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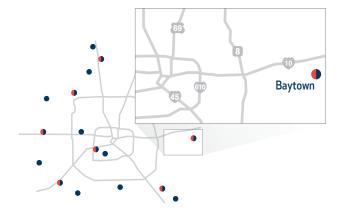












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Everything is tentative

By Casey Stinnett

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Every year The Vindicator puts out a Fall Sports Preview, and every year, almost as soon as it has come off of the press, we find changes have been made to schedules, venues or rosters. Please take note that this year the Fall Sports Preview might not contain anything that is not subject to change, up to, and including, the possible cancellation of the entire football season.

We trust, however, that everything that has so upset our lives this year will pan out and that if we persevere we will eventually work our way to some semblance of normality, with school and sports back the way we have always known them, provided murder hornets or a firenado doesn't get us first.

With that in mind and with much help from the coaches, we did what we could to put together a preview for what we hope will be complete high school football and volleyball seasons.

The Vindicator's longtime allthings-sports guy Jerry Michalsky shouldered most of the burden for what follows about football. Dennis Warren covered his beloved Bobcats, and Advertising Sale Representative and sometime sportswriter Russell Payne tells us about Hornets football.

The athletic programs getting a late start, not so much information could be made available for publication as we have had in the past, and most of what we did receive came to us with a caveat that it might change. Our schools, their students and their athletes will have to make a lot of adjustments as they go along this year, so we should not complain for our having to make a few as well.

Much of the information The Vindicator provides in this year's Fall Sports Preview should be read as being tentative, but then all of our plans in life are tentative. Everything is temporary as well. So far, this year has been a hot mess, but as it is with all things, these too shall pass.

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Cleveland Dayton Hardin Former HC Norris Taff Jeff Nations Larry Haynes

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New HC Jeff Fiacco Blake Ware Ned Barrier

September

2020 UIL Football Calendar (1A thru 4A)



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YELLOW – Scrimmages

GREEN - Regular Season Begin/End

BLUE – State Championships

Cleveland INDIANS

Indians' new head coach from Oconomowoc

By Casey Stinnett

Managing Editor

Cleveland's new Athletic Director and Head Coach Jason Fiacco comes to Cleveland ISD from two years as AD/HC at Elkhart a 3A district school. He is a 2010 graduate of the University of Northern Iowa.

He spent a season as an assistant coach at Ellsworth Community College in Waterloo, then was 3 years at 4A La Vernia ISD in San Antonio as a coach and special education teacher. He went north for the 2015 season, teaching and coaching in Kalamazoo, Michigan, then headed back to Texas for 2 years



at Yoakum ISD, where he was the Bulldogs' offensive coordinator.

Yoakum is also a 3A division 1 school, and Cleveland is Fiacco's first coaching job at a 5A school, although Cleveland has not been 5A for long and is still working out how to be a big school.

Before Northern Iowa, Fiacco committed to the Iowa State Cyclones, as a 6-1, 300-pound offensive lineman from Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, who had been a first team all state pick his senior year at Harland Arrowhead. He was assigned to the Cyclones scout team but quit the program before the season was over and left Iowa State at the end of his semester.

Fiacco transferred to the University of Northern Iowa where he played right guard for Panthers and also lifted weights. As a weightlifter, Fiacco went to the Pan American Games in 2006 and came home with a bronze medal.



Contributed photo Cleveland Athletic Director and Head Coach Jason Fiacco was hired in January.

Wishing Everyone A Great Season!



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Lufkin top of the class in District 8-5A DI

By Jerry Michalsky

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The Lufkin Panthers are the head of the District 8-5A DI class and everyone else will be shooting for them. The Panthers return 11 starters back including quarterback Jordan Moore who almost passed for 3,000 yards in 2019. College Station, New Caney, and both Magnolia scores should compete for the other three spots. You cannot overlook the Porter Spartans either.

CANEY CREEK PANTHERS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/7. 2019: 2-8/ 1-6 district. The Panthers do return 12 starters from a year ago and will be lead by TE/DE Edgar Heredia who led the team in receptions and sacks a year ago. The quarterback should be Rowdy Sebastian.

COLLEGE STATION COUGARS — Starters Returning O/D: 4/4. 2019: 8-4 area-finalist/ 5-2 district. Roderick Brown led the ground game a year ago with over 1,200 yards and 16 scores and should see plenty of carries again. The defense is led by LB Bubba Carter who finished with 120 tackles and 7 sacks.

LUFKIN PANTHERS — Starters Returning O/D: 6/5. 2019: 9-2 bi-district finalist/ 7-0 district. It all starts with quarterback Jordan Moore who amassed some big numbers in 2019. WR Kelton Wright finished with 700 yards and 6 touchdowns receiving will running back Caleb Berry finished with 864 yards and 13 touchdowns.

MAGNOLIA BULLDOGS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/8. 2019: 8-4 area finalist/ 5-2 district. The offense has a couple of big weapons returning in RB Mitch Hall (2,036 yards, 14 TDs rushing), and quarterback Travis Moore who passed for 1,839 yards and 25 touchdowns.

MAGNOLIA WEST MUSTANGS — Starters Returning O/D: 8/7. 2019: 5-6 bi-district finalist/ 4-3 district. The Mustangs are led by a pair of standout receivers in wide receivers Marcus Collins and Trey Leggett. A 1,000 yard rusher also returns in Hunter Bilbo.

NEW CANEY EAGLES — Starters Returning O/D: 4/8. 2019: 10-1 bi-district finalist/ 7-0 district. The Eagles have one of the best linebackers in the state in Texas commit Derrick Harris (89 tackles, 5 sacks). Cale Sanders rushed for over 1,000 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2019.

PORTER SPARTANS — Starters Returning O/D: 4/4. 2019: 9-3 area finalist/ 6-1 district. Back is quarterback Jace Russell to lead the offense while wide receiver Luke Cordle should be one of his favorite targets. The secondary is strong with returners Austin Perkins, Jaylynn Briley, and Cordle.

WALLER BULLDOGS — Starters Returning O/D: 4.3. 2019: 0-9/ 0-7 district. The Bulldogs have not had many winless seasons although last year was one of those. Caleb Godfrey passed for over 1,200 yards and nine touchdowns while RB Jared Hicks is a nice balance in the backfield running the football.

CLEVELAND INDIANS VARSITY FOOTBALL

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Oct. 2	Northbrook	Н	7 p.m.
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Oct. 9	Waller	Α	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	Magnolia West	Н	7 p.m.
Oct. 23	Magnolia	Α	7 p.m.
Oct. 30	Porter	Н	7 p.m.
Nov. 6	New Caney	Α	7 p.m.
Nov. 13	College Station	Н	7 p.m.
Nov. 20	Lufkin	Α	7 p.m.
Nov. 27		Open	
Dec. 24	Caney Creek	Н	7 p.m.





