

I CAN. I WILL. I MUST.

As he rushed through the line, senior Eric Johnson tackled an opposing teammate after a run. "I am forced a fumble and picked up the ball while I was running to the end-zone. I trucked somebody and ended up scoring," Johnson said. He had 42 tackles this season.

Preparing before the game, junior Hunter Earl prays. "Before every game I like to pray to myself to my mind focused and ready for a big game so I can play good during the game and do my job so we can win," Earl said. Every game Earl prays to keep his mind focused.

Before the game, the varsity team sings the national anthem. "While we were singing the national anthem, I was observing the other team, trying to see how the competition was looking like," senior Cameron Johnson said. The team considers each other family. All photos by N.Rubel



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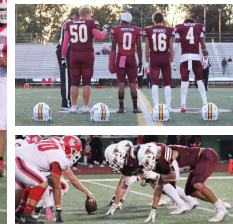
Escaping the opponents, senior Joey Brooks sprints to the end zone after the ball is handed off to him. "I get a rush of adrenaline when I see my teammates juking out the opposing teams defenders and booking it down the field to make amazing plays," sophomore Christopher Batou said. After receiving the punt return Brooks scored a 35-yard touchdown.



With his eyes locked on the quarterback, junior Jacob Harmon waits for the hike. "One of my favorite moments of that game is when I sacked the quarterback against Warren Woods Tower; it got the Falcons the ball back," Harmon said. During the game Harmon had six tackles.



In preparation for the coin toss, seniors Josh Houston, Joseph Brooks, and Michael Brown and junior Jacob Harmon, stand at the 50-yard line. "When versus Warren Woods Tower the opposing team fumbled the ball off of a run, and I recovered the fumble," Brooks said. During his last game Brooks had three catches for 31 yards. All photos by N.Rubel



Lined up for the next play to start, senior Liam O'Brien, juniors Noah Myshock, Gabriel Baci, and Jacob Harmon get set to rush the opposing team. "I was waiting for the ball carrier to run to my side so I could tackle him and stop him from gaining yards," O'Brien said. "I try my best to make sure that the ball carrier doesn't get past the line of scrimmage." O'Brien was named second team all county with honorable mentions for senior Josh Houston, and juniors Gabe Baci, Jamie Thomas, and Dylan Franks.

HOW DOES THE STUDENT SECTION MAKE YOUR FEEL?

- 1 "The student section keeps me motivated to keep on fight through rough plays even when some of the situations get tough."
-junior Maximus Brinker
- 2 "The section made it more hype and exciting because it felt like we had a lot more support and more fun to play."
-junior Wyatt Rathka
- 3 "The section didn't really impact me because I try to focus on my game and stay locked in to keep up my hard work."
-senior Johnny Brooks
- 4 "Whenever the I hear the student section screaming after every big play that we make helps hype me and the team up, and it also helps keep us motivated to keep making good plays."
-sophomore Vincenzo Constantineau



After receiving the punt senior Michael Brown runs at Salem with no intent of stopping. "One of my best moments is when I scored a 65 yard touchdown after a hand-off winning the game," Brown said. Brown had 215 rushing yards this year. Photo by N.Rubel



With the flag in hand, senior Josh Houston and his team sprint to the student section before the kickoff. "Before the start of every game, we run out of the tunnel with the smoke bombs going off," Noah Myshock said. "As we run out we make our way to the student section to deliver the flags. When doing this it makes me realize that I'm not just playing the game for myself but for everyone that comes out and watches." The team only runs with the flag before the first game of the season. Photo by N.Rubel

Varsity Football

Front Row: Josh Coleman, Joshua Houston, Evan Bakes, Aiden Supert, Elijah Harris, Dylan Franks, Michael Brown, Justin Gomez, Justin Folarin • **Second Row:** Robert Ritchie, Austin Tyler, John Johnson, Aiden Saffron, Joseph Brooks, Kristoff Carroll, Augustine Duhana, Joseph Saba, Michael Ramirez • **Third Row:** Hunter Earl, Max Phillips, Christian Pointer, Jonathan Brooks, Wyatt Rathka, Evan Schroeder, Vincent Constantineau, Maximus Brinker, Vincenzo Russo • **Fourth Row:** Zaya Vincent, Christopher Batou, Nik Gjokaj, Cameron Johnson, Noah Myshock, Alexander Oxie, Aaron Johnson, Austin Masterson, John Thomas Dobroczyński, Matthew Gollnick • **Fifth Row:** Jacob Harmon, Nolan Linder-Fox, Jamie Thomas, Amare Moran-Davis, Gabriel Baci, Tarik Skokic, Ronald Wagrowski, Liam O'Brien • **Back Row:** Coach Chuck Rodriguez, Coach Yasso Yasso, Coach Sharron Waller, Coach Waller, Mike Szalkiewicz, Joshua Abate, Austin Potter, gelo Marku, Sabs.

Scores: Salem 0-7, Warren woods tower 25-6, Port huron Northern 7-42, Mott 0-23, Cusino 12-26, Port Huron 6-23, Fraser 13-6, Sterling Heights 52-0



Motivation without moderation

The varsity football team moves to the MAC Blue Division

As schedules are distributed varsity football players take note of each game and opponents moving into the MAC Blue.

all the way to a 64-yard touchdown," sophomore Vincenzo Russo said. "I was pumped and filled with energy, celebrating with my teammates afterward."

After dropping down to the MAC Blue the varsity boys football team spends time focusing on their skills like throwing, tackling, and catching.

"Playing schools like Eisenhower, a lot of guys play baseball with them so we know them, but playing Warren Mott — there's no rivalry with them so it's just different energy," senior Nik Gjokaj said. "Most games are scrappy. There's no history with these teams. It makes us more hungry to win."

By not playing the same teams that they've played in the past like Eisenhower or Utica, the game was centered around playing in the moment rather than their rivalry between the schools.

This newly found confidence pushed the team further, helped them fight, and put them in an uncomfortable position. This caused the team to be more efficient while maintaining consistency.

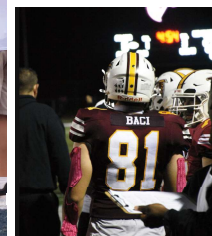
"Opponents got worse, we started to train more intensely, and we became more efficient and coordinated, our offense got worse and our defense got better," senior Michael Ramirez said.

With each week ending in the new division, the varsity football team adapted to their opponents and their strengths and weaknesses creating uncomfortable situations allowing them to practice under any circumstance.

"It was an amazing feeling that really lifted my confidence, [senior] Eric Johnson had my back, blocking for me

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Ready to snap the ball against Port Huron North junior John-Thomas Dobroczyński gets into position. "My favorite memory from this year was when we beat Warren Woods Tower," Dobroczyński received the Offensive Lineman of the Year Award. Photo by N.Rubel



Looking at the score board, junior Gabriel Baci watches as points are added. "Being on one of Ford's best defenses since 1997 is awesome because I get to work with my friends while making history," Baci said. Baci was a leader in defensive tackles. Photo submitted.