’s a very mature play.

-“He just has a tendency to make plays like that that are a little bit beyond what you would see for a guy playing in his second ever college game. .. The way he runs routes, the way he creates space for himself, the way he hip-checked a linebacker out of the way and then [was] able to tight-turn after a catch. Just things that are usually a little more nuanced.”

-Added Diaz: “You have to keep in mind he missed spring [knee injury], and that’s normally tough on first-year guys.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“Arroyo is improving every single day,” Field said. “It’s all about hard work and culture here, doing things the right way, and he fits right into that category. He’s somebody that’s going to be really, really positive for us.”

-Both Arroyo and Skinner are skilled receivers, but both need to continue to build strength because this offense expects tight ends to block effectively. New offensive coordinator Josh Gattis used a lot of two tight end sets at Michigan.

-“We have an H position and Y position - physical-wise we’re making sure their structure and strength matches what we need them to perform at,” Field said when asked about Arroyo and Skinner

Navaughn Donaldson (RG)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“I feel we still have to figure out the right side,” Justice (O-line coach) said. “The right side is not playing good ball ... Neither Vaughn nor Justice played winning football Saturday night by any means, so we have to keep exploring our options.”

-“He just plays out of his pads, too high right now, has some mental breakdowns that are inexcusable,” Justice said. “We love Navaughn; he’s been a big part of this program for a long time. But he has to play better and I have to coach him better.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Navaughn Donaldson is at left guard, moving from right guard to replace fellow offensive lineman Jalen Rivers after the freshman went down with a season-ending injury.

Will Mallory (TE)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Will is uniquely talented, a guy I know D’Eriq [King] trusts to get the ball to,” Diaz said. “Will and Mike don’t drop passes, not very often.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Mallory already said he plans to return next year and offensive line coach Garin Justice said he expects Oluwaseun to be back, but the rest have not publicly given an indication about their plans.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-The 6-5, 245-pound Mallory missed spring of 2021 recovering from shoulder surgery after catching 22 passes for 329 yards and four touchdowns in 2020 behind current Houston Texan Brevin Jordan. He finished last season with 30 catches for 347 yards and four touchdowns in 12 games.

-“When you look at Will,” Gattis said, “he has the ability to be a special player in this league. He can do a lot, not just in the run game, in the pass game, as well as in pass protection. That tight end room has been recruited really well. Coach [Stephen] Field has done a great job developing those guys, recruiting those guys.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Mallory, who has dealt with shoulder issues for well over a year (including surgery last year), came on strong to close last season, finishing with 30 catches for 347 yards. “Will is an unbelievable young man on and off the field,” Field said. “Just continue to work on his craft and he’ll be very successful.”

-Rising fifth-year senior tight end Will Mallory will be sidelined for the next several weeks with a shoulder injury, according to a University of Miami spokesperson.

-“Will is an unbelievable young man on and off the field,” tight ends coach Stephen Field said Tuesday. “So, we’ll continue to work on his craft, and he will be OK. He’ll be very successful.”

-“He’s improving every single day It’s all about hard work and culture here and doing things the right way and he fits into that category,” Field said. “That’s something he works on, is making sure he does all the right stuff the right way. He’s somebody that’s going to be really, really positive for us.”

Jalen Rivers (LG)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Justice said left guard Jalen Rivers has “played the best of anyone the first two weeks” and said center Corey Gaynor “has been solid.”

-went down with an apparent right leg injury vs Mich. St. The freshman did not put any weight on his right leg as a pair of trainers helped him off the field and into a medical tent on the sideline in Miami Gardens

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

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Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Offensive linemen Jalen Rivers and John Campbell will be limited all spring. Both were on the field and participating on Monday.

- Rivers missed the last nine games with a knee injury. Rivers opened last season as a starting guard.

Corey Gaynor (C)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Justice said Corey Gaynor “has been solid.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Diaz said starting center Corey Gaynor, a fifth-year redshirt junior, had season-ending knee surgery to repair a problem that turned out to be more substantial than originally believed, according to Diaz.

- “Corey Gaynor since the Alabama game was dealing with a knee situation that was bothering him,” the coach said. “And it was not allowing him to be the player he could be. His play was suffering because of it,” said Diaz.

Jakai Clark (C)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Justice says that Jakai Clark “is the center of the future,” and that the coaching staff prefers he redshirt this season, which would leave him with three more years of eligibility.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“I think Jakai Clark has done a phenomenal job of filling in at center in the interim,” said Diaz

-“He wasn’t available the first couple weeks of the season just because he was recovering from an injury,” offensive coordinator Rhett Lashlee said Monday. “We never went into the season assuming he wasn’t available. As long as Jakai stays healthy, he’s our guy the rest of the way. He’s a natural center. A lot of people recruited him out of high school to do that. That’s probably his best position.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- Jakai Clark, who has now started five straight games at center since fellow offensive lineman Corey Gaynor went down with a season-ending injury, also drew praise from Lashlee as the turnaround has coincided with his ascent.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Zion Nelson has been the starting left tackle, and Jakai Clark has received the majority of work with the first team at center.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“In my opinion I think Jakai can be one of the upper echelon centers in the ACC,” Mirabal said. “It’s my job to keep helping him get better. ... I think he’s a heck of a football player. It’s hard to find that guy, a center. He’s got the ability to be special.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-It also suggests that UM has liked what it has seen from left tackle Zion Nelson, center Jakai Clark and right tackle DJ Scaife.

Zion Nelson (LT)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“You can see he missed the two weeks of camp and it’s showing in his game right now,” Justice said.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Offensive lineman Zion Nelson, whose raw size and athleticism made him a trendy pick as the potential top tackle in the 2022 Draft, missed time in training camp with a knee injury and hasn’t taken an obvious leap forward in his third year as a starter.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Zion Nelson has been the starting left tackle, and Jakai Clark has received the majority of work with the first team at center.

-Mirabal, Nelson said, is “a great guy” and “really great teacher.”

“He really knows his stuff and you can tell whenever we’re in meetings he gets down into every detail and makes sure everybody’s engaged.”

-Nelson said he’s focused on going “harder every day” and described the initial week of practice as “pretty great.”

-Today, Nelson is a legit draft prospect. WalterFootball.com senior draft analyst Charlie Campbell projected last month that Nelson would be the seventh offensive tackle chosen in the April 27-29 draft — rounds 3-5.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“He looks like a Greek god the way he’s built,” Mirabal said. “He’s built his body up, came in at a lighter weight. Has unbelievable feet. As an offensive tackle, everyone

wants guys 6-6, 6-7. But he has feet. He's been blessed with that. He's quiet, but he's a hard worker."

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Justice Oluwaseun (RT)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Justice brings a real edge, a real toughness, just kind of a physical mentality to it,” offensive coordinator Rhett Lashlee said after UM released a depth chart Monday that showed former starting right tackle DJ Scaife had been demoted.

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“I feel we still have to figure out the right side,” Justice said. “The right side is not playing good ball ... Neither Vaughn nor Justice played winning football Saturday night by any means, so we have to keep exploring our options.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Mallory already said he plans to return next year and offensive line coach Garin Justice said he expects Oluwaseun to be back, but the rest have not publicly given an indication about their plans.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-The Canes made their first change with the first team offensive line this week, removing left guard Ousman Traore from the first team, switching Justice Oluwaseun from right guard to left guard and inserting Oregon transfer Logan Sagapolu at right guard.

D.J. Scaife (RT)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Replaced by Justice Oluwaseun on the Depth chart

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“We're still trying to tinker with that, see what happens,” Justice said. “The first week of August camp I thought DJ had as good an August as anyone had. He was our best tackle, and that was partly considering Zion Nelson was out. But DJ earned that right [to start Game 1 against Alabama, before being replaced by Oluwaseun]. He got taken advantage of early in the Alabama game. We can't get our quarterback hurt, hit, and that's why we pulled him.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Offensive lineman DJ Scaife, who started the year at right tackle, is now at right guard and playing the best football of his career, according to Pro Football Focus.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Scaife played well at right guard last season but might be needed at right tackle; that will be a big decision for Cristobal and new offensive line coach Alex Mirabal.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“He's a guy who has been awesome since he's been out here,” Mirabal said. “He's a tremendous listener. You can tell DJ something in the classroom and immediately he'll put that into action on the field. To me, that's a gift. He's proving he can play right tackle at a high level. We're going to keep him there for a while.

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Jarrid Williams (RT)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Love Jarrid, just felt DJ outperformed him at the time. And Justice was a guy we had brought in [as a transfer from UNLV] to be a guard. When Zion was out August camp we had to put him at tackle just to get guys at the tackle position. He played really, really well in August. At the time we felt Justice was playing better than Jarrid, and that’s why we made that switch. We liked the way Justice came in the Alabama game and competed, and that’s why we gave him the nod against Appalachian State.”

-It’s the first start of the year for Williams, who transferred to Miami from the Houston Cougars before last season.

Date: 10-7-21

- PFF said Jarrid Williams has been the Canes’ best offensive lineman this season

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Jarrid Williams, who somewhat inexplicably began the season as a backup, has taken over at right tackle and been “lights out” since returning to the lineup, Justice said.

-“In August camp, he was just struggling off the edge some in pass protection,” Justice said, offering up an explanation for why Williams, who started every game last season and played well, began the season as a reserve.

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Miami Hurricanes offensive tackle Jarrid Williams has accepted an invitation to the Hula Bowl on Jan. 15 in Orlando.

Nesta Silvera (DT)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“A point of emphasis was to improve our defensive tackle play,” Diaz said, noting Silvera played one of his best games as a Cane on Saturday

Dee Wiggins (WR)

Date: 10-7-21

-Per Pro Football Focus, Dee Wiggins and Mark Pope did not play a single snap against Virginia; both veteran receivers continue to be phased out after being surpassed by younger players. Pope is now working at cornerback.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

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Tyler Van Dyke (QB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Diaz told WQAM host Zach Krantz, when asked if he was preparing Van Dyke to be the starter “maybe not just for this week but for the rest of the season just in case D’Eriq can’t come back.”

-“Everybody’s really excited to watch Tyler Van Dyke play and the way that he persevered through the first half of Virginia,” Diaz said. “Everybody in this program respects Tyler because of the worker he is and the way he goes about his business every day, and everybody’s ready to fight for Tyler.”

-“Tyler has really done a nice job,” OC Lashlee said. “He’s a very diligent person. He’s very conscientious. He’s gonna study hard the game plan each week. He’s gonna be prepared. It’s really important to him. Sometimes he’s even too hard on himself because he wants to be perfect. But the guys have really rallied around him.

-“He just has to do his job and I think that’s what everybody respects about Tyler. Tyler is a no-nonsense type of guy [with] a businessman approach. I’ve watched the guy run an offseason program. He’s a guy everybody can depend on because I know what he says, he’s going to do.”

-“That, in a small way, even in his first game where he faced some adversity, was a really telling moment about Tyler,” Gamere told the South Florida Sun Sentinel.

-Added Diaz: “The good news is he’s already been through two games, has sort of already had to fight through adversity in the Virginia game. You got a little different experience going out on the road for the first time.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-We’d love to get Jake back. The more depth we can get, the better,” said Lashlee, who’s also the quarterbacks coach, “but right now Tyler’s our guy and we’re not looking back.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“He’s played really well the last two weeks. You can’t deny that,” the offensive coordinator said. “He’s played like a guy who’s a veteran, played a lot of ball. I think that’s why we’ve had success and been able to do enough on offense to help us win the game.”

-“Once he realized ... OK, I belong, it gave him a lot of confidence to just go out and play,” Lashlee said. “I’ve gained a lot of confidence in him.”

-Tyler Van Dyke repeated as the ACC Rookie of the Week for his performance in Pittsburgh and safety James Williams, a true freshman, earned ACC Defensive Back of the Week recognition for his.

-“You never know, because I deal with high schoolers and TikTok,” Van Dyke’s Suffield [Connecticut] Academy high school coach Drew Gamere said Thursday, laughing, when asked by the Miami Herald if he could ever imagine Van Dyke initiating a post-touchdown dance. “Listen, he’ll have fun with his teammates and he certainly has got some personality, but he’s not going to be one that will move out of his [comfort] zone.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“He’s been making quick, bang-bang decisions, even on the run game,” Justice said.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Diaz, who was ecstatic for his players despite not knowing his future with the program after athletic director Blake James was fired last Monday, called Van Dyke's development "phenomenal."

-"Every week he shows guts and courage and makes plays. In year two of this system, we have improved. Everyone is starting to play better around the quarterback. You see some of the catches the guys are making.

-"the biggest thing is that the football team believes that Tyler Van Dyke can lead us. I think that has been true from day one. I think that is why our guys play like that. Even when we sort of hit that spot right there in the third [quarter] where we stalled a little bit, we knew we could find the plays to make in the fourth quarter which, ultimately, we did."

-Tyler Van Dyke got a scare in the first half Saturday when he slipped on the wet grass in Miami Gardens and tweaked his left knee, but the quarterback never had to leave the game and Diaz said was doing well when trainers looked at him Sunday.

-"It was good," Diaz said. "The trainers were pleased with how he looked yesterday, and his strength and range of motion — all that type of stuff. Your usual postgame soreness, which a bunch of guys have, but it was a good report from when he came in the day after the game."

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Van Dyke, a second-year freshman from Glastonbury, Connecticut, was named the Atlantic Coast Conference Rookie of the Year on Wednesday.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Gattis refrained from giving specifics on his style of offense. He praised starting quarterback Tyler Van Dyke, already on some preseason Heisman lists, but indicated that the offense and defense must complement one another to be successful on both ends.

-"You saw his confidence continue to grow each and every week last year, and so we've got to be able to carry that over," Gattis said. "We've got to be able to carry that confidence over from Year 1 to Year 2."

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-"It obviously makes you feel like one of the best," Van Dyke said, "but at the same time, you've have to keep going to work. You can't let that get to your head and get big-headed. You've got to keep working because the bottom lifts. If you just stay at the top and think you're going to be at the top, it's not going to work. You've got to keep working hard."

-Van Dyke, about to be a third-year sophomore, is getting major hype as a prospect for the 2022 NFL Draft after throwing for 2,931 yards and 25 touchdowns in 10 games last season.

-"They approach their responsibilities, their obligations, like professionals," Cristobal said. "They're all about ball. They're ... spending extra time in the film room, they're hunting down coaches to get extra time with them, as well. They're all about it. And they are great leaders, and they lead by example."

Al Blades Jr (CB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-And former starting cornerback Al Blades Jr., a fourth-year junior who has 14 career starts, had surgery for a sports hernia and is out for an unspecified amount of time — likely long-term

-“Al, he was able to compete the first couple weeks. Al, it turns out, had a sports hernia that had to be fixed, and it just became too much for him to play through.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Cornerback Al Blades Jr., who missed most of last season with injuries, was back at practice and lined up with the first group.

-Al Blades Jr., a natural cornerback, also is getting some work at the star position, Steele said.

-“I told him I’m a corner. That’s what people see me best as,” Blades said. “But I’m smart at the same time. So I can play corner, I can play nickel, I can play safety. If you want to put me in the box, I’ll get in the box. That’s one thing I told coach Addae when he got here: I’m a cornerback but I play defensive back.”

-“We’re not judging anything of the past,” Steele said. “We’re taking it for the work that they put on the field in front of us. So Al has come out there, ... he’s playing Star and corner some. And so he’s got a really good skill set. So we feel about him helping us.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-On Thursday, cornerback Al Blades Jr. lined up a safety alongside Avantae Williams, with safety James Williams playing in the box some.

Jake Garcia (QB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-had ankle surgery and he possibly — “optimistically” — could return “some time in November.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- Jake Garcia remains “week-to-week,” offensive coordinator Rhett Lashlee said, and the Hurricanes still aren’t sure whether he’ll return this season.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-quarterback Jake Garcia (ankle) sat on the sideline Saturday dressed in black sweatsuits and white jerseys.

-“We want Jake to travel and go through the meetings in preparation and prepare himself like he’s the starter so he can understand the experience of going on the road, knowing where these hotels are. I know it sounds crazy, but there’s a familiarity when you’re on the road in the ACC and get to see all these places — where the play clock is and stuff like that will help him down the road.”

-The other have been out long term, though Garcia was seen for the first time without his ankle boot.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Garcia could have easily entered the transfer portal and given himself a much better chance to start in the fall had he decided to go elsewhere. Instead, he's back at Miami with the intention to push Van Dyke.

-“You've got to embrace competition. You definitely have to embrace competition,” Garcia said. “I feel like that makes you better. I feel like that makes the team better. That's something that we've been preaching is just a competitive mindset. You welcome competition.”

-Jake Garcia, who missed much of last season with an ankle injury, showed good mobility in practice. He had one long run, which appeared to be a designed play.

-“They approach their responsibilities, their obligations, like professionals,” Cristobal said. “They're all about ball. They're ... spending extra time in the film room, they're hunting down coaches to get extra time with them, as well. They're all about it. And they are great leaders, and they lead by example.”

Peyton Matocha (QB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“And then a guy like Peyton Matocha is pretty athletic. He can run and make some plays with his feet. So, we're down to three right now and those guys just gotta be ready.”

Ryan Rizk (QB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-walk-on player

-“Both those guys now have to be ready,” OC Lashlee said. “Yes, Ryan is a walk-on. Got a lot of confidence in him. He's really smart. He's going to be a doctor someday. I'm probably going to be calling him asking him for money or something at some point. I trust him from that standpoint. He's really smart. He knows what to do. He knows where to go with the ball. He gets it out of his hands quick.”

Jaylan 'Rooster' Knighton (RB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-UM coach Manny Diaz said Knighton was “outstanding” against UNC and to his credit “worked very hard in training camp, even when he was out for the first quarter of the season.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-followed up his ACC Rookie of the Week recognition by earning ACC Running Back of the Week honors Monday.

-“The explosive nature of his game as a runner and receiver; he has the ability to break an explosive run, get out on a pass play,” Diaz said. “Really proud of Jaylan and also getting yards [up the middle], not just on the perimeter.”

Cam'Ron Harris (RB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-sustaining a season-ending right-knee injury last weekend

James Williams (S)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-have seen former five-star safety prospect James Williams, a true freshman safety, get promoted to starter.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- "I said this before: Experience beats talent till talent gains experience. The more Kam [Kinchens] and James [Williams] and some of these other guys continue to develop, we have a chance to have a really good secondary this year and into the future as well.

-Williams, a physical, aggressive 6-5 and 224 pounds, has shown why he was a five-star prospect at Plantation American Heritage before he came to UM and began dominating immediately.

-“He’s had some penalties, some postsnap penalties. I felt like he was better at that last Saturday night and that will start to grow as he understands how to ride the emotional highs and lows of the game because he’s such a high competitor.

-scrimmage where he was a little tentative, which is not unusual for a young guy. And then the second scrimmage it got better and then he had some opportunities to get in the Bama game and looked at home there. It didn’t seem too big for him. “...He’s gotten better every week. But the key always when you have young guys playing is they have to continue to improve because they can get in the game and they can be satisfied with their early success. And normally in this sport, like in all things, when you become satisfied with your success the humbling is coming. James is aware of that.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-safety James Williams, a true freshman, earned ACC Defensive Back of the Week recognition for his.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-James Williams, who left the Hurricanes’ 31-28 loss to the Florida State Seminoles on Saturday with a groin injury in the second quarter, is dealing with “a soft-tissue injury,” Manny Diaz said, and his status is still in question heading into Miami’s final game at Hard Rock Stadium in 2021. “He was pretty stiff and sore yesterday,” the coach said. “We’ll kind of see how it progresses throughout the week and if it loosens up, he’ll be good for Saturday.”

-limited in practice last week by an apparent arm injury, initially tried to play through his groin injury Saturday before exiting the game before halftime.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-James Williams, who went down with a groin injury in the Hurricanes’ loss to the Florida State Seminoles last Saturday, did not dress Saturday in Miami Gardens for the Hurricanes’ home finale as he continues to recover.

-Williams’ “muscle injury,” as Manny Diaz termed it, will require surgery and end the safety’s season, the coach said.

-“He had taken a big role on our defense and was playing really well, provided a lot of energy in our secondary,” Diaz said. “It’s another hit to our back end that left us very thin.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-There has been much talk about moving soon-to-be sophomore Williams, a former 5-star talent out of Plantation American Heritage, to linebacker. He is listed as 6-5, 224 pounds, and immediately showed his exceptional skills last season — though at times he acknowledged he was undisciplined and overly emotional, which led to penalties.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-James Williams remained at safety on Monday. He's big enough to play linebacker, but he was at safety on Monday and UM's official roster lists him at safety.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“He's playing safety,” Steele said. “That's what we know him as. He's long, he can run, he's a bright guy, communicates well on the field quarterbacking it. He has been very good there in that regard.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-On Thursday, cornerback Al Blades Jr. lined up a safety alongside Avantae Williams, with safety James Williams playing in the box some.

Gurvan Hall (S)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-They have also seen struggling fourth-year junior safety Gurvan Hall, a former starter, get demoted and watch his snap counts fall to 19 last game against North Carolina

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Miami was, however, missing a handful of other contributors for undisclosed reasons. Safety Gurvan Hall Jr., linebacker Bradley Jennings Jr. and offensive lineman Ousman Traore were all not in uniform Saturday.

-Hall began the season as a starter before losing his job to fellow safety James Williams,

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Fourth-year junior safety Gurvan Hall Jr. missed the Georgia Tech game Saturday and is expected to enter the NCAA transfer portal.

-“Gurvan and BJ Jennings, kind of like we've had other guys.,” Diaz said. “It's really tough when you're an older guy and your role isn't what you think it should be. So, like some of the other ones we've had, they'll both move on and will not be with us here the rest of the way. So it's next man up in both those spots.”

-“One thing I would never question is Gurvan's toughness,” UM defensive backs coach Travaris Robinson said after Hall was criticized on national TV as well as unmercifully on social media after the Michigan State game. “Gurvan is a physical guy. He tackles. I have no issues with that. I think that play he kind of thought the guy was going to crack so he went to the crack block and he can't do that... If the ball is being ran you gotta go make a tackle. He knows that. He accepts that. It is what it is.

-Hall was suspended for this season's Central Connecticut State game.

Bubba Bolden (S)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

- redshirt junior Bubba Bolden, who played his freshman year at Southern Cal and transferred to Miami before the 2019 season has been losing some snaps at safety.

-From Manny Diaz "Bubba's played well. There's been some situations where the ball hasn't found Bubba. I know he wants to make more plays, but we talk about being where he's supposed to be and being responsible. Bubba is our best communicator on the back end, the best guy in terms of getting everybody lined up and anticipating what's coming from the offense."

-Diaz also pointed to one intangible area. Bolden, he said, is Miami's best communicator in the secondary, which is especially important these days with freshmen James Williams and Kamren Kinchens getting the vast majority of snaps at the other safety spot.

-He had minor knee surgery in the preseason — a "scope," he said — and he feels better now than he did when the season began.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- Starting redshirt junior safety Bubba Bolden will undergo surgery for a shoulder injury he sustained Sept. 30 against Virginia, Diaz said, and will miss the rest of the season.

- "In the Virginia game he hurt his shoulder. He's tried to play with it the last two or three weeks. It's affecting his tackling, it's affecting his overall play and he can't be the player out there and help us at that position. It's unfair to have a guy kind of playing with half an arm, so he's gotta get an operation to get it fixed. "Tough loss for us with the leadership he brings, and the communication he brings to us on the back end. But it's an opportunity for some of the young guys to step up and claim playing time."

- "He has a high football IQ. Bubba was a good, solid player. He's kind of a polarizing player — [there were] people who were really, really high on him and others who questioned some things. But he was the glue back there, a solid communicator, always on point in the game plan, he was somewhat like a coach on the field and was pretty productive.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-An NFL scout in attendance at UM's Pro Day on Wednesday said safety Bubba Bolden is clearly the Canes' best pro prospect from this class, a potential fourth- or fifth-round pick

Isaiah Dunson (CB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-freshman cornerback Isaiah Dunson, listed as a backup to Tyrique Stevenson on the depth chart, "may have to move to safety.

Kam Kinchens (S)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-- "I said this before: Experience beats talent till talent gains experience. The more Kam [Kinchens] and James [Williams] and some of these other guys continue to develop, we have a chance to have a really good secondary this year and into the future as well.

Avantae Williams (S)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-He actually probably got in a little more than we thought he would on Saturday," Diaz said.

-“He actually probably got in a little more than we thought he would on Saturday,” Diaz said. “Avantae is drinking out of a fire hose right now trying to get up to speed with the rest of the guys. I’m going to say this in the best way possible: We didn’t notice him on Saturday. And sometimes DBs are like offensive linemen. If you don’t notice them it’s actually sometimes a good thing. That just means more often than not he was where he was supposed to be, he did his job. “We say around here, when talented guys do their job, usually the talent will come out. Proud of him for that.”

-Diaz said Avantae Williams will gradually get more playing time as he catches up to the college game. “He has a bright future,” Shoops said. “You earn your playing time... He missed some time [and] he’s got a lot on his plate right now. We were all very, very excited to see him in his first action in the green and orange. ... He provided some energy and juice this week and got between eight and 12 snaps of defense and was in on that last play. “We’re all looking forward to his play the second half of the year here.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-He sat out last season with an unspecified medical issue, then was briefly dismissed from the team in late July after a domestic violence allegation in which he was initially charged with three counts of aggravated battery, a felony, on his then-31-week pregnant former girlfriend.

-Miami reinstated Williams in late August after Miami-Dade prosecutors closed the case after the woman said she wouldn’t press charges. As a condition of Williams’ reinstatement, the Hurricanes suspended him six games. He missed all of fall camp and the first two weeks of September practice. Included in the suspension were requirements Williams had to meet, some ongoing, to return to the team.

-“We want this to be educational, to be able to affect Avantae down the road, more so than anything we can teach on a football field, so some of the things [will include] mentorship, educational opportunities, the groups that he’s going to participate in and he’s got to meet those benchmarks to get back up to play,” UM coach Manny Diaz said when Williams was reinstated.

-“The play that Tae made was obviously special, the interception.” Diaz said on WQAM this week, noting that Williams has been a strong special teams contributor. “In the team meeting [Sunday] night we called him out for making a couple great plays on punt coverage. And those are as important as anything, because we’re coming down the stretch and you gotta find a way to help us win.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Steele said Avantae Williams “has a lot of energy, He flies around, has a good skillset. He likes contact. We’re pleased with that.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-On Thursday, cornerback Al Blades Jr. lined up a safety alongside Avantae Williams, with safety James Williams playing in the box some.

Marcus Clarke (CB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“Marcus played very well in his first start,” Diaz told WQAM’s Joe Zagacki and Don Bailey Jr. “We thought he would. NC State’s superpower is great contested catches down the field and [they] didn’t make any of those. Marcus did a great job fighting the

fadeaway in the red zone. That will do wonders for his confidence. Marcus can run. He tackles well, other than one play.”

-With injuries and illnesses piling up for the Hurricanes, Clarke’s role has grown in the last few weeks and he’s now listed as a co-starter on Miami’s weekly depth chart.

-“When I first got on the job here, we were going through cut-ups and he had an elite interception against Duke,” first-year senior defensive analyst Bob Shoop said Monday. “I’ve always been a Marcus Clarke fan.”

Michael Redding III (WR)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Redding sustained a labrum injury earlier in the season and requires season-ending surgery.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Receiver Michael Redding, battling for a rotation spot, was very good Friday, making three downfield catches in quarterback/receiver drills.

Deandre Johnson (DE)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Look how we played in the fourth quarter on defense the last couple of weeks — we got some really key stops at critical times,” UM defensive line coach Jess Simpson said. “Where we are as a rush unit, I saw some things Saturday I was excited about. Probably for Deandre Johnson and Zach it was their best game of the year. They played really, really hard and made some big-time plays.

Zach McCloud (DE)

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Zach McCloud, however, might have had the best day of anyone. After moving from linebacker to defensive line last year, McCloud has slimmed down to about 246 pounds again and is drawing interest as a rush linebacker. He ran the 40 in 4.66 seconds, did 17 reps on the bench, and recorded a 33 1/2-inch vertical leap and 9-foot-10 broad jump.

Jon Ford (DL)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Inside, even with Jon Ford and Jared Harrison-Hunte, and Jordan Miller gave me some snaps as rushers. They probably don’t get the credit but we moved them a bunch and got a bunch of pressure. A lot of that were those inside guys pushing and grinding and moving forward.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-defensive lineman Jonathan Ford (ankle) sat on the sideline Saturday dressed in black sweatsuits and white jerseys.

-“Tyrique, the shoulder that knocked him out of the game last week wasn’t well enough to be able to get in the game,” Diaz said. “Jon Ford the same thing — might have been two more days away.”

Jared Harrison-Hunte (DL)

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Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“Jared looked a lot better yesterday,” Diaz said. “We expect him to be available for Saturday.”

Jordan Miller (DL)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

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Bradley Jennings Jr. (LB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Miami was, however, missing a handful of other contributors for undisclosed reasons. Safety Gurvan Hall Jr., linebacker Bradley Jennings Jr. and offensive lineman Ousman Traore were all not in uniform Saturday.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-fifth-year redshirt junior middle linebacker Bradley Jennings Jr. missed the Georgia Tech game Saturday and is expected to enter the NCAA transfer portal.

-“Gurvan and BJ Jennings, kind of like we’ve had other guys.,” Diaz said. “It’s really tough when you’re an older guy and your role isn’t what you think it should be. So, like some of the other ones we’ve had, they’ll both move on and will not be with us here the rest of the way. So it’s next man up in both those spots.”

-Jennings, who missed all of 2019 with a serious hip injury

Ousman Traore (OL)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-The Canes made their first change with the first team offensive line this week, removing left guard Ousman Traore from the first team, switching Justice Olawaseun from right guard to left guard and inserting Oregon transfer Logan Sagapolu at right guard

Cameron Williams (DE)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-defensive ends Cameron Williams and Quentin Williams entered transfer portal

Quentin Williams (DE)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-defensive ends Cameron Williams and Quentin Williams entered transfer portal

Cleveland Reed Jr (OL)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Reserve offensive lineman Cleveland Reed Jr. did not dress. The team did not provide a reason for his absence.

Charleston Rambo (WR)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-"[Charleston] Rambo's resurgence to me is as key of a story to our offense." said Diaz

-“I feel like I can just throw it up there and he'll make the play,” Van Dyke said of Rambo.

-Rambo began his career with the Oklahoma Sooners and played three up-and-down seasons in Oklahoma before transferring to Miami in January.

-“Rambo came in and he's been dominating. I'm so happy for him. He deserves it, just knowing what he's been through,” Harley said Tuesday in Coral Gables. “No selfishness in my blood, no selfishness at all.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Hurricanes wide receiver Charleston Rambo announcing his decision to enter the NFL Draft might have been overshadowed.

Tyrique Stevenson (CB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

- lost cornerback Tyrique Stevenson to a shoulder injury Saturday, as he went down in the first half and wasn't able to return. Diaz said he could return Saturday against the Duke Blue Devils in Durham, North Carolina.

-“We think there's a better chance of him playing this weekend and moving forward,” the coach said

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Cornerback Tyrique Stevenson (shoulder) sat on the sideline Saturday dressed in black sweatsuits and white jerseys.

-“Tyrique, the shoulder that knocked him out of the game last week wasn't well enough to be able to get in the game,” Diaz said. “Jon Ford the same thing — might have been two more days away.

