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NEIGHBORHOOD HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Westbury Christian hosts Eagles

Crusaders get top honors at Spring Branch

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Two improving teams in TAPPS Division II-District 4 meet this week when the Wildcats (0-3) host Second Baptist (1-2) Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Bayland Park in one of four league openers.

"We have a lot of young players, including five freshmen starters, and Second Baptist has some younger guys starting, so in a couple of years, these could be two of the top teams in our district," Westbury Christian's first-year coach Brian Linhart said. "I have one senior among our starters (tailback Darryl Fitzhugh), and Second Baptist has five, so even though both teams are getting better, we're still somewhat inexperienced."

The Wildcats' five freshmen regulars are linebacker Langston Williams, defensive end-fullback Shaka Sterling, linebacker-backup tailback Steven Best, cornerback Bradley Brown and kicker Ben Calder.

There's also a number of sophomores starting like linebackers-wide receivers Taylor Propes and Aston Fontenot, right guard-defensive end Jarrick Jack, and at times, free safety Nick Leonard.

"The younger players make mistakes, but they're also gaining valuable experience," Linhart said.

The rest of Westbury Christian's offensive front are juniors with guard Chris Howard, center Kohlton Fry, and tackles Matthew Stanford and Justin Pollard working hard to open holes for Fitzhugh, and protect junior quarterbacks Richard Glenn and Jordan Walker.

A big part of this week's defensive game plan is to pressure Second Baptist's sophomore quarterback Connor Wood.

"(Wood) is a really good quarterback, but he plays like a sophomore sometimes, and doesn't play like a sophomore sometimes, if that makes sense," Linhart said. "He's patient and stays in the pocket, but he also throws like an underclassman at times, and missed reads, and you have to capitalize in those instances.

"We want to get into his head and not let him off the

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Bellaire

FOOTBALL

• **Athlete:** Michael Cox

• **Achievement:** The senior linebacker/strong safety intercepted a pass, caused and recovered a fumble a tallied five solo tackles and four assists the Cardinals' 28-7 loss to Dickinson.

VOLLEYBALL

• **Athlete:** Kara Febles

• **Achievement:** The junior setter had six aces against Westside and provided solid passing and defense against Sam Houston to keep the Cardinals undefeated in District 20-A.

Carnegie

VOLLEYBALL

• **Athlete:** Suzanne Arrington

• **Achievement:** The junior setter passed well and made smart decisions, leading Carnegie to victories over Chav and Sam Houston.

Episcopal

FOOTBALL

• **Athlete:** David Nwabuisi

• **Achievement:** The senior running back ran 16 times for 163 yards and four touchdowns and caught two touchdown passes in the Knights' 49-6 win over Dallas Greenhill.