## **Midwest City**



Midwest City's Camarian Smiley carries the ball during a scrimmage against Norman North on Aug. 19 at Rose Field. PHOTO BY JEFF HARRISON

## **Expectations high for Bombers**

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The Midwest City football team may not have the numbers they've had the past.

"We're really excited about this season because we have a really good group of kids and you can't say that every year," said coach Darrell Hall. "I really respect this senior class. They've done everything we've asked them to do coming into this year."

This will likely be the Bombers last year in Class 6A-II. The school is slated to compete in Class 5A for the 2022 and 2023 season according to the enrollment numbers.

Hall said they are looking to go out with a bang this fall.

"Our expectations are always the same and that's to win a gold ball," he

said. "That's our goal and we're taking steps to get there."

Midwest City is coming off an 8-3 season last year which they reached the state semifinals. The Bombers lost to Bixby 49-20 after keeping the score tight for the first half.

The Bombers open their season Aug. 27 at McKinney Boyd (Texas). The game will take place at the \$70 million McKinney ISD Stadium which opened in 2018. Midwest City was scheduled to play Boyd last year in the season opener but the game was canceled due to COVID.

They will continue non-district play on Sept. 3 when they host rival Carl Albert. The Titans are coming off their fifth straight Class 5A state championship and have won three straight against the Bombers. Midwest City closes out non-district play Sept. 10 against Noble.

Midwest City should be a contender again in District 6A-II. They finished runner-up last year to champion Stillwater. Putnam City North and Del City also figure to be in the running.

"Everybody lost people this year so it'll be interesting to see the dynamics," Hall said. "I think it'll be the same top guys in our district with Stillwater, PC North, and Del City."

The Bombers open district play Sept. 24 with a trip to Lawton. They host U.S. Grant before making a short trip to Robert Kalsu Stadium to take on rival Del City.

Midwest City hosts Deer Creek and Putnam City North before closing out the year with road games against Stillwater and Northwest Classen.

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Aug. 27	at McKinney Boyd
Sept. 3	Carl Albert
Sept. 10	Noble
Sept. 23	at Lawton
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Oct. 8	at Del City
Oct. 14	Deer Creek
Oct. 22	<b>Putnam North</b>
Oct. 28	at Stillwater
Nov. 5	at NW Classen

won three straight and six of the last seven years. State runner-up Choctaw which narrowly lost in the finals should be a contender as well.