CLEVELAND INDIANS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 12	Bmt .Westbrook (scrim.) H	11:30 a.m.
Sept. 15	Huntsville & Rudder	Α	3 p.m.
Sept. 18	Beaumont Kelly	Н	6:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Beaumont Westbrook	Α	3:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Aldine Nimitz	Α	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Cypress Lakes	Α	5:30 p.m.

District Season

Sept. 29	Kingwood Park	Н	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	Porter	Α	6:30 p.m.
Oct.6	Dayton	Н	6:30 p.m.
Oct.9	Caney Creek	Н	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	New Caney	Н	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Lake Creek	Н	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	Montgomery	Н	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Kingwood Park	Α	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27*	Porter	Н	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30**	Dayton	Α	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	Caney Creek	Α	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	New Caney	Α	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Lake Creek	Α	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Montgomery	Α	4:30 p.m.

^{*} Senior night

CLEVELAND INDIANS CROSS COUNTRY

Varsity and JV Boys and Girls

Sept. 10	Huffman Relays Meet	Hargrave (Huffman) HS	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	West Sabine Invitational	West Sabine HS	2 p.m.
Sept. 26	Tony Munson Invitational	Liberty Municipal Park	7:30 a.m.
Oct. 3	Lake Houston Invitational	Hargrave (Huffman) HS	8 a.m.
Oct. 10		(open)	
Oct. 17	Rick Miller Meet	Claiborne Park (Vidor)	11:30 a.m.
Oct. 26		(open)(JV)	
Nov. 4	District Meet	Montgomery HS	8 a.m.
Nov. 23	Regional Meet	Kate Barr Ross Park (Huntsville	e) TBD
Dec. 5	State Meet	Old Settlers Park (Round Rock)) TBD
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^{**} Homecoming night

Dayton BRONCOS

Ware ready to bring that Bronco tradition back

By Jerry Michalsky

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The Dayton Broncos had a string of 20 straight years to the playoff come to an end in 2016. Not making the post season for the last four years, Dayton went and found a new head coach in Blake Ware from New Caney.

Ware helped build the Eagles football program the last few years as the offensive coordinator and into a playoff regular.

"We turned New Caney into a special program," said Ware. "Dayton is a special place and has a lot of football tradition. We are going to bring all that

back."

Before the stop in New Caney, Ware was the head coach at St. Pius X.

"This was the perfect fit for me here in Dayton. The administration here is super and they have the same vision for the program that I do. Plus it's Dayton and they have a rich playoff tradition that we are going to bring back. We are going back to the white helmets and that Bronco is once again going to mean something. There is a lot of excitement around here. These kids have been working very hard."

Ware and his team finished up five weeks of conditioning on Aug. 13.

"It has been a constant state of im-



provement," said Ware. "The pieces are starting to fall into place."

On the offensive side of the ball it will be junior Blayne Denton at the quarterback position. At the running back slot it will be Daveon Washington and Anthony Robles. Perhaps the deepest position for the Broncos will be the receiver position in which Ware says he can go two deep for all four slots.

"I am very excited at the depth we have at receivers," added Ware.

Seeing time will be Donovan Orebo, Jaxon Purse, Ashton Garner, Davin Lee, Kody Arceneaux, and Zack Huntley. Up front on the line will be Landon Wood, Pierre Broussard, Logan Strong, Trey Rodgers, and Brennan Chauvin. The offensive coordinator is Philip Pendleton. Moving to the other side of the ball and defensive coordinator Freddie Strange will have up front Camron Cooper, Cam'Ron Willis, Tim Sjolander, Eugene Roy, Eric Rosales, and Isaiah Martin. The linebackers will be Matthew Drabbant and Esteban Vega. In the secondary for the Broncos it will be Austin Murphree, Connor Murphree, Kameron George, Victor Zuniga, Jairen Coronado, James Harris, Fernando Ortiz, and Lee.

"I am very excited about this group on defense," said Ware.

Handling the kicking duties for Day-



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ton will be Gustavo Orozco. The Broncos will kick off the season on Thursday, Sept. 24 at Lake Creek. Dayton then has six of its final nine games of the season at home with Montgomery and Pasadena Memorial coming in after the opening Thursday night game. After an open week on Oct. 16, Crosby comes to town on Oct. 23 to start District 12-5A DII play. After an away game to Port Neches-Groves, the Santa Fe Indians come to visit for Homecoming. Thanksgiving week will see the Barbers Hill Eagles visiting Houston Methodist Field at Bronco Stadium on Nov. 27. The regular season finishes up at Kingwood Park on Dec. 4.



DAYTON BRONCOS VARSITY FOOTBALL

Sept. 18 Sept. 24 Oct. 2 Oct. 9 Oct. 16	Galveston Ball (scrim.) Lake Creek Montgomery Pasadena Memorial Bye	H A H H	6 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	District Season		
Oct. 23	Crosby	Н	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Port Neches Groves	Α	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 6*	Santa Fe	Н	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	Nederland	Α	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 20	Texas City	Н	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 27**	Barbers Hill	Н	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 4	Kingwood Park	Α	7 p.m.
*Homecoming	-		

**Senior Night



Balanced 12-5A DII should be a dog fight to the finish

By Jerry Michalsky

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In 2019, the Barbers Hill Eagles grabbed the district crown and made it to the third round of the playoffs. With the help of 13-starters back in Mont Belvieu there is no reason why the Eagles should not contest for another district title. Crosby had a nice run last year and most of the offense is back which could mean trouble for opposing defenses. PN-G, Nederland, Texas City, Kingwood Park, and Dayton with new Head Coach Blake Ware should battle for the final two spots.

BARBERS HILL EAGLES — Starters Returning O/D: 7/6. 2019: 11-2 regional semi-finalist/ 7-0 district. The Eagles had a nice run last year and with the help of a bevy of starters there is no reason why they cannot do it again. Wide Receiver Cameron Cauley is a speedster and finished with 49-catches for nearly 1,000 yards and 16 touchdowns while running back Garret Hagler gives Barbers Hill some balance in the run game. DL Josh King-Bradley leads the defense and is a two-time first-team all-district selection.

CROSBY COUGARS — Starters Returning O/D: 7/7. 2019: 6-5 area-finalist/ 5-2 district. Crosby can score with the best of them and with quarterback Reggie Branch (1,800 yards of offense, 22 touchdowns), back and athlete Deniquez Dunn (2,100 yards of offense, 19 touchdowns) back to lead the offense the scoreboard should be lighting up again. LB/WR Michael Ray is a two-way starter and should be one of the leaders on defense.

KINGWOOD PARK PANTHERS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/4. 2019: 6-5 bi-district finalist/ 5-2 district. The Panthers have some major pieces back on offense with QB Hudson Dezell, RB Juan Garcia, and ATH Hayden Bender so they also could be problems for defenses.



