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Gladiators, Fear will battle for second place in division

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The Gladiators dropped to 3-3 last week with a 24-7 loss to the division-leading St. Petersburg Sharks. The Fear (3-3), winners of three of their last four, beat the Venice Vikings 20-14 in overtime.

Gladiators coach Eddie Starling said Edrick Sweeting will likely switch to quarterback from wide receiver. Last week's starting quarterback, Kirk Houston, missed practice time this week for personal reasons, and first-string signal-caller Antonio Hale is sidelined with a sprained knee.

"The biggest thing going into this game is mental preparation," said Starling, who had the Gladiators view game tape during Thursday's rainy weather. "It's important to keep our composure and not let other teams pull us out of our game plan."

Starling said the Gladiators have received steady play from the left side of their offensive line - tackle David Huggins and guard Josh Holmes - as well as wide receiver-defensive back Mike Mills and linebacker-cornerback Anthony Rawls.

Tickets are \$7 at the gate, \$5 if purchased from a Gladiators coach or player. Children 5 and under are admitted free. The PAL Complex is located at 202 13th Ave. E. Call 320-7576 for details.