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2014 Tivy Antlers

Roster. Grade	Name		Ht.	Wt.	Pos.
1	John Lampson	6'0	190	LB	11
2	Hutch White	6'0	175	WR	11
4	Justin Flores	5'9	150	DB	12
5	Wyatt Trahan	5'8	165	RB	11
6	Carson McCoy	6'0	175	WR	11
7	Cade Dyal	6'0	180	DB	11
10	Jackson Field	5'9	150	WR	12
12	Cosme Carrillo	5'8	165	DB	11
14	Preston Dimery	6'1	160	DB	10
21	Emilio Ledesma	5'9	165	LB	11
22	Matt Avelar	5'9	150	DB	12
24	Trevor Ford	5'8	150	DB	11
25	Duncan Miller	5'10	160	DB	12
27	Chris Sudyka	5'9	165	LB	11
30	Brett Goodloe	5'6	150	RB	12
32	Cameron Melcher	6'0	185	LB	11
33	Redmond Carson	5'7	165	RB	12
35	Antonio Ontiveras	5'9	165	LB	11
40	Michael Luebano	6'1	175	LB	12
44	Tres White	6'0	180	WR	11
45	Brett Meil	6'1	190	LB	11
50	Ahmad Al-Aride	5'10	180	OL	11
52	Bryar Kappers	5'9	175	DL	12
54	Mason Carter	5'8	165	DL	12
55	Michael Deleon	5'10	240	DL	12
56	Ronan Profetta	6'0	240	DL	12
60	Moises Hernandez	5'9	175	DL	12
61	Steven Goodman	5'9	240	DL	11
62	Jose Navarro	5'9	225	OL	12
63	Parker Rhea	5'7	250	OL	12
64	Weston Eggers	5'9	175	DL	11
65	Garrett Miller	6'0	200	DL	12
66	Hunter Holmes	5'9	160	DL	12
70	Sean Foreman	6'0	180	DL	12
71	Josue Jaramillo	6'2	240	OL	12
72	Taylor Fair	6'2	226	DL	11
73	Trent McCarty	6'4	225	OL	12
74	Jesus Gonzalez	6'2	275	OL	10
75	Larry Blundell	6'1	235	OL	12
76	Ryder Rutherford	5'8	275	OL	12
77	Travis Raiford	6'4	250	OL	12
78	Pedro Ceballos	6'2	275	OL	12
80	Matthew Bessey	5'10	160	WR	11
82	Alex Edwards	6'0	165	WR	12
87	Parker Brown	5'9	165	WR	12
89	Luke Hiest	5'9	150	K	11

Head Coach: David Jones
Asst. Coaches: Jeremy Hickman, Ty Taylor, Jeff Kubacka, Brent Milby, Reece Zunker, Brad Manning, Adam Brackeen, Justin Vogt, Chris Russ
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9/26	San Antonio Kennedy	Antler Stadium
10/3	Champion	Boerne Stadium
10/10	Lockhart (Hall of Fame Night)	Antler Stadium
10/17	San Marcos	San Marcos
10/24	Seguin	Antler Stadium
10/31	San Antonio Memorial	San Antonio
11/7	Alamo Heights	Antler Stadium

*All games begin at 7:30 p.m. unless noted

This year, all Tivy varsity and junior varsity players were photographed together. Seniors are at the top in blue jerseys, juniors are in the middle in white jerseys and sophomores are wearing blue jerseys in rows 3 through 6.



NOW PLAYING



Tivy

"Relentless effort" and "swarm" are the key words in Tivy's camp, as a young defense will need a high-energy performance to keep up with Tivy's bulked up offense.

Ingram

Ingram will rely on a big offensive line and their veteran quarterback Keaun Valverde as the Tom Moore Warriors move to a new district.



Comfort

Senior quarterback Kyle Bohlen is the star of the Bobcats' physical team that is looking for its third consecutive playoff appearance.

Center Point

Head coach Bubba Walters will take his team back to an "old school" approach, after the Pirates' 1-9 season last year.



Harper

The Longhorns have a solitary goal this season — playoffs or bust. However, the seniors won't mind winning a few rivalry games along the way.

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From left, Logan White, Hailey Riley, Matthew Williams, Anna Stehling, Parker Brown, Lisa Cullen, Brando Hernandez, Maddee Brown and Lauren Hedrick will all represent their communities during Friday night football games.

