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### **Jackets switch sections, stay in contention**

**McGill-Toolen's move to 6A Section 2 opens door for other contenders**

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The prep soccer season begins today for many local teams, and the biggest change is McGill-Toolen competing in 6A Section 2.

The Yellow Jackets have four returning starters in keeper Dalton Choiniere, defender Kyle Morris and forwards Nick Aguierre and Trace Brown.

"It's going to be interesting (competing in Section 2)," McGill coach Travis Stone said. "We are excited and looking forward to the level of competition. It's not going to be easy."

Section 2 member Fairhope is coming off a visit to the state tournament last season and brings back goalie Ty Malugani, defender Nate Haywood, wing Chad Dolan and forward Kyle Sherrin, who punched in 20 goals in 2008.

Foley sports 12 seniors, including Zach McDuffie, Juan Rubio and Trey Smith, while Daphne brings back forward Olin Prosch, who scored 18 goals last season.

In 6A Section 1, the Murphy boys have five returning starters, including sweeper Thomas Roth and midfielders Michael Taylor and Matthew Baxley.

"Last year we had a three-way tie and all beat each other, but without McGill it really opens the door," Panthers coach Jason Richardson said. "Right now the biggest competition is Davidson and Baker, but Bryant has really stepped it up and will surprise some people."

The Warriors bring back seven starters, including forward Hung Vu, midfielders Greg Hosford and Fabian Leon and defenders Raul Puga and Bernhard Hickman. The Hornets feature eight seniors, including defenders Jonathan Kondis and Christian Moore.

In 5A Section 1, St. Paul's has eight returning starters, including two fifth-year players in center back D.J. Gonzalez and center midfielder Zack Goodwin.

Gulf Shores has nine seniors and nine juniors back, and Spanish Fort has a strong nucleus of seniors, including sweeper Ben Robbins, forward Kent Warlick and midfielder Ethan Aycox.

Among the 1A-4A teams, Bayside Academy is coming off a 12-3-3 finish and returns seniors Ben Raley, Zach Huey, Dennis Dowd, Win McBride and Clark Carey Brown. UMS-Wright returns midfielders Nicholas Frangos and Andy Cope, who scored 10 goals apiece last year.

GIRLS Mary Montgomery is favored in 6A Section 1 as center midfielder Courtney Lavender, midfielder Elizabeth Uzel, forward Allison Collins and keeper Amanda Kohn form a nucleus of six returning players.

"It's going to be interesting," Vikings coach Joe Moody said. "A couple of teams will be a little more amped up. There will be a lot more competitive environment over here."

Davidson brings back five starters, including versatile Victoria Salazar, sweeper Robin Wullfchlegar and wings Courtney Hutchens and Laura Valverde.

McGill-Toolen is favored in 6A Section 2, but Daphne brings back offensive threats in Marie Peters (48 goals) and Chanel Elgin (38 goals).

In Class 5A, St. Paul's has six seniors and 10 returning players, including forwards Challey Legg, who scored 20 goals last season, and Kristin McElroy and midfielders Rachel Rinehart and Tori Ball.

Gulf Shores brings back six seniors, including Sarah Bosarge and Betsy Stallworth.

In Class 1A-4A, UMS-Wright returns eight players from 2008, including striker Alexandra Twilley, keeper Alison Casteix and forward Tyler King, who posted 15 goals last season.

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