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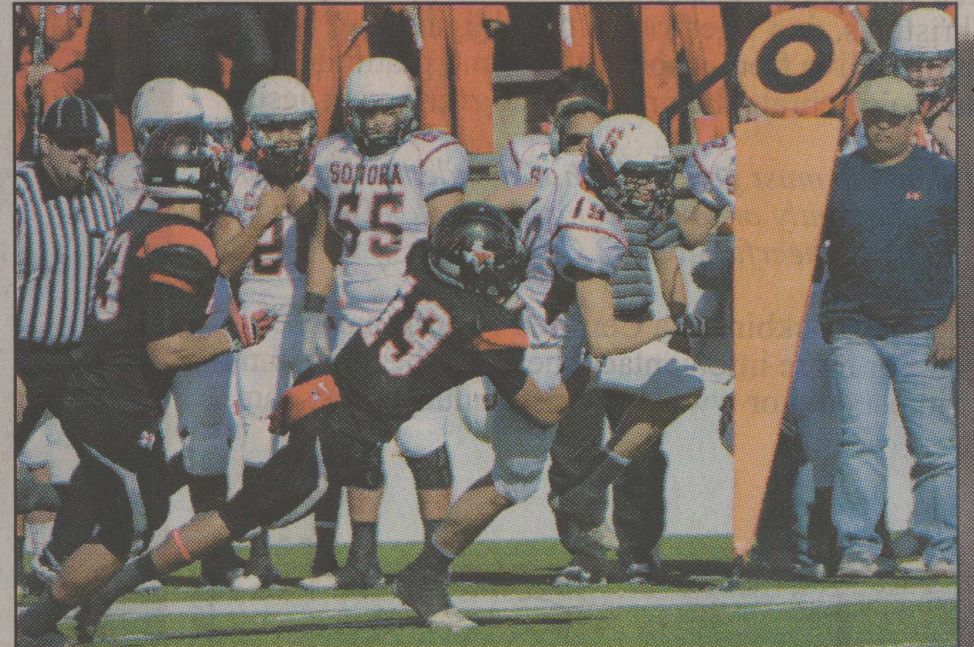
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## Sonora Wins 42 to 37 Over Eastland



Story and Photos by Ray and Nancy Glasscock

On a beautiful, sunny day for a Class 3A Division II Playoff Game, the 12-point underdog Broncos travelled to the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater where they upset the Eastland Mavericks by a score of 42 to 37. The teams were complete opposites, offensively. Andres Acevedo, Brett Castillo, and Elijah Cross ran the ball behind an outstanding offensive line, while Eastland sent the student body out for passes. When the game clock hit 0:00, Sonora had rushed for six touchdowns and Eastland had thrown for five touchdowns. There were five lead changes in the game.

The Broncos won the toss and elected to receive. Drew Buitron returned the opening kickoff to the 19-yard line. The first five plays were runs. On the sixth play, Acevedo completed his first pass to Gabe Rollert for the second first down of the game. With the Mavericks limiting the

running game, Jarrett Jackson caught his first varsity pass and gained 12 yards moving the chains. Cross busted through the line for a nice gain, but the play was called back for a major penalty. Eastland held and took over after a fourth down pass fell incomplete.

Josh Gosnell, the Eastland quarterback, started the Mavericks' drive with two running plays. Caleb Honea gained a few yards on a run to his left. On their third play of the drive, Chris Martinez was stopped short of the first down. Gosnell got the first down the easy way: a hard count got the Broncos to jump offside. Eastland made it to the Broncos' 14-yard line with three short and quick passes. Matt Majors caught his first of four touchdown passes. When Eastland made their PAT, they had the first lead of the game with 55 seconds left in the first quarter.

Eastland forced the Broncos

to punt after three plays went nowhere. Acevedo, kicking with the wind, booted a high punt that covered 60 plus yards and rolled dead at the Mavericks' four-yard line.

Eastland's first play was a running play that was stopped for no gain. On second down, Lionel DeLeon and Kevin Martinez almost got a safety, as Gosnell barely was able to get the pass off. On third down, Jonathan Gutierrez intercepted and was tackled at the two-yard line. Acevedo scored on a two-yard quarterback sneak. Hunter Hughes kicked the PAT, and the score was tied at seven with 10:57 left in the second quarter.