-Stevenson didn't play in the second half of the Hurricanes' win against the Virginia Tech Hokies last Saturday because of his injury.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-With cornerback Tyrique Stevenson sidelined this spring due to injury, there's a lot of mixing and matching in the secondary.

Lou Hedley (P)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Punter Lou Hedley took part in Miami's senior-day festivities Saturday and, although Diaz said "the door is not completely shut" on the redshirt junior returning for one more year

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-punter Lou Hedley (lower body) sat on the sideline Saturday dressed in black sweatsuits and white jerseys.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Punter Lou Hedley also won't be participating in spring practice.

Nelson Foley (P)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Fellow Australian Nelson Foley "was brought in to be the next guy in line," Diaz said, and could take over at punter as soon as next season.

-“When we recruited Nelson originally and gave him a spot, it would be so he could be here with Lou departed,” Diaz said.

Brashard Smith (WR)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“Now he's at a point, too, at this point of the season where he understands the base offense to the point that he doesn't have to be just a specialty job,” Lashlee said. “You can do more things with him.”

-Throughout his career at Palmetto, Smith starred as a wide receiver, running back and even carried the Panthers to the Class 8A semifinals as a quarterback last year

-“He's a guy you want to get the ball to and we know the defense knows that, but maybe do it in a different variety of ways, try to be less predictable,” Lashlee said. “His versatility is good because he's a receiver, but obviously he has running back skills, so you can line him up in the backfield, you can line him up in the slot, put him outside. But he can run our whole base offense.”

Thaddius Franklin Jr. (RB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“That situation was built for Thad. He's a big downhill runner, it was rainy, it was like a 1985 inside drill, everybody's slipping all over the field at that point. ... It was a really good fit for his skill set,” Lashlee said. “He started practicing the last couple weeks like a guy that really wanted to play and did a really good job learning the game plan each week.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Thad is really good,” Smith said. “He has a natural great feel for the inside and outside lane that we've installed so far. He's a bigger guy; he's been right on pace where we're asking him to be. Thad loves football, has a great personality. He has a good skill set.”

Chase Smith (Striker)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Next year, he'll have a chance to be the Hurricanes' starting striker depending on whether Frierson decides to use his final season of eligibility at Miami, although Shoop

didn't rule out a potential move to linebacker. The Hurricanes discussed using him there some this year, Shoop said, before opting against it because they didn't want him to have to learn a new position as a freshman still getting adjusted to college football.

-“That’s just the position that he’s been trained at throughout the course of training camp. That’s where we’ve had him,” Shoop said. “There’s been discussions at different times about, with some of the injuries and some of the depth issues, moving him into ‘Will’ linebacker and that’s something that wouldn’t surprise me if that was in his future.”

Jacob Lichtenstein (DL)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Friday, Cristobal, a former two-time national champion offensive lineman at UM, got himself one on defense when 6-6, 270-pound Southern Cal lineman Jacob Lichtenstein — a graduate of Weston Cypress Bay High School in Broward County — announced on social media that he is transferring to Miami.

Wesley Bissainthe (LB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“He’s a game-changer at a position we really need guys to help us,” Mario Cristobal said.

-Rivals’ No. 12 linebacker in the 2022 class figures to play a lot immediately

John Campbell (RT)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Offensive linemen Jalen Rivers and John Campbell will be limited all spring. Both were on the field and participating on Monday.

-Campbell missed all of last season with a knee injury, and Rivers missed the last nine games with a knee injury. Campbell is expected to be a candidate to start at right tackle

Antonio Moultrie (DT) UAB --> Miami (FL)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Moultrie, who’s missing spring ball, played end and tackle at UAB but will be a defensive tackle for UM, Cristobal has said.

Brian Balom (S)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-One player who missed last season and is now back: safety Brian Balom. He flashed as a freshman in 2020 and should get a lot of reps this spring, with Kinchens and Washington both out.

Leonard Taylor (DT)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-“He has the ability to become the best defensive tackle to ever come out of the University of Miami if he applies himself and pushes forward. We saw flashes as a freshman. As a sophomore, he’ll take the next steps. And the new coaching staff and new strength and conditioning staff and all the things Miami is doing different will all

benefit him. He could become a force where we could be looking at a top 10 pick when the time comes for him as a junior.”

Tyrique Stevenson (CB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-The starting cornerback job opposite Tyrique Stevenson (who’s missing the spring with an injury) should be one of the most competitive on the team.

Jacurri Brown (QB)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-The newcomer to the Hurricanes’ quarterback room also has hype surrounding him. Freshman Jacurri Brown, who stands in at 6-foot-4 and 210 pounds, arrived on Miami’s campus this spring and has already earned praise from coaches and other players.

-“So Jacurri’s doing a great job just buying in, taking mental reps. If you look out there during the team reps, he’s always 5 yards behind the starter, taking those reps as they go so he can continue to learn.”

Logan Sagapolu (OL)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Logan Sagapolu, the interior lineman who transferred from Oregon, hasn’t taken a single snap at center. He’s working entirely at guard, mostly with the second team.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-The Canes made their first change with the first team offensive line this week, removing left guard Ousman Traore from the first team, switching Justice Olawaseun from right guard to left guard and inserting Oregon transfer Logan Sagapolu at right guard

-That suggests Sagapolu — who didn’t play at Oregon as a freshman in 2020 and missed last year due to injury — has done enough in practice to earn first-team reps.

Henry Parrish Jr. (RB) Mississippi —> Miami (FL)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Smith said Parrish is “a really talented player. He can play in or out of the box. He’s very diverse, can run routes like a receiver. He has elite feet and elite eyes. He’s a big addition to this program and the running backs room.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

Running back Henry Parrish, the Mississippi transfer, has impressed this spring and has been getting the bulk of the first-team work.

Jaylan Knighton (RB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Smith said Knighton “is learning, is in his playbook. He’s a part of what we’re trying to do culture-wise and is quietly growing into a leader by the things he’s doing on and off the field.”

TreVonte’ Citizen (RB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Citizen has a legitimate chance to claim a spot in the rotation as a freshman.

-“He has talent when you watch his tape,” Smith said. “He’s a big kid who can run, understands the game. It’s difficult to come in as a freshman, and it makes it more difficult when you come in the summer. His mental makeup, he’ll come in and put his best foot forward.”

Jaleel Skinner (TE)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-who was rated by Rivals as the No. 2 tight end and No. 136 player in the 2022 class.

-“Just his athleticism, he’s able to stretch the field,” Field said. “Very intelligent young man. He’s doing a great job.”

-Both Arroyo and Skinner are skilled receivers, but both need to continue to build strength because this offense expects tight ends to block effectively. New offensive coordinator Josh Gattis used a lot of two tight end sets at Michigan.

-“We have an H position and Y position - physical-wise we’re making sure their structure and strength matches what we need them to perform at,” Field said when asked about Arroyo and Skinner.

Jacolby George (WR)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Receivers Jacolby George and Xavier Restrepo continue to get a lot of first-team work along with Key’shawn Smith, suggesting that Canes coaches see considerable upside in those three.

Thomas Davis (DE)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Here’s another notable lineup development: Defensive end Thomas Davis got some first-team work with Jahfari Harvey during Thursday’s practice. Davis, who missed last season with an injury, has come on strong.

South Florida

Cade Fortin (QB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-again will get the start, but freshman Timmy McClain is expected to receive some snaps as well, as he did against N.C. State.

-“There were some decisions that both (Fortin and McClain) made that we didn’t want them to make,” he said. “But it’s tough to evaluate when you’re on the field. I have to get back and see the video before I can really grade them. ... The big-picture goal is to have our quarterback solidified before the fifth game, the first conference game against SMU.”

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9-9-21 through 9-11-21

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9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-(McClain) wasn't perfect (completing 4 of 10 passes for 83 yards) but he did give us a spark," Scott said. "(McClain) showed some energy. It was similar to last week at N.C. State (when he relieved Fortin), but the difference this time is that he didn't throw interceptions. He protected the ball better."

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

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“We gave Timmy the first-team snaps all week long,” Scott said. “He did a good job this week. He made some really nice plays but then there were times he looked like a freshman (a lost fumble on the opening drive). ... The exciting part about him is that he has a lot of room to grow. His upside looks tremendous.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Timmy McClain, who was sidelined with an ankle injury missed game versus ECU

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-McClain, a true freshman who missed the last game and a half with an ankle injury, appeared to be 100 percent, often looking spectacular in extending plays with his quickness and speed

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“I don't put this game on (McClain),” Scott said. “He didn't play well enough to win, but we didn't block well enough for him to win. We didn't run the routes well enough for him to win. It's not like we played clean all around him and he just played a poor game. It's really across the board, and that's what's most frustrating.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“He was one of a hundred people who had a bad day (at Tulane),” Scott said. “He has come back to work with a lot of focus and energy. I think he's going to respond really well.”

-“This is a game where Timmy is going to learn a lot,” Scott said. “You have to be in these types of situations to learn how to handle them. I can guarantee you he is going to get better from this experience.”

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-“I think Timmy's been doing a good job in the offseason,” Scott said

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Timmy McClain and Katravis Marsh have been taking the snaps with the first team at quarterback, though Scott said it's not a 50-50 split.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Last season Timmy played like a talented true freshman,” Scott said. “He made a lot of plays where you went, ‘Wow, how did he do that?’ And then he made plays where you would go, ‘Wow, that was not a good play right there. That was a freshman mistake.’ But you have to go through that. You have to learn from that.”

-“There's sometimes a price you pay for getting that experience,” Scott said. “And I think Timmy had a learning experience last year.”

Thad Mangum (DL)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Coach Jeff Scott and defensive line coach Da'Quan Bowers says Mangum will get some looks from the NFL because of his strength (bench presses more than 400 pounds, squats around 450), quickness and his unique attributes from karate and basketball. "He's a little different," Bowers said. "But different in all the good ways."

Katravis Marsh (QB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-started in place of McClain

-through a pick 6 "That was a big-time mistake," Scott said. "That was a big momentum play, as well."

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Katravis Marsh, who briefly entered the transfer portal over the winter, was welcomed back by Scott after reconsidering

-"My typical policy on the portal is, when you get in the portal it's a one-way road. But really, kind of looking at our situation, Timmy was our only returning quarterback on scholarship on the team, and I just felt like it was the best for our team to give him the opportunity to come back for at least another year and see how that goes with the competition."

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

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Brian Battie (RB - Kick Returner)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-"It's basically a broken bone," Battie, a sophomore running back with freshman eligibility, said Wednesday.

-The bone is chipped around his big right toe and the ball of his foot, and will require surgery after the season, Battie said.

-"He is tough, and that is just another reason why he performs at such a high level," Da Prato said. "But he also has all the tools. His vision is great. He's explosive. He understands the scheme. He's a team player. He's a dream to coach."

-"I'm ready for whatever the coaches want me to do as a running back or on special teams, because I know how all of it is so important," Battie said. "I feel I'm part of something special happening here. You can feel it happening."

Byrum Brown (QB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-"Byrum Brown has been outstanding, he really has," Scott said. "If you ask any of our players about the newcomers, Byrum really has kind of risen to the top."

Jordan Smith (QB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

- sophomore Jordan Smith, returns to the position after switching to safety last year but currently is sidelined following shoulder surgery.

Antonio Grier (LB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-“I’ve seen guys like (senior linebackers) Dwayne Boyles and Antonio Grier have the best seven weeks since I’ve been here. They’ve been outstanding, and part of it’s maturity and leadership, but they also know there’s competition now that maybe there hasn’t been in the past. So, competition really pushes guys to the top.”

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Ajou Ajou (WR) Clemson --> South Florida

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Ajou was a top-500 national recruit from Clearwater Academy International who had eight catches over two years with the Tigers and is poised to become a big part of the Bulls’ offense.

DJ Gordon IV (LB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-came to USF this year via the transfer portal from Minnesota

-“They have had great springs,” said Scott, before adding that Brown already has stepped up as a vocal leader.

Aamaris Brown (DB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

- came to USF this year via the transfer portal from Kansas State

-“They have had great springs,” said Scott, before adding that Brown already has stepped up as a vocal leader.

-(Brown) has made as many plays as anybody and he has great energy and the players are attracted to his energy and playmaking ability,” Scott said. “He has definitely had a positive impact.”

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Dillion Gabriel (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

On INT’s:

-“Obviously the first one, he’d like to have back,” Malzahn said. “There’s no doubt about that. Everything’s happening so fast. We had an eight-play drive.”

-“It was tough coverage,” Malzahn said. “Probably wasn’t a good [play] call at that point, just to be completely honest with you.

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-UCF quarterback Dillon Gabriel has a broken left collarbone, a person with knowledge of the situation had told the Orlando Sentinel on Saturday, and soon after he confirmed the diagnosis on social media.

-he is a left-handed thrower

-“no timetable for my return.”

-“We were heartbroken with the injury on Friday night. Dillon has been through adversity before and he is facing it like he always does with great faith,” Dori Gabriel shared in a statement to the Sentinel. “Dillon is in great spirits today. We spent yesterday [Saturday] as a family, focused on all that we have and that is a loving supportive family, great friends and fans that are praying for a speedy recovery.

-“Meanwhile, we rally around the team. Dillon loves his football brothers and he wants them to finish strong. He will be the leader and the light that he always is.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“There’s a decent chance we’ll have Dillon back before the end of the season so we’re really excited about the second half of the season,” Malzahn said Monday night.

-Gabriel was spotted on the sidelines without a sling while around his teammates during UCF’s blowout loss at Cincinnati this past weekend.

-Most collarbone fractures heal in 6-8 weeks, without surgery or complications, according to the Cleveland Clinic. Gabriel did not undergo surgery, which avoids needing plates or screws in his collarbone.

-“He’s actually out there doing some [things], running around and taking some snaps and things like that on his own,” Malzahn said. “I thought that was a real positive.”

-“We’re just taking it week by week,” Malzahn said. “I mean it’s still going to be awhile, but just the fact that he’s back out there, the fact that he does have a chance to come back before the end of the season, that really gives everyone a shot in the arm.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“As soon as I find out something a little more concrete, I’ll be able to tell you,” Malzahn said Monday. “Right now it’s kind of the same status and we’ll see where that goes.”

-“We’re definitely hopeful,” Malzahn said. “We’ll see what happens. Maybe next week I’ll be able to give you a little more specifics on a specific timeline.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“We’ll see if we get him back before the end of the season,” Malzahn said.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-UCF quarterback Dillon Gabriel practiced with the team for the first time since breaking his collarbone at Louisville on Sept. 17, Knights coach Gus Malzahn said Monday.

-“He practiced [Sunday] night and practiced well,” Malzahn told reporters. “That was exciting. It was really the first time that he had been out there with the offense and all of that.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-With one game remaining in UCF's regular season, the return of quarterback Dillon Gabriel to the field remains in question.

-“He’s been sick for the last two days, so I think that’s going to be tough,” Malzahn said when asked if there’s a chance Gabriel plays Friday vs. the USF Bulls.

-UCF quarterback Dillon Gabriel has made the decision to enter the NCAA Transfer Portal, he announced on social media Saturday afternoon.

Tre'mon Morris-Brash (DL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Morris-Brash was arrested on campus in the early hours of Saturday, Aug. 28, for driving under the influence, according to public records from the Orange County Clerk of Courts.

-“He won’t be with us this week,” Malzahn said when asked about the junior’s status. “I’ll give you a weekly update and we’ll see where that thing goes.”

Mikey Keene (QB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“The touchdown pass was a really good one,” Malzahn said. “He was under duress from the linebacker, threw it off his back foot.

-“I thought it was great that Mikey got in there,” Malzahn said. “He’s done a solid job. There’s nothing like game experience. He managed the offense well and he threw the ball well.”

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-True freshman quarterback Mikey Keene will need the extra time to prepare as Dillion Gabriel’s replacement.

-It was his leadership off the field that coaches and players raved about in the offseason.

-“It was great that Mikey got in there,” coach Gus Malzahn said last week. “Mikey’s done a real solid job. He threw the ball well.”

-“I thought he did a good job managing the offense when he was in there,” Malzahn said.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He made some really good throws,” Malzahn said. “I thought he managed the game well. He threw the ball away when he had to.”

-“For young quarterbacks, sometimes there’s more pressure at home than on the road,” Malzahn said. “I was really excited [about] how he handled himself.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“He’s starting to feel like the starter and not just a replacement,” Malzahn said. “You can see his leadership growing each week. I’d like to think the game is slowing down a little bit for him.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“I really didn’t,” Malzahn said when asked if he was expecting a run like that from Keene. “He kept [the ball], he ran, he cut it back. That was a great play and it was great to see.”

-“If you look at Mikey, this is going to be his 9th game,” Malzahn said. “He played his best game, I think, last week and he’s improving each game.”

-“Saw him with the touchdown on the ground, that’s really a game changer for us with him moving forward. I think he’s doing a super job leading us,” Malzahn said about Keene.

-“You can tell just by watching his demeanor,” Malzahn said. “The communication you have in between series, and really the communication leading up to game week has been different. The questions he asks and the things he likes.”

-“At first when you asked him a question he’s good with everything. Now he’s kind of getting to the point, ‘hey I feel more comfortable with this, I feel more comfortable with that.’ That’s good,” Malzahn said. “That’s growth and that tells you he’s starting to kind of understand the big picture. That’s been really good.”

-“Not only did he carry the mail, but that guy also has a lot of winner in him. That guy is a tough dude.”

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-“This is a talent that’s close in that atmosphere,” Malzahn said about Florida. “The thing about Mikey, I’m real proud of him. He was banged up late in the season. He’s going to be healthier. That’s good.”

-Malzahn didn’t reveal Keene’s injury but did share that the freshman quarterback will be close to 100% by the time the Gasparilla Bowl rolls around in less than two weeks.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“I’m very impressed with Mikey ... you can tell he’s played,” Lindsey said. “He’s very confident and very smart. He does what he’s coached to do. He doesn’t try to think too much. He knows his strengths and his weaknesses.”

-“They’re all in the building watching film, texting me, asking me different things, but obviously, Mikey has played the most here and you can tell,” Lindsey said.

-“He goes out there confident and the moment’s not too big for him. He’s got moxie about him that I really like.”

-Keene will be battling returning quarterbacks Joey Gatewood and Parker Navarro as well as Ole Miss transfer John Rhys Plumlee and true freshman early-enrollee Thomas Castellanos for the job.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“You can look on film and see golly, he looks a little bigger, a little stronger,” Lindsey said. “The ball comes out of his hand a little better. You can tell he’s played. He’s got that presence. He understands what we’re trying to do.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Keene and Plumlee primarily worked with the first string, but did some work with the second string, Malzahn said.

Joey Gatewood (QB)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-transfer from Kentucky

-“He executed very well,” Malzahn said. “[The package] will grow each week. He’s a big-time guy.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Typically, Kentucky transfer quarterback Joey Gatewood would play in that scenario but Malzahn said he couldn’t because of an ankle injury.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Against UConn, however, Gatewood did eventually see the field but not until later when the score was out of reach. This indicates, perhaps, Navarro has passed the transfer quarterback in the pecking order.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

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Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“It’s something I think Joey is excited about,” Lindsey said. “He’s big and athletic. Obviously from playing quarterback he’s got a great feel of what we’re doing in the passing game.”

-“Joey, over times in his career, I know in high school he split out [at receiver] and did some things,” Lindsey said. “When I’ve been with him before, he’s done it some. We’ll see how it goes.

-“Definitely, a talented guy that I think can do a lot of things for us,” Lindsey added.

Isaiah Bowser (RB)

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“That was an unbelievable run,” UCF coach Gus Malzahn said about Gabriel’s long run. “It’s been a while since I’ve seen one of those. The last time I saw one of those, I was coaching Cam Newton.” Occurred in 4 TD performance

-“He’s a real running back, there’s no doubt about it,” Malzahn said about Bowser. “He holds onto the football, running with great pad level, catches the ball out of the backfield really well. I’m glad we got him.”

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Bowser was out. It’s unknown how serious the knee injury is, but UCF needs Bowser to have real success running the ball.

-“He tried to come back in,” Malzahn said. “Give him credit. He’s a tough guy.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Malzahn shared after the game that Bowser still isn’t 100% as he continues to recover from a knee injury on Sept. 17, but his performance vs. the Tigers would say otherwise.

-“He’s an impact player,” Malzahn said about Bowser. “He just leans on people and runs through tackles.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“There’s no doubt,” Malzahn said Monday. “When Isaiah is there, it helps Mikey. A calming effect. He knows exactly what to do. You don’t have to tell him where to line up.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-starting running back Isaiah Bowser left in the second half with a leg injury

-The senior Northwestern transfer went down late in the third quarter vs. Tulane with an ankle injury and did not return.

-“Isaiah, we’ll see how he does,” Malzahn said. “He didn’t practice [Sunday] night. It’s hard to say.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-With Bowser (ankle) out again, Navarro got another chance to score while finishing with 3 carries for 41 yards.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Because of the time spent sidelined, Bowser decided to take advantage of an extra-year granted by the NCAA to athletes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Back for his fifth-year, Bowser is a game-changer for the Knights when he’s on the field. But he’s not alone.

-UCF coach Gus Malzahn described Bowser as an NFL-caliber back throughout last season.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Fifth-year senior running back Isaiah Bowser did not participate in the first scrimmage, Malzahn said. That was done on purpose.

-Bowser dealt with knee and ankle injuries last season, which forced him to miss 5 games, so UCF is aiming to keep him healthy this spring

-“He won’t get tackled this spring,” Malzahn said. “We’re going to be very smart with him. He’s doing a whole lot of the bump-tempo stuff. “He’s improved, you can tell. It’s all about him staying healthy. He’s had a great spring.”

Johnny Richardson (RB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“He’s an impact player,” Malzahn said about Bowser. “I was proud of the way the guys came in, by committee. Coles did a good job, Johnny Richardson finished the thing off, Mark-Antony got some touches ... so it was by committee.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“Johnny did a super job filling in,” Malzahn said. “We thought we could get the ball to the perimeter in some different sets and he did a good job with that.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“I’d say he’s better than he was last year too at this point,” Malzahn said. Johnny is a lot more confident. This time last year he was kind of feeling himself through and now he’s a really confident running back.”

Matt Lee (C)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Despite warming up, starting center Matt Lee didn't play a snap. Lee tweaked his ankle in the first half against Bethune-Cookman last week.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Malzahn is hoping Lee will suit up vs. Tulane. Lee missed the Louisville game with an ankle injury.

-“He’s a tough guy,” Malzahn said. “He had a high ankle sprain in Week 2. Wasn’t able to play Week 3. Came back, wasn’t 100 percent. He’s just been managing his body the whole time.”

Corey Thornton (CB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Went Down with injury

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“They’re no longer freshmen,” Malzahn added. “They’re starting to get confidence. Right now they’re playing well.”

Tatum Bethune (LB) UCF --> Florida State

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Went Down with injury

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-The addition of Bethune, who spent three seasons at UCF before transferring in the offseason, brings much-needed experience and leadership. Bethune led UCF in tackles (108) and his familiarity with Shannon, who coached him for two seasons with the Knights, should make the transition smooth. His time split at inside and outside linebacker should help as he contends for one of the three spots.

Jaylon Robinson (WR)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Went Down with injury

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-UCF wide receiver Jaylon Robinson missed his third straight game with a knee injury.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Starting receiver Jaylon Robinson (knee) still has yet to even attempt to warm up before kickoff.

-“week-to-week”

-“He’s done a few things in practice the last couple weeks,” Malzahn said. “Obviously, he’s a dynamic player. He’s one of the impact players we need to get back soon.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Malzahn revealed Robinson actually practiced a week ago but was unable to play vs. Memphis. This week, however, the plan is for Robinson to practice twice before making a decision.

-“We’re hoping this week he has a chance,” Malzahn said during Monday’s availability. “He’ll probably practice Tuesday and Wednesday and we’ll make a decision how he’s doing.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Similar to last week, there's a chance for Robinson to play Saturday. "It's been a process," Malzahn said. "I'll know by Thursday."

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Although there was an expectation that the redshirt junior wide receiver would play "sparingly" vs. the Green Wave, Robinson ended up not seeing the field despite going through full warmups. Malzahn said Robinson was available in "an emergency situation" only.

-"He was more improved this past week," Malzahn said. "We're hoping he makes the same progress this week and he'll be ready to go."

-UCF wide receiver Jaylon Robinson is practicing this week and the odds that he returns for the Knights at SMU are trending in the right direction, coach Gus Malzahn said.

-"He was healthier than he was the week before," Malzahn said. "He's a playmaker. That's really good for us."

-"They've both done a good job this year for us," Malzahn said, "a lot of times playing without the ball. Jaylon gives us a completely different dynamic when he's on the field"

Eriq Gilyard (LB)

Date: 10-7-21

-UCF senior linebacker Eriq Gilyard has entered his name into the NCAA Transfer Portal.

-He also was recently named a 2021 semifinalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, which is annually awarded by the National Football Foundation to the nation's top football scholar-athlete.

Kalia Davis (DT)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-suffered a season-ending knee injury.

-"That was a tough blow. We lost him for the year," Malzahn said. "He's going to have surgery in the near future."

-"[He is a] phenomenal player, phenomenal person," Malzahn said. "He's one of the best players in our conference, so obviously it's a big blow for us."

-"We love KD," Bethune said. "KD is a big impact on defense. There's really nothing we can do now, just make sure he recovers."

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-"I'm happy to let you guys know that, not only did the surgery go well, recovery has been smooth," Davis wrote in his weekly newsletter that he created before the season began thanks to new Name, Image, and Likeness rules.

Date: 12-27-21 through 1-2-22

-UCF defensive tackle Kalia Davis declared for the 2022 NFL Draft on Sunday, he announced on social media.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Instead, he will take part in medical exams and interviews with NFL teams, he said. If he's allowed, Davis also will participate in the bench press test.

-“I'm on track for a great recovery,” Davis said.

-“Shoot, I don't know. Whatever they ask me,” Davis said when asked what he's hoping to share with teams.

-Meanwhile, Davis is viewed as a “good backup who could become [a] starter” over the course of his career, according to Zierlein. In addition, he “lacks proportional build of typical three-technique” and has “conditioning issues show up in the second half of games,” Zierlein wrote.

-An anonymous scouting director for an AFC team told NFL.com that “a team needs to get [Davis] on a good nutrition and conditioning plan so he can be a 60-minute pro. That's the next step because he's got plenty of talent.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Unfortunately I couldn't perform but I did what I could,” Davis said. “Thirty reps on the bench press. That was pretty good. It was a great experience.”

Brandon Adams (CB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He was a guy that kept standing out in practice,” Malzahn said. “He caught my eye in fall camp. He's a big guy. He understands. Got good football knowledge.”

-“He's earned it,” Malzahn said. “He did a good job for his first start. He's got a chance to be a really good player.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“I've been real pleased with him,” Malzahn said. “Last year being a true freshman, he gave us some quality snaps and did a really good job. Now he's a veteran guy. He's no longer a freshman.”

Bless Harris (OL)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Transferring into UCF from Lamar

-He opened the 2020 season with straight starts at left tackle before a season-ending injury.

Big Kat Bryant (DL)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“He's been really close to a couple and it was good to see him finish that,” Malzahn said. “That just kind of probably broke it open for the next five games.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-UCF defensive lineman Big Kat Bryant received first-team all-conference postseason honors, the American Athletic Conference announced Wednesday.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-The Georgia native spent four years at Auburn before reuniting with coach Gus Malzahn in Orlando. In 2020, Bryant dealt with a high ankle sprain that limited his season.

-At UCF Pro Day, Bryant spoke with the Pittsburgh Steelers, Los Angeles Chargers and Carolina Panthers.

Ricky Barber (DL)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Starting defensive tackle Ricky Barber (knee) was able to play a full game after missing two weeks and being limited at Cincinnati on Oct. 16.

Quadry Jones (QB-WR)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Jones, a backup quarterback, has made the move to from pass thrower to pass catcher, Malzahn confirmed Jones was spotted by the Orlando Sentinel warming up ahead of the Cincinnati and Memphis games with the wide receiver group instead of the quarterbacks.

-“He’s really caught on,” Malzahn said. “As a quarterback, he understands things. He’s made the transition pretty easily.”

Stephon Zayas (DL)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-UCF redshirt senior defensive lineman Stephon Zayas announced on social media Wednesday he will be transferring out of the program.

Davonte Brown (DB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“They’re no longer freshmen,” Malzahn added. “They’re starting to get confidence. Right now they’re playing well.”

-“He had the chance to make plays and he did,” Williams said. “He’s a guy who is quiet but he’s having a solid season so far while getting better each week.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“They did a really good job, had some three-and-outs and got off the field,” Malzahn said. “I think it was really good on both sides.”

Quadric Bullard (DB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

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Justin Hodges (DB)

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-The UCF defensive coordinator said Hodges is a “guy you want in the room because he’s a dog.”

Mark-Antony Richards (RB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-stepped in when Bowser got injured

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“Mark-Antony did a good job running the football in between the tackles, too. Those were the two that carried the mail for us.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Instead, redshirt junior Mark-Antony Richards, redshirt freshman Anthony Williams and true freshman Jordan McDonald got a lot of carries, Malzahn said.

-“It was good to see those guys,” Malzahn said. “I think for the most part, I can’t remember a ball on the ground. We were really good at protecting the ball from a running back standpoint last year and that’s continued so far.”

Jermaine McMillian (LB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-UCF redshirt junior Jermaine McMillian has entered his name in the NCAA Transfer Portal, a source with knowledge of the situation confirmed to The Orlando Sentinel.

-The former defensive back turned linebacker has appeared in seven games this season for the Knights in a reserve role

Titus Mokiao-Atimalala (WR)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Meanwhile, true freshman Titus Mokiao-Atimalala has made one start while mostly playing in a reserved role and on special teams.

-“They’ve both done a good job this year for us,” Malzahn said, “a lot of times playing without the ball. Jaylon gives us a completely different dynamic when he’s on the field.

Nate Craig-Myers (WR)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Former Auburn receiver Nate Craig-Myers has started five games in a row, but he only has 2 catches for 37 for the season.

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Ryan O’Keefe (WR)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“For the most part, Brandon and O’Keefe carried the mail here for the last six weeks.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Junior wide receiver Ryan O’Keefe made second-team all-AAC.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“A lot of them have gotten stronger, faster,” Malzahn said. “Some of them gained weight. We needed a couple to lose weight. Very strategic in that area and getting ready for spring, getting ready to go.” Senior wide receiver Ryan O’Keefe said he gained about 10 pounds during the winter workouts.

Brandon Johnson (WR)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“For the most part, Brandon and O’Keefe carried the mail here for the last six weeks.”

Bryson Armstrong (LB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-The Kennesaw State transfer, who started 9 games this season, suffered a season-ending knee injury (ACL) during Saturday’s contest at SMU, Knights coach Gus Malzahn said Monday.

-“That was a really tough blow,” Malzahn said. “He had been playing outstanding football.”

Parker Navarro (QB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-freshman QB

-“He’s a great competitor,” Malzahn said. “He can really run and do some things. He provided a spark.”

-“Gave an opportunity for Parker to fill that role,” Malzahn said. “Parker did a good job. It didn’t surprise anybody on the team. He’s been playing some special teams. ... Just doing anything he can to help our team.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-With Bowser (ankle) out again, Navarro got another chance to score while finishing with 3 carries for 41 yards.

