

Varsity Football

Celebrating after his teammates 43 yard catch is Isaiah Dameron/12. Dameron has been playing football for six years. His favorite football memory was when he made his first varsity touchdown. "It's easy to get distracted but don't lose sight of your goals and what you want to accomplish in life," Dameron said.



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Left: Running to get advice during a time out is Taylor Schwartzman/11. Schwartzman plays defensive tackle, but his favorite position is middle linebacker. "My favorite part about football is being able to tackle people and build a good bond with my teammates," Shwartzman said.



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Right: Joining his teammates for pregame to take on the Polar Bears is Aaron Pollard/10. The Scarlets defeated the Polar Bears 35-22. "As a player I have realized to respect coaches and take the criticism because they are there to improve you not attack you, and to value teammates, they are the only ones there for you," Pollard said.



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Left: Sprinting to the other side to score is Aubrey Gillard/12. He has gotten to where he is today by working constantly in the summer and cooperating with his teammates, along with learning how to take constructive criticism from his coaches. "Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing," Gillard said.



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Right: Celebrating a good play by his teammate is Jaydan Hazelbaker/11. Hazelbaker has been playing football since he was in third grade. "This year is when I discovered my true love and passion for football," Hazelbaker said.



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Getting ready to snap the ball to the quarterback is Larry Scott/12. Scott enjoys playing football because it has helped pull him out of his shell and showed him another family. "Don't be discouraged if you do not start on varsity your sophomore or junior year. Keep pushing and striving for what you want on the field," Scott said.

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The Scarlets were up against a lot on the cold evening of October 4, their first game without their beloved teammate. Many Eastsiders filled Williams Stadium with heavy hearts and emotions for the loss of junior, Dominic Reidburn who died in a fatal car accident. Many Eastsiders came together as one, nothing but love and support filled the air. There was support from both sides, as Waukee players, fans, and cheerleaders showed love by wearing "Eastside Legend" teeshirts that were also worn by the Eastside community. Black balloons hovered over the stadium. At kickoff, the speakers blasted, "Ghetto Angels" by NoCap with the line, "Why do I always question God but I never pray? I think about you, I end up crying on my best days," in remembrance of Reidburn. "He never said a word but if he wasn't at practice, you would know it. That's how I would describe him," assistant coach Keonte White said. White was one of Reidburn's coaches who grew a very strong bond with him. "Dominic always had a smile on his face. He would always teach me things to get better at football. Every morning he would always sit in the cafeteria by himself and I would always go up and talk to him," Quinten McDonald/9 said. McDonald may not have been close with Reidburn, but he was somebody he looked up to, as Reidburn was always motivating him to do better every practice. "He made a big impact on my childhood because we were close and we would hang out and have good times. At some time, he was like a brother, it's just tough having him gone," Brayton Hannan/11 said. Hannan grew up with Reidburn. "He was always competitive. He always strove to be as good as he could get. He always pushed me to get as good as I could get also. He made me a better player and everything," Tyson Woodyard/11 said.



Sitting on the bench taking it all in after a play is Dominic Reidburn/11. Halfway through the season, the Scarlets sadly lost Reidburn in a fatal car accident. "He was taking a break here, but I know if we would of called his name he would of grabbed his helmet and jumped up off the bench and ran to wherever we needed him," head coach Greg Schoon said.

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