The Mavericks regained the lead as they drove 75 yards in five plays. Majors caught his second touchdown pass from 22 yards out. After a successful PAT, the Mavericks had their second lead of the game at 14 to 7 with 8:31 left in the second.

The next kickoff was delayed as an "old puppy" came walking onto the field. Both stands applauded as the four-legged fan walked across the field. He was picked up by an Eastland player and taken to his assigned seat.

Luke James fair caught the kickoff, and the Broncos started at their 24-yard line. On the fourth play, Cross broke out of a gang of tacklers and rambled for the longest Bronco run - 45 yards. From the five-yard line, Acevedo ran straight ahead behind a great offensive line for his second touchdown of the game. Hughes tied the score at 14 with another successful PAT with 5:31 left in the second quarter.

Gosnell ran wide on the keeper on Eastland's next drive. He got up very slowly and, while he stayed in the game, he never ran effectively the rest of the game. Santi Garza broke up a pass over

the middle. After an incomplete, Eastland had to punt. Kicking into the wind certainly contributed to a very short punt, giving the Broncos great field position at the Mavericks' 44 yard line.

The Broncos pounded their way toward the goal line, and Castillo got the touchdown on an off-tackle run from ten yards out. Hughes kicked the PAT, and the Broncos had their first lead of the game at 21 to 14 with 1:09 left in the second quarter.

Eastland used what time they had left to get close enough to kick a 33 yard field goal making the score 21 to 17 in favor of the Broncos at the end of the first half.

On the first drive of the second half, Eastland made it look easy as they used short passes to drive 64 yards in seven plays to take their third lead of the game. Gosnell hit

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## Livestock Stewardship During Cold Weather

submitted by Pascual Hernandez

Our first freeze of the season was right on time, but a dry fall has reduced both forage quantity and quality. As a result, stockmen need to go the extra mile while caring for livestock this cold season. Our principal concern should be for the livestock at greatest risk—the old, newborns and those in thin condition.

With their winter haircoat and shelter from the north wind, most livestock can fare well. However, during wet weather, a wet haircoat provides little insulation against the cold. Animals in thin flesh and newborns are especially vulnerable because they have minimal fat which provides them insulation. Thus, livestock should be wintered in pastures that contain shelter from the elements. If forage is in short supply, provide enough hay for cattle, sheep and goats to eat their fill at least once a day. Forage digestion will generate heat, so if possible, feed livestock in the late afternoon to take advantage of this 'internal heat' during the colder nighttime temperatures. Adequate water intake is necessary for survival during cold times. During freezes, ice should be broken and removed from troughs, thus allowing for refilling with relatively warm water. If necessary, call livestock to fresh water with feed or hay.

Grazing horses are less susceptible than those kept in stalls, but colic is a winter health concern for horse owners. Feeding extra long stem hay will help, and if feasible, feed it twice daily. Adult horses will drink 10+ gallons of water daily. Maintaining water intake is a critical component of colic avoidance and essential for proper digestive function. Exercise is also beneficial.

Cold spells can be a challenge for stockmen and their livestock. With just these simple steps, we can go a long way towards insuring that our livestock are able to withstand the winter's cold spells.

## Lions Roar



submitted by Wanda Shurley

On December 2nd the Sonora Downtown Lions Club was pleased to have as our guests seniors Kaitlyn Gibbens and Jeremy Doran. Both students are very involved with extracurricular activities and are National Honor Society members. It is an honor to have students from the four Sonora schools take turns joining us for lunch each Tuesday. Parents of the students are invited to join us when their children are chosen to attend.

Sarah Teaff and Nancy Pittman, interim CEO of the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, also joined us for lunch and our meeting. Mrs. Pittman told us a little about herself and introduced her husband John. We are very fortunate to have her here in Sonora.

Since it was the first Tuesday of the month, we celebrated all the birthdays for the month by singing "Happy Birthday" and also had cake for dessert.

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to long-time Lion, Bill Stewart, and also Liz Hemphill, the wife of Lion Warren Hemphill. We offer prayers for comfort and peace for their families.

