

Cumby picked 7th in football

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The Cumby Trojans had a productive year in 2013.

But wins were not too plentiful as the team learned the new system installed for first year coach Tom Dracos.

Cumby went 2-8 and were recently listed as the seventh place pick by Dave Campbell's Texas Football magazine as they looked into their crystal ball predicting the outcome of District 9-2A DII.

Below is a listing of the teams predicted order of finish and their enrollment in parathesis.

District 9-2A D11
Muenster (129)
Lindsay (144)
Collinsville (148)
Era (142)
Celeste (149)
Detroit (130)
Cumby (107)

"I understand where we are put from last years football teams. What Dave Campbell magazine doesn't know is how hard our kids have worked this off-season and summer," said Dracos. "We understand that respect is earned and not given. We plan on earning respect this season. How hard our kids have worked to improve and how committed they are to being excellent I wouldn't be surprised if we are playing in December."

Cumby has seven offensive and seven defensive starters back.

Players to watch include: LB Cody Anderson (6-0, 205, 4.8), LB/RB Nick Folse, (5-11, 190, 4.7), LB Eric Wilson (6-1, 185, 4.8) and QB Travis Taylor (6-3, 180, 4.6).

Other prospects: Lucas Hill, Alex Sawyer, Jim Evans, Marcos Osornio, Triston Tinney and Tristan White.

Taylor contributed 2,000 yards of total offense, passing for 985 yards. Wilson topped the defense with 71 tackles.

The top pick in the district was an easy choice - Muenster. The Hornets went 12-1 and finished as the 1A DII regional finalist.

Players to watch: LB Dalton Bartel (6-1, 190, 4.6) OL Dalton Hess and top sophomore quarterback Blayne Jones.

Jones threw for 650 yards last year while Bartel rushed for 450 yards.

Lindsay is selected second after going 5-6 a year ago and finishing as an area finalist.

The defense is paced by LB Caleb Anderle with 98 tackles.

Players to watch: OL Connor Pelzel (6-3, 285, 5.2), Anderle (5-10, 175, 4.5); DB Justin Ott (6-0, 175, 4.6).

Collinsville is the choice to finish third. The Pirates had a banner season in 2013, going 9-4

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and ending the season as a 1A, D1 regional semifinalist.

Hayden Smith is a standout athlete who accounted for 424 yards, 3 TDs and caught 16 passes for 320 yards and picked off two passes.

The Era Hornets are also picked to finish fourth and make the playoffs. The team went 4-7 and earned a playoff berth a year ago.

Quarterback Jacob Melzer (6-1, 175, 4.7) is a players to watch, along with LB Jose De Los Santos, RB Ruger Peace and OL Tate Beuthien.

The Celeste Blue Devils went 5-5 a year ago, but this year they are picked not to make the playoffs.

Players to watch: RB Traylon Phillips (5-11, 4.9), QB Marco Santos (5-10, 4.9), DE Clayton Mackey (6.0, 4.8) OL Dalton Benson (6-0, 5.1).

Phillips rushed for 800 yards and Santos completed passes for 559 yards a year ago.

Detroit has two offensive and three defensive starters back from a 2013 6-6 playoff team.

But the Eagles lost 12 lettermen and changed coaches.

Players to watch are WR Dalarin Washington (5-9, 175, 4.7) OL Davis Mitchell (5-11, 200, 5.0), OL Dillon Murphy (6-1, 195, 5.0).

QB Waylon Crutchfield and WR Gage Yeley return after having played as freshmen.