


# Are you ready for some football?

We are, and kick off by remembering some area high school stars

It's all about Friday night. It's what those sweat-drenched practices in brutal Texas heat were all about.



The locker rooms are full of nerves and hope and prayers, last-minute Xs and Os on the board, pads and tape, jerseys and cleats.

Stands begin to swarm with friends, families and fans, clutching popcorn and Cokes, climbing to their favorite seats. Pony-tailed cheerleaders start to jump, the drill team is in place and thinking about half-time, the band members sit in just the right order, just the right seats. The mascot is sweaty, but ready.

Bright lights go on, teams take the field and a Texas tradition begins again.

## BLUEBONNET'S FOOTBALL ROSTER

Many athletes from high schools in Bluebonnet's service area played in college and the pros. Here are a few. Know someone we left out? Email [magazine@bluebonnet.coop](mailto:magazine@bluebonnet.coop) and provide names, high school, college and pro teams and we'll add them to our list.

### Bastrop High School

Rob Goode -- Texas A&M, Washington Redskins (1949-55), Philadelphia Eagles (1955)

Bivian Lee -- Prairie View, New Orleans Saints (1971-75)

### Brenham High School

John Baker - North Texas State University, St. Louis Rams (2000-01)

Cleveland Franklin -- Baylor University, Philadelphia Eagles (1977-78), Baltimore Colts (1979-82)

Roderick Green -- Central Missouri State, Baltimore Ravens (2004-2005), San Francisco 49ers (2006-08)

Limas Sweed -- University of Texas, Pittsburgh Steelers (2008-09)

Wilson Whitley -- University of Houston, Cincinnati Bengals (1977-82), Houston Oilers (1983)

### Caldwell High School

Jason Carter -- Texas A&M, Minnesota Vikings (2006), Carolina Panthers (2007)

Alfred Jackson -- University of Texas, Atlanta Falcons (1978-84)

Kris Kocurek -- Texas Tech, Tennessee Titans, (2001-02)

Charlie Krueger -- Texas A&M, San Francisco 49ers (1959-73)

Rolf Krueger -- Texas A&M, St. Louis Cardinals (1969-71), San Francisco 49ers (1972-74)

John Symank -- University of Florida, Green Bay Packers (1957-62), St. Louis Cardinals (1963)

### Columbus High School

Roland Mitchell -- Texas Tech University, Buffalo Bills (1987-88), Phoenix Cardinals (1988-89), Atlanta Falcons (1990), Green Bay Packers (1991-94)

Willis Perkins -- Texas Southern University, Boston Patriots (1961), Houston Oilers (1961-63)

Bo Schobel -- Texas Christian University, Tennessee Titans (2004-2005), Indianapolis Colts (2006), Arizona Cardinals (2007)

Matt Schobel -- Texas Christian University, Cincinnati Bengals (2002-05), Philadelphia Eagles (2007-08)

## Giddings High School

Thomas Sanders -- Texas A&M, Chicago Bears (1985-89), Philadelphia Eagles (1990-91)

## Lockhart High School

William Ellison -- Texas Southern University, Los Angeles Rams (1967-72), Kansas City Chiefs (1973-74)

*Source: NFL.com*

Even more high school players graduated to college gridiron careers. Below is a list of names supplied by coaches, high school staffers and fans. Know players we need to add? If so, e-mail the names of players and the high schools and colleges they attended to [magazine@bluebonnet.coop](mailto:magazine@bluebonnet.coop). And let us know if you see any information below that needs correcting.

## Brenham High School

Don Boeker -- Baylor University

Calvin Janner -- Texas A&M University

Matt Murski -- Texas A&M University

Bill Nutt -- Texas A&M

Pat Padgett -- University of Texas

Ronnie Parker -- Texas Christian University

Eddie Van Dyke -- Texas A&M University

## Giddings High School

Cory Brite -- University of Texas San Antonio

Dwain Crawford -- Baylor University

Xavier Daniels -- Texas State University

Alan Dock -- Tulsa University

Brock Fitzhenry -- University of Texas

Marcellus Mack -- University of Texas San Antonio

John Ray -- Texas A&M University

Cameron Williams -- Midwestern State University

## Lockhart High School

Chase Allen -- Rice University

Brad Biersted -- Rice University

Curtis Clay -- Texas Christian University

Brandon Davis -- Angelo State University

Dan Diesrteff -- Southwest Texas State University

Chauncy Franks -- Midwestern University

Sad Franks -- Howard Payne University

Andrey Hill -- Sul Ross University

Norbert "Dutch" Ohlendorf -- Texas A&M University

Ryan Ohlendorf -- Trinity University

Matt Owen -- Angelo State University.

Dee Powell -- Texas A&M University

Greg Pitts -- Southwest Texas State University

Lamont Randall -- Tarleton State University

Clay Roland -- Southwest Texas State University

Freddie Roland -- Southwest Texas State University

Dave Smith -- Texas A&M University

Daryl Thomas -- University of Houston

Howard Thompson -- Howard Payne University

Rodrick Thompson -- Mary Hardin Baylor

Mitchell Ward -- Southwest Texas State University

## Manor High School

Sadd Jackson -- Texas Christian University

Donte Moore -- Rice University

Stanley Sneed -- Texas A&M Kingsville

Derek Steers -- University of Texas

Jon Wyndham -- University of Texas

## Smithville High School

Cyril Adkins -- Southwest Texas State University.

Tony Quitta -- McMurry University

## Somerville High School

Billy Bob Barron -- University of Texas

Miller Bassler -- University of Houston

Edwin Campbell -- Blinn College

Devin Coleman -- Sam Houston State University

Ky Cone -- Abilene Christian College

Timothy Edwards -- Blinn College

Harry B. Humphreys -- Blinn College University

Eugene Kubelka -- Texas A&I

Kyle Maldonado -- Hardin-Simmons University

Rhaun McGregor -- Cisco College

Michael Pittman -- Sam Houston State University

Lloyd Powell -- Sam Houston State University

Samuel Roberson -- North Texas State University

Elvis "Boots" Simmons -- Texas A&M University

Mike Welch -- University of Houston

Patrick Williams -- Texas State University

Benjamin Wise -- Navarro Jr. College, Southern Methodist University

Martinez Wise -- Navarro Jr. College

Fred Woodberry -- Texas State University

# Gridiron Rewind

## High school football memories

### David vs. Goliath

In 2006, Waco Midway's coach asked if his team would play a pre-season game against Giddings High, coach Derek Fitzhenry remembers. It was Midway's homecoming and the school, with almost 2,000 students, was a colossus compared to Giddings' less than 600 students. Fitzhenry said the Waco coaches considered this "a warm-up game," and when he told his team, they were fired up.

"The first play from scrimmage, Brock (Fitzhenry, the coach's son and the team's quarterback) ran for an 80-yard touchdown. We kicked off and they went three plays and punted and the second play from scrimmage, Brock went 80 yards for a second touchdown

"At half-time it was 36-0, Brock had 211 yards rushing on five carries. The final score was 45-7.

"Midway went to the 4A playoffs that year and had beat 5A Round Rock the game before they played us. It was a fun time and kind of a David and Goliath deal. Fun to see a small school that was picked to be your homecoming come in and win. We enjoyed it."

Brock Fitzhenry went on to play wide receiver for the University of Texas Longhorns in 2009.