Please join us each Tuesday at noon at the First United Methodist Church fellowship hall for a meal and meeting and program. The Lions Club motto is "We Serve", and we would love to have you come serve with us.






## Wellness Ministry

Are you giving gifts this holiday season because you want to or because you have to? Does your Christmas list bring you joy or stress you out? Exchanging Christmas gifts with friends and family is a happy tradition that represents God giving us the greatest gift of all: Jesus Christ. This is easy to lose sight of in the face of long lines and demanding Christmas lists. Giving – whether that means time, money, a hug, a smile, a compliment – is one of the most important ways we serve God and share the gift of Jesus. The Three Wisemen offered gifts to show their respect, love, and gratitude. As you prepare for Christmas, don't get lost in the obligation of buying "stuff." Give from a spirit of joy and gratitude. It's time to celebrate the greatest gift ever given: Jesus.

*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

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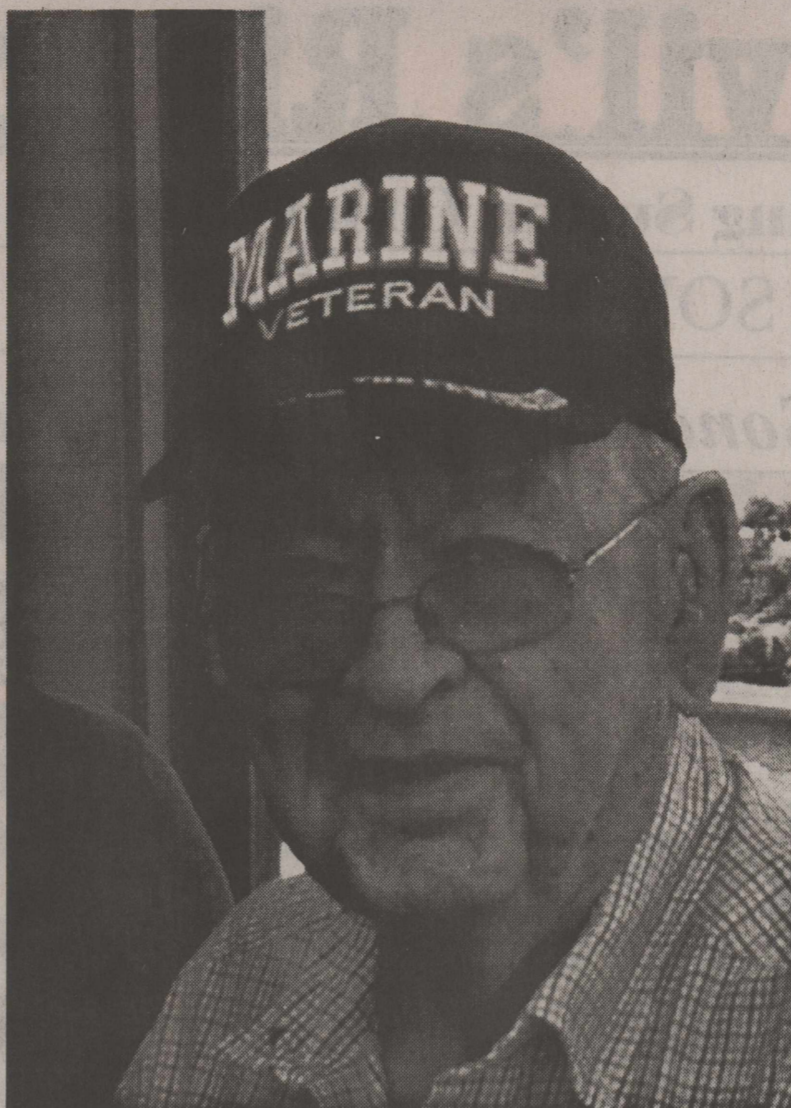


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## Obituaries



Gordon William (Bill) Stewart, 89, passed away Tuesday, November 25, 2014. Funeral services will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church on Friday, November 28, 2014 at 10:30 am.

