

# District 4-2A Division I Team Capsules

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## Goldthwaite Eagles

Enrollment: 177.  
Last Year's Record: 3-8, 1-4 in District 4-2A DI.  
Last Playoff Appearance: 2020.  
Last District Title: 2015.  
Head Coach: Keith Virdell, third year at Goldthwaite; fourth year overall.  
Coach's Record: 14-18 overall, 5-16 at Goldthwaite.  
Returning Experience: 19 lettermen, 9 offensive and 8 defensive starters.  
Returning Seniors: QB-DB Jackson Patrick, 5-8, 166; OL-LB Kody Roberts, 5-10, 210; OL-DL Saul Vaquera, 5-6, 212; RB-DB Aaron Anzua, 5-8, 160; OL-LB Mitchel Hopper, 5-11, 190; TE-LB Cason Guthrie, 6-2, 190; RB-DB Seth Gardner, 5-9, 162; WR-DB Kyler Shelton, 6-0, 156; WR-DE Bryson Owen, 6-2, 175; WR-DB Adrean Martinez, 6-0, 170; OL-DL Jacob Valdez, 5-9, 325.  
Other Returnees: OL-DL A.J. McCoy, 6-2, 295, Jr.; RB-DB Carsyn Campbell, 5-9, 145, Jr.; OL-DL Quentin Oosthuizen, 6-3, 260, So.  
Newcomers: RB-DE Lane Evans, 5-9, 155, Sr.; RB-DE Ryan Wiedebusch, 5-10, 150, So.; QB-LB Cutter Campbell, 5-9, 150, Jr.; RB-DB Luke Sanderson, 5-9, 140, Fr.; TE-LB Mason Reven, 5-11, 165, Jr.; WR-DB Austin Senger, 5-7, 140, Jr.; OL-DL Hayden Fletcher, 5-10, 220, Jr.; OL-DL AJ Wetzig, 6-2, 230, So.; OL-DL Garren Higginbotham, 6-1, 200, Jr.  
Strengths: experience, team chemistry, third year in system.  
Weaknesses: depth, four straight losing seasons.

Key Stats: The Eagles return their top four tacklers from last year in DB Patrick (111 tackles), LB Hopper (95), LB Roberts (85) and LB Guthrie (75). At QB last year, Patrick rushed for 948 yards and 12 touchdowns, and he passed for 499 yards and 7 TDs. The Eagles last year averaged 19.5 points per game and allowed 31.5.

Noteworthy: The Eagle have had four consecutive losing seasons, combining for a 10-32 record dating to 2017. That's the school's longest such streak since 1972-1975. ... Despite expected improvement this year, the Eagles still have a lot of ground to make up after losing to current district opponents Cisco, San Saba, Coleman and Winters by an average of 34 points last year.

## Cisco Loboes

Enrollment: 223.  
Last Year's Record: 10-4, 5-0 in District 4-2A DI.  
Last Playoff Appearance: 2020.  
Last District Title: 2020.  
Head Coach: Kevin Stennett, second year as head coach.  
Returning Experience: 18 lettermen, 7 offensive and 7 defensive starters.  
Players to Watch: TE-LB Dawson Hearne, 6-4, 220, Sr.; QB-DB Hunter Long, 5-11, 175, Jr.; OL-DL Trent Bailey, 6-2, 260, Sr.; WR-DB Hunter McCoy, So.; TE-DB Tre Brackeen, 6-2, 185, Jr.; RB-LB Trenton Huston, 6-0, 180, Jr.  
Strengths: overall experience, QB returns, tradition.  
Weakness: must survive a brutal nondistrict schedule.  
Key Stats: The Loboes return QB Hunter Long, who last year as a sophomore ran and passed for a combined 2,745 yards and 33 TDs. LB Hearne has combined to make 160-plus tackles over the last two seasons. He also caught 5 TD passes last year at tight

end. Cisco last year outscored its five District 4-2A DI opponents by an average of 40-7.

Noteworthy: Speedy sophomore Hunter McCoy could play quarterback, running back or receiver. If he plays QB, last year's starter Hunter Long would move to running back. Long ran for 1,605 yards and 18 TDs last year. ... The Loboes last year won their 10th consecutive district championship. ... Cisco and Goldthwaite have played 12 times, with the Loboes leading the series 6-5, with one tie. Cisco won last year 48-7 in the teams' first meeting since 2003.

## De Leon Bearcats

Enrollment: 203.  
Last Year's Record: 1-9, 0-5 in District 4-2A DI.  
Last Playoff Appearance: 2019.  
Last District Title: 2017.  
Head Coach: Jacob Marwitz, first year at De Leon.  
Returning Experience: 10 lettermen, 5 offensive and 4 defensive starters.  
Players to Watch: RB-DE Trey Lopez, 5-11, 195, Sr.; OL-DL Ruben Silva, 5-10, 235, Jr.; DL Joe Leal, 6-1, 250, Jr.; WR-DB Kayden Salinas, 5-11, 175, Jr.; QB-DB J.R. Kelley, Jr.; RB-LB Kallen McIlvain, Jr.  
Strength: linemen.  
Weakness: experience, third head coach in four years.  
Key Stats: Former head coach Andy Dickson was reassigned after the 2020 season. He put up a 5-17 record two years at De Leon. RB Trey Lopez rushed for 882 yards and 6 TDs last year and was voted first-team all-district running back. De Leon was

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