

# PRESBYTERIAN BLUE HOSE

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2022

**QUARTERBACKS** - QB Tyler Huff split time in '19, throwing for 871 (58.4%, 7-8) and was also their #2 rusher with 327 (4.4). Brandon Thompson led in passing with 1,021 (52.7%, 3-7). Huff was the clear starter in the spring. He threw for 1,465 (62.1%, 10-5) and was again their #2 rusher with 206 (2.6). Thompson added 337 (46.2%, 2-1). Huff returned while Thompson departed. They added Michigan transfer Ron Hefley (PS#335). It was Hefley who won the job and started all 10 games. He set school's D1 record for pass attempts, completions, pass yards, pass tds and pass ypg but also threw a school record 31 int's. Hefley finished with 3,933 (62.5%, 39-31). Huff completed 17 of 21 passes for 224 (4-0) in 4 games. Jake Davis added 210 (45.7%, 1-2). Both Hefley and Huff depart. Presbyterian only had 2 QB's on their spring roster, Davis and Warner Bush (15-26-88-0-1 LY) who also appears as a kicker. New HC Steve Englehart is going to have his work cut out for him and their numbers will plummet going away from the pass-happy system.

**RUNNING BACKS** - The Blue Hoes lost their top 3 RB's going into spring. Delvecchio Powell had 104 vs Morehead St and led with 311 (4.0). Jarius Jeter was the only other RB to make an impact, finishing with 152 (3.5). Last year Powell returned. He had 131 vs Dayton and 115 vs Marist. Powell led with 775 (6.6) and was their #5 receiver with 447 (7.3). Nnamdi Orjioko was #2 with just 168 (3.6). Only Orjioko departs and Powell (2nd Tm All Pioneer) could see a decent increase in rush production but his receiving opportunities will certainly diminish.

**RECEIVERS** - Keith Pearson led Presbyterian with 777 (10.9) in '19. He returned in spring but they lost their #2, #3 and #4. Pearson led with 831 (12.8) but he transferred to Charlotte after the spring. Lawson Bachelder was #2 with 243 with an excellent 24.3 ypc. Kieran Turner added 155 (10.3) and Matthew Rivera had 153 (25.5). The loss of Pearson was offset by the emergence of Jalyn Witcher who led the Pioneer with 1,120 (14.0) and was named 4th Tm AA. Rivera finished #2 with 742 (10.9). Turner was #3 with 606 (10.8). Jalen Jones added 471 (24.8). Witcher transferred to Delaware. Rivera, Turner, Bachelder (7 st, 245, 12.9) and Austin Polson (242, 7.3) all depart as well. Only 1 of their top 11 return! This unit is absolutely decimated.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - Presbyterian ran for 131 (2.3) ypg in '19 with 21 sacks allowed. In spring they slipped to 100 (3.1) and sacks jumped to 28. Last year the Blue Hose lost 3 starters on the line but 4 returned with starting experience. They rushed for 103 (3.5) ypg and allowed 55 sacks which actually was an improvement from 10.6% down to 8.5%. This year they lose LG Noah Mangum (7 st), C Blake Tyler (8 st), RG Michael Jubran (6 st) and Nycholas Johnson (2 st). Only 2 starters return but they do have 4 back with starting experience and are in the same shape they were in last year.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The Blue Hose went from allowing 193 (4.6) rush ypg to 176 (4.1) but sacks dropped from 20 (7%) to 7 (3.6%). They improved despite losing 2 starters and a backup then DT Tyler Wilhelm (11 st, #6 tkl'r '19) was lost for the season after 1 game. Presbyterian did have a mix of excellent performances, holding 3 teams under 100 rush yds and 3 poor performances, allowing over 220 rush yds. Last year they lost all 4 starters including their #7, #9, #11 and #13 tkl'rs. They allowed 211 rush ypg (5.2) and gave up 239 (5.9) in conference play. This year they lose DE Sudderth (10 st, 11 tkl, 1.5 sk) and Jalen Terrell (6 st, 8 tkl). Their top 3 return and 5 of their top 7 so they are actually in much better shape.