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The Dayton Broncos play against Friendswood in the 2019 season opener.

NEDERLAND BULLDOGS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/6. 2019: 4-7 bi-district finalist/ 4-3 district. The Bulldogs did not have the win total they are used to in 2019 with just four, but there are some pieces that could be enough for another post-season birth. RB Josh Mazyck rushed for over 1,000 yards last season and 12 touchdowns while RB Kade Scott should give Nederland a nice duel-threat in the backfield.

PORT NECHES-GROVES INDIANS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/4. 2019: 7-4 bi-district finalist/ 5-2 district. The Indians return one of the best quarter-backs in the area in Blake Bost (2,500 yards passing, 15 TDs, 358 yards, 9 TDs rushing). His favorite target is also back from a year ago in wide receiver Brady Nail.

SANTE FE INDIANS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/6. 2019: 2-8/1-6 district. The Santa Fe defense returns six starters and they are all good ones in Bruce Erekson, Tyler Trexler, and Keyler Thompson. The running game could also be good as Trevor Trevino and Tristen Cundiff look to lead the offense.

TEXAS CITY STINGAREES — Starters Returning O/D: 6/7. 2019: 2-8/ 2-5 district. Texas City drops down from 5A Division I to Division II and with some seasoned players returning, the Stings are looking to make a return to the playoffs. Running back Semaj McCall rushed for nearly 1,100 yards and nine scores in 2019 while Jacob Duran will be the signal caller.

DAYTON BRONCOS VOLLEYBALL

District Season

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Sept. 19	Barber's Hill	Η	F10 a.m., JV11 a.m., V12 p.m.
Sept. 22	Crosby	Η	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Port Neches Groves	ЯΗ	F 4:30 p.m. ,JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Baytown Lee	Α	F10 a.m., JV11 a.m., V12 p.m.
Sept. 29	Porter	Η	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct.2	Lake Creek	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct.6	Cleveland	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct.9	Montgomery	Η	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Caney Creek	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Kingwood Park	Η	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	New Caney	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Porter	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	Lake Creek	Η	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Cleveland	Η	V 4:30 p.m., JV 6 p.m., F 7 p.m.
Nov.3	Montgomery	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 6	Caney Creek	Η	V 5 p.m., JV 6:30 p.m., F 7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	Kingwood Park	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Nov. 13	New Caney	Η	F4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.

DAYTON HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

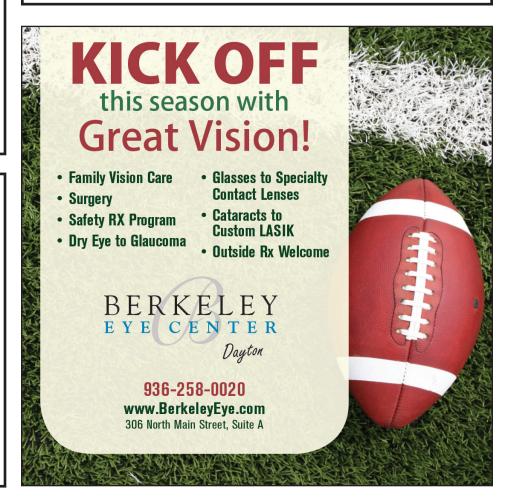
Sept. 12	Huπman Relays
Sept. 19	Barbers Hill Soaring Eagle Invitationa
Oct. 10	Dayton Bronco Invitational
Oct. 17	Rick Miller Invite (Bridge City)

Oct. 24 Pasadena Memorial

Oct. 31 Huffman-Lake Houston Invitational
Nov. 11 Varsity district meet, Montgomery
Nov. 23 Region III XC Championships, Huntsville

DAYTON BRONCOS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

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Hardin Horners

Hardin Hornets are hard at it

By Russell Payne

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While facemasks may be a common term in the world of football, social distancing certainly does not come to mind, but in the year 2020 a lot things guite are different, especially for the Hardin Hornets football program as they welcome in a new coaching staff and totally new look on the playing field heading into the 2020 season.

You will see some familiar faces returning on the squad, but a number of returners will find themselves in some new positions and new roles on the playing field under the tutelage of new Head Coach Ned Barrier and company.

"We have moved a bunch of kids around, kind of a different offense and different defensive scheme, so we are moving them around and trying them at different places and playing them at multiple positions," Barrier said when asked about returners from last year's campaign that went 3-7, with a 1-6 record for the seventh place spot in District 12-3A-Division I.

The standard routine for most school's is to have a formal spring workout period, which of course COVID-19 completely laid waste to, and summer drills were in no way routine. Take these elements and toss in the late hiring of Barrier and his staff it has created a very small window of opportunity for everyone involved to come together.

"We are still trying to learn them right now and they're still trying to learn us. We are going through the new process of trying to get to know everybody right now," Barrier noted.

Returning this season is the 2019 signal caller Austin Potetz, the senior was a First Team All-District selection a year ago. This season expect to see Potetz split his time at both quarterback, as well as wide receiver.

When Potetz is not behind center in the Hornet multi-set offense, expect to see Hardin.

Hardin faithful are sure to see a lot of hard nosed, run the ball style from the boys in blue and gold, with returning senior Anthony Yeo, junior Ryan Harris highlighting that running back corps.

"At running back we have a lot of kids, we are running kind of a different scheme and we have about 5 or 6 kids that are working at running back right now," Barrier said of his ball carriers.

At fullback you will see Mathew Hughes and Lahr Randolph likely at the blocking back position for the Hornets.

Clearing the way on the line this season is a very experienced group, led of course by senior standout Paul Thonsgaard, coming off a 2019 effort that landed him District 12-3A, Division I co-offensive lineman honors. Joining him on the line will be junior linemen Shane Holst and A.J. Scott, while sophomore Joshua Hessler will be joining the fray at the center position.

"Hessler has jumped out there and figured it out for us and he is looking pretty good there. Thonsgaard and Scott are playing guard and we are rotating a couple of people at the right tackle. We have moved Colby Barrett to tight end, as our tight ends are blocker type kids," Barrier said about his line.

Colby Barrett was a second team all-district selection a year ago and should add some major size to the tight end spot.

On the defensive side of the ball look for a 3-4 that is helmed by Thonsgaard at nose, while Barrett and Holste join him up front at the two defensive end spots.

In the center of the defense there is a healthy competition going on at the outside linebacker position, with a number of players vying for those two spots, while Harris and Hughes are tapped at the middle linebacker position.

"Right now we are just one day at a time, trying to do the best that we can for the next day. That's what we are in there doing

junior Caden Elmore taking the lead for right now is planning practice and trying and trying to get better tomorrow and to have the best practice tomorrow. We are not looking too far down the road, because we don't know if we are going to get shutdown or if we are going to play and we are just trying to get better," Barrier said when asked about the unknown of this season amongst the threat of COVID-19.

