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### *A letter from the sports editor...*

Friday night lights is returning during a pandemic.

That is a sentence that I wish I was not writing ahead of the 2020 season. But here we are.

No matter what your thoughts of the coronavirus are, football will be back either way.

That fact does not mean that we can not be safe.

The further spread of the virus will stop play this fall and

winter.

Administrators, coaches and athletes have worked around the clock to safely prepare for the season and build an infrastructure to allow the games to return.

Now it is our job as spectators to do our part: wear a mask and take this pandemic seriously.

If we don't, we will see a repeat of the spring season.

There will be even more bro-

ken hearts if there is no football season in 2020.

P.S.: Thank you as always to my wife Carrie and son Jackson for supporting me through the long nights during football season.

*Ryan Dunsmore*





# 2020 UIL COVID-19 guidelines

## 6A, 5A will have later start than smaller classes

BY CHAD WASHINGTON

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As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to hover over Texas, there will be a lot of changes to how Texas High School football will look in the 2020 season.

The University Interscholastic League has implemented several new policies for the safety and health of high school players, as well as fans and students.

One big change is that the bigger schools in the state will start their season later than the smaller schools.

Class 4A to 1A schools will start the season as planned on Aug. 27, while Class 6A and 5A have moved their season back a month, with the first day of practice scheduled for Sept. 7 and the first games of the season to start on Sept. 24.

Locally, both Lamar Consolidated ISD and Fort Bend ISD will wait until Labor Day to begin practices, while Needville ISD, Stafford ISD, Brazos ISD and East Bernard ISD opened their practices in early August.

However, LCISD athletes were able to get a couple of weeks of summer workouts in with precautions, while FBISD in early July shut down all workouts until Sept. 7.

The UIL also implemented practice guidelines over the summer to prevent the spread of the virus. Some of those guide-

lines included athletes bringing their own water to drink, coaches wiping down and sanitizing equipment and implementing social distancing.

Students over the age of 10, along with staff, parents and visitors, must wear face coverings upon entry of and exit of

group within the restrictions of social distancing.

Also, schools must have required screening of COVID-19 symptoms, which includes temperature checks before participating in UIL activities, filling out questionnaires and immediate 14-day quarantines for those

The exact wording of the requirement has not been published by the UIL, nor have guidelines been put in place for a team that has multiple players contracting the virus. But each school district will still be allowed to handle the situation as it deems fit.

As for game days, there are also changes for players, fans and marching bands.

Locker rooms, stadium seats and other areas must be sanitized before and after each game and the seating area must have social distancing measures taken into account.

Marching bands must distance themselves by 10 feet from fans and spectators, and student groups (band, cheerleaders, drill team, etc.) must wear masks during the contest and should avoid mixing with fans or non-group members during the game.

Concession stands will be allowed to operate during games, but those working in the stands must wear masks. Also, condiments, flatware and silverware must be given out by request and individually wrapped.

Another big change is that the UIL has relaxed its long-time rule of banning live video broadcasts of Friday night football games for this upcoming season. Webcasts of Texas high school football games will be allowed beginning Sept. 25, while telecasts of games are allowed the next day.

### 2020 UIL Tentative Football Dates

#### CLASS 4A-1A POSSIBLE

##### PLAYING DATES

Week	Dates
Week One	August 27, 28, 29
Week Two	September 3, 4, 5
Week Three	September 10, 11, 12
Week Four	September 17, 18, 19
Week Five	September 24, 25, 26
Week Six	October 1, 2, 3
Week Seven	October 8, 9, 10
Week Eight	October 15, 16, 17
Week Nine	October 22, 23, 24
Week Ten	October 29, 30, 31
Week Eleven	November 5, 6, 7

#### CLASS 4A-1A PLAYOFF DATES

Week	Dates
Week One	November 12, 13, 14
Week Two	November 19, 20, 21
Week Three	November 26, 27, 28
Week Four	December 3, 4, 5
Week Five	December 10, 11, 12
State Champ.	Week of December 16, 17, 18, 19

#### CLASS 6A-5A POSSIBLE

##### PLAYING DATES

Week	Dates
Week One	September 24, 25, 26*
Week Two	October 1, 2, 3
Week Three	October 8, 9, 10
Week Four	October 15, 16, 17
Week Five	October 22, 23, 24
Week Six	October 29, 30, 31
Week Seven	November 5, 6, 7
Week Eight	November 12, 13, 14
Week Nine	November 19, 20, 21
Week Ten	November 26, 27, 28
Week Eleven	December 3, 4, 5
*First week allowed for schools that have offered strength and conditioning since Aug. 24.	

#### CLASS 6A-5A PLAYOFF DATES

Week	Dates
Week One	December 10, 11, 12
Week Two	December 17, 18, 19
Week Three	December 24 or 26
Week Four	December 31 - January 2
Week Five	January 7, 8, 9
State Champ.	Week of January 11-15

an area where UIL activities are being conducted and when not actively practicing.

The UIL is allowing exceptions for medical conditions or disabilities that prevent wearing a face covering, when consuming food or drink, and in a

who either have symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has contracted COVID-19.

The UIL also said that a physician must clear students who test positive for COVID-19 before they can return to UIL activities.



★ Coach Trey Sissom

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★ Coach Oschler Flemming

★ Coach Wade Bosse

★ Coach Nick Cavallo

★ Coach Shaun McDowell

★ Coach Kiah Johnson

★ Coach Mike Giles

★ Coach Ryan Roecker

## COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Nick Cavallo**  
 Record at George Ranch: **9-13-0 (2 years)**  
 Career record: **9-13-0 (2 years)**  
 Offensive coordinator: **Wade Oliphant**  
 Defensive coordinator: **Cory Sterlin**  
 Special teams coordinator: **Cade Laufer**

## TEAM INFORMATION

Location: **Richmond, TX**  
 Home Field: **Guy K. Traylor Mem. Stadium**  
 Online: **grhsabc.com**  
 Twitter account: **@GRHS\_Football**

## 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Sept. 24	Crosby	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 1	Katy Taylor	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 8	Klein Collins	7p.m.	Taylor
Oct. 23	@Elkins*	7p.m.	Hall
Oct. 29	Travis*	7p.m.	Traylor
Nov. 7	@Austin*	1p.m.	Mercer
Nov. 13	@Ridge Point*	7p.m.	Hall
Nov. 19	Bush#	7p.m.	Traylor
Nov. 27	@Clements*	11a.m.	Mercer
Dec. 4	Dulles*	7p.m.	Traylor

\*District 20-6A; #Homecoming

## 2019 RESULTS: 5-7

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 30	@Dickinson	14-51
Sept. 5	Clear Lake	28-30
Sept. 13	@Clear Springs	14-42
Sept. 28	Brazoswood*	69-0
Oct. 4	@Alief Hastings*	28-0
Oct. 10	@Alief Taylor*	21-13
Oct. 18	Dawson*	14-33
Oct. 24	@Alief Elisik*	29-13
Oct. 31	Strake Jesuit*	14-27
Nov. 8	@Pearland*	7-49
Nov. 15	Clear Falls#	49-37
Nov. 23	Humble#	21-28

\*District 23-6A; #Playoffs

## DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	25.7 ppg	4	26.9 ppg	5
Rushing	152.0 ypg	4	186.0 ypg	5
Passing	120.3 ypg	4	133.6 ypg	7
Total	272.3 ypg	4	319.6 ypg	6

## RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Passing: **Sam Miller** — 107-214, 1,719 yds., 20 TD, 10 INT  
 Rushing: **Hymond Drinkard** — 165 att., 1,000 yds., 12 TD  
 Receiving: **Javon Gipson** — 29 rec., 637 yds, 9 TD  
 Tackles: **Dave Babalola** — 45 tackles  
 Sacks: **Dave Babalola** — 6 sacks  
 Interceptions: **Jeffrey Ugochukwu** — 2 interceptions



# George Ranch Longhorns

## Home away from home

Longhorns to face best Fort Bend has to offer

BY RYAN DUNSMORE

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Fort Bend County is full of geographical oddities.

The fact that it is technically faster to drive to Mercer Stadium than it is to Traylor Stadium from George Ranch High School is one of those oddities.

Both stadiums are about eight miles away from the home of the Longhorns, but Mercer has a longer stretch of highway to cut down the travel time.

That fact will be useful with George Ranch moving over from District 23-6A to District 20-6A for the next two seasons.

The Longhorns will now face seven other programs across Fort Bend County in order to earn a district title after previously facing a tough slate against Pearland, Dawson and Strake Jesuit.

"I think you have different challenges any time you come into a new district," George Ranch head coach Nick Cavallo said. He added the familiarity between the kids presents a new challenge.

"We don't necessarily have those built-in rivalries we've had for the past two years with the Pearland schools, Alief schools or Strake Jesuit.

We had a little with Strake since we had some kids from the area that go there.

"But now, a lot of the kids from Travis, Austin and Ridge Point, they played Little League together.

"Now it adds to the competitive level. It is a different feeling when its someone that you know."

In year three with Cavallo, George Ranch has been building for this season.

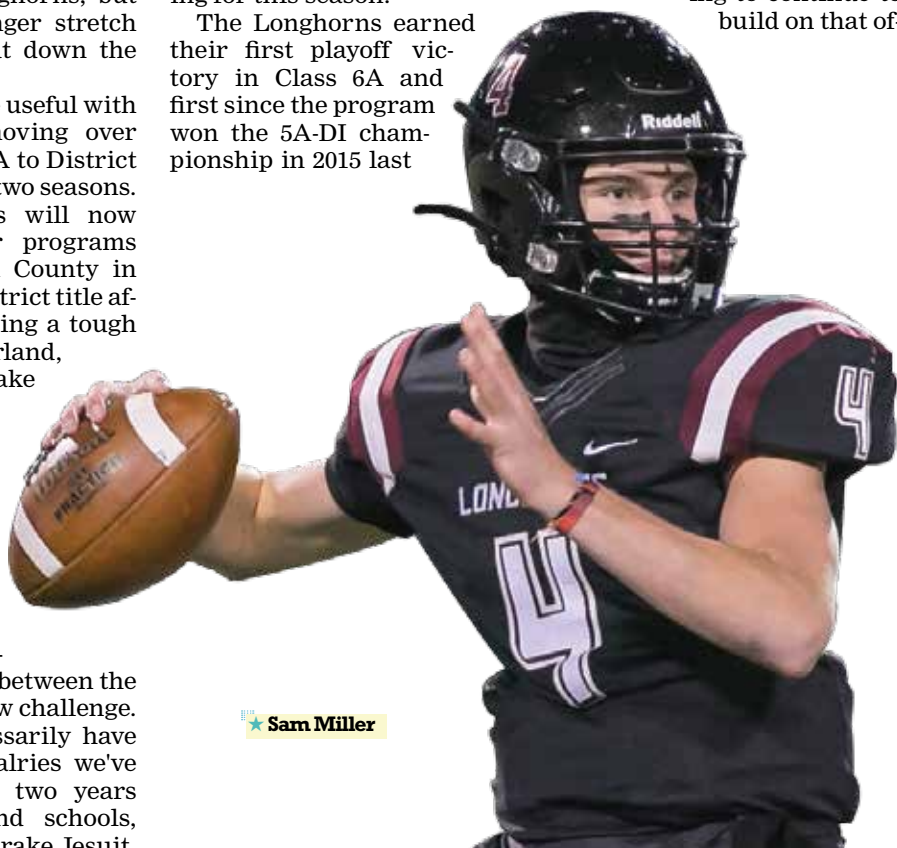
The Longhorns earned their first playoff victory in Class 6A and first since the program won the 5A-DI championship in 2015 last

season.

