



**White  
Knights  
XII  
Preseason  
Roster  
November  
4, 2016**

1	P	Lot		B I 1	23
2	K	Nahor		A+2 1/3	23
5	Q	Bede	H	3-2-4	28
6	S	Zedekiah		1-1-6pc	21R 3 <sup>rd</sup>
7	OLB	Nitrogen		3-2-4	28
10	Q	Gabreski	H	3-1-4	28
12	Q	Lebbaeus		3-3-5gc	23
15	Q	Zerubbabel		3-2-4	23R 1 <sup>st</sup>
17	W	Midian		3-0-5gc	24
19	W	Ehud	WR	3-0-6	33
20	CB	Goes		3-1-5	25
21	CB	Meshak		3-1-5	30
22	CB	Mantegna		4-2-4	23
23	CB	Joel		2-2-6	30
24	CB	Valence	WR	3-1-5	25
26	H	Palosverdesblue		3-1-5gc	29^
27	S	Sisera		4-0-4	35
28	S	Bichri		1-1-6!	o26
29	S	Gabriel	VWR	3-1-5	28
30	CB	Auerbach	WR	2-1-5	24R2
31	F	Rechab		1-2-5	22R 5 <sup>th</sup>
32	F	Zophar		1-2-5im	22
34	S	Willowisp		2-1-5\$	23
35	OLB	Neco		1-2-5	26
36	OLB	Gershom		0-2-5m	22
38	S	Bunyan		3-3-4	31
39	S	Jehoiakim		3-1-5im	22R2 <sup>nd</sup> -sG7
40	S	Shechem		3-0-5!	23R2

41	TB	Ahab	VKR	1-2-5	28
43	H	Baanah		1-2-5	23R 6 <sup>th</sup>
45	CB	Jezreel		3-2-4\$	25
46	S	Hophni		2-3-5gc	29
47	TE	Iddo		1-3-5^	27
50	MLB	Sennacherib	KK	3-5	28
51	DT	Jeroboam		6-1^	28
52	MLB	Aurochs		2-5-3	28
53	OLB	Ishbosheth		1-3-5^	27
54	OLB	Benaiah	KK	1-4-4	24
55	C	Esau	LS	4-2	24
58	T	Bearwrestler		3-3	23
60	G	Eliab		2-4-3	30
64	G	Elihu		3-5	23
65	G	Tuan		1-3-4	28
66	G	Nebuchadnezzar		3-4#	30
71	T	Nehemiah		5-2	27
72	T	Tekoa		4-2	23R 4 <sup>th</sup>
73	C	Kohah	LS	1-4-2	27
74	DT	Gedaliah		4-2	27
75	DT	Jethro		6-1	34
76	T	Akboga		1-3-3	26
77	DL	Boatconstructor		3-3^	24R2
78	T	Og		5-1	23
80	W	Asaph		2-1-6	25
81	E	Van Eyck		2-3-5pc	24 -cP2
82	DE	AchishofGath		1-3-2	23R 9 <sup>th</sup>
83	DE	Nematode		4-3	25
84	TE	Hiram		3-2-4	24
86	TE	Gehazi		1-3-4	26
87	DE	Jehu		2-3-4	33
88	W	Shaphan	VPWR	3-1-5	26
89	W	Sanballat		3-0-6!	27
90	DT	Keyes		5-1	33
92	MLB	Mithredath		2-5	23R 7 <sup>th</sup>
99	DE	Dathan		4-4r	26

Physically Unable to Perform  
25 TB Sargon 2-2-4! 29 (-s)

48	TE	Jehosophat		2-2-4pc	28 (-s)
69	OLB	Eliphaz		2-2-4im	23(-s)-sP2

Training Camp IR:

11 B Bildad 1-1-6o 24 seasC

56	C	Osnappar		3-2	23R 8 <sup>th</sup> -cP2
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## White Knights – Season XII

The White Knights enter Season XII still without having ever achieved a playoff victory, and again in Season XI falling short of making the playoffs. That's the bad news. But hope springs eternal. The Knights made a competitive run for the playoffs, and were only edged out in the final game by the Maroon Dragoons for the second spot in the division. The season had seen the White Knights as only one of two teams to defeat the league leading Black Bandits, and a 5-5 record, despite the retirement of outstanding QB Cain from the year before and a rookie starting in his place. Not just that, but White lost their starting back Palosverdesblue as well as former starter and star Sargon to injuries. So, going into Season XII, the Knights feel they have some good things to build on.