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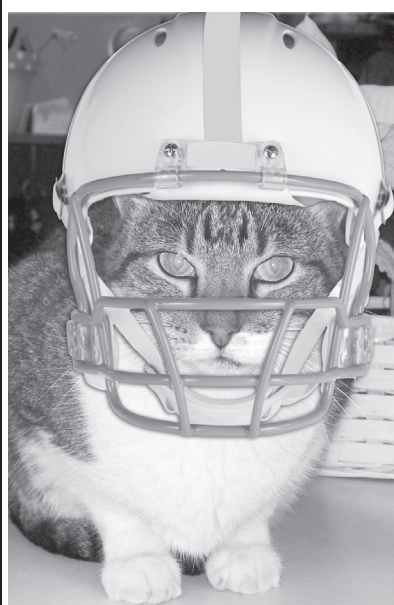
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Swarm, baby, swarm

Antlers young, relentless defense complements the explosive offense and coach Jones' excitement

By Chris Derrett
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For Tivy, there's a different story on each side of the ball. Offensively, the Antlers are loaded with experience. Defensively, the buzzwords "relentless effort" and "swarm" fuel a young unit that plans on learning and growing throughout the season.

Based on the camaraderie and enthusiasm he's seen in camp, athletic director and head coach David Jones said his excitement for the upcoming year is unparalleled.

"It's the most pleasurable season I've had in many, many

years, honestly," Jones said.

Back for more
If opponents try to scout junior quarterback Cade Dyal using last year's film, they may not recognize the Antler signal caller this season. Dyal returns to lead the offense, only he's gained height and roughly 30 pounds since earning the starting job as a sophomore midway through last season.
"I feel like the size of what a football player should feel like on Friday nights. Last year I felt really miniature," Dyal said. "Mentally, I feel like all of us are really confident. Last year, it was just getting our feet wet;

this year, we know what we're doing. You don't have to guess on anything."

Senior Parker Brown and juniors Hutch White and Carson McCoy lead Tivy's veteran receiving corps.

Dyal said he has a solid connection with his receivers on the field, as evidenced in the Antlers' Aug. 15 scrimmage at Boerne. After reading the Boerne defense, Dyal called hot routes to Brown and White for 28- and 41-yard touchdowns.

Making decisions to find holes in the defense was a point of emphasis to the receivers as early as 7-on-7 play in June.

"We all hung out over the summer, so we've got the connection going and the friendship going," Dyal said. "So that always helps."

At running back, senior Redman Carson and junior Wyatt Trahan have shared playing time. Although Jones' spread offense calls for plenty of passes, Tivy's running backs should receive their fair share of carries as well.

"We've got some pretty good schemes put together," Jones said. "The guys have really put some things together that will be a lot of fun to watch (the players) execute. Everything we



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At Tivy High School, "swarm" is the keyword on the practice field. Together, with "relentless effort," athletic director and head coach David Jones and his team mentally prepare for one of the most exciting years under Jones' tenure. Defensive coordinator Jeremy Hickman told The Times that a lack of effort is not going to be tolerated with this year's Antlers squad. With players like senior Sean Foreman and junior Taylor Fair anchoring the defensive line, Tivy should have a salty 4-3 defense for the 2014 season.

Believing in the team

There's no doubt that from the top down, people believe in the 2014 Tivy Antlers. Coaches consistently praise student-athletes' work ethic, booster club members have provided significant financial support and fans across the Hill Country are in high approval of this team. However, what's most important is that this team believes in itself, and there's no shortage of that confidence. Here's what some of Tivy's players had to say:

"We all hung out over the summer, so we've got the connection going and the friendship going — so that always helps."



Cade Dyal,
junior quarterback

"Our line, this year, I think, has been the closest that I've ever experienced. It's a brotherhood; all of us understand each other."



Josue Jaramillo,
senior offensive lineman

"We have a bunch of young players, but the jump that we made from Boerne to our (Marble Falls) scrimmage to now is unbelievable."



John Lampson,
junior middle linebacker

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Tivy quarterback Cade Dyal passes to a teammate during a drill during practice at Antler Stadium. According to his coaches, Dyal gained 30 pounds since his sophomore year and added more height to his stature. Dyal says he's starting to "feel like the size of what a football player should feel like on Friday nights."

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Senior-heavy Ingram looking for next step in 2014 season

By Doug Mitchell
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Flash back seven years for the Ingram Tom Moore Warriors, mired in winless seasons, and finishing a season 5-5 would have been cause for a downtown parade. Now, after two consecutive break-even seasons, win some lose some won't cut it.

The Warriors, led by athletic director and head coach Jeff Kowalski, come into the new season ready to become one thing — winners. Numbers may be a bit down with 24 varsity players and 49 participants program-wide, but Kowalski has the players and attitude he wants.

Fueling hopes for 2014 is an experience-laden squad with 15 seniors. It's a group Kowalski said took accountability in its hands over the summer, setting records for offseason workouts and encouraging younger players to follow their lead.

"It's time to take the next step," Kowalski said. "It's a good group of seniors, and the big eyes should be gone. They worked hard this

"I believe we're the best we've been. The numbers are down, but we have quality. It's time to make that turn, head in the direction we need. If we stay away from injury ... I like our chances."

Jeff Kowalski,
Ingram Tom Moore athletic director and head coach

summer. They get it.

