

**HAND IN HAND** The starting captains Reece Atteberry '20, Max Marsh '20, Seyi Oladipo '21, and David Creal '20 walk hand in hand to the center of the field to meet the opposing team's starters and determine who gets the ball first.

**GETTING STARTED** Players Jake Runingen '20 and Obi Walker '21, walk on the field with the rest of their teammates, pumped up for the second half of the very first away game of the season.

**DEFENDING THE TOUCHDOWN** Creal runs through the players to score a touchdown as Atteberry, Braden Miller '22, and Kaden Weatherby '22 protect him from the opposing team's players.



From start to finish, the team pushed to success and showcased it to the crowd



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# In the End Zone

For several seasons now, the football team has high expectations for a winning record, solid ranking, and a spot in the playoffs, but at the end of the day it's all about giving your all and doing your best for this group. From the moment they step onto that field, the impact this sport has on the players is clear.

"It felt great being on the field," David Creal '20 said. "This year was my first real opportunity to get out and actually showcase what I had. Also really being able to feel the energy and reactions of the fans, coaches, and my teammates was all I wanted when I started playing my freshman year."

With the stands packed and the crowd cheering, the team can't help but feel like they must showcase the hard work they've put in. Especially for seniors, the pressure is built for them to be the leaders of the team and help guide them to victory.

"I knew that the guys before me had to get their time and when it

was my time all I had to do was ball out and play the part they needed me to play," Creal said.

Playing those roles can be exhilarating and come with big moments, but they also come with the understanding that it won't be easy.

"All I wanted to do was play my part to help my team win," Creal said. "Through my career at Eaglecrest I was the scout running back, the one who got beat up in practice trying to make my team better."

With effort from the whole team, they were headed to playoffs with a strong record, prepared for what was to come. The build up of excitement and pre-game nerves made that rush onto the field, through the banner a lasting memory.

The cheers and chants of the crowd that believed in their players and having their teammates who were unable to be on the field with the team on the sideline cheering them on, the team finished the season knowing they had given it everything.



The time spent putting in hours of hard work was all worth it in the end. When the team went to playoffs they put in their all and did their best. For the seniors, the playoffs were bittersweet and called for all the training and hard work put in to get to where they are. "It meant everything to me," Jalen Stewart '20 said. "The goal for the class of 2020 was to live up to the hype and play for each other."

## Locked in Playoff Mode

Seniors share how they were impacted by this playoff season and what it meant to them



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As you'd expect, they all wanted to go as far as they possibly could, especially the seniors. For Elijah Hurd '20 winning State was the most important thing on his mind. "It was fun playing in the playoffs with my brothers but I really wanted to win state," Hurd said. The team still put in their all and played to win as hard as they could. It was definitely a season for this team to remember and an unforgettable time in the seniors lives.

## And We Hit the Field Like... through the banner is truly unmatched for the team



Every good football game starts with a way to hype up the crowd. For the Raptors, crashing through the paper sign made by cheerleaders is the way to start.

"I get a rush that flows through me to prepare myself," said Ethan Knox '20 said about the adrenaline rush of running through the signs onto the field.

The games are full of ups and downs but the feeling that the players experience when stepping onto the turf is unmatched. "My first instinct is to get the win but I would say mostly about doing my job and starting and finishing as hard as possible," Knox said.

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"When I'm out there playing with my brothers I know that I will have their back and I know they will have mine."

— Ethan Knox '20

**24** Max Marsh '20 plays quarterback and obtained 2,662 passing yards, and 24 total touchdowns this season.

**06** David Creal '20 scored a total of six touchdowns in a single game, as well as 290 rushing yards in his final season.

## Playing Like a Champion

Players describe their accomplishments and goals from this season

**03** Isaiah Bowen '20 shares his goal of at least three more sacks and a higher amount of tackles overall

**38** Seyi Oladipo '21 has 38 tackles on the defensive side of the play, 29 of which were solo tackles.

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