

# 2019 Milan Indians varsity football preview



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Varsity players: Adam Norman, Brayden Rohrig, Logan Nudds, Riley Johnson, Trayton Robbins, Chris Phillips, Peyton Wert, Carsyn Ascherman, Landon Harrison, Parker Lewis, Josiah Combs, Brycon Burgan, Trent Burdette, Peyton Cavins, Braison Goodpaster, Killian Budd, Brady Werner, Tim Jutzi, Layne Harrison, Logan Reed, Gavin Hoog, Adrian Lomeli, Nolan Ryan, Alex Wenger, Cole Steele, Aaron Harrison, Alec Barker, Quenten Strassell, Nick Miller, Caiden Yorn, Dakota Sams, Zach Hauser, Cody Sykes, Connor Getz, Matt Hall, Braylon Nudds, Keegan McKinsey, Seth Webb, Cody Simms, Kaylb Lane, Michael Klein, Isaac Tibbitts, Hunter Merida, Chandler Reatherford, Jacob Bouck, Ethan Kaulig, Matt Schmitt, Graden Taylor, Tanner Prather, Ethan Moore, and Austin Klein. Varsity coaching staff: Ryan Langferman (head coach), Kyle Sabol, Bryan Beeler, Jeff Sharp, Randy Combs, Mike Brandes, Tony Pennington, and Blane Beck. Managers: Melissa Frankenberry, Erica Johnson, Haley McKeown, and Olivia Kaulig.

Supporting cast (not pictured): Videographers: Coy Burkhart, Landon Burkhart, and Nathan Voss. Statisticians: Brad Voss, Mason Green, Trenton Langferman. Ball boys: Grant and Beckett Langferman. Bus drivers: Linda Rohrig and Susie Starkey. Middle school coaching staff: David Helseth, Ethan Voss, Coy Burkhart, Matt McKeown, and Jim Betz. Athletic Trainer: Robbie Kippler. Cheer coach: Krisha Robbins. Cheerleaders: Madison Schmidt, Avery Robbins, Olivia Davis, Lauren Werner, Abbey Knowlton, Riley Clark, Payton Bledsoe, Madison Cavins, Autumn Dunn, Erica Karn, Amanda Peckham, and Madison Welch. Athletic director: John Prifogle.

## The tribe is ready for gridiron battle

**Jared D. Rogers**  
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The Milan Indians varsity football team, under the direction of Head Coach Ryan Langferman, is eager to test their mettle against area teams this fall. “Every time we go out there, we want to leave everything on the field,” senior defensive end Logan Nudds said regarding the upcoming season.

The Indians will have a warm-up game tomorrow, Friday, August 16, as they scrimmage against the South Dearborn Knights at South Dearborn High School. Then, the win-loss tally begins as the Indians compete against the Rushville Lions for their home opener on Friday, August 23 in Milan. The team hopes to avenge a heartbreaking loss to the Lions last year, which ended at 36-35 after a back-and-forth, tense game.

Overall, Milan finished last year with a 6-4 record, the best in their Mid-Indiana Football Conference. After opening losses to Rushville and Batesville, the black and gold team took off on a five game win streak over Lawrenceburg, South Decatur, North Decatur, Edinburgh, and Providence. They also routed Switzerland County for their sixth win, while losing to Providence and then Triton Central in the opening round of the sectional.

The team has been holding official practices and

team building activities since August 5, and Coach Langferman says he is looking forward to seeing his team’s hard work pay off under the Friday night lights.

He’s using the motto “W.I.N.” this year - What’s important now? “We want to take this season one game at a time and improve every week,” he says.

Players expressed what they needed to do in their individual positions in order to help their team be successful. As a defensive end, Nudds said his key role will be to pass rush and stop the outside run.

Senior Dakota Sams, whose been playing football in Milan since elementary school, said that from his linebacker position he will help relay defensive calls to his teammates and encourage them to do their job every play.

Sams also pointed out that the role of underclassmen on the team is of vital importance. Those younger players act as the opposing team each week during practice, based on each team’s individual scouting report. “They get us ready for Friday,” Sams noted.

For junior defensive tackle and offensive guard Chandler Reatherford, he says he’s been working with his coaches to use his hands more at the beginning of plays. “I’m ready to do my job for my team,” he said.

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## 2019 Schedule of Events

Date	Opponent	Start Time	Location
August 16	South Dearborn (scrimmage)	7:00 p.m.	South Dearborn High School (Away)
August 23	Rushville Consolidated	7:00 p.m.	Milan High School (Home)
August 30	Batesville	7:00 p.m.	Batesville High School (Away)
September 7	Lawrenceburg	8:00 p.m.	Lucas Oil Stadium (Neutral)
September 13	South Decatur	7:00 p.m.	Milan High School (Home)
September 20	North Decatur	7:00 p.m.	North Decatur High School (Away)
September 27	Edinburgh	7:00 p.m.	Milan High School (Home)
October 4	Oldenburg Academy	7:00 p.m.	Oldenburg Academy High School (Away)
October 11	Providence	7:00 p.m.	Milan High School (Home)
October 18	Switzerland County	7:00 p.m.	Switzerland County High School (Away)
October 25	IHSAA Sectional	TBD	TBD



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## One generation of Indians coach the next

Fourth grade youth football players are pictured in a huddle during Milan’s “Black and Gold” night scrimmages on Friday, August 9. Varsity assistant coach and high school teacher Randy Combs noted that many of the volunteer coaches in Milan’s youth football program were also football players for the Indians during their high school days. Current varsity players also enjoy interacting with the youth, as seen in the photo in their black uniforms. Indians Head Coach Ryan Langferman organizes meetings with the youth volunteer coaches to ensure that the entire Milan football program shares the same vision at all levels.

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