

Truckee's dominance may be tested on gridiron with loss of starters

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Truckee has been the most dominant team in the area, regardless of class, the past few years. The Wolverines have gone 24-0 the past two seasons and won the 3A state title in each of them.

This year, Truckee is out to maintain its winning streak – though it could be a tough task.

Truckee lost 20 of 22 starters from last year's team and has competitions going on in summer camp for nearly every position.

"We're a little rough and ragged around the edges," coach Bob Shaffer said. "I think we've got a long ways to go."

The team is relying on its system and continuity – Shaffer has been on campus since 1995 and players have played in the same system since they first put on pads as children.

Linebacker/fullback Cole Roberts is one of the two returning starters. The 5-foot-9, 195-pounder is the type Truckee has won championships with – a tough player who can contribute on every play.

Returning starter Trevor Auldridge had seven interceptions and 11 pass deflections last year. Auldridge, 6-foot-1 and 185 pounds, is switching positions to free safety.

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