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The 4th grade Colts triumphed over the Sandy Springs Saints Saturday at North Springs High School. Led by game captains Scott Braswell and Josh Payne, and the orange mohawk of tackle Beau Foster, the Colts came ready to play. The defense, anchored by defensive linemen Charlie Albert, Beau Foster, Braswell and Abi Okonji, cornerbacks Hudson Fletcher and Josh Hudgins, and safety Scott Leven, stifled the Saints rushing and option attack all game. Two touchdown runs by Dylan Kovitch with key blocking from fullback Sean Doud gave the Colts a 13-0 lead by the second quarter. Led by their offensive line of center Michael Madden, left guard Harris Callaway, right guard Payne, left tackle Albert, right tackle Ben Keever and tight end Paul Gies, the Colts added a third touchdown with a counter run by wingback Fletcher. Kicker Jamie Morrison made the extra point, giving the Colts a 21-0 lead.

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The newly renovated restaurant will start serving its popular brunch in about a month.

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After a three-year hiatus and under new management, the 57th Fighter Club Restaurant and Lounge located on Clairmont Road at Peachtree DeKalb Airport will reopen this week.

Under the supervision of general manager Tricia Clancy, who possesses a blend of northern flare and southern charm, the 57th hopes neighborhood regulars will return to the place known for legendary brunches and a distinctive ambiance.

“We try to give a nice variety for a nice value. That is the one thing about the 57th - we do not have one type of cliental and we never have,” said Clancy. “We have four-year olds and 90-year olds. It depends on the day of the week and the time of the year or day. And there are always special occasions.”

Since July, management has been busy replacing everything from electrical

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wires to structural walls, but most of the focus has been on aesthetics - the furniture and fixtures.

The lunch and dinner menus are a little more contemporary but still reasonably priced. New on the lunch menu are the lobster rigatoni squares, the grilled portabella wrap, and the salmon cakes, which won an award at the Taste of Chamblee. And have no fear - the beloved beer cheese soup will still be a staple.

The dinner menu offers the filet mignon, the New York strip, rib-eye, and top sirloin steaks. Lobster saffron fettuccini pasta and fresh ravioli are new and promising additions. A balanced and wide-ranging wine list has pours from local Georgia vineyards to organic selections.

The legendary brunch will start about a month after the 57th has re-opened. All the old favorites such as the Belgium waffles, shrimp, crab legs, fresh vegetables, champagne, bread, and desserts will return.

“We have had nothing but positive and nice comments and there is a strong following on Facebook,” said Clancy. “It is refreshing and exciting because you feel like you are so much a part of the customers’ lives.”

In addition to the dining areas, which includes intimate booths for couples and headsets that allow aviation enthusiasts to listen to the PDK air traffic communication, the 57th has the spacious “bunker,” which can seat 100 and has audio visual capabilities. Adjacent to it is the patio and lounge that can hold 200 people. A full bar is located in the main portion of the restaurant and on the patio.

The 57th (770-234-0057) is wheelchair accessible and open Monday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. On Fridays and Saturdays, the 57th stays open until 11:00 p.m.; and, on Sundays, the hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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