

Stockstill likes team approach; Effort, attitude standing out

Conclude week with practices on Friday and Saturday

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With three of 15 spring practices in the books, Head Coach Rick Stockstill has not only been pleased with the weather but likes the direction the Blue Raiders are headed. “I am really pleased with our first three practices,” added Stockstill, who is in his seventh spring at the helm. “The players have practiced with great effort and a tremendous attitude but I also like how hard our staff is coaching. They have been very enthusiastic and teaching at a high level.” The Blue Raiders went in shorts on Saturday and Sunday before donning full pads on Tuesday.



“We had some good

competitive drills yesterday and I thought we stayed on our feet better than we have in the past,” said Stockstill. “We had some tough, physical play. It was just a good all-around day even though it was a non-tackle practice.” The Blue Raiders, who have also been enjoying 80 degree weather, are coming off an excellent offseason in the weight room and appear to be taking that to the field. With an emphasis on improving toughness and cutting down on turnovers, the first three days have seen the team focus on fundamentals while implementing their schemes. “We are still implementing our offensive and defensive schemes so there has been some hesitation but that is to be expected. I expect it to continue over the next three to four practices then our execution will improve because we will not be thinking as much. Overall, I like how we have practiced. We have had a sense of urgency and approached the spring with a good mind-set.” Offensively, Stockstill likes the leadership and attitude provided by Alex Stuart, Josh Walker, Benny Cunningham, Logan Kilgore, and Jeff Murphy. All have experience and are doing a nice job with the younger players, according to Stockstill. Defensively, Jimmy Staten, Omar McLendon, Craig Allen, and Kendall Dangerfield have had three really strong practices. The Blue Raiders will return to the field on Friday before concluding the week with another workout on Saturday. Spring drills will conclude with the annual Blue-White Scrimmage on April 14 at 1 PM.

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