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The Katy Tigers are eight-time state champs and are expected to win again in 2016

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PREVIEW

The Katy ISD 2016 football preview brings you information straight from the coaches about what you can look forward to this season

Written by Tanya Erickson



Mayde Creek and Morton Ranch battle it out on the field

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For coaches and student-athletes, preparation and hard work toward a winning season begins long before Katyites fill the stands each weekend. Find out what makes every high school football program unique, what their strengths and weaknesses are, and how they plan to stand out against fierce competition in pursuit of gridiron glory.

CINCO RANCH

HEAD COACH DON CLAYTON



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FUN FACT:

There will be three sets of twins on the varsity team

- Key players: safety Ben Mathiasmeier, defensive end Blake Kuithe, offensive tackle Tyler Worrell, center Connor Walsh, quarterback and receiver Brant Kuithe, and wide receiver Greg Williams
- Last year's final standing: 9 wins and 2 losses; District Runner-up
- Titles: 2009 State Semifinalists, 2006 and 2008 Regional Semifinalists, 2008 District Champions

KATY

HEAD COACH GARY JOSEPH



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FUN FACT:

The Tigers' overall record is 167-14 with Coach Joseph

- Eight returning starters, 13 seniors
- Last year's final standing: 16 wins and 0 losses; District Champions
- Hold both national and state titles
- They are eight-time State Champions: 1959, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2012, and 2015

MAYDE CREEK

HEAD COACH MIKE RABE



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FUN FACT:

Coach Rabe took two different teams with losing records to championships

- Four returning starting linebackers
- The offensive line will be the key unit next season
- The team hopes to improve on their attitude, effort, and focus in order to bring about a winning season
- Has been working hard since November and are excited to see the results

MORTON RANCH

HEAD COACH DAVE MEADOWS



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FUN FACT:

Danielle Hunter, first playoff team member, was drafted by the Minnesota Vikings

- Key players: Nic Hernandez, Harvey Lail, Chris Coleman, Tavion Jamerson, Deandre Allen, Darrien Young, and Damion Fountain
- Last year's final standing: 5 wins and 6 losses; Playoff Contender
- The 2015 team won the Houston TD Club's Sportsmanship Trophy for overall sportsmanship
- This season's motto is "Follow me"

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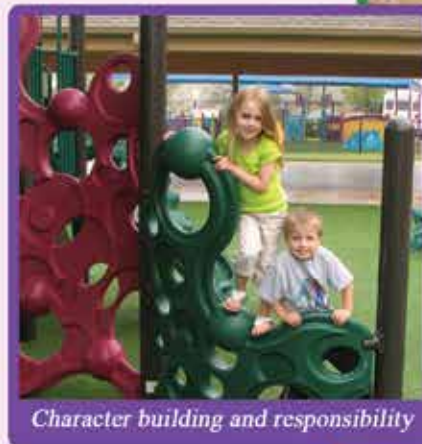
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SEVEN LAKES

HEAD COACH LYDELL WILSON

Photo by Ambrose Alcozer



FUN FACT:

Caleb Benenoch is the first Seven Lakes football player to be drafted into the NFL

- Key players: quarterback Dalton Wood, defensive lineman Cameron Vasentine, and offensive linemen Kenneth Pleasant and Cooper Campbell
- Last year's final standing: 5 wins and 5 losses
- Coach Wilson is looking forward to the start of the new season and seeing all of the young talent who have grown up on the field

TAYLOR

HEAD COACH TREY HERRMANN

Photo by Mishelle Keverline



FUN FACT:

Coach Herrmann graduated from Mayde Creek High School

- Key players: defensive end and tight end Max Wright, tight end Cameron Horry, Ean Beek who is a returning 1,000 yard-rusher as a sophomore, and nose Otito Onibogbia
- Last year's final standing: 4 wins and 6 losses
- The team plans on being more physical this year, improving communication on the field, and eliminating pre-snap mistakes

TOMPKINS

HEAD COACH TONY TADEMY

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FUN FACT:

Coach Tademey has more than 27 years of high school and collegiate coaching experience

- Experienced players are returning this year, but Coach Tademey says the team will depend on how each player comes back to fall practice
- Last year's final standing: 3 wins and 7 losses
- Each player needs to work on getting stronger and faster and playing as one unit
- Eight freshman who started the football program will be returning as seniors **KM**

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