

Past Championships

1972 O'Brien 60	Jarrell 14	1984 Jayton 44	May 28
1973 Cherokee 43	Marathon 12	1985 Jayton 64	Christoval 14
1974 Marathon 60	Cherokee 58	1986 Ft. Hancock 50	Christoval 36
1975 Cherokee 40	Marathon 26	1987 Lohn 58	Wellman 30
1976 Marathon 62	May 16	1988 Ft. Hancock 76	Zephyr 30
1977 May 42	Marathon 35	1989 Ft. Hancock 48	Jayton 24
1978 Cherokee 29	Cotton Center 27	1990 Ft. Hancock 66	Christoval 17
1979 Milford 53	Cotton Center 34	1991 Ft. Hancock 64	Christoval 14
1980 Milford 38	Highland 16	1992 Panther Creek 54	Ft. Hancock 26
1981 Whitharral 56	Mullin 36	1993 Panther Creek 56	Dell City 23
1982 Highland 60	Mullin 13	1994 Amherst 30	Milford 20
1983 Highland 67	Mozelle 50	1995 Amherst 72	Milford 48

The Record Book (since 1972)

Most pts in a championship game (team): 76, Ft. Hancock 1988
 (combined): 120, Amherst 72, Milford 48, 1995
 (losing team): 58, Cherokee, 1974
 Least pts. in a championship game: 12, Marathon, 1973
 (winner): 30, Amherst, 1994
 (combined): 50, Amherst 30, Milford 20, 1994
 Largest margin in championship game: 50, 1991
 Least margin in championship game: 2, in 1974 and 1978
 Most pts in playoff game (combined): 160, Christoval 89, Rochester 71, 1991
 (team): 93, Dell City, 1993
 (losing team): 71, Rochester, 1991
 Least pts in playoff game (winner): 22, Jayton, 1986
 (combined): 22, Jayton 22, Buena Vista 0, 1986
 Most consecutive trips to playoffs (current): 12, Jonesboro, 1985-1996
 Most playoff appearances: 18, Cherokee
 Most playoff wins: 29, Christoval (active 6-man school): 22, Cherokee
 Longest playoff win streak: 21 games, Ft. Hancock, 1988-1992
 (active): 4, Gordon, Lohn, and Whitharral. (Lohn hasn't been to playoffs since winning it all in 1987)

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Whitharral's Championship

December 5, 1981
 Stephenville, Texas
 Whitharral 56, Mullin 36

Mullin	6	16	8	6	-36
Whitharral	16	22	18	0	-56

M- Mitch Howe 1 run (kick failed)
 W- Alan Kay 8 run (Scott Gage kick)
 W- Ramiro Chavez 23 pass from Gage (Gage kick)
 M- Howe 1 run (Marty Sims kick)
 W- Albert Lopez 79 KO return (kick failed)
 W- Stanley Kristinek 26 pass from Kay (Gage kick)
 M- Howe 2 run (Sims kick)
 W- Gage 34 run (Gage kick)
 W- Kay 9 run (pass failed)
 M- Matt Eilers 58 pass from Mark Magham (Sims kick)
 W- Gage 42 FG
 W- Kristinek 66 pass from Kay (Gage kick)
 M- Howe 8 pass from Sims (pass failed)

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The Huntress Report would like to thank all of those who helped this season. Without a doubt this has been one of the most successful seasons in six-man history, culminating with tonight's game. Just a reminder, this year's final issue, the All-State edition, of The Huntress Report will be available in mid-January.



State Championship Issue

December 14, 1996

Official Program

The 1996 Texas Six-Man State Championship



vs.



Whitharral Panthers

Gordon Longhorns

Saturday, December 14, 1996

Mustang Bowl

Sweetwater, Texas

Everyone has talked about these two teams all year long, now its time to settle it on the field.

For both teams it has been a dream season.

Gordon graced the pages of Sports Illustrated and hosted a team from Canada, while Whitharral caught the state's attention by shutting out five of their first six opponents.