> "With a new coaching staff we really haven't got a chance to look at district opponents, we know who they are, but we haven't got a ton of film on them because we are still trying to learn our kids right now. We are trying to get us, to be the best that we can before we start looking at other people. We have Kountze next week and haven't really seen a lot of film on them. We are just a day by day group right now

move some kids around to give us the best chance to be successful," Barrier said.

The Hardin staff this year will consist of Cameron Terrell, defensive coordinator: Mitchell Villemez, special teams coordinator and linebackers; Heath Pavliska, wide receivers: Ivan Williams, running backs; Brontre Wright, offensive line; Jared Listenbee, defensive line; Brian Beck, running backs and linebackers; Dusty Collins wide receivers and secondary; and Dennis Diviney, offensive and defensive

Barrier had this to say about what he hopes fans will see from the Hornets

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Oct. 9	Buna	Н	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Kirbyville	Α	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Woodville	Η	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Tarkington	Α	7:30 p.m.
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East Chambers primed for another district title run

By Jerry Michalsky

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After going undefeated in district play a year ago, the East Chambers Buccaneers return 15 starters and look to be loaded. Buna and Anahuac should be in the playoff mix along with Woodville, Hardin and Tarkington.

ANAHUAC PANTHERS — Starters Returning O/D 8/8. 2019: 5-6 bi-district finalist/5-2 district. The Panthers have a lot of experience returning as 16 starters are welcomed back for what should be another playoff run. Running back Landon Fanus rushed for nearly 900 yards and had 11 total touchdowns while wide receiver Zyon Clark is back also after catching 28 passes for 565 yards. The defense also welcomes back talent in linebacker Kevin Hernandez and defensive tackle Wyatt Gates.

BUNA COUGARS — Starters Returning O/D 7/9. 2019: 6-5 bi-district finalist/4-3 district. The Cougars also have a ton of experience returning from a playoff team including running back Jacob Menard (1,005 yards, 12 touchdowns rushing), and quarterback Dylan Graffagino who

passed for over 600 yards and 10 scores.

EAST CHAMBERS BUCCANEERS — Starters Returning O/D 8/7. 2019: 10-2 area finalist/ 7-0 district. Another team returning plenty of key people back and expect the Buccaneers to be playing for a while in the playoffs. Running back/ defensive back Ernest Ceasar rushed for 1,141 yards and 17 scores while also intercepting a couple of passes on defense. Quarterback Jacoby Perrault also had almost 1,000 yards of total offense and 10 touchdowns.

KIRBYVILLE WILDCATS — Starters Returning O/D 10/9. 2019: 2-8/2-5 district. Kirbyville only had two wins in 2019 but the return of 19 starters give the Wildcats some hope. Quarterback Cal Jones was the district's Newcomer of the Year.

WOODVILLE EAGLES — Starters Returning O/D 6/9. 2019: 4-6/3-4 district. It has been a while since the Eagles missed out on the playoffs but that was happened last year. Linebacker Jacorey Hyder is the team leader on defense and will be all over the field. Running back Pop Prejean was a first team all-district selection in 2019 and returns to lead the offense.

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football team this year: "I hope they see a hard-nosed team that doesn't make many mistakes. That's what we aim for is to do it right, we may not worry about how many different plays we run, but we want to run the plays we run correct. We are not going to worry about a bunch of defensive blitzes and schemes, but the one's we do we want to do right. Our whole focus is trying to be as good as we can at something, not doing a bunch of different stuff. On a Hardin team we've got special teams and that we have 11

kids out there that are going the right direction and know what is going on. On defense we are not beating ourselves, we're tackling well and we are flying around making tackles and that kids aren't confused. Offensively I hope we are physical, run blocking, taking care of the football and moving the chains. Something we are always looking for is to be the most physical team that we can be and make as few mistakes as we can possibly make is what I am hoping you can find in a Hardin team."





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Tue.,	Oct. 20	New Waverly	Н	5 p.m.	JV, V
Fri.,	Oct. 23	Anderson-Shiro	Α	5 p.m.	V, JV

11-Daisetta BOBCATS

Bobcats back, but in a smaller division

By Dennis Warren

Sports Reporter

It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. Who knew Dickens was writing about Hull and Daisetta in his famous novel "Tale of Two Cities?" Last spring the UIL moved HD from Division I Class 2A to Division II Class 2A, meaning instead of being the smallest fish in the pond, the Bobcats were presented the opportunity to be one of the biggest fish in the pond. All looked well and exciting.

Then came COVID, virtual school and a lost spring training. Combine that with a shortened powerlifting season, no track and field, no tennis, and no baseball. Students scattered in all directions. Maintaining a focus is difficult in the best of circumstances, but staving focused in the current environment is a virtual impossibility. Welcome, readers to what it's like to be a Texas high school football coach in 2020.

HD returns several key starters from last fall. Stan Hodges begins his sixth year as head coach and seventh year as athletic director. Last year's head coach, Trenton Wallace, is the offensive coordinator. Jarrett Thibideaux returns to HD. after a 3-year absence, to become the defensive coordinator.

Fans will enjoy watching sophomore

Landyn Sellers quarterback the Bobcats. He runs the wing-T as well as any quarterback in the district. Sellers has a great football instinct, can throw the ball and knows when to tuck it and run. Fullback is the big senior Bryce Aquirre. He has played the field, so to speak. He played tight end, wide receiver, full and half back — plus defensive end. His size and desire should lead the Bobcats to many touchdowns. His partner in the backfield will be DeVante Broussard. Broussard showed flashes of great speed last year. A freshman that could be a game changer is Dawson Victorian. He is 6' 2" and certainly one of the fastest Bobcats. HD is not noted to be a passing

team; however, with Terrance Haskins and Levi Wallace splitting time at wide receiver, fans should look for a pass everv now and then.

Senior Paul Goodman centers the offensive line, literally. Goodman is a four starter at center and will, by example, lead a pretty thin offensive line. The Bobcats will suit up probably 17 or 18 players. Few positions will have "built in" backups. To Goodman's right is guard Jordan Charanza, tackle Connor Drake and tight end Blaze Drake. Left guard is Issac Garcia and tackle Gavin Gay, who'll spilt time with Lane Abshire.

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Evadale looks like the team to beat in 12-2A DII

By Jerry Michalsky

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The Evadale Rebels look to be the front runner in the new District 12-2A DII but watch out for Deweyville, Hull-Daisetta, and Burkeville to grab the other playoff spots. High Island returns to 11-man football after playing six-man football the last few years.

BURKEVILLE MUSTANGS — Starters Returning O/D 6/6. 2019: 0-8/ 0-5 district. Burkeville has had a problem with numbers the last few years but this season they are up and the Mustangs could benefit from that. Leading the

way are quarterback Christopher Stelly and running back La Tayvion Mays.

