

It's RED It's LIT

Varsity Football Achieves Winning Record

The eighth football team to take the field as Eagles faced some well-publicized challenges. Players knew they had an excellent chance of making it to playoffs. But they would also play two former State champions, Manvel and Pearland, before they got out of District. And their early playoff games would be tough, and also littered with storied teams like Friendswood and Katy.

All season, the offense put a minimum of 27 points per game on the board, but the team still suffered losses to rivals Pearland, Manvel and Friendswood.

Despite a few losses, the team lived up to its own slogan, "It's red! It's lit," which players chanted before each game. In the school's second season as one of the smaller members of this new 6A District, the team finished 6-2.

Run Saevion Run. Running back **Saevion Johnson** dodges Friendswood defenders in the round two playoff game that ended the season. In regular season play, the team lost only twice, to Pearland and Manvel. *Photo by A. Macias*

Moment of Silence. Defensive lineman **Matthew Greene** takes a knee to pray on the field before the Pearland game. "We pray before and after every game for a victory, that our brothers stay safe, that we make it to sixteen games, and for our coaches," Matthew said. "With God, we can do anything." *Photo by A. Macias*

Hard Work Pays Off. After scoring a touchdown against Dobie, **Saevion Johnson** is congratulated with a handshake from teammate **Brailon Mouton**. "I've wanted to be on varsity since I was a sophomore, while looking up to former players," Saevion said. "I kept working hard until I achieved my goal," *Photo by A. Macias*



Inside the LOCKER ROOM

"Before every football game we have to amp up the energy. We usually act foolish, dance to Gucci Man and do all types of chants to get the team hyped. If you're not hyped for the game, you're not going to be ready to play. Just like Deion Sanders said, 'If you look good you play good.' If you're ready to play, you're going to be hyped up to play. It's as simple as that." *Photo by J. Silva*

-Malik Thekere





The Wood. During the National Anthem, **Vincent Fisher** stands in the front of the line holding the emblematic wood. "The wood symbolizes many things," Vincent said. "It mainly represents hitting hard but it also means you're the leader and the one the team counts on for the victory." Photo by H. Voigt



Inside the MIND

How is it playing for Varsity as a Sophomore?



"It's a great experience being a younger kid on Varsity. Overall, I like coming in with the older guys and getting better each day, although the strength is different since they have two more years in the weight room."

-Spencer Wells



"It gets serious as far as the upper classmen go because you always have to prove yourself to them. I had to show everybody I could play on their level and earn their respect since I just came in as a Freshmen when they were already on Varsity."

-Bryce Victorian



"Being on varsity as a sophomore is a surreal feeling. It's the main aspiration of a lot of athletes and I enjoy being with and a part of this class's football team."

-Darrius "Bam" Smith

Nothing But Spirals. Ball in hand, **Zachary Smith** has his eye out on which of his teammates is open and ready for the pass. "The mind-set is really your team to get on the same page and understand each other. It's a long road and we have to stay together," Zach said. Photo by A. Macias

Pushing Through Pain. After tearing his ACL the previous year and his meniscus the first day of practice, **Jonathan Navarro** suffers after a hard hit during the Pasadena game. "I initially thought my season was over but I pushed through even though I wasn't able to play to my full potential," Jonathan said. Photo by V. Cade

Head in the Game. On the sidelines, **Jordan Rodriguez** keeps an eye on the action his team as they put in work in his last season. "It has been one of the best years of my life and I will never forget the coaches or my brothers next to me when I go to college," Jordan said. Photo by L. Turner

Keep It Up. As defense takes the field, **Coach Gabe Grant** talks to the offensive linemen about keeping their groove. "He tells us what we need to get better at and what we need to watch out for in the plays," **Forrest Williams** said. "He tells us exactly what to do and helps us throughout the game." Photo by L. Turner

Let's Get It. Taking the lead, **Parker Correia** guides his team as they are introduced before the start of Pasadena game, which ended in a 70-14 win for the Eagles. Photo by V. Cade