-Against UConn, however, Gatewood did eventually see the field but not until later when the score was out of reach. This indicates, perhaps, Navarro has passed the transfer quarterback in the pecking order.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Keene will be battling returning quarterbacks Joey Gatewood and Parker Navarro as well as Ole Miss transfer John Rhys Plumlee and true freshman early-enrollee Thomas Castellanos for the job.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-True freshman Thomas Castellanos had an opportunity in the second half of the scrimmage to work with both the starters and back-ups, while redshirt sophomore Parker Navarro got a chance near the end to work with the second string, according to Malzahn

Lokahi Pauole (G)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

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Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

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Ke’Von Ahmad (WR)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Redshirt junior wide receiver Ke'Von Ahmad has entered the transfer portal

Mike Lofton (OL)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-sophomore offensive lineman Mike Lofton has entered the transfer portal

RJ Harvey (RB)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Perhaps the most intriguing running back is RJ Harvey — who likely would have started for UCF before suffering a torn knee ligament last August. Harvey had a stellar spring a year ago and could put on another strong showing next week, but lacks live-game experience.

-The Edgewater product transferred from Virginia in 2019 to play running back at UCF. A dual-threat quarterback in high school who rushed for 25 touchdowns and threw another 23 as a senior, Harvey has only appeared in 5 games in his three years of college.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Defensive end Malachi Lawrence, running back RJ Harvey and Maryland linebacker transfer Terrence Lewis will practice on a limited basis, Malzahn said.

Thomas Castellanos (QB)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“A play in practice that stood out to me was Thomas Castellanos getting loose in the backfield. He kind of surprised me with the little moves,” O’Keefe said. “He can run a little bit.”

-O’Keefe said Castellanos practiced like it was “high school all over again,” running everywhere.

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John Rhys Plumlee (QB)

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Keene and Plumlee primarily worked with the first string, but did some work with the second string, Malzahn said.

Malachi Lawrence (DE)

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Terrence Lewis (LB)

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-Lewis also suffered a knee injury with the Terps that sidelined him all year.

Davonte Brown (CB)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-On the defensive side, junior cornerback Davonte Brown said he put on about 7 or 8 pounds. Brown, who started all 13 games for UCF, said he noticed how the workouts had a positive impact on the entire team. "We would lift in different groups but I felt like with just my group coming in there, everybody was ready to work," Brown said. "Leaving, I'd see the next group coming in excited, ready to work."

Jason Johnson (LB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Eastern Illinois transfer linebacker Jason Johnson will be transferring to UCF, he announced on social media Sunday night.

-A first-team All-Ohio Valley Conference selection at linebacker, Johnson was named to the Hero Sports Sophomore All-American team for the second straight year after leading the conference with 112 tackles.

Jaylon Griffin (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-"JG has done a really nice job," Lindsey said. "He's gotten a lot better from last year."

-"We need him to be that and step up," he said. "[We] kind of challenged him in the offseason to take that next step. A lot of that is believing in himself and having confidence."

-"You can tell his confidence is growing," Lindsey added. "[I have] been really pleased with him and need him to continue to improve."

Anthony Williams (RB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Instead, redshirt junior Mark-Antony Richards, redshirt freshman Anthony Williams and true freshman Jordan McDonald got a lot of carries, Malzahn said.

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Jordan McDonald (RB)

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Colton Boome (K)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Our freshman, Boomer, he’s challenging him now,” Malzahn said. “He’s putting some pressure [on him.]”

-“There’s some really good competition with those two guys,” Malzahn said.

Daniel Obarski (K)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“He’s done a solid job,” Malzahn said. “You can tell he’s a more confident guy. That bowl game did wonders. He helped us win the game. The year before, he had a tough go of it. He’s a real confident guy.”

-“There’s some really good competition with those two guys,” Malzahn said.

Cole Schneider (OL)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Schneider has a workout scheduled with Buccaneers next week. He’s also spoken with Washington Commanders and Las Vegas Raiders.

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Amare Jones (RB/QB/WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Listed as RB on the Depth Chart started game at QB

-Transfer from Tulane

-“We felt like it was best to start Amare because of his college experience,” Lunsford said after the 30-25 win over the Runnin' Bulldogs. “We didn’t really think that Cam would not do well — just the big stage, right out of high school. We felt like Amare could go in there and it wouldn’t be too big for him.”

-“Neither of them played perfect, but I think both of those guys played fairly well for playing their first game at quarterback in a college football game,” said Lunsford. “Each of them has a different skill set and each of them bring something different to our offense. Going forward we have to see which one gives us the best chance to win but I think both of us give us a great chance to win and we will play both of them this week.”

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

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was two inexperienced guys taking snaps at quarterback and I think we did a good job with that.”

-“Amare is definitely one of those guys. The position we are in right now at quarterback without Justin Tomlin we have to be careful. I hate to look over there when Cam is in the game and see Amare on the sidelines but at this point until we get J.T. back we have to be smart there and not overuse him. We talked about conditioning, and I think Amare wore down a little the other night too.”

-“We're going to do things that those guys can do for us to help us win,” Lunsford said. “Obviously, Cam's going to be the better passer. However, Amare wasn't too bad in the passing game as well. I think that we're going to be able to run our offense with both of them. I don't think there is that much tailoring that has to be done.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Whitley listed players on the mend including running back/receiver/returner Amare Jones (ankle),

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-not seeing days on the field at QB anymore, ““They were supposed to be over in high school,” Jones said with a laugh, “but you've got to do what you've got to do to help the team.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

- Wright and White and Amare Jones, a senior transfer from Tulane originally from Frisco, Texas, have battled through aches and pains.

Cam Ransom (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-True Freshman

-“You want to make sure, if you're going to put a rookie quarterback in, you put him in when it's an advantage for him,” said Lunsford, sounding like a pitching coach giving a reliever a fresh inning.

-“Neither of them played perfect, but I think both of those guys played fairly well for playing their first game at quarterback in a college football game,” said Lunsford. “Each of them has a different skill set and each of them bring something different to our offense. Going forward we have to see which one gives us the best chance to win but I think both of us give us a great chance to win and we will play both of them this week.”

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9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Ransom has shown progress in his short time in Statesboro but had to leave the FAU game with an ankle injury before returning to action. Lunsford said Ransom will be fine.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“We feel good with one of those quarterbacks in the game,” Whitley said. “We just got to execute. We’ve got to block, we’ve got to tackle. It’s just basic fundamentals. That’s what we didn’t do. We didn’t block. We didn’t tackle.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- Whitley mentioned Justin Tomlin is still nursing a shoulder injury and while neither Tomlin nor freshman Cam Ransom have been particularly impressive at quarterback from a statistical standpoint Whitley said many factors go into who he will start Saturday.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“I thought overall J.T. made enough plays to give us a chance to win,” said Whitley. “Cam is a good player and it definitely doesn’t hurt to give him an opportunity but coach Ruse didn’t make the change so we just went with J.T.”

-“Looking at our strengths after watching a ton of tape already, obviously we have a physical run game here with some talented running backs, a really nasty offensive line,” new coach Clay Helton said. “The quarterbacks that are here, Justin (Tomlin) and Cam (Ransom), are talented throwing the ball down the field and they’re going to get those opportunities.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-On Ransom playing in relief of Tomlin “Cam definitely made a case for it,” said Whitley, adding that he will confer with offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Doug Ruse and the offensive coaching staff.

-“I think the biggest thing was (Ransom) took care of the ball. He came in and gave us a spark. I thought the team rallied around him well. I thought the receivers caught the ball. It’s a good sign moving forward.”

-“I was really impressed with Cam,” Whitley said. “I was excited to see him. I thought he handled things well coming in off the bench cold, wet. He took care of the ball. That was really good. He throws the ball really well.”

-“If everything goes well during practice, I don’t anticipate (Ransom) not being (the starter),” Whitley said during his weekly Monday press conference on campus. “I wouldn’t see why he would not be, but right now that hasn’t been determined.”

-“I think Cam played extremely well,” Whitley said Monday. “I was really more impressed, it was so cold, for (him) to come off the bench and not turn the ball over. He seemed like he was composed, it seemed like he had command. I think he gave us a spark. I’m pretty sure he will play a lot more this week. How much more I can’t say. He was impressive.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Ransom injury: Georgia Southern hopes shoulder sprain won't keep Ransom from playing against No. 14 BYU

- said interim head coach Kevin Whitley “I feel like our kids really responded well to the adversity. Cam looked really good when he was in the game, he has a sprained AC joint

in his shoulder but we are hopeful he will be available Saturday. I thought Justin came in and played well and we played much better on offense."

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

"I think both of them are getting better," Whitley said during the Sun Belt's weekly Monday teleconference with media. "Cam seems to be progressing. I'm hoping we will have all three of them for this week. Right now I can't say for sure."

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Previous starting quarterbacks Justin Tomlin, a redshirt junior, and Cam Ransom, a true freshman, had been injured two games earlier in a win at Texas State and were not available for the season finale.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Cam Ransom is back for his second season after showing glimpses of his potential as a freshman in 2021. However, Helton held him out of the session Tuesday, when he could only observe the drills.

"It was just a disciplinary issue," Helton said without further detail. "He'll be ready to go on Thursday (for the second practice). Looking forward to watching him."

Britton Williams (K)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

"Very proud of Britton," Lunsford said afterward. "I thought he did a really good job knocking a 49-yarder on his very first field goal."

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

"He did a really good job," head coach Chad Lunsford said at his Monday press conference in Statesboro. "Obviously, his impact on the game helped us win that football game. Twelve points was important in that game. He showed that the moment wasn't too big, as well."

"But he was champing at the bit and wanted to kick off," Lunsford said. "He wanted to start the season with a kickoff and he did, (and) did a tremendous job."

"That was an Achilles heel last year with our kickoff team. He did a phenomenal job there," said Lunsford, adding that he doesn't want Williams to "get a big head about it," and that the coach will make sure the kicker knows he's only as good as his last kick.

Marques Watson-Trent (LB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-is not expected to play after injuring a knee in that game. Lunsford said Monday the team was waiting on MRI results

-Watson-Trent, a redshirt freshman, tore the ACL in his left knee late in the opener against Gardner-Webb and had surgery on Wednesday.

J.D. King (RB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Coming off of season ending knee injury in 2020

"We were fairly certain we would not play him in the first game just to continue to let him get comfortable with things," Lunsford said Monday. "I think this week it needs to be

about day to day to see how he practices, see how he does before we determine if he'll be available for the (FAU) game.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-The running backs have dealt with injuries but have seen the return of team leader J.D. King from the torn ACL that abruptly shortened his 2020 campaign.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-running back J.D. King is practicing this week after being able to play in only four of the nine games this season.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-King came into 2021 recovering from a torn ACL in 2020 and has seen limited action.

Derrick Canteen (CB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

- a Freshman All-America in 2020 with six interceptions — was lost for the season after suffering a torn pectoral muscle against FAU.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-"One thing I really appreciate about Derrick is he's got a chip on his shoulder," Helton said. "He knows how important this year is to him. I think he's got a chance to not only be one of the best players in our league but one of the best players in the nation, I really do, at his position. He's got a very strong skill set that can take him a long way."

-"I think he really improved on his leadership skills once he was hurt," Whitley said. "We took him to away games last year just so he could be another voice for us in the locker room and on the sidelines. He developed a lot."

-"He's doing all the things a pro does," Helton said. "He's even positioned himself where he's going to graduate in the fall. I think he's got one class left in the fall. He's literally going to have the opportunity to really have an NFL kind of day going into this season. We're excited to be able to watch him and, hopefully, this season progresses exactly like he wants and we look up and we're having to make a decision (about going pro) after this season."

Tyler Bride (CB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-replaced Canteen

-"Tyler Bride, I think, is a guy who understands Georgia Southern football," Lunsford said Monday, before the announcement on Canteen was made Thursday. "You could see it in his level of play last week. I know across the board, as a team, it wasn't Georgia Southern football. But I think Tyler Bride showed he knows what it's like."

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Whitley listed players on the mend including cornerbacks Tyler Bride (ankle)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Bride, a sophomore, eventually left on a stretcher on a cart as both teams, who watched in silence, had moved from their sidelines to gather around him in support.

-"He's doing fine. Thank God it was a just a concussion," Whitley said. "Very fortunate."

-He called Bride "a tough kid."

-“Tyler had a head injury during the game that looked very serious when I ran out there,” said Whitley. “The good thing is we found out it was only a concussion which was great news for him and his family. He had another concussion earlier in the year and he will miss the game this Saturday.”

Justin Tomlin (QB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-The Eagles' quarterback situation has transitioned to Justin Tomlin, who was suspended for the first two games because of academic issues. The redshirt junior has four career starts and 15 appearances but hasn't played in a game since December 2020.

-Tomlin, who has been practicing with the team all spring and fall, could spark the triple-option offense

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“We feel good with one of those quarterbacks in the game,” Whitley said. “We just got to execute. We've got to block, we've got to tackle. It's just basic fundamentals. That's what we didn't do. We didn't block. We didn't tackle.”

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- Whitley mentioned Justin Tomlin is still nursing a shoulder injury and while neither Tomlin nor freshman Cam Ransom have been particularly impressive at quarterback from a statistical standpoint Whitley said many factors go into who he will start Saturday.

-“I can't say whether or not Justin will start, but if he comes out this week and doesn't perform well, he won't start,” said Whitley. “I don't know how else to say it but we are going to play the guys who are doing what we ask them to do. A lot of times there are things that happen off the field that people don't know about that hurt a guy's chances at playing. They may have not gone to class, or missed study hall so a lot of times we make decisions on information not everybody has.”

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-Redshirt junior Justin Tomlin, who had started seven consecutive games this season before coming off the bench on Nov. 13, is not available Saturday, said a Georgia Southern athletic department spokesperson.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

- said interim head coach Kevin Whitley “I feel like our kids really responded well to the adversity. Cam looked really good when he was in the game, he has a sprained AC joint

in his shoulder but we are hopeful he will be available Saturday. I thought Justin came in and played well and we played much better on offense.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Tomlin, the most experienced quarterback on the team, had started seven straight games until the Texas State contest. However, the redshirt junior was unavailable to play, which Whitley explained after the game was because Tomlin "had taken a shot" against the Bobcats and showed some possible concussion-like symptoms

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Previous starting quarterbacks Justin Tomlin, a redshirt junior, and Cam Ransom, a true freshman, had been injured two games earlier in a win at Texas State and were not available for the season finale.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Quarterback Justin Tomlin, a redshirt junior who started seven of his eight games last season, is no longer on the team but is continuing to pursue a degree from Georgia Southern, Helton said during a press conference to preview the start of spring practice Tuesday.

Sam Kenerson (QB/WR)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Redshirt freshman who also got his first snaps behind center, this week moved to wide receiver

Connor Cigelske (QB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Redshirt freshman quarterback Connor Cigelske, who has not played in a game, is expected to suit up after an injury in the spring required surgery.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Redshirt-freshman quarterback Connor Cigelske, who had never appeared in a game, let alone started one in college, started for the Eagles against the Cougars.

-"Connor did an excellent job," Whitley said. "I think he managed the game. He made some critical throws. He ran the ball well, made good decisions. I can go on and on. I know he didn't shock me. I saw him in high school and knew if his number was ever called, he'd be ready. He prepared for the last two years to be ready for this. Wednesday and Thursday, when it got closer to him being called, you could see it in his eyes that he was going to be ready to go. I told him to relax, have a good time, take it all in, and I think he did that."

-The political science major made the President's List in the fall and spring for making a perfect 4.00 grade-point average. He was named to the 2020-21 Sun Belt Conference Commissioner's List for maintaining a 3.50 GPA or higher.

-"I told Connor earlier in the week, 'Hey man, we've got two guys down and you're going to have to possibly be ready to go,' " Whitley said. "Credit Connor. I think he's been preparing since he's been here for this day. When he got the call, he was ready."

-"He's a winner," Whitley said. "He comes from a winning high school program. I don't think the moment was too big for him. He was ready to go. He showed a lot of poise."

-“I don't think the game was too big for him,” Whitley said Monday. “For this game coming up, I think he deserves to play.”

- “It'll be based on this week's practice. I was really impressed with Connor. I knew he would do a good job. He comes from a good high school program. He's been preparing for that moment and I thought he did a great job.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Cigelske spent the first practice at Paulson Stadium sharing reps with three newcomers

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NaJee Thompson (WR/CB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-senior NaJee Thompson moved from receiver to cornerback.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-The major announcement was the loss of senior cornerback NaJee Thompson for the rest of the season after he injured an ankle as the defense was making a fumble recovery against CCU. Whitley said Thompson is scheduled for surgery Thursday, when a separate procedure will be done on a thumb injured a week earlier.

-“A big loss for us,” Whitley said. “I can't say enough about him. He was a receiver earlier this year, (has) always been a special teams factor. He was going just do special teams. I said, 'No you're not, come over here and play corner.' For him to play corner to starting at corner says a lot about him. I hate (his season) ended like this.”

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Georgia Southern senior NaJee Thompson has been named a first-team All-American by Pro Football Network as the outlet's top special teams player.

Gavin Adcock (NT)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-redshirt-senior nose tackle Gavin Adcock was removed from the team Sunday, an athletic department spokesperson has confirmed.

-Gavin Adcock, suspended following a viral video showed him standing atop a moving school bus and chugging a beer before a Sept. 25 game, was removed from the Georgia Southern football team Sunday, interim head coach Kevin Whitley said Monday.

-“Having that conversation, I just felt like we had to move on from him. Gavin's been an excellent kid during my time here. But we have team policies. When we choose not to follow those team policies, I had to make some tough decisions. This was a tough decision for me. I wish Gavin nothing but the best. I know he'll do great things moving forward.

-“I had a meeting and told them how I felt and they did the same and we decided that it was in our best intentions to part ways with each other,” Adcock said, according to the WSAV report.

-He also made the honor roll in the spring of 2021 for posting above a 3.0 grade-point average. He made the same academic honor in the spring of his previous three school years, according to his team biography.

Todd Bradley-Glenn (ILB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-suffered season-ending injury

Eldrick Robinson II (LB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-stepped into the spot opened up by injury

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Georgia Southern freshman linebacker Eldrick Robinson II was honored by the Sun Belt Conference Monday afternoon, earning Defensive Player of the week accolades.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Three true freshmen are starting on the defense for the Eagles, Eldrick Robinson II and Michael Edwards III at inside linebacker and Tyrell Davis at safety.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Inside linebacker Eldrick Robinson II, a 2021 All-Sun Belt Conference third-team selection as a true freshman, is pursuing other options through the transfer portal, Helton said.

"Eldrick made a decision that he wanted to be someplace else and that he wanted to look at his options," Helton said. "Obviously, we have to respect all those.

"Eldrick's a great kid, a great person, a great player," the coach added. "He's got a very bright future in football. I wish him nothing but the best.

Michael Edwards III (LB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

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Darrell Baker Jr. (CB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Whitley listed players on the mend including Darrell Baker Jr. (ankle, forearm)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Sixth-year senior Darrell Baker Jr. started the first five games but has been in and out of action with ankle and forearm injuries.

-Whitley reported Baker had probably his best practice of the season on Sunday. "He's been beat up all year. I hate that for him his last year," Whitley said. "He came back, gave us another year. He just has not been able to perform how he'd like to perform."

Khaleb Hood (CB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

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Randy Wade Jr. (LB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

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C.J. Wright (DT)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-The Eagles, who had lost nose tackle C.J. Wright a knee injury early in the second quarter

-Whitley they were optimistic it wasn't too severe as there was little swelling. Wright was due to have an MRI Monday afternoon and results were expected on Tuesday.

Anthony Beck II (P)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Anthony Beck II of Guyton is the Ray Guy Award's Punter of the Week for his performance in a 21-14 loss to Georgia State last Saturday in Statesboro.

-"He's having a heck of a season, been a really clutch guy for us the last couple of years that I've been here, and the sky's the limit for him."

Logan Wright (RB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-dealing with turf toe

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

- Wright and White and Amare Jones, a senior transfer from Tulane originally from Frisco, Texas, have battled through aches and pains.

Jalen White (RB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-"Jalen is a guy just waiting for an opportunity," Whitley said. "Because of injuries, he's got it. We'll rely on him strongly the next couple of weeks. He'll carry the load for us."

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

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Seth Glausier (LS)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-For the second straight year, Georgia State long-snapper Seth Glausier has been named to the Academic All-District® Football Team, selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Tyrell Davis (S)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

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Gerald Green (RB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Green is recovering from a concussion.

Kyle Vantrease (QB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

- "We could tell on tape his skill set, and then meeting him in person on the official visit, we knew he was a vet," Georgia Southern's first-year head coach Clay Helton said Thursday. "He's a great one-on-one leader. He goes to that individual. The greatest gift you can give somebody is your time. He gives that individual his time and knowledge. You're talking about a guy that's a sixth-year vet and the knowledge he has, he spreads it around."

- "Not only do they respect him by the leader he is, but also by his play, what he's doing," Helton continued. "It's been really nice to see. It's what we expected when we signed him."

- "This is not a business to us as coaches. It's about raising 18-to-21-year-olds, or in his case, 24-year-olds," Helton said. "It just was a great fit, not only for our football family, but for Kyle's family, too. It's exactly what they were looking for. They were looking for a program based on faith, family and the game of football, where he can end his career in college the right way and progress as a quarterback and have everything that you want."

Zak Rozsman (QB)

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- early enrollee Zak Rozsman, a true freshman from George Walton in Marietta competing for QB job

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Richie Lankford (QB)

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-and sophomore Richie Lankford, a transfer from the College of San Mateo will be in QB mix

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David Dallas (QB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-David Dallas, an early enrollee and true freshman from Trinity Christian in Sharpsburg, is recovering from surgery on his right (throwing) shoulder. He should be throwing again by June, Helton said.

Georgia State

Jamari Thrash (WR)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“It was no surprise to see him go out there and play well,” Georgia State coach Shawn Elliott said. “He had a very good camp, and he’s work extremely hard. To see him go make those plays was good to see.”

-“When he came in here as a true freshman he didn’t speak. He was quiet,” Elliott said. “He’s really matured and come into his own. He’s got a great personality – he and I cut up and really get after each other a little bit – and to see him come into his own and make plays was great to see.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-“This day and age is all about opportunity,” GSU coach Shawn Elliott said. “His opportunity came, and he took really good advantage of pushing himself very hard.”

-“When we were recruiting him, he never said a whole lot,” Elliott said. “I was like, I don’t know about Thrash. He doesn’t have that big competitive personality like I like. He was really quiet.”

-“When you perform at a high level, you have that opportunity to be a leader. He does it right. Everything that he does, we never have an issue with. He's on time. He's a great communicator. Academics are in order. He does good things for us.”

-Elliott has seen the growth in Thrash – on and off the field – and expects it to continue.

Quad Brown (QB)

Date: 10-7-21

-sophomore quarterback competing for starting job

-“I don’t think either played great (against App State), to be honest with you,” Elliott said. “I don’t think there was someone who came out and separated themselves. We’ve got to continue to push forward and find the guy and find out exactly what our strengths are offensively.”

-Brown (6-foot-5, 200 pounds) started all 10 games last season and threw for 2,278 yards and 17 touchdowns. He ran for 301 yards and seven touchdowns.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He last couple of weeks he’s brought energy, he has confidence and he instills confidence in others,” Elliott said. “He’s definitely improved in the throw game, which you saw tonight, and I felt like we needed to create a spark. He led the team to the win against Charlotte and into the Auburn game, and we just thought it was the right move.”

Darren Grainger (QB)

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-junior quarterback competing for starting job

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-Grainger (6-4, 202) transferred from Furman, where he was the starter for two seasons. He threw for 1,403 yards and 15 touchdowns and ran for 349 in 17 games, 12 starts.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“I don’t think you talk to him about the next step, it just gradually happens,” Elliott said. “Our message to him is, let’s do things that you’re comfortable doing, whether it’s on the throw game or the run game. We’re just going to let him figure it out. He’s going to gradually grow, and a lot of things are going to become a lot easier for him as he develops in game situations.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Georgia State quarterback Darren Grainger is the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week after leading the Panthers to their first-ever win over a ranked team with a 42-40 victory at No. 22/21 Coastal Carolina.

-“What a gutsy performance by Darren, playing right there in his backyard,” head coach Shawn Elliott said. “He ran the ball effectively, he delivered the ball nicely in the throw game, and he made good decisions. I’m very proud of what he accomplished, and that’s something he’ll never forget.”

Sam Pinckney (WR)

Date: 10-7-21

-he and his running mate McCoy have been hampered through the first five games with nagging hamstring injuries. Both have four catches Saturday, but were denied the big plays that were frequent last season.

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Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Georgia State super senior Shamarious "Quion" Gilmore became a five-time all-conference honoree

Javon Dennis (DE)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-"Javon plays extremely hard for us," Elliott said. "He's a quiet individual and for whatever reason you don't hear his name a lot. He's not one of those headline guys. But what a great job he's done. He goes about his business, he works hard, he knows his role and when he gets a chance, he makes plays for us."

Tucker Gregg (RB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Georgia State running back Tucker Gregg is a nominee for the 2021 Burlsworth Trophy, given to the most outstanding college football player who began his career as a walk-on.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-"I think every program in the country would like to have a situation that we have here," coach Shawn Elliott said. "Both are very, very good backs who are very capable of doing great things in their own way. People look at Tucker as the guy that you look to really go in there and get those tough yards. And Jam has that elusive speed that you're after to break away and get you that long-yardage run."

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Tucker Gregg, one of the Panthers' nine "super seniors" who have returned for an extra year of eligibility.

-"I come in early and try to work out and stay in shape, but he's in the weight room before I am this morning," Elliott said. "Then I come out of my office at 7:30, and we don't start practice until 9:30, but he's out here running drills by himself."

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Jamyest Williams (RB)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Elliott said, "I was thinking this guy needs to have the ball in his hand and needs the ability to make a play, not just when it's thrown his way."

-He was a high-profile two-way player at Grayson High School and opted to attend South Carolina and play cornerback. But when a family medical issue arose, Williams wanted to be closer to home and sought a transfer to Georgia State. He was moved from defense to running back

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Antavious Lane (S)

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

"He is a special player," Elliott said. "He's short in stature, but he plays so tall and so big."

Aubry Payne (TE)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

- but he has been granted an additional year of eligibility by the NCAA and is returning for his seventh season.

"He's excited about getting back on the field and finishing up a great career here after a great bowl game," Elliott said. "He's a tremendous player, and we're very fortunate to have him back for that tight end position."

"To have him back is a relief," Elliott said. "He's got a great knowledge of the game. He's well-educated in our offense, he works hard, he's a good leader and he can catch the football. More importantly, he can catch those touchdowns, for whatever reason he gets a lot of those."

-Elliott said, "He's going to help those young players and bring them along."

Kris Byrd (TE)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

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Rykem Laney (TE)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-is a transfer from Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College,

Thomas Gore (DL)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-After a redshirt season in 2019, Gore has progressed from backup to starter. The turning point may have come after he missed spring practice in 2020 because of a torn labrum. He didn’t want to go through that again and was determined to get mentally and physically stronger.

-Gore fits the mold for the type of defensive player – he plays part time on the edge and part time at nose guard – coach Shawn Elliott wants on the field. Gore knows how to go only full-speed, and his aggressiveness is off the chart. He matches the personality of the head coach in that regard. For Gore, it’s always been that way.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Jamil Muhammad (OLB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“[Outside linebacker] Jamil Muhammad has really stepped up his game, and I think he is going to be one of the dominant rushers that we have. He works extremely hard and is a great leader for us.”

Marcus Carroll (RB)

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Georgia Tech

Jeff Sims (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Left game early with apparent left arm injury

-“He’s with the doctors right now. Jeff is a big-time player in this program.’ coach Geoff Collins

-After leaving Saturday’s game against Northern Illinois with a left arm or shoulder injury, Georgia Tech quarterback Jeff Sims is expected to be available to play for the Yellow Jackets’ game Saturday against Kennesaw State.

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Yates is a good football player, man. He’s a winner – state champion quarterback – savvy, savvy kid. Tough and very consistent. But Sims is maybe a little bit better of a runner, a little more explosive in that part of the game, and he’s a gunslinger, too, now. He can rip it.”

Date: 10-7-21

-“I thought he responded the right way at a high level,” said Collins. “But the turnovers early hurt us.”

-“The confidence and faith we had in Jeff stuck with him and he had a productive game.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“Now there’s a deeper understanding of not only what to do, but why to do it,” Patenaude said. “And it’s no coincidence that he’s throwing for 300 yards, because he knows where to go with the ball, and he’s making on-target throws.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“It was just a little mishaps on the throws, but Jeff’s going to get it right,” Gibbs said. “He’ll bounce back next game. I believe in him.”

-“There’s a couple technical things that he wasn’t doing right,” Patenaude said. “I don’t think he was transferring his weight well.”

-“When you have open targets, you’ve got to make the throws,” Patenaude said. “There’s going to be times that there’s going to be guys around you, you get forced off of things, but if you get a solid look at a throw, you’ve got to make it.”

-“It’s frustrating to everybody that, when you’re watching it and he comes to the sideline and he’s like, Yeah, I saw it, I just missed it,” Patenaude said.

-“He wasn’t doing great, but we were going to ride with Jeff,” Patenaude said.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-It will be Yates' second start in a row after he was the starter against Boston College the previous Saturday in place of Jeff Sims, who was sidelined with his right foot in a protective boot.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Sims was one of several Tech regulars who were unavailable, along with defensive end Jared Ivey, cornerback Tobias Oliver, defensive back Wesley Walker and kicker Brent Cimaglia.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“He’s always in there early, meeting with (quarterbacks coach Chris Weinke),” Georgia Tech wide receivers coach Kerry Dixon said.

-“One of the things that I’ve always liked about quarterback play is how your footwork aligns with the concepts,” Dixon said. “Just that little deal with his footwork has helped his accuracy. And then just having knowledge of the game, understanding where to go with the ball, has been something that’s been phenomenal to see.”

-Said running back Dontae Smith, “Every time I watch film, I have to just express out loud how much better Jeff has gotten.”

-“And also in our offense, there’ll be times where he’s asked to run the football,” Weinke said. “The advantage you have there with a guy (like Sims) is, Hey, if the shot’s available, we’re going to take it and his arm strength will allow us to do that. If it’s not available, the ability to be able to move and scramble and make plays with his legs is also very evident.”

-“He wanted to learn, he wanted to be coached, he wanted to be coached hard,” Weinke said. “He is up here in the building all the time asking for more.”

Jordan Yates (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Replaced Simms

-And then Jordan Yates, I thought he came in and competed really, really hard, provided a spark. Knows where to go with the football and he was scrambling, he was fighting for every single yard, and just proud of him and the way he handled that situation with Jeff going down early in the second quarter and to come in and provide a spark for us,” said Collins

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“He’s kind of got that thing, like, Hey, I’m the 5-10 kid who they always didn’t pick because I was 5-10, but I’m really a dude who can reverse windmill a basketball,” Patenaude said Tuesday. “He has that mentality.”

-Following his effective performance off the bench in the season opener against Northern Illinois, Georgia Tech quarterback Jordan Yates is expected to make his first career start Saturday against Kennesaw State, according to three people familiar with the situation.

