

of their preparation and the effort they put on the field. That to me is more important than getting the W. At the same token, I'm very competitive and I want to freaking win games."

Sprague's strength as a team will come in the trenches, which is something the program has hung their hat for the better part of the last two decades.

Bryson Kievit started for the Olympians last season as a sophomore at right guard and at defensive tackle — he earned an honorable mention all-conference nod at right tackle. According to Minyard, Kievit has put on 40 pounds during the offseason, filling out his 6-foot-1 frame to 250 pounds.

"The kid loves football and has a little mean streak in him. He's super competitive and I think he's going to be really good and may even big a big-college recruit depending on how he develops," Minyard said of Kievit.

Sprague will also be returning Joey Koenig as an offensive guard — who received second-team all-league status as a junior last season — as well as Jacob Bos, a 6-3, 300-pound junior who will be starting at right guard.

"We have the best area of depth up front. We want to maintain our physicality, because we want to be a downhill, power-counter football team that plays a smash-mouth style and gets after it," Minyard said.

While Sprague is well-known for being a power,



run-heavy team, Minyard also shared that the team will be adding some new wrinkles to their offensive scheme.

"You'll see us with more multiple formations and with more receivers on the field than we have had in the past," Minyard said. "We want to maintain that physical identity, but we're looking to be more mobile than we have been in the past."

The Sprague offense will more than likely be in the hands of senior quarterback Eli Polanski.

Polanski started the 2018 season as the third-string quarterback, but after injuries to Ethan Flanigan and Ethan Johnson, Polanski started the final four games of the season and helped the Olympians to their only two victories.

"He's got great work ethic, great leadership skills and great passion. And he really throws the ball well, especially on the run," Minyard said.

Sprague will also be relying heavily on the production on junior running

back Ethan Bullock, who rushed for over 100 yards in three of Sprague's four conference games last season.

"He will be one of the best backs in the league. He's very patient and is a different style runner than some of the guys we have had in the past. I think he will have a big impact," Minyard said.

On the outside, Sprague returns junior Carson Van Kempen and senior Wiley Roberts, who both started at receiver and in the secondary in 2018 — Roberts received honorable mention recognition as a cornerback last season.

While he has many stellar players playing on both sides of the ball, Minyard has big expectations for senior linebacker Cody Price — Price is the only returning starter at linebacker and will also get reps at fullback.

"I think he's going to be the commander of our defense. He also might be a big part of our offense too," Minyard said.

Despite their vigorous schedule and young squad, Minyard still believes that Sprague could be a playoff team by the time November comes.

"I'm cautiously optimistic about this team," Minyard said. "I think on paper, we're supposed to win four or five games, so our goal is to win those games and take one or two that were not supposed to win."



Sprague roster

#	PLAYER NAME	YR.	POS.	#	PLAYER NAME	YR.	POS.
1	Wiley Roberts	12	WR/DB	18	Isaac Bare	12	WR/DL
2	Bryce Rowles	12	WR/DB	29	Tomas Povolly	11	WR/DB
3	Augie Terrones	11	WR/DB	31	Camden White	12	WR/DB
4	Eli Polanski	12	QB/DB	34	Ethan Bullock	11	RB/LB
5	Max Fry	12	WR/DB	51	Justis Hisgen	11	OL/DL
6	Jacob Robbins	11	WR/DB	52	Rene Prado	12	OL/DL
7	Drew Rodriguez	9	WR/DB	54	Ethan Sorenen	12	OL/DL
8	Logan Smith	10	QB/DB	55	Derek Mach	11	OL/DL
9	David Sherman	10	RB/LB	56	Josh Bell	11	OL/DL
10	Carson Van Kempen	11	WR/DB	57	Brett Hassoun	11	OL/DL
11	Colton Herring	10	WR/DB	58	Soren Sorensen Jr.	12	OL/DL
13	Jordan Jeffries	10	WR/DB	59	Bryce Whetzel	12	OL/DL
14	Zach Dodson-Greene	10	WR/DB	60	Bryson Kievit	11	OL/DL
16	Johnathan Warner	11	QB/DB	63	Jayden Harrison	11	OL/DL
17	Matthew Sparling	12	WR/DB	64	Jacob Martin	12	OL/DL
19	Will Penn	12	WR/DB	65	Christian Aguirre	11	OL/DL
21	Roland Hare	11	RB/LB	68	Daniel Simons	12	OL/DL
22	Adam Ferguson	11	RB/LB	72	Tucker Brooks	12	OL/DL
23	Oscar Jimenez	11	RB/LB	78	Jacob Bos	11	OL/DL
24	Cody Price	12	RB/LB	79	Sylvio Letey-Moore	11	OL/DL
26	Roger Henninger	11	WR/DB				

SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES START AT 7 P.M.

Sept. 6 at Liberty

Sept. 13 at Sherwood

Sept. 20 at Central Catholic

Sept. 27 vs. South Salem*

Oct. 4 at Tigard

Oct. 10 vs McNary

Oct. 18 vs Summit

Oct. 25 at Mountain View

Nov. 1 at West Salem

*game will start at 7:15 p.m.

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