

Emerson MAVERICKS

A 9-2 season felt like a dream start for Emerson's football program last season.

The nine wins were the most by any Frisco ISD football program in its first season of existence. Not only did the Mavericks win nine games, they also made the playoffs.

But Emerson has a target on its backs as it seeks to compete for a district title. And with the Mavericks returning all 11 starters on each side of the ball, Emerson has the right team chemistry to do big things this season.

There are playmakers all over the field for the

Mavericks with senior wide receivers Matheus Machado (650 yards, seven touchdowns) and Kylan Evans (741 yards, seven touchdowns) and running backs Ishaqq Bills (1,129 rushing yards, 10 touchdowns) and Kameron Lockhart (489 yards, 10 touchdowns) having lead roles.

Of course, the biggest question will be is who will start at quarterback. Junior dual threat quarterback D.J. Shelton split playing time with junior Mike Molstad last season. Molstad threw for 1,459 passing yards to go along with 24 total



PLAYER to watch

ISHAQQ BILLS RUNNING BACK

Emerson had an inaugural season to remember and the play of Bills was a big reason why the Mavericks finished with nine wins and made the playoffs. Bills was a force to be reckoned with, having rushed for 1,129 yards with 10 touchdowns. Emerson averaged 37.6 points per game last season, and with the Mavericks returning all 11 starters on offense, expect the second-year program to pick up right where it left off at the end of 2022 and contend for the district title.

touchdowns. Emerson also added Allen transfer Mike Hawkins. His addition will supplement a Mavericks offense that averaged

37.6 points per game in 2022. As a junior, Hawkins had 2,007 passing yards and 20 touchdowns while adding 400 yards and four touchdowns on the ground.

Senior guard/center Caleb

Griffin is back to anchor a Mavericks offensive line that paved the way for an Emerson ground attack that churned out 1,940

rushing yards last season.

The Mavericks will be a much-improved unit with junior linebacker Agape Lawrence (71 tackles, eight sacks) coming off an all-district award-winning season.

Emerson will be stout in the trenches with senior defensive tackle Aviance Johnson back in the fold, while on the edge, senior defensive end Collin Crockem will be counted on to generate a pass rush. Senior Kennedy Breedlove brings experience to Emerson's secondary.

Varsity SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	Hillcrest	Kuykendall Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 1	Woodrow Wilson	Forester Athletic Complex	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 8	Panther Creek	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Mount Pleasant	Sam Parker Field	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 21	Denton	Kuykendall Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 28	Creekview	Standridge Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Memorial	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
Oct. 13	Argyle	Eagle Stadium	7 p.m.
*Oct. 20	Lake Dallas	Toyota Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 27	BYE		
Nov. 2	Emerson	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.

*Homecoming



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