"It's a tougher front end of the schedule than we've played," Kowalski added, noting past years filled with non-district opponents ITM needed to build confidence. "Our main goal is to get out and get better every day. If we stay injury-free and get better, good things will happen."

The Warriors are headed to the UIL-revamped District 13-3A, Division I, featuring familiar foes in Comfort, San Antonio Cole and Universal City Randolph, and favorites Luling and Marion. After a non-district with Junction, Bandera, Harper, D'Hanis and Poth, ITM wants more back-end success than up-front wins.

Good things are expected out of senior quarterback Keaun Valverde, now a third-year starter and

coming off a junior year where he threw for 1,500 yards and 16 touchdowns while rushing for 1,000 more and 12 TDs. Additionally, Valverde gets back experienced targets in receivers Myles Michel, Bryson Barnet, Benjamin Rae and Derek Brown. Increased ground production should come from junior running backs Jacob Anzaldúa and Manuel Boites.

The "big" offensive key, Kowalski believes, comes from a line featuring Jonah Gerbert (255 pounds), Austin Smith (255), Connor McDonald (265) Brian Cover (195) and Zeke Hernandez (230), a group the coach has charged with keeping defenses off Valverde.

"It's about the offensive line," Kowalski said. "They've been

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Tom Holden/Times Photo Editor, photo@dailytimes.com

Big linemen are one of Ingram Tom Moore's biggest strengths coming into the 2014 season. As the Warriors head into a new UIL district, featuring teams from San Antonio and around the Hill Country, athletic director and head coach Jeff Kowalski knows the importance of protecting his quarterback. Kowalski said this year's offense will be all "about the line," and he has confidence in his boys up front.



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Senior quarterback Keaun Valverde, right, heads into his third year as the starting quarterback. With Myles Michel, Bryson Barnet, Benjamin Rae and Derek Brown returning at receiver positions, Valverde has plenty of targets to throw to in 2014. Look for Jacob Anzaldúa and Manuel Boites to help out on the ground game and build the Warriors' offense. Many players, such as Brown, are expected to help on the defensive side as well.

Ingram Tom Moore by the numbers

Ingram Tom Moore brings back multiple key players from 2013's squad, which went .500 for the second year in a row. The Warriors rely on these players as the team moves into a new conference and faces a difficult non-conference schedule as well.

1,000+ & 12:

The number of rushing yards and rushing touchdowns recorded by quarterback Keaun Valverde last season.



Valverde

1,500 & 16:

The number of passing yards and touchdowns Valverde threw for the Warriors last season, giving the senior a total of 38 TDs and more than 2,500 total yards. Look for the gunslinger to try to top those numbers this season.

240:

The average individual weight of Ingram's projected starting linemen.



1-5: ITM's district record in 2013 and 2012.



Good Luck! Have a Great Season!



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Physical Comfort Bobcats squad eyes third straight playoff trip

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Comfort coach Michael Harbuck preaches physicality, and this year's team has bought in to the concept.

"That's where the root of football is, that type of offense, and the way we play defense really brings that out of our kids. And they seem to really respond to it, so that's kind of what we stick with," Harbuck said.

The Bobcats enter 2014 seeking their third straight trip to the playoffs, hoping to erase the memories of last season's final game — a first-round loss on a last-minute touchdown pass.

An experienced veteran corps leads a team determined to make a splash in 2A District 3.

"We've got a really good nucleus of seniors and juniors," Harbuck said.

Harbuck's offense frequently uses old-school formations such as slot-T and straight-T, while the spread, Harbuck said, is more of a change-up look for Comfort.

"It's just good, physical, fast football that we like to play. It really suits our kids, we feel,"



Jeff Lavender/Times Contributor, photo@dailytimes.com

Comfort's Tristen Babb uses a stiff-arm to drive forward for a short gain against the Junction Eagles, during a scrimmage. The Bobcats, whether the team is in a slot-T, straight-T or spread offensive scheme, are known for being a physically tough team to bring down.

Harbuck said. "We do run some spread also, and we feel like we've got some personnel that we can really highlight with that

type of offense."

Whether under center or in the shotgun, quarterback Kyle Bohlen returns for his senior season having a full grasp of the offense. Bohlen should be even better this year, Harbuck said, as the game slows down for him.

"Kyle Bohlen's been a consummate leader coming up through the program. He's really familiar with the system (and has) good football IQ," Harbuck said. "He brings a good skill set of being able to manage the game under center and in spread. With that IQ, when we talk football, he understands reads and progressions."

Senior right tackle Tyler Moore, at 6-foot-4 and around 280 pounds, helps anchor the offensive line.

"He's one of the nastiest guys we have," Harbuck said. "He's super physical; he's Comfort football at its finest. He's got some good fire in his belly, so he gets excited on the field."