Both are loaded with talent.

Gordon is led by the senior leadership of Jason Sizemore, Jim Kostiha, Jesus Tijerina, and Duane Ray.

Seniors Brandon Rodgers and Michael Lopez, along with junior Jason Dobrovoly head the Panther squad.

The teams have only met once in their histories, a 54-18 Whitharral win in the 1981 state semifinals.

That year, Whitharral went on to win it all, defeating Mullin, 56-36 in the final (see box on page 8).

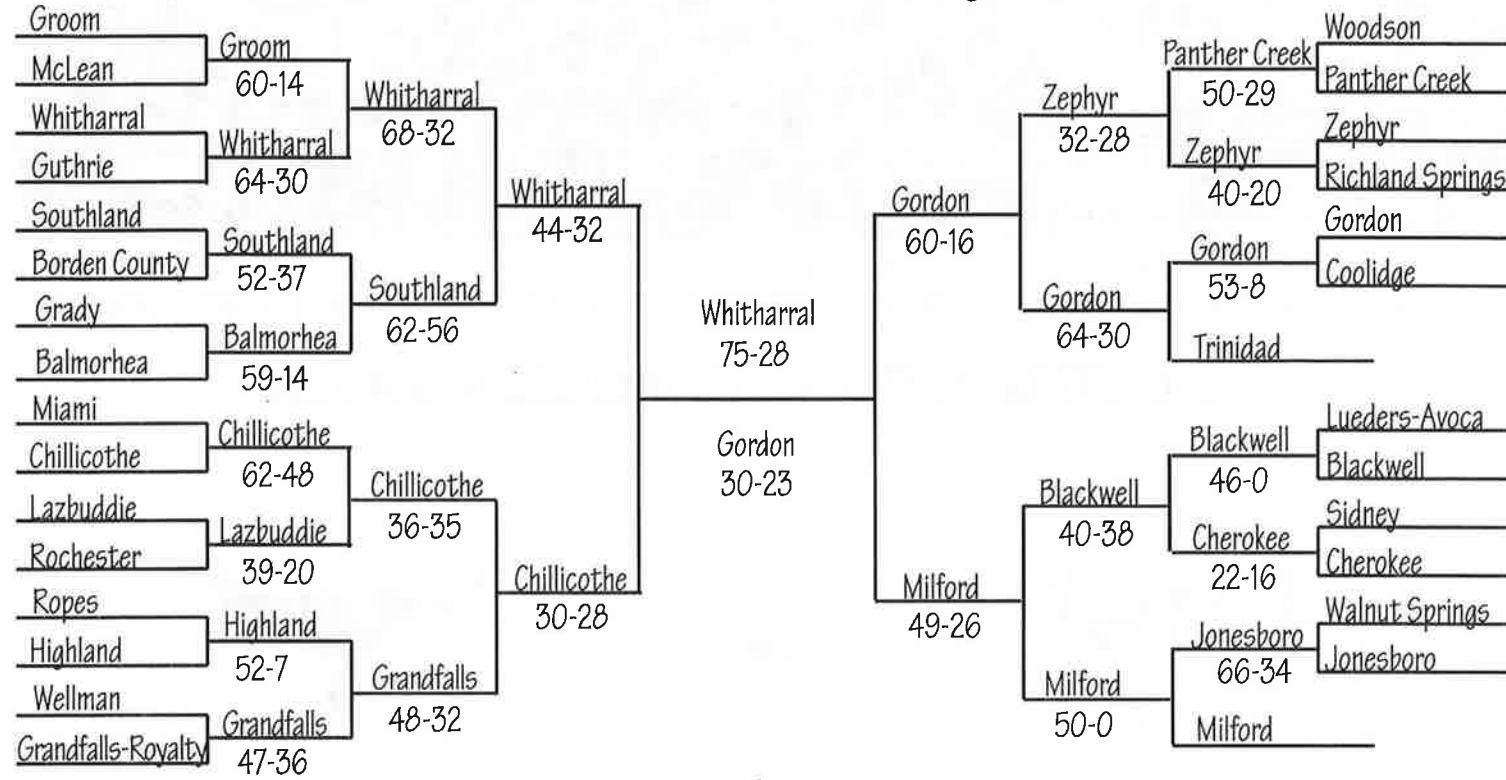
Michael Lopez' uncle Albert Lopez returned a kickoff 79 yards for a score in the championship game.

