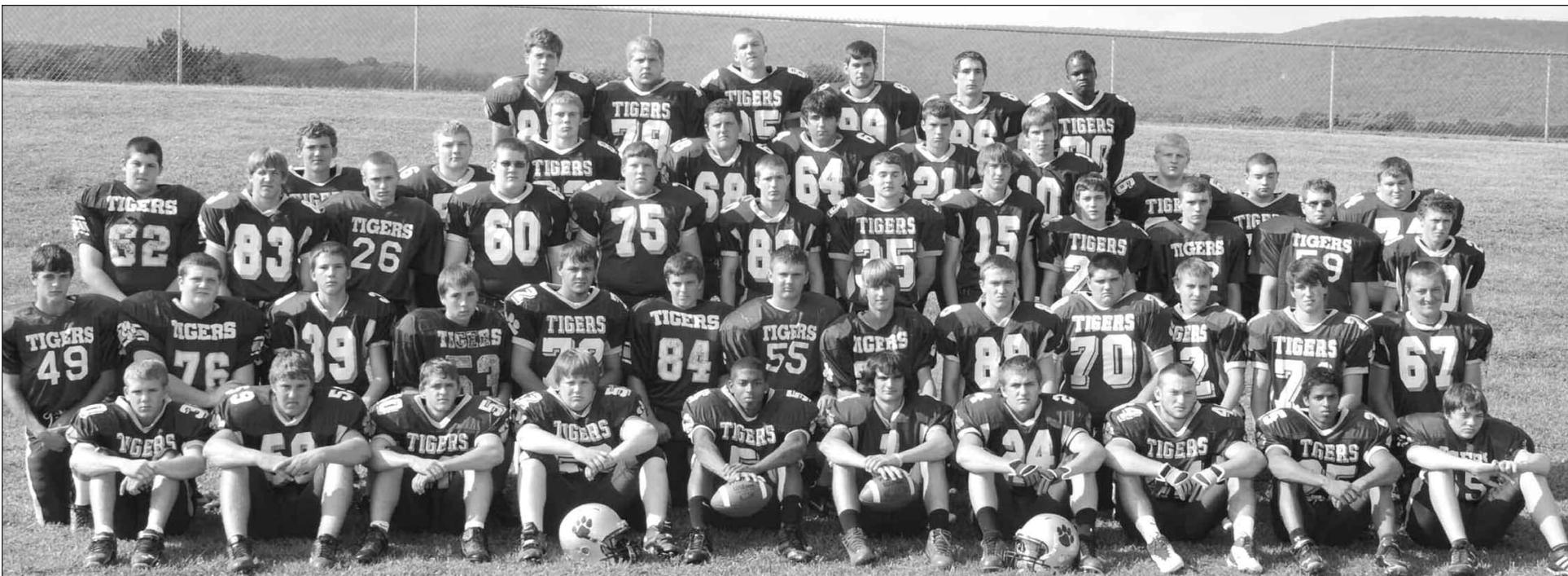


EAST JUNIATA FOOTBALL



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Members of the East Juniata football team are, from left, front, Tyler Herbster, Nick Volinskis, Logan Trego, Kurt Eisele, David Brantley, Austin Bennett, Marcus Klingler, Logan Hambricht, Caleb Gehman and Micah Treaster; second row, Scott Dunn, Nick Stone, Andrew Zerby, Levi Sanders, Alex Sweigart, Bailey Hetrick, James Wolfley, Brody McLaughlin, Matthew Aurand, Jarrett Fike, Josh Zimmerman, Kyle Hart and Kevin Spickler; third row, Joey Meintel, Cody Folk, Aaron Sharp, Ryan Furgison, Adam Zerby, Andreas Hartmann, Colton Snook, Reed Bruner, Michael Zechman, Derek Fishburn, Colton Newman and David Sprengle; fourth row, Zack Schrader, Nick Eminhizer, Kevin Allen, Brody Hetrick, Bo Kerlin, Tyler Myers, Ryan Combs, Tyrell Lease, Dalton Rowe and Colby Keister; back, Andrew Karchner, Joe Burkheimer, Justin Murphy, Dexter Ehrenzeller, Melvin Smith and Melvin Franklin.

East Juniata looks to play an aggressive game

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AT A GLANCE

EAST JUNIATA TIGERS

District 4, Class AAA

Coach: Simon Cameron, assisted by Calvin Sheaffer, Wayne Sheaffer, Lucas Heintzelman, Mark Feltman and Joe Boyd
2011: 2-8

BEAVER SPRINGS — East Juniata's football team has a bit of history, but much of it does not include a victory celebration at the end of the season. Sure, the Tigers appeared in the District 4 Class AAA tournament a few times, but never beyond the first round.

And that was since the team joined the All-American Football Conference, a ragtag league comprising a number of teams in central and eastern Pennsylvania that had trouble in more traditional conference alignments, working together to form a more competitive organization within.

Not so this fall — East Juniata as a school is part of the Tri-Valley League, and for the first time in nearly 20 years the TVL will include a football component. That means a return to the past for the Tigers, at least in terms of who they play on the field.

And, with a successful cooperative program that involves Mid-West High School, East Juniata has

hopefully found some of the key pieces to turn the program into an up-and-coming contender. After the Tigers plugged through a tough 2-8 season in 2011, first-year coach Simon Cameron is hoping East Juniata can make an impact with talent, speed, execution and intensity.

"We're going to go after people," said Cameron. "We're going to work hard, hit hard and never give up."

Although fierce determination is always a blessing, what Cameron's charges unfortunately don't possess is size.

"We're light, that's our weakness," he said. "But the kids are all willing to work as hard as they can and make themselves better. We are physically fit and a lot of our guys are pretty quick."

Plus, the Tigers have 53

players anxious to see action.

"We may be individually small, but we have a good number of players with ability," Cameron said. "If we rotate and maintain our depth, we should be able to outlast teams in the third and fourth quarters."

The offensive backfield looks to be strong with veteran quarterback Austin Bennett and the strong running duo of David Brantley and Logan Hambricht.

"Austin must make the correct reads for our running and passing game to be successful," Cameron said. "We're looking for David to make more catches out of the backfield and for Logan, our only true fullback, to provide powerful blocking and running."

"All of our players have a

lot of work to do, but everyone is extremely dedicated." Melvin Smith, Kevin Allen and Andy Hartmann are all talented receivers.

Marcus Klinger, Joey Berkheimer and Curt Eisele add quickness and experience

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