DEWEYVILLE PIRATES — Starters Returning O/D 6/6. 2019: 6-5 bi-district finalist/ 2-3 district. The Pirates made the playoffs a year ago and since have dropped down to Division II so expect them to make serious run in 2020. RB/DB Cade Watson and RB/DE Ryan Bland should get a bulk of the carries.

EVADALE REBELS — Starters Returning O/D 5/7. 2019: 5-5 bi-district finalist/3-2. RB/LB Tyler Ferguson was an all-district pick and will lead the offense for the Rebels. Expect Evadale back in the playoffs again.

HIGH ISLAND CARDINALS — Starters Returning O/D 5/4. 2019: 4-4/1-2 district. It just didn't seem right seeing High Island playing six-man football and the Cardinals are back with the big boys. QB/LB Jordan Grubbs and ATH Joey Lester lead the way on offense.

SABINE PASS SHARKS — Starters Returning O/D 8/7. 2019: 1-6. Due to numbers in 2019, the Sharks had to play an outlaw schedule after low numbers. This year the numbers are up and Sabine Pass will give it another go. WR Jeann Zuniga and RB Grayson Johnson are back to lead the offense.



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The Bobcat defenders will swarm the ball carrier and field a fairly experienced defensive backfield. Sellers is the free safety and Blaze Drake the strong safety. Broussard, Wallace, Haskins and Victorian will play the cornerbacks. Defensive ends are Aguirre and sophomore Damien Guzman. Goodman and Cayden Anders will start at the two linebacker position. On the defensive line, it simply a mirror of the offensive line, with Charanza, Gay, Garcia and Conner Drake.

Hull-Daisetta travels to Somerville to start this season. This will be the first time the two schools have faced each other. Somerville is also a Division II Class 2A operation. Next up for the Bobcats is the Hardin Hornets. These two schools have played countless times in the last 75 years. The Cats have swatted the Hornets more times than not over the years. Hardin is a Division I Class 3A school, meaning they have three times as many students as Hull-Daisetta. Another new to HD opponent is Danbury, a Division 2 Class 3A school. Homecoming against arch rival West Hardin and a



trip to Houston Kipp before District 12 gets underway.

Hull-Daisetta, Evadale and Deweyville are top contenders for the crown. Burkeville, Sabine Pass and High Island round out the line. High Island is moving up from six man ball and will, no doubt have a tough go. This season may well be remembered as the COVID season. The Bobcats are playing with a huge shadow over the shoulders. A few positive COVID cases and the season could go south quickly.





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Lady Bobcats are young but ready

By Dennis Warren

Aug. 11

Sports Reporter

New. Different. Yes, the Lady Bobcats have volleyball banners decorating every wall in Bobcat Gym. But this is 2020. The Lady Cats are sporting a new coach, Anthony Decello. They are also sporting a completely new varsity team.

That doesn't mean the Lady Cats won't have leaders to follow as several of the varsity members played on the junior high team the last two years they should expect the upperclassmen to step up to that leadership challenge.

The biggest challenge for the entire

District 24 is COVID, of course. Getting through the season without an outbreak is goal No. 1.

There are eight teams vying for the playoffs. Burkeville and High Island compete in this district, but are Class A schools and have a separate play-off package. Class 2A schools include West Hardin, Evadale, Deweyville. Sabine Pass and Spurger.

Juniors Samatha Miles, Samantha Rose and Sarah Taylor are the Lady Cats most experienced players. Freshmen Chloe Sellers, Kaylei Armstrong and Vaquaylon "Quay" Haskins round out the line-up right now. Seniors Nathalie Quintanilla and Shelby Carothers could provide key roles for the team as the season develops.

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4:30 p.m.

HULL-DAISETTA LADY BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

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Sept. 22	West Hardin	Home	4:30 p.m.	JV/V
Sept. 25	Burkeville	Away	4:30 p.m.	V/JV
Sept. 29	Evadale	Home	4:30 p.m.	JV/V
Oct. 2	Sabine Pass	Away	4:30 p.m.	V/JV
Oct. 6	Spurger	Away	4:30 p.m.	JV/V
Oct. 9	Deweyville	Away	4:30 p.m.	V/JV
Oct. 13	High Island	Away	4:30 p.m.	JV/V
Oct. 16	West Hardin	ı Away	4:30 p.m.	V/JV
Oct. 20	Burkeville	Home	4:30 p.m.	JV/V
Oct. 23	Evadale	Away	4:30 p.m.	V/JV
Oct. 27	Sabine Pass	Home	4:30 p.m.	JV/V

UIL allows for regular season high school football telecasts

In an effort to increase accessibility of high school football games and encourage social distancing across Texas, the UIL will allow live telecasts of high school football games on Friday nights during the regular season with the exception of linear telecasts [traditional over-the-air, cable and satellite broadcasts] on Sept. 25, 2020.

A telecast is defined as any live or tape-delayed video footage of a contest in its entirety that can be transmitted through television, Internet Web stream, Webcast, video podcast, smart phone apps, tablet computer apps, closed-circuit channels, weather cameras or any other medium.

This temporary suspension of Section 868(c) of the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules, which prohibits live telecasts of regular season football games on Friday, is only for the 2020-21 school year, and must be done in accordance with following:

- No linear telecasts will be permitted on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020 unless already permitted by Section 868(c) PILOT PROGRAM.
- Only webcasts will be permitted on Friday, Sept. 25, 2020.
- With prior approval by their school administration, the Home Team may have one digital webcast transmitted on the Internet and one linear telecast on television per game, provided that there is adequate space for the Visiting Team webcast production.
- With prior approval by their school administration, the Visiting Team may have one digital webcast transmitted on the Internet per game.
- Webcasts may be on any media platform approved by the school.
- All telecasts must adhere to UIL telecast guidelines and advertisement restrictions.

UIL FOOTBALL LIVE TELECAST GENERAL GUIDELINES

If providing announcers as part of the telecast, announcers should follow the following announcer guidelines:

- The telecast should provide announcers who are competent and exhibit professionalism.
- No dramatization shall be made of any unsportsmanlike conduct, incidents or displays on the part of the participants or fans.
- There shall be no destructive criticisms of officials' decisions.
- No mention shall be made of injuries, unpreventable accidents, or other incidents which may cause any anxiety on the part of the viewers.

PRESS BOX GUIDELINES

- The host venue should make every attempt to accommodate both the Home and Visitor Team production crews for telecasts and webcasts while following all social distancing recommendations, face covering requirements, and other health related recommendations by their local and state authorities.
- Press box capacity should include at least six feet between individuals when possible, and all individuals are required to wear face coverings.
- Schools should limit production crews to those individuals essential to the telecast.

ADVERTISEMENT RESTRICTIONS

The following categories are prohibited during telecasts of any UIL activities:

- Political announcements
- Cigarettes or other tobacco product
- Gambling services or venues
- Sexual services or adult entertainment venues
- Alcohol and firearms advertisements

Alleged violations of these provisions fall under the jurisdiction of the District and State Executive Committees. Violations will be subject to the range of penalties listed in the UIL Constitution and Contest Rules.

