


Grand Prairie Media Day Roundup

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The Grand Prairie Gophers are fresh off of their first playoff appearance since 1989 and are looking for more in 2018 behind new head coach **Tony Tademy**.


After squeaking into the playoffs out of one of the toughest districts Texas had to offer in the last realignment cycle, the Gophers fell to eventual 6A Division II state runner-up Waco Midway in the first round.

This year, the district is even tougher, but so are the Gophers. With a barrage of 6A gauntlets in the new and improved District 7-6A, the Gophers will send Purdue defensive end commit Sulaiman Kpapka and George Gipson to the field along with a talented squad to take their stake in the new District of Doom.

Our own Matthew Davidson caught up with the Gophers at their media day this past Monday.

Grand Prairie head coach Tony Tademy ([@gopher_football](#)):

“Now the real football begins.”

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Grand Prairie head coach Tony Tademy on pre-season practice:

“It’s like a puzzle. No matter what you do, you want everybody on the same page.”

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Grand Prairie DE Sulaiman Kpaka ([@svkthegreat](#)) on upcoming scrimmage against Irving:

“We’ve been preparing pretty hard.”

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Grand Prairie LB Holland Jacobs ([@XOHolli9](#)) on new head coach Tony Tademy:

“He’s given is that college mentality that we’re going to need for the next level.”

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Grand Prairie RB/LB Cam Bell on returning to practice before the 2018 season:

“It feels good to get on the field and take a hit.”

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Grand Prairie DT Allen Palmas ([@DatboiiA](#)) on the Gophers’ hunger going into 2018:

“Everybody wants to make a name for themselves.”

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Grand Prairie LB George Gipson ([@yuhhhg8](#)) on Friday’s scrimmage against Irving:

“We’re hoping to get out there and be aggressive.”

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