Bill was born January 16, 1925, in San Antonio, Texas, to Gordon and Lora Stewart. He began his life on the family ranch in Sutton and Edwards counties. He completed his early education in the country school at Station B. As a teenager he first attended high school at Alamo Heights in San Antonio but finished at Carrizo Springs in 1943. After graduation Bill entered military service where he proudly served during WWII with the 4th Marines in the Pacific Theatre and in the early occupation of the Japanese mainland after the surrender in 1945. He was fond of telling about his 21st birthday when he left Japan heading home, and the ship's Marine cook prepared a special cake with green icing and big red lettering saying "Happy Birthday Tex." After honorable discharge from military service he attended Sul Ross State University where he met his wife, Betty Meador. He and Betty were married May 5, 1950 and made their home and life on the ranch.

Bill, along with wife Betty, was an accomplished rancher, receiving the Conservation Rancher of the Year award in 2007. Ranching was Bill's occupation, but he had a deep and profound passion for the study of gun history and collecting. He was an outstanding community member and was named Citizen of the Year in 2008. His activities included membership in, and one time chairmanship of, the Sutton County Historical Society. As chairman of the society he was instrumental in getting the Sutton County History Book published in 1979. He and Betty have been Fling Ding members since the 1950s, and he was once president and director. He was recently honored by the Lion's Club for serving over 50 years as a loyal member. Bill was an avid Sonora Bronco football fan and a long time member and supporter of the Bronco Booster Club. He could tell stories of the "glory years" of the 1960s state championship teams with play-by-play details of those games, and most since. He was honored as "Fan of the Year" in 2006. Bill was a founder of the Sutton County Game Dinner. The vision for the dinner was developed after Bill and a few friends traveled to a similar event in San Antonio. He was instrumental in its initiation, organization and implementation through the early years, ultimately enabling it to become what it is now. He spent many hours over camp fires cooking his famous camp bread and enjoying the company of friends and family. The Stewart family has been active in St. John's Episcopal Church since the mid 1950s, with Bill serving several terms on the vestry.

Bill was always proudest of his family: daughter Susan and husband Steve Mason of Brownfield, daughter Billie Ann Harrell of Sonora, son Mike Stewart of San Antonio, and daughter Julie Martin of Sonora; grandchildren Cody and Ashley Mason of Dallas, Jett Mason of Canyon, Will and Bonnie Harrell of Austin, Katy and Quincy Crain of Sonora, and Laura Martin of Austin; and great granddaughter Armer Alice Crain of Sonora.

Bill's son, grandsons and son-in-law will serve as Pallbearers. Honorary Pallbearers are members of the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club, St. John's Episcopal Church or the Sutton County Historical Society.

Elizabeth Coleman Hemphill, 81 of Sonora Texas, passed on to be with her Savior, Jesus Christ on November 25, 2014. The only child of Neal and Lucille Coleman, Elizabeth "Liz" was born in Merriam, NC on June 6, 1933. She is survived by her husband of 60 years Warren Hemphill and their daughter Karen Rooker and husband David of Dallas, TX and son Mark Hemphill and wife Sheila of Sonora, TX. They have five grandchildren and three great grandchildren. She graduated from Austin High School in Austin, TX and attended the University of Texas where she was a member Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. She and Warren were married July 17, 1954 in Austin, TX.

Their married life together can be best described as an adventure of love. Their early marriage took them to Ulm Germany where Warren served in the US Army for two years while Liz traveled by ship to join him with their new baby girl. Their many adventures during their stay in Europe brought forth a love for travel. From Germany they returned to Hat-A Ranch south of Bakersfield, TX for one year of remote, no electricity living helping Warren on the Harral Ranch. From there they became urban dwellers of Menard, TX where Warren ranched and worked in the bank until 1965. It was here where they welcomed their son Mark and Liz flourished as a mother and was the epitome of a classical house wife actively engaged with her children's school activities and tending her home. In 1965, they moved to Sonora, TX to continue banking and ranching activities on the Clayton family ranch east of Ozona, TX. Liz was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Sonora where she enjoyed singing in the choir. Warren and Liz were blessed to spend much of their time in Creede, CO where they attended the Creede Community Church and were frequent attendees and supporters of the Creede Repertory Theater. She loved playing cards, sewing, dancing and visiting with all those she loved so well.

