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The dawn of the much-anticipated opening kickoff to the 2017 Texas High School football season with all the thrilling sights and sounds of Friday Night football is around the near horizon much to the delight of the famed Mavericks Nation as well as the abundant coffee shop quarterback clubs. The competitive District 29-5A is expected to produce some thrilling, hard hitting and memorable matchups this coming season as the gridiron battles for the district title will be hotly contested and the district title could very well be decided until the final week of regular season play.

The mighty C.C. Winn Mavericks who went three rounds deep into the playoffs last season winning the District 29-5A co-championship, the UIL Region IV bi-district title, the UIL Region IV area crown and were the UIL Region IV State semifinalist. The Floresville Tigers also had a share of the district co-championship crown last year but this year both the Mavericks and Tigers will be tested by the likes of the Uvalde Coyotes, Harlandale Indians, McCollum Cowboys as well as the Southside Cardinals.

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The reigning District 29-5A co-champion C.C. Winn Mavericks under the leadership of head coach Eric Villasenor, who happens to be the reigning Class 5A Head Football Coach of the Year in Region IV, have been pegged to finish second in the district race this upcoming season by the pre-season prognosticators. You can rest assured that the Mavericks will be primed and ready for all challenges and have their sights set in winning the district 29-5A pigskin title outright.

The Pride of Southern Maverick County, the C.C. Winn Mavericks will give the famed Mavericks Nation a preview of coming attractions with two scheduled scrimmages the first of which will be on Friday, August 18, 2017 when they host the pesky Carrizo Springs Wildcats at 7:00 PM at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Cozel Foster-Veterans Memorial Stadium. On Friday, August 25, 2017 the Mavericks will entertain the tough and talented Laredo United South Panthers, who are predicted to be one of the favorites to contend for the District 29-6A title this season, in a 7:00 PM scrimmage at the Eagle Pass ISD Student Activity Center Cozel Foster Veterans Memorial Stadium.

The Mavericks will then kickoff their 2017 gridiron regular season campaign on Friday, September 1, 2017 when they host the vastly improved Crystal City Javelinas in a 7:30 PM non-district season opening matchup that has been designated as Parents Night with the Mavericks paying tribute and honoring their respective parents during pre-game festivities.

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entity to bring you the only true complete game coverage as well as the official game stats for each C.C. Winn Mavericks' varsity football game this upcoming season and we certainly wish the mighty Mavericks the very best luck this season. See you at the stadium.

District 29-5A TEAM PREVIEW

FLORESVILLE TIGERS: Head Coach Andy Rohrs returns the services of 5 offensive and 7 defensive starters from a district co-champion squad that culminated last season with an overall season record of 5-6 and a district mark of 4-1. Spearheading the Tigers offense will be standout sophomore quarterback Darian Mayberry who was voted the Newcomer of the Year in District 29-5A. Joining him in the backfield will be running back Kane Numers and running back Cason Moczygemba with the main threat in their passing game being veteran wide receiver Colton Payne. TJ Gunter and Casey Wells will lead the way in the offensive line.

Defensively the Tigers will be led by linebacker Patrick Silva, linebacker David Goans, defensive end TJ Gunter, along with defensive backs Julian Nambo, Brent Moy and two-way standout Colton Payne. Pre-season prognosticators have picked the Floresville Tigers to win the district title this coming season. Last season result: Floresville 20 C.C. Winn 16

HARLANDALE INDIANS: New head football coach Albert Torres inherits a squad that finished with an overall season record of 4-6 and a district mark of 1-4. The Indians return the services of 6 offensive and 4 defensive starters.

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Offensively the Indians will be relatively young but will be led by quarterback Steven Benitez and wide receivers Steven Ruiz and Franklin Castano. Jeremy Rodriguez will anchor the offensive line.

Defensively the Indians will feature standout defensive back Sergio Albarca. This coming season the Indians are pegged to come in third in the district race. Last season results: C.C. Winn 27 Harlandale 24

McCOLLUM COWBOYS: head Coach Greg Felux returns the services of 4 offensive and 4 defensive starters back from a squad that finished with an overall season mark of 2-8 and a district record of 1-4.