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“I think Yates had great poise and handled the environment well,” wide receiver Kyrice McGowan said. “When we were in the huddle, keeping the guys encouraged, keeping us

level-headed, no matter if it was a good play or a bad play, keeping us all level, making sure all things were intact. I think he handled it very well.”

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Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Backup Jordan Yates was not apparently not an option to perhaps let Sims sit out a series, as he was banged up and coaches were hoping to avoid having to play him, according to a person familiar with the situation.

-Georgia Tech is expected to start Jordan Yates at quarterback for its home game against Boston College on Saturday, according to two people familiar with the situation. It’s believed to be because of Jeff Sims’ health status.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“Super wired into what we were doing,” Patenaude said of Yates. “Great energy, ran the ball fantastic. Made a boneheaded mistake throwing the ball in the end zone. He owns that. Throws a pick in the red zone. Can’t have that.”

-“He missed a couple throws, but that’s going to be any quarterback in any game,” Patenaude said. “And he handled himself well – he’s got great presence. He doesn’t get flustered.”

-Georgia Tech quarterback Jordan Yates is expected to start Saturday at No. 8 Notre Dame, according to a person familiar with the situation. It will be Yates’ second start in a row after he was the starter against Boston College the previous Saturday in place of Jeff Sims, who was sidelined with his right foot in a protective boot.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Georgia Tech quarterback Jordan Yates decided to leave after three seasons with the Yellow Jackets. On schedule to graduate in May with a business degree, Yates will leave as a grad transfer

Brett Cimaglia & Gavin Stewart (K’s)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“They did a nice job getting pressure (on Stewart’s kick), but I have all the confidence in the world in those guys,” Collins said.

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Collins called him (Cimaglia) a “big-time kicker.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Sims was one of several Tech regulars who were unavailable, along with defensive end Jared Ivey, cornerback Tobias Oliver, defensive back Wesley Walker and kicker Brent Cimaglia.

Charlie Thomas (LB)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“He played at an elite level,” defensive coordinator Andrew Thacker said. “Very proud of him and we’ll really look forward to him having a great season.”

-Georgia Tech linebacker Charlie Thomas earned a start in the season opener with his play in the preseason. His play against Northern Illinois last Saturday would suggest he's in position to keep

Jahmyr Gibbs (RB) Georgia Tech → Alabama

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“The back is special,” he said. “He is a special, special player. He can do it all. He’s going to touch it every which way they can get it to him. He’ll have 20-plus touches when the game is over, there’s no doubt about that. He’s a dynamic player.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Georgia Tech running back Jahmyr Gibbs, easily the top player to play for the Yellow Jackets in coach Geoff Collins’ three-year tenure and possibly its most talented since Calvin Johnson, has decided to transfer.

-“Jahmyr Gibbs, I think, is one of the best players in college football,” Collins said. “Proud that he chose to come here and play for us.”

-Collins mentioned it as recently as Saturday following the loss to Georgia, the second half of which Gibbs sat out with an injury.

-A day after announcing his transfer, Georgia Tech running back Jahmyr Gibbs was named to the All-ACC team at three different positions. In a vote of media and coaches, Gibbs was named the first-team all-purpose back, the second-team specialist and a third-team running back.

Jordan Domineck (DL)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“He’s going to give the highest effort, he’s going to try to do things the right way, and it’s just really cool, the development of a player, and Jordan shows that full arc,” Collins said.

-Domineck had been named ACC defensive lineman of the week after a 10- tackle performance against N.C. State, including a tackle for loss on a fourth- and-2 at the Yellow Jackets’ 10-yard line in the first quarter.

-“Honestly, I could say I was a liability my first couple years, or my first year, while I was below the line,” Domineck said. “And I honestly can understand why they kept me below the line. Because if you can’t run your assignments properly, you can’t play your technique well, then you’re just not going to play.”

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Georgia Tech defensive end Jordan Domineck is planning to enter the transfer portal

-Domineck, who went into the transfer portal Friday after leading the Yellow Jackets in sacks each of the past two seasons, said he is leaving Tech because he wants to become a physical therapist after his football career is over and that the institute doesn’t have the sort of degree program he’s looking for to help him in that pursuit.

Kyric McGowan (Slot WR)

Date: 10-7-21

-suffered injury

-“He knows the ins and outs,” McCollum (his replacement) said. “Every time I come on the sideline, I’m asking Kyric, ‘What can I do better? Hey, what about this look? What about that look?’ And he helps me all the way through.”

Nate McCollum (Slot WR)

Date: 10-7-21

-replaced McGowan

-McCollum also contributed on special teams, making a tackle on punt coverage and earning the team’s designation as special-teams player of the week.

-“Nate McCollum’s a really good player in our program,” coach Geoff Collins said.

-Plans to play baseball at GT in spring of 2022

Juanyeh Thomas (S)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-named the ACC’s defensive back of the week in win versus Duke

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-named ACC defensive back of the week for his performance against Miami. It’s his second time that he has been so honored in the Yellow Jackets’ past four games.

Ayinde Eley (LB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-named the ACC’s linebacker of the week in win versus Duke

Marquez Ezzard (WR)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Georgia Tech wide receiver Marquez Ezzard has left the team, six games through the season. The departure, first reported by Rivals on Thursday, was confirmed by a team spokesman. Ezzard transferred to Tech from Miami in 2019 after one season with the Hurricanes. He was part of coach Geoff Collins’ initial haul of transfers.

Dylan Deveney (TE)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Georgia Tech will be without tight end Dylan Deveney for the remainder of the season after undergoing season-ending surgery, coach Geoff Collins said Tuesday.

-“Great player in our program, has been battling some stuff and just wanted to go ahead and have the surgery and get him ready to come back next year at a high level,” Collins said.

Jordan Williams (RT)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Jordan Williams, Nick Pendley and Kenneth Kirby all either did not play in Tech’s most recent game (against Duke) or were hurt in it.

-left the game in the first quarter with an apparent knee injury,
Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Georgia Tech played against Virginia on Saturday with multiple offensive linemen out because of injury, most notably starting right tackle Jordan Williams.

-"(I) still don't know when they're going to be back." That referred to Williams and others who did not make the trip to Charlottesville, Va., or whose play was limited – guard Kenny Cooper, guard/tackle Nick Pendley and tackle Kenneth Kirby. (Cooper played a handful of snaps against the Cavaliers.)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-"He's starting to reach that potential that we've always talked about," Key said. "And now it's not really potential. It's turning it into a product on the field and that's why I've been really happy with him."

-"He's leaned himself up, he's strong," Key said. "I'm expecting a really good year out of him."

-Williams was a starter from the start of the 2020 season even as he had a lot to learn about the college game. Johnson, who had played 36 games for the Volunteers before coming to Tech as a grad transfer, proved a godsend as a teammate and mentor

Nick Pendley (OL)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

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Kenneth Kirby (OL)

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Ryan Johnson (RG)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Ryan Johnson played through an injury after minimal practice time during the week

-played RT following injury to Jordan Williams

Keion White (DL)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-transfer from ODU has missed first part of season with knee injury

-“We’re looking forward to him getting the green light,” Thacker said. “But just a physically imposing dude that we haven’t had the chance to break out yet that could be a difference maker for us. But excited to get him out there.”

Jude Kelley (K)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Georgia Tech kicker Jude Kelley was named ACC specialist of the week for his two successful onside kicks in the final two minutes of the Yellow Jackets’ 48-40 loss at Virginia on Saturday.

Kenny Cooper (G)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

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Djimon Brooks (DT)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Georgia Tech defensive tackle Djimon Brooks is one of 88 nominees for the Burlsworth Trophy, given annually to the most outstanding college football player who began his career as a walk-on.

-“He’s physical, he’s strong, he plays with good pad level, but his dominant trait is effort,” Thacker said.

Paula Vaipulu (OL)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Paula is going to be a really special player,” offensive coordinator Dave Patenaude said. “He just runs into people, and they fall down.”

-“Paula came off the block, and he hit the kid, and the kid literally got lifted off the ground,” Patenaude said.

-“So he’s super powerful and he’s athletic for a big guy,” Patenaude said of Vaipulu. “What you don’t have is experience. What the combination of having Minihan on one side and Devin on the other side of him (enables) is we say, ‘Hey, listen: What they tell you to do, you do.’”

-“Paula is a bull on the field, and I’m really proud of the player that he’s becoming and has become,” Johnson said.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

- Left guard Paula Vaipulu was unable to finish Saturday’s game against Boston College, and his status is uncertain

Adonicas Sanders (WR)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“His work ethic to get himself to that point has been amazing,” Patenaude said. “I’m super happy about his development and what he’s bringing to the team.”

Jamious Griffin (RB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Georgia Tech running back Jamious Griffin will redshirt this season, Griffin’s father, Tyrone Griffin, told the AJC on Wednesday.

-“He’s been an unbelievable teammate this entire season,” Collins said. “We’ve got a great running backfield, just the way they vibe together, they work together, they pull for each other, and Jamious is very integral in all of that.”

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Besides the first day of the early signing period and the announcement that running back Jamious Griffin will return to Georgia Tech out of the transfer portal, the Yellow Jackets roster had three additional updates Wednesday.

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Georgia Tech running back Jamious Griffin has returned to the transfer portal. After deciding to leave Tech in December only to withdraw his name from the portal less than two weeks later, Griffin put his name back in the database Monday, the AJC confirmed, making him the fourth Yellow Jackets player to do so since Friday.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Former Georgia Tech running back Jamious Griffin has committed to transfer to Oregon State.

Tobias Oliver (CB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Sims was one of several Tech regulars who were unavailable, along with defensive end Jared Ivey, cornerback Tobias Oliver, defensive back Wesley Walker and kicker Brent Cimaglia.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-The rare college football player who played three positions and special teams over the course of his career, Georgia Tech cornerback Tobias Oliver declared that he will forego his extra season of eligibility and pursue the NFL draft. Oliver made the announcement Friday on social media.

Wesley Walker (DB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Sims was one of several Tech regulars who were unavailable, along with defensive end Jared Ivey, cornerback Tobias Oliver, defensive back Wesley Walker and kicker Brent Cimaglia.

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Georgia Tech defensive back Wesley Walker is planning to enter the transfer portal, according to a report from Rivals on Saturday evening.

Khaya Wright (LB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Georgia Tech linebacker Khaya Wright entered his name in the transfer portal, a person with knowledge of the situation confirmed Wednesday. Wright, a member of the 2020

signing class, was in his second season with the Yellow Jackets and had played in eight career games.

Quez Jackson (LB)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-linebacker Quez Jackson was named second-team All-ACC.

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Georgia Tech linebacker Quez Jackson announced Saturday that he plans to enter the NFL draft.

Tony Amerson (RB)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-running back Tony Amerson has entered the transfer portal

Jamal Camp (OL)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-offensive lineman Jamal Camp has entered the transfer portal

Ja'Quon Griffin (DT) Georgia Tech --> Costal Carolina

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Four days after his brother announced his decision to enter the transfer portal, Georgia Tech defensive tackle Ja'Quon Griffin did the same. Griffin made his announcement Friday on social media that he will be seeking a transfer to finish his college career elsewhere.

Paul Tchio (OL) Clemson --> Georgia Tech

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Former 4-star recruit Paul Tchio transferring from Clemson to Georgia Tech

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Pierce Quick from Alabama and Paul Tchio (a Milton High grad) from Clemson, both of whom have three years of eligibility remaining.

Tre Swilling (CB)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Georgia Tech cornerback Tre Swilling will be moving on to make his bid to play in the NFL. A tweet Thursday from a pre-draft showcase game announcing his participation offered confirmation of his decision.

Pierce Quick (OL) Alabama --> Georgia Tech

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Former Alabama offensive lineman Pierce Quick announced Saturday that he is transferring to Georgia Tech.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Pierce Quick from Alabama and Paul Tchio (a Milton High grad) from Clemson, both of whom have three years of eligibility remaining.

Dontae Smith (RB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

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Kenyatta Watson (DB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“He’s got a huge upside,” Tillman said. “The kid is long, he can run, he’s physical, he loves ball, which is always the best thing, to have a kid that loves ball. So he’s doing well. I think he’s progressing well. I’m excited to see what the future holds for him.”

-Watson, who played six games last season as he fought injuries after transferring from Texas, has caught Tillman’s attention

Zamari Walton (CB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Cornerback Zamari Walton, the lone returning starter in the secondary, has taken a leadership role with the group.

-“He’s doing a phenomenal job,” Tillman said. “He’s vocal, he goes out and he practices the right way. He tries to use technique and fundamentals. He’s holding everybody accountable. If he sees something not going right, he confronts and demands that we get it the right way because that’s the only way we’re going to be successful.”

Jakiah Leftwich (OT)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“Jakiah’s still a young kid, but we’re expecting a lot of things out of him,” Key said. “(He) is doing a good job out there, learning every day.”

- Leftwich appeared in one as a freshman. Both are candidates to start.

Wing Green (OT)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

- Green didn’t play in any games as a second-year freshman last year, and Leftwich appeared in one as a freshman. Both are candidates to start.

Weston Franklin (C)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Weston Franklin played five games at center as a freshman, expected to start in 2022

Mike Lockhart (DT)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Citing “recent uncertainty in the program,” Georgia Tech defensive tackle Mike Lockhart has made his decision to enter the transfer portal.

Jared Ivey (DL) Georgia Tech → Mississippi

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Conversely, Ole Miss added Ivey, Pegues and TCU transfer Khari Coleman

Malachi Carter (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Malachi Carter had played four seasons for Georgia Tech and had the opportunity to turn professional. Having shown superior ability to win balls in the air, the strength to break tackles and the determination to block on the perimeter, he likely would have had the attention of NFL scouts.

-“The young guys definitely look to him as a leader,” Norris said. “I even look to him as a leader, and he’s always there for us. Like, even if he’s not practicing on the field, he’s doing signals, keeping us involved and just really giving us tips on what he sees on the field.”

Georgia

George Pickens (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Out with ACL injury suffered in spring

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“There’s a long term plan there, but I don’t disclose timelines on that kind of stuff,” Smart said. “Probably the week of the game we’d know more. We did a walk-through yesterday and he was able to do that, get signals, get calls. He’s done a tremendous job of working in recovery.”

-“You guys have seen him some, and he’s done some workout things in pregame warmups and stuff like that,” Smart said. “But he is not cleared yet.”

-Smart said he’s involved in talks with Courson and orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Andrews and Pickens’ parents.

-“It’s not something that we’re open to sharing,” Smart said. “We’re just very hopeful that he’s able to get back to 100 percent. That’s our concern.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Georgia is still playing without star receivers George Pickens (ACL) and Dominick Blaylock (knee, hamstring). There is a chance neither could return this year. But, Smart said, “we’re working to get those guys back.”

-Georgia has prepped with a scout team that now includes George Pickens and Dom Blaylock coming back from injury. Neither seems likely to return to game action this week.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“He’s still not completely cleared yet,” Smart said. “He’s got to his percentages on his knee, on his testing. He’s got jumps, he’s got cybex, he’s got about 15, 16 tests he does, and when he hits a certain percentage we think he’ll be able to get cleared. But we don’t know when that’s going to be. It’s a matter of the strength in there, and making sure he’s safe.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-The junior wide receiver, playing in his first game of the season, caught a short pass and took it 5 yards for his first catch of the season on his third snap in the game.

-“I’m just proud of the work that George has put in to get back,” Smart said. “We’ve known guys on the team who have had ACLs, it’s a mental injury as much as it is a physical injury. It’s taxing; it’s draining to sit there and watch all your friends go out and play in the spring, play in the spring game, play in the fall and you’re sitting there doing rehab all the time. George loves football, he’s always wanted to get back and have the opportunity to get out there.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Pickens ACL tear was a non-contact injury. His immediate thought was getting back to play in 2021.

-If Georgia wasn’t having a special season, if it didn’t have significant games ahead for Pickens to try to help get the Bulldogs a national championship, he said he would have had to think more about playing again for the Bulldogs. “It would have been a harder decision, but I’d probably had done the same decision,” Pickens said. “I kind of knew the team I was on was special. Coach (Kirby) Smart mentioned it many times. I kind of knew the squad was he was special.”

-“Kind of a wildcard...but George Pickens from Georgia who's had some injuries is really, really gifted,” said former NFL scout Daniel Jeremiah of the NFL Network. “To me I think -- I kind of thought he'd be more back end of 2, but we'll see how he goes through the spring because that guy, he can really go up and get the football. He just has that ability to play above the rim and he's a pretty crisp route runner for somebody who's 6'3". He's an interesting one

-“He was good to go,” Smith said. “Andrews was like ‘Unleash him. It’s time.’ He had a clean tear. Most of the time you have an ACL tear, other ligaments get torn and you have some meniscus damage. He didn’t have any of that, which is great.”

-Said Smart after Pickens returned this season: “He’s a joy to have out there because he’s like an energy ball. You never know what he’s going to do. He goes up and catches ball and competes and brings juice to practice like he always has.”

-Georgia wide receiver George Pickens (Hoover): 4.47-second 40-yard dash, 33-inch vertical jump and 10-foot, 5-inch broad jump. Pickens did not participate in the bench press, three-cone drill or shuttle run.

Kearis Jackson (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-coming off a knee scope this summer returned punts, did not play offense

-“He’s just not himself yet,” Smart said

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-is still limited to punt returns only.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“It was great to see him make a play one-on-one,” Georgia coach Kirby Smart said.

“Stetson gave him a hell of an opportunity — it was a great play call. It was something that we had worked on all week — thought we had a shot at. It’s just one of those that

pays off in terms of capitalizing on it. He's working really hard. He always works hard. He's a great leader. And very pleased with what Kearis does for this team."

"It's been a long four months," he said before the Oct. 16 Kentucky game. "The knee is going to be better than what it was with the little clean-up that they did."

"He's been hindered some," Smart said then. "He's practicing and we think he's going to be good to go but he's a little banged up. But Kearis is tough, he loves the game, he wants to get out there and if anything with Kearis, you have to hold him back because he'll go out there injured."

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Kearis Jackson, who battled a knee injury early in the season and entered the day tied for sixth on the team in catches, left the game in the first quarter with a ribcage injury

"I thought he was going to be able to go back," Smart said. "It's a little bit of a rib injury. don't know how different it is from the one he had from a while back. I asked him and he said it was pretty painful and didn't think he could go so held him out at that point."

Darnell Washington (TE)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-watched from the sideline in a walking boot after sustaining a foot injury in the preseason

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-is out of a walking boot with his ankle injury.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

"Darnell's was a little bit different," Smart said. "The quick twitch and the speed is not as critical to Darnell. He's able to play with power on a lot of plays. Tykee has to be able to run, cover, do all of those things. I thought he had nice practices last week. We were able to get him in some. He covered three or four kickoffs. He made a nice play on kickoff. Hopefully he's in better shape this week."

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

"The huge difference in our offense is the production we've been able to have in terms of explosive plays and use of tight ends who are talented," Smart said. "Let's be honest, insert Brock Bowers and insert Darnell Washington, you've increased the talent level at that position."

Arik Gilbert (TE)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-the LSU transfer Arik Gilbert remains away from the team with personal issues.

Date: 9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-remains away with personal issues.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

"Arik is not back," Smart said this week. "He's still continuing his journey and hopefully going to get back. We're communicating with him. Everyone's pulling for him. I don't know the answer to when or if he'll be back."

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Welcome back Arik Gilbert. The LSU transfer is working with the tight ends after being away from the team for personal reasons last season.

Nolan Smith (OLB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“We're just more athletic up there than we've been in the past. There's a lot of speed on the field. When we're playing the scout team and Travon and Adam are chasing plays down, they're fast and they can run.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Smart said he expected outside linebacker Nolan Smith to be able to play at Georgia Tech after being held out of contact in practice this week due to an elbow injury.

Adam Anderson (OLB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“We're just more athletic up there than we've been in the past. There's a lot of speed on the field. When we're playing the scout team and Travon and Adam are chasing plays down, they're fast and they can run.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-The attorney representing Adam Anderson is asking the Georgia Athletic Association to end the Bulldogs senior outside linebacker's team suspension and allow him to play for the nation's top-ranked team.

-Athens-Clarke County police are investigating a 21-year old female's accusation that Anderson raped her on the morning of Oct. 29 at an Athens residence, an allegation that Anderson is denying. No charges have been filed in a case that remains open.

-“We are aware of the report and we don't comment on law enforcement matters, but I've been clear about the high standards we have for our student-athletes on and off the field,” Smart said Thursday evening. “I will be working closely with our administration to ensure we cooperate fully with all law enforcement and campus protocols.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Anderson turned himself in on Wednesday night after being charged with felony rape for an alleged incident on Oct. 29 at an Athens residence.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-At a bond hearing for Georgia football linebacker Adam Anderson Wednesday on a rape charge in Athens from an incident last month, the account of a second female who alleges Anderson sexually assaulted her last year was presented to the judge in why he should not be released from jail.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-“Based on the information that we got from the school, they kind of suggested that it would be the day before but we still haven't gotten confirmation from them yet,” Clifton Addison, Anderson's agent, said Monday morning. “That's probably the direction that they're going.” Working on private workout apart from pro day

-Anderson, like several he played with on the Bulldogs' elite defense, was viewed at one time as a high-end draft prospect but he wasn't invited to the showcase event because he's facing a felony rape charge that ended his college career abruptly last season.

-“Teams before they'll make a decision really want to see the results of the case,” Addison said. “Obviously it would be ideal if it could get resolved before the draft, but I doubt that's going to be the situation.”

JT Daniels (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Game Captain versus Clemson

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Daniels, according to the report, is said to be facing an upper-body injury. No other specifics were given, other than that Daniels has missed some opportunities with the first-team offense that he would normally receive.

-247Sports' Dawgs247 site on Wednesday reported, citing sources, that "the injury isn't long-term but that Daniels is truly day to day."

-Daniels is said to be dealing with an apparent oblique injury that caused him to miss some practice reps this week.

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-"Today was really the first time he got to throw some balls down the field in warmups," Smart said. "We hope he continues to improve."

-"JT got better as the week went on," Smart said.

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-JT Daniels returned as starting quarterback vs UAB

-"JT played with a high level of confidence, believed in what our guys around him could do and he got the ball to our playmakers," Smart said.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Georgia's next game against Florida on Oct. 30 in Jacksonville will mark five weeks since quarterback JT Daniels last played in a game.

-Daniels was "pain-free," and is "increasing distance, getting out further and further, I think he got around 35-40 yards. ... We threw him, he got to throw, but we didn't practice. We did a walk-through, clean-up kind of deal. We'll know more today. He's hopefully going to get some quality reps and we'll see what kind of velocity he's got."

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-"I'm not sure we know who the better one is based on which game plan we have," Smart said. "There are teams we play that we have to be able to use the quarterback in the run game. Well, that's Stetson. There are teams we play that you have to get the ball out quickly and be really accurate. That's JT. But the first thing with JT is that he's got to be healthy."

-Smart said Daniels "did practice Wednesday and did pretty good and he did practice Thursday and did well in terms of didn't have pain before, during or after. That's what we're looking for. Is it bothering him today? No. Can you throw today? Es. Did you throw today? Yes. How is it feeling after? Not pain there. Again, we continue down that same path today to see how he feels. The good thing is he's got a good Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Really, almost four days once you count the last practice to this practice."

-"They both looked good and they are both doing a good job, so we'll go into Wednesday and see how the day goes," Smart said.

-He said Daniels has looked “really good. Especially last week in the off week and this week. The biggest thing is he didn’t practice for three weeks. Knocking the rust off and going out there and going against our defense and doing some third down things, competitive periods. It’s a matter of knocking that rust off.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Daniels, the Southern Cal transfer, wasn’t ready to displace Bennett Saturday after ramping up his practice work

-Daniels is available after being sidelined by a grade 1 lat strain, but Smart didn’t reveal if Bennett would remain the starter.

-“I think it’s important for both of them to continue to develop and make good decisions,” he said. “Part of playing quarterback is accuracy, decision-making, mobility. Those things are the critical factors. ...I’m pleased with where both of them are and I think both of them are doing a great job.”

-With Georgia ahead 33-3 and 11:04 to go in the third quarter, quarterback JT Daniels made his first appearance in six weeks since he was lifted in the first quarter of a rout at Vanderbilt.

-“I thought he had really good command of the offense when he went in,” Smart said. “He’s got great poise in the pocket.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Smart never says much about Georgia’s quarterback rotation. Then again, his actions do all the talking for him. They say, loud and clear, “Stetson Bennett is my quarterback!”

-“I haven’t talked to him about it, but health-wise he seemed fine,” Smart said. “He didn’t take any major hits.”

-Said Smart: “He understands our offense on, No. 1, knowing where to go with the ball, what plays to put us in, decision-making with the ball. He did a good job with those things. I think he did a really nice job with the reps he got.”

-“It gives you a lot of confidence in him when he’s over there making those and talking to Stetson when he comes off the field,” Smart said

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-“We have a decision to make every week at every position,” Smart said. “I certainly have a lot of confidence in Stetson and I have a lot of confidence in JT, too.”

Date: 12-27-21 through 1-2-22

-JT Daniels tested positive for COVID-19 last week, according to sources, and his status for the CFP game versus Michigan is uncertain.

James Cook (RB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Game Captain versus Clemson

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“He’s been more explosive on the back end of this year than I ever remember,” Smart said. “I think he’s a little fresher, he hasn’t taken the same load and we have not asked him to play on as many special teams this year. I think it’s helped him add a little juice in

terms of running the ball. He's not starting on punt, he's not starting on kickoff coverage, we're kind of exclusively using him to keep him fresh on offense."

Nakobe Dean (LB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Game Captain versus Clemson

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-On Monday, inside linebacker Nakobe Dean was named a semifinalist for the Butkus Award (top linebacker)

-also named semifinalist for the Bednarik Award (top defensive player)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-He didn't due to a strained pectoral sustained in training in Dallas while working on the bench press for the combine. Dean did go through linebacker drills Wednesday with Quay Walker and Channing Tindall who formed a playmaking trio for the Bulldogs in the middle of the defense.

Dominick Blaylock (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-going through pregame drills wearing that knee brace.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Georgia also has missed Dominick Blaylock (hamstring),

- (knee) running with strength and conditioning director Scott Sinclair in the end zone, a likely sign they aren't playing.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Justin Robinson is out with a hamstring injury as is Dominick Blaylock.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“They are always tricky, they're frustrating,” Smart said. “As a coach you just say, 'Tell me when he's ready. When is he going to be ready, Ron, when is he going to be ready?' It doesn't work that way. As long as he does what he can, he is strengthening the muscle. He's done everything we have asked. He's trying to get back, and he is much closer this week than he was last, but it's a patient process when it comes to hamstrings.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Georgia is still playing without star receivers George Pickens (ACL) and Dominick Blaylock (knee, hamstring). There is a chance neither could return this year. But, Smart said, “we're working to get those guys back.”

-“Dom repped last week with us on scout team,” Smart said Monday. “He came down and got work. It's not as easy as saying, 'Oh, Dom's back! Go in there!' ...It will be a boost to us to have Dom take some reps, limited reps, as a scout receiver because of the receiving corps we are facing to simulate it. Probably the biggest setback we've had all year is not having the scout team receivers that we normally have to test us, to train us, and to compete with us.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Dominick Blaylock saw special teams snaps initially including being back on a couple of line drive punts.

-He sustained a torn ACL in his left knee in the first quarter of the SEC championship game loss against LSU on Dec. 1, 2019. It came after a leaping third down catch over the middle. The same ACL was torn again in practice in a non-contact drill in August of 2020.

-“He’s very smart, he’s very intelligent, he was able to jump right into the gameplan,” Smart said. “We just want to give Dom some confidence, confidence to go out and play, catch the ball, get tackled and hit people, and do some of those things. Hopefully he can spin this into some momentum.”

-“He’s taking advantage of his opportunities,” coach Kirby Smart said in September that season. “Dom works every day so hard. He catches the balls thrown to him. He’s got a compact body type that’s hard to tackle. He’s a very savvy route runner and he’s got great hands.”

-“Just one of those things when you haven’t been back in increased volume, you have to be careful,” Smart said before the Vanderbilt game Sept. 25.

-Dominick Blaylock’s father is former NBA all-star Mookie Blaylock who spent 13 seasons in the league including with the Atlanta Hawks.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-but Dominick Blaylock (knee), Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (ankle) and Jermaine Burton (groin) are all back.

Tykee Smith (Nickel CB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-on the sideline in a walking boot pregame

-West Virginia Transfer

-“He’s been out there, every day, he’s getting mental reps, he’s picking things up,” Smart said. “He’s on his feet now, moving around. I’m excited about his improvement. Hopefully we get him back.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He’s been practicing, competing, but it’s just tough when you come back from that injury,” Smart said.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Hard-luck with injuries. He missed the first five games with a foot injury sustained in preseason, made 3 tackles in return at Auburn, mostly on special teams, and then suffered a torn ACL in practice the next week.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

- Tykee Smith had a brace on his surgically repaired knee after tearing an ACL last season. The West Virginia transfer DB is out for the spring.

David Daniel (DB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-freshman (hit by vehicle) running with strength and conditioning director Scott Sinclair in the end zone, a likely sign they aren't playing.

Julian Rochester (DT)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-(knee) running with strength and conditioning director Scott Sinclair in the end zone, a likely sign they aren't playing.

Tate Ratledge (OL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

- Out for Season, will undergo surgery for a lisfranc ligament injury, according to a source

-Redshirt Freshman started season opener versus Clemson at Right Guard

-"He's tough, he's got a physical presence, he's strong and does a great job in the weight room," coach Kirby Smart said then. "In the SEC, you've got to have a firm pocket and you've got to be able to move people. You're going to go against the best defensive lines every year in our conference and you've got to have some mass. You've got to have some guys who can sustain heavy rushers and we think Tate does a good job with that."

Carson Beck (QB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-"(Beck) has worked a lot there and taken a lot of snaps," Smart said.

-"Carson's been our No. 2 quarterback," Smart said. "He's worked with the twos, and he's worked a lot there and taken a lot of reps. Stetson still gets some reps from time to time. But he's got a lot of banked reps. So we ask him to do a lot of things mentally to be prepared and be ready to go."

- The main thing with Carson is that he's a football guy. He loves the process of being a quarterback and playing the position. All of the off-the-field stuff, he really embraces it. It's fun for him and it's not that way for every player. He takes pleasure in a lot of things he gets to do and the process of being a quarterback. That's been one of the reasons he's successful. As far as arm strength goes, he's probably the strongest they have. I think he's got a better arm than Daniels. He's got a quick release and is an underrated athlete. He's a better runner than he gets credit for. Everybody likes to label quarterbacks as pocket guys or dual threat, and I guess he leans more towards the pocket, but I think he's extremely gifted athletically. He could make a play with his feet that could surprise some people. He's got a big arm and he's got to make sure he doesn't bite off more than he can chew. (HS Coach)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-He (Smart) told them: "I have complete confidence in both of you guys. ... I am really confident in our quarterback room. Last year, we were not in this position. We are in a much better position right now."

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-"Carson is continuing to grow," Smart said. "He hasn't had as many reps as he had before when he was working with the 2s. Now his reps through either mental reps, walk-through reps or 3s reps which we get some in practice. I've been really pleased with both of them and to be honest I've got complete confidence in both of those guys as quarterbacks. I think they're really talented players."

