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REBUILD OR RELOAD?

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A year removed from a 10-1 district championship season and disappointing playoff loss to rival Hondo, Pearsall's Mavericks have hit the reset button following the departure of former Athletic Director and Head Football Coach David Silva. Will the Mavericks now reload or rebuild?

Pearsall hired Corsicana's Joseph Rivera in the offseason and the former A&M Aggie and Clemens Buffalo has brought a hard-nosed attitude to the program built around character and hard work.

"My personal goal is to never let up for this program," Rivera said. "The energy and intensity I bring on day one should be the same ten years from now. I believe stability is very important for a program and want to build that in this program.

"Our team goals are simple and that's to make sure we do something that gets us better as football players and people every single day. We have to understand that everything we do is a teachable moment," he said. "I always have one goal every single

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season as a coach and that is to be playing football at Thanksgiving. I never make plans to go anywhere for Thanksgiving because I expect to be playing then."

Physicality is big for Rivera and he hopes to bring that attitude with his players to the field.

"The Pearsall Mavericks will be built on hard work and fanatical effort. We will be the most physical team in every game we play," the coach said. "We will not allow our

opponents to outwork us! We will do this by having well-planned, intense practices, coaching hard and building great relationships with our athletes.

"The Maverick family will always strive and look for ways to get

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