"We're right on track where I want to be in year three," Cavallo said. "It is our third year in the same offense and our second year in the same defensive scheme and as a staff as a whole."

After a slow start, the George Ranch offense averaged 35 points during its two playoff games.

Coach Cavallo's team is hoping to continue to build on that of



★ Sam Miller



fensive success with plenty of returning talent.

"We're ready for the year," Cavallo said. "Right now, we can come out with our first two units and run our base offense."

"Defensively, it is the same thing. We have one or two spots where we're still figuring a few things out, but they can all go out and run our base defense from day one."

"We're so far ahead from where we even finished the season last year."

Senior quarterback Sam Miller will be under center for the third season after throwing for nearly 2,000 yards and 20 touchdowns in 2019.

Miller's top target last season, Javon Gipson, committed to Baylor.

Gipson caught 29 passes for 637 yards and nine touchdowns last season. He finished the year with 20 receptions for 447 yards and six touchdowns in his final three games.

George Ranch junior running back Hymond Drinkard had a breakout sophomore campaign, after rushing for

1,000 yards and 12 touchdowns.

The defense also features a handful of headline players with defensive end Dave Babalola. Cavallo believed Babalola would have a handful of college scholarships offers during a normal offseason.

For now, the Longhorns are taking full advantage of summer workouts and sports-specific instruction.

George Ranch will get more than a month of extra work while the rest of District 20-6A in Fort Bend ISD has been barred from workouts until face-to-face instruction is allowed on campus.

George Ranch hopes to crack the playoff ranks with Travis, Ridge Point, Elkins, Bush and Austin being the teams aiming for the four top spots.

"It will be a challenge to face these Fort Bend schools because we haven't played them in a while," Cavallo said. "We don't necessarily know what they do offensively and defensively. We'll have to figure that out from film study."



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## COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Trey Sissom**  
 Record at Travis: **36-19 (5 years)**  
 Career record: **56-32-0 (8 years)**  
 Offensive coordinator: **Chris Lane**  
 Defensive coordinator: **Clayton Odom II**  
 Special teams coordinator: **Chris Lewis**

## TEAM INFORMATION

Location: **Richmond, TX**  
 Home field: **Edward Mercer Stadium**  
 Online: **travistigers.com**  
 Twitter account: **@TravisTiger\_FB**

## 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Oct. 1	Foster	7p.m.	Mercer
Oct. 9	Cy-Falls	7p.m.	Hall
Oct. 15	@Spring	7p.m.	Planet Ford
Oct. 23	Austin*	7p.m.	Mercer
Oct. 29	@George Ranch*	7p.m.	Traylor
Nov. 4	Bush*	7p.m.	Mercer
Nov. 14	@Clements*	1p.m.	Hall
Nov. 21	Dulles*	1p.m.	Mercer
Nov. 27	@Elkins*	7p.m.	Hall
Dec. 5	Ridge Point*	1p.m.	Mercer

\*District 20-6A; \*Homecoming

## 2019 RESULTS: 10-1

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 30	@Hightower	35-34
Sept. 5	@Foster	49-34
Sept. 13	Spring	53-48
Sept. 26	Elkins*	56-28
Oct. 3	@Dulles*	48-7
Oct. 11	Austin*	48-17
Oct. 17	Ridge Point*	27-23
Oct. 26	@Clements*	57-20
Nov. 1	Kempner*	51-7
Nov. 7	@Bush*	21-10
Nov. 14	Tompkins*	28-35

\*District 20-6A; \*Playoffs

## DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	43.0 ppg	1	24.1 ppg	4
Rushing	182.1 ypg	4	147.5 ypg	4
Passing	248.2 ypg	1	131.7 ypg	4
Total	430.3 ypg	1	279.2 ypg	4

## RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Passing: **Mason Muchaw** — 0-1, 0 yds., 0 TD, 0 INT  
 Rushing: **Aundre Smith** — 111 att., 537 yds., 7 TD  
 Receiving: **Michael Samba Jr.** — 6 rec., 126 yds., 0 TD  
 Tackles: **Jace Marsters** — 56 total, 51 solo  
 Sacks: **Jace Marsters** — 3 sacks  
 Interceptions: **Cameron Oliver** — 7 interceptions



# Travis Tigers

## Defense first

Stopping offense will be a strength for Travis

BY RYAN DUNSMORE

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Lighting up scoreboards with points has been the calling card of Trey Sissom's time at Travis High School.

The Tigers have averaged over 40 points per game regularly over the past five seasons with quarterbacks Amryn Jeffrey and Eric Rodriguez, along with a host of Division-I level wide receiver including Parker Washington, Jarrell Farr, Arjei Henderson and Naveon Mitchell.

But the 2020 season will be different for the Tigers.

The 2019 seniors helped Travis secure the program's first undefeated regular season.

But Rodriguez, Washington, Farr, running back K.J. Shankle and receiver Colin Mushinski graduated.

"Obviously, that isn't the ideal situation," Sissom said. "We're fortunate the past few years that we've had a few kids come back each year with experience. (Experience) isn't something we have at the skill positions this year."

"The one good thing is we have a bunch of kids coming back on the offensive line. We have two that are coming back that would be three-year starters."

It doesn't help that the Tigers' top returning rusher Aundre Smith announced in August he would be finishing his high school career in California.

While the offense will be young, the

defense will feature plenty of returning talent, especially in the secondary.

"We're going to have to lean on the defense a little bit more than we have in the past," Sissom said. "We've been really stellar on the offensive side, and we will score points and hope the defense will slow the other team down."

"Now, we're going to have to flip that bit. The defense will have to slow things down until the offense can score."

The defensive back corps is headlined by Cameron Oliver and Cameron Moore.

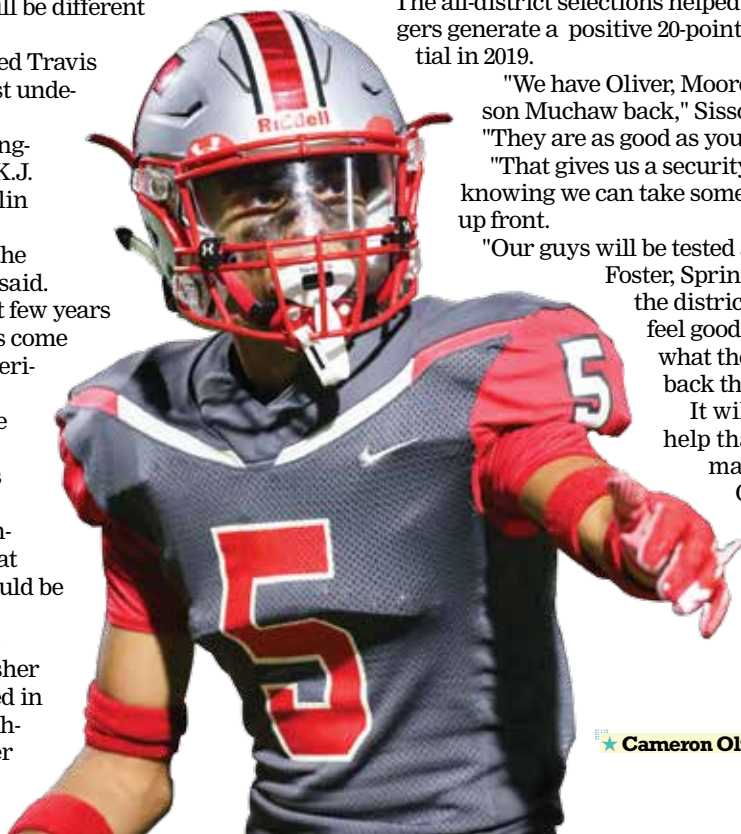
The all-district selections helped the Tigers generate a positive 20-point differential in 2019.

"We have Oliver, Moore and Mason Muchaw back," Sissom said. "They are as good as you'll find."

"That gives us a security blanket knowing we can take some chances up front."

"Our guys will be tested against Foster, Spring and in the district, but we feel good about what they can do back there."

It will also help that lineman Joe Cadette



★ Cameron Oliver



will be moving over to more of a defensive role.

Cadette, an all-district offensive lineman last year, has a skill set that will translate better on the defensive line in college.

"We want to do what's best for him and it helps our defense out," Sissom said.

The Tigers will likely go with junior quarterback Anthony Njoku.

The 6-foot-1 quarterback brings even more athleticism to the position compared to the previous Travis quarterbacks under Sissom.

In total, Travis has two starters on the offense returning. The Tigers will lean on the offensive line to be a stabilizing force, while the young Tigers get their legs under them.

"Of all of our groups, I think our offensive line will be our bell cow for us," Sissom said.

The extra challenge for 2020 is the fact that Fort Bend ISD teams are currently not practicing.

The district is not allowing for extracurricular activities until in-person instruction begins in

September.

"We've put everything on the back burner to get everyone back in school," Sissom said. "Fortunately, we don't start for a month from a football perspective."

"We haven't seen the kids since June. FBISD has been shut down since the week before the Fourth of July. It has been tough not being able to see the kids."

"The biggest thing right now is making sure the kids are safe."

The combination of inexperience and lack of spring and summer training will require the young Tigers to learn on the job.

"That is what we use spring for. We evaluate those kids and throw them into the fire and see how they do," Sissom said.

Travis will face a similar District 20-6A with one change: Kempner is out and George Ranch is in.

The additional Richmond school will likely shrink the margin for error for the teams in District 20-6A attempting to make the playoffs.



★ Cameron Moore

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## 2020 District 20-6A preview

### Austin Bulldogs

**Enrollment:** 2,230.5. **Coach:** Mike Arogobonlo. **2019 record:** 3-7, 3-4 district.

**Key Returners:** QB Braeden Abboud, LB Hunter Blanchette, DL Chase Meyers, ATH Keelian Bryant.

**Notes:** The Bulldogs lost their big offensive playmaker Troy Omiere, as he looks to make an early mark with the University of Texas. But Austin does have Abboud returning, who threw for 1,842 yards and 13 touchdowns as a sophomore last year. Meyers looks to lead a defense that will have a lot of quickness and pursuit to the ball carrier.

### Bush Broncos

**Enrollment:** 2,532. **Coach:** Allen Aldridge. **2019 record:** 5-6, 3-4 (bi-district).

**Key Returners:** LB Brandon Chambers, RB Donovan Nixon, LB Charlton Bibb, LB Preston Davis.

**Notes:** Expect Bush to be strong again on the defensive side of the ball after holding opponents to 221.2 yards per game. The Broncos will have depth at the linebacker position, led by Chambers, who was a first-team all-district selection as a sophomore in 2019. On offense, there are still a lot of holes to be filled, but Nixon (66 carries, 398 yards, 3 TDs) looks to be the main guy behind a veteran offensive line.

### Clements Rangers

**Enrollment:** 2,523.5. **Coach:** Bobby Darnell. **2019 record:** 1-9, 0-7 district.

**Key Returners:** TE David Kasmervisz, WR Chase Bell, LB Matt McGinnis, WR/CB Patrick Smith.

**Notes:** The Rangers feel that they have enough key players to make a move out of the district cellar. Kasmervisz (24 catches, 296 yards, 3 TDs) and Smith are expected to be top offensive players even as the quarter-

back situation is in flux. McGinnis is expected to lead the defense, but can several two-way players help Clements reach the playoffs?

