

Rockwall Media Day Roundup

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Rockwall QB Jacob Clark warms up before a night-session practice with his fellow Yellowjackets. (Photo: [Nick Harris](#), 247Sports)

In 2017, the Rockwall Yellowjackets had arguably the most topsy-turvy season in all of Texas.

The Jackets opened the year by handing eventual 5A Division I state champions Highland Park their only loss of the season before dropping five of their next six, including two by one point.

With their backs against the wall, the Jackets finished the regular season with three straight wins by double digits to sneak into the playoffs out of District 11-6A.

Their playoff experience saw them send The Woodlands home for Thanksgiving after a first round 23-7 shocker before losing a heartbreaker against another undefeated team, Sachse, in overtime after a 4th & goal effort at the one-yard line came up just short.

This season, many weapons from the peculiar 2017 season are back and are looking to live up to their potential. Quarterback Jacob Clark, fresh off of his commitment to play at the University of Minnesota in 2019, returns after leading the DFW area in passing a year ago. His prime playmaker, junior wide receiver Jaxon Smith, is also back looking for his second consecutive 1,000-yard season.

On the defensive side of the ball, they lose graduate **Alston Orji** to Vanderbilt, but replace his presence with the closest thing to him on the planet, his younger brother Anfernee. The middle Orji son (youngest is freshman wide receiver Alex) is also committed to Vanderbilt and fills the gaps just as good, if not better, than his brother.

The 2018 Rockwall campaign will kickoff on August 31st at Highland Park.

Our own **Nick Harris** caught up with the Yellowjackets at their night-session practice this past Tuesday.

Expectations are high in 2018 for the new and improved Rockwall Yellowjackets:

“I think we’re going to surprise a whole bunch of people.”

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