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CBS soccer is in a rare rebuilding season

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In the last three years, there has been one constant involving local Division II high school soccer: In the end, Christian Brothers was on top.

The 2002 season ended with the Falcons' third consecutive Sac-Joaquin Section championship and the school's first undefeated season at 27-0-1.

Attempting a four-peat, however, will be a bigger challenge in a rebuilding program under **Vince Juarez**, since only two starters return.

Despite his players' inexperience, the Falcons' 13-year coach didn't water down his team's pre-season schedule in an attempt to gather easy wins and gain false confidence.

CBS opened the season against perennial power and defending Division I champion Jesuit on Sept. 2, losing 3-1.

"With the young players, the score doesn't depict how well we played," Juarez said.

The Falcons (5-2-1) suffered a second loss, 2-0 to Division II rival Granite Bay, on Sept. 9. CBS defeated the Grizzlies on penalty kicks in last year's section title game.

With so many new players, Juarez plans to use the preseason to find his best combinations. The Falcons open Sierra Valley Conference play at Ponderosa on Sept. 22.

Juarez expects Oak Ridge, Ponderosa, Galt and Union Mine to be tough in league play. Everyone will be aiming to knock off CBS in what might be perceived as a down year. The Falcons graduated many key players, including stars **Tony Chinakwe**, **Greg Curry** and goalkeeper **Cameron Whelan-Miille**.

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Despite their absence, don't expect the Falcons to be pushovers. Senior striker **Ryan Magill**, a first-team All-SVC pick, returns. His 24 goals were second on the team to Curry's 26 last season.

Much to Juarez's delight, Magill has begun the season with a rash of goals.

Against Lincoln at the Del Campo Jamboree, he scored all four CBS goals in the 4-0 win, then had both goals in a 2-1 win against Del Campo on Friday in a nonleague match.

"He's up and running," Juarez said. "He'll be pushing everybody."

Also back to help solidify the defense is sweeper **Matt Boyd**. He was a CIF Scholar Athlete and finalist for the section sportsmanship award.

Juarez believes he has found his answer in goal with 6-foot-2 senior **Pat Raber**. But Juarez said he wouldn't have a feel for his team for another week or two.

"I think we'll do all right once the (SVC) season starts," Juarez said.

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