Cole Ritchey, one of the bigger offensive players, returns at fullback and provides power in the Bobcats' many downhill running schemes. Senior Garrett Pressler begins his third season as the starting halfback. Pressler's strength lies in the power running game, and he's accompanied by junior halfback

Power play opponents

The Comfort Bobcats have some major challenges in nonconference play this season, as several foes are ranked in the Texas High School Coaches Association poll. There is a THSCA poll for each region, with separate polls for Division I and II and at the 4A, 3A and 2A level.

Such a powerful schedule should prepare Comfort for district play. "The urgency for us starts now. ... We don't have opponents where we can do the minimum to get by," head coach Michael Harbuck said. Below are the Bobcats' game dates and opponents.

**Aug. 29: Sonora (11-2 in 2013, Regional Semifinalist)
No. 3, 3A Region 1 D-II**

**Sept. 5: Blanco (6-5, Bidistrict finalists)
No. 2, 3A Region 4 D-II**

**Sept. 12: Mason (8-2, Area finalists)
No. 3, 2A Region 4 D-I**

**Sept. 19: Bandera (3-7)*
4A Region 4 D-1**

**Sept. 26: Navarro (10-2, Area finalists)
No. 5, 4A Region 4 D-II**

** denotes team is not ranked*

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**Michael Harbuck,
Comfort head coach**

Dax Wright, a more elusive two-way player who will also see time at safety.

When Comfort does throw the ball, it has receiver Lawson Berry to stretch the field vertically and Quin Sweeney in the slot. Emmanuel Garcia and Jordan Van Ouderkerke are two possession receivers that Harbuck said he trusts to run good routes, make catches and move the chains in critical situations.

Harbuck said his receivers should get substantial looks in the Bobcats' physical running offense.

"We've got a spot for everyone to contribute. Our job as coaches is to try to develop those two genres as much as we can without taking away from one or the other," Harbuck said.

Senior middle linebacker Justin Falkner is the "heart and soul" of the defense, Harbuck said. Ramiro Perez joins Falkner as an outside linebacker.

"They're first to show, last to go kind of guys," Harbuck said of Falkner and Perez.

This season's defensive line brings speed as well as strength. Moore will play defensive snaps on the line along with Pressler. Aquileo Evans, a tight end on the other side of the ball, provides speed on the edge at defensive end. Conner Sharp, Eddie Avalos and Corey Collinsworth, a freshman, are also in the mix on the line.

At cornerback, Berry and Marcus Valenzuela make the move

up from junior varsity this year.

Despite the lack of varsity reps, both have had ample JV playing time to be familiar with Comfort's system.

"They know where they fit, so we feel like they're going to give us some maturity back there that we maybe have lacked in the past," Harbuck said.

Returning players still talk about kicker Victor Falcon's 57-yard field goal last season. Falcon is back, hoping to help his team while garnering attention at the next-level.

"We're really going to miss him (after this season) and his ability to put the ball pretty much wherever you want it on the field," Harbuck said. "And he's not just a kicker for us; he's a great leader for us too in the locker room."


Comfort opened the season at home against Sonora, a team ranked in the top 10 in 3A Region I Division II. Playing strong opponents is necessary to prepare for a competitive five-game district schedule later in the year, Harbuck said.

"The urgency for us starts now. The urgency for us to be the best that we can be, it started Aug. 4 but it starts with these opponents. We don't have opponents where we can do the minimum and get by."

Last year, the Bobcats played Sonora closely but fell in the end. Harbuck said he expects more mental fortitude from his team this season.

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Change, change, change for 2014 season

After a growing year in 2013, head coach Bubba Walters is going old school with Center Point

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There's a different approach for the Center Point Pirates coming into the 2014 season. Going 1-9 the previous year can do that to a program.

Athletic director and head coach Bubba Walters and his roster of 32 players, including 19 returning lettermen, are going old school as they look to rebound from last season's 1-9 showing that included an 0-5 run in district play. Now a member of District 14-2A, Division I, the Pirates' focus shifts to incremental improvement.

"Last year was rough," said Walters, who spent the offseason not only evaluating the Pirates' entire athletic department but talking to coaches with established winning traditions as well. "It was a tough season, injuries, bad luck, a tough schedule. This year it's higher expectations from the get-go."

Walters started the rebuilding with coaching changes, bringing in Mario Laque as offensive coordinator and former Pirates assistant coach Paul Harris as the defensive coordinator.

From there, words such as "accountability," "attitude" and "standards" have been the theme of the early season workouts. There's no immediate playoff focus, victory total or large-scale vision for the 2014 Pirates. Walters measures the progress in incremental steps.

"We have to be more disciplined, more structured," Walters said. "It's the little things, holding players and coaches accountable. The little things add up to the big things."

Optimism of 2014 starts on offense for the Pirates, with six returning starters and depth at the skill positions. Senior Kolby Kitchens and sophomore Aaron Walters return with extensive experience at quarterback and have seasoned targets in receivers Alan Zendejo, Nate Ramirez and each other when the other is under center.