Following a private family burial with interment at Sonora Cemetery, a memorial service and reception will be at the First United Methodist Church, Sonora Texas beginning at 1:30 PM on Friday, November 28, 2014.

*In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting memorials for various charities be made out to Warren Hemphill with memo to Liz Hemphill Memorial Fund and mail to Hemphill Family, 120 Kings Court, Sonora, TX 76950.*

Bill E. Stallworth, 82, passed away on Sunday, November 30, 2014, in Kingwood, Texas. He was born on June 16, 1932, and in Rosebud, Texas to Ira and Maudine Stallworth.

Bill attended Tarleton State University and graduated from Texas A&M University with a degree in Architectural Engineering in 1954. He then proudly served his country as a member of the U.S. Air Force in Korea. After his service, he was employed by Brown & Root, Inc for 30 years, in various capacities including Vice President, President of Brown & Root International (which included responsibility for Brown & Root's Eastern Hemisphere marine operations and eventually for all Brown & Root's worldwide Marine Engineering and Construction Operations), and then Executive Vice President and Member of the Board. In 1986, he formed Stallworth Interests, Inc. and in 1993 became a General Partner in Stallworth Frankhouser, Associates. He worked to create TransCoastal Marine Services Inc. in 1997 serving as its CEO and Chairman during its first year. Bill was also a former Board Member for Fugro NV. Bill was honored to be named as a Distinguished Alumnus in 2003 of Tarleton State University. In 2008, he was inducted into the Offshore Energy Center's Hall of Fame as an Industry Pioneer. He also served on the Advisory Council for Texas A&M's Mays Business School Center for International Studies for 23 years. Bill was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and will be missed by everyone that knew him. He was preceded in death by his parents; and loving wife of 55 years, Jackie Wardlaw Stallworth. Bill is survived by his son William Wardlaw Stallworth and his wife Suzanne, and by his daughter Suzanne Monk and her husband Bryan; grandchildren Taylor and Travis Monk, Madeleine and Jacqueline Stallworth; and his sister, Jeanette Dillard.

Visitation took place on Wednesday, December 3, 2014, at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home, 13001 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas 77079. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday, December 4, 2014, at Memorial Oaks Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was at the Sonora Cemetery in Sutton County, TX.

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Majors for their third touch-down. Ethan Patlan stormed through arriving at the Eastland PAT holder at the same time that the football arrived. There was a big scramble for the ball, but Sonora couldn't advance it. Eastland led 23 to 21 with 9:08 left in the third quarter.

After two first downs earned by smash mouth running, Acevedo rolled to his left looking for a receiver. He reversed his field to avoid a sack. As he about to run out of room at the far sideline, he heaved a long pass to James for a 47-yard gain. The scoring opportunity from this great play vanished when the Broncos fumbled to the Mavericks on the next play.

The Mavericks used the half back option pass to gain about 40 yards on their first play. Five plays later, Gosnell hit Majors with a 29-yard touchdown for their fourth touchdown. Eastland increased their lead to nine. The scoreboard read 30 to 21 with 3:01 left in the third quarter.

Despite being nine points down, Coach Phillips and the Broncos didn't panic. "Even when you are behind, there are things you are good at, things that you believe in, and things that your kids believe in," said Coach Phillips. "When you have a 240 pound full back, a running back that is really kind of catching his stride, and a quarterback that can go at any time. You go with what 'brung' you."

Castillo gained 29 yards on the toss pitch to inside the Red Zone. Cross moved the ball to a first and goal on a smash-

ing run up the middle. Castillo got the eight-yard touch-down on the toss sweep to the left. Hughes added a point on his perfect kick, but the Mavericks still led 30 to 28 with 10:12 left in the game.

As Coach Phillips would mention in his victory speech, it was time for the defense to make a stop. Castillo combined with another Bronco to stop the first down run. On second down, he added a pass broken up to his stats. Patlan blocked Gosnell's third down pass, and Eastland had to punt against the wind.