Kelee Ringo (CB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“I thought the corners did good,” Smart said after the game. “We asked them to play some man. They played some man. I don’t think we found the ball well. We’ve got to get some confidence with our back to the ball. The two PIs on Kelee, I think he’ll get better. He’s a talented player.”

-“I’m excited to see him play because I think some people are going to go after him with the pass interference calls,” Smart said. “To be honest with you, he’s one of our best ball skill guys to go up and attack the ball. Hope he gets an opportunity to do that.”

Jake Camarda (P)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“He had some really big punts, and the ones that got downed he actually missed his field zone on a couple of those,” Smart said.

-Camarda, a finalist for the Ray Guy Award last year, averaged 43.4 yards per punt. He averaged 46.6 last year and 46.8 as a sophomore.

Stetson Bennett (QB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-was named game-time starter over Beck, in place of JT Daniels

-fifth-year Senior

-He (Smart) told them: “I have complete confidence in both of you guys. ... I am really confident in our quarterback room. Last year, we were not in this position. We are in a much better position right now.”

-If those numbers didn’t tell the story, Smart’s confidence in Bennett comes through when he says of Bennett: “He’s always had great composure, great athletic ability and a great understanding of the game. He’s a winner.”

- “We thought it would give us a calming effect, his experience and ability to play in games. He played really well and proud of the way he handled it.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He makes plays with his legs,” Smart said after the Auburn game. “He’s able to pull the ball on zone reads. He makes you defend the whole 53 yards. We’ve always felt like Stetson is a really good player. It’s not like anybody didn’t think he was good. He was playing well last year.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“I’m not sure we know who the better one is based on which game plan we have,” Smart said. “There are teams we play that we have to be able to use the quarterback in the run game. Well, that’s Stetson. There are teams we play that you have to get the ball out quickly and be really accurate. That’s JT. But the first thing with JT is that he’s got to be healthy.”

-“They both looked good and they are both doing a good job, so we’ll go into Wednesday and see how the day goes,” Smart said.

-Georgia footbais expected to stay with Stetson Bennett as starting quarterback Saturday against Florida, according to multiple reports. Matt Zenitz of On3.com was the first to report on the decision Friday night.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Bennett, the former walk-on and junior college player, was performing at such a high level in wins against Auburn and Kentucky that his performance didn’t call for a switch.

-“On offense, we did not play our best game and Stetson did not play his best game,” Smart said. “He did play well enough to win. He did do the things he had to do with his feet. Two really big plays in the game, I thought he made with his feet. He made some good throws too.”

-Coach Kirby Smart said Bennett’s mobility and ability to make plays with his feet is a “separator, but there’s things that JT is better at than Stetson. It’s one of the things that’s a factor. The mobility in a quarterback is critical. It’s not that JT is immobile. There’s nothing there that says, ‘Oh, JT.’ Stetson is very mobile. Stetson is able to make some plays with his feet. I thought there were I don’t know five or six plays in the game where his mobility was a factor when we had breakdowns. You’re going to have some on offense. When you have those, you’ve got to have somebody that can I guess get you out of a bad play and I don’t mean by way of check. I mean during the play. He does a good job of doing that.”

-“I think it’s important for both of them to continue to develop and make good decisions,” he said. “Part of playing quarterback is accuracy, decision-making, mobility. Those things are the critical factors. ...I’m pleased with where both of them are and I think both of them are doing a great job.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Smart never says much about Georgia’s quarterback rotation. Then again, his actions do all the talking for him. They say, loud and clear, “Stetson Bennett is my quarterback!

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-“I have the utmost confidence in Stetson Bennett,” Smart said after the game. “I think he did some really nice things tonight. We go and re-evaluate everything all the time. He played well. Tough environment we put him in defensively and we have to be able to run the ball and have a little bit of semblance of balance.”

-“We have a decision to make every week at every position,” Smart said. “I certainly have a lot of confidence in Stetson and I have a lot of confidence in JT, too.”

Ameer Speed (CB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

“If you want to be a good defense, you better be able to play man-to-man,” Smart said.

“It’s one of the No. 1 qualities. We had some shots tonight that guys got on top of us. We have to improve and grow and develop some younger players.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Backup cornerback Ameer Speed could return from an ankle injury against the Gators.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“We play a lot of guys,” Smart said when asked to assess the play at the Star position and playing other guys with Brini at the spot. “Poole has done a good job at practice. He’s practiced well and done a good job. We’re continuing to develop people across the board. I thought we played Kamari (Lassiter) and (Ameer) Speed. Dan played more at safety. (Javon) Bullard played at safety. David Daniel played at safety. Poole does a good job. We’ve got confidence in him.”

Adonai Mitchell (WR)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“I think AD is a special player,” offensive guard Warren Ericson said. “He had great concentration on that catch. Something good is going to happen for him when the ball is in his hands.”

-“He’s an extra effort, get after it, positive leader,” Smart said. “Those two plays were....humongous plays in the game.”

Jack Podlesny (K)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Pod is a great kicker,” Smart said. “It was great to get him back on track.”

Jordan Davis (DL)

Date: 10-7-21

-“Playing behind him is a linebacker’s fantasy,” inside linebacker Channing Tindall said. “He can almost eat up like two blockers by himself.”

-Said Senior Bowl Director Jim Nagy: “It’s one thing to find big guys that can run but he also is a really good point of attack player so he can fit any scheme because he’s got the leverage and power and explosion to be a really good, two-gap player if you wanted to play him that way. He has the initial quickness to be disruptive which is unique for a guy that size. You can play him in more of a one-gap scheme. ... I think everyone sees Jordan as a really good run downs player but where those guys make that jump and get drafted high in the first round or go in the first round period is when they prove they can stay on the field all three downs.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Jordan Davis as a semifinalist for the Bednarik Award (top defensive player)

Devonte Wyatt (DL)

Date: 10-7-21

-super senior who spent a season at junior college

-“He’s always had the initial quickness, but he’s just a more consistent player this year,” Nagy said. “He looks more powerful this year, moving better. He’s just an all-around better player.”

-“They get in and they’re hungry to get to the ball, get to the quarterback,” Nagy said. “Devonte, of all of the defensive linemen in this class that we’ve looked at, he’s made as big of a jump as anyone.”

Travon Walker (DL)

Date: 10-7-21

-“I think Tray does an incredible job of development,” Smart said. “That’s part of football, finding the right person to recruit and then being able to get them and then being able to develop them. That’s a key ingredient that Tray has done.”

Dan Jackson (S)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-walk on Safety

-“When you’re a walk-on, it’s a hard process, especially at a place like Georgia,” North Hall Coach David Bishop said. “Our conversations have always been, ‘Listen if this is what you’re going to do, I need you to give it all you’ve got for an entire year and then reevaluate.’ Every year for him it’s just been a year-to-year thing. To see him continually progress like I knew he would, and I tried to tell coaches, the kid is a late bloomer. The best football is in front of him.”

-“He runs a 4.5 all of sudden his freshman year,” Smart said. “Where did we get this guy from?”

-“He went from 16th to 8th in one semester,” Smart said. “And then he worked his way from 8th to 6th. And then he worked his way to fifth.”

-“He may seem laid back most of the time because he’s always smiling, but he knows when to flip the switch,” his father said. “He’s fiercely competitive when he takes the field.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Jackson missed the first two days of practice this week with a bone bruise in his knee. Jackson, the walk-on from Gainesville, earned his second start of the season last week.

Christopher Smith (S)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-was held out of contact in practice early this week due to a shoulder injury sustained at Auburn.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“The plan was to play him in our dime packages,” Smart said. “He was going to play. He practiced all week, but we didn’t get into dime situations so we ended up not having to play him in the game.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“They’ve (Smith & Cine) meshed,” Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. “They’ve communicated well. We’ve made some things simpler for them so that there’s not as much confusion there. I think limiting explosive plays in the run game, which is part of the secondary’s job, and the pass game is really critical in this game. You can’t give up explosives which we did last year. “

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Georgia was missing starting safety Christopher Smith who was in a walking boot and crutches on the sidelines after sustaining a bone bruise on a knee in practice at midweek.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-“His knee kind of buckled, really a non-contact injury, just knee buckled, and he was not cleared, not ready to go,” Smart said. “But we think he will be fine.”

-Smith has missed the last two with knee injury suffered in practice the week of the 11th game. “Hopeful he’s able to go today,” Smart said. “He did some running yesterday, and we’re hopeful to get him back. But again, until I see it in practice, I won’t know.”

Arian Smith (WR - Special Teamer)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Smart on special teams plays “Arian Smith made phenomenal plays, so I want to give Arian some credit.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-has missed the last five games. He’s dealing with a shin injury.

-“He was really borderline questionable before the game and ended up not using him,” Smart said. “His is just a pain tolerance.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-He said he hopes Arian Smith (leg contusion), Jermaine Burton (groin) and Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (ankle) will be “full speed,” today.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“Arian may be the fastest dude in the country,” quarterback Stetson Bennett said.

-returned to the lineup

-Smith missed five games in a row with a nasty lower-leg bruise before returning for spot duty against Florida. Saturday was the first time he was able to return to the receiver rotation.

-an NCAA sprint All-American from Georgia’s 4x100 meter relay team

-“With Arian we had a full week, we met on Monday and said ‘You’re getting the full quota, you gotta go,’” coach Kirby Smart said of the Missouri prep.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Georgia lost Arian Smith to the season with a leg injury, but Dominick Blaylock (knee), Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (ankle) and Jermaine Burton (groin) are all back.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Wide receiver Arian Smith was in a black non-contact jersey but was running routes on air and making catches after sustaining a broken leg last season. He hauled in a pass in the end zone from Carson Beck after the redshirt sophomore turned back to make the grab.

Kenny McIntosh (RB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Running back Kenny McIntosh is still sidelined with a hamstring injury.

Sedrick Van Pran-Granger (OL)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-has held down the starting center spot all season after Warren Ericson sustained a hand injury in the preseason.

Warren Ericson (IOL)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-sustained a hand injury in the preseason.

-Ericson then jumped in at right guard for Ratledge against Clemson and has started every game since.

Broderick Jones (LT)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

- has seen significant snaps at left tackle, but Jamaree Salyer has held down the starting spot there while seeing some time at guard.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Broderick did a nice job,” coach Kirby Smart said a few days later. “Broderick came in and that’s part of the reason we’ve been developing Broderick is that we think he’s a talented player. Jamaree has played really well at tackle for a long time in the SEC and we’ll put the best five out there that give us the best chance to win.”

-former 5 star recruit

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“I know we had a couple of comments on the headset from Matt about Broderick having a couple of missed assignments or lack-of-focus plays where he could’ve gotten up the field and helped a guy in the run game,” coach Kirby Smart said.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“He’s embraced his role,” Smart said this week. “He’s become more coachable. We used to tell him something, he got offended by it. Now he embraces it and says ‘I’ll work on that. I’ll continue to grow and get better.’ We want him to be more physical in the run game. We want him to work on getting stronger at the point of attack and getting movement. I want him to be more consistent in his assignments but that comes with experience. He’s getting that game by game.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Redshirt sophomore Broderick Jones will most likely take over the left tackle spot for former Bulldog Jamaree Salyer

Jamaree Salyer (OL)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-has held down the starting spot at LT there while seeing some time at guard.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Left tackle Jamaree Salyer will miss Saturday’s game against Missouri due to a foot injury, a source confirmed. He could also be out the following week against Tennessee, Dawgs247 reported. UGASports.com also reported on the injury.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Salyer’s return isn’t as clear but the Bulldogs senior left tackle is expected to play again this season.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Starting offensive left tackle Jamaree Salyer missed his fourth straight game with a foot injury.

-“We thought Jamaree was back and he had a little setback,” Smart said. “It wasn’t the same injury he had before, it was some scar tissue. But we’re hoping we’ll be able to get him back.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Salyer, a senior who started the first eight games of the season, hasn’t played in the last four due to a sprained foot. He was expected to play against Georgia Tech this past Saturday, but suffered “a little setback” in practice, according to coach Kirby Smart.

-“That was minor, but it was enough that he couldn’t play this past week,” Smart said at his Monday press conference. “I thought he was going to play against Georgia Tech. But once he had a setback it was a little tougher for him to. We’ll find out where he’s at. It’s really up to how he practices and what he does.”

Justin Shaffer (LG)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

- Left guard Justin Shaffer and right tackle Warren McClendon have also started every game.

Warren McClendon (RT)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

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Lewis Cine (S)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“They’ve (Smith & Cine) meshed,” Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. “They’ve communicated well. We’ve made some things simpler for them so that there’s not as much confusion there. I think limiting explosive plays in the run game, which is part of the secondary’s job, and the pass game is really critical in this game. You can’t give up explosives which we did last year.

Justin Robinson (WR)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Justin Robinson is out with a hamstring injury as is Dominick Blaylock.

Jermaine Burton (WR) Georgia → Alabama

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-He said he hopes Arian Smith (leg contusion), Jermaine Burton (groin) and Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (ankle) will be “full speed,” today.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

- The Bulldogs welcomed back Jermaine Burton, Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint and Arian Smith against the Tigers and the difference was evident.

-Burton has been battling hamstring and groin pulls.

-“Get your reps to be able to play. We said to Jermaine, ‘Hey you’re getting your full reps.’ Coming off of Florida, I feel like they were both healthy but they weren’t healthy for the full week of practice.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-but Dominick Blaylock (knee), Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (ankle) and Jermaine Burton (groin) are all back.

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-The Crimson Tide have added three transfers this offseason in cornerback Eli Ricks, running back Jahmyr Gibbs and wide receiver Jermaine Burton. They're among the most talented players who transferred this winter.

Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (WR)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-He said he hopes Arian Smith (leg contusion), Jermaine Burton (groin) and Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (ankle) will be "full speed," today.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-The Bulldogs welcomed back Jermaine Burton, Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint and Arian Smith against the Tigers and the difference was evident.

-Rosemy-Jacksaint has yet to fully recover from an ankle fracture/dislocation that occurred last season.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-but Dominick Blaylock (knee), Marcus Rosemy-Jacksaint (ankle) and Jermaine Burton (groin) are all back.

Brock Vandagriff (QB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Freshman QB

-“He’s simulated a lot of these guys that we’ve had,” Smart said. “He’s really athletic, makes throws on the run, very accurate. Competitive. He likes going against that defense each day. He doesn’t always have the best protection. We’re not hitting him either. He’s done a really good job.”

Xavier Truss (LG)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“Truss has done a good job,” Smart said. “Xavier has a lot of ability. Xavier’s biggest thing is can he carry it over and focus and concentrate to do the things he has to do and really play with a lot intensity. That’s one of the things. Dependability is the biggest thing with Xavier, the snap count, assignment. To his credit he hasn’t been at guard as long as our guards. Warren has kind of played in there since he got he. Xavier was moved in there and now he’s been in there for a while but he still hasn’t seen the twists and the action that Warren has.”

Brock Bowers (TE)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“The biggest thing with Brock's consistency is, number one, he's not just a role player,” Smart said. “He can block and plays with physical toughness. He's very intelligent. He takes notes. He comes in early and watches his tape. When you have dependability and talent mixed together, it's usually what you get, and you have a guy who has put up the numbers he did.”

-“The game just moves so slow for him,” Bennett said. “As a freshman, that’s impressive to see. It’s easy to trust somebody like that where you know where he’s going to be and how he’s going to run his routes. And then obviously he’s a freak athlete, just took that ball and ran with it 77 yards. That was pretty cool to watch.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-OC Monken called the 6-foot-4, 230-pound Bowers “the consummate F.” In football jargon, that means an offset fullback. But in Bowers’ case, think “F” for “flex.” Or maybe “freak.”

-“You could hand the ball to him if you wanted to,” said Monken, who has done that three times for 55 yards and a 24-yard touchdown. “In high school, he played some fullback in terms of route running. He’s a diligent worker. He’ll work himself into the ground how hard he works and runs and competes.”

-“The huge difference in our offense is the production we’ve been able to have in terms of explosive plays and use of tight ends who are talented,” Smart said. “Let’s be honest, insert Brock Bowers and insert Darnell Washington, you’ve increased the talent level at that position.”

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Georgia football star tight end Brock Bowers has a new two-year name, image and likeness deal with a financial institution in the state.

Latavious Brini (DB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“We play a lot of guys,” Smart said when asked to assess the play at the Star position and playing other guys with Brini at the spot. “Poole has done a good job at practice. He’s practiced well and done a good job. We’re continuing to develop people across the board. I thought we played Kamari (Lassiter) and (Ameer) Speed. Dan played more at safety. (Javon) Bullard played at safety. David Daniel played at safety. Poole does a good job. We’ve got confidence in him.”

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Derion Kendrick (DB) Clemson → Georgia

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-senior transfer from Clemson

-“Both have good size, both have good bulk,” Georgia coach Kirby Smart said. “That’s helped us in terms of holding the point tackling. So much of football now is played on the perimeter. And that’s where I think we’ve been able to hold up nicely in terms of point of attack blocks and putting hands on people because they’re both 200-pound kids and they both have good length. ...I’ve really been impressed with DK’s maturity in terms of leadership in that DB room. He’s played in a lot of big games. He provides a lot of confidence for the other guys.”

EJ Lightsey (LB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-EJ Lightsey, a linebacker from Fitzgerald, Georgia who signed with UGA football earlier this month, was hospitalized Monday night. Lightsey was one of two individuals injured by gunfire in Fitzgerald Monday. The linebacker was transferred by ambulance to Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital in Albany with non-life-threatening injuries, Fitzgerald police told the AJC.

-“We felt very strong about him,” Georgia coach Kirby Smart said of Lightsey on Signing Day. “He ran very well at our camp and we put a lot of value on camp evaluations because it’s the only thing we see with our eyes. Once the character checks out, the academics check out and play tape checks out, everything goes to the camp. This guy did a great job at our camp and was not afraid of work.”

Logan Johnson (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Logan Johnson planted his foot in the ground during a dig route Saturday like he'd done thousands of times, but on this rep he heard a pop and felt immediate pain.

-The UGA football walk-on and former Prince Avenue Christian wide receiver tore the ACL and meniscus in his knee during the Bulldogs' third spring practice his father, Ivy Johnson, confirmed to the Athens Banner-Herald on Sunday.

-“He took pride in scout team every day and he called me every day excited about how much he was helping the team,” Ivy Johnson said. “He was all about that team, and as a parent it was really exciting to me to hear his encouragement to be a part of something, because that was a special team.”

Jamon “Pop” Dumas-Johnson (LB)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Sophomore linebacker Jamon “Pop” Dumas-Johnson was getting reps with the first team Tuesday at inside linebacker. Dumas-Johnson missed his senior season due to COVID and played a minimal role in the 2021 season. He’ll need to make a big leap to take over Dean’s role from last year.

-“Pop’s done a good job. He’s getting an opportunity. That’s the biggest thing I would say,” head coach Kirby Smart said. “He’s trying to take on a leadership role. There’s a real big void.”

CJ Smith (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-The Bulldogs are dealing with multiple injuries with their pass catchers, like freshman C.J. Smith who is dealing with a meniscus injury

Andrew Paul (RB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Dell knew the kid and the family,” Smart said. “He’s a 210-pound back, and he’s got a great demeanor about him. He loves working out in the weight room, just tremendous background checks where he’s played, and the people he’s played for have a lot of amount of respect for him. ... We think he’s a really good football player with great academics.”

Branson Robinson (RB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-The 5-foot-10, 220-pound Robinson rushed for 545 yards while limited to four games as a senior due to an ankle injury. He’s a “strong, physical downhill rusher,” according to Scott Brown, his high school coach.

Randon Jernigan (WR)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-This figures to be a busy week for Randon Jernigan, a senior outfielder for the Georgia baseball team who recently joined the Bulldogs football team as a wide receiver.

-“I think he’ll probably surprise some people,” said Rocky Hidalgo, who coached Jernigan in football at the Brunswick school. “He’s one of the best players I’ve coached in 26 years of high school football. He can play the game. I always thought he was a better football player than baseball player.”

-“He’s always been a playmaker with the ball in his hands,” Hidalgo said. “The game has evolved. If you look at the NFL and college football, those quick, speedy slots have played a bigger and bigger role in the last decade for sure. I think he’s one of those guys that can take the football on a 3-yard catch and turn it into an 80-yard play.”

Luke Bennett (WR)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-His younger brother, Luke, committed to UGA as a preferred walk-on Thursday morning.

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-The 5-foot-11, 180-pound wide receiver from Blackshear had interest from Florida State as a PWO and received a Division 1 offer from New Hampshire, which plays in FCS.

Mississippi State

Will Rodgers (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“As bad as he played at times, he didn’t really flinch or give in,” Leach said of Rogers. “The composure to do that, I thought, was very good.”

-“He relaxed,” Leach said of Rogers in the fourth quarter. “He quit pressing. He quit trying to force things.”

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“He took a step” said Mike Leach

-“I just think sometimes we get conservative on the underneath stuff,” Bulldogs coach Mike Leach said after a 31-29 loss to Memphis. “There’s times you’ve got to challenge the defense a little more.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Rogers suffered a sprained AC joint in his throwing shoulder against Alabama, a result of getting sacked seven times.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Rogers earned the SEC co-offensive player of the week award

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Rogers was also chosen as one of the Manning Award Stars of the week, as well as the National Offensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Football Foundation and Athlon Sports.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“They both can do some things,” said Leach. “Robinson is big and has a lot of range, but he’s got to pull the trigger and make plays. Mosley is real quick out of his cuts and just a genuinely fast guy. We’ve got to continue developing their ball skills and route running and stuff like that.”

Malik Heath (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Malik will definitely be back this week,” Leach said. “Malik had to attend to some personal issues, so we’re really excited to have him back, and he’s excited to be here.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“Although it seems they’ve played keep-away with that position a little bit this year, he’s currently our starting X,” Leach said.

-“He’s put together two really good weeks in a row,” Leach said after Saturday’s 55-10 win.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Mississippi State football wide receiver Malik Heath was involved in a car accident Thursday and is receiving medical treatment, according to a team spokesperson.

-The crash is still under investigation, Beckom said, but “at this point, there’s no reason for us to even suspect” alcohol or drugs playing a factor in the crash.

-A trooper at the scene described Heath’s injuries as “suspected serious.”

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

- Malik Heath, the Mississippi State football wide receiver who was involved in a serious car accident Thursday, will be released from the hospital in Memphis on Monday.

-Heath, a 21-year-old from Jackson, was airlifted to a Memphis hospital, where he underwent surgery late Thursday night.

De’Monte Russell (DL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Shortly later, Leach added: “Yeah, De’Monte Russell’s here. And yeah, he’ll be back.”

-Russell didn’t play last season due to injury, but he was at the bowl game wearing street clothes. He is expected to be in the rotation this year at defensive end, listed behind Randy Charlton on the depth chart.

Kwatrivous “Dollar Bill” Johnson (OL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Also Monday, Johnson was arrested by the Oktibbeha County Sheriff’s Office on charges of “malicious mischief,” a form of vandalism. The offense is classified as a misdemeanor by Mississippi code, meaning the value of the property damage is \$1,000 or less. It carries a fine of up to \$1,000 or up to 12 months in jail.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-The malicious mischief charge brought against Mississippi State football offensive lineman Kwatrivous Johnson in September has been dismissed, the Oktibbeha County Justice Court clerk told The Clarion Ledger.

-However, he didn’t play in the Bulldogs’ 31-17 win against then-No. 12 Kentucky on Saturday and wasn’t seen warming up prior to kickoff.

-Cole Smith started over Johnson against KU

Jamire Calvin (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“He has a lot of positive enthusiasm,” Leach said. “As far as body language, he’s very much on the next play. He really does a good job of reinforcing that. I think he does a good job of being even-keeled as far as how he plays. Some of it is experience. He is more experienced than any of those guys out there; most of them, anyway. Maybe all of them. It starts to build the kind of stability that we need.”

Rara Thomas (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“He’s kind of a big target. He’s got good range to him. He’s quick coming out of his cuts. I mean, real quick coming out of his cuts,” Leach said. “I think the biggest thing for guys that play or do something good when they’re young is that he wasn’t afraid to be out there. He just went out there and did what he’s been doing for a long time. ... He does it

decisively and doesn't tiptoe through it. He expects to make a play when the ball comes in his direction. I think he's going to be really good."

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Wide receiver Rara Thomas earned the freshman of the week award

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“I think he’s going to be a really good player,” Leach said

-Leach praised Thomas’ performance, calling him the Bulldogs’ starting X receiver in a group of players who have “played keep-away” with the job this season.

-picked up football late

-That was the moment I said, ‘Hey, that guy is the real damn deal right there,’ ” Eufaula coach Ed Rigby recalled. “He might be a Sunday player.

-“You literally could throw it up, and he would go find it and track it and get it,” Rigby said. “He goes up, and it’s like frozen. He’s frozen up there, getting the ball. And then boom, back down and action happens again.”

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“All three of those guys are doing well,” Spurrier said. “All three of those guys are competitive.”

Drake Thomas, Isaiah Moore, and Payton Wilson (Linebackers)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“For me, a former defensive guy, I'm looking at Drake Thomas, Isaiah Moore, and Payton Wilson," Golic said. "The three linebackers for North Carolina State are absolute studs. This could be the best linebacking trio in the country — in the country. And going up against this Mike Leach offense is always going to be fun to watch."

Jo’quavious “Woody” Marks (RB)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“He packed on some pounds. Woody last year was a little more of the flashier, kind of slasher, little more dynamic. But now he can run through some people,” running back coach Eric Mele said. “Woody looked like he got stung by a bee a little bit, kind of swoled up.”

-“He’s gifted at catching the ball, and he’s good at running it after the catch, and he’s thick enough he can run through you and quick enough to make you miss,” said NC State coach Dave Doeren. “He’s definitely a guy that probably gets under the radar because of how much they throw it.”

-“He feels fully comfortable this year,” Lester said. “I think everybody is going to see an even better version of him, because he didn’t really get to display as much as he could last season.”

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“It’s getting to the point where if you ask who the best running back is, I can’t even tell you,” Leach said. “It’s either him or Woody. I just don’t know which it is. Woody had a better game last week, and he didn’t play badly this week, either. The ball finds you at certain times.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“I thought Woody especially emerged the second half,” Leach said. “He had a really good second half. I have him as kind of similar to everybody else the first half.”

Albert Reese IV (OL)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-At just 17, Reese packed up his life, left his home country and moved to Florida. A year and a half later, his bet on himself has paid off.

-On his first day of practice as a high school freshman, Reese was placed at defensive tackle. By the end of the week, coaches noticed his advanced feel for the game and put him at offensive tackle instead.

-In just a few months with the Bulldogs, Reese certainly has plenty to talk about. While the freshman’s favorite position is left tackle, he’s practiced at every spot on the offensive line but center. Reese is currently listed as Mississippi State’s backup right tackle, but it’s something he was ready for.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“He kind of closed in on guys at the end of last year,” Leach said. “You could make the argument that maybe should have been in there last year. It would be a close call I think, but he certainly gained a lot of ground on the starting five. I can definitely see him being one of those guys if he keeps improving.”

Dillion Johnson (RB)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“I didn't think he played as well as he's capable of last week,” coach Mike Leach said. “I find Dillon to be a little bit more of a surprise to others that aren't watching the film and the practices every day because he's really been doing some great things since the start of camp.”

-In the days following Mississippi State football’s season-opening win against Louisiana Tech, running back Dillon Johnson found himself in a rut. When he thinks back, he admits his confidence wavered, his mind idling on the miscues from his first game, a fumble chief among them.

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Austin Williams (WR-Slot)

Date: 9-16-21 though 9-20-21

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Makai Polk (WR-Outside)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“He can play in any offense,” outside receivers coach Steve Spurrier Jr. said this week. “He’s got good savvy; he’s got good knowledge of the game. He’s got good hands. He’s got experience; he’s played the game. You can’t beat that. You can’t replicate that in whatever you do.”

Charles Cross (LT)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-named the co-offensive lineman of the week.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“We put him in a position to play early to begin with,” Leach said of Cross. “He’s got really good feet which allowed him when he was smaller to center guys up and square up guys. Now, he has gotten bigger. He was able to play as a freshman, so I think that logging those reps and experience has helped him quite a lot.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-On Monday, Cross won the Kent Hull Trophy, awarded every year since 2013 to honor “the unsung heroes of a team that toil in obscurity of the line.”

-Mississippi State left tackle Charles Cross is one of the top offensive line prospects in the 2021 NFL draft. Bulldogs offensive line coach Mason Miller said the redshirt sophomore from Laurel has no idea, though. “He didn’t even know, and that’s how he is,” Miller said.

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-In what comes as little surprise, Mississippi State football left tackle Charles Cross announced his intention to forgo the remainder of his eligibility to enter the 2022 NFL Draft.

-Leach said last week that “it’s the most bizarre thing in the world to me” when players opt out of bowl games. “It’s one of the biggest absurdities that I’ve seen, and it’s selfish, too,” Leach said.

Brandon Ruiz (K)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“It seems like that’s an ongoing situation, to be completely honest with you,” Brock said. “I think he’s close for field goals, and then it’s just going to play out depending on how the next few days go for the other aspects. But I’m going to be honest, it’s really kind of a day-by-day situation, kick-by-kick situation.”

-Ruiz took kickoffs and field goals against Alabama, but he was only on field goal duty against Vanderbilt, with Tucker Day and Scott Goodman pairing on kickoffs.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“There’s an open tryout on our campus for kickers,” Leach said. “Anybody who wants to walk on and kick at Mississippi State, we’ll hold a tryout anytime you can get over there to our building providing you’re cleared by the NCAA.”

-Ruiz was replaced by McCord on a PAT early in the fourth quarter.

-Ruiz, who has dealt with an injury this season, missed a 23-yarder in the second quarter.

-Mississippi State football will start kicker Nolan McCord against Auburn on Saturday after Brandon Ruiz didn't make the trip with the team, a team spokesperson said. Ruiz remains on the roster.

LaQuinston Sharp (C)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Sharp did not allow a single pressure and was named the conference's offensive lineman of the week.

Martin Emerson (CB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-was called for targeting and ejected early in the first quarter of Saturday's game against No. 12 Kentucky.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Cornerback Martin Emerson declared for the 2022 NFL draft, forgoing his senior season for the Bulldogs. The move comes as little surprise, considering the 6-foot-2 junior's standout campaign. Emerson was named a third-team All-SEC selection from Pro Football Focus.

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Cornerback Martin Emerson has opted out for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl on Tuesday (5:45 p.m., ESPN), coach Mike Leach said shortly after the Bulldogs arrived Saturday.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Defensive coordinator Zach Arnett was in attendance for what he called a "phenomenal" workout by cornerback Martin Emerson at Mississippi State's pro day on March 22.

Fred Peters (S)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-missed Kentucky game

Shawn Preston (S)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-recorded interception in place of Peters versus Kentucky

Decamerion Richardson (CB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-replaced Emerson following targeting ejection

-"Thought he played good," Leach said. "I think some of the depth, new faces in the secondary were pleasant surprises."

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Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“If you’re not right mentally, your form’s not going to be very good,” Leach said. “If your form’s good, then the ball doesn’t have any choice but to go through.”

Cole Smith (OG)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

- The win over the KU Wildcats marked the first start for Cole Smith at right guard in place of Kwatrivous “Dollar Bill” Johnson.