Larry Leitha returns to help the backfield, and a small but quick offensive line features Craig Jacobs, Frank Thompson and Gabe Trejo as Center Point looks to keep defenses off-balance with counters, traps and misdirection formations.

"We'll have to play proper angles, can't push anyone around," Walters said of his line. "But I'm not worried. They're quick for what we run. We play hard and fast, and that's what I like."

Jacobs will anchor the line on Center Point's 3-4 defense at nose guard, with support coming from Walters and Thompson at outside linebacker,



Photos by Tom Holden/Times Photo Editor,photo@dailytimes.com
Sophomore Alan Zendejo (7) runs with the ball for a gain against Nueces Canyon. The receiver will be a main target for Center Point's quarterbacks this upcoming season.

with Noe Bustamonte and Daniel Martin on the inside.

Walters views a secondary manned by Leitha, Kitchens, Ramirez and Zendejo as a strength for the unit.

The Pirates' seven-team district features perennial powers in Mason, Sabinal and Brackettville Brackett, as well as local rivals in Harper, Johnson City

and Junction. For now, however, there's no looking ahead or dates circled on the calendar in the Pirates' locker room.

"Our goal is to get better each week," Walters said. "We have to; that's our goal. It's building, keep building. One coach I talked to said you just can't take the helicopter to the top of the mountain. You have to take the steps."



Aaron Walters (81) runs out to open up lanes for Larry Leitha (24) during a scrimmage against Nueces Canyon. Walters and Leitha are two of the six returning starters for Center Point. The Pirates are coming off a 1-9 season, but come into the year with a renewed optimism as head coach Bubba Walters approaches the team with an old-school coaching style.

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Center Point head coach



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Sophomore Aaron Walters (81) joins senior Kolby Kitchens as an experienced quarterback for the Center Point Pirates. Both players will see time on both sides of the ball for the upcoming season.

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OLH enters new division seeking higher playoff seed

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Out on Peterson Farm Road, the air is still and the the sounds are tranquil. That is, until the Our Lady of the Hills six-man team takes the field.

The thundering sound of pads hitting the turf and the raspy voice of assistant coach Joe Martinez break the stillness of the Hill Country as a fast and scrappy team works non-stop to push the program to a new height under head coach Chris Ramirez.

For the past two years, the Hawks have been stopped in the first round of the playoffs, including getting crushed 60-8 by eventual state champions Dallas Covenant last year. Ramirez said a 4-6 injury-plagued regular season was to blame for a tough seeding and difficult first-round matchup, and he also identified it as the biggest obstacle his team needs

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Chris Ramirez,
Our Lady of the Hills head coach

to hurdle in 2014.

“We need to do better to get better bracket position,” Ramirez said after a hot August morning practice. “Our goal for the year is to get past the district first round, but defining success is going to be getting confidence during the regular season.”

Ramirez and his players are doing everything in their power to do just that. Since the end of last season, OLH hasn’t taken a break in conditioning.

“The season starts in January for us,” Martinez said. The same thing was echoed by several

players, such as returning quarterback Brando Hernandez, and two-way players Connor Odom and Matthew Williams have been in the weight room “daily” since the end of last season, the players said, and the results are starting to show on the field.

That kind of training will be needed as the Hawks move into a new division — TAPPS Division II District 3. Described by Ramirez as “the toughest district in the state,” OLH will have their hands full with teams from San Antonio to Austin and back.

Newcomers Round Rock Concordia High School and Lutheran of San Antonio join the six-man ranks, and in addition to New Braunfels Christian Academy, they are the new faces that the Hawks will see in district. OLH played the four other district opponents last season.

Against those four, OLH went 1-3, the lone victory a 55-6 blow-out against Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy. The Hawks fell to Bulverde Bracken Christian School, Austin Veritas and San



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Our Lady of the Hills players line up against each other as they prepare for drills at practice on Aug. 13. Head coach Chris Ramirez is set on having his players gain confidence in the regular season, while getting a strong enough record to have optimal seeding in the playoffs. Above that though, both Ramirez and assistant coach Joe Martinez are set on helping grow men of character, who will have “the biggest hearts” while playing on the field.

Antonio Castle Hills, mostly in close contests.

With opponents like district favorite Castle Hills, a team that went 14-0 and averaged more than 64 points per game last season, OLH has their work cut out for them this season but are ready for the task.

Despite the team having just more than a dozen players on its current roster, the low turnout is a chance to prove that Ramirez’s players are the best in the business, and are the “chosen few” as the head coach likes to say.

Getting the dual-threat Hernandez back on the field in the quarterback position is a big boost for the Hawks. Last year, Hernandez played in only six

games due to injuries, but that didn’t stop him from posting arena league-like numbers.

The senior gained 2,700 total yards last season, with 37 touchdowns in that small timeframe. As ridiculous as the numbers sound, it’s common for a six-man league that can routinely see scores going into the 70s. As one player said during practice, any play can go for a big gain.

