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## Powering Through Tough New District, Varsity Football Earns Playoff Spot

**Staying Strong.** Following a tough District loss to Dobie, **Coach Eric Wells** talks to the team about staying focused and fighting through adversity on October 18. "Coach Wells would always remind us after losses that we were a family," **Saevia Johnson** said. "Nothing else other than the team mattered because we're the only ones we got." *Photo by Z. Hill*



**Locked and Loaded.** During the coin toss at the home game against George Ranch, the team locks elbows to show strength for the first game of the year. There was a bond that made the team act as a whole. "As the year progressed, we for sure got closer," **Austin Bush** said. "The team would bond by going out to eat at Buffalo Wild Wings, Whataburger, and going to school events as a team." *Photo by T. Oliphant*



**It's All About the Take Down.** **Taje Williams** gets a block on an opposing defender. Many players new to varsity were asked to step up this season. "I felt like I had a chance this year to show the coaches what I could really do," **Taje** said. "I knew what I was capable of, I just had to go prove it to them." *Photo by T. Jordan*

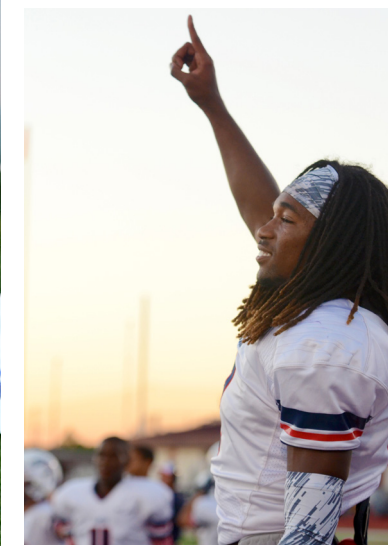


**Deep In Thought.** **Derry Ruth** contemplates how to improve on the next series of plays. "I was focusing on the other team's strategies, so we could beat them," **Derry** said. *Photo by T. Oliphant*



**Pumped Up.** After the run through, **Brailon Mouton** erupts in excitement at the Pearland game. "It was a great way to kick off the rivalry," **Brailon** said. "It didn't come out the way we wanted, but it was an exciting game." *Photo by K. Sanderson*

**Going For It.** Quarterback **Vance Galloway** sets an example for the team by going for an touchdown at the Dobie game on October 18. "Really, I had to become a leader for the whole team, not just for the offense," **Vance** said. *Photo by B. Farinacci*



**Rising Up.** Before the start of the Pearland game, **Brett Winnegan** shows his confidence by throwing the "1 Up" hand sign. "We knew there was a lot of hype about us moving up to 6A this year," **Brett** said. "But we worked hard." *Photo by K. Sanderson*

**Killing the Game.** At the Sam Rayburn game, **Isiah Guillory** catches a ball over a defender, contributing to a 70-0 win. "I never look at the score of the game, I always keep playing as if the score is 0-0," **Isiah** said. *Photo by T. Oliphant*



**Hailey Homeyer**  
*Photo by H. Truong*

**Maddie Scaffidi and Katrina Tran**  
*Photo by K. Huerta*



**James Rhodes and Madison Mize**  
*Photo by K. Huerta*

### Athletic Trainers Learn to Adjust, Adapt, Overcome

It was rare to see a football player on the field not accompanied by a water bottle-toting, khaki-wearing athletic trainer following shortly behind.

"We usually work about 60 hours a week to help not only football players, but all the athletes at Dawson," **Maddie Scaffidi** said.

The trainers put in many hours together during practices and games for all kinds of sports. Those hours have helped form a bond among them.

"All of the trainers are very close," **Madison Mize** said. "We are similar to a family, but most importantly we are all a team."

Opponent	Score
George Ranch	35-17 L
Magnolia West	61-50 W
Alvin	45-7 W
Sam Rayburn	70-0 W
Pasadena Memorial	49-0 W
Pearland	15-6 L
Manvel	62-35 L
Dobie	36-29 L
Pasadena	67-7 W
South Houston	55-6 W

*Dawson Scores in Bold*



"I can't drive because I'm not 16 yet." - **Ada Sison**