

Reports on Blair, Northwest and Whitman

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RICHARD MONTGOMERY ROCKETS

- Head coach: Jeremy Lott, second year
- Last year's record: 1-9
- Key losses: QB/DB Andre Brown, DB/WR Adrian Prather, DB/WR Justin Henderson

RM football: New faces launching

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During Richard Montgomery head football coach Jeremy Lott's rookie campaign, he could usually rely on the arm and feet of Andre Brown for a clutch play.

But the quarterback and defensive back has since graduated, along with the majority of the Rockets' production: 1,876 passing yards, 13 touchdowns and 35 tackles.

"Looking at the team, we're very young," said Lott. "We also have lot of first-year players that are going to step up in some key roles. It's just going to be a matter of getting out here and getting the reps in. ... Do we have a long way to go? Yes."

Lott has hired Ryan Harrigan to install a balanced offensive attack after being "very pass-heavy that last couple of years."

Rising senior Thomas Bradley leads the receiving corps and defensive secondary. Bradley opened eyes during a June 8 Upper Montgomery County Passing League game against Paint Branch with a long interception return and several highlight-reel catches.

Jonathan Mensah and J.P. Hoover return to pace the ground attack and linebacker corps. Vying for playing time at wideout are underclassmen Clay Miller and Jaquile Bey.

The Rockets' critical question entering the season will be at quarterback. Mensah, Bey and senior Brendan Karem will enter fall camp in an open competition. Karem is a traditional drop-back passer; the other two are more apt making plays with their feet.

Lott said he may rotate signal-callers to take advantage of each player's strengths.

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