

The Beginning of the season.

McLane Stadium. Cedar Park cleats are the first to pull at the turf of Baylor's new stadium. Players dodge and weave between their Aledo opponents. Each lives a historic moment.

Gupton Stadium. Seniors line up on their home field for one of the last times. The defenders stare down the Vista Ridge offense. Every team member knows how crucial the game is.

Dallas Cowboy Stadium. Television crews and photographers crowd the sidelines. Running out of the tunnel, players know it is a day they won't forget.

Dec. 19, 2014. The 5A Division II State Championship. A moment the team had worked all season and years in preparation for—a moment many doubted would ever come. Though many analysts had short projections for the Timberwolves, senior running back **Christopher Hutchings** stayed motivated to push through the season to get to his ultimate goal - State.

"People were saying that we weren't even going to make playoffs, and that was frustrating because we knew how good we were," Hutchings said. "We just wanted to prove everyone wrong and show we were one of the best teams in the state. We knew, despite the predictions, that we always had a chance at State."

T-Wolves started the season with a chip on their shoulders, but quickly picked up steam on their road to playoffs and then State. With memorable games, such as playing the opening game at McLane stadium, starting slow but finishing fast at the Eastview game and officially becoming District Champions after defeating Vista Ridge, the Cedar Park season kept fans on their toes. Players fought hard games and persevered through the playoffs, and hundreds of die-hard CPFBS fans found themselves in Jerry World: the Dallas Cowboys' Stadium.

"Everything was amazing," senior captain line-backer **Louis Lachowsky** said. "The stadium, the locker rooms, the fans, the jumbotron. It was surreal!"

While the mere fact of being able to play in a professional level stadium was overwhelming, the T-Wolves also recognized the reason they were there.

"It was cool being in the stadium at first," sophomore full back **Tyler Lavine** said. "But I knew I had to tune in and be focused on the more important things. As soon as I got there I was just ready to get the game started."

From the beginning of the game it was clear the T-Wolves and their opponent, Ennis, were in a tight competition. Scores went back and forth throughout the game without either team gaining a significant lead. In the last few seconds of the game, Ennis was able to score quickly off an interception to finish the game in their favor. Shock and disbelief rippled through the team.

"For a moment my heart was broken," Hutchings said. "I felt like I had let my teammates down. I eventually realized though, that we gave it our all and that's all anyone can ask for."

In the days after the game, the significance of the game had begun to set in, especially in younger Timberwolves.

"I will always remember that game," Lavine said. "I was so blessed to be able to be a part of such a talented team, especially with the class of 2015 seniors. They were such a talented and hard working group of guys; we went far as a family. And with their legacy, we've set a high standard here and we know we can go back to another State championship game. It will make us work harder in the next seasons so we can finish back in Dallas."

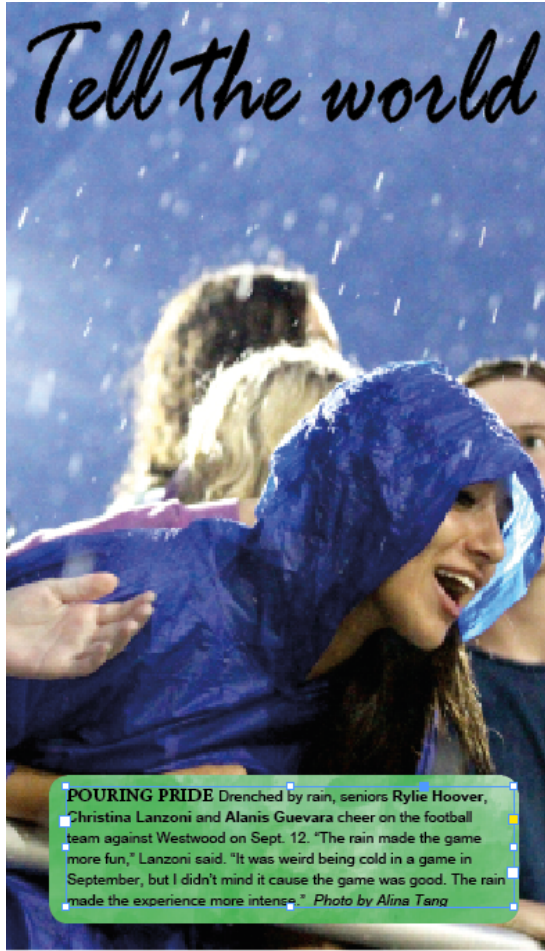
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Guess who's back?

