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Apopka falls to West Orange in first round of Regional Playoffs

By Marshall Tempest
Apopka Chief Staff

Well, the 2024 Apopka Blue Darter football season has come to an end after a gut-wrenching 20-19 loss to the West Orange Warriors in the first round of the 2024 FHSAA 7A Football Regionals. Even with an outstanding offensive performance with nearly double West Orange's yards (371-204), Apopka was unable to secure the victory. The game came down to the final seconds in which Apopka went for a field goal that was just out of range.

Apopka started with the ball and their first drive was phenomenal. After receiving the kickoff and returning it to their 24-yard line Apopka, began their first scoring drive. Apopka hadn't scored in the first quarter since their game against West Port, much less on their first drive of the night.

A 13-play 76-yard touchdown drive capped by a 32-yard passing touchdown from Tyson Davison to Alexander Rossi showed that Apopka had come to West Orange with a purpose. Apopka's extra point was blocked, only giving them a 6-0 lead in the first quarter.

The lead was short-



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lived though with the Warriors' Brian Dillard making a huge play on the kickoff. Dillard received the kick at the two-yard line, found a hole in Apopka's kickoff lanes, and broke free for what looked like was going to be a touchdown until



Elijah Frazier (r) celebrates after scoring his second touchdown of the night on Friday, November 15.

Apopka's Myles Fieldings slowly but surely tracked down Dillard to bring him down at the Apopka 14-yard line.

In three plays the Warriors were in the endzone. It was a 10-yard passing touchdown from Dillard, who is also the Warriors' quarterback, to a wideout on a fade route. But like the Blue Darters, West Orange missed their extra point as well, but theirs was due to a high snap that flew past the placeholder.

Apopka's next drive didn't end in points but the Warriors' did. They made quick work to end up in the endzone in eight plays. The

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Davison dominates with 330 total yards



Apopka's quarterback Tyson Davison exploded for 330 total yards in the Blue Darters' game against the West Orange Warriors on Friday, November 15. Davison went 20 of his 40 passing attempts for 273 yards and three touchdowns. He also rushed for 57 yards collecting a slew of first downs with his feet.

The 2024 APK men's basketball season started Wednesday

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This week marked the beginning of the Apopka men's basketball season with their first game being an away matchup with Winter Park High School on Wednesday, November 20. But before that, last week Apopka played in a preseason tip-off tournament against East River High School and Jones High School.

Apopka played Jones on Tuesday, November 12, and played East River on Thursday, November 14. The Blue Darters beat Jones 64-49 and fell to Silver Lake 41-34. I got to talk with the head coach of the basketball team Scott Williams about the tipoff, the first game of the season, and the season as a whole.

"Obviously we feel like we played better on Tuesday (64-49 win over Jones) than we did on Thursday, (41-34 loss to Silver Lake) but playing against two quality clubs that will most likely have very good years is good

and allows us to see some things, understand some things, and get better. For our younger players, it's a chance to work out some nerves and get used to what it's like under the lights."

Williams went on to say that the team wasn't making shots they should have made during their loss to East River. He told me that he thinks bad shooting performances like that are, "more of an aberration than the norm." Williams closed it out by saying the loss was a reminder of the importance of details, the importance of never taking anything for granted, especially what seems like an easy or wide-open shot whether it be at the rim or from the arc.

When I went to their practice on Tuesday of this week, I got to see the boys work on a lot of things ahead of their game on Wednesday. It started with a full-court transition style fast-paced offensive runs at the rim with an emphasis on moving the ball and getting to the rim quickly while also working on

open shots off the dribble and off the catch and shoot. Williams told me a little bit about what they were working on and what they hoped to gain from it.

"That's a part of our conditioning and shot work stuff that we try to do every day. We try to make sure that every day, either by position group or as a whole, we do enough skill work that the guys are able to not only stay sharp but to enhance what they are good at and what they are working on.

And I stand on what I've said to people for some time now, I think this is our most complete offensive team in four to five years at least. Whether we'll be great or good – there are a lot of things that go into that. But, one of the reasons we are trying to play a little bit faster is because we think more possessions in a game are going to help us in the long term."

We also talked about the team's seniors who are the leaders of the team

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Great expectations for WHS women's basketball

By Neal Fisher
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Every team wants to face the same level of expectations the Wekiva Mustangs are as the 2024-25 regular season gets underway.

