

Western Overview

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the Warriors to thrive.

“We’re going to be better in a lot of areas,” Snuffer said. “We’ve got some guys that we like filling some spots.”

The Warriors were largely dependent on rushing the ball last year, though Kuehnel threw for about 1,300 yards.

Running back Cam Cotton should see a heightened role as a senior. The backfield could receive a boost from senior running back Johnny Curtis, a transfer from Southeast Guilford. Cotton is the leading returning rusher with less than 150 yards on the ground last year as the top three ground gainers were 2022 seniors.

There needn’t be limits on what the Warriors can do.

“I feel we have more athletes,” junior receiver/defensive back James Newton said. “I just like the athletes we have. Just dogs, really.”

Seniors Josh Long and Keontae Poteat have dual roles as receivers and defensive backs.

Much of the level of success that Western attains might depend on the development of the players along the line of scrimmage. They faced stern challenges with mixed results last year.



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Kicker Jacob Carter’s range gives the Warriors a boost.

“Once you get a couple of losses, you got to figure it out,” Newton said.

The Warriors might be surrounded by good teams in the Central 3-A Conference, and they’ll begin the season with non-conference games against four teams coming off winning seasons. This is no easy task.

“I have no worries at all,” linebacker Chazz May said. “I think we’re going to be one of the good ones.”

Western Coaches

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Eastern Guilford’s coach Tony Aguilar’s staff. He was defensive coordinator with

Eastern Guilford since 2019.

During his earlier coaching go-around with the Warriors, Mitchener was widely visible on game nights. He donned a fluorescent-type vest so his defenders could easily locate him on the sideline sending in signals.