Wolves make second trip to championship

Tell the world I'm coming home

Black reign drenches the Warriors' parade



POURING PRIDE Drenched by rain, seniors Rylie Hoover, Christina Lanzoni and Alanis Guevara cheer on the football team against Westwood on Sept. 12. "The rain made the game more fun," Lanzoni said. "It was weird being cold in a game in September, but I didn't mind it cause the game was good. The rain made the experience more intense." *Photo by Alina Tana*

Raindrops plummeted from an the indigo sky laced with hundreds of storm clouds. John Gupton Stadium's parking lot – typically full on a game night – seemed emptier compared to usual. Still, dozens of Cedar Park Jeeps and trucks made their way onto the wet asphalt. Thunder shook the stands as freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors began settling into the student section.

This year, on Sept. 12, the T-Wolves' homecoming football game occurred in the midst of a thunderstorm. The Wolves won 34-10 against Westwood, despite the inclement weather. Even though students and field-goers alike were drenched by the first quarter, spirits remained high.

"The rain made the game more memorable," senior [Christina Lanzoni](#) said. "It was cold, but I stayed anyway because I like watching football and cheering for our team."

While life in the student section focused on spirit, the players remained concentrated on their game, which was delayed thirty minutes as a result of lightning strikes.

"Both teams had to start establishing their running games more," senior quarterback [Jake Pokorney](#) said. "The wet and soggy balls made it much more difficult to run passing plays as frequently."

As crowd members and coaches watched sophomore [Tyler Lavine](#) make a 27-yard carry for a touchdown, seniors of

the marching band reflected on forgoing their last homecoming performance. The band did not perform their usual half-time routine, as the rain failed to relent.

"I was really upset," senior euphonium player [Tyler Campbell](#) said. "I was looking forward to performing our ballad for the first time."

The rain resulted in a different experience for everyone; students cheered in their rain-washed CP overalls, players tackled in their dripping jerseys, band members protected their instruments with plastic and the homecoming court tried their best to keep their formal-wear dry. This year, potentially damaging weather ranked among the concerns of homecoming royalty.

"The rain made me focus on not tripping in front of the entire student body," senior Princess [Mia Trautz](#) said. "But it was surely a night to remember."

Freshman Duke [Evan Dickinson](#) agreed that the turbulent weather caused a few minor inconveniences.

"It was difficult because we had to bring umbrellas," Dickinson said. "It was unexpected, but it wasn't a big deal."

Whether it was overall harmful or beneficial, the rain made homecoming 2K14 memorable.

"I think the rain really showed that the people who stayed were true fans" junior [Zachary Vessels](#) said. "It was something I could never forget."

Cedar Fever

T-Wolves are not exactly living up the ATX life.
Instead, they appreciate the daily pains and joys of living in Cedar Park

"I find a good movie as engaging as a good book. Typically, a wonderful story is told, characters evolve and grow before the audience in about a two hour time frame. I love watching movies because they can show such a rich and engaging story. During an average week, I watch movies for two hours a week. One of the best movies to come out this year, in my opinion, has been *Guardians of the Galaxy* because it was more light hearted than other Marvel films have been, so that was a nice change, I think. My all time favorite movie would have to be *Forrest Gump* - it has great rewatchability and makes such interesting references. That's what makes a movie good to me; the ability to be engaging and funny no matter how many times you see it."

-*Brand Marino (12)*

"I first started listening to music with a friend while I was in seventh grade. Back then, I listened to bands like *Sleeping with Sirens*, but my music tastes have evolved since then. Now I listen to more bands like *Green Day* and *Let Yourself Go*. Listening to music is how I spend literally all of my spare time. Whenever I don't want to listen to people, I can just put in my headphones and do my work without distraction. Music relaxes me and if ever I'm having a bad day listening music is what I want to do because it always makes me feel really good."

-*Melissa Rodolchi (10)*

"I am definitely considered a book nerd. I'm obsessed with not only reading books, but also learning about the books' authors. I spend almost all of my free time - when not doing homework - reading books. I read mostly fantasy, sci-fi, adventure and historical fiction if it's from a good author like Sarah Dessen. My love for books is such a big part of my life now. I imagine it'll be in my future too - I see myself as being a librarian or English teacher or maybe even an author myself."

