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George School Cougars football preview

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The Cougars are going to be on the run this year.

George School's football team will be relying on its running game to put points on the board.

The tandem of seniors Miles Pinnock, who rushed for almost 1,100 yards last year, and Kenneth Rodriguez, who now has a year of football under his belt, will account for most of the rushing yardage for the Cougars.

George School has more depth at receiver with juniors Bennett Lichstein, Daizae Tucker, Will Rampe and Vee Rachakaraj and sophomore Justus Agosto all returning. Lichstein handled the kicking duties last year.

The offensive line will be small but experienced. Senior Ryan Doyle is in his fourth year with the program and junior Cesar Arraeguín is in his third year.

On defense, Mav Vaughn, a senior, will return in the secondary with fellow senior Sam Quill while sophomore Angelo Leon and senior Nick Palladino will be featured at linebacker.

Sophomores Owen Kirk and John Hutchins, and junior Graham Janovic will all factor in on both sides of the ball.

The Cougars were 2-6 last season with victories over Jenkintown and Newark Academy. With more of a running game, they are in a position to improve on that record.

Boys athletic director George Long is entering his third season as the head coach, after taking over the team a few weeks before preseason in 2016 following the retirement of longtime head coach John Gleeson.

"Our greatest weakness is always our depth and size up front," Long said. "Once again, we will enter the preseason with 20 kids and four are actual, big bodied linemen.

"We will need to manufacture linemen, as always. We will also have to limit our contact drills so as to not suffer too many injuries."

George School is not a member of the PIAA and thus has a later start date than most other schools for football so Long is not sure how many players he will actually have.

"I currently do not have any new kids on our preseason list for football," he said.

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At a Glance

Coach: George Long

Career record: 5-11

Team record 2017: 2-6

Strength: George School's forte will be the running game. The Cougars will count on senior Miles Pinnock, who had over 1,000 yards last season, and senior Kenneth Rodriguez.

Weakness: As always, low numbers are an issue for George School. Long has 20 players on the roster to date.

2018 schedule

| DATE | TEAM | TIME |
|----------|------------------------------|------|
| Sept. 8 | vs. Morrisville | 3 |
| Sept. 15 | vs. Pennington | 2:30 |
| Sept. 21 | at Bristol | 7 |
| Sept. 28 | at Saint Andrew, Del. | 7 |
| Oct. 6 | vs. Saint John Catholic, Md. | 4 |
| Oct. 12 | at Tower Hill, Del. | 3 |
| Oct. 20 | vs. Springfield-Montco | 7 |
| Oct. 26 | at Jenkintown | 3 |

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