

in it to win it!

The football team dedicates many hours weekly to prepare for games

The football team practiced four days a week, two hours a day, and practiced extra at home. They took the sport extremely seriously, always ready and preparing for the next game.

For senior Leon Kovaci, being prepared meant working overtime.

"When I have free time, instead of watching some random YouTube video, I watch [the other teams'] films, so we can get a better idea of what they're doing and what they're going to try to do," Kovaci said.

Meanwhile, Wyatt Hook (12) found the most beneficial way to enhance his skills was the daily practices that focused on different drills.

"Our practices throughout the week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays are full contact and they're pretty hard," Hook said. "Mondays and Thursdays are when we walk through, scheme and prep."

To make time for both practice and academics, David Robu (9) adjusted his schedule to ensure he excelled in both.

"I just put in the work over the offseason [and] keep [my] grades up because they would rather have a guy with all A's with the same talent [and] skills [with a] guy with all C's," Robu said. "[Overall, I] keep a regular diet, sleep well, eat well, and just work out in general."



adrenaline Holding the ball, junior Prasmit Kondawar sprints toward the end zone. As a running back, Kondawar had to sprint to the other end of the field during each game. "I really like to run, so I always get a little bit of excitement as soon as I hit a hole," Kondawar said. "I'm feeling a rush of adrenaline and I have to think and play smart."

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deja vu Senior Wyatt Hook cuts to the middle to catch a pass from his quarterback, Carson Chang (10). As a senior, Hook knew it was his job to help Chang with the ups and downs of the varsity team. "There was a senior, Derek Shear, who took me in and showed me a lot of things, and helped me throughout the season," Hook said. "So I've tried to be that role model [for Chang], and do the same as Derek did."

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skill set During a game, freshman Andrew Fekete scrambles away from a tackler. Fekete ran during most of the game, a skill he acquired to dodge tackles. "[I'm] pretty fast. I think my knowledge of the game at my age is pretty good, and as a quarterback I feel like I command the offense pretty well," Fekete said.

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experienced athlete

Caden Cormier (11) enjoys playing on varsity due to the team dynamics

"The varsity team has a great connection, good coaching, good overall scheme, and a really good vibe to it. I think all the players get along really well."

sprinting forward Senior Maxx Ward carries the football up the field in an attempt to make a touchdown. As a running back, Ward worked hard in practices so it would reflect during the games. "If we did something wrong in a game, we'd usually go over that [in practice]," Ward said. "And we just keep on redefining our skills and making them better and better." Photo by Avery Woodman

the end zone Sophomore Diego Rodriguez sprints into the end zone, scoring a touchdown against Hillsdale. Rodriguez, proud of his victory, celebrated with his fellow teammate. "I was really happy and my teammate [and I] have a little touchdown celebration," Rodriguez said. "We usually do it after every touchdown, [he] picks me up [over his head]."

Photo by Eli Rosenberg-Suzuki



Carson Chang (10) shifts the norm, becoming the youngest player on varsity

Making the varsity team requires hours of practice and hard work. Even after putting in all the effort, a spot might not be guaranteed. Although young, Chang managed to secure the quarterback position on the varsity team only after one year of playing football. "It was a little tough at first, to get used to everything, like the skill level change. As I settled in, it sort of got easier, but I'm still trying to get better at it," Chang said.



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family ties Sprinting toward the football, Junior Josiah Rhodes kicks the ball to make a field goal. Playing football ran deep in Rhodes' relationships, which inspired him to join the team. "I decided to play football because I love the sport," Rhodes said. "Everybody in my family and [all] my friends play, so I decided to carry on [the tradition]."

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