### Dulles Vikings

**Enrollment:** 2,600.5. **Coach:** Shane Byrd. **2019 record:** 2-8, 1-6 district.

**Key Returners:** OL Myles Chapman, WR Ryan Alaniz, DL Jeremiah Harrell, LB Jaxon Tilley.

**Notes:** Coach Byrd enters his second year with the Vikings with only

one offensive starter back in Chapman, an all-district guard. Alaniz returns to provide speed on offense and special teams. Harrell and Tilley, both all-district selections last year, look to lead an experienced defensive unit.

### Elkins Knights

**Enrollment:** 2,543. **Coach:** Dennis Brantley. **2019 record:** 8-3, 5-2 district (bi-district).

**Key Returners:** WR Savion Sims,

DL Taruean Crawford, DE Malik Rugby, DB Blake Thompson.

**Notes:** The Knights will again have a talented athletic roster, but more on the defensive side in 2020. Thompson was a unanimous first-team all-district pick at safety last year, while Crawford was named 20-6A's defensive newcomer of the year. But on offense, it will be a youth movement. All-district pick Sims (15 catches, 292 yards, 4 TDs) is the lone returning offensive weapon.

### George Ranch Longhorns

**Enrollment:** 2,724. **Coach:** Nick Cavallo. **2019 record:** 5-7, 4-3 district (area)

**Key Returners:** RB Hymond Drinkard, WR Javon Gipson, DE Dave Babolola, CB Stephen Woods.

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### Ridge Point Panthers

**Enrollment:** 2,995. **Coach:** Rick LaFavers. **2019 record:** 8-3, 6-1 district (bi-district).

**Key Returners:** ATH John Paul Richardson, QB Bert Emanuel, DL Dike Kalu, LB Frank Osagiede.

**Notes:** Former Lamar Consolidated head Coach LaFavers moves to Ridge Point to keep the Panthers among the top teams in the county. RP's offense is experienced and talented with returning all-district players in Richardson and Emanuel. Kalu was an all-district selection as a freshman in 2019, and Osagiede led the Panthers with 24 tackles last year.

### Travis Tigers

**Enrollment:** 2,831. **Coach:** Trey Sissom. **2019 record:** 10-1, 7-0 district (bi-district).

**Key Returners:** RB Aundre Smith, OL/DL Joe Cadette, DB Cameron Oliver, DB Cameron Moore.

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★ Javon Gipson



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## » COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Shaun McDowell**  
 Record at Foster: **66-23-0 (7 years)**  
 Career record: **69-30 (8 years)**  
 Offensive coordinator: **Kenneth Johnson**  
 Defensive coordinator: **Shane Hanks**

## » TEAM INFORMATION

Location: **Richmond, TX**  
 Home Field: **Guy K. Traylor Mem. Stadium**  
 Online: **fosterfalcons.com**  
 Twitter account: **@FosterFootball**

## » 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Sept. 25	@Lamar Cons.	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 1	@Travis	7p.m.	Mercer
Oct. 9	Paetow*	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 16	@Terry*	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 30	Kempner*	7p.m.	Traylor
Week 7	@Wisdom*	TBD	TBD
Week 8	District seeding	TBD	TBD
Week 9	District seeding	TBD	TBD
Week 10	District seeding	TBD	TBD
Week 11	District seeding	TBD	TBD

\*District 10-5A DI

## » 2019 RESULTS: 8-5

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 31	College Station	52-14
Sept. 5	Travis	34-49
Sept. 14	Magnolia West	50-28
Sept. 27	@Ball*	48-6
Oct. 4	Terry*	55-14
Oct. 11	Friendswood*	32-34
Oct. 18	@Angleton*	44-21
Oct. 24	Shadow Creek*	17-24
Nov. 1	@Texas City*	49-0
Nov. 7	Hightower*	10-14
Nov. 15	New Caney*	31-21
Nov. 23	Georgetown*	52-14
Nov. 29	Shadow Creek*	31-36

\*District 10-5A DI; \*Playoffs

## » DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	39.0 ppg	2	21.2 ppg	4
Rushing	196.4 ypg	2	114.5 ypg	2
Passing	238.1 ypg	1	141.6 ypg	6
Total	434.5 ypg	1	256.1 ypg	2

## » RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Passing: **Philip May** — 5-5, 70 yds., 2 TD, 0 INT  
 Rushing: **Xavier Smallwood** — 46 att., 213 yds., 0 TD  
 Receiving: **Cody Jackson** — 64 rec., 1,370 yds, 18 TD  
 Tackles: **Tyler Onyedim** — 65 tackles, 15 tackles for loss  
 Sacks: **Tyler Onyedim** — 2 sacks



# Foster Falcons

## January football?

Foster hopes to break through with all-star roster

BY RYAN DUNSMORE

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"State champs" is what the Foster High School football team chants between push-ups during a post-game ritual, win or lose.

Head coach Shaun McDowell has set that goal for the Falcons at every opportunity.

To reach that goal set in 2020, the Falcons will have to play until 2021.

The UIL pushed back 5A football by a month with the COVID-19 pandemic still surging in Texas.

"We have a longer season.

Hopefully, we're playing in January. During a normal year we would be deep into offseason," McDowell said. "There will be a lot of challenges, but we're just going to have to plug through."

Foster once again has an opportunity to reach the goal of "state champs" with the class of 2021.

The senior group features three Division-I level players with receiver Cody Jackson, offensive lineman Reuben Fatheree II and defensive lineman Tyler Onyedim.

"The crazy thing is, the guys we're talking about like Cody,

Deuce and 'TO', they've been playing for us for three years," McDowell said. "They are the stalwarts of the team."

"I think we've got some young guys and a bunch of seniors that will be playing for us."

"The 2021 class has been the backbone for the past couple of years."

"It'll be fun to place the new pieces around them to continue to make this senior class successful."

Foster will have to find a few

pieces to fit around their top players.

Xavier Smallwood will carry the ball at running back. Meanwhile, the few experienced hands will fill out the offensive line.

Taribbean Ramirez hopes to be that option opposite Jackson at wide receiver.

Jackson finished his junior campaign with 64 receptions for 1,370 yards and 18 touchdowns.

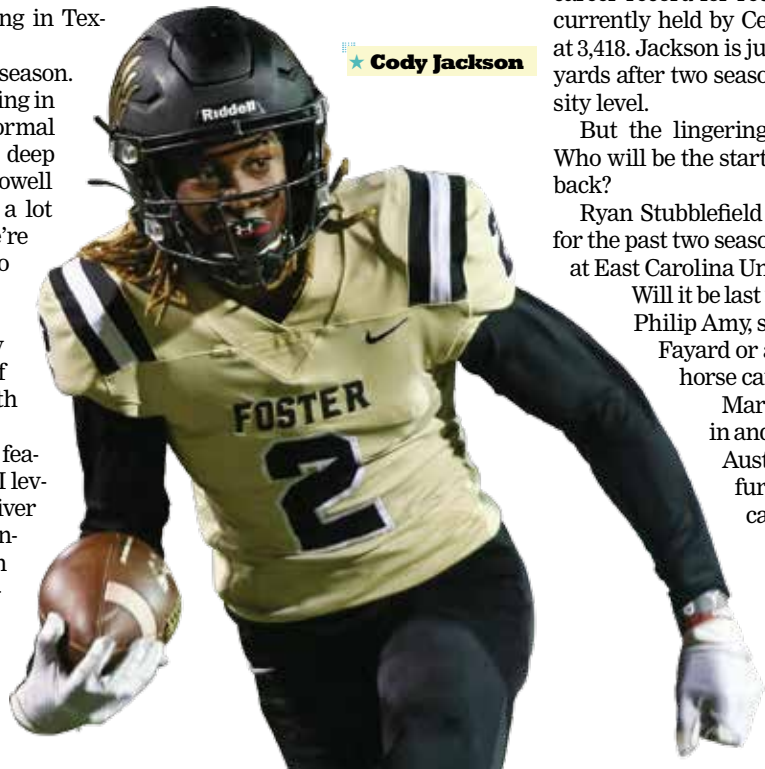
The future Oklahoma Sooner is in striking distance of the Foster career record for receiving yards, currently held by Cedarian Lamb at 3,418. Jackson is just under 2,500 yards after two seasons at the varsity level.

But the lingering question is: Who will be the starter at quarterback?

Ryan Stubblefield was the man for the past two seasons. He is now at East Carolina University.

Will it be last year's backup Philip Amy, sophomore JT Fayard or another dark-horse candidate?

Maryland move-in and Yale commit Austin Tutas has further complicated the deci-



★ Cody Jackson



sion with his arrival in August.

McDowell keeps the expectation simple for his quarterback.

"The quarterback that is going to be the guy that gets first downs and touchdowns, bottom line," McDowell said. "That guy has to prove he can do the job not only to the coaches, but to his teammates as well."

The defensive side has plenty of talent headlined by Onyedim, who is committed to playing at Iowa State. He will have to fill the hole left by Chidozie Nwankwo.

But "TO" has plenty of help from linebacker Udoka Ezeani, along with defensive backs Justice Ugochukwu and Ty Moore.

"The fun part is finding the pieces that are going to add to the talent that is already there," McDowell said.

Foster is attempting to speed up the defense and get more versatile on that side of the ball.

The path to the playoffs will be just as difficult as in years past.

Foster trades reigning 5A-DI state champion Shadow Creek for Manvel.

Class 6A drop-down Kempner replaces Friendswood and Katy Pae-

tow joins the fray.

No matter the schedule, the Falcons will take it one game at a time.

"We don't look past the week we're on," McDowell said. "We want to be 1-0 each week."

"You can't win them all if you don't win the first one," McDowell added with a smile on his face.

If Foster does find themselves in the playoffs, the road will be tough in Region III-5A DI.

"Region III is one of the toughest regions in the state," McDowell said.

The region landscape has changed with District 9-5A, now featuring teams from Baytown, Beaumont and Port Arthur, along with Friendswood.

