

S-T preseason area rankings



Russell Hansbrough helps fuel Bowie's attack. Special to S-T/Willis Knight



Willie Robinson and Southwest carry big hopes. Special/Willis Knight

Class 5A (2010 record in parentheses)

1. **Trinity (15-1):** Should be going for a three-peat, but Pearland's resilience caught the Trojans off guard in the 2010 title game.
2. **Coppell (13-1):** No shame in dropping a 2010 fourth-round playoff game to Trinity on the game's last play.
3. **Carroll (10-4):** After the Dragons' best playoff run in coach Hal Wasson's four years, expect more this year.
4. **Martin (10-3):** Eight returning starters on the Warriors' defense, and three of those are Division I recruits.
5. **Guyer (13-3):** A title-game loss, and seven returning starters should keep the Wildcats motivated in 2011.
6. **Cedar Hill (8-4):** With 6 returning starters on defense and 5 on offense, the Longhorns are heavy on experience.
7. **Bowie (7-4):** The combo of QB Kolby Listenbee and RB Russell Hansbrough have many opponents worried.
8. **Arlington (7-4):** Loads of depth, with 10 starters back on defense and 9 on offense. The passing game is a question mark.
9. **Duncanville (8-4):** Expect the Panthers to challenge Cedar Hill for supremacy in District 5-5A.
10. **Coll. Heritage (9-3):** LBs Justin Vallilee and Jomar White will anchor the defense while junior QB Cody Thomas learns.

Class 4A

1. **Aledo (16-0):** Back-to-back titles, and all-state RB Johnathan Gray returns. Expect a three-peat.
2. **Everman (8-3):** The Bulldogs return 15 starters, but will be tested early by powers Highland Park and Waco Midway.
3. **Stephenville (8-6):** The 2010 'Jackets struggled' early; QB Connor Washington and RB Aiavion Edwards are ready now.
4. **Summit (9-4):** An experienced defense will have opponents wishing the Jaguars would move back to 5A.
5. **Birdville (9-4):** The offense-savvy Hawks have posted back-to-back 9-win seasons, and are primed for more in 2011.
6. **Southwest (8-4):** QB Wesley Harris and WR Willie Robinson seek to add to the Raiders' best season ever in 2010.
7. **Arlington Heights (10-1):** The Yellow Jackets return 10 starters, 6 on offense and 4 on defense.
8. **Boswell (7-5):** After back-to-back seasons with playoff wins, the Pioneers continue to build on their success.
9. **Springtown (7-4):** The Porcupines can always pass their way into a competitive squad. Expect the same this year.
10. **Western Hills (8-3):** The Cougars have 10 returning starters, giving Fort Worth ISD its best trio since the late '90s.