For Gordon coach Nelson Campbell, who has coached the Longhorns to 11 playoff appearances since taking over in 1981, this will be the second straight 'revenge' week.

Campbell has twice coached teams to the state semifinals.

In 1979 his Strawn squad fell to Milford, 66-49 in the semifinals, while in 1981 he was at the helm of Gordon, in the loss to Whitharral.

1996 Six-Man State Playoffs



Huntress Six-Man Rankings

after state semifinals

rk	team	record	rating	chg	pr	off	def	rk	team	record	rating	chg	pr	off	def
1.	Whitharral	(14-0-0)	215.19	5.27	1	54.8	13.3	46.	Newcastle	(6-3-0)	139.06	0.00	46	45.2	36.8
2.	Gordon	(14-0-0)	210.62	4.60	2	55.6	13.7	47.	Buena Vista	(3-6-0)	138.51	0.00	47	38.4	37.6
3.	Milford	(12-1-0)	198.26	-5.51	3	47.6	10.3	48.	Rochelle	(4-5-0)	138.05	0.00	48	34.8	29.6
4.	Southland	(11-2-0)	189.11	0.00	5	45.1	21.2	49.	Hermleigh	(3-7-0)	134.43	0.00	49	26.3	42.9
5.	Chillicothe	(11-3-0)	186.68	-6.72	4	52.7	34.8	50.	Trent	(4-5-0)	131.13	0.00	50	22.1	31.4
6.	Grandfalls-Royalty	(12-1-0)	183.12	0.00	6	47.2	26.5	51.	Covington	(3-7-0)	129.81	0.00	51	19.6	34.3
7.	Zephyr	(11-2-0)	182.93	0.00	7	40.9	21.8	52.	May	(4-5-0)	128.92	0.00	52	29.9	37.8
8.	Blackwell	(10-2-0)	182.83	0.00	8	46.9	19.3	53.	Meadow	(4-6-0)	128.74	0.00	53	21.9	35.4
9.	Panther Creek	(8-3-0)	182.13	0.00	9	49.3	23.1	54.	Mullin	(4-6-0)	128.34	0.00	54	25.7	44.7
10.	Highland	(10-2-0)	179.89	0.00	10	53.2	20.2	55.	Lorraine	(3-7-0)	127.91	0.00	55	21.9	40.5
11.	Westbrook	(9-1-0)	179.74	0.00	11	53.5	20.9	56.	Fruitvale	(5-5-0)	127.62	0.00	56	23.9	32.2
12.	Balmorhea	(9-2-0)	178.02	0.00	12	55.7	26.9	57.	Jayton	(4-6-0)	127.53	0.00	57	22.6	31.5
13.	Lazbuddie	(10-2-0)	177.52	0.00	13	42.5	25.2	58.	Wilson	(5-5-0)	126.41	0.00	58	35.4	32.0
14.	Groom	(9-3-0)	172.32	0.00	14	47.3	25.5	59.	Klondike	(3-7-0)	125.15	0.00	59	34.2	42.6
15.	Sidney	(9-2-0)	171.42	0.00	15	42.5	17.6	60.	Blanket	(2-8-0)	123.09	0.00	60	14.6	42.0
16.	Trinidad	(6-5-0)	170.79	0.00	16	40.4	22.3	61.	Rule	(5-5-0)	122.95	0.00	61	37.1	35.7
17.	Borden County	(7-4-0)	170.19	0.00	17	43.7	29.5	62.	Harrold	(4-6-0)	118.05	0.00	62	27.4	44.4
18.	Cherokee	(6-5-0)	169.87	0.00	18	26.5	31.4	63.	Higgins	(4-5-0)	117.26	0.00	63	25.9	34.4
19.	Woodson	(9-2-0)	166.33	0.00	19	49.9	27.1	64.	Oglesby	(4-6-0)	116.61	0.00	64	30.7	39.1
