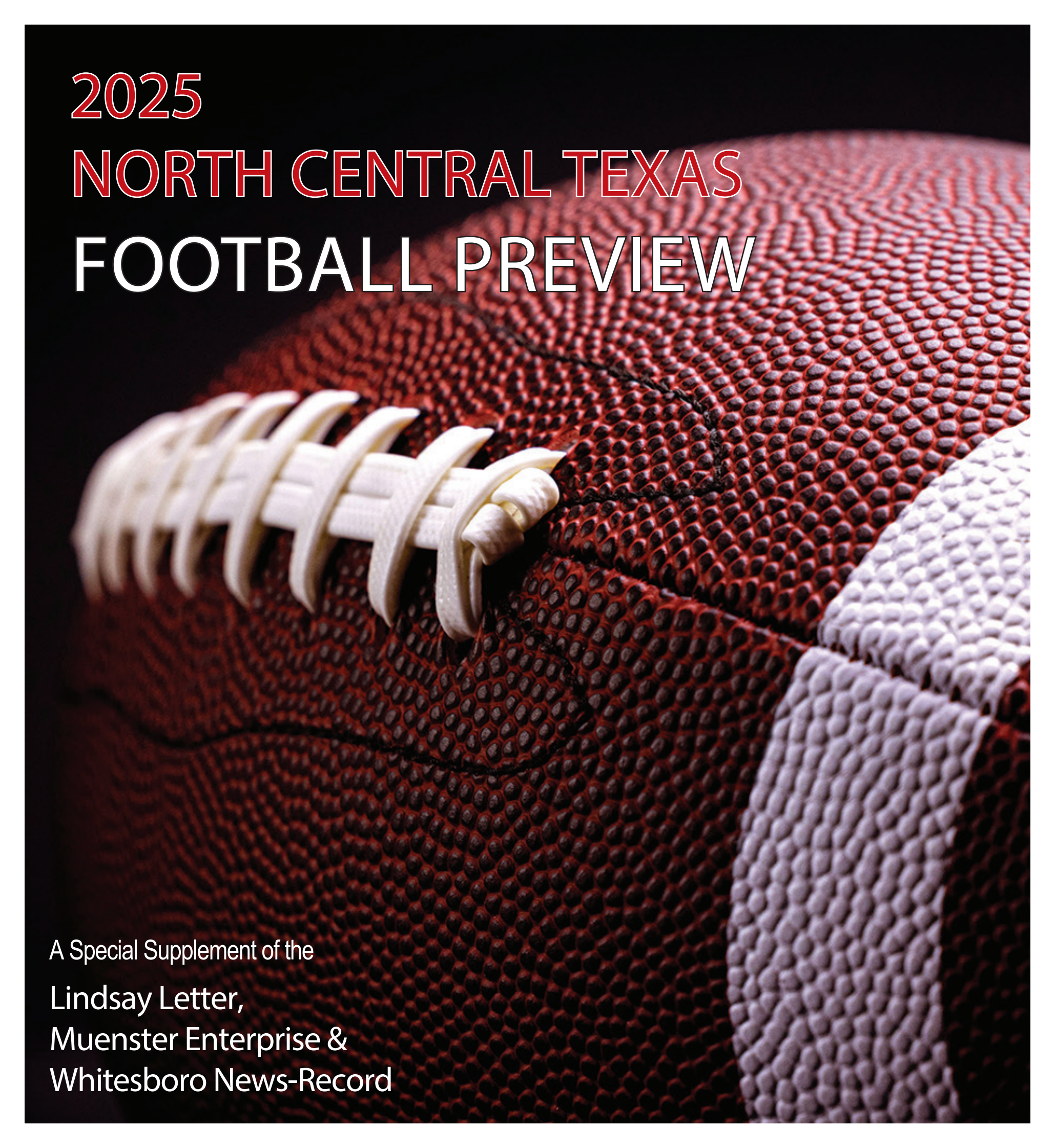




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Callisburg Wildcats

Wildcats look to stay in the playoff conversation

STAFF REPORT
Whitesboro News-Record

The Callisburg Wildcats, after having a four-year playoff streak snapped last year, look to return to the postseason this year, behind a strong class of returning players. Head coach Corey Robinson returns 20 lettermen from last year's team. That number includes six offensive starters and eight defensive ones returning for another year of play.

