

FOOTBALL



2022



High School Football Preview

SCHEDULES

Snohomish Panthers

- Friday, Sept. 2 vs Glacier Peak 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 9 vs Mountlake Terrace 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 16 at Shorecrest 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 23 vs Edmonds-Woodway 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 29 vs Lynnwood 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 7 vs Liberty (Renton) 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 14 at Shorewood 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 21 vs Monroe 7 p.m.

Monroe Bearcats

- Friday, Sept. 2 vs Roosevelt 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 9 vs Shorecrest 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 16 at Kamiak 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 23 vs Lynwood 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 30 at Mountlake Terrace 5 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 7 vs Shorewood 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 14 at Edmonds-Woodway 5 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 21 at Snohomish 7 p.m.

Glacier Peak Grizzlies

- Friday, Sept. 2 at Snohomish 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 9 at Camas 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 17 vs Ferndale 3:45 p.m.
(at Lumen Field, Seattle)
- Friday, Sept. 23 at Rocklin, CA 8 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 30 vs Mariner 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 8 at Kamiak 2 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 14 vs Marysville-Pilchuck 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 20 vs Jackson 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 28 at Lake Stevens 7 p.m.

Everett Seagulls

- Friday, Sept. 2 at Issaquah 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 9 at Mariner 7 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 16 vs Jackson 5 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 23 vs Redmond 8 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 30 at Inglemoor 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 7 vs Cascade 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 14 at Cedarcrest 7 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 21 vs Meadowdale 8 p.m.

By ADAM WORCESTER
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SNOHOMISH — His Panthers have won or shared a division title in each of Joey Hammer’s four seasons as head football coach, and he plans to make it five straight by Halloween.

“That’s 100 percent the first step,” Hammer said. “Our ultimate goal is the first weekend in December (the state title game). Why not shoot for the moon?”

Twenty-three seniors lead the charge for Snohomish High into a season that opens Friday night opposing 4A powerhouse Glacier Peak and includes a week six home game against Liberty, a tough KingCo 3A squad.

Senior quarterback Kale Hammer (6’ 3”, 227 pounds), runs Snohomish’s spread offense.

His primary targets include senior receivers Wyatt Doran (6’ 2”, 160 pounds), Miles Lamb (5’ 9”, 140 pounds), Mason Orgill (6’ 0”, 190 pounds), Caleb Podoll (5’ 10”, 170 pounds) and Sam Flores (5’ 11”, 155 pounds).

Three more seniors — Kyle Larson (5’ 11”, 150 pounds), William Alexander (6’ 3”, 210 pounds) and Mason Podoll (6’ 2”, 180 pounds) — alter-



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nate carries at running back.

They will operate behind a senior-led offensive line featuring Payton Clarke (6’ 5”, 215 pounds), Ryder Elton (6’ 1”, 312 pounds) and Gabe James (6’ 0”, 235 pounds).

On defense are senior lineman Oscar Adams (6’ 0”, 180 pounds), senior defensive end Maximus MacDicken (6’ 1”, 187 pounds), senior linebacker Gavin Maynard (5’ 10”, 173 pounds), and senior cornerbacks Cole Taylor (5’ 9”, 146 pounds) and Easton

Leonard (6’ 2”, 170 pounds).

All will play key roles.

Snohomish looks to build on a 5-4 season in 2021 that ended in a three-way tie

with Monroe and Edmonds-Woodway for the Wesco 3A South Division championship.

“Overall we did extremely well,” Hammer said. “Did we reach our potential? I wouldn’t say that.”

Part of the problem was that disruptions caused by COVID-19 prevented players from fully utilizing the school weight room.

Now the program is back to pre-COVID levels, with 118 players turning out for the sport.

“It’s the first time in a couple of years as a coach that it’s fun again. The weight room is back in full effect. It gets the culture ready to go,” Hammer said.

“We’re very young in a lot of ways,” he continued, “but we’ve got a lot of hunger in the young guys. We’ve got some dudes, and we’ve got some hard workers. I like that combination.”

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Glacier Peak Grizzlies sizzle with momentum

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SNOHOMISH — Glacier Peak has what it takes to make a deep run into the 4A state playoffs if the team plays well, says third-year head coach Shane Keck.

The Grizzlies are returning the nucleus of last year's 7-3 squad that finished second in Wesco 4A and lost to Bothell in the second round of the state playoffs.

"We have a lot of talented offensive skill guys and maybe the best overall offensive line since I have been at Glacier Peak," Keck said.

A trio of seniors anchors the line: Adam Troxel (6'0", 230 pounds), Baxter Cox (6'3", 280 pounds) and Joe Johnson (6'5", 225 pounds). Senior Cooper Jensen (6'5", 215 pounds), who has accepted a scholarship to Oregon State University, is at tight end.

Quarterback River Lien (6'0", 210 pounds) leads an experienced and deep group of seniors at the skill positions: running backs Trey Leckner (6'2", 230 pounds) and Ryan King (6'0", 195 pounds), and wide receivers Logan Szarzec (6'4", 195 pounds), Gabe Russell (5'10", 175 pounds) and Liam Lennon (5'11", 185 pounds).



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Keck said another key senior is defensive end Micah Harrelson (6'1", 230 pounds), Keck said.

Steve Hannan, a past coach for eight years, returns to the Grizzlies' staff as defensive coordinator.

"Our program has lots of momentum right now, and football is very important to our kids and community," Keck said. "We can't wait to get going."

Glacier Peak has reached the state playoffs each season since reclassifying from 3A to 4A in 2015 (except 2020, when COVID-19 canceled the playoff tournament).

The Grizzlies face one of

the toughest schedules in the league.

It begins at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 2 against Snohomish and ends Oct. 28 at perennial state power Lake Stevens, whom Glacier Peak took to the wire last year in a 34-28 loss.

In between are games at Lumen Field, the Seahawks' stadium, against Ferndale on Saturday, Sept. 17, followed by a trip to play Rocklin High School near Sacramento, California, the following Friday.

"We are very excited for the quality of our league play. There are many D1 level players and the overall quality has greatly improved," Keck

said.

Following COVID-impacted 2020 and 2021 seasons, Keck said "this is the first year where I felt like we had the ability to really put our full program together."

That portends plenty of trouble for Wesco foes.