Four strong runs by Castillo moved the Broncos to Eastland's 30-yard line. Giving the big boys a rest, Jackson reentered the game and quickly gained 12 yards on the option pitch. Jackson gained three more, Cross picked up seven, Acevedo for two, Castillo to the one yard line, and Acevedo scored on the quarterback sneak. Castillo tried for two, but he was stopped short. The Broncos had regained the lead at 34 to 30 with 5:14 left in the game.

Sid Anderson and other blitzing Broncos forced Gosnell to throw three incomplete passes. On fourth down, Gutierrez caught Gosnell in the backfield forcing him to get an intentional grounding penalty.

It only took the Broncos one play to score and extend their lead as Castillo scored from 15 out on the toss sweep to his right. The snap to holder Rollert was high. Kicker Hughes turned into quarterback Hughes. He rolled to his left and found Cross

open. Once Cross caught the pass, he refused to be tackled. Avoiding several Mavericks, Cross leaped into the end zone for the two point conversion. The Broncos led 42 to 30 with 4:34 left in the game.

The Broncos kept the pressure on Gosnell. On fourth down, Anderson sacked him, and the Bronco crowd thought the game was over. An Eastland receiver was about to break wide open and Noah SanMiguel did the right thing and grabbed onto the receiver. The penalty gave the Mavericks a first down. Five plays later, Gosnell threw his fifth and last touchdown pass to George Atchison with 2:47 left in game. They made their PAT, and the score was 42 to 37 in favor of the Broncos.

All Bronco fans, coaches, and players knew the game came down to recovering an onside kickoff. The Eastland kicker kicked it too hard, and James easily recovered the football before any Eastland player could even get within five yards of it.

Eastland never gave up. They forced us to punt. Acevedo got off his second sixty-yard punt of the game, and Eastland covered the ball with two seconds left in the game at their own two yardline. The game ended on the next play as Gosnell's last pass was incomplete.

After the team prayer, Coach Phillips addressed the team. "This is why you play - to celebrate these moments right here. Defense made the stops when you needed to. Offense when you needed to get it in,

you got it in. Special teams you covered, you did your job," he told the boys as they waited for their trophy.

Acevedo completed four of seven passes for 74 yards. He rushed 25 times for 108 yards and three touchdowns. Cross rushed eight times for 91 yards. Castillo led all runners with 145 yards on 21 carries. Jackson ran twice for 15 yards.

Jackson caught two passes for 12 yards, Rollert caught one pass for 14 yards, and James snagged a 48 yard completion.

Sonora had 21 first downs. They rushed for 360 yards on 57 carries. They passed for 76 yards on five of eight passes. Eastland had 19 first downs. They gained 58 yards running the ball and passed the ball for 374 yards.

Garza led all tacklers with four solo and seven assists. Anderson had two solo tackles and seven assists. Patlan and DeLeon each a tackle for a loss.

This week the playoffs continue. Sonora will travel to Big Spring to play the Cisco Lobos this Friday. The game starts at 7:30.

**Eastland Stats:**

70 yards of rushing on 15 carries.  
24 first downs.  
360 yard on 23 of 39 and one pick.  
Chris Martinez 8 carries for 36 yards.  
Major caught 10 for 151 and 4 touchdowns.  
Sonora had 8 for 67.  
They had 9 penalties for 66.

**Lowe's Register Tapes for Education Program**  
The Intermediate and Elementary school are starting the Lowe's Register Tapes for Education Program for the 2014-2015 school year!

Beginning on August 17, 2014 running through March 31, 2015, parents, families and friends of your students can collect our register tapes and contribute them to our school. We will then redeem the value of those register tapes for free educational equipment from the Lowe's Register Tape Education Program catalog.

The key to the success of this program is for the community to help us by saving their Lowe's receipts and turning them in to either the Intermediate or Elementary office!

Thank you for your help!