Any negotiations regarding telecasts are at the discretion of the school district and must be in compliance with UIL rules. All revenues generated belong to the entities involved in the agreement.

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UIL Guidelines for Spectators, Audiences, Fans and Media

Schools may allow spectators to attend games, contests, or events within a maximum 50% capacity limitation, provided that appropriate spacing between spectators is maintained according to the protocol, and according to the following:

Schools and/or host sites should post visible signs and/or messaging stating any individuals who are confirmed to have, suspected of having, are experiencing symptoms of, or have been in close contact with an individual who has been confirmed to have COVID-19 should not enter the facility.

Spectators, audiences, fans and media are required to wear face coverings as described in Executive Order GA-29.

Sites are encouraged to utilize remote ticketing options to help manage capacity limitations within a maximum 50% occupancy. Paper tickets and programming should be minimized to help avoid transferable materials.

If possible, set reserved times for entry to avoid mass arrivals.

Groups should maintain at least six feet of distance from other groups at all times, including the process of admission and seating. A group is defined as no more than 10 people including the members of the household and those persons who traveled together to the facility.

Schools should not allow seating in consecutive rows, and should block off seating to maintain a minimum six feet of distance between groups.

Pathways for spectator ingress and egress should be clearly marked and unobstructed.

Schools should provide hand sanitizing stations and/or hand washing stations at entrances and inside the facility.

Seating, hand rails, and other common surfaces should be cleaned and disinfected prior to each game or contest.

Press Box seating should include social distancing of at least six feet between individuals when possible.

Schools should limit access to working media providing coverage of the event to ensure protocols are followed.

Post-game interviews should be conducted while wearing face coverings and maintaining at least six feet of distance between the interviewer and individual being interviewed.

Hornets host scrimmage in the 'House of Sting'



The Vindicator $\|$ Shonda Dryden

Hardin's new Head Coach Ned Barrier got his first look at his Hornets against other teams last Thursday when they scrimmaged both Deweyville's Pirates and the West Hardin Oilers.

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Liberty will be road warriors early on

By Jerry Michalsky

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Early on the Liberty Panthers will not see much of Memorial Stadium as they will play four of their first five games in the road. Liberty will also compete in the new District 11-4A-II.

The Panthers do open at home on Aug. 28 against Huffman before hitting the road for the next four games. On Labor Day weekend, Liberty will head up I-45 to face Madisonville and then the following Friday will be in Diboll. On Sept. 18 Liberty makes a trip to

Shepherd and then the next Friday visits Sour Lake for a match-up with Hardin-Jefferson to start district play.

The Panthers finally get to play at home again for the first time in five weeks as the Silsbee Tigers come to town. Back on the road the next Friday for a date with Orangefield and then an open date will follow the week of Oct. 16. Liberty then gets back at it on Oct. 23 against the West Orange-Stark Mustangs and then travels to Bridge City on Oct. 30.

The Panthers regular season concludes on Nov. 6 at home against Hamshire-Fannett.

LIBERTY PANTHERS SCHEDULE

Aug. 28	Huffman	Н
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Sept. 11	Diboll	Α
Sept. 18	Shepherd	Α
Sept. 25	Hardin-Jefferson	Α
Oct. 2	Silsbee	Н
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Oct. 16	Open	
Oct. 23	West Orange-Stark	Н
Oct. 30	Bridge City	Α
Nov. 6	Hamshire-Fannett	Н



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Panther practice for the upcoming season.

Liberty Panthers

Liberty ready for return to the playoffs

By Jerry Michalsky

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The Liberty Panthers under Head Coach Chad Taylor have been a mainstay in the playoffs. Last year it was Liberty on the outside looking in as a post season birth was not in the cards. This year with a lot of senior experience, the Panthers are primed for a playoff run again.

"We definitely lacked some senior leadership in 2019," said Taylor. "You get what you put into it and that is exactly what happened. This year is a different story as we have senior's in place ready to lead the way."

One of the strengths for Liberty is the running back position as Taylor has a bevy of backs to pick from. Getting carries for the Panthers this year will be Terrick Peterson, Jaydon Harris, Vincent Harris, Alijah Terrell and Johnny Harris-Hines. The quarterback will be junior Austin Walker while Cedric Jones will be the x-receiver. The tight end will be senior Devin Fregia.

Up front on the line will be Dylan Davis, Wyatt Tulley, Blaine Rich, Seth Stearns, Tyler Johnson, and Luis Moreno.

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Senior leadership key for Liberty in 2020

By Jerry Michalsky

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In 2019, the Liberty Panthers missed out on the playoffs and lacked some senior leadership. This year the Panthers have plenty of that and will lean towards senior's Devin Fregia, Jaydon Harris, Terrick Peterson, Wyatt Tulley and Blaine Rich.



Devin Fregia



Jaydon Harrisv

Fregia, Peterson, and Rich have been on the varsity since they were freshman and are no strangers to Friday night lights. Fregia plays tight end and defensive end and is been looked at by several colleges.

"That is something I would like to do in playing at the next level," said Fregia. "But for now I am just focusing on the task at hand and getting us back into the playoffs."

Harris has some big school experience as he

played at Cy-Fair his first two years of high school before moving to Liberty his junior year.

"It's a little different playing at that level then here," said Harris. "But at the end of the day it's football and you just have to line up and play every Friday night."



Terrick Peterson



Wyatt Tulley



Blaine Rich

Harris was a firstteam all-district selection in 2019 and is being looked at by Texas Tech. Peterson will see look's on both sides of the ball at running back and linebacker.

"I do not have a favorite," said Peterson.
"I just like being on the field and I am looking forward into getting us back to the playoffs. We have something to prove this season and we plan on proving it."

Rich is another regular on the varsity and plays right tackle for Liberty.

"We have tried to take the younger guys under our wings and help them and encourage them," said Rich. "We lacked leadership last year and that is not going to be the case this year."

Tulley has been on the varsity for three years and plays noseguard.

"We are not going out without getting to the playoffs one last time," said Tulley. "Last year was in the past and we are ready to get after it." The Panthers will get it going on Friday as they host the Huffman Falcons.

WO-S and Silsbee teams to beat in District 11-4A DII

By Jerry Michalsky

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The Silsbee Tigers made a run to the state semi-finals in 2019 and West Orange-Stark made it to the Regional Finals last year. Both teams return key pieces and will be tough to beat again in district play. Hamshire-Fannett won a playoff game as Orangefield did too so District 11-4A DII could be a dog fight. Liberty, Bridge City and Hardin-Jefferson will also battle it out for a post season spot.