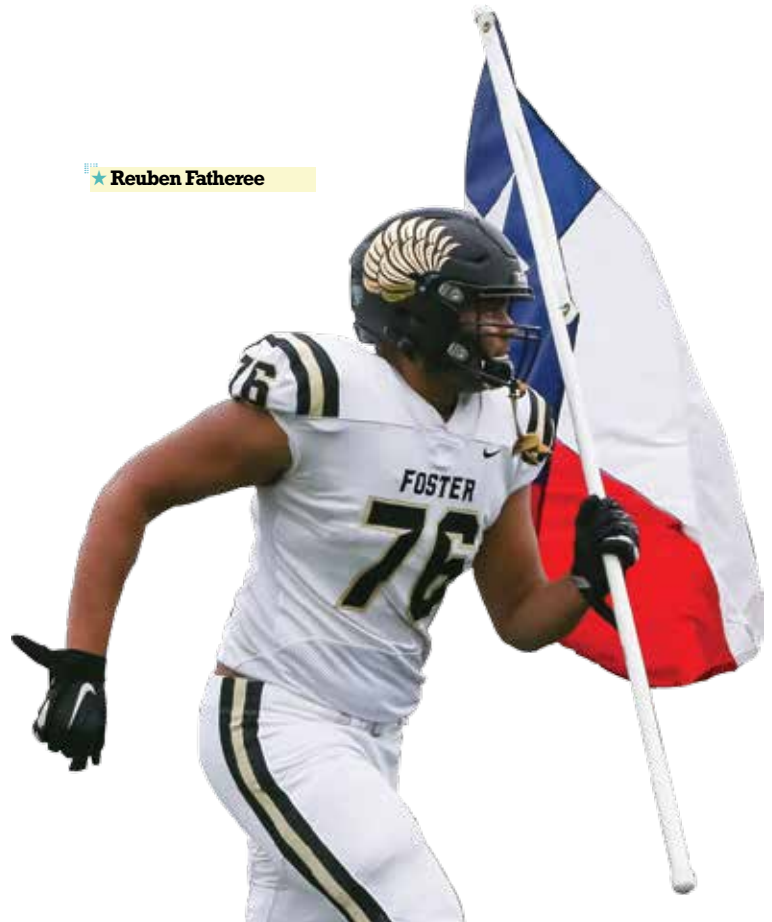
District champions Cedar Park and Dripping Springs return to head the groups from District 11-5A and District 12-5A.

The goal will still be January football for the Falcons, no matter which path the team takes to get there.

"If we're playing in January with no breaks. That would be a successful season for me because the kids deserve it," McDowell said.

"But we have to work for it."

★ Reuben Fatheree



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## » COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Cornelius Anthony**  
 Record at Foster: **9-21-0 (3 years)**  
 Career record: **9-21-0 (3 years)**  
 Offensive coordinator: **Darnell Jackson**  
 Defensive coordinator: **Colonious McNeal**  
 Special teams coordinator: **Kendale Stoker**

## » TEAM INFORMATION

Location: **Rosenberg, TX**  
 Home Field: **Guy K. Traylor Mem. Stadium**  
 Online: **rangerclub.org**  
 Twitter account: **@BFTerryFootball**

## » 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Sept. 25	@Northbrook	7p.m.	Tully
Oct. 2	Lamar Cons.	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 16	Foster*	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 22	Kempner*	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 31	Wisdom*	7p.m.	Traylor
Nov. 5	@Paetow*	7p.m.	Rhodes
Week 8	District seeding	TBD	TBD
Week 9	District seeding	TBD	TBD
Week 10	District seeding	TBD	TBD
Week 11	District seeding	TBD	TBD

\*District 10-5A DI; \*Homecoming

## » 2019 RESULTS: 2-8

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 29	Bush	6-28
Sept. 7	@Dulles	14-11
Sept. 13	@Lamar Cons.	28-56
Sept. 26	Hightower*	0-26
Oct. 4	@Foster*	14-55
Oct. 11	@Angleton*	3-33
Oct. 17	Texas City*	14-29
Oct. 25	@Ball*	14-7
Nov. 2	Friendswood*	21-45
Nov. 8	@Shadow Creek*	0-63

\*District 10-5A DI

## » DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	11.4 ppg	7	35.4 ppg	8
Rushing	154.2 ypg	5	187.4 ypg	8
Passing	74.8 ypg	7	153.8 ypg	8
Total	229.0 ypg	6	341.2 ypg	8

## » RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Rushing: **Michael Odom** — 81 att., 411 yds., 2 TD  
 Receiving: **Kellen Stewart** — 22 rec., 220 yds., 1 TD



# Terry Rangers

## Worth the growing pains

Rangers move forward after injury-plagued season

BY RYAN DUNSMORE  
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The walking wounded would have been a good description of the 2019 Terry High School football team.

The Rangers were banged up early and never recovered.

Terry head coach Cornelius Anthony and the Rangers staff's hope for 2020 is that the team will grow from last year.

"The growing pains we had to deal with last year are paying dividends now," Anthony said. "There is a different swagger about those guys. They are more comfortable playing those positions. They can think outside of the box."

This senior group is special to the Rangers' head coach. It will be his first class to complete all four years under Anthony's leadership.

"I'm hoping we're able to play this year because I'm looking forward to seeing the games and I'm excited to see those guys play that have been putting in the work for the past two or three years," Anthony said. "I want to be able to see it all come to fruition this year."

Terry has been able to hang with the best in their district, but the team hasn't been able to turn those close games into wins.

In 2020, the start of 5A football has been pushed back to late September, which is allowing extra preparation and conditioning for the Rangers.

"With everything pushed back, we still have plenty of

time to make sure everything is right," Anthony said.

It could be the change that Terry needs.

"If we can come out of the district healthy and make it to the playoffs, I feel like we'll be prepared to make a deep run because we'll be battle-tested," Anthony said.

The extra time was especially needed with a large group of seniors graduating.

"Unfortunately, a lot of those guys that played for the first time last year were seniors," Anthony said. "Now we're starting from scratch, but the added time we're getting with our guys is helping our younger ones understand what we are doing."

The Rangers are hoping to also see growth on defense after the young group was thrown to the wolves last year.

"Our secondary struggled last year from the standpoint that all those guys were young and inexperienced," Anthony said. "That is the group I think of the most that



★ Brandon Lance





have gone through the growing pains and now you see aggressiveness, a swagger to them."

The strong secondary play could give time for Lance McClain to do damage in the backfield.

"Lance has the opportunity to be a double-digit sack guy," Anthony said. "He's big, strong and athletic."

On offense, one of those seniors leading the way will be offensive lineman Luis Garcia.

"We were hurt by the injury of our best offensive lineman last year, Luis Garcia," Anthony said. "He's back; he's stronger and quicker than ever. He's going to be our anchor."

Garcia will block for a new quarterback.

Anthony will be going to his best athlete on the field: Kellen Stewart.

The senior earned all-district honors last year at wide receiver.

"Any time you have a person at the varsity level for the first time, there will be growing pains. However, when you put an athlete back there, when all else fails, (they can) run," Anthony said. "That is my mindset: put

the ball in the hands of the most-athletic kid in our program for every snap."

Running back Michael Odom to help relieve pressure on Stewart. Odom racked up over 400 yards rushing in 2019 in his first season at the varsity level.

Terry enters a District 10-5A DI field that has plenty of familiar faces, but also includes a few new ones.

Foster, Hightower and Angleton remain from the past two seasons.

Another Fort Bend ISD team, Kempner, joins the group along with two Houston ISD schools: Milby and Wisdom.

Reigning Class 5A-DI champion Shadow Creek moves up from 10-5A DI to Class 6A.

The competitive void is filled by Manvel, another Alvin ISD program that is no stranger to success.

No matter the district, the goal is the same for Terry.

"The playoffs are the bar at Terry," Anthony said. "If we can make the playoffs, we can make a run. This is going to be a hard thing to do with the type of schedule we have."



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# 2020 District 10-5A DI preview

## Angleton Wildcats

**Enrollment:** 1,945.5. **Coach:** Jason Brittain. **2019 record:** 6-3, 4-3 district.

**Key returners:** RB J.T. Anderson, WR Christian Parkins, CB Anthony Jackson, LB Kaydon Dozier.

**Notes:** The Wildcats looks to return to the playoffs in 2020 behind its Wing-T attack on offense, led by Anderson, who ran for 584 yards and seven touchdowns last year. Parkins is the top receiver returning with 20 catches for 186 yards in 2019. The defense will have some holes to fill, but will have leaders returning in Jackson (65 tackles, 2 interceptions) and Dozier (50 tackles, 2 sacks).

## Foster Falcons

**Enrollment:** 1,969. **Coach:** Shaun McDowell. **2019 record:** 8-5, 4-3 district (regional semifinals).

**Key returners:** WR Cody Jackson, OL Reuben Fatheree, DT Tyler Onyedim, LB Udoka Ezeani.

*See Page 12 for the full Foster preview.*

## Hightower Hurricanes

**Enrollment:** 2,025. **Coach:** Joseph Sam. **2019 record:** 6-5, 5-2 district (bi-district).

**Key returners:** WR Latrell Neville, RB Charles Shelling, DT Kadarion Johnson, DE Jacob Williams.

**Notes:** The Hurricanes will dedicate the 2020 season to WR Trey Thomas, who passed away in the summer. Neville (26 catches, 234 yards, 2 TDs) is expected to be the big playmaker for the 'Canes on offense. Johnson and Wil-

liams will anchor the defense. Both were all-district selections in 2019.

## Kempner Cougars

**Enrollment:** 2,061.5. **Coach:** Darrin Andrus. **2019 record:** 5-5, 3-4 district.

**Key returners:** QB Michael Ealy, RB/DB Parker Milligan, DL Tito Chikere, LB Robert Olaniyan.

**Notes:** The Cougars drop down from 6A and bring their flexbone offense to 5A Division I. QB Ealy (97 carries, 297 yards, 2 TDs) and RB Milligan (42 carries, 202 yards) look to lead the run-friendly offense, while Chikere (38 tackles, 6 sacks) and Olaniyan (70 tackles) look to anchor a tough defense that held opponents to only 136.8 yards rushing in 2019.

## Manvel Mavericks

**Enrollment:** 1,989.5. **Coach:** Kevin Hall. **2019 record:** 13-1, 8-0 district (regional finals).

**Key returners:** RB Jordan Vaughn, RB De'monte Seymore, DE J.P. Deeter, LB Justin Medlock.

**Notes:** The Mavericks, one of the Houston area's top teams in the last five years, move to 5A Division I and becomes one of the early favorites to win the district title. The running game is strong and fast with Vaughn and Seymore, while the wide receiver corps are also loaded. Defensively, Deeter is part of a talented front four, while Medlock was a first-team all-district pick at linebacker as a sophomore.

## Houston Milby Buffaloes

**Enrollment:** 2,075. **Coach:** Matthew

Puente. **2019 record:** 4-6, 3-5 district. **Key returners:** RB Dontrey Betts, QB Jonathan Smith, LB Roman Luviano, K Brian Ramirez.

**Notes:** The Buffs move into a very tough district, but they have some good players that could keep them in the mix. Betts and Smith combined to rush from 1,008 yards and 13 touchdowns last season, and they have an experienced offensive line returning. The defense is anchored by Luviano (54 tackles, 11 for loss), while Ramirez was all-district last season and gives Milby a strong kicking factor.

## Katy Paetow Panthers

**Enrollment:** 2,179. **Coach:** B.J. Goette. **2019 record:** 8-3, 5-2 district (bi-district).

**Key returners:** RB Jamie Bankston, QB C.J. Dumas Jr., NT Andrew Rutherford, DL Agumba Otuonye.

**Notes:** Paetow moves up to Division I, and after a successful second year at the varsity level, the Panthers look to make a bigger statement this year. Eight starters return on offense, including Bankston, who ran for 1,030 yards and nine touchdowns in 2019. Dumas threw for 1,109 yards and 11 touchdowns as a sophomore. The defense will be led by Rutherford (61

tackles, 8 for loss, 5 sacks) and Otuonye (41 tackles, 18 for loss, 3 sacks) on the line.