Season XI record:

1. Black 26 at White 33
2. Chartreuse 20 at White 51
3. White 7 at Maroon 45
4. White 28 at Violet 37
5. Jade 16 at White 30
6. White 10 at Black 48
7. Gold 26 at White 29
8. White 14 at Electrum 28
9. White 56 at Chartreuse 0
10. Maroon 47 at White 44

Overall record: 5-5 (302-293) Standing: 5<sup>th</sup> in league, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the division behind Maroon, Black

### Looking forward:

Season XII is new, and that means new players and new opportunities, as well as saying goodbye to some. That starts with the draft. Here's a look at White's draft and a few of the free agents picked up subsequently:

1<sup>st</sup> Q Zerubbabel 3-2-4 23rk Given the success White enjoyed with rookie Q #12 Lebbaeus in Season XI, why would the general manager spend a first round pick on a quarterback? The answer has to be the importance of the QB position. Lebbaeus was a rookie sensation, but a lot of that success was created using his legs as a runner. Is that sustainable? Zerubbabel was the second best QB in the draft, and at the least will be a quality backup, although not obviously better than the older Bede and Grabreski. Perhaps White expects (or hopes) to trade one of those others.

2 <sup>nd</sup>	S	Jehoiakim	3-1-5im22rk	White's pass defense has been a definite weakness, with past standout Sisera no longer having the speed to cover the deep routes. Jehoiakim is likely to see a good bit of playing time in nickel or dime packages, or when facing teams threatening deep.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	S	Zedekiah	1-1-6pc21rk	Another safety, this one likely to be more important against the run, as with his speed he can catch faster ballcarriers at the edge. Needs work on pass coverage.
4 <sup>th</sup>	T	Tekoa	4-2 23rk	Last year White drafted Og to play right tackle, but he proved a bit too slow and then went down with an injury. Tekoa, hopefully, will do better and should get plenty of playing time though may not start.
5 <sup>th</sup>	F	Rechab	1-2-5 22rk	Toward the end of last season Zophar, a similar light fast fullback, had success. It looks like White is putting some depth behind that position. Rechab should primarily be a special teams contributor.
6 <sup>th</sup>	H	Baanah	1-2-5 23rk	When Palosverdesblue and Sargon both went down, White was left with only one halfback, and moved Bildad from safety to try and improve things. Bildad didn't work out. Baanah will add depth behind Palosverdesblue and Ahab.
7 <sup>th</sup>	MLB	Mithredath	2-5 23rk	With two good middle linebackers, Mithredath seems to be an insurance policy and special teams player.
8 <sup>th</sup>	C	Osnappar	4-2o 23rk	A late round pick to add depth at center, Osnappar was a bit disappointing in camp but found his way onto injured reserve. We'll see if he gets onto the roster next year. (Changed 4-2o to 3-2.)
9 <sup>th</sup>	DE	AchishofGath	1-3-2 23rk	Late round extra at defensive end unlikely to make the regular season roster barring injury at the position
10 <sup>th</sup>	MLB	Rehum	1-3-4#!21rk	Another MLB / special teams player, cut at the end of training camp.
rfaT		HiramofTyre	3-3! 22rk	A free agent already cut
fa DL		Boatconstructor	3-3o^23R	Still on the roster, but unlikely to stick(-"o")

Summary: White's draft addressed primarily depth issues, without producing a single expected starter at any position. This is disappointing. The choice of a quarterback in round one, when several possible immediate starters were available, can be second guessed. The draft did strengthen White's secondary with the round 2 selection of Jehoiakim, but again, this is a marginal improvement to a unit that has been a problem. The third round choice makes some

sense, but amounts to a specialty player. From the fifth round down, none of these players meet an immediate need. So, overall the draft seems a bit disappointing, and unlikely by itself to lift White significantly for Season XII.

