

# Matadors show potential for rushing success

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The Avalanche-Journal is counting down the Top 20 high school football teams on the South Plains.

The list so far:

20. Shallowater
19. Sundown
18. Muleshoe
17. Snyder
16. Abernathy
15. Seminole
14. Levelland
13. Post
12. New Deal
11. Plainview
10. Seagraves
9. Idalou
8. Lubbock High
7. Littlefield
6. Monterey
5. Denver City
4. Coronado

### 3. Estacado

Coming Thursday: No. 2 Cooper

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- **Head coach:** Danny Servance, seventh season.
- **2013 season, district record:** 6-7, 2-3.
- **Year last won district:** 2010
- **Year last made playoffs:** 2013

■ **Returns:** S Carl Willard, OL Kendrick Quigley, WR Kenaris Jackson, OL Hollis Ready.

■ **Players to watch:** QB Jaleen Tennison, OL Jalen McQueen, WR Roc Sanders, RB Ave'On Williams, RB David Smith, RB Craig Busby.

■ **2014 outlook:** If Estacado's performance against Big Spring in a scrimmage last week is an accurate forecasting of how it will play during the regular season, area teams would be wise to shore up their lateral defense and focus on stopping the run.

Third-year starting quarterback Jaleen Tennison looked confident operating a new pistol scheme, selling fakes well and handing off to lanky 6-foot-2 Ukedrian Anderson and 205-pound Ave'On Williams on several runs that gouged the Steers.

Tennison, offensive lineman Jalen McQueen and wide receiver Kenaris Jackson are expected to see time on defense as well, giving the explosive Matadors another exciting wrinkle.

It has been asked how Danny Servance will replace outstanding running back Robert Johnson's massive production. If the pistol works to its potential, the run will take the pressure off Tennison's arm, which is an underrated tool that can put the Matadors over the top.

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