

Key pieces return for offense

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Midwest City's offense comes with some good news and some bad news.

The Bombers return one of the top quarterbacks in the state in **Preston Colbert** along with a veteran and deep offensive line.

But they must replace many of their top skill players including leading rusher **Ashton Anderson**, leading receiver **Juwan Walker** and several key contributors.

Colbert is coming off a dynamic season which he threw for more than 3,200 and 36 touchdowns. The senior has continued to progress this summer with strong performances team camps and 7-on-7 competitions at Norman North and Arkansas. The key will be clicking with a new group of receivers.

The receiving corps will feature many new faces. Colbert completed 187 passes last year, but only six went to players still on the team this year. **Andre Miles, Jerome Brown, Derrion Royal and Tryston Murphy** are expected to step in at wide receiver. **Jamil Hayes-Robinson** returns at tight end. **Kobe Washington, Wesley Dedmon and Sam Sissons** will also help at tight end.

The Bombers will have several options in the running game. **Billy**



Quarterback Preston Colbert will lead the Bombers this season after a breakout junior campaign which he threw for 3,200 yards and 36 TDs.

Cooks III and **Omari John** both saw success in limited varsity snaps last year. Cooks is a hard nosed runner while John relies on speed and quickness.

"They are both good backs, but we need Omari to make one cut and run," Hall said. "We've seen signs of it this summer."

Cameron Wilson and **Brendon Smith** will also be fighting for playing time.

Offensive line may be the team's strongest and deepest unit. The team returns four starters and many others battling for playing time. Seniors **Omar Estupinan** and **Issiah Marshall** return at center and guard, respectively.



Anthony Wright is one of four returning starters on the offensive line.

And the Bombers will have a pair of massive bookend tackles in **Anthony Wright** (6-foot-4, 331 pounds, and **Jaden Warren** (6-foot-4, 335 pounds). Senior **Samontai Scott-Borlabi**, a state qualifier in wrestling, is expected to fill the other guard spot.

The Bombers have plenty of other solid linemen on the roster. **Reese Blasingame**, who started for Muskogee last year, moved back to Midwest City this year.

"Reese is a tough kid that will push someone for a starting spot," Hall said. "I just don't see him sitting on the sidelines this year."

Elijah Manuel, Colton Shorter, Siera Laviolette and **Bobby Taylor** will provide depth on the line.

Elliot Janish will handle kicking duties again. The team has not settled on a punter yet.

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