

Eagles expect to benefit from experience

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The first year of coaching is always a struggle. There are learning curves that take time to straighten out before moving forward along the road of success.

In his sophomore campaign, head coach Andy Seamann is hoping the team will start the season like it ended last year; with success.

“Last year I brought in a new offense and it took a while for the kids and myself to get comfortable with it,” Seamann said. “This year there is more of a mutual understanding of what we want to accomplish.”

Part of that understanding is within the offensive line, he said, that returns All-District guard Dalton Simants and All-District tight end Troy Lusk.

“We have three good linemen returning from last year,” Seamann said. “The guys we have in the back field should see success because of them.”

Over the last five games in 2012, the Eagles averaged almost 40 points a contest but have lost some of the fire power from that offense.

Zach Mann graduated and now Junior Trevor Mann will be calling the plays for the Eagles.

Seamann said Trevor’s game experience last year will couple with his hard work and improvement over this summer.

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Eric Roe experienced starts at running back last year and will carry the load in the backfield this fall, Seamann said.

Cody Warren will surprise a lot of people this year, he said.

“He’s been out the last two years with season ending injuries,” Seamann said. “He has continued to work out and earned lifter of the year two years in a row. Hopefully his strength and gained muscle will help him hold up this year.”

Injuries and illness played a part in the losses last year but this year lack of game experience and depth are the biggest weaknesses, Seamann said.

In team segments, the pace is fast and intense, but nothing can replace actual game experience he said, and some kids don’t have much of that yet.

The Eagles kick off the season Friday, at 7 p.m. at home against Maxwell.

“It is the game of the opening week and we should be ready to go,” Seamann said.

Following that game, down the line Brady will face playoff regulars Bertrand, Medicine Valley and Hayes Center.

Seamann said that even though the game is later on in the season, Hayes Center will be tough.

“They may have the best player in the district,” Seamann said.

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Members of the 2013 Eagle football team are (*denotes returning letter winners):

Seniors—Adam Diehl, Chris Porter, Nick Robison, Eric Roe*, Dalton Simants*, Sean Thomas, Donnie Trisdale* and Adam Widick.

Juniors—Levi Destefano*, Troy Lusk*, Trevor Mann*, Cody Most*, Jon Taullie*, Chase Viter* and Cody Warren.

Sophomores—Micheal Adams, Tustin Golter, Bowen Land*, Cole Lewis, Brant May, Fabian Norton, Dayne Porter, Nate Sitorius* and Alec Trobaugh.

Freshman—Case Axthelm, Levi Destefano, Jack Griffiths, Turner Nansel, Matt Neiman, Tyrell Rossman, Radley Shaw and Cody Tockey.

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