

SATSUMA



Quarterback Karson Green is Gator leader

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If it's an experienced quarterback a high school football team needs, Satsuma's Karson Green comes to mind as someone who comes into the 2019 season with a good bit of that "been there" experience.

He's been a starter with the Gators ever since the fifth game of his freshman year. The incoming junior is the player head coach Ray Nelson hopes will be the on-field leader Satsuma needs to win games.

The responsibility involved in being a starting quarterback is something Green is aware of and freely accepts.

"The guys around you look up to you, so in tough times, you've got to stay positive and be a leader," Green said.

Assessing his own strengths, Green said, "I can throw it a little bit."

Green is aware of the help he has on the sideline in Nelson, who in his high-school days was an all-state quarterback at Theodore High School. Nelson later took his quarterbacking skills to Samford, where he smashed school records.

While Green said his coach has been invaluable in teaching him mechanical skills like

throwing and footwork, he said Nelson has also taught him mental toughness and the ability to maintain it in tough times.

He said Nelson is known to test Green's toughness from time to time, but he also noted, "We all know it's because he wants to make me better."

The move Satsuma made last year from Class 4A to Class 5A meant for Green that a lot more talent was coming across the line of scrimmage to get after him, and he noticed the difference immediately.

"Vigor, those kids were good, and LeFlore had a good defense, and Citronelle. Everyone in our region was good," Green said.

Green still has plenty of time to sort out his future after Satsuma football is over. "I'd definitely like to play football somewhere at the next level, but I haven't made up my mind yet on what I want to major in," he said.

While Citronelle has been the subject of talk among the players this summer, Green said he looks at the bigger picture in Region 1.

"We don't circle anybody (on the schedule), but we're trying to win the ones that will get us to the playoffs," Green said. "Citronelle is a rival, and it's always a good game between us," he added.

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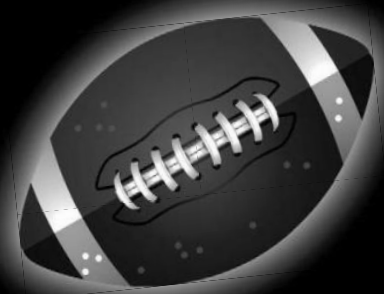
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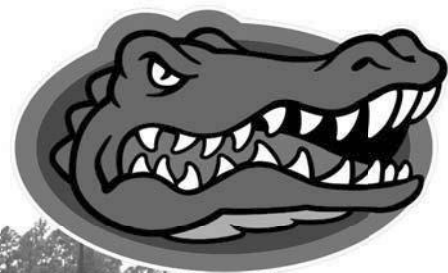
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