

Texas HS Football Coaching Carousel

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Round and around the Texas HS Football Coaching Carousel goes!

Hold on and follow the latest coaching hires from across the state.

Note: This list is composed of 6A and 5A coaching changes in Texas High School Football and will be continuously updated by The Old Coach's [Nick Walters](#) and [Jonathan Rodriguez](#) to reflect the latest news.

6A

Dwayne Lane: Clear Lake (From South Houston)

Dwayne Lane has previous ties with Clear Lake where he had previously been on staff as an assistant to Darrell Warden who is retiring after 13 years. Lane is coming from South Houston where he helped lead the program to two playoff appearances in the past two seasons.

In his five years at South Houston, Lane went 15-35 with last season being their most successful year by reaching the 5-win mark.

Clear Lake has experienced a good amount of success in their past eight seasons by reaching the playoffs in seven of them with Lane focused on strengthening the program to produce deeper playoff runs.

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Dwayne Lane → Clear Creek [@CCWildcatFB](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ) [@CCISDAthletics](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ)
[pic.twitter.com/nyFwjMrser](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ)

— The Old Coach (@TheOldCoach) [January 28, 2018](#)

Joe Lepsis: New Braunfels Canyon (From Wylie East)

Wylie East began their first varsity season in 2010 with Lepsis at the helm. Wylie East will now see their only coach up to this point depart for New Braunfels Canyon.

Compiling a 51-39 record with two regional semifinal appearances, Lepsis looks to replicate his former success at New Braunfels Canyon who went 2-8 last year and have yet to make the playoffs since 2013.

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Joe Lepsis → [@canyonhscougars](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ) [pic.twitter.com/qJirhKiDOe](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ)

— The Old Coach (@TheOldCoach) [January 28, 2018](#)

Cedric Hardeman: Conroe (From Alief Taylor)

Cedric Hardemon inherits the reins of the Conroe program following the retirement of Robert Walker after five years with Conroe.

Proud to introduce our new [@ConroeHigh](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ) head football coach Cedric Hardeman! We are excited to have Coach Hardeman join Tiger Nation! [@CoachHardeman](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ) [@ConroeSports](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ)
[@VYPEHouston](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ) [pic.twitter.com/hx3yvfpjpo](https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ)

— Mark Weatherly (@MarkBWeatherly) [December 20, 2017](#)

Hardemon spent the last eight years at Alief Taylor where he served as their running backs coach, special teams coordinator, recruiting coordinator and defensive coordinator during that span. The last two seasons Hardemon was the defensive coordinator where he helped Alief Taylor amass a 12-7 record that resulted in one playoff appearance.

Joe Marichalar: Donna North (From Edcouch-Elsa)

Marichalar spent the last five seasons at Edcouch-Elsa where he went 37-21 during his tenure and garnered four playoff appearances with a district championship title in 2013.

Donna ISD tabs former Edcouch-Elsa coach Joe Marichalar as new Donna North football coach [#KRGV](https://t.co/5PUHksZvZw) [#txhsfb](https://t.co/5PUHksZvZw) [#RGV](https://t.co/5PUHksZvZw) [#DonnaNorth](https://t.co/5PUHksZvZw) [pic.twitter.com/5PUHksZvZw](https://t.co/5PUHksZvZw)

— KRGV Sports (@KRGVSports) [January 10, 2018](#)

Marichalar replaces Matthew Rokovich who was at the helm the past two years. Donna North began playing at the varsity level in 2013 and currently hold a 6-40 overall record as a program.

Katy Taylor: Chad Simmons (From Cinco Ranch)

Chad Simmons has spent the last 18 years at Cinco Ranch and has held the position of defensive coordinator since 2004.

Katy ISD's school board officially approves the hiring of Cinco Ranch defensive coordinator Chad Simmons for the head football coach gig at Taylor High. Simmons (bottom left corner in glasses) had been with Cinco Ranch for the last 18 years, since 2004 as DC. [#txhsfb pic.twitter.com/00xfsUGAuE](https://twitter.com/00xfsUGAuE)

— Dennis Silva II (@densilva2) [January 16, 2018](#)

Simmons replaces Trey Herrman who was the placed on administrative leave following Katy Taylor's opening game.

Interim coach Joe Sheffy then led Katy Taylor to a 6-4 record and an area round playoff appearance. Simmons is highly regarded as a defensive specialist with his former Cinco Ranch defenses allowing only 19.5 points per game during his time as a defensive coordinator.