Tangible definition of improvement is now advancing to the state championship final for Wekiva.

The first under Jerry Middleton, the Mustangs won only one contest during the 2022-23 season. Last season, the team rebounded with a solid and playoff berth worthy 15-9 regular season record.

Wekiva more importantly evolved from the fifth seed (Region 6A-2) into a state final-four team during the playoffs. A standard of winning three consecutive road contests during the playoffs was established while reaching the state final four.

Reaching the state semifinals has to be reached before the state championship final though. Thus, finding the right balance of focus on reaching the state semifinals first and improving into a state finalist might be the most important practice for the Mustangs this season. Or in the

most often used vernacular, don't overlook reaching the state semifinals first.

"Elite mindset is the motto this season," Middleton said. "Expectations are to win the state championship. What we have is state championship caliber and gaining the experience of advancing to the state final-four. Level of talent was good and high enough to reach state final-four. Experience was missing though. Until actually undergoing the experience, teams don't know what is required to reach the state

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Talking with Jeff Rolson about the 2024 football season

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After the loss to West Orange last week on Friday, November 15, I sat down with the head coach of the Apopka football team, Jeff Rolson, to talk about the season as a whole and a look at off-season work.

The 2024 Apopka football season was a tumultuous one full of surprises during every game, most not being good surprises. We struggled this year and finished the season 4-6 which is a very low point for this program as coach Rolson told me. He said last year's record of 8-4 was not ideal and they wanted to do better and to see the record this year is disappointing.

I asked Rolson how he feels about the season as a whole now that it's over and he had a lot to say.

"I don't know, I mean I feel like we never really caught that spark. We've been able to kind of catch a second wind and kind of

show marked improvement in the years past. Last year, eight and four was a down year for us, and then you follow it up with this (4-6). So it's not a good trend."

Rolson was very open about how young the team is and how he knew we would face issues there, but he is also confident in the amount of growth that those players will have as well.

He said that overall he believed the team under-achieved and was inconsistent. But he is happy with the way that he never saw the guys give up. It was always a scrap, always a battle, and Apopka always had a chance to win.

"Everybody wants to win on Friday night. Everybody. But that's not what it's about. It's about what you do Monday through Thursday. You know, I think we could have been better in those areas. But, having said that, I don't think anybody would be happy or satisfied with the season. But, you know, the kids fought hard.

I mean we fought down to the end in all our football games. Really, every game we fought, scrapped, you know, we had a chance to win."

We talked a bit about Apopka's final defensive stand on third and fourth down with the Warriors inside the Apopka 10-yard line and what the talks on the sideline were about. He said before we talk about that we have to talk about the failed extra point right before that possession.

"I mean, that's following the whole two-point conversion thing. I was like, 'If we score, we're going for two.' I told our people on the headset; 'We're going for two, so have a plan of what you're going to do.' We got three time-outs. We get down there, and all of a sudden, the PAT team runs out there and it's like, I don't know how that happened and nobody else knows how that happened. So that's a coaching issue, and

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Apopka's head coach Jeff Rolson walks to the sideline after speaking with his offense on Friday October 18 during their game against Osceola.

Seniors show huge growth in blue and white scrimmage



Apopka's Tyson Davison launches a pass as pressure breaks into the pocket from both edges on Friday, November 15.



The Apopka Blue Darters storm the field carrying the American and Apopka flag with them before facing off against West Orange in the first round of the Regional Playoffs.



Apopka's Elijah Frazier bullies his way past the first down marker using his size to push past and run over Warriors' defenders.



The Apopka offense, led by quarterback Tyson Davison looks to the sideline for the play during their matchup against the Warriors.



Apopka's Damareon Cawthon (3) jumps and celebrates with Alexander Rossi after a touchdown.



Tyson Davison uses a juke to get a Warriors defender off his feet so he can get to the edge during Apopka's matchup with West Orange on Friday, November 15.



The photos above are of Tyson Davison rolling out of the pocket away from pressure and attempting a pass on the run to an open Blue Darter receiver down field during their 20-19 loss to the West Orange Warriors.



The West Orange defense throw everything they have at Tyson Dvaison trying to bring him down before he can grab a first down.



Tyson Davison uses his speed to maneuver through the pocket and the box without being tackled on Friday, November 15.

