

**J**uniors Cade Ruthardt, Nate Roskens and Alan Bush congratulate each other on a successful football season in the AT&T Cowboy Stadium.



**F**reshman defensive-end Logan Siler brings himself up after conducting a defensive tackle for the Tigers.



**S**ophomore quarterback Carson Ritter gets a pass off in spite of the tough defensive line that Throckmorton brought to the state game.



**T**he Tigers run out of the Cowboys' tunnel and onto the field. Junior Nate Roskens leads the pack.



Only the "full-circle G" in focus... From the first game of the season against Miami, to the last one against Throckmorton, Trenton Fields shows his speed and agility will be a factor all year as his points rack up against defenders. His final speed-blurring touchdown was made in AT&T Stadium. Yet, he said they all felt "about the same."

Photoby Bradie Dodson

**S**ophomore Carson Ritter calls the play as he watches the opposition.



Lefors  
55-0 (W)

**J**unior cornerback Nate Roskens joins a group of Tigers in a tackle.



Southland  
60-14 (W)

**S**enior tight end Brayton Hendricks runs to the sideline for a quick break.



Follett  
38-32 (W)

**S**enior Jacob Clifton makes his way to the field for special team's duty.

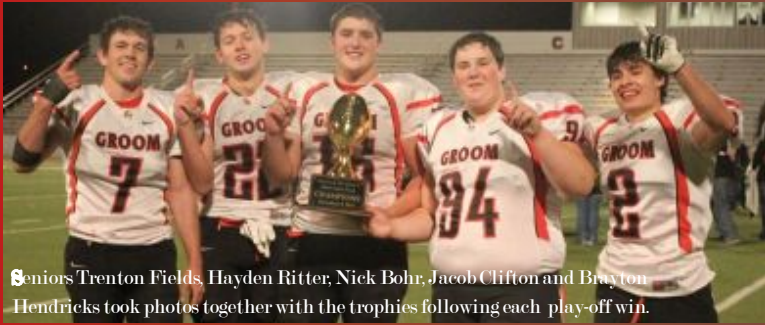


Loraine  
72-54 (W)

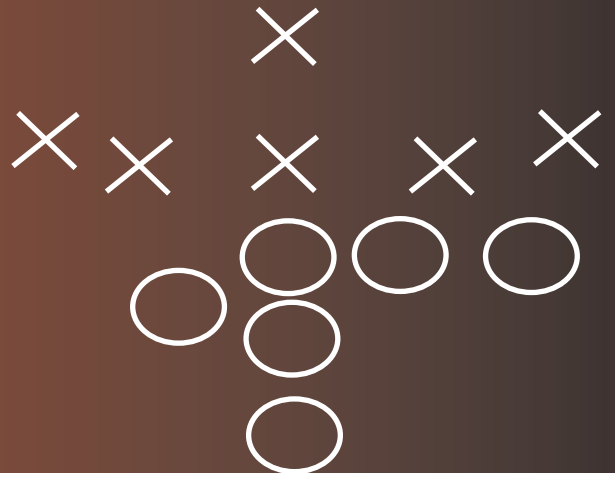
**S**enior Nick Bohr stays focused on the sideline with some pre-game Gatorade.



Throckmorton  
66-20 (L)



Seniors Trenton Fields, Hayden Ritter, Nick Bohr, Jacob Clifton and Brayton Hendricks took photos together with the trophies following each play-off win.



# TIGERS

## 'Lights-out' Defense Earns Groom Recognition ...



Tony Dodson Larry Roskens

Dave Campbell's Texas Football.com labeled head football coach Larry Roskens the IA "Coach of the Year." Yet, Roskens says perhaps they named the wrong man.

Here's how the website, which released its list on Feb. 10, explained the reasoning: "Roskens was put in a very difficult spot, taking over as head coach late in the summer after spending three years at Groom as an assistant. But Roskens and the Tigers responded, running all the way to the state title game with a lights-out defense. It's rare for first-year coaches to have this much success; it's even more rare when they have so little time at the helm."

Yet, if the ranking was given for the defense, then, according to Roskens, "the real mastermind behind that 'lights-out defense' was Tony Dodson."

After the previous coach left Dodson agreed to help Roskens. He then took on the challenge of being the defensive coordinator for the Tigers.

"This has been an extremely positive experience," Dodson said. "It's great to get back to football since I have been away from it for four years."

Coach Dodson has many teaching and coaching memories.

"My favorites would be just the memories of my players' faces being rewarded with success."

So, this year, he said he definitely added a few more favorite faces to that list.

### Football Accolades

#### All-State

Running Back - Trenton Fields  
 Spread Center - Hayden Ritter  
 Wide Receiver - Brayton Hendricks  
 Nose Guard - Nick Bohr  
 Cornerback - Nate Roskens

#### All Region

Offensive MVP - Trenton Fields  
 Wide Receiver - Brayton Hendricks  
 Spread Center - Hayden Ritter  
 Fullback - Nick Bohr  
 Nose Guard - Nick Bohr  
 Lineman - Trenton Fields  
 Cornerback - Nate Roskens  
 Safety - Hayden Ritter  
 Utility Player - Brayton Hendricks  
 Wide Receiver - Nate Roskens  
 Cornerback - Carson Ritter

#### All District

Offensive MVP - Trenton Fields  
 Defensive MVP - Nate Roskens  
 Tight End - Cody Kling  
 Wide Receivers - Brayton Hendricks  
 Nate Roskens  
 Hayden Ritter  
 Quarterback - Carson Ritter  
 Fullback - Nick Bohr  
 Special Teams - Alan Bush  
 Noseguard - Nick Bohr  
 Defensive Linemen - Trenton Fields  
 Brayton Hendricks  
 Cornerback - Carson Ritter  
 Safety - Hayden Ritter

#### 2nd Team

Running Back - Garet Rocha  
 Tight End - Mason Miller



Junior Cade Ruthardt tries to stay warm during one of the few games that had freezing temperatures.



Coach Dodson and sophomore Cody Kling celebrate after an intense playoff win in Littlefield, Texas.



Freshman tight-end Nathan Ruthardt reflects on the win.