

ST. PAUL'S



The 2018 St. Paul's Episcopal School Saints

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Even in 6A, Saints should excel

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Everyone knows about the legal tussle between St. Paul's and the Alabama High School Athletic Association and the school's lawsuit aimed at the governing body's Competitive Balance Factor rule.

Round 1 went to the AHSAA; Round 2 is upcoming.

Regardless of the outcome, the Saints will be playing in Class 6A, Region 1 this season. That much is known. And based

on their success in recent seasons — St. Paul's won three of the past four Class 5A football crowns before being booted up to 6A by the AHSAA ruling — there's no reason to think they won't be able to enjoy success in their new neighborhood as well.

Head coach Steve Mask says he knows his team will give its best effort toward that goal.

"I expect us to compete," Mask said. "We've got some good players back and

I think we've got some good players who haven't played much before who are going to do well. I think that we'll probably go into each game as the underdog, and it hasn't been that way in a long time, but I think that they have worked extremely hard. I know everyone says that, but this bunch may have worked as hard as any class that we've had since I've been here. They are a lot of fun to be around and they like playing football."

Truth be told, the Saints are looking

forward to the challenge of moving up to Class 6A, Region 1 which also includes Saraland, Daphne, Spanish Fort and Blount, as well as B.C. Rain, Gulf Shores, Robertsdale and Baldwin County.

"It's like I told them the other day, people talk about the competitive advantage that we have, well our competitive advantage is our kids," Mask said. "They're there on time, they do what we ask them

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