

# Top ten Jaguar sports moments of 2014-15

Liberator sports editors reflect upon their favorite ten moments of the 2014-15 LBJ sports season

*As every year, the 2014-15 school year was a memorable one for Jaguar athletics. On the fields and courts, LBJ and LASA came together to share victories, as well losses. Following the devastating loss of lineman Jermaine Dillard, LBJ and LASA came together to watch one inspiring victory after another.*

*Football, of course, was not the only sport to impress. As sports editors, we enjoyed watching the success of the Jaguars in all sports. From cross country to basketball, we decided the following are our top ten moments in Jaguar sports from this past season. All stories by Meagen Allgood and Robin Daemmrich.*

## Sept. 5 - Cross country



LASA freshman Susanna Metcalf became the 28th fastest freshman girl this cross country season after finishing 17th in the AISD Invitational meet. LBJ placed within the top half of the 20 teams there, showing improvement under new coach and LASA math teacher Jon Croston.

## Dec. 27 - Athletic Director and head football coach Andrew Jackson named coach of the year



After a season-ending loss to Vandegrift in the fourth round of the playoffs, the Austin American-Statesman chose LBJ's very own head football coach Andrew Jackson as the All Central Texas (CenTex) Coach of the Year. Jackson said he was humbled, and that it was truly his team who deserved the award. "It feels pretty good," Jackson said. "I know that people on the outside and the surrounding areas have taken notice of the work that we've done. It's pretty nice. Any type of award you get in a team sport...A coach can't do it...I take it with a grain of salt. I'm happy about it, I'm humble about it, but I know that it's bigger than me. I might be the name out there, but that's an LBJ award."

## March 3 - Boys basketball ends season third round playoffs



Once again the LBJ boys basketball team had an undefeated district season and advanced into the UIL playoffs. Their first two victories came against Georgetown and Floresville respectively. Though the team struggled with the loss of starter David Smith, who tore his ACL before the start of playoffs, as well as started the season without a lot of their starters, due to how far football was able to go this year, the Jaguars stuck it out all the way to the third round of playoffs. According to LBJ senior point guard Jabrell Scott, the team grew a lot by the end of the season. "We had a lot of young players who weren't matured at all, but they've grown up and helped us in a lot of games," Scott said. "With all the experience we [had] coming back from last year, plus the guys from this year, that [helped] us."

## March 26 - Boys soccer wins first round playoff game

During their April 2 playoff game against Alamo Heights from San Antonio, LBJ attempted to recover from a 3 point deficit, but according to captain Eric Villa, the Jaguars ran out of time.

"We were definitely ready, and everyone came in with the mind-set ready to win," Villa said. "But things didn't quite work out the way that we expected. We gave it our best."

During the regular season, the Jaguars only suffered one loss, as well as a loss in the district championship. However, Villa said he is still happy with the outcome of the season.

"We only lost three games," Villa said. "We had a lot of wins. We had good tournaments and we did pretty well in all of them. We made it to the finals for the district championship and we lost by one goal."

## March 13 - Girls soccer takes 2-1 victory against McCallum with new coach

After the Lady Jag's loss against McCallum, they won their next game against McCallum with the score 2-1. LBJ spent the season dealing with their third new coach in three years, relearning the coaching strategy. Reed said that the most memorable moment of the season was beating McCallum, both due to the rivalry and their previous loss.

"Honestly that sounds so cliché, but I mean we lost to [McCallum] the first time we played them, and we played them a second time and we won," Reed said. "Them getting to move on instead of us to play for district was really upsetting because they got a forfeit that allowed them to move on. We felt really good beating them because we really needed that especially because we did not play our best when we played them the last time."