## Terry Rangers

**Enrollment:** 2,205. **Coach:** Cornelius Anthony. **2019 record:** 2-8, 1-6 district.

**Key returners:** OL Luis Garcia, ATH Kellen Stewart, RB Michael Odom, DL Lance McClain.

*See Page 14 for the full Terry preview.*

## Houston Wisdom Generals

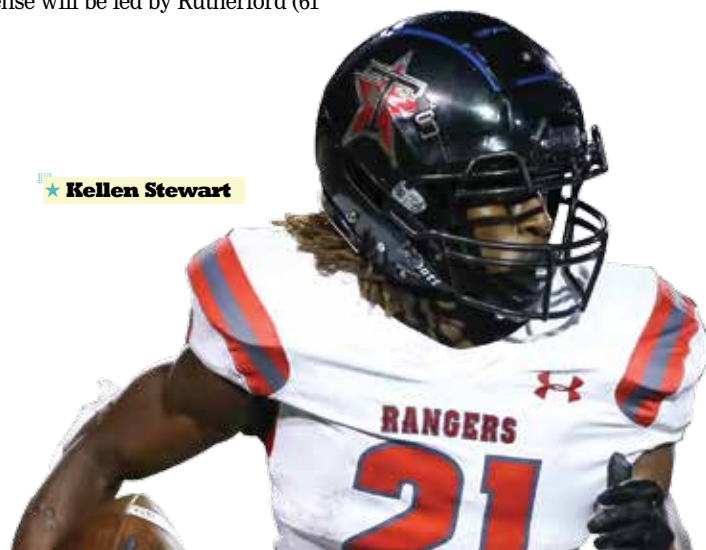
**Enrollment:** 2,037. **Coach:** Jacques Tinsley. **2019 record:** 0-10, 0-7 district.

**Key returners:** WR Souhail Zouidi, QB/FS Jaylon Domingeaux, RB/LB Elisee Birhaswirwa, DE Patrick Bukuru.

**Notes:** The Generals move into this tough district hoping for some success, but will need its skill players to step up to avoid another winless season. Zouidi (12 catches, 368 yards, 3 TDs) will be the main target for Domingeaux, who moves to QB from defense. Birhaswirwa played well on both sides of the ball last year, while Bukuru will look to lead an inexperienced defensive line.



**Tyler Onyedim**



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## » COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Oschlor Flemming**  
 Record at Fulshear: **3-17-0 (2 varsity years)**  
 Career record: **8-32-0 (4 varsity years)**  
 Offensive coordinator: **Wesley Sauls**  
 Defensive coordinator: **Paul Donelson**  
 Special teams coordinator: **Adam Archibeque**

## » TEAM INFORMATION

Location: **Fulshear, TX**  
 Home Field: **Guy K. Traylor Mem. Stadium**  
 Online: **fulshearathletics.com**  
 Twitter account: **@fulshear\_fbball**

## » 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Sept. 26	Cleveland	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 3	Sam Houston	6p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 9	@Sam Rayburn	7p.m.	Vets. Mem.
Oct. 15	Clements	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 23	Lake Creek*	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 29	@Montgomery*	7p.m.	Mont. ISD
Nov. 13	Rudder*	7:30p.m.	Traylor
Nov. 20	@A&M Cons.*	7:30p.m.	Tiger
Nov. 27	Lamar Cons.*	7:30p.m.	Traylor
Dec. 4	@Huntsville*	7:30p.m.	Bowers

\*District 10-5A DII

## » 2019 RESULTS: 1-9

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 30	La Grange	13-28
Sept. 6	@Hargrave	7-42
Sept. 12	Lake Creek	21-28
Sept. 20	@Sweeny	17-28
Sept. 27	Sealy*	7-41
Oct. 4	@El Campo*	29-33
Oct. 10	Bay City*	21-14
Oct. 18	@Columbia*	7-56
Oct. 26	Needville*	16-38
Nov. 8	@Brazosport*	13-42

\*District 13-4A DI

## » DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	15.1 ppg	6	35.0 ppg	7
Rushing	86.4 ypg	7	211.0 ypg	6
Passing	164.2 ypg	1	83.5 ypg	2
Total	278.4 ypg	6	327.2 ypg	6

## » RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Passing: **Jackson Edge** — 120-206, 1,519 yds., 8 TD, 9 INT  
 Rushing: **Tosin Ogunlana** — 72 carries, 270 yds  
 Receiving: **Zach Coady** — 32 rec., 454 yds., 7 TD  
 Tackles: **Luke Guzzetta** — 77 total tackles  
 Sacks: **Javon Jones** — 3 sacks  
 Interceptions: **Javon Jones** — 1 interception



# Fulshear Chargers

## Sophomore strong

Young Chargers hope to take a step forward

BY RYAN DUNSMORE  
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The road has been far from pleasant for the Fulshear High School football team.

After two years at the sub-varsity level, the Chargers were thrown into the fire of one of the toughest districts in 4A last two years.

Fulshear struggled, but have gained invaluable experience for the program's return to 5A action.

Fulshear hasn't gotten away from the towns where Friday night football is the only show in town. The towns in 5A are just bigger with equally passionate fan bases.

College Station replaces Sealy. Huntsville replaces El Campo. Bryan replaces Columbia.

"Our kids know what it's like to go to a school for Friday night football where it is the only show in town," Fulshear head coach Oschlor Flemming said. "We've gone to El Campo and Sealy. Now we're going to Huntsville and A&M Consolidated. That won't be something new for us."

Now Flemming is hoping his program is finally

finding its footing with the class of 2023 leading the way.

"We'll still have a bunch of young guys this year," Flemming said. "This freshman class was the best group that has come through here, and quite a few of those freshmen will be playing on Friday nights."

"We'll be young in a couple of spots, but that sets us up for success down the road."

The winning mentality has finally come for the football program at the lower levels, and the Chargers are hoping to tap into

"This is our first freshman class that has been successful overall. They were 9-1 and the second team was 8-1. So, this is a talented sophomore class. We'll build around them and move forward."

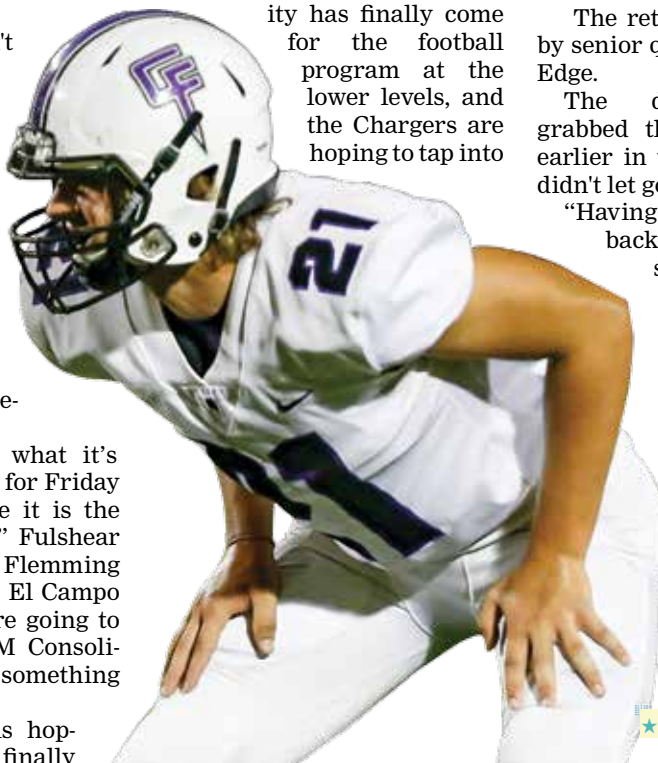
"Not to take away from my junior or senior class, but we'll have quite a few sophomores playing on varsity this year."

Fulshear has only nine lettermen back from last season, all of which were starters.

The returning group is led by senior quarterback Jackson Edge.

The dual-sport athlete grabbed the quarterback job earlier in the 2019 season and didn't let go.

"Having our triggerman back is huge," Flemming said. "We've got Zach Coady and Hayden Graham back. They were two of our best offensive weapons last year. We'll be young up front, but they are



★ Luke Guzzetta



talented. It should be a fun year on offense.”

Edge finished the year with just over 1,500 yards passing and eight touchdowns through the air.

Coady broke out to be Edge's No.1 target with 32 receptions for 454 yards and seven touchdowns.

Graham was a useful option on both the offense and defense last season.

Senior Tosin Ogunlana has been a stable option at running back for Fulshear. He returns after collecting 270 yards in a backfield by committee.

Overall, the offense had flashes of an ability to hang with any one, but far too often gave the ball back through turnovers.

Fulshear will make major strides if the team can limit their opponents' takeaways.

The defense has a similar situation with its leader returning.

Junior linebacker Luke Guzzetta led the team with 77 tackles last season, including nine for loss.

Javon Jones will also be a key asset after collecting three sacks

at the defensive end position.

In District 10-5A DII, the Chargers hope to push past three of the seven teams for a playoff spot.

“We want to get into the playoffs,” Flemming said. “We want to be the first Fulshear football team in the postseason. That is our goal.”

Fulshear already collected a win over Montgomery Lake Creek over the past two seasons and scrimmaged against Lamar Consolidated.

The rest of the teams, A&M Consolidated, Huntsville, Montgomery and Bryan Rudder, will be new to Fulshear.

To make that playoff berth happen, Flemming and the Charger staff will likely need a few more sophomores to continue to grow.

“Who is going to do it?” Flemming asked. “We’ve got a bunch of guys that are young and talented, but who are going to be the guys that can stand up to those Friday night lights?”



★ Jackson Edge



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## » COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Kiah Johnson**  
 Record at Lamar Consolidated: **0-0-0 (First year)**  
 Career record: **0-0-0 (First year)**  
 Offensive coordinator: **Ty Robinson**  
 Defensive coordinator: **John Guidry**  
 Special teams coordinator: **Curtis Martin**

## » TEAM INFORMATION

Location: **Rosenberg, TX**  
 Home Field: **Guy K. Traylor Mem. Stadium**  
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## » 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Sept. 25	Foster	6p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 2	@Terry	7p.m.	Traylor
Oct. 9	@Angleton	7p.m.	Wildcat
Oct. 16	@Humble	7p.m.	Turner
Oct. 23	@A&M Cons.*	7:30p.m.	Tiger
Nov. 6	Huntsville*	7:30p.m.	Traylor
Nov. 12	@Lake Creek*	7p.m.	MISD
Nov. 20	Montgomery**	7:30p.m.	Traylor
Nov. 27	@Fulshear*	7:30p.m.	Traylor
Dec. 3	Rudder*	7p.m.	Traylor

\*District 10-5A DII; \*\*Homecoming

## » 2019 RESULTS: 9-3

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 29	@Clements	38-15
Sept. 6	@Brazoswood	52-6
Sept. 13	Terry	56-28
Sept. 26	@Lake Creek*	45-18
Oct. 4	@Rudder*	45-16
Oct. 12	A&M Cons.*	7-41
Oct. 18	@Huntsville*	21-35
Oct. 25	Montgomery*	55-14
Nov. 1	Cleveland*	41-8
Nov. 8	Paetow*	37-21
Nov. 15	Lindale*	48-43
Nov. 22	Manvel*	34-62

\*District 10-5A DII; \*Playoffs

## » DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	39.9 ppg	2	25.6 ppg	4
Rushing	245.2 ypg	2	191.4 ypg	6
Passing	137.5 ypg	5	127.7 ypg	3
Total	382.7 ypg	3	319.1 ypg	5

## » RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Passing: **N/A**  
 Rushing: **Rayshawn Glover** — 25 att., 123 yds., 1 TD  
 Receiving: **Rayshawn Glover** — 19 rec., 329 yds., 4 TD  
 Tackles: **Eugene Mayfield** — 50 tackles, 36 solo  
 Sacks: **Eugene Mayfield** — 9 sacks  
 Interceptions: **Rayshawn Glover** — 4 interceptions



# Lamar Consolidated Mustangs

## Effort over everything

### Mustangs start over with coach Johnson in charge

**BY RYAN DUNSMORE**  
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If there is such a thing as an ideal start for the first head coaching job, Lamar Consolidated head coach Kiah Johnson didn't get that.