If the preseason is to give any insight, Ramirez will be getting those plays on the field.

Hernandez led OLH in a four-team scrimmage on Aug. 23, throwing for 202 yards and six touchdowns, while running for 59 yards and another touchdown as well.

Comparing his on-the-field play to Cleveland Browns quarterback Johnny Manziel, Hernandez is excited about Ramirez’s “fun” offense.

So is two-way player Connor Odom, a senior who caught two touchdown passes in the scrimmage as well. He buys into the program just as much as Ramirez does, and his attitude is an infectious one for the team.

“We’re low in numbers. We have a couple of big boys, but then also some small players. We all seem to work just quite right,” Odom told The Times after the scrimmage. “We’ve got

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New guys on the block

Our Lady of the Hills will see some familiar and some not-so-familiar foes in TAPPS Division II District 3 play this year. Below are the members of the district, as well as last year’s records and scores against OLH (if available).

Austin Veritas Academy (8-4, def. OLH 68-40)

Bulverde Bracken Christian (8-3, def. OLH 60-44)

Cedar Park Summit Christian Academy (1-9, lost to OLH 55-6)

Kerrville Our Lady of the Hills (4-7)

New Braunfels Christian Academy (5-5)*

Lutheran High School of San Antonio (0-0)^*

San Antonio Castle Hills First Baptist School (14-0, def. OLH 80-73)

Round Rock Concordia High School (0-0)^*

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Far left: A receiver for Ingram Tom Moore gets air as he goes up for a catch. After back-to-back .500 seasons, the Warriors are trying to make a name for their team with a big season.

Left: Comfort's Cole Nicodemus tries to break through a tackle against the Junction Eagles during a scrimmage. The Comfort Bobcats will try to make it to the playoffs for the third straight year this season.

Below: A Tivy player piledrives a tackling sled during a drill at one of Tivy's practices. Based on what he's seen so far, head coach David Jones thinks this year will be the best he's had since coming to the Antlers' program.



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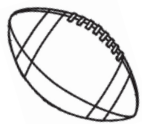
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Right: Center Point running back Larry Leitha (24) runs past a defender during a scrimmage against Nueces Canyon. The Pirates will see Leitha playing as a tailback and as a defensive back

Below left: A player jukes past a blocking dummy during a drill at one of Tivy's August practices.

Below right: Our Lady of the Hills linebacker Connor Odom hits a target during practice on Aug. 13 at Our Lady of the Hills.



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Two Antlers square off in a running drill during one of Tivy's August practices. Tivy defensive coordinator Jeremy Hickman said he feels full confidence in his defensive front, especially on third-and-long situations, where the Antlers will be "lighting it up" by bringing in blitz packages and pressure on opposing quarterbacks.



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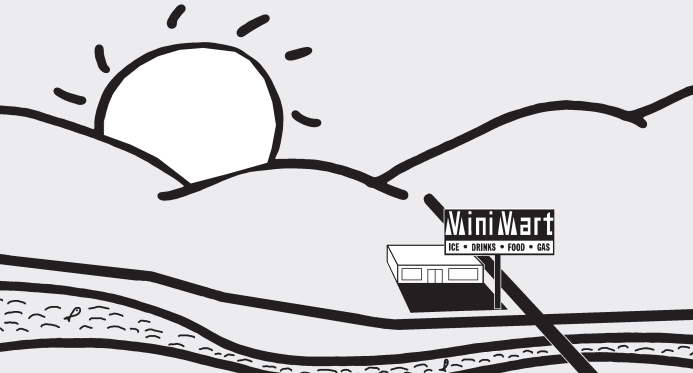
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do is a run-pass; you really don't know what we're going to do."

Tivy's offensive line is anchored by a pair of seniors, Trent McCarty and Josue Jaramillo.

Swarm with relentless effort

The defense features only one player who started every game last season. Defensive coordinator Jeremy Hickman isn't worried, though, as long as his players buy into the unit's mantras.

"The relentless effort concept and the swarm concept is contagious. That's an expectation. That's not ever going to be compromised," Hickman said. "(Lack of effort) is something we will not accept. It's always full go, full tilt."

The heart of Tivy's 4-3 formation, Hickman said, lies in the defensive line. Senior weak side defensive end Sean Foreman provides strength and speed on the edge as the lone returning starter from 2013. Junior strong side defensive end Taylor Fair adds power opposite Foreman. Seniors Moises Hernandez and Michael DeLeon and junior Weston Egger add additional depth on the line.

Seniors Bryar Kappers and Ronan Profeta anchor the defensive tackle position.

"Bryar's really a unique



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Linemen hit pads on a rail during a drill at Antler Stadium.

player because he's a defensive lineman, but he can turn and run because he's an athlete," Hickman said. "Ronan Profeta has been unblockable at times."

