The Malvern Leopards had a disappointing finish to the 2016 season, dropping five of their last six games. This season, Head Coach Mike Scarbrough hopes to turn it around with a rather young team (less than 10 returning starters). One bonus for Scarbrough is that for the first season in a while, all of the assistant coaches from the previous year return for another run in the 7-4A Conference. In addition to overseeing the team as a whole, Scarbrough will be coaching the special teams. The offensive coordinator is Brian Hembree, who will also be coaching the quarterbacks and running backs. Ryan Wallace is the defensive coordinator and will coach the secondary as well. The other assistant coaches on the team include Mark Freer (offensive line), Richard Rogers (defensive line), Dean Norsworthy (wide receivers) and Cameron Devereaux (linebackers).

The Leopards finished 4-6 last season and missed out on the playoffs for the first time since 2007. Of the few returning starters, one is at quarterback in senior two-year starter Demias Jimerson, who Scarbrough calls “explosive” and someone who has “a great arm and all the tools.” Jimerson is more than just a running quarterback, as 15 of his 25 touchdowns last season came through the air. Backing up Jimerson will be senior Jace Turner and junior Parker Freer, who will both be Jimerson’s targets through the air at the wide receiver position.

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The Bismarck Lions have a new coach at the helm with D.J. Keithley, who comes to Bismarck after spending 10 years at Camden Harmony, most recently in the defensive coordinator. He is looking to turn around a Lions team that has won just one game in the last two seasons, and one that finished 0-10 last year.

Also in coaching staff with Keithley is Chris Williams, who will be coaching the running backs as well as serving as the defensive coordinator. Both the offensive and defensive lines will be coached by Bryan Lucas. Brad Loy will coach the wide receivers and also the quarterbacks.

At quarterback, will be sophomore James Keegley, who brings “decent speed and a lot of promise” to the team according to Keithley. Keegley also “has great arm and the type of kid you can build a program around,” Keithley said.

Backing up Keegley will be junior Dylan Clayton, who started at the position last year. “He’s fast, tall and real sharp,” Keithley said. “He could step in at quarterback, but he’s too valuable at wide receiver.”

The Lions will have a dual threat at running back with seniors Dylon Daughit and Alex Runnghoul, who are both “tall, strong and solid. Keithley said. “In the receiving game, the Lions will look to senior Dillon Hunt at the X position (right side split out). “He’s strong, fast and gritty,” Keithley said. “He’s wanted since the beginning of our programs. Backing Hunt up will be sophomore Jake Shankles.

At the Z receiver spot will be senior Jordan Webb. “He’s fast enough to split out, but he’s quick and sharp,” Keithley said. “He’s a very good route runner and good hands and will get across the middle. He could be our most productive receiver.” Junior Hunter Cooper will be the first game’s Chris Tatt.

Junior Austin Hughes will occupy the X receiver (left wide position) recovery position. “He has decent speed,” Keithley said. “He’s gritty and will block and get after it.”

The left inside receiver position, on the X receiver, will be junior Noah Emerson, who is the only non-senior starter at wide receiver. “He’s shorter, but quicker and has good hands,” Keithley said. “Backing up Webb will be sophomore Braden Shuffield.

In the secondary for the Lions one of the best strong safety, Chase Smith, and Luke Falco.

Junior Colin Jones is set to start at left guard, though he could also start at center, while senior Karson Wheeler, who is slated to start at center, could be the starting left guard.

Senior Noah Emerson, Keithley, who has been a starter since the beginning of the season is said is one of the better players on the line, will anchor the right guard position.

The offense line for the Lions could see some changes as the season goes on. There is a battle for the left tackle position between sophomores Chase Smith and Luke Falco.

Senior Jason Whites was set to start at left guard, though he could also start at center, could be the starting left guard. “He’s gritty, coachable and a good, all-around kid.”

Senior Josh Burroughs will start at the right tackle position. “He’s strong, but quick, smart and understands football,” Keithley said. “He’s coming in, but he’s coming around. He brings attitude to the defense.”

On the left side of the line is senior Austin Hughes. “He’s a winny delta,” Keithley said. “He’s not very big, but he’s got heart.”

The other two defensive ends both come from junior Dylan Clayton of the left outside position. “He’s the fastest, tallest, most athletic player,” Keithley said. “Teams will have to go one-on-one against him.”

“The biggest goal of the team this year is to get the start,” Keithley said. “We want to be the best 15-yard-line. The Lions will make a 4-2-5 defensive alignment.

On the defensive line, at the strong side defensive end position is senior Dillon Hunt, who Keithley said is one of the best players on defense. “Teams will have to game plan around him,” Keithley said. “Our defense is the best of the season in the fact that they are senior heavy, with a lot of depth at wide receiver. We have a good senior group.”

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Last year, the Poyen Indians were hit hard by the injury bug with three key players going down before the start of the season, including their starting quarterback in the season opener just one week before the start of the season. The lack of healthy players led to Poyen having only one skill player, Poyen being backed up by sophomores Blake Shepherd and sophomore Lance Austin (who will also be the punt returner), senior ter back Jacob Farmer at punt back, senior Dustin Bailey to control kickoff duties will fall to sophomore Lance Austin and Hunter EV.
The weakness of the team, Carmikle says, is the strength of the Panthers’ backs. “He’s very athletic, has a perfect frame and his mechanics have improved,” Carmikle said. “We have packages for him.”

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Senior Tim Spaiv will start at left tackle. Spaiv has experience in both the past two seasons, but has worked in the weight room and has become the team’s captain. “He’s the coach on the field,” Carmikle said. “He’s very smooth.”

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