

# North Mesquite STALLIONS

North Mesquite opened in 1970 and the football program hit the ground running, posting a winning record in its inaugural campaign and making the playoffs in its second season.

The Stallions put together four undefeated regular seasons during the 1980s and embarked on a run of nine consecutive playoff appearances from 1994-2002.

But recent times have not been as kind to North Mesquite.

The Stallions embarked on a magical run in 2015 that saw them go 10-3 and advance to the



## PLAYER to watch

### LUKE SEDER QUARTERBACK

The Stallions endured a rough campaign in 2022, posting a 2-8 record and missing out on the playoffs. But Seder was one of the bright spots and if North Mesquite is going to turn things around, the senior quarterback will be the one to lead the way. Last season, Seder was an all-district honoree as he completed 130-of-231 passes for 1,943 yards and 17 touchdowns while also rushing for 212 yards and three scores.

regional semifinals, but that was their last playoff appearance and one of just two in the last two decades.

Last season, North Mesquite dropped down

in classification for the first time to 5A Division I, but it did not change its fortunes, as it posted a 2-8 record.

The goal for any program in the Stallions position is to get things turned in the right direction, and to do that this year, they will rely on a number of new faces, with only five returning starters.

The good news for North Mesquite is that one of those five is senior quarterback Luke Seder, the son of head coach Tim Seder.

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The Stallions must replace 7-5A Division I offensive player of the year Cordale Russell on the outside, but they do return senior Jaquaylon Carraway, who had 18 catches for 181 yards, and junior Kamajay Else also showed some promise in a two-way role.

It is a similar situation on the defensive side of the ball, where only three starters return.

Junior defensive lineman Leander Parrish earned

all-district recognition after recording 45 tackles, with eight for loss, and three sacks.

While Else contributed on offense, his main role was at linebacker, where he made 77 tackles, with 10 for loss, to go along with two sacks.

Parrish and Else give the Stallions two reliable defenders, but the question early in the season is finding others to step up around them.

## Varsity SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	North Garland	Mesquite Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept.	Mesquite	Mesquite Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	North Forney	City Bank Stadium	7 p.m.
*Sept. 15	Tyler	Mesquite Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 22	West Mesquite	Mesquite Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 29	BYE		
Oct. 6	Lufkin	Mesquite Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	Longview	Lobo Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 19	Forney	Mesquite Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	Lancaster	Mesquite Memorial Stadium	7 p.m.
Nov. 3	McKinney North	McKinney ISD Stadium	7 p.m.

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