He got far from it.

Johnson was promoted from special teams coordinator in April amidst a pandemic.

The first-time head coach did not get to physically interact with his athletes until June, and he is having to prepare for 2020 while social distancing.

Johnson is forging ahead without excuses and aiming to build on the success of his predecessor, new Ridge Point head coach Rick LaFavers.

The Mustangs' coaching staff has wasted no time setting the tone on the practice field during summer strength and conditioning and sport-specific work.

"My main focus is how you perform at

practice," Johnson said. "We reward effort around here. Everyone is not talented, but you don't need to have talent to have effort."

The focus on overall attitude will be key for a Mustangs' roster that lost 26 seniors from last year.

"If you build the foundation for a program, even if you don't have the talent, you're going to have a chance in a fight in the end," Johnson said. "So when you get that wave of talent and you keep

that foundation, you catapult."

The 2019 team was one that catapulted with the program's first playoff victory since the team won the state title in 2007.

Now the Mustangs start over with 10 starters returning.

"We want to push every kid on that field like they are the best player on the team," Johnson said. "We don't let anyone slide. I don't care who you are, you're going to give me your best effort."

"That is going to be who we are, if we aren't already that."

On offense, Lamar Consolidated will have to replace a core of skill players.

Junior Dylan Garrett will take over at quarterback.

The lissome 6-foot-3 signal-caller stands tall in the pocket and chucks the ball down field.

"I need to see who is going to step up at running back," Johnson said. "And it's going to be Dylan's first year at quarterback. He's going to be tested early."

Johnson points out a key hole for Lamar, the graduation of all-state running



★ Eugene Mayfield

★ Darrin Boston



back Taye McWilliams, who will be playing at Baylor in the fall.

"I want the offense to be just as aggressive as the defense," Johnson said. "We're going to be an aggressive team. We're going to have fun out there and play fast."

Garrett will have a veteran offensive line to work with including Mark Munoz, Cameron Thompson, Allen Gerbermann and Cedric Pearson adding a year of experience.

It will help to have two-way player Rayshawn Glover back to help spark the offense.

Glover is the leader in rushing and receiving yards among returning players.

Additionally, Darrin Boston and Michael Clark will help out wide.

"Michael Clark stepped up because he was getting kids together while things were shut down in the spring," Johnson said. "He was the first guy up when we were back."

Boston will also help on defense in the secondary, along with Isaiah Jenkins and Daniel Anomneze.

"Boston has been big. It's his

third year on varsity," Johnson said.

But the secondary remains a concern for coach Johnson.

"The front seven is pretty set. My worry is the back end," Johnson said.

The front seven will feature Eugene Mayfield, who is the returning leader in tackles and sacks for Lamar Consolidated.

The Mustangs will again hope to be in the playoff hunt in District 10-5A, Division II with a slightly different field.

Katy Paetow has been replaced by another LCISD team, Fulshear.

A&M Consolidated and Huntsville will again be tough challenges for the Mustangs, but both teams were also hit hard by graduation.

The margin for a playoff spot could be larger as a result, but that could all depend on Montgomery's bounce back and the ascension of Bryan Rudder.

Either way, the Mustangs have the speed and athleticism to make it to the playoffs for the third time in a row.

★ Rayshawn Glover



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# 2020 District 10-5A DII preview

## A&M Consolidated Tigers

**Enrollment:** 1,838.5. **Coach:** Lee Fedora. **2019 record:** 11-1, 7-0 district (area).

**Key returners:** DL Vince Sheffield, RB Jaylon Walter, DL Eric Goodman, OL Barton Melder.

**Notes:** The Tigers lost a lot of talent from a team that won the district title, especially at the offensive skill positions. Walter (53 carries, 336 yards, 4 TDs) is the only returning playmaker with experience, but he will have a veteran o-line to run with. Look for A&M to lean heavily on its defense, led by Sheffield (88 tackles, 11 sacks, 1 INT) and Goodman (103 tackles, 4 sacks).

## Fulshear Chargers

**Enrollment:** 1,428. **Coach:** Oscholor Flemming. **2019 record:** 1-9, 1-5 district.

**Key returners:** QB Jackson Edge, WR Zach Coady, TE/LB Hayden Graham, LE Luke Guzzetta.

*See Page 18 for the full Fulshear preview.*

## Huntsville Hornets

**Enrollment:** 1,705.

**Coach:** Rodney

Southern. **2019 record:** 9-4, 5-2 district (regional semifinals).

**Key returners:** WR Justin Butcher, QB A.J. Wilson, DL Edward Bobino, RB/DL Quaterian Riles.

**Notes:** The Hornets have been very successful the last couple of years. In 2020, Huntsville will have to reload with only four starters back. The top offensive players back are Butcher (11 catches, 126 yards, 2 TDs) and Wilson (34-of-53, 416 yards, 4 TDs). The defensive unit will be led by two defensive linemen in Riles and Bobino (32 tackles, 5 sacks).

## Lake Creek Lions

**Enrollment:** 1,280. **Coach:** Pat Kennedy. **2019 record:** 4-6, 2-5 district.

**Key returners:** QB Ty Sexton, WR Dayeton Sweeting, DB Pierce Morcos, DB Bryce Jones.

**Notes:** Lake Creek is bullish that a strong season in junior varsity can turn into the Lions' first-ever playoff appearance in 2020. Both sides of the ball will have the bulk of their starters returning, including the return of Sexton, who missed

the 2019 season with an injury. The secondary looks to be the strength of the Lion defense, with a pair of ball-hawk defensive backs in Jones and Morco.

## Lamar Consolidated

### Mustangs

**Enrollment:** 1,821. **Coach:** Kiah Johnson. **2019 record:** 9-3, 5-2 district (area).

**Key returners:** WR/DB Darin Boston, ATH Rayshawn Glover, DE Eugene Mayfield, LB Tayvian Guidry.

*See Page 20 for the full Lamar Consolidated preview.*

## Montgomery Bears

**Enrollment:** 1,561.5. **Coach:** John Bolfig. **2019 record:** 2-8, 1-6 district.

**Key returners:** QB Brock Bolfig, WR Tre Harden, S Mason Little, LB Leslie Williams.

**Notes:** After a tough and controversial season with issues on and off the field, the Bears look to reset in 2020 with several returners on both sides of

the ball. Harden (48 catches, 813 yards, 6 TDs) was the best receiver in the district last year, and Bolfig (147-of-233, 1,920 yards, 16 TDs) is a three-year starter. The defense is also loaded, with Williams (69 tackles, 3 sacks) as the leader.

## Rudder Rangers

**Enrollment:** 1,635. **Coach:** Eric Ezar. **2019 record:** 5-5, 3-4 district.

**Key returners:** QB E.J. Ezar, WR Keithron Lee, LB Tre McLenton, DE Davion Howard. **Notes:** The Rangers have talent on both sides of the ball to contend for the postseason. Ezar (102-for-184, 1,535 yards, 14 TDs) and Lee (36 catches, 672 yards, 12 TDs) pose one of the top QB-WR combos in the district, and both are also good at running with the ball. The defense has nine starters back, including McLenton (114 tackles, 9 for loss) and Howard (54 tackles, 11 for loss, 3 sacks) to lead a strong front seven.



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# 2020 District 12-4A DI preview

## Bay City Blackcats

**Enrollment:** 983. **Coach:** Robert Jones. **2019 record:** 0-9, 0-6.

**Key returners:** QB/LB Avery Smith, OL Jesse Oros, DL Trent Monroe, RB/DB Marion Ford.

**Notes:** The Blackcats are desperate for positive momentum from new head Coach Jones after a winless campaign in 2019. Smith moves to offense to add some speed to the unit while also playing on defense. Monroe led the team in tackles last year, but Bay City will need some more depth on the defensive side.

## El Campo Ricebirds

**Enrollment:** 1,154. **Coach:** Wayne Condra. **2019 record:** 10-3, 4-2 district (regional semifinals).

**Key returners:** RB/DB Rueben Owens, RB Johnnie Davis, RB/DB Charles Shorter, QB/DB Cullen Braden.

**Notes:** The Ricebirds boast one of the deepest backfields in the state, led by sophomore Owens (808 yards, 8 TDs), who is already getting big-time recruiting buzz. Junior Davis (1,732 yards, 26 TDs) should be No. 1 on the depth chart, and senior Shorter (1,141 yards, 15 TDs) right behind him. But El Campo has holes to fill on the offensive and defensive lines before thinking about another big season.

## Brazosport Exporters

**Enrollment:** 988. **Coach:** Mark Kanipes. **2019 record:** 6-5, 3-3 district (bi-district).

**Key returners:** QB Kariyen Goins, RB/LB C.J. Calhoun, DL Jackson Inoisse, RB/SS Paul Woodard.

**Notes:** The Exporters have a dual-threat QB in Goins (619 yards, 6 TDs passing, 315 yards, 3 TDs rushing) back as a sophomore, and there is depth at running back. On defense, Calhoun (139 tackles,

4 sacks) looks to lead the defense that only has five starters back, including holes that need to be filled in the secondary.

## Needville Blue Jays

**Enrollment:** 1,027. **Coach:** Mike Giles. **2019 record:** 10-3, 5-1 district (regional semifinals).

**Key returners:** QB Trevor Baker, WR/DB Walker Warncke, DL Blake Boenisch, RB/LB Collin Labay.

*See Page 24 for the full Needville preview.*

## Stafford Spartans

**Enrollment:** 1,079. **Coach:** Ken Savannah. **2019 record:** 5-6, 5-1 district (bi-district).

**Key returners:** QB Brayden Batiste, ATH Kaleb Roberts, ATH Churchill Williams, LB Kenneth Steward.

**Notes:** The Spartans return to face some old foes after being put in a district with Houston ISD teams the last two seasons. The offense will be led by a sophomore in Batiste, but he will have some experienced weapons to use. Roberts and Williams plan to be playmakers on both sides of the ball. The defense returns eight starters, including Steward, who led the team with 81 tackles last year.

## Columbia Roughnecks

**Enrollment:** 903. **Coach:** Brent Mascheck. **2019 record:** 9-2, 5-1 district (bi-district).

**Key returners:** RB Jamaurion Woodard, RB Jordan Woodard, LB Koby Herrera, DL Kole Kelley.

**Notes:** The Roughnecks look to build on a successful 2019 season, but will have to do it with only 18 lettermen returning and only three starters on offense. At least the 'Necks will have the Woodard brothers leading the rushing attack after combining for 1,483 yards last season. The defense will again be a rugged unit, as Herrera and Kelley look to be strong against the run.



