

KAISER SET TO LEAD LONGHORNS INTO 2004 FOOTBALL SEASON

A new Longhorn leader has taken his place at the helm of Dobie High School's football program.

Tommy Kaiser, who served as an offensive assistant and special teams coach for the NFL's Buffalo Bills the past three years, was named the head football coach and campus athletic coordinator by the Pasadena ISD Board of Trustees in May. He replaces Mike Stephens, who was promoted as the district's assistant athletic director.

"Tommy has an excellent reputation and he is a quality person," said Dick Nance, Pasadena ISD athletic director. "I feel he will do well at Dobie."

Kaiser's coaching experience includes high school stops at Weimar, Klein, Tomball and Cleveland. He was also an assistant at the University of Houston from 1987-1993 and then spent the next six years as an assistant coach at Oklahoma State University.

After last season in Buffalo and several coaching changes being made, Kaiser said he felt it gave him an opportunity to get back into the high school coaching ranks. "I really enjoyed coaching at the high school

level," he said. "My wife and I discussed it and felt it was the perfect time to return to such a job. It also gives us an opportunity to be closer to our families who live in the Houston area."

Kaiser said the thing that attracted him to the Dobie position was the school's strong tradition.

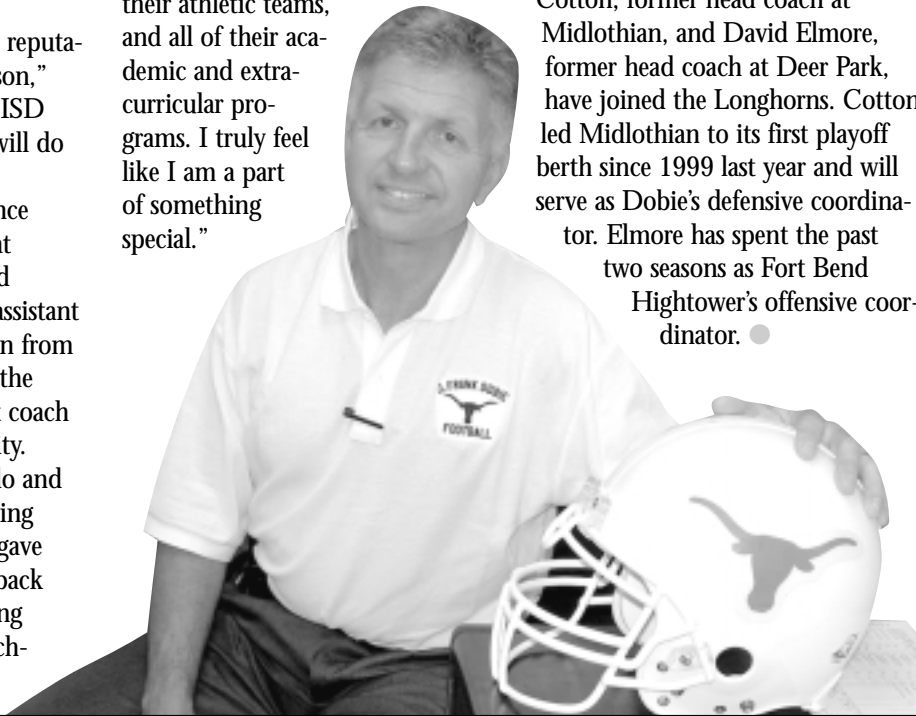
"You can feel the energy from the students, the faculty and the community," he said. "They have a great sense of pride in their athletic teams, and all of their academic and extra-curricular programs. I truly feel like I am a part of something special."

Although Kaiser has been busy trying to get to know all of his team members in a short amount of time, he said he likes what he has seen.

"I've seen the determined look in their eyes and their dedication to working hard in the weight room and outside of school," Kaiser said. "They are hungry for a return to the playoffs. We'll look to channel that energy onto the field."

