

SUBTLe SUPERSTITION

What is your pre-game superstition?



"I always triple knot my shoes so they don't come out."
-Cooper Clark (7)



"I get all the grass off my cleats."
-Turner Robinson (7)



"Before a game I think about my plays and I think about all the situations."
-Zander Turner (7)



1. LEANING TOUCHDOWN. Running into the end zone, Issac Smith (7) leans toward the team. The Cowboys played the Elmwood Middle School Raiders in the first game of the season, winning 30-14. "My coach motivates me a lot," Smith said. PHOTO BY KATIE JONG
2.READY...SCREAM. While watching the team play against Central Junior High, Tryston Bass (7) screamed at the guys to hype them up. After a tough game, the Cowboys dropped the game 0-6. "When we work together we can accomplish a lot more," Bass said. PHOTO BY AIKA NAKANISHI
3.TAKE DOWN. Luke Roblee (7) brings down the Elmwood Middle School runner. The Cowboys' defense held Elmwood Middle School to only 14 points in the 30-14 win. "Being with your teammates and getting to play football is so much fun," Roblee said. PHOTO BY LINLEY YATES



MID-AIR FIGHT. Running the ball down the field, Charlie Graves (7) makes his way to the end zone. Going against Elmwood Junior High the final score was 30-14. "It's fun being part of a team that we can win games and have good chemistry together," Graves said. PHOTO BY RUBY TEMPLETON





THROWING HANDS. Quarterback Ty Mattingly (7), throws the ball over Central Junior High's #35. The Cowboys played the Warriors for the Conference Championship on Nov. 7. "Playing with my teammates and building a relationship with the people on the team is the best part of being a football player," Mattingly said. PHOTO BY RUBY TEMPLETON

STRETCHING OUT. Stretching into the end zone, Tyler Bell (7) scores a touchdown against Washington Junior High. The final score was 20-16. "The unity of all being together and being on a team while feeling a brotherhood with everyone is great," Bell said. PHOTO BY RUBY TEMPLETON



SECOND HALF SORROW

The Cowboys experience a tough loss against their rivals, ending the game with an outcome they didn't expect. ALL CONTENT BY MARLEE MEANS

Ahead 14-0 in the first half, the Cowboys went into halftime confident they would win against their crosstown-rival, the Ramay Indians. On Sept. 22 the Cowboys played the last ever Cowboys vs Indians football game at Harmon Field as the visiting team.

"A lot of kids on our team thought we had it won and took it easy the second half, we didn't win because the mental attitude was wrong," Charlie Graves (7) said.

In the first and second quarter, the team scored two touchdowns which lead to a score 14-0 going into halftime.

"All of us could have played together, more as a team and had more determination" Landon Houlzhauer (7) said.

It wasn't just physical effort, but mental effort was needed to keep the team moral.

"We should have kept our minds in the right place and fought harder," Luke Roblee (7) said.

Before the game started players saw how many

people came to see the biggest game of the year.

"There were a lot of people there and I wanted to win really badly," Rylan Lunningham (7) said.

When the game got close players on the team said they should have kept cool

"We should have not given up when things got hard and had determination," Rhett Tidwell (7) said.

Ramay came in the third and fourth quarter and scored two touchdowns, tying the game.

"When we played we could have not thought that the game was already done and thought it's still a game to win," Landon Holzhauer (7) said.

Leaving the game with a tie players still had fun playing on the football team.

"The accountability that coaches and players hold you to and bonding with the people you don't really know on the team is the best part of playing on the football team," Carter Morris (7) said.