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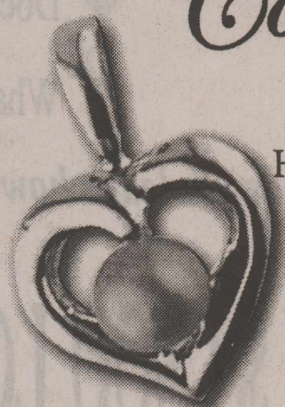
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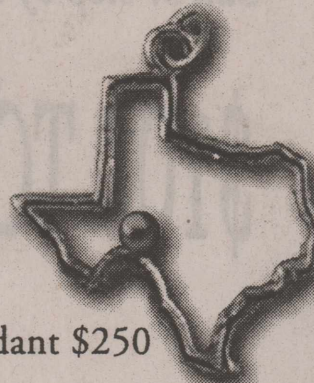
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## Venom 12U Flag Football Team Runner-Up At T.A.A.F. State Tournament



Wilson Johnson with individual Medal and Runner-up Team Trophy



Venom Players: Back Row: Coach Marc Valdez, Nick Samaripa, Tristan Lopez, Stihl Hoffmann, Wilson Johnson, Christian Gabaldon, Coach TJ Samaripa, Aeneas Gray Front Row: Israel Lopez, Jr., Jacob Chappa, Jathan Trevino, Matthew Chappa



Wilson Johnson eludes Burnet defender

The San Angelo Recreation Department was selected to host the 2014 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation's (TAAF) State Flag Football Tournament. It would be played at the Texas Bank Sports Complex on November 14th thru 16th with 8U, 10U and 12U Divisions.

A couple weeks ago Anthony Chappa decided to put together a team to compete in this year's tournament. Coach Chappa called on boys he had watched and coached over the years in YMCA Tackle Football, Select Baseball and 7x7 Football. These boys came from all over: Veribest,

Miles, Sonora, Lee, Glenn and Lincoln Middle Schools. It was last minute and these 10 boys and coaches only had time for 4 practices to gel and get some work in before the tournament. Chappa said they would have to be "quick learners, athletic and fierce competitors." It had been 5 years since any of them had played flag football and most of the teams competing at the State Championships would be teams formed years ago with considerable tournament experience under their belts. Coach Chappa and the Venom team hoped to compete and represent San Angelo to the

best of their ability. Eight other teams from Stephenville, Burnet, Greenville, as well as two other San Angelo teams, would round out the double elimination 9-team 12U bracket.

Venom started off on Saturday morning in 45 degree, windy conditions versus the Stephenville Bears. Little did we know this would be our best weather conditions of the weekend. It was a close, tough game and the Venom team did a lot of learning as they played. Venom won the game by a narrow 6 to 0 final score.

Venom's second round game

would not come until Sunday morning at 9:00 versus the Burnet Bulldog who had earlier defeated the Greenville Ducks 40 to 0. It was 43 degrees and windy when the team took the field. Forty-three degrees would be the high temp for the day. The very experienced Bulldog team played a great game. Our boys became all too familiar with the term "flag guarding" as we had numerous big plays called back for this penalty. The Bulldogs prevailed 13 to 2 as they advanced in the winner's bracket. Venom was now left to fight their way out of the loser's bracket without leaving the field in the hope to make it all the way to the championship game.

It was now 38 degrees with a cutting north wind. They would need to win their next 3 games just to reach the final. Up next for Venom was another Burnet team. With a couple games under Venom's belt, the boys were hitting on all cylinders. Quick passes, shifty running and timely interceptions made for a 31 to 0 victory on this blustery cold morning. Our family and fans loved cheering on the team

despite the conditions. No rest for the weary.

On to the quarterfinals to play a familiar opponent. The Stephenville Bears after losing to Venom in the first round had fought their way back for another shot at our bunch. The temperature now hovering at 36 degrees with occasional sleet mixed with a driving north wind was making a long path to the championship even longer. This would be Venom's 3rd game in 4 hours without leaving the fields Quad 3 of the Texas Bank Sports Complex. Venom was a different team than what the Bears faced in round 1. Venom came out hot in the cold temps and never looked back, winning the game 27 to 6 with timely scoring from both sides of the line of scrimmage as they moved on and sent the Bears back the Stephenville with fourth place medals.