BRIDGE CITY CARDINALS — Starters Returning O/D: 6/6. 2019: 3-7 bi-district finalist/2-3 district. QB Ethan Oceguera is back to lead the offense again while two-way playmaker RB/DB Dorian Pruitt also will help. LB Trey Hebert is back to lead the defense.

HAMSHIRE-FANNETT LONGHORNS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/5. 2019: 7-4 area finalist/ 2-2 district. The Longhorns lost some skilled people in 2019 but wide receiver Garrett Picou is back after finished with over 300-yards receiving. The defense is led by linebacker Blake Briggs.

HARDIN-JEFFERSON HAWKS — Starters Returning O/D: 6/6. 2019: 1-9 bi-district finalist/ 1-3 district. The Hawks made the playoffs last year de-

spite winning just one game, but with the return of running backs Sam Dickerson and Dakota McNair the Hawks will look for improvement. Tight end Austin Samaha is also back after leading the team in receiving.

ORANGEFIELD BOBCATS — Starters Returning O/D: 7/4. 2019: 9-2 bi-district finalist/ 6-1 district. The Bobcats move back up to Class 4-A after winning nine games a year ago. QB Gunner Jones and RB Hunter Ashworth will lead the offense while the defense is young and will need to grow up in a hurry.

SILSBEE TIGERS — Starters Returning O/D: 4/7. 2019: 9-5 state semi-finalist/3-1 district. QB Raymond Foster is a three-year starter and passed for over 1,700 yards and 17 touchdown passes in 2019. Also back is RB Antonius Arline after rushing for over 800 yards and 10 scores. DL Ayden Bell is back to lead the defense.

WEST ORANGE-STARK Mustangs — Starters Returning O/D: 4/6. 2019: 10-2 regional finalist/ 4-0 district. The Mustangs return both of their man weapons from a year ago in QB Jerren Terrell (1.453 passing yards, 12 touchdowns), and RB Elijah Gales (1,389 yards rushing, 14 touchdowns). LB Tyrone Brown is a good one and will lead the defense.

PANTHERS

Handling the kicking duties will be Bryan Montes and Jorge Basham.

Another strength of the Panthers this season will be the defense and

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Taylor has brought back Liberty former Head Coach Jeff Stewart back as the defensive coordinator.

"We are going to very fast on that side of the ball and should be pretty good," said Taylor.

At the nose guard position it will be Fregia and Tulley up front while the line will also feature Titus Bell and J.T. Williams. In the middle at the linebacker position the Panthers will have Jaydon Harris, Matthew Porshe, Josh Chandler, Nathan Flores. In the secondary it will be Mason Goudeau, Jones, Walker and Vincent Harris.

"Last year we allowed way too many 3rd-and-longs for first downs," added Taylor. "We must do a better job of

shutting that down this year."

Liberty will compete in the new District 11-4A DII with West Orange-Stark, Silsbee, Bridge City, Hardin-Jefferson, Hamshire-Fannett, and Orangefield.

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"It's going to be a tough district with WO-S and Silsbee being the teams to beat."

The season gets underway at home tomorrow night as the Huffman Falcons come calling. The Panthers then go on the road for the next four as trips to Madisonville, Diboll, Shepherd, and Hardin-Jefferson will take place. Liberty returns home for Silsbee on Oct. 2. The regular season finishes up at home on Nov. 6 against Hamshire-Fannett.

LIBERTY LADY PANTHER VOLLEYBALL

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Aug. 18	Orangefield	Α	4:30 p.m.	F, JV, V	Sept. 22	Shepherd	Α	4:30 p.m. F, JV, V
Aug. 21	Bridge City	Α	4:30 p.m.	V, JV, F	Sept. 25	Splendora	Н	4:30 p.m. V, JV, F
Aug. 25	Kirbyville	Н	4:30 p.m.	F, JV, V	Sept. 29	Hardin-Jefferson	Α	4:30 p.m. F, JV, V
Aug. 28	Needville/Tarkington	Н	4:30 p.m.	V, JV, F	Oct. 2	BYE		
Sept. 01	Vidor	Α	4:30 p.m.	F, JV, V	Oct. 6	Livingston	Α	4:30 p.m. F, JV, V
Sept. 04	Madisonville	Α	4:30 p.m.	V, JV, F	Oct. 9	Hamshire	Н	4:30 p.m. V, JV, F
Sept. 8	Anahuac/Buna	Н	4:30 p.m.	JV, V	Oct. 13	Huffman	Α	4:30 p.m. F, JV, V
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Sept. 11	Livingston	Н	4:30 p.m.	V, JV, F	Oct. 23	Hardin-Jefferson	Н	4:30 p.m. V, JV, F



LIBERTY LADY PANTHERS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL ROSTER

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5 Katrina Tran

6 Amanda Dossey7 Abbie Knepper

8 Reese Evans

9 Magen LeJeune (wearing 11 in photo)

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Talkington Longhorns

Deck and DeVito ready to get the job done in Tarkington

By Jerry Michalsky

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You cannot teach leadership, it is something that comes within, the Tarkington Longhorns have two of those in quarterback Trae Deck and running back/safety Rakan DeVito.

As I talked with both seniors, something moved me that Deck said. Not talking about his over 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns he passed for in 2019, Deck complimented DeVito, saying "Rakan has worked his butt off since he was a sophomore and has made huge strides in two years. He has come a long way and deserves everything that comes his way."

That is high praise for DeVito from his teammate and the signal caller.

"I have to work hard and never take a play off," said DeVtio. "I am setting an example for the younger guys and they are looking up to my leadership."

Last year was a tough one for the Longhorns as they missed out on the playoffs. That is something Deck and

Tarkington ready to make some noise in Class 3-A



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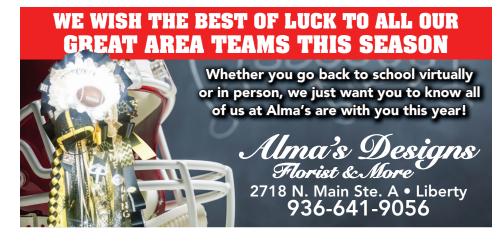
In 2019 the Tarkington Longhorns had hopes of making the playoffs but fell a little short, this year Tarkington has dropped down to Class 3-A and the Longhorns are looking to make some noise under second year Head Coach Zach Bass.

"The football program has been down a little bit here, we want to change that culture and win some football games and get these kids into the playoffs," said Bass. "These are great hard working kids and it would be nice to see them rewarded."

Bass welcomes back starting quarterback Trae Deck who passed for 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns last year as a junior. When Deck takes to the air he will have returning all-district wide receiver Nate Carley to pass too along with Garrett Lott, Chase Anderson, Ian Herndon, Blake Ellington

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TARKINGTON LONGHORNS VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER

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LONGHORNS

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and Bryce Ellington.