Warriors: Not enough time for final game winning drive

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and continue their drive. The Blue Darters were however able to secure a three and out forcing the Warriors to punt and giving Apopka a chance to tie the game up. The Blue Darters received the ball at their 39-yard line and began what they thought would be the game-tying drive. But Apopka was unable to move the chains and chose to punt and pinned West Orange at their six-yard line. But in the fourth quarter, Apopka comes alive as always and doesn't give West Orange an inch of space forcing another three and out as the Warriors punted from inside their end zone. Apopka now had another chance to tie up the game after starting their drive on the Warriors' 45-

yard line. But this time Apopka did it. In six plays Apopka was once again in the end zone coming from a touchdown pass from Davison to Frazier once again. Now this is where a game-changing mistake happened. Head coach of the Blue Darters Jeff Rolson told me the plan was to go for two because he felt like we could make it the way we were moving the ball, especially in the fourth quarter. That sentiment got lost on the sideline and Apopka sent out the kicking unit. Rolson said that there were some obvious coaching miscommunication issues there. But Apopka was called for a false start, was pushed back five yards, and was forced to go with the extra point attempt. But, the kick was no good and now Apopka was still behind 20-19 with less

than three minutes left in the game. The Blue Darters now had to attempt to recover an onside kick. They were unable to and gave West Orange possession at the Apopka 47-yard line. On their first play, the Warriors go with a reverse after handing it off to their running back. This caught Apopka by surprise and gave the ball carrier nothing but space. He was tracked down and pulled down at the Apopka eighty-yard line after a huge gain. With four downs to make it into Apopka's end zone the Warriors were still unable to seize points. It was once again another moment the Apopka defense gave the offense a chance to win the game. The Warriors even went for it on fourth down and didn't kick the field goal which could have put them up four and safe from a

field goal from Apopka to tie. But they did not. Instead, they pinned Apopka at the Blue Darter seven-yard line. With 1:35 left on the clock and two timeouts, everything was on the line. All Apopka needed was a field goal. So, they got right to work. After an incompletion, Davison scrambles for a first down and more and brings Apopka to the 19-yard line before running out of bounds to stop the clock. After that, two back-to-back completions brought the Blue Darters to their 42-yard line making good ground but running out of time trying to hold onto their timeouts. After another two completions, Apopka was now on the Warriors' side of the field at the 46-yard line. West Orange began to send lots of pressure at Davison forcing the play

to be rushed and him to throw on the run. After a sack and an incompletion, it was Frazier again making a huge play making the catch and grabbing the first down. But Apopka had to spike the ball to stop the clock. Apopka had one final play left before they had to go for the field goal with just seconds left. Apopka goes five wide as they had many times before in the game and looks for a closer kick for Michael Wells. But, pressure immediately broke through the Apopka line and Davison was forced to get rid of the ball which was batted away by a Warriors' defensive back. To win the game – a 49-yard field goal from the left hash. That's a kick a lot of college guys struggle on. The snap was good but the kick was short landing about five-yard into the end zone. And with that,

the Blue Darter football season came to an end. This season was unanticipated. I think I say that for everyone from alumni, fans, players, and coaches. But no matter the record at the end of the season, we made it to the playoffs, and we put up a real fight against a team that could go pretty far this year. In every game Apopka battled adversity of all kinds this year but most importantly a battle of inexperience. We were very young all over the field this year and that inexperience as well as a lack of strength and reps showed on the field at times. We lost a lot of seniors this year, a lot of very important seniors. But so is the case every year. Development is the key to being an elite program and that's what Apopka is working on now.



In the photos above Apopka's Caleb Reed (9) makes a huge tackle on West Orange's quarterback Brian Dillard for a loss of yards. Dillard was kept grounded by the Apopka offense only grabbing nine yards on seven carries compared to 70 yards on nine carries in Apopka's first matchup with West Orange.