On the defensive side of the ball, defensive tackle Gustavo Perez will be a four-year starter and looks to anchor the Wildcat defense. Offensive lineman Bowen McAdams and two-way lineman Teagan Lindsay are other key returners. Quintin Box, who saw time last



year at quarterback will be joined in the backfield by running back/linebacker Gabe Zinski as players to watch along with wideout Trace Pauler.

Offensive lineman Adriel Kule and two-way lineman Logan Grisham will help McAdams and Lindsay move the

offense downfield.

On defense, Perez and Lindsay are joined by other linemen of note, including Michael Christian and Michael Wright.

The nondistrict schedule has challenges from the beginning. Big-half 3A Bowie is the opener, followed by large-school 3A Pilot Point on the road, then 2A power Collinsville. Boyd rounds out the nondistrict schedule.

Leonard and Bells, as the first two

District 7 3A-II games, both playoff teams last year, will give Robinson a good idea of where his Wildcats stand.

Then comes the biggie.

Callisburg hosts defending 3A-II state champion Gunter week 3 of district. The Tigers are predicted by many to have a good shot at repeating, building on their three-peat of current state titles. The Wildcats look to be prepared to give it all they have.

After that comes their bye week in the seven-team district, a perfect time to regroup.

Their second-last game will be the other tough match, and is also at home. The Wildcats will be hosting last year's district runner-up, the Blue Ridge Tigers, on Halloween night. This battle of the Cats could well have playoff implications before Callisburg ends the regular season against S&S Consolidated.

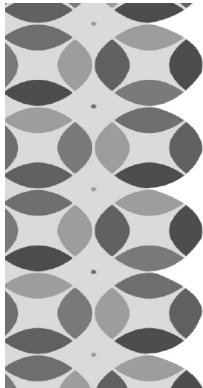
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LOGAN GRISHAM

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TEAGAN BARNETT

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SAM WILSON

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RIVER JOYCE

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WYATT SHAFFER

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CADEN WOLFE

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BRADDOCK MCKNIGHT

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MICHAEL CHRISTIAN

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LEYTON BRASHER

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LANDON BRASHER

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THOMAS SELGADO

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ZAIDEN DEARING

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GABRIEL ZINSKI

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KEAGAN MORROW

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BOWEN MCADAMS

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MICHAEL WRIGHT

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CAYDEN BALDAREE

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JUSTIN LANEY

64

ADRIEL S KULE

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TEAGAN LINDSEY

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GUSTAVO PEREZ

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NEAL BROWN

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KADE BAUWIN

CALLISBURG WILDCATS

2025 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

29

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BOWIE

HOME | 7:30 P.M.

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PILOT POINT

AWAY | 7:30 P.M.

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COLLINSVILLE

HOME | 7:00 P.M.

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BOYD

AWAY | 7:00 P.M.

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LEONARD

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BELLS

AWAY | 7:30 P.M.

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GUNTER

HOME | 7:30 P.M.

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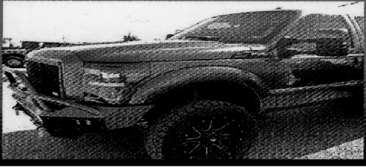


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Collinsville Pirates

Pirates riding on winning mentality

By Austin Lewter
Whitesboro News-Record

Collinsville enters the 2025 season ranked seventh in the state. Normally that would make you a shoo-in for a district championship bid, but the road might be tougher for the Pirates, who are ranked second in the district standings.

They are ranked right behind their district rival Muenster Hornets— the returning State Champs who are pegged for repeat success.

The Hornets are ranked first in the 2A DII standings.

To make matters more interesting, the Lindsay Knights are also in the



Top 25— sitting at number 19 in the pre-season poll.

Lindsay is picked third in the district standings, behind Collinsville and Muenster, making District 8-2A DII easily one to be most talent heavy in the

state.
Santo is pegged at number four with Era at fifth and Chico at sixth.