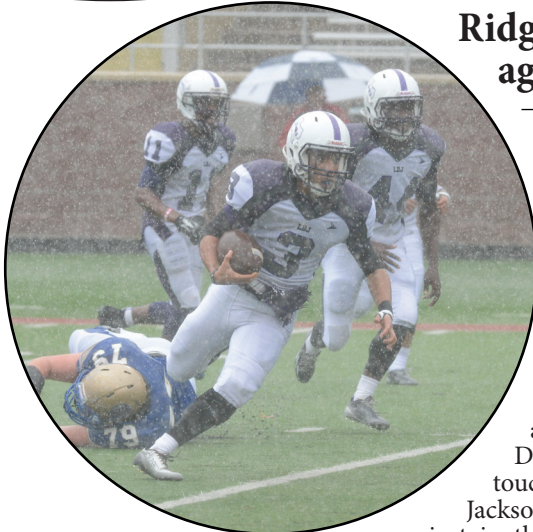
## Nov. 29- LBJ Jaguars beats Victoria West in the last two minutes with the score 36-35



Tied 7-7 at the end of the first of half, LBJ regained the lead in the third quarter of their second to last game of the season. The fourth quarter became a tug of war between the two teams, Victoria West staying in the lead almost up to the end. Then suddenly the Jaguars tied the game with less than two minutes left, and decided to go for a two point conversion to win. LBJ senior and quarterback Avery Jackson received the hiked ball, and passed it backwards to LBJ senior and receiver Zae Giles, who passed it to receiver Terrell Davidson waiting in the back right corner of the end zone, putting the Jags up 36-35.

"It felt good to know that we caught the ball and that the game was over," LBJ junior and defensive tackle Johnnie Williams said. "Blocking a game winning field goal [gives you] a good feeling."

## Nov. 22 - After beating Vista Ridge, LBJ football wins against Alamo Heights



After a victory in the first round against Vista Ridge, LBJ advanced to play Alamo Heights at a neutral site—Texas State's Bobcat Stadium. In the hours before kickoff, heavy rains drenched the field, but they lessened enough to begin the game as scheduled. LBJ scored twice on defense, but struggled to keep the Alamo Heights offense at bay throughout the game.

Down late, LBJ needed an offensive touchdown to win. Quarterback Avery Jackson exploded for a touchdown run just in the nick of time, allowing for the Jaguars to advance to the next round.

"[Avery] came in clutch," LBJ senior and linebacker Cameron Meeks said. "He got a good block and got the edge."

## March 6 - Jaguar baseball team wins 12 inning game against Bastrop Bears



After almost four hours of playing, the Jaguars took a 2-1 victory against Bastrop. LASA senior and baseball captain Daniel Weinberg said winning the game was especially important since it was the first district game of the season. Though the weather was not very conducive to a drawn out baseball game, as it was 40 degrees outside, Weinberg said that the game was beneficial overall.

"Going out there and showing that we can play out 12 straight innings like solid baseball was a real confidence booster," Weinberg said.

## Feb. 3 - Football players attend National Signing Day May 13- LBJ And LASA presented Spring Signing Day

Three LBJ senior football players, Avery Jackson, Robert Satterwhite and Zae Giles, signed with UTSA, Lamar and Navarro College respectively on National Signing day in the LBJ gym on Feb. 3. Each senior has signed to play football at their respective colleges, and has said that, though they are excited about playing football as a college student, they will miss the community LBJ football has fostered.

"I feel that my senior season LBJ was a blessing to go as far as we did," Giles said. "I'm going to miss it. I'm going to miss playing football in high school. That's one thing you can't get back."

On May 13 LBJ and LASA held their own Spring Signing Day, where more senior athletes committed to schools. LBJ football players Dyquan Howard and Terrell Davidson signed with UT Permian Basin, LBJ wrestler Shania Williams committed to UT Austin and LBJ basketball player Tyshelle Perry committed to Panola College.

Four LASA seniors signed letters of intent to play sports for colleges as well. Jacob Yarnell, who plays club soccer outside of school signed with the United States Air Force Academy and Madeline Goulet signed a letter of commitment to row for the University of Texas next fall. Softball players Desiree Moreno and Annie Murphy signed with Whittier College and Amherst College respectively.