20.	Grady	(9-2-0)	165.26	0.00	20	40.8	17.2	65.	Blum	(2-8-0)	115.29	0.00	65	16.2	46.4
21.	Jonesboro	(10-2-0)	164.77	0.00	21	42.0	20.7	66.	Moran	(4-6-0)	114.36	0.00	66	38.0	50.4
22.	Gustine	(4-6-0)	164.27	0.00	22	38.7	49.8	67.	Amherst	(1-9-0)	113.85	0.00	67	15.2	44.3
23.	Three Way	(7-3-0)	164.02	0.00	23	35.3	23.7	68.	Lohn	(3-6-0)	112.52	0.00	68	33.0	45.1
24.	Dell City	(7-2-0)	163.77	0.00	24	58.8	28.6	69.	Sierra Blanca	(3-7-0)	110.36	0.00	69	27.8	36.0
25.	Rochester	(8-3-0)	160.24	0.00	25	40.3	20.9	70.	Northside	(4-6-0)	105.05	0.00	70	33.4	46.6
26.	Sanderson	(5-4-0)	158.82	0.00	26	36.2	24.4	71.	Patton Springs	(2-7-0)	104.77	0.00	71	24.1	42.7
27.	Guthrie	(8-3-0)	158.44	0.00	27	42.9	30.5	72.	Cranfills Gap	(4-6-0)	104.70	0.00	72	21.9	30.5
28.	Miami	(8-3-0)	157.66	0.00	28	48.4	24.9	73.	Loop	(2-8-0)	104.69	0.00	73	14.0	40.4
29.	Sands	(5-5-0)	157.41	0.00	29	43.6	34.9	74.	Megargel	(2-5-0)	100.55	0.00	74	56.0	23.3
30.	Silverton	(4-6-0)	155.66	0.00	30	30.3	23.3	75.	Lefors	(2-8-0)	99.21	0.00	75	18.0	43.0
31.	Strawn	(7-3-0)	155.48	0.00	31	38.2	31.2	76.	Ft. Elliott	(5-4-0)	98.89	0.00	76	37.1	32.2
32.	Coolidge	(7-4-0)	154.25	0.00	32	43.8	29.8	77.	Iredell	(1-9-0)	96.65	0.00	77	13.0	54.2
33.	Wellman	(8-3-0)	152.54	0.00	33	43.0	26.9	78.	Aquilla	(1-8-0)	96.37	0.00	78	20.8	48.9
34.	Buckholts	(4-5-0)	151.94	0.00	34	51.0	32.7	79.	Benjamin	(1-9-0)	93.93	0.00	79	24.2	50.7
35.	Samnorwood	(6-4-0)	151.62	0.00	35	41.4	25.7	80.	Paint Creek	(1-9-0)	93.47	0.00	80	11.9	59.8
36.	Richland Springs	(4-6-0)	151.41	0.00	36	32.7	30.2	81.	Paint Rock	(2-8-0)	91.93	0.00	81	14.9	47.7
37.	Ropes	(6-5-0)	149.46	0.00	37	40.8	33.5	82.	Ira	(1-9-0)	90.37	0.00	82	12.1	45.1
38.	Walnut Springs	(8-3-0)	148.28	0.00	38	42.4	35.5	83.	Cotton Center	(1-8-1)	89.94	0.00	83	15.8	50.8
39.	Morgan	(4-6-0)	147.06	0.00	39	34.7	27.0	84.	Marathon	(1-9-0)	89.06	0.00	84	29.1	66.7
40.	Lueders-Avoca	(5-6-0)	143.41	0.00	40	31.6	38.2	85.	Novice	(1-8-0)	88.69	0.00	85	25.9	45.5
41.	McLean	(6-5-0)	142.56	0.00	41	34.1	32.0	86.	Dawson	(2-7-1)	86.15	0.00	86	21.3	47.2
42.	New Home	(5-5-0)	142.33	0.00	42	35.5	30.9	87.	Union	(0-10-0)	85.19	0.00	87	6.5	48.9
43.	Follett	(6-3-0)	141.76	0.00	43	36.7	27.4	88.	Hedley	(1-9-0)	78.00	0.00	88	17.5	45.0
44.	Bynum	(6-4-0)	139.43	0.00	44	36.8	29.7	89.	Star	(0-10-0)	68.64	0.00	89	7.0	52.0
45.	Brookesmith	(7-3-0)	139.36	0.00	45	52.3	42.0								

