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Unbreakable bonds

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*"We all grew up playing with or against each other, so I just took on a big **brother** role."*

Nolan Bynum is a senior who has made a lasting impression on Delta High School. From being a football superstar to cracking jokes in class, Bynum's legacy will be one to remember. Bynum is definitely a fan favorite and many will be sad to see him leave. Bynum is well known throughout all grades at Delta High, even with all of the teachers. In fact, Bynum collected the most votes to have his story told in the twenty twenty-one yearbook. "I believe I was voted by so many people because I know a lot of people!" Bynum said. He's one to pass by and say, 'Hi!' in the hallway, and he has a hundred pairs of eyes on him during football games. "I am friends with a lot of the teachers in school, so I'd say I'm known by a lot of people and many of them know me from sports also because I have been the quarterback at Delta for the past three years," Bynum said.

In his high school career, Bynum has been decorated in awards as well as always leading his team to victory. Bynum has been an all conference player three times. He's also been a quarterback for the first team all state twice and he was the leading passer in 2A in 2019. "I've changed quite a bit. I have definitely matured, and I feel like my leadership qualities have grown. I have grown more vocal, and much closer to my teammates and began to understand how to keep things under control. Outside of football, I believe I have become a better student and classmate," Bynum said.

His skill and talent on the field have not gone unnoticed by Delta, and the citizens of this town are always proud to support Bynum as soon as he steps onto the field. His talent has also been recognized by

recruiters and as of this moment, Bynum is committed to Fort Lewis College. "I'm hoping it continues here shortly playing at the college level," Bynum said.

Even with all his successes and recognition, Bynum's most proud to say that he's made life-lasting bonds on the football field. Raised in Delta, Colorado, Bynum has laughed and cried with the same people he was beside in his earliest school years. "I would imagine they would refer to me [as] more of a brother than a leader. I think they would say that because of the brotherhood I have had my life with all of my teammates," Bynum said. No one person can carry an entire team on his shoulders, and Nolan's success has been grown and flourished because of the people around him. With highs always comes lows, and even with the hugs they share, sometimes they have their disagreements. "Just to watch out for everyone and keep people in check, but at the end of the day we all love each other," Bynum said.

Unfortunately his amazing high school career came to a stop his senior year, when he obtained an injury that put him out for the season. "I tore my LCL from the bone and have [had] reconstructive surgery," Bynum said. With this injury Bynum was robbed of his senior year playing amongst his brothers. "Sitting out this year is one of the hardest things I've had to do," Bynum said. Bynum even had his doubts during his senior year. "There's been moments when I have questioned if it was worth it to continue pushing through injury, but the answer has always been yes," Bynum said.

Bynum was not the only one impacted, but his teammates lost their quarterback and a player on the field they knew they could rely on. "A part of me felt like I was letting them down, but I know it wasn't my fault. I knew it was only a minor setback for a major comeback," Bynum said. His teammates were right beside him and just

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because they lost Bynum on the field, they didn't lose his encouragement, and they supported him as well.

"They were one hundred percent behind me. After my injury, they seemed to come alive and they started flying around making plays. I know they were angry just as I was, so they went all out," Bynum said. Most of the football team ended their year playing as best they could and giving twice as much as effort for Bynum. Bynum sat on the sidelines being a part of the team, without actually playing. "I talked to the team each game after I was hurt. I let them know that I would do anything to be out on the field for them, so they should go give everything they have because I no longer could," Bynum said.

His team as well as his family have been his biggest supporters, not only through his injury, but during his whole career. Along with the awards the football teams have earned and the memories the school holds of him, another one of his legacies is his younger brother, Rylan Bynum.

Rylan Bynum starts high school following the footsteps of his older brother. Rylan Bynum starts his high school career in his brother's last year of high school.

Nonetheless, Rylan has shown great promise to be something great, with the advice of his older brother, but also because of his own personality and talent.

Rylan Bynum excels in baseball, basketball, and football, his favorite being basketball. "My favorite part of basketball is the competition and how you have to work with your team to score," Ryan Bynum said. He's

developed love for the sport since second grade and plays every game with confidence and a determination to win.

Bynum has faced adversities this year, including the COVID-19 pandemic. "[During basketball games] We have to wear a mask and have limited fans, but at least we have fans," Bynum said. The lack of support has made an impact on in-person support but behind Rylan Bynum is family on the court and off the court as well. "Only two family members can come to each game but mostly my parents and coaches [are my biggest supporters]. They cheer me on and make me better each day," Rylan Bynum said. Rylan Bynum also states that his older brother has had an everlasting impact on how he plays and how he lives.

"He makes a good role model for me to look up to him," Rylan Bynum said. Nolan Bynum confirmed that his family has shown a monumental amount of love and support. "I think they like visiting schools more than I do, and are constantly asking me which coaches are

calling or texting. The rest of my family have always been huge supporters and tell me how excited they are to watch me at the next level," Nolan Bynum said.

Both Bynum boys plan on becoming something bigger than themselves. "My legacy on the field would just be the way I played the game. My legacy was definitely affected just because I wasn't out on the field for half of my senior year, but I'm sure it will be remembered by many of the people who got to witness it. I'm hoping it continues here shortly playing at the college level," Nolan said.

"My legacy for high school has been good, but I hope it grows by the time I'm a senior," Rylan said. Rylan and Nolan have an unbreakable bond not only because of their blood, but because of the love shared between the two brothers. "One lesson my brother has taught me is not to be so overconfident and just be yourself and have fun because you're not going to get all the offers from big colleges when you're overconfident, but when you be yourself it will take you somewhere," Rylan said.

Nolan Bynum knows Rylan will carry on the family name and put success behind it.

"One thing that I think my brother will remember from me and thank me for is leaving it all out on the field. He has been there through two knee injuries, and watches me get carried off the field. I hope that he carries an attitude where he is willing to lay it all out for his team, the same way I did, hopefully without injuries, but at the end of the day, it's all a part of football. I hope he carries the same energy and love for the game that I did, because it will take him wherever he wants." 49

