

Colleyville Heritage Prowls into 2018

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Colleyville Heritage interlocking pinkies post-game in 2017 per tradition. (Photo: 995 The Wolf)


Colleyville Heritage has posted record seasons in two consecutive years. But head coach Joe Willis is not satisfied.

Despite an all-time school best 11 wins in 2017, an 80-62 loss versus Lubbock Coronado in the regional semifinals left a bad taste in the mouths of Panther fans.

Going 21-6 in his last two seasons at Colleyville Heritage, Willis enters 2018 already with a championship pedigree as the former Cedar Park coach has a 2012 state title under his belt. Armed with an All-American wideout in **Kam Brown** and a stellar offensive line, Colleyville Heritage looks to improve on a stellar 2017 in Willis' fourth year at the helm.

Colleyville Heritage won an all-time school best 11 games in 2017.

The goal in 2018: Set a new record.

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The Panthers have experienced past success under former coaches Mike Fuller and Darren Allman as touted recruits like Oklahoma Sooner **Cody Thomas** put Colleyville on the Texas High School Football map.

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Top talent bred in a single state.
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However, high hopes have never been met past the regular season. Coach Willis believes a shift in attitude and work ethic will translate to the success the Panthers have clawed for since the school opened 20 years ago.

Colleyville Heritage HC [@joewillis7](#) recaps spring, previews 2018 season
"You don't wait for the fall.
You get it started in the spring." pic.twitter.com/7SqPbW4yqf
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The culture change Willis has attempted to instill at the school is optimized by the team's motto, F.O.C.U.S.

Colleyville Heritage's F.O.C.U.S?
Short term: Better than yesterday.
Long term: A state championship.
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Under the direction of Willis, Colleyville Heritage has not only revamped their attitude, but it has transformed its facilities.

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After a scrimmage less than two weeks ahead of the Panthers' season opener versus North Forney, Willis and his Panthers aren't lacking in confidence.

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With a state of the art indoor facility now on campus and a desire for a playoff push come December, Colleyville Heritage is locked and loaded for a state championship run in 5A.

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