Aaron Brule (LB)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

- Mississippi State football linebacker Aaron Brule, who recorded eight tackles for loss this season, entered the transfer portal Thursday. Brule will be available as a graduate transfer.

Janari Dean (S)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

- Mississippi State football safety Janari Dean has entered the transfer portal after seeing limited time in nine games this season.

Percy Lewis (OT)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-“He’s worked really hard. He’s lost quite a bit of weight, which he needed to do” Leach said. “He’s got naturally good feet. If somebody comes right at him, he just flat out stops them. He’s still kind of getting the scheme of things, so there’s some growing pains there, but of what I have to say about him is all positive.”

-“I know that one of his strengths is that he doesn’t have any huge weaknesses,” Leach said. “He’s just got to keep enhancing himself overall and just tune in and acclimate himself with the receivers around him so he can bring out the best in those guys.”

Justin Mosley (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

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Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Marcus Banks (DB) Alabama → Mississippi State

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“He don’t need to be Martin Emerson; he just needs to just be the best Banks he can be, run around and play football, and we’ll be fine,” Arnett said.

-“You see why he was a highly recruited guy out of high school,” Arnett said. “You see why he went to Alabama.”

Jackie Matthews (DB)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-West Virginia transfer defensive back Jackie Matthews had all looked as expected so early into spring camp.

-“Obviously, he’s played some corner, so it would not be foreign to him if he got thrown out there a little bit,” Arnett said.

Lideatrick Griffin (WR)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

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Caleb Ducking (WR)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“If you look at the history of Caleb, he’s never really been put in a position where he’s been told he needs to catch 15, 20 balls in a season,” Spurrier said. “I think he’s been here long enough. He’s worked hard enough. He knows the standard and expectation of this offense and that position. I think he’ll be ready for a good year this year.”

Mississippi

Snoop Connor (RB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“Well, he ran physical like always. I think that they played better early against the run up front and like a lot of people in our system, they wear down a little bit and they lost the linebacker earlier and I think that kind of -- I think they just kind of wore down and you saw some tackles being broken late.” -Lane Kiffin

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Snoop is Snoop. He always runs through guys. I thought those guys really ran physical

Dontario Drummond (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“You never know when you play in these systems and they go to take away people, and we got a lot of soft coverage outside and really deep, which statistically you wouldn't think that would be case, but they stayed deep and didn't let us get behind them, and that takes away your outside receivers a little more. He's our slot, like Elijah was a year ago. So he ended up getting a lot more catches and a lot more opportunities. So 9, 177, with one coming back, it was a really cool day by him.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Drummond did start in the game (Auburn) but was forced to sit out for the majority of the second half with a hamstring injury.

Tysheem Johnson (LB)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-The true freshman from Philadelphia excelled in his debut in an Ole Miss uniform. Johnson tied for first with the most tackles on the team. He had no problem disrupting the fast offense, and will be important to watch.

Caden Costa (K)

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-The freshman kicker shined in his debut and brought hope back into the hearts of everyone who has lost faith in the kicking team. Costa had three field goals, the most by a Rebel kicker since 2018. He also hit a 47-yarder, which is the longest by an Ole Miss kicker since 2017.

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-When you're at the end of a game or the end of a half, outside of it getting returned or blocked, the risk is different. That stretches it. But that's about where we would've been in general with him. I thought it went in. Obviously it didn't, but it sure looked like it from where I was at. It had the distance, which is pretty special for a young kid.

Matt Corral (QB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“I've been pretty positive as you know about him but also trying to keep him from all the rat poison. I kind of expected that he would play like this just because he's off-the-charts talented. Like I've said before, he's a top-10 pick. But now he's got the work ethic and he's putting in the preparation.” said Lane Kiffin

-We had a moment last week where in the game we were up by a bunch and he came over and he was mad we were audibling the play. The receiver didn't hit the play and he was mad at us. That's pretty cool when you hit that step, you're that into the game when you're up 30 or 40 points and you get on the head coach about audibling. You're at an elite level at that point.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Kiffin said he's hopeful Corral will play but he doesn't "feel good about that right now.”

-Matt Corral, suffered an ankle injury against the Vols on Saturday night. Corral ended up returning to finish the game, and in the post-game press conference told media members that he felt fine, and the ankle injury was just a stinger. However, on Monday, Lane Kiffin mentioned that he was unsure about Corral playing on Saturday.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“I just get frustrated for Matt,” Kiffin said Monday. “He’s got all these pieces moving and you think you’ve got guys and then all of the sudden they get injured. I know what he could do with those main guys. He doesn’t want to talk about the Heisman. Just know this: If you put on the tape and see what he deals with and how he has to move around and make plays versus some other people who just stand back there for 10 seconds and it’s wide open. His job’s a lot harder.”

-“I don’t know enough to speak on what’s out there because I don’t get to watch it enough,” Kiffin said. “I just know he plays really well, very competitive. Arm strength there are no questions and you can see him under center a few times as well doing pro-style stuff. I would think he’s going to be a very high pick.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-tweaked left foot/ankle versus Auburn, but returned to the game

-“I thought the way he came off, it was really bad,” Ole Miss head coach Lane Kiffin said when asked about Corral’s injury. “You know, like broken. I was kind of surprised that he’d come back, especially to come back and have some type of movement skill.”

-“I couldn’t feel my ankle, heard a pop, and honest to God didn’t know what it was,” Corral said about his injury and how he came back so quickly. “I couldn’t feel it for five minutes and got an x-ray. I told them if nothing was broken, I’m going back in.”

-Very courageous by Matt to come back out, limping around there. Very unlike him on the interception. It’s first and 10. We have some momentum. It’s just really a play he had not made since last year like that. He’s human. He made one. It’s unfortunate.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Kiffin on performance vs Liberty, “It says we have a very elite quarterback that did not practice the entire week until yesterday he did a few things. That’s not easy to do and still be accurate with the ball.”

-I talked to him late in the week. There’s a lot of quarterbacks that wouldn’t play nowadays with everybody in their ear saying they’re already a first-round pick. Don’t get injured worse. You don’t have to play in this game. That’s kind of the age we’re in, most of the kids don’t play. The fact that he didn’t even question that, that ‘I’m not letting this team down, I’m playing no matter what’ says a lot about him.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“Matt had the offense over before I got there and he was basically doing what I wanted to do and ripping them from up and down,” Kiffin said. “That’s pretty cool when a player takes over doing what he knows you were probably going to say.”

-Kiffin on Corral, “A ton. I think that I get a lot of credit for coming in here and what’s happened and the change and the wins and losses and all that stuff compared to where it was before. I would argue that he deserves more credit than me for that. This guy is there when I’m not even in there during summer workouts when we can’t even be there and 6 a.m.’s and stuff like that. I think he’s had a lot to do with changing the mindset of the people around here. I think we’ve helped him with that. I think he kind of has taken over for us.

-On potential bowl game while being a high draft prospect at QB, "Yeah, if I'm healthy, I'm going to play," Corral said.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Ole Miss quarterback Matt Corral won the 2021 Conerly Trophy on Tuesday night, given to the best college football player in Mississippi each year.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Former Ole Miss football quarterback Matt Corral will not throw during the NFL Combine and will wait for his March 23 Pro Day per NFL Network's Tom Pelissero.

-Corral is still recovering from an ankle sprain suffered in the Rebels Sugar Bowl loss to Baylor. He resumed to light throwing two weeks ago and should be a full go for his Pro Day.

-Pelissero reported that Corral's rehab is ahead of schedule, but not enough to participate this week. Corral is expected to be a first-round pick at the NFL Draft in April.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-McShay wrote that "suddenness" is Corral's best attribute. He raved about Corral's urgency, quick footwork and lightning-fast release. The analogy McShay used was that Corral plays quarterback like an NBA point guard.

-The consensus big takeaway from Corral's workout is it looked like his ankle healed properly. ESPN's Todd McShay wrote Corral looked comfortable and capable moving on both ankles. NFL.com's Nick Shook said Corral looked "comfortable and confident" and moved "with ease."

-The big highlight of any quarterback's pro day is how he handles throwing the deep ball. Corral didn't make the type of "wow" throws that former Liberty quarterback and projected first-round pick Malik Willis made at his pro day. But he did showcase an ability to launch the ball when needed and McShay wrote he came away impressed with how much velocity Corral generated.

Jerrion Ealy (RB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

- thought he did play very well. A lot of yards after contact. He's a speed back so that's not always necessarily the case. He ran physical.

Luke Altmyer (QB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-a four-star signee from Starkville High School. Altmyer is 0-for-4 passing this year but Kiffin said he's pleased with the freshman's development, especially after missing time during fall camp with an injury.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Give credit to freshman backup Luke Altmyer for the way he held his own in Corral's absence. Altmyer was 5-for-5 for 18 yards and scrambled once for 18 yards. It's the best he's looked in limited exposure.

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Sophomore Luke Altmyer and USC transfer Jaxson Dart are the favorites to replace Matt Corral in Ole Miss' quarterback room. Realistically, there's little chance Kiffin announces a starting quarterback this spring. That's not his style.

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Braylon Sanders (WR)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

Ole Miss played LSU without receivers Braylon Sanders and Jonathan Mingo, tight end Chase Rogers and guard Ben Brown.

- Wide receiver Braylon Sanders missed last weekend with an apparent hamstring injury, and it is still unclear whether he will get any action this weekend in Auburn.

Jonathan Mingo (WR)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- Ole Miss played LSU without receivers Braylon Sanders and Jonathan Mingo, tight end Chase Rogers and guard Ben Brown.

- Star wide receiver Jonathan Mingo will likely not return this season

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

- Kiffin on Mingo, "We did not know. He had done a few things. It was a warm-up based thing. We tried to play him every other series early. Then he just didn't feel like going in the second half. It was kind of a good warm-up because obviously we're going to need him next week."

Chase Rogers (TE)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

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- Tight end Chase Rogers has all signs pointing to him missing another week with an injury.

Ben Brown (G)

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- Senior offensive lineman Ben Brown announced on Instagram Tuesday that he is out for the season with a torn bicep that requires surgery.

Miles Battle (WR/DB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- "We needed to make that obviously with not having Mingo and Braylon a week ago," Kiffin said. "He came over, gave us some good stuff, caught a big pass in the game. It was an easier transition than normal because he played there before."

- Junior Miles Battle moved to wide receiver before the Rebels' 31-17 win over LSU.

- "We're still very banged up at that position so there's a chance he'll play both ways this week," Kiffin said.

Chance Campbell (LB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

- Linebacker Chance Campbell was awarded the SEC defensive player of the week after recording 10 tackles, a forced fumble and a sack against LSU.

Luke Knox (LB - TE)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- The Rebels moved Luke Knox from outside linebacker to tight end. He's played in four games without a catch.

Jamar Richardson (DB - WR)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- They moved Jamar Richardson from defensive back to receiver. He plays special teams.

Sam Williams (DL)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

- "I think it shows what an elite player he is because we're in a three man rush," Kiffin said about Williams' new Ole Miss sack record. "That to me shows how special Sam is if you set the record with three regular season games left to go and you're in three man rush. It says a lot."

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- "That alone shows me how special Sam is. If you set the school record with three regular season games to go and you're in a three-man rush, it says a lot."

AJ Finley (DB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

- Kiffin said, "He was hurt early in the year. I think the second or third game he was struggling with an ankle and you could tell that out there. He's healthy out there and playing better and in general we're playing better on defense. Our secondary, our safeties are playing better and not giving up as many explosive plays."

Ashanti Cistrunk (LB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“That was huge. We were down some guys today. For him to step up like that, we're really having to play a backer instead of playing another DB like we normally do. That was really big,” Kiffin said.

Mark Robinson (LB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Ole Miss linebacker Mark Robinson was ejected for targeting in the fourth quarter against Mississippi State on Thursday, Nov. 25.

-Because the targeting ejection occurred in the second half, Robinson will also miss the first half of the Ole Miss' bowl game.

Ladarius Tennison (DB) Auburn → Mississippi

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-The former Auburn defensive back, who entered the transfer portal on Nov. 30, announced Wednesday that he has committed to Ole Miss.

DaMarcus “D.J.” Thomas (TE) Mississippi → South Alabama

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-South Alabama has landed its first Division I transfer of the 2021-22 recruiting cycle, as former Ole Miss tight end DaMarcus “D.J.” Thomas announced Sunday he is headed to Mobile.

Zach Evans (RB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-Transfer from TCU

-In a Nutshell: Evans is lightning in a 212lb bottle. He possesses elite speed, which allows him to beat linebackers to the edge and defensive backs in the open field. Evans has also flashed impressive hands out of the backfield and should be able to fill the pass catching role left by Jerrion Ealy. The TCU transfer also displays terrific contact balance, which forces tacklers to hit him with near perfect accuracy.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-he said he's impressed with how running backs Zach Evans and Ulysses Bentley have taken control of the room as replacements for Ole Miss losing its top three running backs.

Tywone Malone (DT)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Tywone Malone, a freshman defensive tackle and first baseman playing two sports at Ole Miss, crushed a 404-foot home run to trigger the mercy rule and give Ole Miss baseball (6-0) a 14-3 win over VCU on Sunday

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- Dart said he's really focused on shoring up his footwork. He's becoming more comfortable with Kiffin's scheme and learning the playbook experientially in practice. He said new quarterbacks coach Charlie Weis Jr. has helped him with that load, teaching him how to view offenses from a defensive perspective and installing plays before practices began to let practices move more smoothly.

JJ Pegues (DL) Auburn → Mississippi

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

- transfer from Auburn to Ole Miss

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Nick Broeker (OL)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

- A two-year starter at left tackle, Broeker is bumping inside to guard while Brooks is taking over on the outside. Broeker said he strongly considered declaring for the NFL Draft but received enough feedback about his future being a guard that he chose to return to college one more year to learn how to play on the interior.

Mason Brooks (RT)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Kiffin has given positive early returns on a few transfers individually. He's liked the way Mason Brooks has stepped in at right tackle and allowed the Rebels to shift pieces around him.

Michael Trigg (TE)

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-He's raved about the unique athleticism of tight end Michael Trigg and he said he's impressed with how running backs Zach Evans and Ulysses Bentley have taken control of the room as replacements for Ole Miss losing its top three running backs.

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Southern Mississippi

Frank Gore Jr. (RB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Frank Gore Jr. starts at quarterback, leaves with injury

-Gore, a former high school quarterback, was given the start under center for the first time in his college career. However, he left the game late in the third with an injury and was replaced by redshirt freshman receiver Antavious Willis.

Antavious Willis (WR)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-stepped in to play QB following injury to Frank Gore Jr.

Malik Shorts (DB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Southern Miss redshirt sophomore defensive back Malik Shorts is one of 10 nominees for the 2021 C Spire Conerly Trophy, which annually honors the top college football player in the Magnolia State.

Clemson

D.J. Uiagalelei (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“With DJ, I thought didn’t really settle in until 2 ½ quarters in the game. He’s a young player. He’s a great player. I promise you, that guy right there will respond. He’s disappointed in how he played the first couple of quarters, but I’ll tell you the last quarter-and-a-half there, he was awesome. He did some really good things. He took a couple sacks you can’t take, so there’s a lot of things that he’ll see on tape and he’s going to improve from, and all of those guys.”

-“It wasn’t just on D.J.,” Clemson offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said of all the offensive problems, adding that several times receivers ran the wrong routes and that he was “proud” of the way the quarterback played down the stretch. “D.J. is going to own this game right here, he’s going to get better and the future is still extremely bright for him.”

-The question with Uigalelei was never arm strength. His arm talent had the potential to make him a Major League Baseball prospect, plus an NFL draft pick. It was just a question of how his arm would match his relaxed demeanor, and if a flamethrower could become a tactician.

-“For me, being nervous is when you have a family, when you gotta provide for them, when you have no source of income,” Uigalelei said this fall. “That’s where I think nervous is – not playing football. Football is fun. This is all fun.”

-“It’s not hard to play football, because he’s not worried about the people in the stands, he’s not worried about the announcers staring at him, or talking about him,” Dave Uigalelei said. “He’s worried about the task at hand. This is the play, and this is what I’m going to do.”

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“There were times in the pocket where I should’ve scrambled out, I should’ve made a play,” he said. “Sometimes I was drifting in the pocket where it caused me to get sacked, where it wasn’t the offensive linemen’s fault. It was my fault. ... There’s a lot that stuck out on film, but it’s a challenge. I’m always up for a challenge. I’m ready to get back at it in Week 2.”

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“Just focus on the people that you trust to take advice from. That’s the only one that you need to worry about taking criticism from, and I think that’s a Morgan Freeman quote that we’ve showed the guys,” Elliott said. “The best thing about DJ is he’s going to be his hardest critic. He’s going to take ownership. He understands that there’s a process. He has to trust the process and go through the process day-in and day-out, and eventually, like I said, he’ll keep making those steps and be able to play up to his full potential.”

-“I like running the ball,” he said. “I like the contact, like feeling contact. For me, I get hit a little bit, it gets the juices flowing a little bit. It gets me a little turned up, so I guess so. (Running the ball) settles me in a little bit, but I felt good ... running the ball.”

- Dabo On using D.J. Uigalelei more in the run game: “We always run our quarterbacks, but that’s what we had to do to win the game. Just their style of play and how they were, the structure of their defense tonight, that was the weakness. I guess they thought we couldn’t do it or wouldn’t do it consistently, so proud of our guys for doing what they had to do to win this game.”

-“He’s gotta go through some growing pains, so to speak,” Elliott said. “In fairness to him, he sometimes gets compared to a guy who was here several years, but he gets compared to him at the end of his career. That’s tough on a young guy.”

-“D.J.’s made of the right stuff and his ceiling is extremely high. But you gotta make steps to get to your ceiling.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Uiagalelei is working at being that vocal leader the team needs. His go-to so far has been leading by example more so than being a "rah rah type of guy," he said. Still, he realizes that talking more often is something that's required for being a quarterback.

-“Do y’all think D.J. was pretty good last year? We were better around him. Just that simple,” Swinney said. “When Deshaun was here, when Trevor came in, we were better around those guys. Just like we’re in transition at quarterback, we’re in transition everywhere.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Clemson quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei was benched in the third quarter against Pitt for Taisun Phommachanh. Two series later, Uiagalelei returned and scored on a six-yard run. Given the fact that the Tigers are at a crossroad with their offense, one of the biggest questions this week isn't just whether or not Phommachanh will see the field, but if the redshirt sophomore will start.

-“Don't write the young man off,” Elliott said of Uiagalelei. “Don't write him off. Let's let him be D.J. Let's stand by him through the adversity and watch him grow because I believe, just as everyone in this program believes, that you're going to see what he's capable of.”

-“Then there was one ... I think it was the last drive where he flushed when he didn't need to, got spooked there,” Elliott said. “We just gotta continue to coach him through it, try to put him in as many situations in practice as we can. And trust me, he's getting tested with those situations, and he just has to trust the process.”

-“There's some really, really good things that you're seeing,” Elliott said of Uiagalelei. “He's trusting, for the most part, his development process. He's trusting it. We've just got to continue to work day-in and day-out, and the finished product is going to be something special.”

-“Right now, the quarterback doesn't seem to be very accurate,” a prominent S.C. high school football coach told The State. “He looks good throwing and has all the tools but just has to get some accuracy and confidence about him.”

-“Be upset, be angry, be frustrated, because we're not living up to the expectations everybody has. But don't write that man off,” Elliott said. “Big Cinco, he's got too much to him. He's got too much character to let this be what defines him. He's going to write the book and finish it.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“To me, that was his worst play of the game,” Swinney said. “Other than that, I thought he did a nice job of moving the ball and giving us a chance to be successful.”

-“When live bullets are coming, you gotta trust your fundamentals, and that will be something you can teach,” Elliott said. “There will be a lot of teachable moments, not just for (Uiagalelei), but for a lot of the younger guys.”

-“I felt like in the first half, we were moving the ball. I think we had four straight scoring potential drives,” Elliott said. “DJ was in rhythm. He was managing the system, but I

think the biggest thing for DJ is understanding the totality of his position and not being overwhelmed by it. Not making it bigger than what it is, not letting it affect him and just go out and play football and have fun.”

-“Sometimes those things can be motivation for you, but then also, too, create some self-awareness and understanding of the responsibility that you have, the position that you’re in — and your duty is to respond,” Elliott said. “What I know of D.J., he’s going to respond the right way and that’s all he’s done this season since he’s been going through the things he’s had to deal with.”

-“Now, unfortunately, it’s taken some adversity and probably some things that are uncomfortable to him, but now he’s finding his own identity and he’s battling,” Elliott said. “He’s not going to cave to the pressure. He’s going to rise to the occasion and go lead, so that’s why you’ve seen him play better.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“It’s a tough position, especially to play at Clemson,” Swinney said of the quarterback spot. “Just love his mental toughness. Love his work ethic. He made some big-time plays tonight. That’s what we expect from him. He’s just going to keep getting better and I’m just really proud of him because he could’ve kept going south, and he’s trending in the right direction. Hopefully, there will be more to come.”

-Added Elliott: “I thought he did some really good things, and then right there when we had to have it, he didn’t flinch even though he was limping into the end zone. He pulled it down and put the ball in the end zone on a quarterback run, so really, really proud of him and how he’s battled through everything that’s been placed upon him.”

-Uiagalelei had to battle through a knee injury Nov. 6 at Louisville, but it’s one of many things the 6-foot-4, 250-pound quarterback has had to endure this season.

-“Man, he started off really, really well,” Elliott said. “Three shots early down the field, he put it where it needed to be. ... He just continues to get better managing the game.”

-Clemson quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei, who was wearing a knee brace because of an injury suffered a week earlier

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“I’m so proud of D.J because he’s been under more scrutiny than anybody in the country,” Clemson offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said. “He’s playing through a knee (injury). He won’t make no excuses. ... My challenge was to everybody on the offensive side of the ball ‘Let’s go protect our quarterback.’”

Date: 12-27-21 through 1-2-22

-While he said he’ll be ready to go and feels “perfectly fine,” Uiagalelei ended the year with injuries that caused him to have to wear a brace on his right knee and a splint on his right index finger.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Sophomore quarterback DJ Uiagalelei’s struggles were well-noted throughout the year. Though he had better showings closer to the end while battling through a PCL injury, he threw more interceptions (10) than touchdowns (9) in 2021.

-Though still listed at 250 pounds, Uiagalelei lost 15 lbs during the offseason and appeared slimmer, though “he’s never gonna be little ever,” Swinney said. The Southern California native took first-team reps as expected on Wednesday and moved well, appearing not to be bothered by his knee. The next step for him heading into his junior season will be cutting down on the interceptions and having better ball security.

-Such as, “This team’s got a great vibe to it” and quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei is down from 250 pounds to 240 and “looks amazing.”

-As much as he’d like to eat ice cream or make a quick stop at Bojangles, Uiagalelei is thinking long-term about his overall health and what’s best for his football career. He compared his new mindset to recently retired NFL quarterback Tom Brady’s approach to physical health and diet.

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-"He'd be the first one to tell you, hey, he's got a lot he needs to improve on and get better," Swinney said. "But the kid never made excuses, never pointed fingers, never did anything. I've never had a young quarterback who didn't make mistakes, Deshaun (Watson), Trevor (Lawrence). The difference between Deshaun and Trever was D.J.'s mistakes were magnified."

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-"It's elite. It's ridiculous. The way he can just drop back and throw a 70-yard deep ball, it's easy," Kelly said. "Our biggest thing was the ease he feels on that 70-yard, 75-yard deep ball, how can we apply that on a 20-yard in-cut or a 16-yard out?"

-"You'd see that long delivery, and that causes a lot of those inconsistencies with accuracy as well as spin rate," Kelly said. "That's one of the biggest things we focused on with D.J. his first week out here in January. We really focused on the lower half and being in a good position."

-"He never doubted himself. There were just some things he never knew about and knew the fixes and knew the whys of it," Kelly said. "He was super hungry to understand those things and feel it and fix it himself. He's a great kid. He doesn't allow outside noise to affect him. He's a competitor."

Joseph Ngata (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-"Super proud of him. It's great to see him healthy. It's great to see him have a night. That's going to be huge for him. That's what we've seen in practice. We obviously didn't have him hardly at all last year where he really completed a game, so just awesome to see. I think that's going to be big for his confidence."

-"It was good to see him be able to complete a game, go out there and play from start to finish at a high level," Tigers offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said. "It was a bright spot for us and we'll need him to be at his best down the stretch."

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Clemson junior receiver Joseph Ngata is in COVID protocol and will miss Saturday's game at Pitt, The State confirmed Friday morning.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Swinney is hoping to have EJ Williams, Joseph Ngata and Hunter Rayburn available this week. Jake Venables will be a gametime decision.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Having been out because of COVID-19 protocol, Joseph Ngata returned to the field this past weekend against the Seminoles

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Junior receiver Joseph Ngata is out for a couple of weeks with a foot injury

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Wide receivers Beaux Collins, Joseph Ngata — the Tigers' leading returning receiver — and Brannon Spector, as well as tight end Jake Brinningstool, took first-team reps during the first practice.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-“Ngata has been ... ” Swinney said before Clemson’s first practice on March 2, pausing to knock both of his hands on the hardwood table in front of him, “ ... amazing. He’s been amazing this offseason.”

-“I feel like I say this every year,” Swinney started saying, again, with some hesitance, “but the guy you’re almost afraid to say anything (about) is Ngata. He’s been unbelievable.”

-“What’s been good is he’s probably been the most coachable he’s been, challenging him on some things. Oh man, he listens,” Grisham said. “And this is his last shot. Hey, this is your last go-round. Let’s make it your best. And he feels that.”

Justyn Ross (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“I’m really happy for him. I’m grateful that we all got a chance to see him. I know he’s really disappointed in that one critical play (interception), but man, I’m just grateful he was able to go play and make that critical play. He’s a special player.”

-“The pick-six is on the receiver. He really is supposed to sit down, turn out. It’s an option route, and he has an option there and he chose to run a slant. If you don’t run the slant, you have to run it off the defender and you have to be flat. You can’t- anytime a defender beats a receiver across the face on a slant route, that’s all on the receiver, so just didn’t make the right decision. It was a critical play. D.J. gave it all he had, incredible effort. He tried to go make the tackle, but great by them and a bad play by us.”

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“We all know J. Ross is one of the best receivers in the country,” he said. “He just needs to just cut it loose. Play fast, play free and then I think everybody else will follow his lead.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“He got behind people, his releases were good,” Elliott said. “When he plays at his highest level, he’s going to elevate the play of the other receivers in the room.”

-The experiment to move Ross inside had some good moments — like two touchdown catches against N.C. State — but hasn’t proven to be as fruitful as some would’ve hope so he moves back outside

-“If you watched him, he was playing a lot faster. He was much better with releases,” Elliott added. “He was making the back-shoulder catch, so it was good to see him back out there on the perimeter.”

-Added head coach Dabo Swinney: “I thought Ross had a heckuva game last week. Really made some plays that we’d miss the throw or just hadn’t finished with the catch when the throw was there consistently.”

-“When he plays at his highest level, he’s going to elevate the play of the other receivers in the room,” Elliott said, “because he’s going to pull them along with him.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-The Tigers lost leading receiver Justyn Ross to an undisclosed leg injury midway through the first quarter

-The redshirt junior later returned in the second quarter on crutches and wearing a boot.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said post-practice Nov. 17 that Justyn Ross is scheduled to have surgery on the stress fracture in his foot this week.

-“He doesn’t need another season here, he’s going pro. He’s going to be a great one,” Swinney said. “His toughness is second to none, and what he’s put on tape, people (were) be able to see him play football, put some of their fears to rest.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-He sat out the entire 2020 season due to having surgery on a congenital fusion in his spine that he unknowingly was born with and required surgery. Due to the nature of the condition, some feared his football career might end prematurely. Ross was further limited in 2021 due to what he called a stress fracture in his foot that he played with for the majority of the season.

-“There’s a lot of doubt out there,” he said. “Even with me playing this season, there’s still a lot of doubt. But I feel good about it.”

-Clemson wide receiver Justyn Ross (Central-Phenix City): 11 repetitions in the bench press (third among wide receivers). After missing the final three games of Clemson’s season because of a fractured foot, Ross did not participate in the other drills.

Lyn-J Dixon (RB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-first half absence; : “He was out for team reasons.” said Dabo Sweeney

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Lyn-J Dixon announced less than a month ago he is entering the transfer portal.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-“He’s a very good player, obviously,” Swinney said in that September interview. “Very talented. ... Just need him to stay out of Spiller’s doghouse. That’s really it.”

-transferred to WVU

Beaux Collins (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Freshman Wide Receivers

-“We just didn’t have a lot of plays, but he was the one I wish we could’ve got in there,” Swinney said of Beaux Collins. “He’s ready to play. Definitely, this will give him more opportunity, and same thing with Dacari. Those guys, they’re going to have a lot of opportunities as we go throughout the season and excited for that.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Beaux Collins dealt with a foot injury during fall camp.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-With Joseph Ngata out, Clemson head coach Dabo Swinney announced Beaux Collins as a starter

-“A lot of people focus on Hunter Renfrow but Hunter Renfrow had it up here,” Elliott said, pointing to his head. “It was all understanding. It was angles, it was timing, it was how to set defenders. Beaux has a lot of that, so he came in well-equipped with the nuances of the position that give him the ability to be very versatile and play in the slot or in the boundary, wherever we need him.”

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“He looked like Jerry Rice with his No. 80 out there,” Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Wide receivers Beaux Collins, Joseph Ngata — the Tigers’ leading returning receiver — and Brannon Spector, as well as tight end Jake Brinningstool, took first-team reps during the first practice.

-Swinney considered Beaux Collins the most refined route-runner to enter the program since Justyn Ross.

Dacari Collins (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Freshman Wide Receivers

-“We just didn’t have a lot of plays, but he was the one I wish we could’ve got in there,” Swinney said of Beaux Collins. “He’s ready to play. Definitely, this will give him more opportunity, and same thing with Dacari. Those guys, they’re going to have a lot of opportunities as we go throughout the season and excited for that.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Swinney recently put Collins in a list with Justyn Ross and Sammy Watkins as the three most refined route-runners he’s seen enter the program. Collins’ emergence in the slot has allowed Ross to move outside, better utilizing his skillset for the stretch run.

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“He’s had a couple opportunities, a couple starts. Dacari’s just moved ahead right now,” Swinney said. “We love him, but that’s where we are.”

Tyler Davis (DT)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Swinney also provided an update on defensive tackle Tyler Davis, saying the plan is for him to play this coming week. Davis was listed as unavailable for Clemson’s season opener against Georgia for an unspecified reason.

-“Hate it for Tyler and how hard he has worked for this opportunity,” Tigers defensive coordinator Brent Venables said, “but really proud of Darnell (Jefferies) and Tre (Williams) and certainly Ruke (Orhororo) and Bryan (Bresee).”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-defensive tackle Tyler Davis (bicep surgery) is still out.

-“It’d be a chance in his mind, I guarantee you,” Swinney said when asked if there’s a chance Shipley will play this week. “He and Tyler Davis, I’d put them both in that same category. Some guys just respond differently. They’re both grinders. They’re both just absolute grinders when they do anything. They attack everything, so if it’s rehab, that’s what their focus is. That’s what they attack. ... Really excited about (Shipley’s) progress

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-The junior defensive tackle was on the field for the very last play of the Georgia Tech game, during a goal-line stand, having torn a bicep. He somehow returned from that injury, which is supposed to heal in two months, in a little over a month. In five games since, he’s worn a bulky brace over his arm so he doesn’t extend it overly much.

