

Coppell COWBOYS

The Antonio Wiley era began with a bang. The Cowboys won nine games in his first season at the helm and qualified for the playoffs for the second time in the past three seasons.

With several key contributors on both sides of the ball from last season's 9-2 team returning, the Cowboys should be in the mix for the District 6-6A title. Coppell is in search of its first postseason win since 2017.

A big reason behind Coppell's success last year was its big-play offense. Although the



PLAYER to watch

BARON TIPTON WIDE RECEIVER

The 6-foot-4 senior wide receiver is one of the top red-zone targets in the Dallas area. Tipton, a North Texas pledge, had 11 touchdowns on just 34 pass receptions — one in every three passes he caught resulted in a score — and finished third on the Cowboys in receiving yards with 488. He had four games with at least two touchdowns.

Cowboys lost reigning 6-6A co-MVP Jack Fishpaw to graduation, junior Edward Griffin is expected to be the starting quarterback for an offense that averaged 36 points per game in 2022. Griffin helped to

lead Coppell to a top-four finish at the state 7-on-7 tournament in College Station in June. Senior Alex Holder and Greenhill transfer Anthony Banks are also in the mix.

Coppell has a talented cast of wide receivers, including seniors Ayrion Sneed and Baron Tipton. Tipton, a North Texas commit who stands at 6-foot-4, had 11 receiving touchdowns last year.

The strength of Coppell's defense will be in its secondary. Senior Zach Cody, a Coastal Carolina commit, is expected to be the team's No. 1 corner. Junior Weston Polk, a second-team all-district honoree in 2022, enters his third season as a starting safety.

Leading the charge at



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linebacker will be senior Amari'a Wiley, who is coach Wiley's son, and at defensive line, senior Varun Ravilla will look to build on a breakout junior season in which he was named to the all-6-6A second team.

Coppell opens the

season Aug. 25 at Buddy Echols Field against Sachse. The Cowboys won last year's meeting, 56-27. The lone regular-season loss for Coppell came against Lewisville. Those two teams will rematch Sept. 29 in Coppell.

Varsity SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	Sachse	Buddy Echols Field	7 p.m.
Sept. 1	South Grand Prairie	Gopher-Warrior Bowl	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Keller Timber Creek	Buddy Echols Field	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	BYE		
Sept. 22	Plano West	Clark Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	Lewisville	Buddy Echols Field	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Marcus	Marauder Stadium	7 p.m.
*Oct. 13	Plano East	Buddy Echols Field	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Hebron	Brian Brazil Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Flower Mound	Buddy Echols Field	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	Plano	Clark Stadium	7 p.m.

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