5A

Tom Lee: Sharyland Pioneer (Pioneer Athletic Coordinator)

Tom Lee has not been a head football coach in four years however he sticks with familiar territory as Lee will be taking over the program that he has served as the athletic coordinator for the past couple of years. Lee takes over for Jason Wheeler who helped Sharyland Pioneer make the playoffs the past two seasons. Lee looks to take it a step further however and help Pioneer gain their first postseason victory as a program.

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Tom Lee — [@SISDNews](#) AD ➔ HC <https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQ> pic.twitter.com/veXwFV878k

— The Old Coach (@TheOldCoach) [January 29, 2018](#)

Chad Dunnam: Amarillo (From Dumas)

Chad Dunnam takes over for Mel Maxfield who retired after eight years with the program after producing a 68-29 record during his tenure.

In five season with Dumas, Dunnam went 31-22 and posted a 9-2 record last season which included a victory over Amarillo who finished 2017 at 6-5.

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— The Old Coach (@TheOldCoach) [January 28, 2018](#)

Chris Ross: Red Oak (From Boise State)

Chris Ross is heading back to the world of Texas High School Football after spending the last two years as the director of program development for the FBS Division-I program Boise State.

Ross has 21 years of experience as a coach and athletic director with his last head coaching stop being at Prosper High School. Ross had also been a coach at Leander, Cedar Park and Wichita Falls.

Coaching Carousel 🔄 @ChrisRossROISD → @RedOakISD <https://t.co/coJpRd7xjQpic.twitter.com/ui9ywDO0cb>

— The Old Coach (@TheOldCoach) [January 28, 2018](#)

Bradly Chavez: Edcouch-Elsa (From Santa Gertrudis Academy)

Bradley Chavez was hired back in December and replaced Joe Marichilar who compiled a 37-21 record in five seasons.

Former TAMUK WR Coach Bradly Chavez Named New E-E Head Football Coach <https://t.co/5MfSUkuwxvpic.twitter.com/jE5xIRIWYF>

— EESports (@eesportsrgva) [December 16, 2017](#)

Edscouch-Elsa finished 2017 with a 5-5 record and missed the playoffs for the first time since 2009.

Chavez comes over after spending one season at Santa Gertrudis Academy with previous stints at John Paul II and Texas A&M-Kingsville as an assistant coach.

Chavez also played professionally for the Cleveland Browns and in the Arena Football League.

Dale Matlock: Everman (Promoted Assistant)

A longtime assistant and defensive coordinator alongside former Everman Head Coach Dale Keeling, Matlock was hired in January to the head football coach/athletic director position.

EISD Announces Dale Matlock as New Athletic Director/Head Coach <https://t.co/f0nkDZ3udPpic.twitter.com/hW2K942lpm>

— Everman ISD (@EvermanISD) [January 9, 2018](#)

Matlock had spent 13 years as the assistant athletic director for Everman ISD.

Everman finished the regular season at 6-4 last year and clinched the District 9-5A title outright.

Gary Robinson: Joshua (From Krum)

The former Krum head football coach/athletic director comes over to Joshua after Joshua ISD split the head coach/athletic director duties and former head coach Mike Burt relinquished his head coaching duties to serve the athletic director role.



FIVE-FOR-ONE SPECIAL!

New Story: Joshua ISD names former Krum coach Gary Robinson as Owls' new head football coach!

<https://t.co/i3OmJh7FcI>

— Joshua Athletics (@JISDAthletics)

December 22, 2017

Robinson started the Krum football program in 2008 and led Krum to a 9-2 record in 2012 which was their debut season in UIL competition.

Robinson went 37-23 in five seasons with Krum.

Ritchie Pinckard: Mount Pleasant (From Ennis)

Richie Pinkard returned to Mount Pleasant in December 2017 after serving as an offensive coordinator from 2008-2010.

Mt Pleasant ISD names Ritchie Pinckard Athletic Director and Head Football Coach. /

<https://t.co/VVUycJwreJ> pic.twitter.com/U3fIFME1O9

— Clint Cooper (@radiatorumors) December 19, 2017

Pinkard spent last season as an assistant on Ennis and prior to that was the head coach at Callisburg from 2012-2016.

Pinkard compiled a 31-23 record including a co-district championship in 2012 and a region semifinal appearance in 2015.