other state championships across the nation

Colorado six-man championship

Revere 44, Prairie 18

Montana six-man championship

Highwood 21, Brady 19

TCAL Class 2A

champion- Sunnybrook

New Mexico six-man championship

Melrose 72, Lake Arthur 60

TAPPS six-man championship

Allen Academy 31, Abilene Christian 12

TCAL Class 3A

champion- El Paso Jesus Chapel

Nebraska six-man championship

Wolbach 54, Milligan 20

TCAL Class 1A

champion- Heritage Christian



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The computer is 23-5 this year in the playoffs. This is respectable, but down from its 27-2 record last season.

Legend

rk = rank
chg = rating change since last week,
pr = previous week's ranking
off = offensive points per game
def = defensive points per game





Gordon Facts

Leading rushers: Jason Sizemore 213-2274 yards, 36 td's
 John Leven 74-666 yards, 12 td's
 Jesus Tijerina 69-622 yards, 14 td's

Leading passers: Jim Kostiha 50-82-0 831 yards, 17 td's
 J. Sizemore 27-41-2 380 yards, 8 td's

Leading receivers: Jeremy Jackson 16-310 yards, 9 td's
 Jesus Tijerina 14-247 yards, 5 td's
 Jim Kostiha 9-190 yards, 3 td's
 Chris Chamberlain 11-167 yards, 3 td's

Leading tacklers: Jim Kostiha 181 tackles
 C. Chamberlain 147 tackles
 J. Tijerina 133 tackles
 Duane Ray 105 tackles

Team Offensive statistics
 team rushing: 4073 yards
 team passing: 1430 yards

Team Defensive statistics
 team rushing: allowing 87.1 yards/gm.
 team passing: allowing 59.4 yards/gm.

individual defense: Jesus Tijerina 1 int, 7 fumble rec
 J. Jackson, D. Ray, C. Chamberlain, Lyle Campbell,
 and Joe Kostiha all have 2 ints.

Playoff History

all-time six-man playoff record (since 1972) 10-11

1974 quarterfinals, lost to Cherokee, 69-22.
1981 quarterfinals, def. Goree, 46-0; semifinals, lost to Whitharral, 54-18;
1982 rd. of 16, lost to Harrold, 64-12;
1983 rd. of 16, def. Northside, 71-50; quarterfinals, lost to Dawson, 76-53.
1986 rd. of 16, lost to Rochester, 50-8.
1990 rd. of 32, lost to Rule, 39-20.
1991 rd. of 32, lost to Rule, 67-44;
1992 rd. of 32, lost to Bynum, 43-38;
1993 rd. of 32, lost to Trinidad, 44-43;
1994 rd. of 32, def. Covington, 64-32; rd. of 16, def. Cherokee, 60-12;
 quarterfinals, lost to Zephyr, 54-32.
1995 rd. of 32, def. Trinidad, 34-28; rd. of 32, def. Cherokee, 66-18; lost
 to Panther Creek, 81-44.

Milford	7	8	8	0	-23
Gordon	8	16	6	0	-30

The Gordon Longhorns, capitalizing on four second half Milford turnovers, advanced to the six-man state championship game for the first time in school history, defeating the Bulldogs, 30-23 Friday in Glen Rose.