Rolson: Rolson wanted to go for two after fourth quarter touchdown

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it falls on me. So then we're trying to see if we can get a timeout and the official kind of waved off the timeout. And then a kid ran on, like it was offense, and then we had 12 guys on the field, so we got penalized, you know what I mean. So, I'm like okay, we got 2:40 left now we have to hit the extra point. I was going to go for two because we had a bad snap, we dropped two snaps. It's crazy. It's been an issue for a couple of years here. I don't understand it. You know, so that's on me, too." Rolson went on to say that he felt like we had a better chance to make the two-point conversion than kicking the extra point with the problems we had already had. "So, I mean if we're 50/50 on our ability to just tie them and force overtime and have to beat them there. I said we have to be at least 50/50 to grab this two-point conversion. So that was my thought process. But of course, it didn't happen that way. So,

then we end up missing, so we're not even tied. So now we have to onside just to have a chance." Rolson said that it wasn't part of the plan to give off a big chunk play right after they failed to collect the onside kick. But when we made the stop Apopka had to get down the field quickly. "But, you know, then it was, 'Okay we got three time outs.' We got to salvage, as much time as we can for the offense. And, you know, we were down by one. I don't know why they didn't kick the field goal. You know, maybe they're afraid we'd block it and scoop it. I don't know, because that would have put it out of reach. But they probably figured that we just wouldn't be able to move the ball down there. If I was them, I probably would have done the same thing. But anyway, we had a couple of chunk plays, we get to the middle of the field, and ended up trying to kick a 49-yard field goal. That's outside of our range. I mean, I knew that, but, you know, it's doable.

But I think on that third down, we needed to throw something that was, you know, seven, eight yards in the middle, maybe get 12 yards, who knows?" So Rolson started to talk about his discussion with Apopka's kicker Michael Wells before he sent him out there. "I pulled the kids up, and I asked the kicker, I'm like, 'Listen, what do you think? Can you make this?', you know, he said, 'Yes I think I can.' So I said, 'Well, listen, I'm going to give you a chance. If you don't make it it's not on you. It is not on you. That's a long kick, and we can't even catch and hold a snap for extra points so it's kind of a tall order. So, but I said, Listen, you know, all right, I'm going to give you an opportunity because we had as much chance to make that as we did to throw a bomb or whatever. The only thing that could've helped us is a pass interference. So, I said, if you make it, awesome. If you don't, it's not on you. Anyhow, it was straight but short."

When talking about what Apopka needs to return to the form we are all used to, Rolson said that three things affect a win-loss record. "I guess there are basically three things that affect the win-loss record. That's the caliber of opponent you're going to play, which we play a tough schedule. There's the caliber of players you have. And there's the caliber of the coaching they're receiving. So, you know, we got to coach them better. We got to get them in better opportunities to win." Rolson also told me about how people perceive this year's offense and not to blame any one person, especially the quarterback Tyson Davison. "So when you look at our team, people might want to point the finger at how they don't score any points. Okay? No, that's obvious, that's easy, that's low-hanging fruit, you know? I mean, but why is that? Well, you know, we gotta be better up front. We gotta be able to run it, even when they know you're going to run it. We got to

be able to effectively throw the ball, you know. We gotta have receivers running the right routes and catching the ball. ... so I don't look at it like, Ooh, it was all offense, or it was all whatever. I've told you this before. We could've won every game we were in, not easily, but it was very feasible. Except for Edgewater, because they just were clearly better than we were. But, having said that, if we squeaked all those wins out in the last second, I wouldn't be sitting here thinking we were a great football team, because we wouldn't be. We'd be a resilient, tough, gritty, winning team. But we wouldn't have maximized our potential. We did not do that this year." A lot happened this year but something that didn't happen was that Apopka did not break a 24-year-long streak of making the playoffs. That is something Rolson says he will hang his hat on if not anything else about this season. "So, we made the playoffs. That's the only

thing that I guess, you could look to as a positive, in 15 years or 20 years, you know that people aren't going to be looking back saying that this was the season that they broke their 24-year playoff streak. That's the only positive as far as our record goes. But you know, as far as production and getting it done on the football field, you are what your record says you are. Yeah, I believe that. So, there's no reason we should be where we are, no acceptable reason. And then I think next year will have to take care of itself, and we'll see what's going to happen. But it's easy to look at our season and see why we didn't have success. There are a lot of reasons. And there is stuff we're going to have to discuss, work, and figure out, hopefully we can do those things. Hopefully." Rolson told me that by January the team will be back to work with a new vision and start strength training in the weight room to set the tone.

