

Midwest City

Bombers putting ball in Irvin's hands

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Midwest City will play to their strengths on offense.

That means opposing defenses can expect to see the ball in Deangelo Irvin Jr.'s hand a whole lot.

The junior gives the Bombers a versatile threat on the ground and through the air. Last year, he threw for 2,068 yards and 15 touchdowns and ran for another 429 and 10 scores in leading the Bombers to the Class 6A-II state semifinals.

"We're going to try to put people in binds," said coach Darrell Hall. "We're going to get him [Irvin] on the edge too. We're going to boot him out some. We're going to use play-action. We've got to establish the run and then let him do what he does."

Hall said they're shaking up the offense and catering to their strengths. That in-



Midwest City junior quarterback DeAngelo Irvin Jr. throws to the outside during a scrimmage against Norman North on Aug. 19 at Rose Field. PHOTO BY JEFF HARRISON

cludes a greater focus on the running game.

"We've always done that to some extent, but more so this year," Hall said. "We're going to run some option, we're going to use motion more than we have and we'll throw the ball some but not as

much as in the past."

Camarian Smiley will be the lead back after seeing some action last year. Kensaun Lafayeete, Darian Dennis and LaSiera LaViolette will provide depth in the backfield.

The Bombers will also use an "A back"

position that lines up as a wing, slot receiver or back. William Broiles, Xavier Wilson and Artez Young will help at that spot.

"This will help us use the players we have," Hall said. "We can move the A back around in motion."

Midwest City will replace its entire receiving corps. DaQuain Greene and Daniel Smith will likely fill the starting spots. Juwan Dancy and Young will also see more time at receiver this year.

The Bombers have a couple of good options at tight end with seniors Dylan Sebeck and Shamaur Edwards.

Up front, Midwest City returns one starter in guard DeShawn Faulkner. He will be joined on the offensive line by Jacob Brunson, Trevor Hand, Michael Colins and Iran Wagner. Quintaveon Carter will also help up front.

On special teams, senior Kaden Thompson will handle place kicking duties.



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