Running back Jonathan Handy who rushed for over 1000 yards last season will be the Cowboys main offensive threat while teammate Eric Leija will be the favorite target in the passing game. Look for Gerardo Orosco to take over the signal calling duties. Xavier Hernandez will fortify the offensive line.

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Defensive end Dylan Nichols and defensive back Ryan Valdez will spearhead the Cowboys defense. The Cowboys are picked to finish sixth in the district race this season. Last season result: C.C. Winn 34 McCollum 26

SOUTHSIDE CARDINALS: Head Coach Ricky Lock will have the services of 4 offensive and 5 defensive starters returning from a squad that finished with an overall season record of 5-6 and a district record of 2-3.

Alejandro Escamilla and John Herrera are expected to battle for the starting signal caller position this coming season. The Cardinals running back duties will be entrusted to Derrion Sendejo and Eddie Perez with Damian Castillo as the featured wide receiver.

Defensively the Cardinals will be led by Linebackers Michael Rodriguez, Robert Garcia and Jared Espinoza. Michael Hernandez and Paul Maldonado will patrol the secondary. The Cardinals are predicted to come in fifth in the district race this season. Last season result: C.C. Winn 14 Southside 13

UVALDE COYOTES: New head football coach RT Gonzales takes over a program that culminated last season with an overall season mark of 7-4 and a district record of 3-2. The Coyotes will have 7 offensive and four defensive starters back.

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Veteran standout quarterback Michael Mata will lead the Coyotes offense in 2017 with David Rodriguez, Noah Smith and Josiah Carrizales sharing the ball carrying duties. Ryan Talavera, Humberto DeLeon, and Alberto Garza will handle the wide receiving chores with Matthew Williams and Estevan Encina anchoring the offensive front line.

On defense, the Coyotes will feature linebacker Joshua Sandoval and linebacker Orlando Castaneda. Defensive lineman Albert Garza, defensive lineman Ralph Hernandez and defensive lineman Matthew Williams will man the defensive front line with Domingo Davila and Ryan Talavera roaming in the secondary. The Coyotes are picked to finish fourth in the district race. Last season result: C.C. Winn 21 Uvalde 0.

C.C. WINN MAVERICKS: Mavericks head football coach Eric Villasenor will have 2 offensive and 2 defensive starters back from a school record setting team that culminated last season with an all-time school best 10-3 overall season mark and a district co-championship record of 4-1 which propelled the mighty Mavericks to capture the programs first ever football playoff berth winning the bi-district title, area championship as well as a State semifinalist round berth.

Although they lost a great number of very talented starters on both sides of the ball to graduation the Mavericks will not use this season as a rebuilding year but instead will reload their arsenal for the 2017 season from a talented nucleus of 35 returning lettermen as well as from a very successful junior varsity and freshmen squads.

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Gustavo Cabrera is expected to handle the featured running back duties for the Mavericks with Antonio Flores and Ethan Johnson battling for the starting quarterback chores with Justis Roiz and Jose Blanco handling the pass receiving duties in the Mavericks passing game. Sebastian Lopez and Erik Del Bosque will lead the usually big but very mobile Mavericks offensive line.

Defensively the Mavericks will suit up their patented hard-hitting crew of linebackers which this season will feature Miguel Del Los Santos, Jared Roiz and standout returner Ernesto Villasenor. Ricardo Morales, Alejandro Ontiveros and Martin Rodriguez will be counted on to handle the all important defensive front line trench battles. Brandon Wheeler, Domingo Duran and two-sport standout Mariano Hernandez will patrol the Mavericks secondary that last season was recognized as one of the very best secondary units in the entire Region IV. The pre-season prognosticators have pegged the Mavericks to finish second in the district race but rest assure that the district crown could very well be decided either when the Mavericks entertain the pre-season favorite Floresville Tigers on November 3rd or if not until the final week when the Mavericks journey to Uvalde, Texas to battle the always tough Coyotes but the Mavericks will certainly take them one game at a time.
GO MAVERICKS!