“Expect the Pirates to be a regional title contender again,” Dave Campbell Texas Football reports. “One rea-

son why is QB (Jaxon) Jenkins, who shined as a sophomore. Fellow junior (Chad) Davidson is back as a big play threat, while RBs (Brandon) Cantu and (Chase) Sheppard provide depth at the skill positions. The Pirates will be able to outscore most teams, but DL (Russell) Carney and LB Sheppard will help provide an imposing defensive front.”

DCTF picks Carney as the Pre-season Defensive MVP with two teammates picked for All State finishes.

Davidson was named Pre-season All State Wide Receiver and Isiah Smith named Pre-season All State Kicker.

The Pirates are coming off a 12-2

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05 SEPT	COOPER AWAY 7:00 P.M.	17 OCT	LINDSAY AWAY 7:00 P.M.
12 SEPT	CALLISBURG AWAY 7:00 P.M.	24 OCT	ERA HOME 7:00 P.M.
19 SEPT	WOLFE CITY HOME 7:00 P.M.	31 OCT	MUENSTER AWAY 7:00 P.M.
26 SEPT	COLEMAN TBD	07 NOV	SANTO HOME 7:00 P.M. *SENIOR NIGHT*
03 OCT	BYE WEEK		

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05	J.J. JENKINS	51	SAUL BUSTOS
06	LANDRY SPIVEY	52	TONY CASTORENA
07	JAXON SPIVEY	53	LUKE SHEPPARD
08	CAYSEN SCHAFER	54	RUSSELL CARNEY
10	PEYTON DAVIDSON	55	LANDON TURNER
11	CHASE SHEPPARD	62	NOE CANTU
13	GAVIN MOLSBEE	71	KASH BACON
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Era Hornets

Era hopes to build on momentum in very tough district

By **Steve Snyder**

Muenster Enterprise

Tanner Mann, in his first season leading the Era Hornets last year, reversed a few years of disappointment and got the team into the postseason, for one round of play.

The next challenge, in what may be the toughest Class 2A district in the state? Move up the ladder in a district that has three teams ranked in Dave Campbell's Top 25 for Class 2A-II.

He's got the potential for this, returning 13 lettermen, along with eight offensive and six defensive starters from last year's team. The top returner is Cope Thomason, who wound up starting last year as a sophomore and put together a solid season. Running backs Jett Tuggle and Adrian Lira join him in returning, and wide receiver Hagen Reed is the top receiving target to watch. Offensive/de-

fensive lineman Ty Petty will provide protection for Thomason, Tuggle and Lira.

Thomason will be losing two parts of last year's offense, top receiver Bradyn Bookout and offensive/defensive lineman Jack Higgins.

Thomason will be getting more backfield help from Walker Boyet; the running back/linebacker tops Mann's list of new players. Other newcomers cited by Mann include tight end/defensive lineman Levi Harris and wide receiver/defensive back Jaxon Covington.

One part of Mann's success in non-district play, especially, last year, was defensive sets and schemes he brought from his time as defensive coordinator at 4A Snyder. With another year of experience at this level, he has the possibility of building on this. Linebacker Landon Boyet, who also plays running back, had a solid year last year

and will be a key to this season's defensive success.

In nondistrict play, the Hornets open against Petrolia, a team that, on paper, graded about the same as them last year and probably does again this year. After that, the Hornets' old rivalry game against Sacred Heart is next.

Next comes Roscoe and Electra at home, both of whom, especially Electra, will provide at least as much a test as Petrolia. The nondistrict schedule ends on the road at 3A Valley View, a test for both squads.

The Hornets had a solid nondistrict run last year, which is where Mann started his analysis.

"In non-district, I'm looking for us to improve compared to where we were as a team last year. We dropped some games in non-district last year that I felt like we had a chance to win," he said. "I want us playing games where I feel

good in all three phases of the game by the time district play rolls around."

The Hornets ease into District 6 2A-II play, a bit, against Santo. As with last year, the winner of this game emerges with an inside track to the playoffs.

After that, it gets tough, hosting Muenster then playing at Collinsville in back to back weeks.

After Chico next, the regular season finale against Lindsay will likely be for playoff positioning for both teams.

Mann spelled out what it will take for Era to get into the postseason again.

"In order to compete in district for a playoff spot, you have to be on your 'A' game each week with how tough our district is compared to others," he said.

A year of local experience has only reaffirmed that for him, he said.



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