

Roger That!

Staff and coaches reflect on the last four years with Ethan Rogers

From a timid freshman to wearing scuba gear and cowboy hats on the Daily News, this graduating senior flourished throughout his four years of high school.

Fresh out of St. Theresa's Catholic School, Ethan Rogers came to Hoover unaware of what was ahead of him. His time at Hoover led to becoming a three-season athlete in the Husky Athletic Department.

"I would say my freshman self would be pleased with who I have become. I have definitely become a better person and stepped out of my comfort zone with the activities I'm in. I've been on the baseball team for four years and did golf and track for two years," Rogers said.

He may be 15 minutes late to school every morning, but his passion for athletics motivates his hard work and leadership. Stepping up to bat since the age of six, Rogers took on leadership roles and brought his skills onto the Hoover baseball team. As a catcher, he guides the team on the field by calling plays and bringing out his competitive side.

Varsity head baseball coach Tyler Brown has coached the Huskies for two years and values Rogers' work ethic on the field.

"Ethan is a very knowledgeable player when it comes to the sport of baseball. He is always looking to support his teammates and share his knowledge and his love for the game. His best qualities would be his willingness to put in the work. Ethan takes opportunities to better himself as an athlete, but also an individual," Brown said.

From the batter's box to the tee box, Rogers spent the fall of his junior and senior year on the golf course.

"Ethan is a funny kid, so he makes the team laugh and keeps them loose. I think he is a great teammate because he gets along with everyone. He is a hard worker but knows that golf is supposed to be fun, so he doesn't take it too seriously," boy's golf head coach Jared Cochran said.

Aside from all of his sport activities, Rogers is also well-known as a news anchor for the Husky Media Group. As a member of the newspaper staff for two years, he was promoted to be the chief video editor this year.

"I really enjoy the newspaper class because of the people in the class with me and Mrs. Hamilton. She helped me find what I enjoy doing in class and keeps me on track. I have always been camera shy, and I think filming the news has helped me to not be as nervous," Rogers said.

Not only has the Daily News helped Rogers to open up, but he has also gained a few fans on the way. School counselor Jan Stribling is an avid viewer of the Daily News and enjoys seeing the fun aspects of Rogers' personality that he adds into the news.

"I love watching all of the anchors, but I love to see the different hats and outfits that he wears all of the time. He makes me laugh and makes the news interesting. Now that [the filming] is back in person, I love how he ends his broadcast with the throwing of the paper," Stribling said.

Rogers may be colorblind, but the one thing he can see is a bright future. After graduation, he plans on attending Kirkwood Community College next fall to get a degree in carpentry and hopefully play more baseball.

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