-“Are you kidding me? Again, that’s the epitome of our program,” Swinney said of Davis’ run. “Effort.”

Jordan McFadden (OT)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-moved from right tackle to left this season

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-McFadden was a basketball player and helped his team to a 23-5 record as a junior.

-McFadden, a 6-2, 310-pound junior, was not only a study partner during film sessions, but he was the big brother type who accompanied Tate for some post-up moves at a hoop. At Dorman High in Spartanburg.

Walker Parks (OL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-a key reserve in 2020, moved into McFadden's spot at RT

Matt Bockhorst (OL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-slid over from guard to center

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Matt Bockhorst suffered ACL versus Pittsburgh

-“A lot of sacrifice, a lot of hurt,” Venables said, alluding to Bockhorst's many injuries. “Man, what a war daddy. Just a big-time dude.”

Mason Trotter (OL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-will be back for the Tigers, though he won’t be taking snaps at center. Swinney is planning for Trotter to play at one of the guard positions.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-On Oct. 10, Trotter's club was reduced down to a smaller plastic brace.

-Had to step back into the Center position with broken hand due to positive COVID test

-“Hey, I’m proud of Trotter,” Swinney said. “I know everybody just thinks about his snap for 20 yards, which is -- that’s a problem. But he played well. He has not played all year.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-center Mason Trotter went down versus FSU

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Trotter and Putnam have been deemed day-to-day by Swinney, so it's uncertain who will line up where when game-time comes.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-the Tigers will also be without offensive lineman Mason Trotter for the spring and the majority of the fall. It's not a legal or university issue, according to Swinney, who said he was declining to elaborate on the matter out of respect to Trotter.

Marcus Tate (OL)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-the freshman occupied the left guard position.

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Tate may have been prone to mental slip-ups and unsound technique versus Georgia, falling victim to Davis at times. “But he’s the best guy,” as Swinney put it.

-“He’s earned it,” Swinney continued. “Sometimes it doesn’t always just carry right over to the field. He’s practiced well, he’s practiced well against good people. It’s not like he hasn’t seen good people. He’s been going against (Bryan) Bresee and those guys all spring and all camp. He gives us a great presence in there. He’s going to be an outstanding player.”

-Tate was a power forward for his prep basketball team, confident in his post-up moves. To play guard — on a football field, not the hardwood — Tate had to quicken his steps at the snap. That included hours of ladder drills, but he also took to the court to keep his feet nimble.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“Now you’re starting to see him. He played 40-something snaps and did a much better job this past week,” Elliott said of Tate, who was an early enrollee. “That’s the perspective that we’ll be coming from. That’ll be our communication and I think that he’ll manage that the right way.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“Matt’s obviously very aggressive, and he’s been trying to instill that in me because that’s something I’ve needed,” Tate said. “You need some type of aggression and dog level. He’s been putting that in me every day and just giving me the confidence to know I can punish dudes. I have the ability to and you just gotta believe. And he gives me help in believing that.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-On the first day of spring practice, Will Putnam was playing center, not right guard. Mitchell Mayes, a former tackle, has taken Putnam’s place at right guard. At left guard, the Tigers are still rolling with rising sophomore Marcus Tate, who was in and out of the starting lineup in 2021.

Andrew Mukuba (S)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“There's a lot of guys in that freshman group that have a mindset that's just different, way beyond their years,” Swinney said in the week leading up to the game. “Mukuba is one of those guys. He has a bright future.”

Date: 9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“For him to say something like that, it means a lot to me,” Mukuba said. “He believes in me, because he’s, like, the leader of the defense. If he believes in me to be out there, that means a lot.” -Clemson linebacker James Skalski

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Part of their maturation, the more they play, the better they’ll get and finding roles, what they can do well, what you can trust them with,” Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables said of his freshman group. “A lot of times, you go into the year and you think you know, then things change or it’s validated with what you thought. Two real good young players (in Mukuba and Carter) to go along with the other good players we have. It kind of gives you a glimpse of what you can hope for in the future.”

Nolan Turner (S)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-He’ll miss the first two games of the season, but Tigers head coach Dabo Swinney expects the sixth-year senior to be back for next weekend’s ACC opener against Georgia Tech.

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-returns safety Nolan Turner this week versus GT.

Lannden Zanders (S)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-Out for season after re-injuring shoulder in Week 1 vs. Georgia

-“Did not picture this season ending this way for me,” he said. “I love the adversity and doubters. I will be a better version of my self next year, time will tell. Jeremiah 29:11.”

E.J. Williams (WR)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-may not be out after all. Swinney said on Sunday that the sophomore would be out four to six weeks after injuring his thumb against the Bulldogs, which would require surgery. Williams, however, has decided to try and play through it, taping up the thumb. As of Tuesday morning, he has yet to have the surgery.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Swinney is hoping to have EJ Williams, Joseph Ngata and Hunter Rayburn available this week. Jake Venables will be a gametime decision

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Wednesday, we’re in 7-on-7. E.J.’s lined up and he just runs a route and he comes back. He was a little tight on his alignment, so he goes to widen out and went down like a sniper took him out. Dadgumest thing you’ve ever seen in your life. Out like, ‘What just happened?’ It’s not going to be surgical but he has some type of, it’s almost like a pulled muscle, they call it. Kind of on the back of the hammy-knee area. It’s the craziest thing

I've ever seen, I don't even know how to explain it. That's what happened. ... No, I ain't got nothing (on a timetable). I'm just hoping we have 11 to show up next week."

Kobe Pace (RB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“The running backs, we just didn't ever really give them a chance,” Swinney said. “Those guys are going to be outstanding, but it's kind of hard to evaluate. We only had 60 plays. Just didn't have enough and didn't give them enough opportunity.”

-“You want to see them in protection, but you don't want them to see too many things,” Elliott said. “They've got to know what they're looking at, process it and if tells them to get out, then you've got to get out on a route to get the quarterback somewhere to go with the ball.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Clemson's offense was dealt another blow ahead of Saturday's Florida State game: Running back Kobe Pace is in COVID-19 protocol and will not be available.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Swinney expects running back Kobe Pace and cornerback Andrew Booth Jr., who both took shots to the head at Louisville, to be available

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Will Shipley and Kobe Pace carried the running back load for much of the 2021 season but won't be featured early on in spring practices due to injuries. Pace is rehabbing after having surgery on his big toe.

Will Shipley (RB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

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9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“I thought he did a good job, found some big runs, ran tough down there on the hillside going in for a touchdown,” Tigers offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said of Shipley, who had a Clemson-best 80 rushing yards. “So proud of him and just excited to see how he's going to continue to grow.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Running back Will Shipley (knee) is off crutches and making progress, but not ready yet.

-“It'd be a chance in his mind, I guarantee you,” Swinney said when asked if there's a chance Shipley will play this week. “He and Tyler Davis, I'd put them both in that same category. Some guys just respond differently. They're both grinders. They're both just absolute grinders when they do anything. They attack everything, so if it's rehab, that's what their focus is. That's what they attack. ... Really excited about (Shipley's) progress

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-return after a month-long hiatus with a shin injury, Will Shipley had 52 yards on 10 rushes against Pitt.

-“I think he catches that nine out of 10,” Elliott said, trying to express the utmost confidence.” in response to drop in Pitt game

-“He plays with a lot of heart, a lot of passion, a lot of toughness, he’s an explosive player, and he’s like a blade of grass (away),” Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said. “Some of that is just being a freshman, really settling into where he is in this stage of his career. I wouldn’t change anything about Will Shipley.

-“Obviously, he missed a big play last week. And he’s made some plays. He’s going to make a lot of them.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-He did it fighting through some pain (knee), because he hasn't been 100 percent since returning from injury last week, and a lack of bodies at practice has increased the load on him there.

-“These are two true freshmen (Shipley and Mafa),” Swinney boasted. “Y’all think they are going to get worse or better?”

-“I don’t think those guys get enough praise for the type of men they are. Very, very mature about their business,” Elliott said. “We tell our team all the time, age is not a prerequisite for leadership ... and those guys have that eye of the tiger, that heart of the champion we talk about.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Clemson was also without freshman running back Will Shipley, who suited up but did not play

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Will Shipley and Kobe Pace carried the running back load for much of the 2021 season but won’t be featured early on in spring practices due to injuries. Shipley is recovering from a foot injury.

Darien Rencher (RB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-The sixth-year back announced a name, image and likeness deal with Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers restaurant on his Instagram page on Thursday, calling the fast food chain “the best place on campus to grub, hands down.”

Bryan Bresse (DL)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“Night and day from where he was this time last year,” Swinney said. “Last year, (Bresee) was kind of a big ol’ dancing bear, played high. He was violent and all that, but just so much to learn from a technical standpoint, precision, what he was doing as far as our games, twists, etcetera.

-“He’s a baller. He’s a problem. He was amazing.”

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Clemson coach Dabo Swinney announced Sunday that star defensive lineman Bryan Bresee tore his ACL in the Tigers' loss to NC State.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Recovering from ACL injury

-A recent tweet from Bresee running in the Tigers' indoor facility showed promise in regards to his recovery timeline

Will Taylor (QB/WR)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Originally a QB, tried out WR

-“He’s powerful, but he’s got an explosiveness that you just don’t see and he plays that way all the time,” Swinney said.

-“He went two routes, and I was like, ‘Holy cow, this guy is a rocket,’ natural hands, you know,” Swinney said. “Then we just kind of let it go.

-Taylor came to Clemson knowing he’d eventually switch from quarterback to wide receiver, but punt returner was a welcomed addition to his repertoire.

-Taylor said he spoke to all 30 Major League Baseball teams and took a couple visits to talk to Texas Rangers general manager Chris Young and check out the facility in Arlington, Texas.

-“He’s a great leader having played quarterback for so long,” Swinney said of Taylor. “Really understands the game from a big picture standpoint, so he’s just a good young player to get going here on our team that I think, when it’s all said and done, going to have a heckuva career here.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-suffered season ending ACL injury

John Williams and Tayquon Johnson (DL)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Both players have been out since before the season

James Skalski (LB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Dabo Sweeney On sixth-year senior’s performance, which included the goal line stand: “You see his speed, his athleticism. I told our guys, all those young backers in the locker room after the game, man that’s what preparation looks like. That’s what experience and knowledge and preparation is all about. He was tremendous, just tremendous. He’s the heart and soul over there and really, of our team. Just really proud of him and the effort that he has.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Senior linebacker James Skalski also left the game late with an undisclosed injury.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“It’s not a popularity contest, but I think everybody has a great appreciation for Skalski,” Swinney said. “If you love football, that guy is the epitome of football.”

-“His will to prepare, his will to win, his toughness, his heart, it just oozes out,” Swinney said. “Such a great leader, unbelievably respected on this team. He’s one of the reasons we rallied back and we’re sitting here at 8-3. He wasn’t going to let it be any other way.”

LaVonta Bentley (LB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Dabo On LaVonta Bentley stepping in for Baylon Spector: “We find out that Baylon’s not going to be able to go. He had a little flareup, inflammation in his knee on Thursday. I thought he was going to be able to go and then came in after pregame and just said he just didn’t think he could do it, so LaVonta found out right then he was going to have to go and I thought he did a great job for us.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

- Bentley filled in for Spector twice and capped off the year with five tackles against Iowa State in the bowl game.

Baylon Spector (LB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Had to sit out GT game due to injury

Trenton Simpson (LB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-ejected for targeting call in GT game

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- sophomores Trenton Simpson and Myles Murphy, who was named the ACC Co-Defensive Lineman of the Week,

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-son of Army Ranger

-Clemson coach Dabo Swinney went as far as to compare Trenton's talents to Hall of Fame edge-rusher Derrick Thomas this past week

Ruke Orhorhoro (DL)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“He thinks he’s skinny and all that kind of stuff, but he’s outgrown that a long time ago,” Venables said. “He refuses to believe that. We’ll let him think what he wants.”

-“He’s an athletic guy, and he’s just scratching the surface,” Venables said. “He’s got a tremendous ceiling that he hasn’t reached yet.”

-originally a basketball player

-began to put on weight

Phil Mafah (RB)

Date: 10-7-21

-Freshman 6-foot-1, 225-pound running back

-“Ain’t nothing that young man can do that surprises us,” said Adam Carter, Mafah’s head coach at Grayson High School.

-“He’s going to squat 500 pounds, he’s going to power clean 350 pounds, and he benches over 300. He’s just so explosive,” Carter said. “Whether you’re watching his sophomore, junior, or senior year film, that’s what you will see.”

-“I remember a Saturday in-season, me and my wife took our little boy up to the park, and Phil is sitting at a park bench, working on homework,” Carter said. “That’s just the kind of kid he was. High-character. He wasn’t about Phil Mafah. He was about Grayson and the people there.”

-“Mafah can play. We love Mafah,” Swinney said leading into the Boston College game.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-freshman running back Phil Mafah was nicked up

-“These are two true freshmen (Shipley and Mafa),” Swinney boasted. “Y’all think they are going to get worse or better?”

-“I don’t think those guys get enough praise for the type of men they are. Very, very mature about their business,” Elliott said. “We tell our team all the time, age is not a prerequisite for leadership ... and those guys have that eye of the tiger, that heart of the champion we talk about.”

-“The defender thought he had him and all he had was a piece of his towel,” Tigers offensive coordinator Tony Elliott said of Mafah, “so he can roll for a big guy at 225 pounds and he’s very smooth, very fluid for a big guy.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“Mafah’s the man,” Swinney said. “It’s going to be an opportunity for him to get a ton of work. He didn’t really get that chance to go be the guy (last year) ... so this is going to be great for him. I mean, I think we’re gonna have a three-headed monster at running back.”

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-“We’re thankful to have him,” Swinney said. “It’s nice to have a guy like that with some experience who has played some college ball. And he’s a load, man. As you would expect, he’s got good instincts for the game.”

-“He’s looked very, very good. Really pleased with how he has stepped into that role, and it’s going to be great for him,” Swinney said. “He was the one guy who never really got a chance to be the guy. What he’s getting exposed to this spring, it’s really going to serve us well. When we get Kobe and Ship back, got a chance to have a really special group.”

-“I didn’t have that much confidence,” Mafah said of his first spring, summer and fall. “But going into this year, I’ve studied more, watched more film, so I’m becoming more confident, starting to step up more.”

Fred Davis (CB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Fellow corner Fred Davis (ankle) will still be out, though Swinney said he’s close to — returning,

Will Putnam (OL)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Tigers expect to have just about everyone back, including offensive lineman Will Putnam, cornerback Mario Goodrich and defensive tackle Demonte Capehart, who was back in practice this week

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Will Putnam was dinged up versus FSU. But Putnam was able to reenter,

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Trotter and Putnam have been deemed day-to-day by Swinney, so it's uncertain who will line up where when game-time comes.

-it's also doubtful guard Will Putnam plays versus UConn because of his own issues.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-On the first day of spring practice, Will Putnam was playing center, not right guard. Mitchell Mayes, a former tackle, has taken Putnam's place at right guard. At left guard, the Tigers are still rolling with rising sophomore Marcus Tate, who was in and out of the starting lineup in 2021.

-“He’s one of the most experienced players we’ve got,” Swinney said. “I need to see it, but, hopefully, that’s going to be a move that’s going to make a huge difference for us and take a little pressure off (redshirt sophomore) Trent (Howard) and (redshirt freshman) Ryan (Linthicum) as they continue to come.”

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Demonte Capehart (DT)

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Andrew Booth Jr. (CB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-banged up with hamstring injury

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Swinney expects running back Kobe Pace and cornerback Andrew Booth Jr., who both took shots to the head at Louisville, to be available

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-“He’ll be the first to tell you he’s searching for more, there’s more to be had,” Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables said. “But he’s played really well.”

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Davis Allen (TE)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-“Now maybe he’ll have a little more confidence to talk and then he can demand and he can encourage those guys, and they’ll follow him,” Elliott said.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-After earning a starting spot four games into the season, Davis Allen has taken steps toward being a consistent pass catcher for Uigalelei while also working on his blocking.

Michel Dukes (RB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Michel Dukes intends to transfer, a school spokesperson told The State on Tuesday night.

-“One of the best athletes on this team, but just a guy that never really kind of, he’s just a sophomore, but he hasn’t really taken the step yet where he’s detailed and consistent day-in and day-out at all the little things,” Swinney said of Dukes on Sept. 28 following Shipley’s injury. “That’s really kind of what’s held him back and that’s why he’s been where he is. Athletically, physically, he’s gifted, but maybe this is an opportunity that he’s going to step up and take advantage of because he’s going to get a chance.”

-Dukes also was a basketball standout and visited Syracuse and East Carolina, which offered him to play both football and basketball.

Joseph Charleston (S)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Safety Joseph Charleston expressed his intent to enter the transfer portal to head coach Dabo Swinney last week, saying he feels like he needs a fresh start somewhere else.

-“It’s disappointing, but I’m just kind of numb to it now,” Swinney said on Tuesday. “That’s just 2021. There’s probably going to be news every week. ... I love Joseph. I think he’s a really good player, like a really good player. He’s had a lot of unfortunate issues and situations. He’s had injuries. He’s missed a lot of camp this fall. He’s battled hamstring. He’s had a lot of things.”

Hunter Rayburn (C)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-On Oct. 15, the morning of the Syracuse game, starting center Hunter Rayburn went into COVID-19 protocol.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Swinney is hoping to have EJ Williams, Joseph Ngata and Hunter Rayburn available this week. Jake Venables will be a gametime decision

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Rayburn, at center for most of the game, also played guard.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-After getting a re-scan of his neck conducted, Hunter Rayburn and his family decided it was time to medically retire, according to Swinney.

Taisun Phommachanh (QB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Clemson quarterback D.J. Uiagalelei was benched in the third quarter against Pitt for Taisun Phommachanh, who led the team down the field for a B.T. Potter field goal.

-Neither head coach Dabo Swinney nor offensive coordinator Tony Elliott have committed to naming a starter. Both coaches said all positions are up for grabs this week, including the quarterback spot.

-Clemson backup quarterback Taisun Phommachanh has seen his playing time tick upward the past two games.

-“The decision there was he could possibly bring us a little spark, and he did,” Elliott said. “You saw what he was able to do. He was able to pull the ball down, extend some plays. I thought he did a good job of managing the system, which is something we needed to see.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-The Connecticut native wouldn't return to the field after hurting his shoulder, coach Dabo Swinney told the TV broadcast. Elliott after the game said Ross told him that he was fine, though the Tigers' coordinator didn't have an update on Phommachanh.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Tigers' sophomore quarterback Taisun Phommachanh has entered the transfer portal, confirmed by Clemson athletics. Matt Zenitz of On3 reported the news first.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Backup quarterback Taisun Phommachanh entered the transfer portal,

Justin Foster (DL)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Clemson defensive lineman Justin Foster is out for the year, head coach Dabo Swinney announced on Sunday evening.

-Foster, who was back this season after dealing with COVID-19 complications in 2020, has been battling a lower back injury. The redshirt senior had a couple of epidurals in his back, but they haven't helped, so Foster will have to have surgery to “alleviate the problem,” Swinney said.

Frank Ladson (WR)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-suffered season ending groin injury

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Tigers' wide receiver Frank Ladson Jr. has entered the transfer portal, confirmed by Clemson athletics. Matt Zenitz of On3 reported the news first.

Braden Galloway (TE)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Galloway's separated shoulder injury is likely season-ending, Swinney said, with a slim chance the senior will be back at some point this season.

Jake Venables (LB)

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Swinney is hoping to have EJ Williams, Joseph Ngata and Hunter Rayburn available this week. Jake Venables will be a gametime decision

Xavier Thomas (DE)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Despite not starting against Florida State, Thomas was still a factor in the game against the Seminoles

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Generally, a five-star football recruit spends three years in college and leaves for the NFL. Defensive end Xavier Thomas was expected to do just that, despite him having an up-and-down college career. Thomas, however, went against the grain — and many people's expectations — by opting to return to Clemson for 2022.

-“Coming off that really challenging season he had in ‘20, he really had some fun getting himself back where he needed to be,” Swinney said. He didn't feel like he was the best version of himself. ... I'm just really really proud of who he's become and the type of leader that he's become.”

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-For Thomas, his issues were as much mental as physical. "XT" opened as a Freshman All-American, then became an All-ACC selection as a sophomore. But then COVID-19 and strep throat conspired with Thomas' love for candy and sweets as a junior. The talented edge-rusher ballooned to 300 pounds ahead of the 2020 campaign.

-“The recruiting process, everyone said he was coming here three years and was leaving,” Swinney said. “He didn't know a lot of football when he got here as a freshman. He physically was ready. But he had a lot to learn. And then you don't know what's coming. Everybody's got a different journey and challenges. But what you see in Xavier Thomas is maturity, a very mature young man, a very wise young man, that didn't want to settle for where his projection was.

-NFL scouts may have pinned Thomas as a late-round pick, but a very confident Thomas doesn't put much stock in those assessments. “They thought I was going to run a 4.8 (in the 40-yard dash) at the combine or something,” Thomas said. “I can bust a 4.4 out there. But they don't know that yet.” Thomas says he intends to slim down to 255 pounds before next season, adding, “Once I get there, it's a wraps.”

B.T. Potter (K)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-He couldn't connect on a 49-yarder in the second quarter, only to miss from 37 and 30 yards in the third and fourth quarters, respectively. Potter told Swinney his foot was stuck in the ground on the miss from 30.

-“I told him ‘Shake it off, man,’” Swinney said. “He's been there for us all year. We don't have five wins if it's not for B.T.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“B.T. comes back with a huge night, making some kicks, Will Spiers continues to be unbelievable with our punts,” Swinney said. “Just really, really proud of our team. And offensively, we’re starting to hit our stride.”

Myles Murphy (DL)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- sophomores Trenton Simpson and Myles Murphy, who was named the ACC Co-Defensive Lineman of the Week,

Barrett Carter (LB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Part of their maturation, the more they play, the better they’ll get and finding roles, what they can do well, what you can trust them with,” Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables said of his freshman group. “A lot of times, you go into the year and you think you know, then things change or it’s validated with what you thought. Two real good young players (in Mukuba and Carter) to go along with the other good players we have. It kind of gives you a glimpse of what you can hope for in the future.”

Sergio Allen (LB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-The Tigers also were down a linebacker when Sergio Allen suffered what appeared to be a leg injury on a kickoff during the first half. The sophomore was carted off the field.

Ajou Ajou (WR) Clemson --> South Florida

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“He’s had a couple opportunities, a couple starts. Dacari’s just moved ahead right now,” Swinney said. “We love him, but that’s where we are.”

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Sophomore wide receiver Ajou Ajou has entered the transfer portal, Clemson athletics confirmed Saturday. The news was first reported by Chris Hummer of 247Sports.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Ajou was a top-500 national recruit from Clearwater Academy International who had eight catches over two years with the Tigers and is poised to become a big part of the Bulls’ offense.

Paul Tchio (OL) Clemson --> Georgia Tech

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Former 4-star recruit Paul Tchio transferring from Clemson to Georgia Tech

Cade Klubnik (QB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Clemson added five-star Cade Klubnik, the top-ranked quarterback in the Class of 2022, as a midyear enrollee. He arrived in January and will have a chance to take reps and compete this spring. Whether or not that means he’ll be the starter in the fall has yet to be determined, but he can use the next couple months to make a case.

-Swinney noted the Texan will get “a ton of work” right out of the gate. He’ll have the same expectations on him as Uigalelei and Tigers quarterback predecessors Trevor Lawrence and Deshaun Watson, all of whom were midyear enrollees.

-“The expectation is he comes in here and he’s the guy that we recruited,” Swinney said. “He’s a leader, he’s a detailed preparer and he takes the field with great preparation day-in and day-out. He learns from his mistakes and he just gets better as he goes.”

Dietrick Pennington (OL)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

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Brannon Spector (TE/SLWR)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

- Spector’s presence was welcomed after the redshirt junior sat out of the 2021 season with respiratory challenges after a bout with COVID-19.

-Wide receivers Beaux Collins, Joseph Ngata — the Tigers’ leading returning receiver — and Brannon Spector, as well as tight end Jake Brinningstool, took first-team reps during the first practice.

Date: 3-28-22 through 4-3-22

-Clemson’s coaches appreciate having Spector back on the field, taking reps at slot receiver with the first-team offense

-“He was going to be rolling in, kind of slowly transition in the spring. All of a sudden, E.J. is out, and ‘Alright, Spec. Let’s go,” Grisham said. “I don’t think we really expected him to push through and get the amount of reps he’s gotten. I think we’re thrilled to see him with the speed, with the quickness, with the short-area burst.”

-“If you ask him, it was probably one of the better things that have happened to him overall, just for his psyche,” Grisham said. “I see a more relaxed, confident Spec than before the injury. I feel like he’s in a good headspace.”

Mitchell Mayes (OL)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

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Trent Howard (OL)

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Ryan Linthicum (OL)

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Hunter Johnson (QB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Meanwhile, QB Hunter Johnson is back with the Tigers as a graduate transfer and figures to carve out some sort of role.

KJ Henry (DL)

Date: 3-7-22 through 3-13-22

-Kept out of spring football in 2021 due to a knee injury, the 6-foot-4, 260-pound edge-rusher wasn’t his old self heading into the fall. It wasn’t until the second half of the season Henry accepted as much and recalibrated, collecting four of his 4½ sacks in the final six games. If he gave it another year at Clemson, fully healthy, Henry could display his best self over a full season and boost his NFL stock. Simple logic.

-“I didn’t even get to practice last spring,” Henry said. “Felt great (on March 2) to get back out there on that knee, no brace, no restrictions. Nothing. Just flying around. That was kind of part of it (coming back), getting a whole full season. Secondly, I feel I have more in the tank.”

Sheridan Jones (CB)

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Clemson coach Dabo Swinney spoke at the beginning of spring practice about seeing a different swagger in Jones, saying he likes “how he walks, how he talks.” The senior is turning into a confident leader, quite a turn for a player who seemed to lose confidence as a sophomore and went about rebuilding himself in 415 snaps and three starts as a junior.

-As Jones heads into what should be his final season at Clemson, there are expectations, whether it’s him stepping into a void created by NFL-bound corners Andrew Booth Jr. and Mario Goodrich, or him leading such a young secondary. But he is trying to approach these responsibilities wisely.

Adam Randall (WR)

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Clemson freshman receiver Adam Randall showed up to spring practice with a pro-ready body. He could contribute immediately in 2022.

-“He’s rare,” Clemson coach Dabo Swinney said, recalling his high school days in Alabama. “I don’t know about you, I didn’t see many guys at Pelham High School walking the halls looking like that.”

-“He was always the first one in here and he was the last one to leave,” Myrtle Beach head coach Mickey Wilson said. “He was great friends with (South Carolina quarterback) Luke Doty ... they were the kind of kids you had to run out of here. ‘Hey, you guys need

to go home. I need to see my wife.' Both of those guys, they eat, sleep, love football and working out."

-“When I think of Adam Randall, I think of grit, I think of a guy who is working his butt off,” Clemson offensive coordinator Brandon Streeter said. “And he’s probably like ‘I can’t believe I’m getting this many reps,’ you know?”

-“A lot to clean up technically, but he is doing a great job of retaining it. And having that big body, he’s gotta be 222 pounds right now. And he moves.”
And he’s just 17.

-“The cool thing is he’s just a kid. He looks like he should be in an NFL locker room and literally would fit, no problem. But he’s just a kid, and he just has this sweet spirit to him,” Swinney said. “He’s just learning every day, he’s hungry. He’s got what I call the ‘eye of the tiger.’ ... He loves to compete, loves to be coached. "He’s coming in here with a great foundation, fundamentally and technically. He’s one of those guys who has shown up ready to play, and we haven’t had many of those guys over the years.”

Coastal Carolina

Josaiah Stewart (DE)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-The true freshman, a 6-foot-2, 245-pound defensive end, set a school record with 3.5 of CCU’s six sacks

-“Josaiah was outstanding,” CCU coach Jamey Chadwell said. “Last week he played a little bit but he don’t get to use his skill set when you’re playing an option team, and today he did. We think he’s got a chance to be really, really good. I’m really proud of him and he’s put the work in.”

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Coastal Carolina freshman defensive end Josaiah Stewart has been named to the 2021 Ted Hendricks Award Final Watch List, the Ted Hendricks and the Ted Hendricks Foundation announced on Monday. Award given to best DE in college football.

-Coastal Carolina freshman defensive end Josaiah Stewart has been named one of 14 semifinalists for the fourth annual Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award presented by the Maxwell Football Club.

Date: 12-6-21 through 12-12-21

-Coastal Carolina freshman defensive end Josaiah Stewart has been named to the 2021 Power Football Focus (PFF) College Football All-True Freshman Team, it was announced on Monday.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-The Chants were without redshirt sophomore quarterback Grayson McCall, freshman defensive end Josaiah Stewart, who set the school record for sacks in a season with 12.5, and redshirt senior tight end TJ Ivy Jr. for the practices, who all missed due to offseason surgeries.

Alex Spillum (DB/ST)

9-12-21 through 9-13-21

-“Alex is a heady player, he’s athletic, he runs that whole secondary and he’s on a whole bunch of special teams, that’s what makes him unique,” Chadwell said. “He’s like a Swiss Army knife. He wanted me to put him at wide receiver at some point, just because he just wants to be able to help.”

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Coastal Carolina redshirt senior safety Alex Spillum was named the Sun Belt Conference Special Teams Player of the Week, the league announced on Monday.

Grayson McCall (QB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“I think sometimes the coach might not make the best calls but it’s the quarterback’s job to make the best play out of it and be accountable for what you’re doing,” Chadwell said. “I think he was emotional because he made a bad decision, you know, I’m emotional because maybe it wasn’t the best call at the time. So we’re both competing with passion there. He had to understand the situation and to be smart. It’s a learning experience.

-“. . . He’s played a total of 14 games so there are still things he sees that may be a little bit new, and he didn’t make the best decision there. Coach could have called another play too, there. So just calming each other down and taking accountability and ownership of what we did, and fixing that moving forward, which we did, and he’ll be better for it.”

-McCall went under the medical tent following a hit that caused an apparent left arm or shoulder injury in the first half, but he returned to lead the same drive to a TD with a pair of passes to Heiligh totaling 53 yards.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Coastal Carolina's Isaiah Likely and Grayson McCall have both been recognized for their outstanding 2021 seasons to date, as the tandem both earned midseason All-America honors halfway through the 2021 season.

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Coastal Carolina redshirt sophomore quarterback Grayson McCall has been named to the Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2021.

-Coastal Carolina starting quarterback Grayson McCall puked on the field then came out of the game in the third quarter against Troy University football on Thursday, Oct. 28.

-McCall returned to the field on the ensuing drive with 2:22 left in the third quarter. ESPN2 sideline reporter Tiffany Blackmon said McCall was dealing with an upper-body injury.

-“I just took a shot to the gut and with me throwing up and stuff, it was just precautionary stuff on the sideline making sure I was alright,” McCall said.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Coastal Carolina quarterback Grayson McCall was named a semifinalist for the 85th Maxwell Award for the Collegiate Player of the Year, the Maxwell Football Club Executive Director, Mark Wolpert announced on Monday.

