

Starting Up

The varsity football team claimed their first victory against Killian on Sept. 28.



BETWEEN PLAYS, senior **Jonathan Walker** talks with his coach to see what he needs to do. During the game he kept pushing forward using his strength and determination to stay focused. "I put my head down and used my mind and strength to keep going," Walker said.

MAKING THE TOUCH DOWN, junior **Luc Carroll** slams the ball to the ground as he reaches the endzone. He was able to dodge the other team to ensure a touchdown. "I was going for the win because at this point we needed a big play so I was trying to make something out of nothing," Carroll said.

JUMPING UP, senior **Nico Herskowitz**, reaches for the ball, making the catch and completing the play. Throughout the game, he stayed focused on blocking players from the opposing team. "Once the game began we all start to loosen up and get more into it," Herskowitz said. *Photos by Chase Samole*



PUSHING FORWARD, sophomore running back **Darriel Cannon** accelerates through the open hole created by his teammates. Throughout the game he stayed focused on dodging opponent players. "This win felt great because it felt like all our hard work we put in was paying off," Cannon said. *Photos by Chase Samole.*



TEAMMATES, senior **Kenny Williams** and sophomore **Harvel Jackson** celebrate a touchdown with a chest bump. Williams had a total of 73 yards and 4 tackles during the game against Doral Academy. "Everyone on the team is really easy to work with, even if we don't come out with a win, we always have the best time," Williams said. *Photos by Chase Samole*



CLUTCHING THE BALL, sophomore **Harvel Jackson** keeps his eyes up looking for receivers. Jackson helped get his team to the end zone and had a total of 109 passes. "I whole game was a little bit nerve racking but I made sure I stayed positive," Jackson said. *Photos by Chase Samole*



steps to VICTORY

Three plays that lead to success.



Interceptions: catch the ball passed by the opponent team.



Tackle: stopping the opposing player by bringing them to the ground to prevent them from advancing in fields



Dodging: making quick, deceptive changes in direction to evade an opponent.

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what unites us

Practice and games created team unity.-

Through the gruesome training schedule and the immense hours spent together, the team grew into a tight knit group. With each game and practice, trust and camaraderie developed, contributing to the team's success. "When I was celebrating my first two interceptions I had against Killian, it was a blessing and felt amazing playing with my brother and other teammates. I feel like our chemistry is what makes it even better because we are able to communicate so easily," junior **Leondrez Leonard** said. From the sideline to on the field, the boys shared words of encouragement to motivate one another. "We had a bad play and I was telling my teammate to shake it off," sophomore **Deandre Leonard** said. *Photos by Chase Samole*



Dynamic duo

Brotherhood made them unstoppable.



Junior **Leondrez Leonard** and sophomore **Deandre Leonard** support each other on and off the field and motivate each other to achieve their full potential. "It is a blessing and feels amazing playing with my brother. I feel like our chemistry is what makes it even better because we are able to communicate so easily on the defensive side of the ball," Leonard said. Whether it is blocking, tackling or celebrating a touchdown they have each other's back for every play. "I am for sure going to miss him when he graduates in a couple years, but I know the confidence he gave me will let me finish strong," sophomore Deandre Leonard said. *Photos by Paige Eskra*

Sophomore Darriel Cannon rushed with the ball, his eyes scanning the field as he looked for an opening to secure a first down. On Sept. 28, the varsity football team secured a 30-12 win against Killian. Cannon watched as his opponent charged toward him in an attempt to complete a tackle, but Cannon's sharp moves and dodges allowed him to rack up 72 yards on 17 carries, which contributed to the varsity football team's impressive win.

"I was locked in, reading every move, just looking for that opening to push us closer to the win; I was also really hyped going into the game which I think gave me a lot of motivation," Cannon said.

For Senior RJ Boynton, a linebacker, this win and Coach Sims' training provided the team with momentum as the season continued. Boynton felt optimistic about

the progress made during summer training and the practice schedule, which showed in this game where he achieved a total of 10 tackles – six solo and four assisted.

"We work really hard throughout the summer and into in-season training. We got mentally and physically prepared from tough practices by Coach Sims, so we were ready during games. Coach Sims is really good at motivating us," Boynton said.

Reflecting on the hours invested and the team unity that had been built, Senior Kenny Williams shared his optimism for the future.

"It's shaping up to be a great last year for me, and with so many young guys stepping up, I know the team's future is looking strong," Williams said.

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