The third time wasn't a charm for the Bulldogs (12-1), who failed in their attempt to advance to the state championship for a

third consecutive year.

Chris Chamberlain intercepted a Curtis Cook pass, at the 2-yard line, with 5:10 remaining in the game.

Milford never got the ball back, as Gordon ran out the clock.

Sizemore, who had been averaging over 200 yards per game throughout the playoffs, gained 115 yards on 28 carries.

Curtis Cook completed nine of 12 passes and 158 yards for Milford, while the Bulldog's running game could only tally 56

How They Got Here		
Gordon (14-0)		
Zephyr	W	34-8
Richland Springs	W	34-8
Blum	W	52-6
Coolidge	W	54-7
Bjorkdale, Sask.	W	92-24
Strawn	W	72-28
Gustine	W	62-12
Iredell	W	78-12
Morgan	W	48-0
Walnut Springs	W	60-0
Coolidge	W	53-8
Trinidad	W	64-30
Zephyr	W	60-16
Milford	W	30-23

total yards.

M- David Surles 15 pass from Curtis Cook (Adam McDonald pass from Sean Brooks)
 G- John Leven 1 run (Jason Sizemore kick)
 M- Corey Johnson 7 run (Brooks kick)
 G- Jim Kostiha 16 pass from Jason Sizemore (Sizemore kick)
 G- Leven 14 pass from Kostiha (Sizemore kick)
 G- Jeremy Jackson 6 pass from Sizemore (kick failed)
 M- C. Cook 62 interception return (Brooks kick)



Whitharral Facts

Leading rusher: Brandon Rodgers 162-1435 yards, 36 td's

Leading passers: M. Lopez 87-134-2 1681 yards, 30 td's
 B. Rogers 44-72-1 841 yards, 16 td's

Leading receivers: Jason Dobrovolny 45-1031 yards, 15 td's
 Seth Dockery 18-382 yards, 10 td's
 Jason Cook 20-346 yards, 8 td's
 Armando Lopez 15-325, 9 td's

Leading tacklers: J. Dobrovolny 176 tackles
 M. Lopez 124 tackles
 B. Rodgers 94 tackles
 Justin Sullivan 93 tackles

defense: Justin Stracener 9 ints., 2 for td's, 3 fumble rec, 1 block

Team Offensive statistics
 team rushing: 2735 yards
 team passing: 2686 yards

How They Got Here

Whitharral (14-0)

Southland	W	42-0
Wilson	W	50-0
Loop	W	46-0
Follett	W	48-0
Borden County	W	72-24
Amherst	W	52-0
Three Way	W	52-6
Silverton	W	44-12
Lazbuddie	W	40-22
Cotton Center	W	70-0
Guthrie	W	64-30
Groom	W	68-32
Southland	W	62-56
Chillicothe	W	75-28

Playoff History

all-time six-man playoff record (since 1972) 10-4

1976 quarterfinals, lost to Harrold, 44-22.
1981 state champions. quarterfinals, def. Highland, 56-28; semifinals, def. Gordon, 54-18; championship, def. Mullin, 56-36.
1983 rd. of 16, lost to Highland, 48-0.
1984 rd. of 16, def. Northside 25-21; quarterfinals, lost to Marathon, 66-56.
1995 rd. of 32, def. Samnorwood, 42-20; rd. of 16, def. Meadow, 50-0;
 quarterfinals, lost to Klondike, 38-30.