★ Blake Boenisch

# 2020 District 14-3A DII preview

## Rice Consolidated Raiders

**Enrollment:** 324. **Coach:** Jared Sloan. **2019 record:** 5-5, 3-2 district (bi-district).

**Key returners:** OL Antonio Marquez, OL Taj Field, OL/DL Robert Stavinoha, OL/LB Everardo Esquivel.

**Notes:** The Raiders squeaked into the playoffs last year, but they move into a district where they feel they can better compete for a postseason bid. Rice will rely on a strong offensive and defensive line, although the offense returns only four starters from last year. Esquivel looks to lead the defense as well as be a strong point on the o-line.

## Danbury Panthers

**Enrollment:** 263. **Coach:** Trey Hermann. **2019 record:** 1-8, 1-5 district.

**Key returners:** ATH Cooper Lynch, RB/LB James White, DB Hunter Adams, DE Dustin Brodd.

**Notes:** The Panthers return 32 lettermen from last season as they look to escape from the bottom of the district standings. Lynch (880 yards rushing, 3 TDs, 385 yards passing, 4 TDs) can generate offense, and will have a good back in White to help him out. White (121 tackles) and Brodd (35 tackles, 3.5 sacks) return to this veteran defense.

## East Bernard Brahmas

**Enrollment:** 302. **Coach:** Wade Bosse. **2019 record:** 14-1, 6-0 district (state semifinals).

**Key returners:** QB/LB Dallas Novicke, RB/LB Devon Chapman, OL/DL Casen Ivy, WR/LB An-

drew Schmidt.

*See Page 27 for the full East Bernard preview.*

## Tidehaven Tigers

**Enrollment:** 279. **Coach:** David Lucio. **2019 record:** 6-6, 4-2 district (area).

**Key returners:** RB/LB Jose Martinez, WR Austin

Smith, DE Grant VonGonTard, DL Jerry Johnson.

**Notes:** The Tigers have been a tough team to handle the last three years, and they look strong again in 2020. Although there is a hole at QB, Martinez (666 yards rushing, 5 TDs) and Smith (183 yards receiving, 4 TDs) are good weapons on offense. The front four is the strength of Tidehaven's defense with VonGonTard (53 tackles, 7 sacks) and Johnson leading the line.

## Van Vleck Leopards

**Enrollment:** 330. **Coach:** Robert Blackmon. **2019 record:** 4-5, 2-4 district.

**Key returners:** QB/DB Payton Brown, WR/DB Cameron Franklin, RB Sam Bree, LB Connor Stevens.

**Notes:** The Leopards will be again a talented squad that will contend for a playoff spot in the district, if not the district title. First-team all-district RB Bree (1,082 yards rushing, 15 TDs) will look to lead the offense with an experienced offensive line. Brown and Franklin are not just a good QB/WR duo, but are also strong in the secondary. Stevens led the team with 103 tackles last year to lead a veteran defensive unit.

## Brazos Cougars

**Enrollment:** 259. **Coach:** Ryan Roecker. **2019 record:** 3-8, 1-3 district (2A DI bi-district).

**Key returners:** QB/DB Jared Demny, RB Elijah Johnson, TE/LB James Butler, OL/DL Hayden Pearson.

*See Page 26 for the full Brazos preview.*



★ Dallas Novicke



## COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Mike Giles**  
 Record at Needville: **38-28-0 (6 years)**  
 Career record: **38-28-0 (6 years)**  
 Offensive coordinator: **Andy Hrnrcir**  
 Defensive coordinator: **Travis Hoffer**  
 Special teams coordinator: **Travis Hoffer**

## TEAM INFORMATION

Location: **Needville, TX**  
 Home Field: **Blue Jay Stadium**  
 Online: **needvilleisd.com**  
 Twitter account: **@NeedvilleF**

## 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Aug. 28	Livingston	7p.m.	Blue Jay
Sept. 4	Huffman-Hargrave	7p.m.	Blue Jay
Sept. 11	@Geronimo Navarro	7:30p.m.	Erwin Lee
Sept. 18	Yoakum*	7p.m.	Blue Jay
Sept. 25	@Sweeny	7:30p.m.	Bulldog
Oct. 9	@Columbia*	7p.m.	Griggs
Oct. 16	@Stafford*	7p.m.	SMSD
Oct. 23	Brazosport*	7p.m.	Blue Jay
Oct. 30	@Bay City*	7p.m.	Memorial
Nov. 6	El Campo*	7p.m.	Blue Jay

\*District 12-4A DI; \*Homecoming

## 2019 RESULTS: 10-3

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 30	@Houston MST	51-7
Sept. 6	@St. Thomas	35-34
Sept. 13	C.C. Calallen	19-20
Sept. 20	Yoakum	49-12
Sept. 27	El Campo*	47-27
Oct. 4	@Bay City*	48-27
Oct. 11	Columbia*	34-17
Oct. 26	@Fulshear*	38-16
Nov. 1	Brazosport*	48-35
Nov. 8	@Sealy*	49-0
Nov. 15	Canyon Lake*	40-33
Nov. 22	Boerne*	62-24
Nov. 30	Lampasas*	44-66

\*District 13-4A DI; \*Playoffs

## DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	31.6 ppg	3	15.7 ppg	3
Rushing	223.1 ypg	3	199.8 ypg	3
Passing	149.7 ypg	2	96.6 ypg	4
Total	372.8 ppg	3	296.4 ypg	5

## RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Passing: **Trevor Baker** — 87-201, 1,945 yds., 25 TD, 14 INT  
 Rushing: **Walker Warncke** — 41 att., 349 yds., 4 TD  
 Receiving: **Walker Warncke** — 18 rec., 321 yds., 3 TD  
 Tackles: **Walker Warncke** — 82 tackles, 33 solo  
 Sacks: **Bryant Jones** — 8 sacks, 31 yards lost  
 Interceptions: **Walker Warncke** — 4 interceptions



# Needville Blue Jays

## Jays ready to run it back

Needville fully stocked for another historic run

BY RYAN DUNSMORE  
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Last year was a season to remember for Needville head coach Mike Giles.

The Blue Jays won the program's first outright district title and reached the third round of the playoffs for the first time since the 1980s.

But Giles' Blue Jays aren't resting on their laurels.

"Not being complacent," Giles said. "Not being satisfied. We have a group of seniors that don't have that (complacent) mentality. They are not satisfied."

"We as coaches have to keep hammering that home because complacency can kill a program in a hurry."

Fifteen starters are back, including senior quarterback Trevor Baker.

"Our quarterback returns and a lot of our receivers are back," Giles said.

The largest question for the Blue Jays will be replacing all-state running back Ashton Stredick.

Thankfully, Needville had a young roster around Stredick last season.

"We've got a bunch of guys that fill that role," Giles said.

"Walker (Warncke) can be a really good running back.

"What this allows us to do is do more things than we've done in the past and some of the things we've gotten away from the last couple of the years with Ashton."

"We're not focused on one guy, we'll try to spread it around a little more."

Baker, last season, threw for nearly 2,000 yards and 25 touchdowns in his first season under

center.

"Having Baker back is huge," Giles said. "If you look at our history with quarterbacks, even before I was in Needville, the second year that they've been in our program they've been able to execute better."

Baker will have plenty of returning targets to throw to with Warncke, Dax Bridges, Blake Maresh and Brandon Glover.

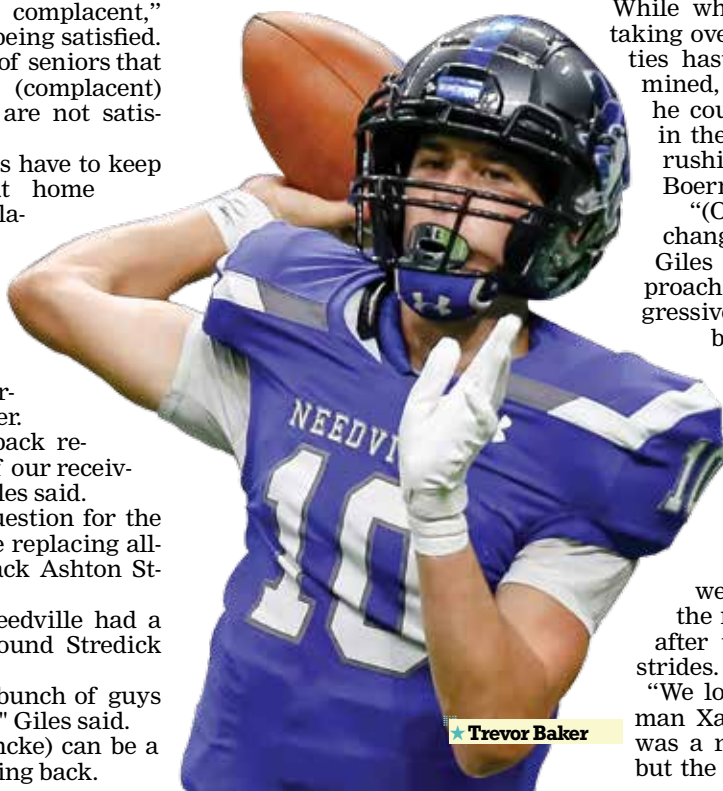
While who exactly will be taking over the running duties has yet to be determined, Warncke showed he could carry the load in the playoffs with 185 rushing yards against Boerne in a victory.

"(Our offense) won't change a lot, honestly," Giles said. "Our approach will still be aggressive. We'll push the ball downfield vertically and get the ball to our guys in space."

Equally important, the defense brings back seven starters.

The Blue Jays were able to make the major leap in 2019 after the defense made strides.

"We lost (defensive lineman Xavier) Lott and he was a really good player, but the bulk of the defen-



★ Trevor Baker



sive side returns," Giles said. "We feel really good about the defense."

Needville finished third in District 13-4A DII last season with 15.7 points allowed per game.

The defense will be led by senior defensive tackle Blake Boenisch.

Boenisch has already committed to Rice University and he will set the tone in the middle of the line.

Opposing offenses will also have to focus on fellow defensive lineman Bryant Jones, who recorded eight sacks in his sophomore season.

Warncke's strongest position on the field will be at defensive back. He leads the team among returning players with over 80 tackles.

Needville will face a slightly different district in 2020 with Sealy and Fulshear replaced by Stafford. In District 12-4A DI, the Blue Jays will still need to get past El Campo, Columbia, Brazosport and Bay City.

"Stafford will bring in an extremely talented football team," Giles said. "I expect Bay City to be better. Coach (Tim) Sparkman is in his second year at B-Port. And we know how good El Campo and West Columbia can be."

The Blue Jays aren't looking past the district, expecting another long postseason. The current senior class was left out of the playoffs in 2017 as well as 2016 on a tiebreaker.

"I expect (the district) to be as competitive as last year," Giles said.

The "new" district also brings a new chal-

lenge.

Needville is a new region. The Blue Jays move over from Region IV to Region III for 2020 and 2021.

"It doesn't change things," Giles said. "Historically, you look at Region III, it's very competitive, very talented and a very tough region."

"Our focus is on week one and working through our non-district schedule. We're not looking past our district."

In 2019, Region III-4A DI featured district champions Crandall, Carthage, Huffman Hargrave and Navasota.

Carthage and Navasota dropped down to 4A-Division II while Crandall moved up to 5A-DII.

The expectations are high for Needville with the Blue Jays opening the season ranked No. 17 in 4A-DI on the Texas Football-Associated Press high school football poll.

At the same time, the opportunity is there for the current corps of Jays.

The seniors have a chance to surpass the 2019 group's mark with the road to the regional crown.