The running backs will be Bradley Sanders, Trace Shirley, Dennis Hollingsworth, Monte Wells and Rakan DeVito. The X-back (tight end), will be all-district returnee Kevin McCarther, Drendahl Kanada and Dee Brandon.

Three starters return up front on the line in Blake James, Gavin Edward and Tyler Bennett. On the defensive side of the ball for the Longhorns will be up front with first-team all-district returnee Travonte Bogany and Grant Wright. The linebackers will be McCarther, Kanada, Wells, Sanders and Shirley.

In the secondary it will be Andrew King, Cameron Iterisano, Blake Elling-

ton, Bryce Ellington, DeVito and Carley.

Last season kicker Ivan (Pudge) Rodriguez was a perfect 10 for 10 on PATs and field goals to handle the place kicking while Deck handles the punting.

"The good thing about being down in Class 3-A is we will be able to play a lot more guys both ways," said Bass.

Tarkington opens the season at Shepherd on Friday and then comes home for Bridge City for the home opener at A.L. Nelson Stadium. The Longhorns open district play on Sept. 25 at home against Anahuac. The following Friday Tarkington takes to the road to face Buna. The regular season concludes on Nov. 6 in Winnie against East Chambers.

SENIORS

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Rakan DeVito

DeVito vow not to happen this year.

"This is our year and we are not going down without getting into the playoffs," said Deck.
"We want everyone to know who Tarkington is this year. Respect is something we plan on

earning."

Deck and DeVito are both three-year varsity players so they provide plenty of experience for the Longhorns. Tark-



Trae Deck

ington has dropped down to Class 3-A this year but have some of the higher numbers in that classification.

"Everyone will be gunning for us since we are a big school in 3-A," said DeVito. "We will need to be at our best."

Could this be the year the Longhorns get back into the playoffs? If Deck and DeVito have anything to do with it you have to like their chances.

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TARKINGTON LONGHORNS



Saturday, Sept. 12 Huffman Saturday, Sept. 19 Anahuac Saturday, Sept. 26 Liberty Saturday, Oct. 10 **Tarkington** Saturday, Oct. 17 Shepherd Saturday, Oct. 24 Coldspring Anderson-Shiro Saturday, Nov. 14 Monday, Nov. 23 Regional Saturday, Dec. 5 State



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Aug. 21	LCM	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.					
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	Varsity 4:30 and	6 p.	.m. at Tarkington High School					
Aug. 28	Liberty	Α	F/JV/V TBA					
Sept. 1	Hamshire-Fannett	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.					
Sept. 4	Shepherd	Α	$F4{:}30p.m., JV5{:}30p.m., V6{:}30p.m.$					
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District Season

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Sept. 18	Onalaska	Н	V 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., F 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 22	Hardin	Α	JV 5 p.m., V 6 p.m.
Sept. 25	Trinity	Н	V 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., F 6:30 p.m.
Sept. 29	Coldspring	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
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Oct. 6	New Waverly	Α	JV 5 p.m., V 6 p.m.
Oct. 9	Anderson	Н	V 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., F 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Onalaska	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 16	Hardin	Н	V 5 p.m., JV 6 p.m.
Oct. 20	Trinity	Α	F 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., V 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Coldspring	Н	V 4:30 p.m., JV 5:30 p.m., F 6:30 p.m.

West Hardin OILERS

West Hardin has tough road schedule in 2020

By Jerry Michalsky

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The West Hardin Oilers will be road warriors this year as they will only play four games at home in the 2020 football season. West Hardin will start off with three of its first four games in another town.

The Oilers get things underway on Aug. 28 at Deweyville. The home opener comes the next Friday as the Kountze Lions come calling. The next two games will be on the road at Warren and on Sept. 18 at rival Hull-Daisetta.

Homecoming will be on Sept. 25 against High Island and then a bye week the following weekend.

District play starts at Shelbyville on Oct. 9 and then another tough road game the next Friday at Joaquin.

West Hardin will play two of its final three games at home as Timpson comes to town on Oct. 23 and then there's a road trip to Garrison the next Friday, before ending the regular season at home on Nov. 6 against power San Augustine.



WEST HARDIN OILERS SCHEDULE

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Nov. 6 San Augustine H



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The West Hardin Oilers had a chance last week to see what they could do with the Deweyville Pirates and Hardin's Hornets in scrimmages at Hardin.



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San Augustine ready for state title run

By Jerry Michalsky

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The San Augustine Wolves welcome back 2,000 yard rusher Kevorian Barnes back and are coming off a 13-win season. The Wolves once again look to be the front runner at another district championship while Garrison, Shelbyville, Joaquin, and Timpson look to battle it out for the final three spots. West Hardin is coming off a playoff year and will look to repeat that process in 2020.

GARRISON BULLDOGS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/5. 2019: 5-6 bi-district finalist/ 3-3 district. The Bulldogs defense will actually be the strength in 2019 and if Garrison is to get back there that is what will take them. LB Shawn Holmes, DL Garner Hancock, and DL Brayden Brucia will lead the way.

JOAQUIN RAMS — Starters Returning O/D: 4/4. 2019: 10-3 regional semi-finalist/5-1 district. Joaquin had a nice 10-win season last year and will look to the leadership of all-state OL/DL Blake Cummings. Leading tackler SS Maddox Hutchings returns also.

SAN AUGUSTINE WOLVES — Starters Returning O/D: 3/3. 2019: 13-1 state semi-finalist/ 5-0 district. The Wolves will be led by perhaps the best running back in Class 2-A in Kevorian Barnes. Barnes had 29 rushing touchdowns while Delmarquise Barnes steps in at quarterback.

SHELBYVILLE DRAGONS — Starters Returning O/D: 5/7. 2019: 7-4 bi-district finalist/ 3-2. Returning 12 starters from a playoff team in 2019, the Dragons will be a favorite for another post-season spot. Defensive end Grady Clay is back to lead the defense while running back Tre Cartwright leads the offense.

TIMPSON BEARS — Starters Returning O/D: 6/7. 2019: 5-6 bi-district finalist/ 3-3 district. RB/LB Bra-



den Courtney is a stud on both sides of the ball as he finished with over 100 tackles and 1,118 yards rush-

ing and 13 touchdowns in 2019. WR/DB Trey Davis had 7 interceptions.





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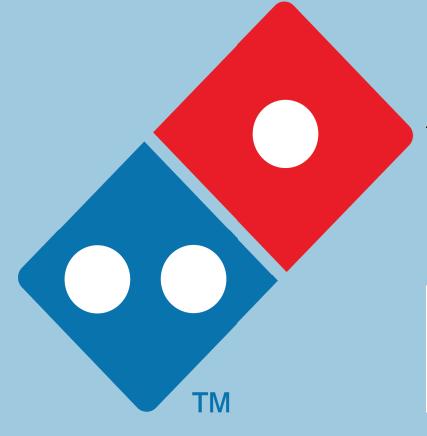
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