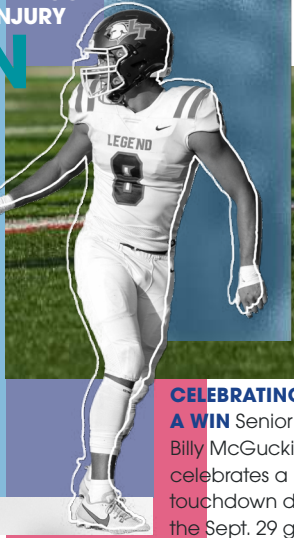


# TOUGH SEASON

MCGUCKIN OVERCOMES INJURY

**INJURIES ARE ALWAYS A PART OF ANY SPORT,** but it's different when you are key part of the defensive line. Senior Billy McGuckin suffered an injury, impacting parts of his season. "Being able to get more tackles and work with the coaches really made the season better, even though I was injured," McGuckin said.



**CELEBRATING A WIN** Senior Billy McGuckin celebrates a touchdown during the Sept. 29 game. Photo by Addie Solomon



- 1. RUNNING YARDS** Jaden Lawrence, 11, begins to run to the end zone during the game against Vista Ridge on Aug. 24. "Being able to improve my skills really made this a good season," Lawrence said. Varsity won 42-7. Photo by Morgan Underwood
- 2. TAKE THE TACKLE** Payton Aukland, 11, tackles a Castle View player on Sept. 8. "Taking that tackle felt great as it helped me develop my skills. I am excited to continue developing my skills," Aukland said. Varsity lost the Castle View game 7-20. Photo by Addie Solomon
- 3. MAJOR MOMENTS** After recovering from an ACL injury, Brian Doyle, 12, takes a knee after scoring his first touchdown of the season at the Brighton game on Nov. 3. "It felt like the weight of the world being lifted off of me, and I felt blessed and grateful for how far I have come," Doyle said. Varsity won 51-14 and moved on in playoffs. Photo by Addie Solomon
- 4. PROTECT THE BALL** Ryken Banks, 10, protects the ball against a Castle View opponent on Sept. 8. "Being able to beat a lot of many good teams this year and perform well all season was really meaningful," Banks said. Photo by Addie Solomon



# DEFEATING THE UNDEFEATED

THE TEAM DELIVER A WIN AGAINST THE UNDEFEATED VALOR

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## FUELED BY DETERMINATION, THE TEAM FELT PRESSURE AS THEY FACED A FORMIDABLE

opponent—Valor. However, as the final whistle echoed, the scoreboard told a tale of victory, marking the first time in the team's history that they had beaten the school. Junior Jaden Lawrence was a big part of their success as a team.

"It feels great to beat Valor, because last year we lost to them during the same round. Rushing for 198 yards against Valor and performing well was a core memory for me," Lawrence said.

Being able to create history as a team was a big success, but they also had a lot of wins throughout the season leading up to the big

win. Senior Alex Martinez was one of the of leaders for the team to make these wins.

"Beating Pine Creek and even Chaparral were also big wins that boosted the confidence of the team overall. Being named team captain was one of the best moments in my football career," Martinez said.

Despite many players leaving, the team hopes to accomplish even more and create new memories, hoping to make history once again.

"I hope to lead my team to the state championship. There are always a lot of individual goals people have, but it's the team goals that ultimately lead us to victory," Lawrence said.

## SIBLING BOND TAYLOR SISTERS RECOUNT THEIR TIME AS FOOTBALL MANAGERS



**CELEBRATING THE WIN** Manager Grace Taylor, 12, puts her hands up in response to the team's win against Chaparral on Sept. 29. Varsity won 55-7. "It was really nice working with my sister because I get to be with her now that she's in high school," Taylor said. Photo by Addie Solomon

**WORKING TOGETHER** Sisters, Madison Taylor, 10, and Grace Taylor, 12, pose together for a photo on Aug. 24 at the Vista Ridge game, the first game of the season. "I loved being with my sister. It made the season just so much fun and I loved being on the field with her," Taylor said. Photo by Addie Solomon