



Fast Fact:

BI-DISTRICT BLAST:

A 4-6 regular season record didn't slow Dilley in the playoffs as the Wolves knocked off district champion Hebbronville 28-27 in bi-district.

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'17 Record -

5-7 (2-3, 4th in District 15-3A, DIII)

BASE OFFENSE:

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BASE DEFENSE:

4-3

Top Returning Quarterback:

Noe Garcia

Top Returning Rusher:

Enrique Garza

Top Returning Receiver:

Brian Carroll

Top Returning Defender:

Anthony Aranda

2017

Carrizo Springs	W - 14-8
George West	L - 36-7
Cotulla	W - 19-12
Jourdanton	L - 19-18
Crystal City	L - 34-22
Stockdale	L - 22-14
Karnes City	W - 32-26
Nixon-Smiley	W - 20-6
Natalia	L - 20-17
Poth	L - 21-7
Hebbronville (Playoffs)	W - 28-27
Boling (Playoffs)	L - 45-14

2018

Week 1 - @ Carrizo Springs
Week 2 - Jourdanton
Week 3 - Cotulla
Week 4 - Lytle
Week 5 - Bye
Week 6 - @Crystal City
Week 7 - @Skidmore Tynan
Week 8 - Natalia
Week 9 - @Stockdale
Week 10 - @ Poth
Week 11 - Nixon-Smiley

District 15-3A, Div. 2

Team '17 Record

Poth	9-2 (5-0)
Natalia	9-2 (4-1)
Skidmore-Tynan	5-7 (3-2)
Stockdale	5-6 (3-2)
Dilley	5-7 (2-3)
Nixon-Smiley	2-8 (0-5)



The Dilley Wolves Varsity Football Team

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"Ironically, I always pride my program on the 'Wrecking Crew' defense. This year I want our offense to be our identity with a 'Wrecking Crew' flair. We want to line up and dictate what we want to defenses. We want to break our opponents' will to win with our punishing ground game. We want to be tough-minded and relentless."

Coach Martinez attributes much of his excitement with this year's team to the strides the kids have made in the offseason.

"We finished our offseason in May and we had the strongest team we have had in my time here," he said. "When we won the district title, we only had six players power cleaning over 185 pounds, in May we had 17 players power cleaning 185 pounds or more. We had ten players under 4.9 seconds in the 40-yard dash. We need to get in playing shape as fast as we can because we are behind in that aspect."

Martinez also has several offensive weapons that have been in his system for several years to ease the transition.

The coach is especially high on senior running back Enrique Garza, who he's already dubbed as the District Most Valuable Player.

"Enrique is our leader. He will be the district MVP," Martinez said.

"I am predicting he will rush for 1,500 yards and have 80 tackles at linebacker.

"He is the last of the Garza boys! I coached four Garza brothers when I arrived. All have been highly decorated but I said Enrique had the potential to the best of all four, and he can be. We are super excited to see the work this young man will produce this year."

Rarely do offenses lose their starting quarterback and boast a replacement that is not only capable but expected to excel. Martinez says he has one in senior Julian Cantu.

"Julian is our starting quarterback," the coach said emphatically. "He stepped in last year when Noe Garcia was out with an injury and he did great things for us. We believe he is perfect for the new offense we are implementing. It will feature his skill set.

"We have a battle brewing for the backup position between Taylor Autrey and Shiloh Guerra. Both are hard workers and will play elsewhere on offense."

Guerra is another offensive weapon that Martinez is thrilled to have back.

"He is our top receiver," the coach says. "He will have to adjust to the new scheme but our goal is to get him 1,300 combined receiving and rushing yards. He was the

hardest off-season worker and has prepared himself for a great year. He is electric in the open field with touchdown potential every time he touches the ball."

Coach Martinez is equally high on the rest of his receiving corps.

"Dre Chavera is a threat and is tall and has good hands. Fabian Santos is elusive in space and will get his opportunities," he said. "Taylor Autrey is also a threat at the short underneath routes. We feel we have the best group of receivers since I have been here. All four can catch and be dangerous after the catch."

Martinez is high on his prospects along the offensive line and their mobility in helping key the new running game.

"Mical Cantu (junior) will be a two-way starter at guard and defensive line," he said. "He is very fast and strong. He will anchor both lines. Our team will be as good as he is. Anthony Saavedra (junior) will be our center and is the best linemen on the squad with 24 games of experience. He will line us up for success on offense and is a very smart and a devastating blocker.

"Marcos Espinosa (senior) has had to play behind some really good players but now it is his time to shine, the coach said. "He has running back speed and goes 100

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