Kaiser has added two new assistant coaches to his staff. Bobby Cotton, former head coach at Midlothian, and David Elmore, former head coach at Deer Park, have joined the Longhorns. Cotton led Midlothian to its first playoff berth since 1999 last year and will serve as Dobie's defensive coordinator. Elmore has spent the past two seasons as Fort Bend

Hightower's offensive coordinator. ●



Maverick gridders ready to ride into first varsity season

The Memorial Mavericks football team is preparing to saddle up for a challenging and interesting inaugural ride into their first varsity season this year.

Pasadena Memorial's varsity will be comprised of mostly juniors and sophomores going into this season and facing a District 23-5A schedule with defending state champion North Shore and also predicted playoff contender La Porte.

Head Coach Tom Ed Gooden knows his team will be faced with its share of challenges to be sure, but his focus is "consistent improvement and building a nucleus for the future of the program."

If the performance from last

year's junior varsity and freshman teams are any indication, the Mavericks are off to a good start. The JV squad posted an 8-1 record, while the two freshman teams had 6-3 and 4-4-1 records, respectively.

Gooden said the future of the Maverick football program will lie in the numbers. With 92 athletes participating in spring workouts and an expected 70-80 incoming freshmen to join the program this fall, he has plenty of reason to be excited.

"The kids I've worked with so far have been an absolute joy to be around," he said. "They are excited to be Mavericks and a part of a new tradition. We want that feeling

to become contagious."

Gooden said several athletes are expected to turn some heads this season, including junior tailback Jay Medillin.

Medillin has prior varsity experience, as he started as running-back for South Houston his freshman year. "He has some skills and will be fun to watch," Gooden said. "We'll move him around quite a bit in our multi-I formation set. We'll be using him in a variety of ways."

At the quarterback spot, Gooden said Trey Carter has shown flashes of brilliance. "Trey had an excellent spring," he said. "He has a good arm and is a smart kid. He'll make a lot of good things happen." ●

Dobie Longhorns

Aug. 28	Brazoswood	Home
Sept. 3	(Open)	(Open)
Sept. 10	Clear Brook	Away
Sept. 17	Baytown Lee	Home
Sept. 24	Deer Park	Home
Oct. 1	North Shore	Away
Oct. 9	Memorial	Home
Oct. 15	La Porte	Away
Oct. 22	Pasadena	Away
Oct. 30	Rayburn (2 PM)	Home
Nov. 5	South Houston	Away

Memorial Mavs

Aug. 27	Spring Woods	Home
Sept. 4	Chavez	Away
Sept. 10	Baytown Sterling	Away
Sept. 17	(Open)	(Open)
Sept. 23	Pasadena	Home
Oct. 2	La Porte	Home
Oct. 9	Dobie	Away
Oct. 15	Rayburn	Away
Oct. 23	South Houston	Away
Oct. 29	Deer Park	Home
Nov. 5	North Shore	Away

Pasadena Eagles

Aug. 26	Lamar Cons.	Home
Sept. 2	Spring Woods	Away
Sept. 10	Brazoswood	Away
Sept. 17	(Open)	(Open)
Sept. 23	Memorial	Away
Oct. 1	South Houston	Away
Oct. 8	La Porte	Away
Oct. 16	Deer Park	Home
Oct. 22	Dobie	Home
Oct. 28	North Shore	Home
Nov. 6	Rayburn (2 PM)	Away

Sam Rayburn Texans

Aug. 27	Waltrip	Away
Sept. 2	Northbrook	Home
Sept. 10	Austin	Home
Sept. 17	(Open)	(Open)
Sept. 25	South Houston	Home
Oct. 1	Deer Park	Away
Oct. 8	North Shore	Home
Oct. 15	Memorial	Home
Oct. 21	La Porte	Home
Oct. 30	Dobie (2 PM)	Away
Nov. 6	Pasadena (2 PM)	Home

South Houston Trojans

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Sept. 3	Baytown Sterling	Home
Sept. 9	Northbrook	Home
Sept. 17	Spring Woods	Away
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