



IN IT FOR THE WIN Coming together for a tackle, seniors Jacobe Ellis and Jacoryon Larry take down one of the Marshall Mavericks.

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TEXAS WEATHER STRIKES AGAIN TURNING A NORMAL FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME INTO ONE THAT NO ONE WILL FORGET

As the rain continued to beat down on us, we kept up our spirit in the fight against Marshall and didn't let bad weather lead to a dreadful game.

"Being on the sideline during the Marshall game was a blast, although setting up was hard and slippery. I fell three times but it was totally worth it," junior athletic trainer Dalton Underwood said. "All the football players were hyped and it

was all around an amazing experience."

The band and drill team typically played a huge role in driving the student section, but the weather conditions prevented them from performing at the game.

"I thought the rain game was so much fun because this was the first time I got to sit in the student section," sophomore Emily McMaster said. "Everyone still showed school spirit, and it was cool seeing

everyone in ponchos."

Throughout the game the field became muddy, causing the players to have to make adjustments to familiar plays.

"Some of the changes we had to make were watching our steps and our cuts when we ran," junior Quan Hampton said. "We also had to make sure to keep our cleats tighter than normal."

The 27-7 score kept the team in the running for co-district champs. Students

flocked to the field to congratulate and celebrate alongside the players.

"I wasn't even planning on going, but I ended up going and since all the people that are usually on the field were in the stands, it made it really fun," sophomore Matt Prieskorn said. "The rain made it really fun because it was a different experience, and I had never been to a game like that." *spread by c. payne and m. cook*

"It was my first time taking pictures at a varsity football game, and the rain made it really difficult. To protect the cameras from the rain, we covered them with trashbags."

-Ayla Sozen, 11



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SLIDING FOR THE WIN Senior Chaz Davis and his teammates celebrate the win against Marshall by sliding across the slick grass. After overcoming difficulties with the wet field and water seeping through all of the football equipment, the varsity football team dominated with a 27-7 win. "Playing for the District Championship made it all worth it, after we won it was fun to run and slide in the mud."

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AMPED UP Megaphone in hand, junior Slyder Welch amps up the student section. The cloudy forecast didn't wash away the Tiger pride. In fact, it was one of the more spirited games. "The rain game was the best experience that I've ever had at a Tiger football game," Slyder said. "The rain made the game more exciting, and made everyone stand up and cheer on the Tigers."

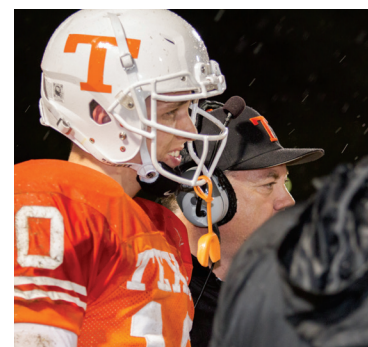
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"It rained the entire game, and it was windy and cold, but we all came out to support our Tigers to victory, so rain or shine we still show up."

-Keeley Green, 11



FOCUSED IN The student section focuses in on the game as the rain continues to fall. "The game against Marshall was a very intense game with the rain because we had to win that game to tie for district and to get a good seat for district," junior Colby Adkins said. "Coach [Barry] Norton had a good idea to play that game when it was raining to help our odds of winning."



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ALONG THE SIDE

Junior Cade Pearson watches his teammates on the field. "I enjoyed it for the most part, but it threw off our game plan because of the weather," Cade said. "We didn't throw the ball as much, and it was more of a hard nose football game, which the coaches wanted because we have a tough team."

"The rain game was a lot more different from the regular games because the weather made everything hectic and time consuming. It seemed like the boys played a lot harder, especially with the rain being a disadvantage, but the guys pulled through, and it was a really good game."

-Meagan Harris, 11



A NEW PERSPECTIVE Screams erupt from seniors Elizabeth Tullis and Hannah Williams as they cheer on the football players. "It was one of the best games I have ever been to, even though it was a little rainy," Hannah said. "Everyone that was there was so pumped and cheering the whole time, and I got to be with my friends. We just made the best of it."