### Training Camp Report:

Player changes:	remarks
#12 Q Lebbaeus +C to Q 3-3-5 23	A significant improvement. Solidly the starter
#20 CB Goes -! to CB 3-1-5 24	Marginally better, less penalty prone. Will play,
#27 S Sisera -C to S 4-0-4 35	Significant decline. May still contribute.
#52 MLB Aurochs +C-S to MLB 2-5-3 28	Slight improvement. Harder hitting but less speed
#54 OLB Benaiah +C-S to OLB 1-4-4 24	Marginal decline due to lost speed
#83 DE Nematode -! to DE 4-3 25	Marginally better, fewer penalties expected
#91 DE BenHaddad -C to DE 2-4 28	Significant decline, was cut
#99 DE Dathan +C to DE 4-4r 26	Significant improvement, won starting RDE job
8 <sup>th</sup> #56 Osnappar -C-o to C 3-2 23R	Worse, but no longer mistake prone. Cutworthy
fa #77 Boatconstructor -o to DL 3-3^ 23R2	Lost "mistake prone" attribute. Might make team

### Injury recovery:

#25 TB Sargon, no recovery from "-s", now TB 2-2-4! 29 (-s) to PUP  
 #48 TE Jehosophat, no recovery from "-s", now TE 2-2-4pc 28 (-s) to PUP  
 #69 OLB Eliphaz, no recovery from "-s", now OLB 2-2-4im 23 (-s) to PUP  
 #26 H Palosverdesblue from "-c", now H 3-1-5^ 29  
 #28 S Bichri recovered from "-s", now 1-1-6o!pc 26  
 #38 S Bunyan recovered from "-s", now S 3-3-4 31  
 #45 CB Jezreel recovered from "-p", now CB 3-2-4\$ 25

### Injuries:

#11 B Bildad season (c) to TIR  
 #69 OLB Eliphaz -s, 1g (he's on PUP anyway due to older injury)  
 #81 E VanEyck -c 2g (should be recovered and ready for preseason game 2)  
 #6 2<sup>nd</sup> Jehoiakim -s 9g (might be able to play as early as game 7)  
 #56 8<sup>th</sup> Osnappar -c 2g (might be able to play for preseason game 2, but was placed on TIR)

Summary: Overall, there is very little change from last season. The one rookie expected to contribute the most, Jehoiakim, was injured, and at the earliest would not be ready until near the end of the season. Dathan moved ahead of Nematode at RDE, and Palosverdesblue will again be the starting running back, giving Lebbaeus another dangerous pass option too, but otherwise White will look almost the same in starting lineup. But behind that, there are still problems. Sisera isn't what he once was but may still contribute in dime coverages. It remains to be seen whether Benaiah's loss of speed at RLB will be a big problem. The continued loss of pass coverage OLB Eliphaz hurts. But most of all, the failure of any of the veteran players to significantly improve, except for Lebbaeus and Dathan, is most disappointing. White had made a point of keeping numerous young players in hopes of seeing improvement, and that failed to materialize. Perhaps chances of reaching the playoffs will have to depend on things going worse for Black and Maroon.

Note: 30 CB Auerbach WR 2-1-5 24R2 changed from #28

Cuts made so far to 64 (next cut is to 58, then regular season roster is 52 after preseason game 2)

3 Q	Speartosser	2-3-33r25
42 H	Cabanas	2-1-5r 26
79 T	HiramofTyre	3-3! 22R rfa
91 DE	Ben-Haddad	2-4 28
93 MLB	Rehum	1-3-4#!21R 10 <sup>th</sup>

### Expected Starters:

On Offense

		H26						(block 48/41)!
		3-1-5^						
				Q12				W80
				3-3-5				2-1-6
W89	E81 R	T71	G65	C73	G60	T76		W19
3-0-6!	2-3-5pc	5-2	1-3-4	1-4-2	2-4-3e	1-3-3		3-0-6e