Kappers and Profeta had multiple sacks in scrimmages at Boerne and Marble Falls, which Hickman said should help the secondary through early growing pains.

At middle linebacker, John

Lampson didn't start every game as a sophomore last year but brings varsity experience in his junior season. Juniors Chris Sudyka and Brett Meil are vying for the strong side linebacker spot, and junior Cameron Melcher leads the charge at weak side linebacker along with Emilio Le-Dezma and Michael Luebano. Hickman believes Tivy's next Division I college football player could come at strong safety. At 6-foot-4, sophomore Preston Dimery has the frame and the tools to make it at the next level; he just needs the experience.

Senior Justin Flores is slated to start at free safety. Seniors Matthew Avelar and Duncan Miller and junior Cosme Carrillo control the cornerback position.

Although Hickman expects the defensive line to wreak havoc in the backfield, he said the Antler defense will dial up the pressure when the time is right.

"I feel full confidence in our front getting some pressure when we need it," Hickman said. "And when we get in third and long situations, we'll be lighting it up. We'll be bringing the house on them and making them get rid of the ball really fast."



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OLH assistant coach Joe Martinez talks with his players in a huddle at practice. While the Hawks' on-the-field goal is to get a high seed and win a district playoff game, Martinez said his primary goal is to make men of good character.

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balance of strength and speed, and most importantly we've got the drive. That's the biggest thing — we've got the heart."

And maybe heart is the biggest strength OLH is building.

As much as the players and coaches want to win ball games, OLH's coaches know they're in

the business of raising young men, not just football players.

"Success for us is going to be defined later on in life," Martinez said. "Everyone wants to win, and I'd love to win the state championship this year, but if

we can instill good character and morals into these men, I think that's what's going to make us successful."

It's the message the team buys into as well. The Hawks may have a small squad and a tough fight coming up this season, but the voices of their coaches push the same message.

"We don't have the biggest numbers," Martinez said, "but we're gonna have the biggest hearts."



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Ingram Tom Moore quarterback Keanu Valverde throws a pass over an oncoming defensive lineman during practice.

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starting, it's a close unit, so we

feel good about them up front. Keanu is a difference-maker, will do well, but with our line, we

can be more balanced and one guy doesn't have to carry the load."

The defense, Kowalski said, will benefit from having coordinator Duane Kroeker back for a second season after two previous years of a different coordinator. Hernandez, Michel and Brown will also anchor a unit looking to create opportunities for Valverde out of its 4-3 formation.

"We're going to be athletic, be aggressive and go after the ball," Kowalski said. "We have good enough athletes to run to the ball. We want to create turnovers and be sound."

With the lower numbers, the injury bug will be a chief concern for the Warriors throughout 2014, but like any good coach, Kowalski said his focus is on the areas he can control.

"I believe we're the best we've been," Kowalski said. "The numbers are down, but we have quality. It's time to make that turn, head in the direction we need. If we stay away from injury, we'll compete and be better every day. I like our chances."

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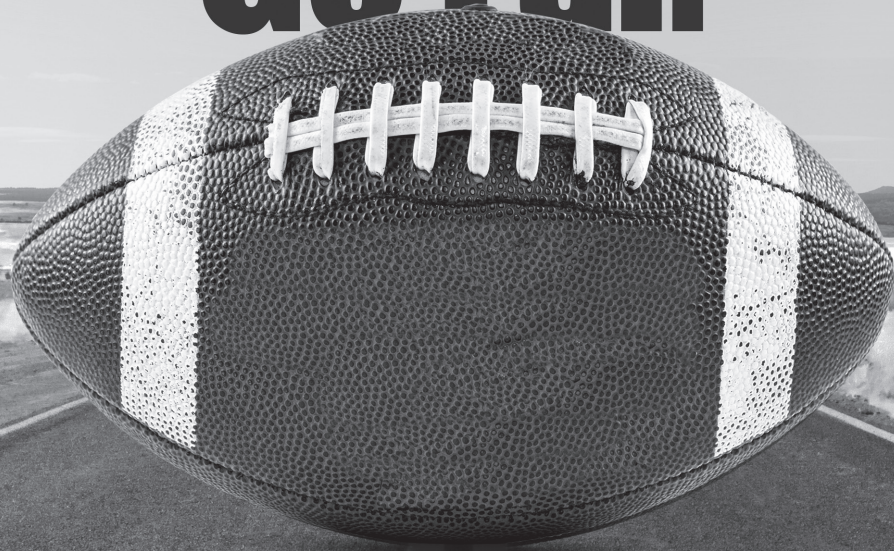
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10 Miles Michel, SR	DB/WR	58 Baylen Fisher, JR	DL/OL
11 Bryson Barnett, SR	DB/WR	60 Austin Smith, SR	DL/OL
14 Rene Melendez, SR	K	61 Conner McDonald, JR	DL/OL
15 Jacob Anzaldua, JR	DB/RB	62 Nick Cottonware, SR	DL/OL
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3 Jordan Van Oudekerke	WR/DB	40 Marcus Valenzuela	RB/DB
4 Quinlan Sweeney	WR/DB	44 Will James	RB/LB
5 Cole Nicodemus	RB/LB	52 Ramiro Perez	OL/LB
6 Lawson Berry	WR/DB	53 Justin Falkner	OL/LB
7 Tyler Rangel	QB/DB	54 Zach Moore	OL/DL
8 Theron Pena	WR/DB	55 Corey Collinsworth	OL/DL
9 Kyle Bohlen	QB/DB	56 Hugh Banuelos	OL/DL
10 Luke Lindner	TE/DL	71 Miguel Hernandez	OL/DL
15 Victor Falcon	K	72 Diego Toca	OL/DL
16 Emmanuel Garcia	WR/DB	75 Wesley Lozano	OL/DL
21 Jacinto Carlos	WR/DB	76 Eddie Avalos	OL/DL
23 Tristan Babb	RB/LB	79 Tyler Moore	OL/DL
24 Dax Wright	RB/DB	80 Aquileo Evans	TE/DL
25 Conner Sharp	RB/DL	83 Jose Palacios	WR/DB
26 Chance Johnson	RB/LB	85 Kyle Storms	TE/LB
27 John Klaerner	WR/DB	86 Jose Garcia	TE/DL
30 Jason Faulkner	RB/DB	87 Luis Campos	TE/LB
32 Cole Richey	RB/DL	90 Jonathan Villa	TE/LB

