

Wildcat playoff practice blog

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The Sulphur Springs Wildcats have a short week with a Thursday game so the first workouts for the postseason were fast and furious.

The foe is Jacksonville Thursday at Rose Stadium. The Class 4A bi-district title hangs in the balance.

NO FISH - Varsity and JV players hit their strides early in workouts. The season is over for the freshmen and they did not participate in workouts.

SUNNY AND SHORT – the workouts were at an accelerated pace with the new time because the field had no lights, they did not want to fall back into darkness. Temperatures were warm with a light and variable breeze which made conditions ideal, until the long, fall shadows started to creep across the railroad tracks at the high school field. The field is located just a long punt from the new multi-purpose building which is continuing to grow by leaps and bounds. Just a few more months and the building will be a popular place for indoor work outs of several sports and other groups.

BAYLOR LINE – William Blaylock was working hard with his group of offensive line. The guys in the blocks who often get overlooked, but are very important to the success of the team. Blaylock said. He chided a player who had an “ole” technique and let a defender get past him. “That’s a good way for your quarterback to get killed,” Blaylock said. “You got to punch him, stop him in his tracks. You’re strong enough. Put your arms in an you are an offensive linemen, arms out, you are a chicken.”

STILL SORE SORLEY – Chris Sorley was watching practice, hoping to get back in the lineup after suffering a concussion against Royse City.

THE OC- Jeff Riordan, offensive coordinator said, “You need to give me some effort. You got a playoff game Thursday. Know who you’re reading.”

Cody Clayton made a juggling catch and Riordan said, “Cody catch it the first time.”

Then he turned to a quarterback drill and said, “That’s good timing, good catch. Way to get the ball out of your hand.”

HEAD COACH – Greg Owens took part in giving instruction at the practice. “Make it happen,” the coach imploded some players “Make the play.”

He told offensive linemen “Hand placement was good. Stay wide, keep your base.”

To the defense the head coach said, “Bring it, tee off.”

FOREVER YOUNG – defensive coordinator Matt Young said to his group, “Nice catch, I like the way you are moving today. Way to show me some movement.”

TRISTON TALKS- coach Triston Abron was watching players go through kickoff drills and not happy with some of the work. “You got to get the ball before it goes out-of-bounds. Now go get it and do it again.”