Notes:

1. White started Season XI with T Og 5-1 at RT and Nehemiah on the left, but when Og went down Nehemiah shifted to the right side and Akboga started at LT. It's possible White could go back to that scheme using Og or perhaps rookie Tekoa T 4-2 on the right.
2. When a more run oriented scheme is desired, White is likely to use Og or Tekoa, and bring in TB Ahab 1-2-5, F Zophar 1-2-5im, or both. TE Iddo 1-3-5^ can also come in to add beef on the line.
3. On passing downs White is likely to use the above personnel but with Lebbaeus in shotgun, or with no back and a second tight end TE Hiram 3-2-4.
4. Other important substitutes include W Shaphan 3-1-5, G Elihu 3-5, and C Esau 4-2

On Defense:

	DE87	DT75	DT51	DE99	(rush 35/26)
	2-3-4e	6-1e	6-1^	4-4r	
OLB53		MLB52		OLB54	
1-3-5^		2-5-3		1-4-4	
CB22	S46	S29		CB23	
4-2-4	2-3-5gc	3-1-5		2-2-6e	

Notes:

1. If speed is needed at LB, #50 MLB Sennacherib 3-5 and #35 OLB Neco 1-2-5 or OLB #36 OLB Greshom 2-5m can play.
2. For pass coverage, #7 OLB Nitrogen 3-2-4 is available.
3. White has several other useful CB's, including #20 Goes, #21 Meshak, #24 Valence (all 3-1-5) who are better in man-to man schemes, and CB #45 Jezreel 3-2-4\$.
4. Safeties available include #27 S 4-0-4e Sisera and #38 Bunyan 3-3-4e (good in zone), and #6 S Zedekiah 1-1-6, S #40 Shechem 3-0-5!, and #34 Willowisp 2-1-5\$.
5. Reserve linemen include DT #90 Keyes 5-1, DT #74 Gedeliah 4-2, and DE #83 Nematode 4-3. Maybe #77 DL Boatconstructor 3-3^ or DE #82 Achishofgath 1-3-2.

**Comments:**

As last season, White's offense features dangerous speed at the wideout positions, a speedier than average tight end, and a halfback that can be effective catching the ball too. The question is, can Q Lebbaeus get the ball to his receivers, and without a hint of a power running game, can White move the ball on the ground when they need to. Last season, Lebbaeus as a rookie answered these questions with a big "Yes," as he found receivers and ran the ball himself, or surprised the opposition with draw handoffs and screens. While that's a dangerous way for a quarterback to play, White does have capable if less than stellar backups at QB, and will likely have to take this approach again in Season XII. It won't be a surprise to the rest of the league this time, so it remains to be seen if that attack will remain effective. With Og back and more depth at running back, White may be able to put on a respectable running attack, though not at the level of the days of yore when Sargon was pounding out yards and Cain throwing TDs.

White's defense remains big up front and will be tough to run against up the middle. But the edges are suspect, especially on Benaiah's side as he bulked up and lost a bit of speed. Dathan's improvement and speed will help there. CB Joel, tough bumping receivers and playing the run is on that side to help too. The biggest problems are in pass defense, where starter Mantegna doesn't have the speed to follow fast receivers on crossing patterns, and can be juked by speedy halfbacks going wide. He's good in zone, but starting strong safety Hophni, a hard hitter, isn't particularly good in coverage and free safety Gabriel can't be everywhere. The other safeties are specialists, good at one thing and not much else. That's helpful in dime and nickel situations, but White is very vulnerable in their base defense, which means White tends to blitz a good bit to develop pressure, with of course somewhat increased vulnerabilities. Can the defense do better than last season? It will need to if White is to make the playoffs.

Special teams feature the same kicker and punter who were both rookies last year. Neither seems to have gotten better, but they are satisfactory. The specialist positions are adequately covered. White does have quite a few young players who should be good on coverage and blocking for special teams plays; the question is how many of those White can afford to keep on the roster when final cuts come.

Overall, it's hard to expect much improvement. But, maybe the White Knights will surprise us.