

Peabody's goal is to win region

Developing young talent is key for Tide

If the Peabody Golden Tide is to accomplish a team goal of winning the region for the first time since 2012, Shane Jacobs and his coaching staff must develop young talent.

Due to realignment, Peabody will be competing in Region 7-2A, which is a classification higher than last season's Single A. Instead of being one of the largest teams in Class A, Trenton will be the fourth smallest school in Class 2A.

With seven teams, Adamsville, Gibson County, Halls, McKenzie, Trenton Peabody, Trinity Christian Academy and Union City, in competition with each other, the region will continue its reputation of be-

ing one of the toughest in the state.

This season only four teams from Region 7-2A will qualify for the state playoffs, so a traditional postseason participant will be left out of the tournament.

Peabody Coach Shane Jacobs welcomes the challenge. "We are excited about the realignment. We need to be competing against the schools with which we are playing now. We believe the new region will be a lot of fun. It will hold us more accountable week-in and week-out with some bigger teams that are traditionally a lot more competitive. You look at McKenzie, TCA, Adamsville, Union City

and us, those five schools, and somebody is not going to go to the playoffs. It is going to be interesting to see which one of those five schools is going to be sitting home during the playoffs for the first time in a long while," explained Coach Jacobs.

He continued, "There will be a lot more intriguing match-ups on Friday nights. We will be getting back to some of the rivalries we have had here. We sort of developed a recent rivalry with TCA. Of course, we faced them two years in a row in the playoffs and it will be fun to get them on the regular season year-in and year-out. Trenton and McKenzie have always played each other, so

it will be fun to get them back on the schedule. We had a great game with Adamsville a couple of years ago in the state semifinals. I think the schedule sets up really nice for a high school football fan."

"We would like to win the region this year. We came in 2012 and won it our first year here and we have not done it since. I really would like to see us win the region this season. The rest of it will take care of itself. If we get better each game and play good football in November, I like our chances," acknowledged Coach Jacobs.

For the Tide to accomplish its goal, the team will have to replace eight starters on offense and

seven first team players on defense, who were lost via graduation from last year's 8-4 squad.

"We are going to be young in a lot of slots, but I think we have some really good players in the program. We have a lot of learning to do, which comes with inexperience, but the guys come in every day very coachable and excited to learn. We know mistakes will happen early in the season because of their inexperience, but we fully expect that each week we will get better, because of the type group and the character of the kids we have in this program," explained Coach Jacobs.

The inexperience at some key positions is Coach Jacobs' biggest concern. "You are always nervous, when you are breaking in a new



TIDE HEAD COACH
Shane Jacobs is in his third season at the helm and fifth year overall.

quarterback. Of course, Cooper (Baugus) is athletic. As gifted as he is, and he is going to be a great
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