

Harrah defense ready to go

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The Harrah Panthers will have three non-district football games and an open date before making the short journey to McLoud to test the neighboring Redskins in their District 4A opener. Coach **Phil Webb** and defensive coordinator John Arndt have revamped the Panther D around a cast of talented returning starters, mostly in the secondary.

"We lost a lot of starters from last year but some of these kids that were standing on the sidelines were just waiting their turn. They have worked hard, put in the time during the summer and we think the results will be obvious when the season gets underway," said Webb.

Coming off the most successful Summer Pride program in his tenure Webb points to leadership provided by seniors **Kolton Whisenhunt, Colton Siler, Gauge Inman, Mason Story, Gene Thompson** and **Blake Harbison** in the pits up front.

"We have some new faces and some that have been here before but have a new and increased desire to succeed. As coaches, we could not be more proud of the effort."

The Panthers will be deep and talented in the defensive secondary with returning starters **Kolby Visnieski, Brian Byers** along with **Chase Jackson**, who is battling it out for the starting quarterback job, will see action. **Brent Wilson** and **Gage Payne**, plus newcomer **Gaven Revene**, a senior move-in from



-Photo by Jason Turner

Kolby Visnieski is a returning starter in the Harrah defensive secondary.

Midwest City, will also compete for a spot in the secondary. Talented junior **Jeff Roberson** is moving to I-back on offense but will be

returning as one of the leaders of the defense, either at linebacker or in the secondary.

Up front, big **Colton Siler** could again be the anchor with **Hunter Thomason** recuperating from injury, **Daxton Foster, Gauge Inman, Gene Thompson** and **Mason Story**, among others, working for a slot up front.

The field is wide open to occupy the slot vacated by **Brock Drew**, who handled the kickoff, put and PAT duties for the Panthers, while also taking his turn in the wide receiver slot.

H-Back **Carson Bell** and **Kolby Whisenhunt**, both seniors, are ringleaders of the linebacking crew and junior speedster Payne is finally healthy after missing parts of two years with injuries.

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