

Gridiron Glory On Field, In Playoffs

Mules Varsity Football Team Finishes Season 8-4

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The varsity football team met the Boerne Champion Chargers at Harry B. Orem Stadium on Nov. 9. This was the final game of the regular season and it impacted the final district rankings.

“This was a very big rivalry game,” junior Safety Mac Flinn said. “It was like a playoff environment.”

The team began the game with a major setback on the offense when junior Tight End Jack Seger tore his ACL on the first play of the game. Sadly, Seger was not be able to return for the rest of the season. Senior Receiver Nik Proctor also went out with an injury. Proctor dislocated shoulder, right before halftime. Although Seger and Proctor were no longer in the game, the Mules still managed to put up 37 points against the Chargers.

“It was hard to watch the game without being able to contribute,” Seger said. “I really hoped we could still continue to win in the playoffs.”

Thirty seven points was not enough to beat the Boerne Champion Chargers. The game was a nail biter, but the Mules came up short, 43-37. With the Mules’ loss, the team finished second in district play and had a home playoff game Nov. 16. The team played the Georgetown East View Patriots.

“This was my first playoff game,” senior Receiver Hunter Campbell said. “It was hard to believe this was my last game in Harry B. Orem Stadium.”

The East View Patriots were a challenge but the Mules took over and headed into the half up 21-14. Ultimately, they won the game, 37-21, and advanced to play Corpus Christi Calallen in the second round of the playoffs.

“I was ready to come back and play,” senior Lineman Chris Morse said. “I was glad I could play another game.”

During Thanksgiving break, the Mules faced the Calallen Wildcats at Heroes Stadium on Nov. 23. Although the Mules fought hard, they were not able to get the win and lost, 63-35.

“I have played football half of my life,” senior Jonah Jimenez said. “It was hard to know that this was the last time I was ever going to play the game.

For the underclassmen, they will be putting their pads up and hitting the weight room in the offseason.

“It was hard to see the seniors play their last game,” junior Safety Jack Bentley said. “But I’m already ready for next season.”