

Lone Star RANGERS

Lone Star was winless in its inaugural campaign in 2010 and had a losing record the following season.

It has not happened since. During the last 11 years, most under the leadership of head coach Jeff Rayburn, the Rangers have compiled a 107-31 record, won four district championships and have five campaigns with double-digit victories.

Lone Star does not show any signs of slowing down and with 11 returning starters, the Rangers once again find themselves in the top 10 of many preseason Class 5A Division I polls.

Lone Star does have holes to fill on offense with the



PLAYER to watch

TRE YANEZ LINEBACKER

The Rangers had one of the top defenses in the area last season, allowing only 15.4 points per game, and Yanez was one of the key reasons. A first-team all-district honoree, Yanez, a linebacker, recorded 71 tackles, with a team-high 19.5 for loss, with four sacks, three quarterback pressures, an interception, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Yanez, along with Mo Russolillo, will give Lone Star one of the best linebacker units in the region.

graduation of district most valuable player Jaylon Braxton and all-district quarterback Bennett Fryman, but there is talent ready to thrive.

As a freshman, running back Davian Groce made

an immediate impact with 86 carries for 610 yards and 11 touchdowns, while also averaging 21 yards per reception, and is poised for even more this season.

Senior Collin Blackstock is expected to take over the starting quarterback position and he was effective in limited action, completing 69% of his passes.

The Rangers will be looking for players to step up on the outside after graduating their top five receivers, but the offensive line is solid with Gary Lassley, Xavier Parker, Cooper Stewart and Erich Lofye.

The Lone Star defense should once again be solid with five returning starters, and the strength should be in the middle with linebackers



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Varsity SCHEDULE

Aug. 24	Texarkana Texas	Tiger Stadium at Grim Park	7 p.m.
Sept. 1	Burleson	Burleson ISD Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Reedy	Toyota Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 14	BYE		
Sept. 22	Wakeland	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Liberty	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
Oct. 6	Centennial	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
*Oct. 13	Lebanon Trail	Toyota Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	Sherman	Bearcat Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 26	Frisco	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	Heritage	Kuykendall Stadium	7 p.m.

*Homecoming

Mo Russolillo and Tre Yanez.

Russolillo, a second-team all-district honoree, recorded 94 tackles, with 15.5 for loss, and five sacks, while Yanez made the first team with 71 tackles and four sacks.

The defensive line features all-district senior Luke Miller, who had four sacks and 16 quarterback hurries, and juniors Austin Rodriguez and Ephraim Whitaker.

The biggest focus early on

for the defense is to develop the secondary, but there are promising prospects with junior backs Ean Carr and Levi Griffin.

Lone Star will have a good idea where it stands after the first month with games against state-ranked Texarkana Texas and Burleson followed by showdowns with fellow contenders Reedy and Wakeland.

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