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Rex Trice is ready to lead George School

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“George School is a very tough team up front and that allows for their skill players to shine. They are fundamentally sound and usually don't make many mistakes. When you play George School you are in for a 48-minute fight. If you don't play with heart and passion, they will make you pay.”

Rex Trice is eager for the season to start.

The senior lineman for George School thinks the Cougars are poised for a good season.

“We have a lot of guys coming out for the team, more than we've had in the past,” said Trice, a Newtown resident. “We had a student-run campaign where we tried to recruit kids already at the school to come out for the team and we got some new people for this year.

“We have a lot of young guys and guys who are new to the program. So as a senior, I feel that I really need to step up and try to lead the team and be a role model. We're a smaller group, but we have a strong bond not only on the field and on the campus but also in the classroom and I want to keep that going and bring the new people into it.”

The Cougars finished 3-5 last year under George Long, an assistant who took over for longtime head coach John Gleeson, who retired.

“Last year things were different but now we're used to the changes and I think everyone is willing to work hard and listen to the coaches,” Trice said. “Coach Long is one of my favorite coaches and he had been on the staff so the transition wasn't that difficult but it was still not the same without Coach Gleeson.

“I'm looking forward to getting back to school and getting the season started. Football season is my favorite time of the year and I really like all the guys who are coming out for the team. I think we're going to have a fun season.”

Trice has been on the football team at George School since his freshman year, but grew up playing Pop Warner for the Northampton Indians and played for St. Andrew School in Newtown before entering high school.

“Football was always my main sport,” he said.

He is also captain of the golf team and runs winter track for George School. In addition, he is part of the stage craft program at George School, working on theater lighting and sound for school productions and he was a junior peer group leader.

He hasn't chosen a college yet but would like to major in biology with an eye toward becoming a veterinarian.

Strengths & Weaknesses

The Cougars have a strong core of returning players to lead both the offense and defense. They lost a talented tight end in Kiany Proberbs, now playing at Bowdoin College, and team captain Kaelan Frederic, who stepped in at safety, wide receiver, linebacker and even played quarterback for the last game of the 2016 season.

Season's Top Ticket

St. Andrew's at George School
Sept. 30, 2 p.m.

A look inside the team

OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK

Kenneth Rodriguez (Junior)

Michael Clark (Sophomore)

The skinny: Rodriguez is projected to be the starter this year.

RUNNING BACKS

Myles Pinnock (Junior)

Darrell Edwards (Senior)

The skinny: Pinnock has talent and will be the featured player on offense while Edwards will play H back.

RECEIVERS

Patrick Mahoney (6-2, 170, senior)

The skinny: Mahoney moves from tackle last year to tight end.

OFFENSIVE LINE

Rex Trice (Senior)

Ryan Doyle (Junior)

The skinny: This is a nice group of returning veterans to lead the team. A lot of experience is on this offensive line.

DEFENSE/SPECIAL TEAMS

DEFENSIVE LINE

Patrick Mahoney (6-2, 170, Senior)

Jason Chien (5-7, 180, Senior)

The skinny: This is a more natural position for Mahoney, and Chien played nose tackle in every game last year for George School.

LINEBACKERS

Nick Palladino (Junior)

The skinny: This is a new group for the Cougars.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Darrell Edwards (Senior)

Myles Pinnock (Junior)

The skinny: Edwards will be a strong safety and Pinnock will play cornerback.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Bennett Lichstein (Sophomore)

The skinny: Lichstein will handle the punting and kicking chores this year for the Cougars.

2017 SCHEDULE

SEPT. 8: AT MORRISVILLE 7

SEPT. 23 AT PERKIOMEN SCHOOL 1

SEPT. 30 ST. ANDREW'S 2

OCT. 7 AT SOUTH HUNTERDON 7

OCT. 14 TOWER HILL 3

OCT. 21 DWIGHT-ENGLEWOOD 3

OCT. 28 JENKINTOWN 2

NOV. 3 AT PINGRY SCHOOL 7