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**WOOTTON PATRIOTS**

- **Head coach:** Greg Malling, fifth year
- **Last year's record:** 7-4, 4A West Region semifinals
- **Key losses:** QB Mike Mooney, WR Stephane N'goumou, WR Matt Paris

**Wootton football: A new summer spread**

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Nothing about the Wootton summer football team's seven-on-seven contest against Richard Montgomery students on June 3 was formal: Players wore shorts and T-shirts, and coach Greg Malling did not even know the score at the end.

But make no mistake; these exhibitions are important to the 2009 Wootton Patriots. Wootton is coming off its first postseason bid since 1991, but will take the field in September without almost all of the players who got them there.

A new crop of up-and-comers must master Wootton's complicated spread offense, and summer passing leagues provide them the opportunity to get snaps early.

"It is a little different having a playoff appearance," Malling said. "The biggest thing is the changing expectations. [The passing league] gives us the opportunity to get some repetitions."

Rising seniors Alex Kelly and Jeff Porter both saw minimal time at quarterback last fall, and one will fill Mooney's position in September.

Six-foot, 205-pound rising senior Matt Grimm and rising sophomore Curt Brooks (6-1, 180) figure to be two prime targets.