

OUR TOWN

In a typical year, the West High football team would have come into their season opener after a summer full of off-season workouts. However, those plans were forced to adjust to this unusual year. June 1 was the team's first time together since March as they started to prepare for the football season in the fall. With rules and precautions to follow, it was anything but normal. As the Trojans made their way into August, their season had already been through a new schedule and playoff structure in hopes to accommodate for teams affected by COVID-19. Garrett Hartwig's squad opened the year at Liberty in the school's first ever match up Aug. 28 where they picked up their first win of the year 27-0. Without fans in the stands, West went into week two in hopes of clinching a city championship. When Gram Goering '21 took the opening kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown, the Trojans knew they had something special in store to win their fourth consecutive Battle for the Boot 56-20. When all online school started Sept. 8, the West High football team was put on pause for three weeks and they missed three regular-season games. In their first appearance in weeks, the Trojans traveled to Dubuque Senior in what was supposed to be week six for their third game of the season. Senior Marcus Morgan led the team to a 35-23 victory while throwing for 230 yards and three touchdowns to go along with his rushing touchdown and pick-six.

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FIRED UP Liam Becher '22 and his teammates celebrate their Battle for the Boot win against City High. "In the moment it was just pure joy and excitement, but more importantly, it also made me realize how fortunate I am to be a part [of] such a talented and hardworking team with one of the best coaching staffs in the state," Becher said.



STORM THE FIELD The football team rushes through the banner onto the field for the Battle for the Boot without a single fan in the stands. West High set a new school record in winning their fourth consecutive Boot game Sept. 4.

HUDDLE UP Quarterback Marcus Morgan '21 calls a play from the huddle in the first ever match up between Liberty Aug. 28 at Liberty High School.



1. Mo Simpson '21 sacks City High quarterback Raph Hamilton '21 for a loss during the Battle for the Boot.



2. Senior Ian McAreavy celebrates his tackle for a loss against Liberty Aug. 28.

3. Marcus Morgan '21 scrambles out of the pocket and runs for a gain during the Trojans' 27-0 win over Liberty.

4. Alex McKay '21 tackles a City High player running back for a loss in the red zone during West High's 56-20 win.

5. Senior wide receiver Gram Goering returns the opening kickoff for a touchdown Sept. 4 against City High.

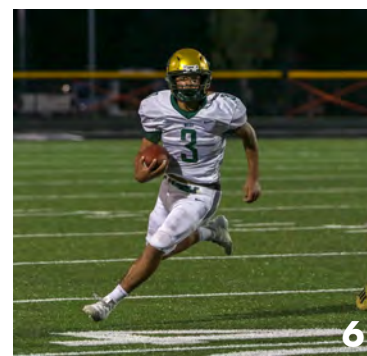


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	City	56 - 20
	Waterloo West	Canceled
	DBQ Hempstead	Canceled
	CR Jefferson	Canceled
	DBQ Senior	35 - 23
	CR Kennedy	48 - 21
	City	35 - 7
	DBQ Hempstead	38 - 24
Pleasant Valley	24 - 38	

6. Newcomer Trey King '21 looks to get outside on a run against Liberty. King rushed for 52 yards and a touchdown.

7. Senior Damarion Williams celebrates as he runs into the end zone on the Trojans' first drive of the night.

8. Mikey Brown '21 stiff arms a City High defender on a screen play during the Battle for the Boot.



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