

SARALAND



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Saraland quarterback Brett Nezat unleashes a pass during a recent workout. "All my reads I have to make and the calls, everything really, I've just been working on everything," said the new Spartan.

NEZAT: New quarterback feels that he's gotten a 'good grasp' on the Spartan way

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to do it. He played a bunch of ball last year at his previous school but he's going to be facing a lot better folks than he faced last year. It's going to be a new experience for him but I think it's something that he's ready for."

Nezat said he has enjoyed his time at Saraland and feels comfortable with the offense and with his new teammates. He said he is looking forward to finally getting out on the field under the lights with his new team and seeing what they can accomplish.

"I feel good about the season coming up," Nezat said. "We've got a lot of seniors coming back and good talent everywhere. We've all been grinding this offseason. We should be good."

"It's all been good. It's been a great transition. A lot of guys helped out a lot. I've been getting to know the plays and everything and I think I have a good grasp of it."

One thing that helps in Nezat's transition from Cottage Hill to Saraland is while he will be the leader of the offense, he has a lot of talented players surrounding him so he doesn't have to carry the load of being the one player the offense or the team in general leans on to make something happen. With the Spartans' loaded roster that includes players such as Cordale Flott, Jay Williams, Adam Chaney, Larson Hall and several others, the leadership role is well taken care of. So is the talent pool, which is deep in Saraland.

"I actually feel really good about everything," Nezat said. "It's (transferring and learning a new offense) been a whole lot easier than I thought it was going to be. I made myself a little worried about it (originally), but I feel really good about it now."

"All my reads I have to make and the calls, everything really, I've just been working on everything. At first it was a little different but the other guys have made me a lot better. With the talent level going up and having to go against (cornerback) Cordale (Flott) every practice, you can only get better from there."

The Saraland offense is known for its scoring and big-play potential as well as its variety. The quarterback in such an offense is expected to take on a lot of responsibility. Kelly said Nezat has handled that aspect of the position well.



Saraland quarterback Brett Nezat

"From an understanding standpoint of our plays and schemes and how we want to attack, he's really done a great job," Kelly said. "He's got all the confidence in the world. He'll try to squeeze the ball into tight windows at times, and I like that in a quarterback; I'd rather have them that way than always second-guessing what he was seeing. So I like the mindset that he plays with."

"The thing that we're going to work with him through summer workouts and fall practice, there's a lot of things that we'd like to do packaging sets of plays together and letting the quarterback have the leeway to put us in a good situation at the line of scrimmage. Those are the things that we've been working on this summer and we'll continue to work on."

"I think by the time the seasons rolls around he'll be able to sort of run the show and we're going to trust him to make some good decisions up there and get us in some good plays and out of some bad ones."



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