

scoreboard

VARSITYFOOTBALL

SEASON RECORD
4-1
Redwater 31-7

Mt. Vernon 59-8

Spring Hill 48-0

Teneha 34-10

Bullard 20-23

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VARSITYVOLLEYBALL

SEASON RECORD 27-6

DISTRICT RECORD 4-0

West Rusk 3-0

John Tyler Tournament 2nd Place

Beckville 3-0

Shirley Atkins 1st

Quitman 3-0

Carthage 3-1

Huntington 3-0

Jefferson* 3-0

Sabine* 3-1

Elysian Fields* 3-0

New Diana* 3-0



photo by Mike Peery

Making a valiant effort for the goalline, junior Brandon Cook eyes paydirt as his defender tackles him into the endzone. It was the first home touchdown of the 2015 season and Cook's first score as a Roughneck. "I still didn't know all of the plays," Cook said. "The pass wasn't supposed to go to me. Heath [Hood] just scrambled out of the pocket and found me undefended near the endzone."

DEFENSE DRIVEN

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Copy Editor

Roughnecks fight to redeem results of lost game last season

It began last November. Bitter defeat in the final seconds of the bi-district game drove the White Oak football team, quite unwillingly, into the offseason. Nine months later, the Necks returned with vengeance. Conveniently, the first game of the season showcased a rematch of that bi-district playoff match between White Oak and Redwater. With hardly a problem at all, the Roughnecks defeated the Dragons 31-7. "I believe that the defense won us the game," senior receiver Brayden O'Neal said. "Early on, our offense wasn't clicking but our defense continued to stop Redwater and force turnovers to get the ball back into our offense's hands." Following the win, the Necks faced the Mount Vernon Tigers. With a very strong defensive performance the team easily put away their opponent 56-6. "The defensive line was strong and stable throughout the game," senior center Caden Bevis said. "What contributed to that is the hard work they put out, and the coaches teaching them how to correctly break down the opposing lineman. Another big contributor is the offensive attack team as they give the defensive line a look all week to prepare for the battle that happens on Friday night." Next up was Spring Hill. In a rivalry game that stretches back 47 years, White Oak would take on the Panthers at home, shooting for their 4th consecutive win in the series. What they found was a whole lot more. Not only did White Oak win, they won 48-0, the largest



photo by Mike Peery

On a backside slant, senior receiver Austin Iske walks into the endzone. With such a spread out offense, White Oak could line the majority of their team on one half of the ball and open up the other side to their single receiver allowing for an easy, open pass. "Our offense allows receivers to make plays regardless of the formation, and I feel like that has helped our team tremendously," senior Austin Iske said.

margin of victory in the history of the series. Along the way, White Oak's Brazilian foreign exchange student, junior Arthur Nakai, nailed a 47 yard field goal. Tenaha would represent a greater challenge. It would again, however, be the defense that would hold the Necks up along their way to 34-10 victory. "Tenaha's speed definitely

challenged our defense at a more extreme level than any other team previously," junior linebacker Caleb Hampton said. "We adjusted our angles, swarmed to the ball, and trusted our defense to get the job done Friday night." The typically high scoring offense had been held to only 10 points making the total points against 25, four games into the

season. "Our whole defense has a common goal and that's to hold the opponents to a minimal amount," junior safety Brandon Cook said. "That's just what we're out there to do. Our job is to keep the game within reach for our offense." Bullard provided the defense with the toughest test of the season. With D1 athletes on both sides of the ball, the Panthers brought the Roughnecks their first lost of the season with a score of 20-23. "Bullard is by far the best team we will have played this year," senior defensive end Austin Iske said. "They're strong on both sides of the ball, with a D1 receiver on offense. It will be a good test for our team and excellent preparation for Mineola on our first week of district." The Roughnecks took a week off to prepare for the commencement of district competition with the number one ranked Mineola Yellow Jackets. In their last meeting, Mineola won the game 17-20 on a last minute field goal and continued on to the state finals. The Yellow Jackets have risen to the #1 position in 3A Division 1 after three time defending state champion Cameron Yoe fell to the 4A powerhouse China Springs. Regardless, the winner of the coming White Oak game is likely to be one of the top contenders for a district crown. "To beat Mineola we're going to have make to sure we make good tackles," Athletic Director Coach Kris Iske said. "We also can't turn the ball over on offense and we have to find a way to create turnovers on defense."



photo by Mackenzie Brown

What is a Mojoe?

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Last year, the Mojoes took a rough hit and nearly became extinct from all sporting events. Then, when the entire school started to lose hope of the Mojoes surviving through this year, the remaining few rallied together and brought back the life and spirit of our school. Now, compared to any other college yell squad and other high school student sections, our Mojoes are a group to

beat and include our band, fans, and student section by definition. The White Oak employee handbook states that "a Mojoe is the name of a group of Roughneck supporters - whether it be students or fans." Much of the student section gets together to show their support at games by painting up, making signs and beating on trash cans while making other noises to get crunk. Though the band can't do their fair share of painting up, they make more noise than any student section

by making their own chants that everyone joins in on. The fans that fill the rest of the stands, though more reserved, not painted and dressed in normal clothes, do their fair share of cheering and yelling at referees and players. Even though they aren't the loudest or craziest, they are what it means to be a Mojoe. Though our Mojoes struggled through a rough year, we came back and it shows in pep rallies and games. "We are White Oak. And we are Roughnecks."