

Harrah

Panthers return seven starters on offense

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The Harrah Panthers and their supporters have several good reasons to be optimistic about the offense that will take the field for the Sept. 3 home opener against traditional rival Seminole.

First of all, the COVID-plagued 2020 season is over with its quarantines, cancellations, postponements, etc.

And, the team enjoyed great success and morale boosts from its success in the 7 on 7 competition during the summer.

And the Summer Pride program was the best attended and most successful in history,

And the Panthers won't look that much different from team that peaked with a make-up victory over Star-Spencer a year ago.

But the No. 1 cause of optimism

for the future of Harrah football lies squarely on the shoulders of young Chris Blied, who will give you details about his beautiful young daughter just as quickly as he will tell you about his delight in the future of his offense.

In his second year as a head coach with capable and enthusiastic coaching staff of Lafe Cruzan, Levi Lunsford, James Price, Brandon Kane and Thomas Johnson, Blied has the innate ability to inspire his players to do their very best, both on the field and off.

And look at the thorough organization and implementation of the football program

from middle school to freshman and JV and the varsity as inspiration to his players, their parents, the public and the school system.

Some familiar names will be missing, among them Colton McElwee, Kyle Baker, Anthony Portuguez, Michael Yarbrough, Damarion Cooper, Greg Ir-



Nolan Boone returns at quarterback for the Harrah Panthers. PHOTO BY JEFF HARRISON

win, Patrick Montgomery, Ethan Hairell, Hunter Thompson, Blake Tabor and Seth Goodman.

"I am excited to see how this team builds upon their success from last year. Offensively, we have seven returning starters led by quarterback Nolan

Boone (6-1, 205, Sr.).

"Boone, a VYPE Top 100 player, is a true dual threat quarterback that tallied over 2,000 yards of offense last year," said Blied.

His top target through the air will likely be Austin Coley (6-2, 200, Sr.) who is just as devastating a blocker as a receiving option for the Panthers. Cole, who is aspiring to dunk a basketball, can line up as a flanker or at the tight end spot, where he is a dual threat for blocking for the run or running a pass pattern.

I-back Nick Moore (6-0, 200, Sr.) is a three-year returning starter that had over 1,000 yards of offense last season and he will have some familiar faces opening the holes for him again this season.

The O-Line is led by three-year starter and state champion powerlifter Joseph Norton (6-0, 350, Sr.) at cen-

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