-Coastal Carolina redshirt sophomore quarterback Grayson McCall was named the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week, the league announced on Monday.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-team played without star quarterback Grayson McCall, who missed playing against Georgia Southern for the second consecutive season with an upper-body injury.

-Coastal Carolina coach Jamey Chadwell said Monday that it is possible star quarterback Grayson McCall will be lost for the remainder of the season, but the team is hopeful he'll return.

-Chadwell said the injury is in the area of McCall's shoulders, but the exact injury wasn't clear and the timetable for a return was uncertain as well.

-“We don't know how long he's going to be out,” Chadwell said. “We hope to get him back before the end of the regular season. We've done a bunch of tests and all those different things trying to figure out exactly what the injury is. There's a pain-tolerance thing now, too with it when you're dealing with your upper body and shoulder areas, there's some challenge with that playing the quarterback position.”

-“He could be out the rest of the season, based on the recovery and [healing], he could come back before then. . . . We really don't have a complete answer right now.”

-“Bryce and Grayson are obviously different players. Bryce has his strengths and there are some things obviously that he's not as good at,” Chadwell said. “So what you try to do, you take our identity and what we know we need to do to try to move the ball, then you add what you feel Bryce is capable of and what he's good at, then you try to put that in there.

-CCU coach Jamey Chadwell said Wednesday that McCall won't need surgery. “Then the second question is if he plays again will it hurt him long-term?” Chadwell said. “If the answer is yes, then he won't play any more this season. If the answer is no through our doctors and trainers, then it comes down to a rehab, recovery and then how much pain can he play with? If the pain is to a point where he can manage it and it doesn't affect him, then he'll have an opportunity to return and play.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-Coastal Carolina starting quarterback Grayson McCall will play in today's 1 p.m. game against Texas State at Brooks Stadium, according to CCU assistant AD for media relations Kevin Davis.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-For the second time this season, Coastal Carolina quarterback Grayson McCall has been named the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week, it was announced on Monday.

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-For the second consecutive season, Coastal Carolina quarterback Grayson McCall was named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year,

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-“Obviously, it's been a thought in the back of my mind. But up to this point, I'm focused on winning this bowl game. I'll be back. I'll be playing college football again next year. So there's a lot to think about, but I'll obviously focus on this last objective for the guys, the seniors.”

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-“I think people in this league and I think people probably nationally don’t realize how good he is and how good he makes us,” Chadwell said of McCall.

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Coastal Carolina quarterback Grayson McCall will receive the 2021 Blanchard-Rogers Trophy presented by the South Carolina Football Hall of Fame (SCFHOF) at the 9th Annual Enshrinement Ceremony & Benefit on April 29, 2022, at the Hilton Greenville on Haywood Road. The Blanchard-Rogers Trophy is awarded to South Carolina's most outstanding collegiate player of the year (eligibility includes all college football players playing in S.C. as well as S.C. natives playing outside the state).

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Massimo Biscardi (K)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Biscardi did not travel with the team to Buffalo because of an injury, and he is expected to miss more games if not the rest of the season, which would be a blow, as Biscardi has been recognized as an all-conference performer in multiple seasons.

-Chadwell said he has a lower body injury. “We’re hoping to find out more next week,” he said. “Our anticipation is he will not be available next week, he might not be available the rest of the year. I think it’s a week-to-week basis there. Hopefully we get him back, he’s an important part of what we’re doing. As of right now we’re anticipating him being out a little longer.”

D’Jordan Strong (DB)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-who was among the national leaders in interceptions last year with five, injured a shoulder on a first-half tackle and missed some time before returning to the field in the second half.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-cornerback D’Jordan Strong invited to the Hula Bowl

-Strong, however, has announced he will return for a third year at CCU after transferring from a junior college prior to the 2020 season. He has a team-leading 10 pass break-ups and 19 tackles this season after being among the national leaders with five interceptions last year.

Alex Spillum (S/Returner)

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“We practice Alex every week catching punts. Now he’s not a punt returner, but we practice him catching punts,” Chadwell said. “As soon as we saw that, As soon as we figured it out we told him, ‘Hey, if you see this, run back there.’ He made a great catch and the only thing I’m going to tell him is he got tackled by an offensive lineman. I mean come on, finish the play.

-“But I think that shows his ability, I think that shows his talent level and he’s very skillful. That was a big play. That changed the whole momentum there going into the fourth quarter.”

Silas Kelly (LB)

Date: 10-7-21

-super senior linebacker named one of 30 candidates for the 2021 Senior CLASS Award, it was announced on Wednesday.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Silas Kelly invited to the Hula Bowl

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-linebacker Silas Kelly was tabbed the SBC Defensive Player of the Week.

Isaiah Likely (TE)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-senior TE was named a College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) Honorable Mention National Performer of the Week following win at Arkansas State.

-named the Reese's Senior Bowl Offensive Player of the Week following win at Arkansas State.

-Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Week Honor following win at Arkansas State.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Coastal Carolina's Isaiah Likely and Grayson McCall have both been recognized for their outstanding 2021 seasons to date, as the tandem both earned midseason All-America honors halfway through the 2021 season.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- Coastal Carolina senior tight end Isaiah Likely has been named a semifinalist for the 2021 John Mackey Award, it was announced on Monday.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Coastal Carolina senior tight end Isaiah Likely has received an invitation to play in the 2022 Reese's Senior Bowl, which will be held on Saturday, Feb. 5, at 2:30 p.m. ET in Mobile, Ala.

-Likely has also been invited to play in the East-West Shrine Bowl

Offensive Line

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-The Coastal Carolina football offensive line unit has been named as one of 19 offensive line units in all of FBS football to the 2021 Joe Moore Award midseason honor roll, announced The Foundation for Teamwork, which has presented the unique award since 2015.

CJ Schrimpf (LS)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Coastal Carolina super senior long snapper CJ Schrimpf was nominated for the Burlsworth Trophy, which is presented annually to the nation's top player who began his career as a walk-on.

Jeffrey Gunter (DL)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Jeffrey Gunter has been named to the 2021 edition of the Ted Hendricks Award, which honors the top defensive end in college football, Ted Hendricks and the Ted Hendricks Foundation has announced.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Gunter invited to the Collegiate Bowl and East-West

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-He'd grown up playing defensive back and safety during his first two-plus years of high school in Durham, North Carolina. As Gunter explained it, he "woke up one day" and sprouted to 6-foot-5 seemingly overnight. He was moved to defensive end as a result, sealing edges and sacking quarterbacks with a 200-pound frame. Coastal Carolina, though, was his only FBS offer.

Eldrick Robinson II (LB)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

- have been stating true freshmen Eldrick Robinson II and Michael Edwards III at inside linebacker.

Michael Edwards III (LB)

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Bryce Carpenter (QB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-senior Bryce Carpenter started in place of injured McCall

-"Bryce and Grayson are obviously different players. Bryce has his strengths and there are some things obviously that he's not as good at," Chadwell said. "So what you try to do, you take our identity and what we know we need to do to try to move the ball, then you add what you feel Bryce is capable of and what he's good at, then you try to put that in there.

Reese White (RB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-standout running back Reese White missed Georgia Southern game with ankle injury.

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-CCU coach Jamey Chadwell said Reese White, who has 516 yards rushing and seven touchdowns in eight games, will miss his fourth consecutive game with an ankle injury but hasn't been ruled out for CCU's bowl game.

Jaivon Heiligh (WR)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-"I think the biggest legacy he's going to leave here is the way that he prepares, the way that he practices, the way that he handles his business," CCU coach Jamey Chadwell said. "He's a great example for young players and we believe we've got some young really talented receivers and he shows them how to practice and how to prepare. He's

obviously a good player but I think that's a huge legacy he's going to leave, and our program is better for him being a part of it, especially at that wide receiver position."

-“He’s an elite receiver and he’s going to be playing on Sundays,” CCU quarterback Grayson McCall said. “Whenever we’re in a rough situation, find 6. He’s going to find a way to get open, he’s going to catch the ball in traffic. He does great things for us. Even when he’s not getting the ball he pulls defenders his way because they know when 6 is on the field he’s a huge target.

-“I think you’ve seen that ever since Jaivon and those guys have been here each year we’ve added more and more because of the success they’ve had and they gained experience with what we wanted to do.”

-“I’ve had some people hit me up and say that I have potential and I’ve been invited to play in the East-West Shrine Bowl in Vegas. I’ll probably do that and see how it goes,” Heiligh said. The NFL is “the goal. That is what you’re shooting for,” he said.

-Perhaps the only question about Heiligh’s ability to play professionally is his speed. It’s the same question that likely allowed CCU to sign the high school star. He’s not considered a burner, and said he doesn’t know how fast he can run a 40-yard dash. “But we’ll soon find out,” he said.

-He’ll be going through testing in preparation for a possible shot with an NFL team, either at the NFL Combine, if he receives an invitation, or CCU’s Pro Day. He plans to prepare at either the Michael Johnson Performance center in Texas or XPE Sports in Florida.

Xavier Gravette (TE)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-Backup tight end Xavier Gravette did not play Saturday and will be a game-time decision, Chadwell said,

Donnell Wilson (OL)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-backup offensive lineman Donnell Wilson will miss his second straight game after being injured in practice last week.

Shermari Jones (RB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-running back Shermari Jones invited to the Collegiate Bowl

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-Running back Shermari Jones was named the SBC Offensive Player of the Week

Teddy Gallagher (LB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-linebacker Teddy Gallagher invited to the Hula Bowl

Trey Carter (OL)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-“Trey has not been healthy for all 60 games, but he has been available all 60 games,” said Durkin.

-Carter has started in 60-straight football games for the Chanticleers; and he will make his 61st start at the 2021 Cure Bowl later this week.

TJ Ivy Jr. (TE)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-The Chants were without redshirt sophomore quarterback Grayson McCall, freshman defensive end Josaiah Stewart, who set the school record for sacks in a season with 12.5, and redshirt senior tight end TJ Ivy Jr. for the practices, who all missed due to offseason surgeries.

Jarrett Guest (QB)

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“Jarrett’s got a lot of talent and a lot of ability, just the consistency piece with him is the thing he needs to continue to do,” Chadwell said. “. . . From a leadership, from a consistency standpoint of performing every day, he’s still got to take another step, and he knows that. “He could be one snap away from this team being his, and he’s got to have that mindset every day.”

Ja’Quon Griffin (DT) Georgia Tech --> Costal Carolina

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-Chadwell has been impressed in spring practices by a couple transfers, particularly redshirt senior Ja’Quon Griffin, a defensive tackle transfer from Georgia Tech.

-“He has been very impressive. He has done a lot of really, really good things,” Chadwell said.

South Carolina

Zeb Noland (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-was added to the roster three weeks ago after being hired as a graduate assistant this summer

-“Don’t know why I would,” Beamer said when asked if he’d name a starter ahead of the ECU contest. “I think Coach (Mike) Houston would love that. They’ve got to get ready for Dakereon Joyner. They’ve got to get ready for Luke Doty and Zeb (Noland).”

-“I was really excited to get back in a huddle. Command a huddle, go in there and talk to those guys a little bit before each play,” Noland said after the Gamecocks’ 46-0 thrashing of the Panthers. “Sometimes stats don’t matter, it’s what you see behind the scenes in the huddle when it’s just 11 guys.

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-“I was impressed with how he threw the ball and the accuracy that he threw with,” Beamer said.

-transferred from Notre Dame to North Dakota State to back up eventual NFL first-round draft pick Trey Lance before getting a chance to start for the Bison in the spring of 2020.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Graduate senior Zeb Noland, who started South Carolina's first three games before being injured against Georgia, will step in as the first-string quarterback for the remainder of the season,

-“You always had to keep the offense going in a certain direction with a quarterback run-friendly environment when you knew Luke was going to be there,” offensive coordinator Marcus Satterfield said. “We give (Noland) a hard time, he had the long run of one (yard) on the opening play against Georgia. He can move well enough to protect himself but it's going to be less working in practice on quarterback runs and just finding ways to let Zeb utilize his athletic ability, whether it be throwing the ball or just extending the play.”

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-Quarterback Zeb Noland will undergo a “minor surgical procedure” Tuesday morning for a meniscus tear in his right knee, South Carolina said in a statement released Monday night.

-“Zeb had surgery yesterday, surgery went very well,” coach Shane Beamer said on Oct. 27. “Talked to him last night around 8:00, I guess, he's back in our facility this morning and moving around pretty good, believe it or not, after a procedure like that yesterday.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Quarterback is the most important position on the field,” one former player told The State last week on the condition of anonymity regarding the inconsistencies under center. “And when your starter (Doty) — who is really young and then gets hurt — is having to play on a bum (foot) and part of his game is being elusive (it's tough). And then taking (Noland), who was a coach, and putting him out on the field to play quarterback for you — that's an interesting little deal.”

-Beamer said quarterback Zeb Noland, who underwent a minor procedure for a right meniscus tear last week, is back at practice. However, Beamer is hoping to see specific improvements throughout practice for this Saturday's home matchup against Florida.

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-South Carolina quarterback Zeb Noland, re-anointed to starter for the Duke's Mayo Bowl matchup against North Carolina, will have plenty of fans cheering for him when the Gamecocks invade Bank of America Stadium on Dec. 30.

Luke Doty (QB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-“He was at practice, didn't really do much,” Beamer said Sunday. “Have every belief he'll be available Saturday for us.”

-continues to rehab his way back from a foot injury

-Beamer told reporters after the game he expects Doty to be at “full speed” by next week's game against East Carolina.

-“We'll see how practice goes. Again, I'm not putting Luke Doty out there before he is ready and healthy.”

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“For me it’s one fact: Can he run?” Beamer said of what he needs to see to feel comfortable playing Doty. “Luke can throw the football, don’t get me wrong, but Luke’s a weapon with his feet as well.”

-“(Our plans are) going to change a little just because of the mobility that he gave us,” Satterfield said of Doty in mid-August. “You know, he’s a runner and a passer of the football.”

-“I feel like I’m pretty close,” he said Tuesday. “I did a lot of stuff today in practice and it felt good. It’s been a good recovery and I’ve still got a little ways to go, but I’m definitely getting there and I’m feeling good about it.”

-Doty said he felt some soreness in his foot after Georgia— which was expected — but otherwise didn’t think he was “too banged up.” “He’s good,” Beamer said. “He took some shots out there tonight, and they got a great pass rush and physical on defense. I’m sure he’ll be sore tomorrow.

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-He has practiced all week and “hasn’t been sore all week,” Beamer said Thursday

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“We are operating an offense they operate on Sundays, and a lot of our passing concepts you can watch on Sunday nights and on Thursday Night Football,” Satterfield said Wednesday. “And he’s able to go in there and execute the protection and go through the progression and get the balls out and get completions, which when I got here and watched him play the first time on tape, he wasn’t getting a chance to do that.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-The Gamecocks’ sophomore quarterback and starter for roughly half the season will undergo surgery this week on his left foot, which was re-injured in Saturday’s game against Vanderbilt, head coach Shane Beamer told reporters in his Tuesday press conference.

-Out for rest of the season

-“We weren’t quite sure how serious it was at that point,” Beamer said. “I felt bad for him because I knew he had re-injured it but didn’t know how severe or long term it would be.” Beamer said he hadn’t yet considered petitioning Doty for a medical redshirt for this season, given they just found out Monday that Doty would have surgery on his foot. “It’s something that we haven’t even talked about,” Beamer said.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

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Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

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Cam Smith (CB)

Date: 9-6-21 through 9-8-21

-coming off recovering in the preseason from a cracked bone in his foot

Date: 9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-got his foot stepped on and didn't play most of the second half. It's the same foot Smith had surgically repaired before preseason camp. There was not an immediate update on him going forward.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

- Cornerback Cam Smith has struggled with injuries throughout the season, but it's expected he can play on Saturday

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

- Injuries limited Smith early this season, but he's looking the part of a legitimate No. 1 corner of late.

Skill Players

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“Offensively, we really have to be much improved with our perimeter blocking. Our wide receivers and tight ends blocking in space for our running backs and wide receivers on bubble screens and things like that,” USC coach Shane Beamer said. “The run game, I didn't think we were as physical out there as we needed to be.”

Kevin Harris (RB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-Kevin Harris, one of the lone bright spots of the Gamecocks' 2020 season when he led the SEC with over 1,100 rushing yards, didn't practice for almost all of the preseason due to minor offseason back surgery. He didn't dress last week as he was ill.

-But Beamer said Harris was back on the practice field on Tuesday in full contact and said he looked great out there, which was backed up by Lloyd.

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Harris has said he's fully healthy after missing the season opener and some time during camp due to an offseason back procedure and an undisclosed illness.

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Harris was dinged up in the win over Vanderbilt

-Injuries and illness have played a part in Harris' ineffectiveness, but it doesn't change the fact he ran for more than 50 yards in every game last season except, naturally, a 48-3 throttling by the same Aggies squad he'll see this weekend.

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Running back Kevin Harris was largely absent in South Carolina's last game against Texas A&M

-Beamer said Harris was getting back to full health throughout the bye week after tweaking his ankle and looked “really good” in practice

Rashad Amos (RB)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-With Rashad Amos' return from a minor hamstring injury that kept him out last week, the Gamecocks have five running backs to swarm the Pirates.

Jordan Berch (DE)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-“He looked like a runaway train going down the field right there,” head coach Shane Beamer said. “(Offensive line coach Greg) Adkins came up to me on the sideline and said, ‘Oh my God!’ It was a ‘Wow!’ moment.”

Rick Sandidge (DL)

9-9-21 through 9-11-21

-had his left foot in a cast for the Eastern Illinois game and will continue to recover from injury this week.

-remains sidelined with a leg injury. He hasn't played in either of the Gamecocks' first two games and won't play against Georgia, either, though Beamer said his recovery is “moving along well.”

Dakereon Joyner (QB/WR/KR)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-played quarterback for the Gamecocks after an injury to Ryan Hilinski on a late hit in the third quarter of South Carolina's 20-17 double-overtime upset victory at Georgia in 2019. He's been primarily a receiver and kick returner so far in 2021 but continues to dabble in quarterback work in practice.

Josh Vann (WR)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-Vann has been the “what-if” guy since he enrolled. A U.S. Army All-American out of high school who chose the Gamecocks over home-state Georgia, he played in plenty of games in his first three seasons but had less than 400 career receiving yards.

-“He's been a great leader for us on and off the field,” Beamer said. “He's very motivated, very driven, just really proud of him and the way he's handled his business on and off the field since I got here.”

-emerging as SC's top WR

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-A hamstring injury did limit Vann's availability against Troy two weeks ago

Sherrod Greene (LB)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-was injured on the second play of the game. The senior was writhing on the field and threw his helmet immediately after he was hurt. He was carted off and did not return, the TV broadcast saying he had a cast on his right leg.

-It's an extremely unfortunate injury as Greene missed the final nine games of last year after fracturing his hip in the opener. Beamer said the injury isn't necessarily season-ending, but he'll be out for a while.

Aaron Sterling (EDGE)

9-16-21 through 9-20-21

-The 6-foot-2, 250-pound Atlanta product had to battle back from a knee injury that kept him off the field for much of the 2020 season. His ability to come up from the setback, as well as his leadership qualities as a veteran, impressed White throughout fall camp.

-“We kind of call him the heart and soul of the front,” White told reporters in a preseason press conference on Aug. 19. “After going through a grinding camp, I think he’s taken every single rep.”

-“It’s just his leadership and how he carries himself like a grown man,” White said. “No matter what you ask him to do. He’s not the biggest, but he find a way to get things done.”

Offensive Line

Date: 10-7-21

-Beamer said. “We’ve had the continuity on the left side of the offensive line, for different reasons, just hasn’t been consistent at left guard and left tackle. MarShawn didn’t get spring practice, Juju’s a true freshman, Kevin didn’t get preseason camp because of his injury and then was out with an illness.”

Jaylan Foster (S)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

- Left Gardner-Webb after he had been named 2016 Big South Freshman of the Year as a scholarship player to walk-on at South Carolina

-“Jaylan has done a great job this year for us leading the defense and coming to work every single day trying to get better,” USC defensive coordinator Clayton White said. “Jaylan’s on a different level right now, at the highest level of college football.”

Fred Kroeger (P)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-As the now 6-foot-4, 195-pound Kroeger earned honor after honor — including securing the No. 1 ranking among 2020 punters per Kohls’ in-house ratings — colleges began to notice.

-“Obviously he had good size,” Spagnoli said. “He had decent speed. He wasn’t the fastest kid on the field, but he was certainly fast enough.”

-“He was always above the rest of his class,” Radke told The State. “He was always one of the best in the country for his age in finding a spot, hitting the zone, being outside of the hash (marks), being inside the 20. His situational punting and awareness is excellent.”

Parker White (K)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-“He is one of the best leaders we have,” quarterback Luke Doty said. “He’s more of a silent leader. You don’t really hear him too often, but when he steps out on the field, he kind of commands the attention of everyone.”

Colten Gauthier (QB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-who "is getting better quickly," per Beamer,

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

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Jason Brown (QB)

Date: 10-12-21 through 10-17-21

-Beamer said FCS transfer quarterback Jason Brown will take on the backup role at quarterback

Date: 10-26-21 through 10-31-21

-“I thought Jason did well. He’s a gamer,” Beamer said. “For his first game action, I thought he came in and did a great job. And thought he did a nice job sustaining plays and creating when we gave up some pressure and being able to get out of the pocket and make some throws.”

-“The moment wasn’t too big for him,” Beamer said of Brown’s performance against the Aggies on Saturday. “He sat in the pocket and made some throws. Certainly some throws that he would like to have back and that maybe were a little off ... but for his first game action, I thought he came in and did a great job.”

-“I have no issue when JB goes in the game. I wasn’t ever disappointed with him, but where he’s come from in the spring to where he is now is light years,” Satterfield said last week before the game at Texas A&M. “He knows, based on the data of this season, there’s probably a chance he’s going to have to go in and play some plays, games, snaps whatever it is, so he’s just staying ready for when his time comes.”

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-“Jason’s done a nice job of preparing and going out there and practicing with confidence,” Beamer said. “We’ve got to put together a good plan to give whoever plays quarterback for us the opportunity to be successful.”

-“The moment wasn’t too big for him,” Beamer said postgame. “He sat in the pocket and made some throws. Certainly some throws that he would like to have back and that maybe were a little off ... but for his first game action, I thought he came in and did a great job.”

-“I’ve said it for a long time, he’s a natural leader, a natural quarterback,” Satterfield added Wednesday. “And even when he wasn’t playing, he had that intangible — just like shooting me a random text, or things he would say on the sideline or in the locker room, or how he is in the meeting room, how he would prepare. He’s always had that.”

-South Carolina seems to have its starting quarterback plans in order. St. Francis (Pennsylvania) transfer Jason Brown will start for USC on Saturday against Florida, according to a report Friday from Matt Zenitz of On3.

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“Jason played his butt off,” Beamer said. “We’ll evaluate this week, but Jason was fantastic.”

-“He obviously played well the other night and we had some momentum because of it offensively,” Beamer said. “Zeb’s healthier and available. He’s good to go. Jason is the starter and we’ve got a capable group of guys back there who can play quarterback.”

-(Jason improved) from a physical standpoint, working on footwork or throwing the football mental standpoint, understanding your offense and being able to operate it,” Beamer said Tuesday. “That was really good to see the other night.”

-“I’ve been saying for two months now, if Jason Brown jogs into the game, I’m not nervous at all. He went through the entire game and didn’t have one issue.”

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“I can remember several different colleges talking about, ‘Well, we love Jason’s film,’” former Chancellor offensive line coach Pat Lilly said. “He’d go down and be the best quarterback at their camp and walk away with no answers.”

-“Every throw (Jason) threw, people were on their feet cheering,” Gibbons said. “For lack of better words, it was like the Pied Piper had arrived.”

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-South Carolina’s starting quarterback is in the transfer portal, he announced on Dec. 15, and will play his final year of football elsewhere as a graduate transfer. Brown, the Gamecocks’ third starter this season, saw like everybody else the addition of former top prep prospect Spencer Rattler to the QB room a couple of days ago.

Juju McDowell (RB)

Date: 10-20-21 through 10-24-21

-Juju McDowell is back and should play this week coming off suspension

-McDowell missed last week’s game due to an undisclosed disciplinary issue.

Jalen Brooks (WR)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Beamer said he wasn’t sure of wide receiver Jalen Brooks’ timetable for return, but he did say he does not expect Brooks to return for this week’s game against Florida. Brooks hasn’t played since South Carolina met Tennessee on Oct. 9 because of undisclosed personal reasons.

-“Love the kid, and hopefully we’ll have him back soon,” Beamer said.

Dylan Wonnum (OL)

Date: 11-2-21 through 11-7-21

-Offensive lineman Dylan Wonnum (back) and safety Jaylin Dickerson (ankle) are out for this week, USC coach Shane Beamer announced Thursday on his radio call-in show.

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Nick Muse (TE)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Offensive coordinator Marcus Satterfield echoed Beamer's sentiments from the summer on Wednesday that USC wants and needs to include its tight ends in the offense going forward. It only stands to help receivers get open on the outside and create mismatches on the inside.

Jaheim Bell (TE)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-“The key to the whole group is (Kenion), just how he's really come on in the last three months,” Satterfield said. “It's allowed Jaheim to not have to learn every single thing in the playbook — different positions, different blocks. He's taken a little bit of load off of him and it's allowed us to go a little more multiple with two tight end sets and three tight end sets.”

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Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-Jaheim Bell, who's technically listed as a tight end on USC's roster, is playing what Satterfield calls a “wide back.” Looking for a comparison? Try former Gamecock standout and reigning NFL Pro Bowler Deebo Samuel. “He's Deebo 2.0,” Satterfield joked with reporters on Wednesday.

-“He's one of the top athletes, football players in the country,” Satterfield said. “... The more that we can develop his understanding, football IQ and the transitions on the field, he can be unstoppable like he was in the bowl game.”

-“We're gonna lean on him a lot this year,” Satterfield said, “and ask him to do a lot of things.”

Traevon Kenion (TE)

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MarShawn Lloyd (RB)

Date: 11-8-21 through 11-14-21

-Lloyd is coming off a major knee surgery that can take up to two years to find full comfort after.

-ditched the brace he'd been wearing on his left knee for the first time in a game this season. He's been mostly relegated to third or fourth fiddle behind Kevin Harris and Juju McDowell. Former Florida State running back ZaQuandre White's recent emergence crowds the backfield some.

Damani Staley (LB)

Date: 11-15-21 through 11-21-21

-“He's a guy that's playing like a senior,” South Carolina head coach Shane Beamer said Sunday. “He's a guy that's playing like an older guy and has maturity, and he's gaining more and more confidence each week.”

-“He's really stepped up,” Pickens said. “When Sherrod Greene went down, he was the next man up. He took that role and ran with it and never looked back.”

-“Damani is definitely a cat who came out of his shell this year,” edge rusher Kingsley “JJ” Enagbare said on Tuesday. “He's been more of a vocal leader and has been way more animated.”

-Son of former RB and respected current NFL Assistant Coach Duce Staley

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“He's a low-maintenance guy. He does a fantastic job of just doing his job and being where he's supposed to be,” White said. “He's a steady-Eddie kind of guy.”

-“He's just so steady and he hardly says a word. I don't know many words that he and I have communicated with each other since I've been here,” Beamer said. “He doesn't say a whole lot, but he's been steady and consistent.”

ZaQuandre White (RB)

Date: 11-22-21 through 11-28-21

-“So much. He brings great energy to our team on and off the field. He's the same every way. I mean, the way that he ran the ball and caught the ball tonight, that's the way he does it in practice every day like there's only one speed with ZaQuandre. He doesn't turn it on and off and it was awesome to see... But he's a weapon. He continues to get better and better each week.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“One of my best three attributes is ball-catching,” White explained. “That's just one thing (scouts) look for. I can line up at receiver, in the slot. I can do it all.”

JJ Enagbare (DL)

Date: 11-29-21 through 12-5-21

-JJ Enagbare walked on Senior Night, but that's not any kind of guarantee that he'll leave. What seems to make it assured that he will leave is Enagbare posted a social media request for fans to show up for his last home game against Clemson, and he could be a first-round pick in the NFL Draft.

Spencer Rattler (QB)

Date: 12-13-21 through 12-19-21

-Big addition through transfer portal from Oklahoma

-“I think it’s huge,” Beamer said. “I know it’s huge. One, because of the kind of player he is. I was around him at Oklahoma. I know what kind of player he is and what kind of person he is, and I’m excited about adding him to our roster. But then just his name and the reputation he has and the excitement and buzz it generated for South Carolina football was amazing.”

-“The news comes out a couple nights ago ... and immediately the amount of recruits that were texting me about it, normally it’s me communicating with them through text and FaceTime — but they’re hitting me up about their excitement that Spencer Rattler is coming here,” Beamer said. “I think it makes a great statement about what this program’s about. Spencer could’ve gone anywhere in the country and chose to come here for his 2022 season of football.”

Date: 12-20-21 through 12-26-21

-Then there’s the high school incident. Rattler didn’t complete his senior season at Pinnacle (Ariz.) High due to violating the district code of conduct policy. What exactly Rattler did has never been clarified, but it was not criminal and there was no victim.

-This was revealed in the Netflix series “QB1: Beyond the Lights,” which also had Rattler on film yelling at some of his teammates. Whether or not he was encouraged to be “edgy” and make the show more exciting is unclear.

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-“I’m excited about the new additions to the program,” Beamer said. “When they come in, they don’t look lost. They stand out when they go out there. We’ve got some guys that are new arrivals that love to compete and have done a great job of coming right in, jumping into what we’re doing and doing a great job of it.”

Date: 2-28-22 through 3-6-22

-“Being around a guy like Jalen Hurts, seeing how he responded to things and the way he would take notes — I think Spencer has really grown in that aspect of becoming a student of the game,” Giovando (his personal QB coach) told The State in December.

-“All I know is what I saw during my time with him in Oklahoma,” head coach Shane Beamer said in January. “And I saw a guy that wants to win, that is immensely talented (and) comes from a great family.”

Date: 3-14-22 through 3-20-22

-“It’s not easy walking into an SEC football program in January and getting acclimated, but he’s done a great job” Beamer added Tuesday. “Spencer is a great young man. He’s really come in and just been himself, worked really, really hard and the guys around him respect that.” There is still plenty for Rattler to learn over the course of the spring and into the summer, Beamer noted. He pointed to South Carolina’s propensity to run plays from under center as compared with Oklahoma, where Rattler rarely huddled and signaled plays from the shotgun. Those adjustments will come in time.

Date: 3-21-22 through 3-27-22

-Offensive coordinator Marcus Satterfield said he expects to name an official starter soon. It’d be a shock if Rattler wasn’t QB1. Doty more than likely will shift into the backup role, while Gauthier, Davis and Bailey — who will arrive on campus over the summer — will duke it out behind them.

Jordan Strachan (EDGE)

Date: 12-27-21 through 1-2-22

-Edge lineman Jordan Strachan was not spotted at practice. Strachan transferred to South Carolina from Georgia State where he finished tied for the national lead in sacks in 2020. Strachan could conceivably leave for the NFL draft, though his plans have yet to be announced.

Terrell Dawkins (DL)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

-former N.C. State defensive lineman

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Christian Beal-Smith (RB)

Date: 2-21-22 through 2-27-22

- former Wake Forest running back

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