★ Walker Warncke

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## » COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Ryan Roecker**  
Record at Brazos: **3-8-0 (1 year)**  
Career record: **3-17-0 (2 years)**  
Offensive coordinator: **Ryan Almon**  
Defensive coordinator: **Brook Williams**

## » TEAM INFORMATION

Location: **Wallis, TX**  
Home field: **Cougar Stadium**  
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## » 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Aug. 28	@Anderson-Shiro	7:30p.m.	Owl
Sept. 4	Schulenburg	7:30p.m.	Cougar
Sept. 11	@Burton	7:30p.m.	Panther
Sept. 18	Open		
Sept. 25	East Bernard*	7:30p.m.	Cougar
Oct. 2	@Tidehaven*	7:30p.m.	Taska
Oct. 9	Open		
Oct. 16	Danbury**	7:30p.m.	Cougar
Oct. 23	@Van Vleck*	7:30p.m.	McKinney
Oct. 30	Rice Cons.*	7:30p.m.	Cougar

\*District 14-3A DII; \*\*Homecoming

## » 2019 RESULTS: 3-8

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 30	@FB Christian	52-53
Sept. 6	@Ganado	6-49
Sept. 13	Danbury	28-8
Sept. 21	St. John XXIII	6-17
Sept. 27	@Rice Cons.	14-38
Oct. 4	Louise	58-7
Oct. 18	@Yorktown*	18-13
Oct. 25	Weimar*	6-35
Nov. 1	@Kenedy*	6-21
Nov. 8	Shiner*	6-63
Nov. 15	Refugio*	12-63

\*District 15-2A DII; \*\*Playoffs

## » DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	19.3 ppg	5	33.3 ppg	4
Rushing	198.9 ypg	4	230.7 ypg	4
Passing	92.6 ypg	2	84.2 ypg	2
Total	291.5 ypg	5	314.9 ypg	4

## » RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Passing: **Jared Demmy** — 31-74, 579 yds., 3 TD, 7 INT



# Brazos Cougars

## Building up Brazos

### Roecker's Cougars ready for next step in 2020

BY RYAN DUNSMORE

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Brazos head coach Ryan Roecker is aiming to build a program that won't back down from a fight.

"You want a shot against Mike Tyson (or MMA champion John 'Bones' Jones)," Roecker said. "In my opinion, as a competitor, that is what you want. It may not work out in your favor, but you want to measure yourself as a man."

That mindset will be tested in 2020.

The Cougars go from one of the largest 2A programs in Texas to one of the smallest 3A programs after realignment.

Brazos returns to Class 3A after reaching the playoffs the past two seasons including a regional berth in 2018.

The Cougars trade games against state-ranked Shiner or Refugio for games against state-ranked East Bernard.

Brazos will face rival East Bernard for the first time since 2017.

The Cougars faced two other future district foes last year: Brazos beat Danbury and a loss to Rice Consolidated in 2019.

Brazos will also face Tidehaven and Van Vleck in District 14-3A DII.

"It's going to be a competitive district," Roecker said. "Friday nights are going to be fun and it will give the towns a sense of normalcy. That is the

biggest thing we're trying to do, be a beacon. We want everyone to rally around us. You've had a bad week, take your mind off things and watch the Cougars."

Despite the new challenges, the goal is the same for coach Roecker.

"District championship," Roecker said.

He would also like his athletes to grow and mature over the football season.

In order to complete that goal, the Brazos coaching staff put in extra work this offseason to make sure the Cougars had every opportunity for summer strength and condition-

ing.

Roecker and his staff had morning and afternoon shifts for "SAC" camp and the Cougars hit the ground running with sports-specific instruction.

The goal for all this work is to build up the depth of the roster.

Roecker noted he's working on "closing the gap" between his starters and back-ups in performance.

It also helps that 2020 is the first "full" offseason for Roecker and his staff.

The former Anahuac assistant head coach joined Brazos in mid-June last season.

All of this hard work could pay off for players like senior Jared Demmy.

Demmy has played all over the field for the Cougars, and will likely do so again with the possibility that he will take over full time at quarterback. He could split his time at wide receiver and safety.

The Cougars will rely on senior D.J. Lewis to be the anchor on the offensive line.

Roecker doesn't expect one group to stand out, but he hopes the sum is greater than its parts in 2020.

"The strength is going to have to be in us," Roecker said. "Each position has strength; it may be one or two guys. But I think it's going to come down to us getting the job done together."

★ Jared Demmy





## » COACHING STAFF

Head coach: **Wade Bosse**  
 Record at East Bernard: **48-7-0 (4 years)**  
 Career record: **57-39-0 (8 years)**  
 Offensive coordinators: **Pat Reinecke/Tom Warlick**  
 Special teams coordinator: **Rocky Vaclavick**

## » TEAM INFORMATION

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## » 2020 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	STADIUM
Aug. 28	Edna	7:30p.m.	Memorial
Sept. 4	@Hitchcock	7:30p.m.	Bulldog
Sept. 11	@Boling	7:30p.m.	Bulldog
Sept. 18	Shiner	7:30p.m.	Memorial
Sept. 25	@Brazos*	7:30p.m.	Cougar
Oct. 2	@Danbury*	7:30p.m.	Humber
Oct. 9	Open		
Oct. 16	Rice Cons.*	7:30p.m.	Memorial
Oct. 23	@Tidehaven*	7:30p.m.	Taska
Oct. 30	Van Vleck*	7:30p.m.	Memorial

\*District 14-3A DII; \*Homecoming

## » 2019 RESULTS: 14-1

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
Aug. 30	@Rice Cons.	23-6
Sept. 6	Hitchcock	49-6
Sept. 13	Boling	42-0
Sept. 20	@Edna	27-10
Sept. 27	@Van Vleck*	56-0
Oct. 4	Tidehaven*	34-24
Oct. 11	@Schulenburg*	42-14
Oct. 18	Ganado*	27-14
Oct. 25	@Bloomington*	54-0
Nov. 1	Danbury*	63-0
Nov. 15	Sonora*	42-0
Nov. 22	Natalia*	41-7
Nov. 29	Comfort*	28-6
Dec. 6	Ganado*	30-10
Dec. 13	Pewitt*	18-24

\*District 14-3A DII; \*Playoffs

## » DISTRICT RANKINGS

	Off. stats	Rank	Def. stats	Rank
Scoring	38.3 ppg	1	8.5 ppg	1
Rushing	253.9 ypg	1	101.6 ypg	1
Passing	84.6 ypg	4	55.6 ypg	1
Total	338.5 ypg	4	157.2 ypg	1

## » RETURNING STAT LEADERS

Passing: **Dallas Novicke** — 65-118, 1,276 yds., 16 TD, 8 INT  
 Rushing: **Devin Chapman** — 140 att., 739 yds., 12 TD  
 Receiving: **Devin Chapman** — 9 rec., 149 yds., 2 TD  
 Tackles: **Brennan Peloquin** — 117 tackles, 58 solo  
 Sacks: **Blake Walters** — 8 sacks, 31 yards lost  
 Interceptions: **Andrew Schmidt** — 1 interception



# East Bernard Brahmas

## EB machine keeps moving

Brahmas don't skip a beat during 2020 offseason

BY RYAN DUNSMORE

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Back-to-back trips to the state semifinals would be the high point for most programs.

East Bernard is not a normal football program.

The Brahmas are proud of the 2018 and 2019 teams' accomplishments, but the ultimate goal is to add to the program's two state championships.

The expectations are once again high for the 2020 squad, with the Brahmas entering the season ranked in the top 10 for Class 3A Division II in the Texas Football-Associated Press poll.

Head coach Wade Bosse will have to find some answers quickly this offseason with only eight returning starters back.

The attention for roster construction will be focused on the defensive side that has only a quarter of its starters back.

"Defensively, it's wide open," Bosse said. "We have three kids back and we have some kids stepping up. But it will be good to have another opponent and see who fits where."

It doesn't hurt that one of those returners is all-district inside line-backer Brennan Peloquin, who led the Brahmas in tackles with 117 in 2019.

"The good thing is our defensive signal-caller

is back, so that is going to help speed up the process," Bosse said.

It will be tough to match the effort of last year's team defensively. East Bernard ranked fourth overall in Texas among all high school programs last season in points allowed, 8.5 per game.

Overall, Bosse knows the group is inexperienced but he believes they will be up for the challenge by the time district rolls around.

The offense is another story. The Brahmas' offense has more than half of its starters returning, including junior signal-

caller Dallas Novicke.

"We've got six back on our offense," Bosse said. "We had some different concerns coming into the year, but most of those concerns are actually gone at this time."

"We still have one back position we need to fill, but I saw what it's going to be."

The quarterback is often limited to a decision-maker in a slot-T offense.

Novicke, a dual-sport athlete, has shown flashes of being able to stretch the field with the passing game.

Bosse joked, "You'll wait and see," if Novicke will be throwing the ball more in 2020.

Either way, the offense's first option will be senior running back Devin Chapman.

Chapman finished with nearly 900 yards of total offense last season for East Bernard.

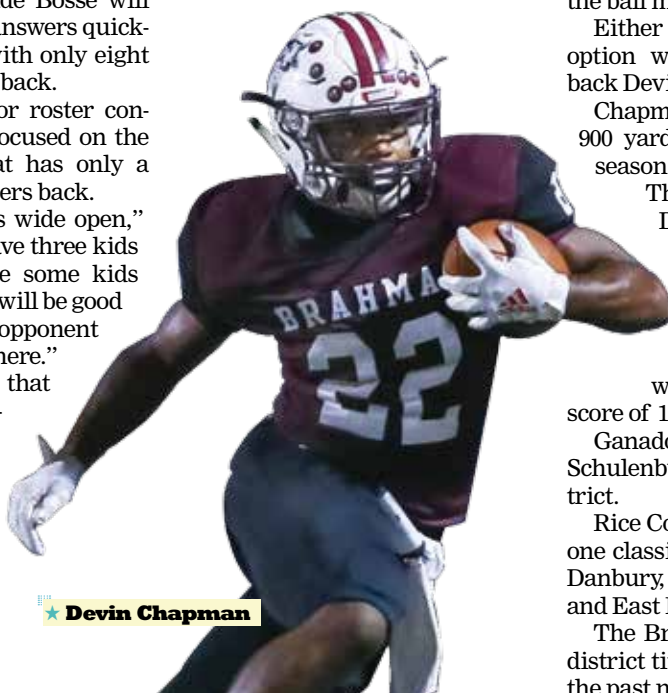
The Brahmas will face a District 14-3A DII field that will once again include rival Brazos.

The Brahmas are 2-0 against Brazos under Bosse, winning by a combined score of 104-38.

Ganado, Bloomington and Schulenburg have exited the district.

Rice Consolidated drops down one classification to join Brazos, Danbury, Tidehaven, Van Vleck and East Bernard in 14-3A DII.

The Brahmas have won their district title outright for eight of the past nine years.



★ Devin Chapman

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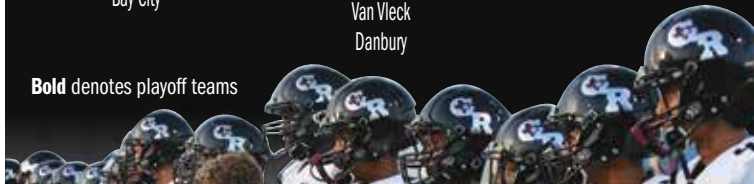
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