

# Riding the WAVE

Improving every game, EHS football players prove they are more than the score

"I think we didn't reach our team potential and underestimated opponents we should have taken more seriously," said senior wide receiver Dane Quintana. He says they started the season 4-2 and ended 4-5. Lots of highs and lows marked the 2023 football season for the Pirates. "We beat both of our rivals, Littleton and Alameda, that goes to show that we had heart and ability to win. We just didn't capitalize on opportunities," said Quintana.

Senior center and linebacker Beau Johnson said the highlight of his season was Homecoming. "It was a really fun game. It was a packed stadium, which showed school spirit and attendance from the community."

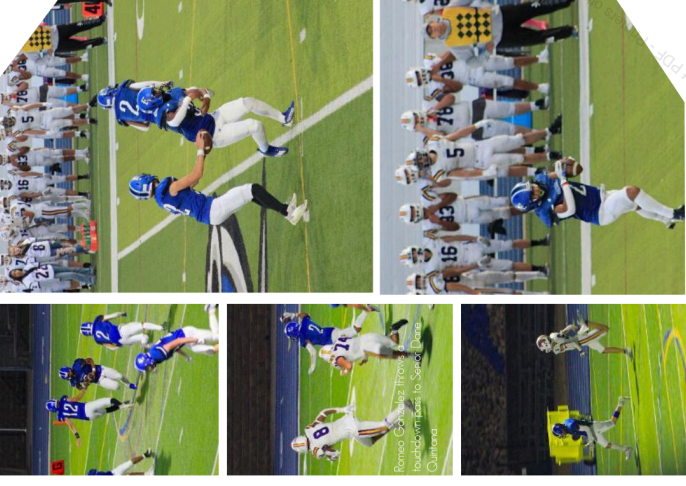
Johnson said his goal from the season was to guide the underclassmen. "I wanted to take them under my wing and showcase my leadership as a senior." That included making them feel comfortable in certain situations and improving their craft and knowledge of the game. "We worked hard but weren't able to execute as well as we could have because of injuries and hardships," said Johnson who is not planning on playing football in college but hopes baseball is his ticket.

Many players think that the season was tough. So does coach Mike Campbell. He says the only thing players can do is to work harder and be ready for the next season. "I did not think the season ended well and we can learn from our mistakes and make sure that we do better for next year and be more prepared," said coach Mike Campbell.

Senior Riley McKee played defensive end. He felt the stress of the season. "Season was bad but it could have gone worse so that's why I think that the season went good."



Coach Mike Campbell hands the ball off to QB Don Robinson during the game against Littleton in front of a home crowd.



Romero Gonzalez throws a touchdown pass to Senior Dante Quintana.



## #PUMPTHEJAM

#50 Beau Johnson shows off his freshly painted helmet for the 2023 season. The team got new uniforms at the start of the year.

Playing football during the 2023 season meant workouts during the summer, but most players showed up at the start of the season. Then the team got serious. The first game happened the second week of school and so practice was important. Learning about your teammate, gaining chemistry among players and getting comfortable with the play calls.

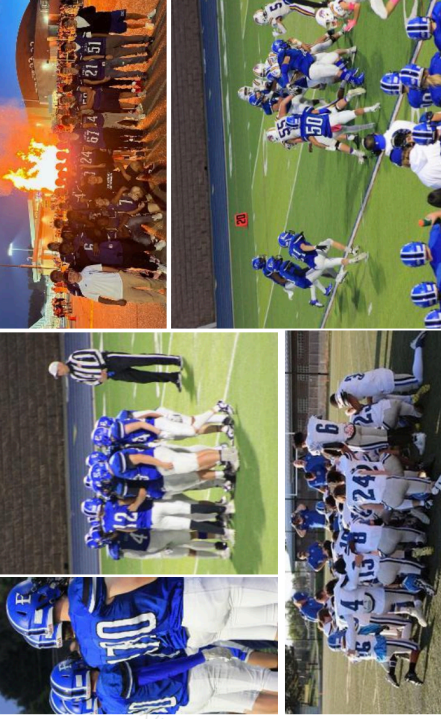
## SEASON STATS:

- QB Carson Campbell  
Attempted 152 passes for 1709 Yards
- Wide Receiver Dominic Dever  
36 Catches for 666 Yards
- Running Back: Don Robinson  
115 Carries for 693 Yards

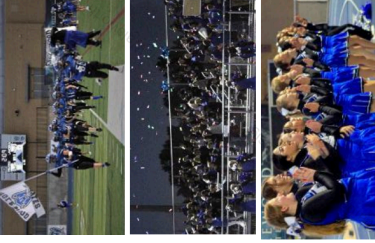
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### FAMILY

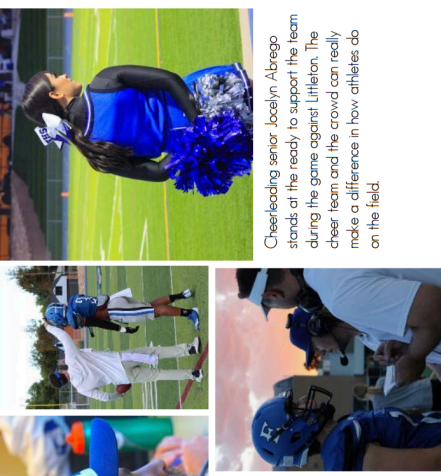
- 1) Coach Mike Campbell urges players to participate in spirit activities like the bonfire.
- 2) The Pirate Defense stops the Lions at the line
- 3) The team joins in prayer before every game.



## FLAGS & FANS



Above: Offensive Line Coach John McKinnon watches the game from the press box and analyzes the field during play.  
R) Coach Mike Campbell talks to the QB about opposing team and coverage.  
Top right: Coach Baldwin warms up starting running back Don Robinson ahead of the game.



Cheerleading senior Jocelyn Abrego stands at the ready to support the team during the game against Littleton. The cheer team and the crowd can really make a difference in how athletes do on the field.