

7-4A DIV I

# Frisko Panther Creek PANTHERS

With only one year of varsity football under its belt, Panther Creek has already made history on the Frisco ISD gridiron.

The Panthers became the first FISSD football program to qualify for the playoffs during the year its school was founded, doing so after a fourth-place finish in District 7-4A Division I. Panther Creek finished the year 3-8 and has every intention of improving on that mark during their sophomore season.

One fairly notable reason why: The Panthers didn't roster a single senior last season, and that continuity has spurred an offseason



## PLAYER to watch

### SENTEL SIMPSON RUNNING BACK/WIDE RECEIVER/ DEFENSIVE BACK

Simpson's versatility aided the Panthers plenty during their inaugural season, earning 7-4A Division I utility player of the year honors while contributing in all three phases. Simpson was second on the team in rushing with 107 carries for 442 yards and seven touchdowns, and he also had 11 catches for 61 yards. Defensively, Simpson chipped in 30 tackles and an interception to help lead Panther Creek to the playoffs.

that has head coach Clint Surratt all too anxious for what his team's 2023 campaign may hold.

Panther Creek is chalked in returning starters but will have a new-ish face behind center with

senior Braxton Roberts on track to take the reins at quarterback. Roberts was ruled ineligible due to transfer rules last season, as fellow senior Michael Adams helmed the offense.

Roberts has a reliable anchor up front in senior center Braedon Atha and plenty of talent elsewhere to divvy up passes, be it senior Miles Meldrum, who led the team with 560 receiving yards last season, or speedy junior Cristian Trickett. In the backfield, expect a heavy dose of senior Gary Simms and junior Sentel Simpson.

Simpson was voted as 7-4A Div. I's utility player of the year, and that versatility includes a prominent role in the Panthers' secondary as well as in special teams.



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Junior Seth Jackson projects as another two-way skill player for the Panthers, while twin seniors William Bell and Charles Bell, as well as all-district first-team sophomore Donovan Webb, comprise the secondary.

The Panthers have size up front between junior Hagan Hill and senior Roderick Bell, while seniors

Canyen Wong, senior Thai Williams, sophomore Jason Wilson and junior Daniel Conway are all names to watch at linebacker.

Panther Creek opens its second-ever season in familiar fashion, taking on fellow FISSD playoff contender Frisco Independence on Aug. 25 from The Ford Center at The Star.

## Varsity SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	Frisko Independence	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
Sept. 1	Arlington Heights	Kuykendall Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 8	Frisko Emerson	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
Sept. 15	Aubrey	Toyota Stadium	7 p.m.
Sept. 21	North Dallas	Franklin Field	7 p.m.
*Sept. 28	Wilmer-Hutchins	Kuykendall Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 5	Dallas Carter	Kincaide Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Dallas Pinkston	Ford Center at The Star	7 p.m.
Oct. 20	BYE		
Oct. 27	Carrollton Ranchview	Standridge Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 2	Celina	Kuykendall Stadium	7 p.m.

\*Homecoming



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