Chillicothe	0	6	14	8	-28	23 points.
Whitharral	22	19	12	22	-75	Kendrick's rushed for 239 yards on 32 carries. He gained 1030 yards in four play-off games. Brandon Rodgers completed 10 of 11 passes for 208 yards. Whitharral started fast and never slowed down, as the Panthers advanced to the six-man state championship game, defeating Chillicothe 75-28, Friday in Floydada. Michael Lopez rushed, caught, and threw for scores in the first half alone, as the Panthers jumped out to a quick 29-0 lead. Lopez, who also returned a kickoff 40 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter, finished with 80 yards rushing on 5 carries. Chillicothe tried to rally behind Henry Kendrick's, but couldn't get any closer than
						W- Jason Dobrovolny 6 pass from Rodgers (kick failed) W- Seth Dockery 31 pass from Rodgers (kick failed) C- Kendrick's 22 run (kick failed) W- Whitharral 5 run (kick failed) C- Joe Blevins 16 pass from Jason Graham (Gordy Gonzales kick) W- M. Lopez 40 KO return (kick failed) W- Jason Cook 38 pass from Rodgers (rodgers kick) C- Ed Bergen 5 pass from Graham (Gonzales kick) W- A. Lopez 10 pass from M. Lopez (Rodgers kick) W- Thacker 44 run
						W- Michael Lopez 29 run (Brandon Rodgers kick) W- M. Lopez 28 pass from Rodgers (Matt Thacker pass from Rodgers) W- Justin Stracener 30 int return (Justin Sullivan pass from M. Lopez) W- Armando Lopez 14 pass from M. Lopez (Thacker pass from Rodgers) C- Henry Kendrick's 40 run (kick failed)



Whitharral Panthers

2	Michael Lopez	S/QB	140	Senior
3	Jay Harper	CB/TE	150	Junior
4	BJ Reynolds	CB/TB	150	Sophomore
5	Jason Cook	DE/TE	160	Senior
7	Matt Thacker	CB/WB	160	Senior
10	Kyle Dunlap	S/WB	125	Sophomore
11	Justin Stracener	S/QB	175	Junior
12	Brandon Rodgers	CB/TB	160	Senior
15	Jason Dobrovolny	MLB/C	170	Junior
20	Tony Cirilo	DE/TB	170	Junior
21	Seth Dockery	S/SE	165	Senior
23	Cruz Reyna	MLB/C	170	Sophomore
26	Daniel Rodriguez	CB/TB	130	Sophomore
30	Stephen Layton	CB/SE	140	Junior
34	Justin Sullivan	DE/FB	150	Sophomore
35	Jeremiah Martin	DE/SE	150	Senior
44	Robert Garza	MLB/FB	160	Freshman
50	Dustin Anderson	DE/TE	180	Senior
90	Armando Lopez	DE/C	170	Junior

Head Coach: Gerry Gartrell
 Superintendent: Mike Smith
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 Mascot: Marianne Dobrovolny
 Cheerleader Sponsor: Nancy Paris

Assistant Coach: Micky Baker
 Principal: Ken Hoskins



Gordon Longhorns

3	Jesus Tijerina	B	145	Senior
5	Chancey Simpson	E	180	Sophomore
7	Trey James	B	110	Sophomore
8	Lyle Campbell	QB	145	Freshman
9	Joe Kostiha	E	165	Sophomore
10	Jason Sizemore	B	160	Senior
11	James Slay	E	200	Sophomore
12	Robert Snelson	E	135	Sophomore
13	Duane Ray	S	135	Senior
15	Shannon St. Clair	E	200	Junior
18	Chay Behrens	E-C	170	Freshman
19	Josh Foster	E	180	Senior
20	Jim Kostiha	QB	175	Senior
21	Brian Barber	E	175	Junior
22	Jake Couger	C	165	Junior
25	Joe Green	C	225	Senior
31	Ray Buse	B	150	Freshman
32	Chance Kite	B	125	Freshman
33	Jeremy Jackson	E	175	Junior
35	Chris Chamberlain	E	175	Junior
42	Johnny Dyches	E	200	Senior
44	Alex Bernon	B	165	Junior
45	John Leven	B	265	Junior
55	Cody Scott	C	200	Freshman
67	Jason Young	E	150	Sophomore
85	Justin Smith	E	180	Senior
89	David Young	E	170	Senior
99	Danny Greeney	E	135	Freshman

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