

FOOTBALL



▲ WATCH THE BALL
The Trojan defense lines up as the Little Hawks drive into the red zone during the Battle for the Boot Oct. 25.



▲ TOUCHDOWN TROJANS
Junior wide receiver Graham Goering celebrates after hauling in a touchdown grab to give the Trojans the lead Oct. 25.



▲ SEEING GREEN
Tyuss Bell '21 looks for a hole between Dubuque Senior defenders as he carries the ball Sept. 20.



▲ HOLDING ON
Newcomer Anu Dokun '20 gets past a blocker and sacks the North Scott quarterback Aug. 30. "My favorite part is hitting guys," Dokun said. "[I like] playing defensive end because you're always there to make tackles."



▲ FOLLOWING THE BLOCK
Fabian Brown '21 carries the ball past blockers and into the end zone for a touchdown against City High Oct. 25.



▲ KEEP YOUR GROUND
Senior offensive guard Makhi Halverson '20 takes his first step to block a Davenport North defender Oct. 11.

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"It could have been my last ever football game so I thought I'd give it my all" -Grant Henderson '20 after the team's 36-32 victory over City High



◀ THROWING DIMES
Quarterback Marcus Morgan '20 throws the ball down field during the Trojans' first drive of the season against North Scott Aug. 30.

Friday night feeling

HERE COME THE TROJANS For a West High football player, there's no better feeling than lining up with your teammates to run onto the field before a home football game. The excitement of the crowd and rowdy cheers from friends and family give off a sense of community that is unique to the gridiron. This year's football team was a tight-knit group of tough and determined players fighting for their legacy in Trojan football history. Through wins and losses, touchdowns and fourth downs, this team gave the West High faithful a team to root for, and made plenty of valuable memories along the way.



◀ PRESSURED
Standout sophomore Mason Applegate pressures the Dubuque Senior quarterback Sept. 20.



◀ TWO FEET IN
Grahm Goering '21 drags his feet in the end zone for a touchdown against Bettendorf Sept. 6.



◀ GETTIN' OUTSIDE
Wide receiver Ian McAreavy '21 carries the ball after a reception Oct. 11 versus Davenport North.



▲ FINDING A SEAM
Tate Crane '20 returns a punt in the season opener against North Scott Aug. 30.



▲ RUNNING HARD
Power running back Marchaun Hoover '20 carries the ball to set up a touchdown against Bettendorf Sept. 6. "My biggest strength is going through the hole with power," Hoover said.



▲ WRAP UP
Ilan McAreavy '21, Marcus Morgan '21, and Mason Applegate '22 bring down the North Scott quarterback late in the game Aug. 30.



▲ FLEXIN' ON THEM
Senior linebacker Grant Henderson celebrates a tackle for loss to stop the Little Hawk's fourth quarter drive in the Battle for the Boot Oct. 25.



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▲ FIGHT THROUGH
Senior linebacker Will Hoeft breaks through a Dubuque Senior block for a tackle Sept. 20.



◀ FOCUS UP
Offensive line coach Sam McLeran corrals his line as they head back onto the field for a drive against Davenport North Oct. 11.

"We've got a really good group of athletes. I think they (defensive backs) would probably say receiver is their primary position, but they feel comfortable playing both ways." **-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR TYLER MEADE**

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This year's football season was one of highs and lows. After a rough start, the team rebounded with a dominating 24-7 victory over Pleasant Valley in its first district game. The Trojans went on to win three out of their next four games, including three straight victories over Davenport North, Muscatine and Iowa City High. Junior quarterback Marcus Morgan threw for 499 yards and three touchdowns over that three-game stretch. Junior Grahm Goering was phenomenal all season, but played especially well against City, where he had three total touchdowns. Will Hoeft '20 recorded 24 tackles over the final three games while fellow linebacker Grant Henderson '20 nabbed two interceptions, including a 98th yard pick six to seal the victory against Muscatine.

Scoreboard

VARSITY FOOTBALL

North Scott	7-14
Bettendorf	15-42
Southeast Polk	21-23
Dubuque Senior	21-23
Pleasant Valley	24-7
Linn-Mar	12-28
Davenport North	21-14
Muscatine	31-16
City High	36-32