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8/29 7:30 p.m. vs. Sonora	9/5 7:30 p.m. vs. Blanco	9/12 7:30 p.m. @ Mason	9/19 7:30 p.m. vs. Bandera	9/26 7:30 p.m. @ Navarro	10/10 7:30 p.m. @ Marion	10/17 7:30 p.m. @ San Antonio Cole	10/24 7:30 p.m. vs. Randolph (Homecoming)	10/31 7:30 p.m. @ Luling	11/7 p.m. vs. Ingram (Parents Night)

Center Point Pirates

1 Ty Carnes, FR	WR/SEC	51 Craig Jacobs, SR	OL/DL
3 Ethan Ozuna, FR	WR/SEC	56 Ethan Chapa, SO	OL/DL
7 Alan Zendejo, SO	WR/SEC	57 Daniel Martin, JR	OL/LB
9 Jerid Gesell, SR	RB/DL/LB	60 Pablo Valadez, FR	OL/LB
10 Dominik Espinoza, FR	WR/SEC	62 Zane Haley, SR	OL/DL
11 Barrett Blackledge, JR	WR/SEC	63 Frank Thompson, SR	OL/OLB
12 Caden Robertson, FR	WR/SEC	64 Noe Bustamante, JR	OL/DB
20 Kade Kitchens, SO	WR/SEC	66 Josh Cooper, JR	OL/DL
21 Kolby Kitchens, JR	QB/WR/SEC	68 Travis McGehee, JR	OL/DL
22 Zane Kaiser, FR	WR/SEC	70 Jordan Justice, JR	OL/DL
24 Larry Leitha, SR	WR/RB/SEC	75 Alex Lapham, JR	OL/DL
33 Nate Ramirez, SR	WR/SEC	79 Leo Martinez, SR	OL/DL
34 Aaron Walters, SO	QB/WR/SEC/P	80 Jesus Valadez, SO	WR/LB
40 Pablo Martinez, SR	WR/SEC/K	81 Damien Phillips, SO	WR/SEC
44 Victor Martinez, JR	WR/OLB	85 Tyler Bryant, FR	WR/SEC
50 Gabe Trejo, SR	OL/DL	88 Colby Vinyard, FR	OL/LB



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3 Lane Fajkus, SR	DB/WR	52 Kelby Burns, JR	DL/OL
5 Jayden Baumann, JR	DB/RB	55 Cullen O'Brien, JR	LB/OL
7 Cole Elliott, SR	DB/WR	60 Gabe Garcia, SR	DL/OL
10 Roger Perkins, JR	DB/WR	64 Andrew Azzaro, SO	DL/OL
11 Chase Lowman, SR	DB/TE	65 Derringer Fritz, JR	DL/OL
12 Guy Stevenson, SR	DB/WR	66 Cale Hernandez, SO	DL/OL
13 Jacob Pierz, SR	DB/RB	70 Miles Wade, SR	DL/OL
14 Gus Sagraves, JR	DB/QB	72 Price Williams, SO	DL/OL
25 Joshua Sagraves, SO	LB/TE	75 Deen Wood, JR	LB/OL
30 Jacob Fritz, JR	LB/RB	77 Austin Noah, SR	DL/OL
34 Easton Hansen, JR	LB/RB	85 Eric Moya, SR	DB/WR
50 Grant Edwards, SR	LB/OL		

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