**LINEBACKERS** - Presbyterian returned all 3 starters at LB in the spring which were also their #1, #2 and #4 tkl'rs. LB's were the strength of the defense led by #1 tkl'r Colby Campbell (96 tkls, 7 tfl). Jarrett Nagy was #2 (52 tkls, 6.5 tfl) and Jeffrey Smyth did everything at NB (#3 tkl'r, 44 tkls, 7.5 tfl, 3 int). Last year they lost both Campbell and Smyth. Nagy leads a much younger LB corps that didn't give much playing time to the backups the last 2 years. The youth was evident as they allowed 60 ppg vs FCS competition! This year they lose Futa Shinkawa (3 st, #2 tkl'r), Evan Murphy (10 st, #5 tkl'r), Jarrett Nagy (6 st, #6 tkl'r), Jalyn Dubose (5 st, #8 tkl'r) and Reagan Cherry (4 st, #10 tkl'r). They do get their #1 tkl'r back and can't possibly be worse than last year.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Presbyterian lost 1 starter in their secondary heading into spring of '22. They only allowed 202 pass ypg (57.7%) but allowed a 27-10 ratio in '19. The Blue Hose improved to just 53% allowed and 167 pass ypg with just a 9-9 ratio. Only 1 starter returned last year in CB Isaac Crisp (#8 tkl'r, 5 pd). Keegan Halloran did start 3 games as well (#10 tkl'r, 2 int). They lost their #4, #5 and #6 tkl'rs. Presbyterian allowed 228 pass ypg and finished 10th in the Pioneer in pass efficiency defense (58.1%, 27-6). This year they lose FS Colby Smith (7 st, #4 tkl'r, 7 pbu), Jayden Martin (3 st, #9 tkl'r) and Mack Simmons (#12 tkl'r), as well as 4 other backups. They get their #3, #7 and #14 tkl'rs back but are much more experienced than they were entering last season.

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - Parker Maddrey made 5-6 fg's (L/35) in the spring. Aaron Winn avg'd 39.5 punt (35.2 net). Keith Pearson led with a 15.0 KR avg and Oka Emmanwori avg'd 22.8 KR with an 88 yd td. The entire unit departed last year and new HC Kevin Kelley didn't use ST's. They attempted 0 fg's all season, only had 12 punts with a 23.2 net and frequently tried onside kicks so their net KO was just 29.9. Now they have to rebuild their ST's unit after basically taking a year off from using it.

**COACHES** - Steve Englehart takes over after spending 13 years as HC at Florida Tech (DII). He was the OC at Indiana St. In '06 he was the youngest HC in the NCAA when he started at Rose-Hulman in Indiana. No OC is listed. Daniel Owen is the first year DC after coaching Safeties at NC Central. He was a ST's Analyst at FAU in spring '21 and coached under Englehart for 5 years at Florida Tech as CB/WR/ST Cch.

## FORECAST

**OFFENSE** - Presbyterian failed to put up 300 ypg in both '18 and '19, finishing with 275 & 294 while averaging just 14 & 17 ppg. In '20 they benefited from a move out of the Big South and put up 26.1 ppg and 358 ypg. Last year HC Kelley brought in a pass happy up-tempo system. They had 7 starters back and jumped to 36.7 ppg and 518 ypg. This year only 3 starters return and their offense will be more traditional so the numbers will drastically decrease.

**DEFENSE** - In Presbyterian's final season in the Big South they allowed 395 ypg and 33.2 ppg. In the spring they returned their top 7 tkl'rs. They improved to just 343 ypg and 23 ppg allowed. Last year they switched to Kelley's unorthodox system (almost no punts, always onside kick). They only had 1 starter back in the first place so not only were they inexperienced, running a new system, but they were constantly put on the field in tough situations. They allowed 53.6 ppg and 60.4 ppg vs FCS foes despite only allowing 439 ypg. This year 4 starters return so they are more experienced, plus they shed the goof ball system they were running so this could be one of the biggest decreases in ppg allowed you will ever see.

**2022** - Presbyterian had an experienced defense in '20 and managed to win 4 games in their first year of Pioneer League play. We said it would be interesting to see if HC Kelley's unique style translates to the college game. Only 8 starters returned and their defense was extremely inexperienced so we didn't see a .500 finish this year. They started the season by crushing 2 lower division foes. They got smoked 72-0 by Campbell as part of a season ending 9 game losing streak. Presbyterian finished 2-9, allowing 54+ points in each of their last 6 games. Remarkably they finished +79 ypg and were only +35 ypg in Pioneer play. This year they go to a more conventional method of playing football under HC Steve Englehart. Only 7 starters return but their defense will be greatly improved. Their DEF ypg was an unheard of 8.2 and they finished -29 TO's! It might take a year to reset but they will be much more competitive and keep games closer thought their record may not indicate improvement this year.