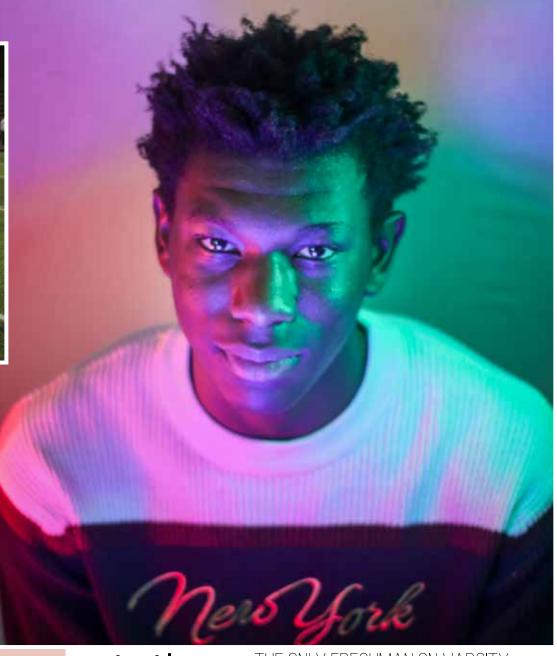


1. POINTING IN PINK, freshman Ismael Cisse takes the field at Stutler Bowl. Cisse's interest in fashion led him to find unique clothing items. "I wear bright colors because I want to be different from everybody. I want to stand out," Cisse said. PHOTOBY MARIANA ORTEGA RIVERA



expectations THE ONLY FRESHMAN ON VARSITY FOOTBALL IS MORE THAN AN ATHLETE

Starting high school and being new to an a sport can be challenging. For freshman Ismael Cisse, number 14 on the varsity football team, that challenge was taken to a new level.

Cisse was the only freshman on the team.

"This is what I've imagined since I started playing football when I was four," Cisse said. "I have always wanted to show who I am no matter how old I am or what grade I'm in."

Cisse was also new to the community and to the district since he came from Aurora Hills Middle School.

"I decided to go to Overland because I felt it was the best choice for me to make right now. Coming in as a freshman, I had to see what opportunities I had and what would help me," Cisse said.

Cisse was a leader on and off the field.

"Being a leader in school and doing all that you need to do in school will help you on the field because it's motivation to push even harder, so that even bigger things will come your way," Cisse said.

Cisse's made a name for himself as a football

star after he finished the season with 439 receiving yards. He went on to play JV basketball and ran track.

Sports weren't his only passion, however, as Cisse's interest in fashion led him to dream of majoring in fashion.

"God's plan for me is to go to college, get a fashion degree and go to the NFL," Cisse said.

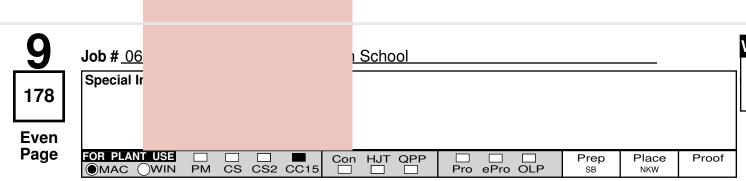
Cisse said that AVID would help him get on the right track to college. "AVID shows us organization, determination, inquiry, and how to become a more advanced student," Cisse said.

Varsity football coach, Mr. Kevin Stroud, said that Cisse was an impressive player and student.

"Ismael is mature beyond his years both physically and cognitively, his work ethic, physical dominance, and coachability is a rare combination that is going to allow him to be a dominant player throughout his high school career," Stroud said.

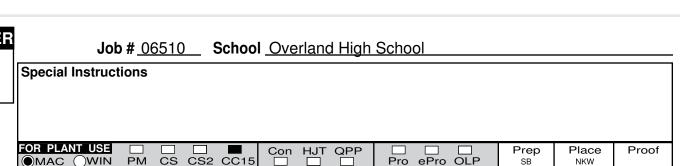
"I love being a freshman on varsity because it allows me to set the foundation of who I am-Ismael Cisse."





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