

Titan offense keeps rolling

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Scoring points was not a problem for the Carl Albert football team last year.

And it shouldn't be an issue this year either.

The Titans return five starters from last year's offense including many key positions.

Quarterback Ben Harris returns following a brilliant and unexpected freshman campaign. He stepped into the starting role after Carter LaValley suffered a broken collarbone in scrimmage and threw for 2,700 yards and 35 touchdowns. Corley said Harris and LaValley will compete for the starting job.

The Titans backfield is also loaded with talented running backs. None,

more so than Dadrion "Rabbit" Taylor who exploded onto the scene last year with 1,900 yards and 22 touchdowns. He has developed into one of the most dynamic offensive weapons in the state.

"Last year, coach (Cameron) Couch challenged him to be more of a physical runner and he stepped up and did that," Corley said. "He's worked hard this summer and added weight and strength."

Taylor has been drawing interest from D-I schools both as a running back and slot receiver.

DeJuana McArthur, who won four state titles in track, Javion Hunt and Montrell Britt will see time at running back.

Carl Albert's receiving corps was hit hard by graduation, losing their top three pass catchers in Diego Richards,

Jason Taylor and Jaedon Pool. Senior Chris Veals will look to lead the next group of wideouts. Last year, Veals caught four touchdowns as a slot receiver. Hunt, Anthony Davis, a move-in from Tulsa Union, and Rico Windham are expected to play at receiver.

Zac Worth will return at tight end after starting last year as a junior.

The Titans will need to rebuild much of their offensive line. Jacob Gentry is the only returning starter at tackle. Clayton Frazier, Ryan Evans and Jonathan Fulkerson are expected to step into the other spots.

Corley says they still haven't settled on a kicker and punter. LaValley and Harris are the likely candidates to punt.

The Titans averaged 44 points per game last year en route to their 13th state championship and first-ever perfect season.



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Chris Veals is the Titans' top returning receiver from 2017. He caught four touchdowns last year as a slot receiver.



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