

Hope and change in Del City

Eagles embrace new coaches, new system in 2016

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Change is in the air with the Del City football program.

The Eagles welcome a new head coach and several new starters, but the expectations are the same.

Jake Corbin takes over as head coach following the program's resurgence under Nick Warehime. The Eagles have made the playoffs the past four years and eyeing number five. The Eagles believe they can do it, but know there's a lot of work ahead of themselves.

"We're a really young team and we have a long ways to go and a short time to get there," Corbin said. "We're moving a lot of new pieces around with staff and kids in crucial positions, but our expectations remain high."

Del City returns a handful of starters and several key contributors from last



Jake Corbin returns to Mid-Del to lead the Del City football team. He previously as an assistant under previous coach Nick Warehime and was most recently head coach at Sapulpa.

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season. They will have one big hole to fill at quarterback. Terry Wilson graduated this spring and is now playing at the University of Oregon. Christian Hoover has taken

over the starting spot and will benefit from a strong offensive line and bevy of skill players.

"Our offensive line is going to be really good and our

receiving corps is really electric," Corbin said.

Corbin said the offense been making steady progress this offseason as they adapt to a new spread offense. And

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| Sept. 2 | at McGuinness |
| Sept. 9 | Lawton Ike |
| Sept. 16 | Midwest City |
| Sept. 23 | at Altus |
| Sept. 30 | Western Heights |
| Oct. 7 | Lawton MacArthur |
| Oct. 14 | at Duncan |
| Oct. 20 | Ardmore |
| Oct. 28 | at El Reno |
| Nov. 4 | Southeast |

he's thrilled with the energy shown by his defense.

"Our offense has come a long way and it just takes time and reps to get everything down," Corbin said. "Our defense is head of the offense now and I think they have a chance to be pretty special."

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Carl Albert senior Brylan LeBlanc wraps up a Deer Creek player during a scrimmage on Thursday, Aug. 18.

Titans stronger together

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The Titans will look very similar on the defensive end as they did last year returning many of their starters from the 2015 season.

Coach Gary Rose says he will lean on his returners to set the standard for the defense this year.

"RT Sherman, Zane Alexander, Trajan Lands, Jason Taylor, Lamar Scott-Johnson and Brylan Leblanc will all be returning starters on the defensive end that we will build around," Rose said.

Rose said the strategy and schemes for his defense won't change much, but just as it will be an issue for the offense, he is looking to develop some depth for some guys to rotate in.

"Our schemes will not change too much, we will just look to build around our returners," Rose said. "We will just try to get better and better everyday and develop some younger guys to give us some depth."

Rose and his defense will take on Lawton High, Sept. 2 at Carl Albert High School and begin district play against rival Guthrie in week four.