

Opponent	Score
Vinton Shellsburg	19-48
Center Point Urbana	13-54
Clear Creek-Amana	21-14
CC- Dewitt	20-46
Anamosa	41-03
Marion	00-41
Maquoketa	06-41
South Tama	19-27
Solon	07-43

Tough Tackles. Quintin Taylor 14 and James Heilman 16 stand their ground during their first season game against Vinton Shellsburg. "A good tackle is important to help our team," Quintin said, "and it keeps the other team from scoring." [photo] Cassidy Nulty



Motivation Machines

[Teammates push one another through]

Energetic music, excited screams and words of wisdom were all sounds heard from the players. The rowdiness was used as motivation to lead the team in the right direction.

Enthusiastic teammates played a key role in the way the team performed. Spencer Hill 15 channeled that energy to relieve some of his stress at times.

"Motivation means a lot," Spencer said. "During a big game, motivation really helped to take the pressure off."

In the words of Head Football Coach Clay Anderson, the players were exceptional when they started each of their games. Anderson said the players were great at "jacking 'em up." Joey Midyett 14 explained that preparation.

"We always yelled and clapped to try to pick each other up before each game," Joey said.

Another way was through music. Ben Twedt 14 created a cooler that blasted tunes into the air.

Ben said, "I brought the cooler to every home game because it really boosted our spirits."

Not only did the players let loose, but captains Matt Gessner 14 and Quintin Taylor 14 took the motivation to the next level with a poem.

"It [the poem] was about starting over and to keep moving forward," Brandon Wilhelm 14 said. "The captains read the poem before each game, and then we all joined in at the end with excitement."

~Brooke Boddicker



Gage Hartl 16



Alex Jones 14



Drew Kithcart 15

What it takes to be a WINNER...



Football is a mental game, so no matter how big or small a person is, the one with the most confidence will get the job done.

-Keaton Betterton 14



Discipline is key to be able to work hard. If you push yourself as hard and as far as you can go, you will see great success.

-Branden Havens 16



You can strive to be better through your heart and mind. You have to be in the right mind-set all the time.

- Bo Heeren 16



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Sunset Stretches. Before kickoff, Jacob Reid 16, Gage Hartl 16, Spencer Hill 15, Drew Kithcart 14, Wyatt Streets 14, Brandon Wilhelm 14 and Jorge Perez 14 prepare for the big game against Clear Creek Amana. [photo] Cassidy Nulty



Bobcat Block. Matt Gessner 14 makes a block against Anamosa. "This game allowed us to experience what it was like to be winners and have fun," Matt said. "We didn't care how much we scored; it was all about the experience." The team took the victory at this game. [photo] Mataya Hammes



Score. After a touchdown, James Heilman 16 celebrates the points against Anamosa. James said, "When we get a touchdown, it makes me want to tell the whole world." James did just that with a motion that screamed "touchdown!" [photo] Kristen Skow



[photo] Mataya Hammes

Riley Pfiffner 17

Sudden Snap. Thoughts flutter through Cam Touro's 14 head as he passes the ball to senior Ben Twedt. "I was trying to remember all the plays while thinking through everything I had to do," Cam said. [photo] Morgan Johnson

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If you work hard and dedicate yourself, it will pay off. You will get better, stronger and feel the pride of a champion.
- Kaedon Volz 15



Willing to put work in and go hard will make you a winner. You have to practice how you play and not only give 50%.
-Riley Pfiffner 17



Giving 100% not just in sports but in school. Having character and a willingness to help others out shows athletes are people, too.
- Tristan Ingalls 15