-*Elizabeth Lamm (11)*



What is your favorite part about growing up and living in Cedar Park?

"It's like a suburb and a city here. It's an Austin suburb of Austin. There's a good sense of community and a blend."

"The fact that I'm able to see a group of people grow up with me and be supported in something I really appreciate."

"Forme, ball is life. So I really appreciate that the weather is nice here. The winter's not too cold so I can play basketball all year long."

"I moved here from Alabama and I've found that people in Texas are nice. They don't judge as much and are more open here."

Cedar Park

Armani Roman (11)

Nathan Motz (9)

Morgan Muir (10)

Frank Zerbe (11)

Breanna Glaze-On La Rose (8)

It's all about that base

"I like baseball because of the adrenaline from being on the field and the one-on-one tension of seeing who the better player is. As a catcher, I like calling pitches and being able to touch the ball every play. When I'm catching, I think what the hitter is or isn't expecting. I look at how the hitter is standing and how they're lined up with the plate. I play baseball because my dad played his whole life and my older brothers played too. I figured I'd follow their path because I look up to them. My grandpa and seeing my brothers huge eyes when I make a play motivates me. I like having my family be proud of me."

-Jackson Molinaro (10)

"I like batting because I like being in high pressure situations where it's up to me whether the team wins or loses. I think about making contact while hitting the ball hard and getting on base. This year my walk-up song is 'Sound of Madness' by Shinedown because it's in honor of my best friend who I grew up playing baseball with had an arm injury and can't play anymore. Hearing the song helps me relive the glory days that I spent playing ball with him. That's what motivates me at the plate."

-Ryan Doyle (12)

"In the outfield, I focus on getting in a good position to make a catch and make a throw after the catch. I like the intensity throughout the whole game and how not only physically, but mentally strong you need to be to play this game. Senior season means a lot to me because it's the last team sport I will be playing and it's with a team I love and care about. I'm happy to be a part of a special group of guys."

-Davis Fiala (12)

"I've always loved baseball. I've played every year since I was four. It's always been a big part of my life because that's where I've met so many of my good friends. It's relaxing for me to play. When I pitch I feel in control of the game. How well the other team does completely depends on my performance. I take each pitch one at a time. There's a lot to take into consideration, what pitch to throw, where to throw it, and what runners are on base. If I do my job, I know my team will back me up on offense and get the runs we need to win."

-Shawn Spradling (12)

"I've been playing baseball since I was four so I really like it. It's fun playing first base because you're involved in the play whenever the ball is hit. What makes it hard is whenever the ball thrown to you is off target and it's hard to catch. I think about what I need to do with the ball if it comes my way. I like the infield because you're more involved in the play and you get the ball more often."

-Jake Pohorney (12)



Photos by Lauren Campbell

Our goal is stopping yours

Spotlight on soccer seniors; last day to play

Q: What was your favorite game this season?



Photos by Sabrina Leo A: My favorite game of the season was when we played Georgetown at their house. They were on top of the district and we were on the bottom, but we played really well and things were clicking for us. In the last 12 minutes of the game, we scored to go up 1-0 and really thought we were going to win, but then they scored on us, and ended up tying.

-Brooks Lachowsky (12)

Q: How does it feel knowing it's your last year playing on the soccer team?



A: Knowing it's my last season, I came into the season very prepared after training all year. It's a difficult season because we have a young roster, but this season, I have been playing for the younger kids, so that they will be prepared for the next couple of years. Knowing that I will continue playing in college makes my last season not sting as much.

-Benjamin Coers (12)

Q: What did you gain from being on the soccer team?



A: Being on the soccer team taught me how to be more responsible and how to be a better man. It also taught me how to keep my head up no matter what, and how to respect my teammates and peers.

-Hunter Love (12)

Q: What is the biggest responsibility of being on the soccer team?



A: The biggest responsibility for me is controlling my defense and telling them who to mark. I try to focus on what everyone is doing throughout the whole game so I can see if a player is a threat and if he needs to be marked. I feel like I have one of the biggest responsibilities on the field and there's no room for errors.

-Yobani Orduno (12)