Mustangs: Wekiva's five starters have a veteran presence on team

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final-four. This season begins with knowing and understanding. "The question is can we stick to and keep focus on the process of getting better every day, practice and contest. Remember, improving is the objective of every team during each day of the season." All five starters this season are veteran starters. Guard Jasmine Pooler, guard Mikayla Bell and forward Senaia Asanya return from the state final-four team. Filling the two other starting positions are transfers, forward Jakayla Johnson and forward Tiana

Washington. Sixty-two percent of Wekiva's total amount of points and rebounds were accounted for by the three returning starters during the 2023-24 season. Also returning, forward Paris Blackwood, forward Julissa Miles and Ja'Niyah Poole will serve as sixth man depending on situation and opponent. Rounding out the roster is Destiny Rosado and Da'helys Mattei. Coaching staff is made up of Virgilo Joseph, DeAundre Cranstons, George Spearman and Heather Lorenz. "The next step from a solid regular season of

16-9 to a state final-four team and state championship contender was taken," Middleton said during the playoff run last season. "Expectations for the Mustangs were anything but returning to the state championship contender landscape after last season (2022-23). No one thought the senior leadership needed to take the next step and culminating with the run existed. "Advancing to the state final four and even losing was a learning experience to be used this upcoming season. More importantly for moving forward this upcoming season, we are graduating only three seniors from a team advancing

to the state final four. No other team contending for the state championship has less than four." While last season progressed, using defense as the catalyst for the style of play common to the current era was not only taken by the Mustangs. Wekiva's defense evolved into surrendering an eye-attention catching, headline grabbing, first among a defensive-oriented era 37.5 points per contest. "None of the teams in the Class 6A-Region 2 bracket faced an opponent like the Mustangs as far as the defensive approach and execution," Middleton reiterated. Opponents of the

opponents had given up far more points than us. Open looks decreased significantly when facing us. The difference grows out of the desire to force opponents to work for the open looks and efficient execution of half-court offense if nothing else. Wekiva competed in three leagues/camps last month as the first stage of improvement and the normal during the off-season. List of camps is made up of the Senior Orlando Summer League in Orlando (Grand, Smith Centers), the Florida Association of Basketball Coaches College Live Showcase in Gainesville and University

of Central Florida's. An 11-5 record was compiled against a stout schedule. Not only was the schedule made up entirely of opponents with an above .500 record. The schedule included state powerhouses Lake Highland Prep Highlanders, Windermere Prep Lakers, Beachside Barracudas, IMG Ascenders and Port Charlotte Pirates. Featuring flexibility through player movement, floor spacing, passing and cutting, as well as screening. The Mustangs primarily rely on the motion offense. However, defense and,

Mustangs: Moving to transition after turnovers is the key for WHS

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in particular, full court man-to-man defense is the impetus for setting up the offense

“Last season we were good and efficient at turning opponents over and in particular as the season progressed,” Middleton said. “We were far from elite as far as then shifting into transition offense though. We often settled into the half-court offense after

the turnover. Turnovers in themselves are a strong opportunity and weapon to take control of a contest. Following with transition and odd-man breaks translates to uncomfortable and, in particular, uncomfortable speed for opponents; thus, an even stronger weapon available. We hadn’t reached the level of being able to consistently move to transition after turnovers though.

“With the experi-

ence and repetition gained last season, the goal now is turnover and move into transition offense as one continuous play. Moving into transition quickly and efficiently is the means by which we want to control the pace and a below-the-surface factor. However, overall, in the end, effect being sought is physically and mentally wearing down opponents. Concept is the same as yards gained per rush steadily increas-

ing when continuous as a football contest progresses. Pressure of continuously trying to stop steadily intensifies and eventually results in submission. How Wekiva thinks about the game starts with offense, defense, turnover and transition, the four phases of game.”

Improvement will be from scoring only 46 points per contest last season. Converting 46 percent of field goal attempts was respectable but doesn’t win contests alone. However, giving up only 37.33 points per contest provided the opportunity to win regardless of points scored.

When not including the season high of 62 points against the St. Thomas Aquinas Raiders, points per contest given up drops to 35.5. The Mustangs were extremely effective in controlling the clock through employing a deliberate pace of shooting though, also made possible by the defense. In particular, opponents very rarely outshot Wekiva once a lead was taken because of the deliberate pace.

“This offseason, the play has been at a higher level of quality and ahead of 2023 though,” Middleton said. “Game experience, game experience,

and more game experiences are the only way to increase likelihood of consistency throughout the entire season. The coaches assess the team as where it should be the season after advancing to the state semifinals and returning a core of five players. Work is still needed. Using an old cliché though, step one has to be taken before two and so on. We aren’t looking at the tone of inconsistent play hanging over the team from the beginning of the season.

