

Two powerhouse 6A coaches resign after winning seasons

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Former DeSoto head coach Todd Peterman stands with his team before their state championship-winning 2016 season (Photo: Focus Daily News)

DeSoto head coach Todd Peterman and The Woodlands head coach Mark Schmid resigned on Thursday after successful tenures at their respective schools.

Schmid announced his resignation to his players on Thursday afternoon after 30 years at The Woodlands. He spent 16 years as assistant coach before being promoted to head coach in 2004. During his tenure as head coach, the Highlanders amassed nine district titles and a state championship appearance in 2016.

In 2017, The Woodlands entered the playoffs as a state-title favorite after a 7-1 regular season, but were upset in the first round by Rockwall.

When asked about his future, Schmid told The Houston Chronicle that he's not sure about retirement and is "open for opportunities."

As far as replacements are concerned, Schmid thinks the next guy at the helm will come from within.

"I've got a great coaching staff and many of them have been with me for well over 20 years," Schmid told The Houston Chronicle. "I think there are people on this staff that are very capable of stepping in and taking this program over."

Mark Schmid steps down as The Woodlands head coach after 30 years with the school. (Photo: Houston Chronicle)

In DeSoto, Todd Peterman stepped down after a 32-8 record in three seasons, including the school's first state championship in 2016.

In 2017, Peterman led the Eagles to a 10-2 record and a 6A Division II second-round playoff appearance where they fell to Southlake Carroll.

Peterman's decision to resign comes after a grueling period last offseason that almost led to him not returning in 2017. Last March, Peterman's job hung in the balance for more than two weeks while the DeSoto ISD school board decided on renewing his contract.

The indecision on Peterman's job left many questioning why the renewal was not automatic without any blemishes to his coaching or personal record. After more than 40 players showed up in Peterman's defense at a decisive board meeting, his contract was ultimately renewed for the 2017 season.

Despite the debacle, Peterman insists in his resignation letter that he is still on good terms with DeSoto ISD.

"I wish DeSoto ISD and DeSoto football nothing but the best moving forward," Peterman said in the letter.

Moving forward, both jobs will be highly sought after as both contain winning pedigrees and hotbeds for football talent in Texas. Rumors about replacements have not circulated yet, other than former DeSoto head coach and current Marshall head coach **Claude Mathis** insisting that his number one priority is Marshall football when asked about the opening.

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