“The grit and intensity of fortitude with which we played during the play-

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Hoops: Williams hopes to see seniors grow into leadership roles

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this year. Jude Angervil, Jermichael Johnson, Jahi Bowden, and Larson Taylor are the core of this basketball team and in turn, have been given a lot of responsibility on and off the court. I don't just mean with their play either. They are responsible for the rest of the team and leading instead of just doing. Coach says they are growing into the role and that it takes time for guys to really understand what it means to be a leader.

"They have good days. They have bad days. Just as players grow into their skills they also grow into their maturity and roles of leadership. You know, leadership is not always the picture of George Washington standing in the boat leading the American Revolutionaries. Sometimes it's how I show up, how I prepare, and how I go about my business – and then your peers understand how it's done. And like I said, those things are a work in progress and we think that all four of them are capable of not only being really good players this year but also foundational pieces in terms of growing our culture and helping us for years to follow even after they graduate."

The younger guys on

the team are really beginning to come into their own as well offering a lot to the squad in different areas on the floor. Some faces are familiar and returning from last year while others are new altogether as freshmen and transfers.

"We think that some of the younger guys are in some ways going to become a huge part of our offense. The three returning guards that played from some to a little, to barely. Trent Jean, Rafael Betancourt, and Noah Ferrer last year certainly weren't showing up on anyone's scouting report. They were good pieces – but now they have put in the work and are vital pieces.

They are incredibly important pieces to our ability offensively, defensively, ball handling, and toughness – and they get it. So in many ways, they may be new faces to some, but in reality, they are returners, and that experience has been invaluable.

And then looking down the roster we have young guys like Alex Congdon, a new senior Ian Quintyne, a transfer senior RJ Reid, who is coming off injury and trying to fit in, junior Zacarick Davis who is new to us, and then Matthew Murray is going to be our back up post player.

All of those are very

very capable. All those guys are going to make an impact. When and how? It might be tonight, it might be in a month, it might be in two months. But we feel like we have a bunch of guys who can help us win basketball games."

Williams went on to say that one of the biggest things he is working on with the younger players and less familiar players in the Apopka culture is raising the intensity in practice so that games become easier for them and less stressful.

"Practices are where we win championship games. They should be fun competitive events that give us a glimpse at where we are. And sometimes if you are new to our program or this experience you can sometimes over-value games which stresses you out, and under-value practices that keep you growing. And a lot of the questions we have as a team this year are going to be answered by how we view the importance of our practices."

The one thing Williams said that he pinpoints as the team's biggest weakness right now is transition defense. He said it has been a huge priority in practice going into this week's games against Winter Park and Lake Brant-

ley, who could exploit that weakness.

"Well, I think the biggest thing we are trying to get better at is transition defense. I think even though we have work to do in our half-court and man-to-man, whether we are trapping or off a miss we are still a work in progress in getting set defensively, getting loaded, and getting solid to make it hard for people to score.

Some people view trapping as a means of just trying to get turnovers and steals – and if the other team scores then so be it, now we get the ball again. But, that is not a part of our core philosophy, we're going to trap you to speed you up, we're going to try to mix you up and make you uncomfortable.

But, then at the end of the day, we want you to have to go against our half-court defense, which we think has a chance to be pretty good. So, so far this year we have not been as good in our transition defense so we as a coaching staff have been really working on it, trying to stress it, trying to drill it, and hopefully it will show up as improvement this week."

Today, Friday, November 22, the boy's basketball team faces off against the Lake Brantley Patriots

in an away game that is set to start at 7:30 p.m. Make sure to show up and root

for your Blue Darters if you can.



An Apopka basketball player moments before going up for a layup during practice Tuesday, November 19.

Mustangs: Members of District 6A-5

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offs also needs to be redeveloped. However, not out of the ordinary, time is also needed to develop grit and intensity of fortitude. We hadn't played together in four months. On the other hand, five players return from last season's Mustang team. Add a couple of transfers, as well as returning from injuries, and the depth has significantly in-

creased. Rotation has gone as deep as 10 during the offseason."

Wekiva is now a member of District 6A-5. The rest of the membership is made up of the East River Falcons, Edgewater Eagles, Evans Trojans, Lake Minneola Hawks, and South Lake Eagles. Scheduled for February 4, 6 and 8, the site of the district championship tournament is to be determined.



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