The San Angelo Texans and 6'2" Grape Creek QB Jabari Burge would be our semifinal opponent. With the temperature now at 34 degrees the Venom offence sprang into attack mode with two quick TDs. A 35 yard run from Wilson Johnson and a 55 yard run

from QB Matty Chappa to make it 13 to 0 early. The Texans retaliated with two quick defensive TD's of their own to make the score 14 to 13 in the Texans favor. In the second half we got a TD on 38 yard pass from Chappa to Christian Gabaldon, followed by a screen pass and TD run of 30 yards from Chappa to Johnson to make it 28 to 14. The Texans scored late to make it 28 to 21 with time running out. Chappa took a couple knees in the Victory formation to end the game much to the chagrin of the Texan fans.

The 2:00 Championship game was a rematch with the Burnet Bulldogs who had played just two games on Sunday to reach the final. Weather conditions could not be much worse and after four games the Venom team was starting to feel the effects of exhaustion coupled with nearly six hours of constant exposure to the elements. The first half was a battle of wills and determination to keep the Bulldogs out of the end zone. Venom held them for four downs inside the 10 yard line with an interception on 4th down. At the half the score was 0 to 0 and our fans and family huddled around our players for 5 minutes to attempt to warm them up. It seemed to help. The second half was more of the same back and forth with no scores for either team. Once again Venom had a goal line stand and held the Bulldogs on a 4th and goal. At the end of regulation the score was still 0 to 0. Sudden death would be each team to run 4 offensive plays with the team having the most total yards determined to be the winner. Venom's 4 plays accounted for 25 1/2 yards. The Bulldogs 4 plays added up to 26 yards. It was over. Bulldogs won the championship and Venom was the runner-up by 1/2 yard. Wow! What a day and what heart these boys showed. After nearly 7 hours on the field the Venom and Bulldog teams congratulated each other, received their medals and trophies, took a few quick photos and headed for the warmth of their parents cars.

Many thanks to the fans, parents, coaches and especially these players. 1-2-3 GO VENOM!

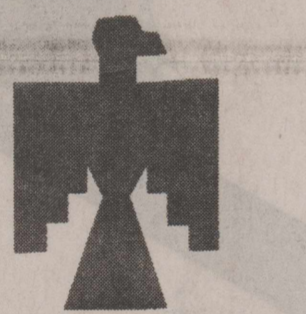
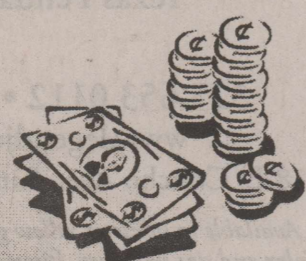
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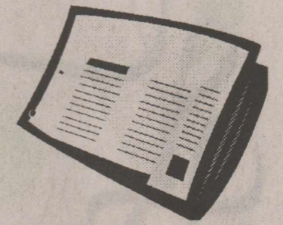
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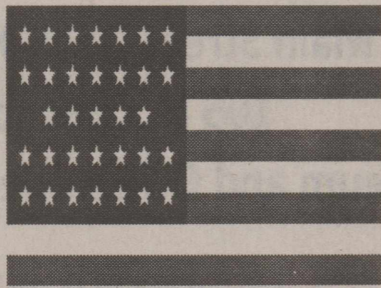
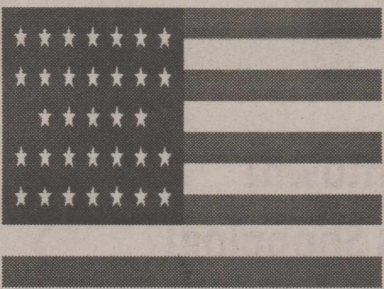
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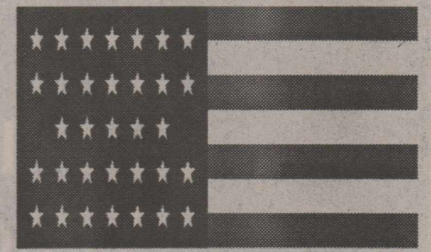
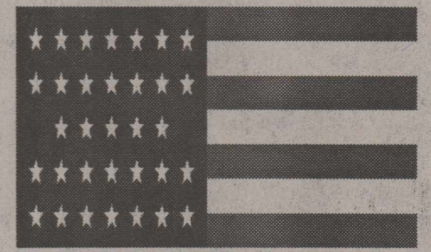
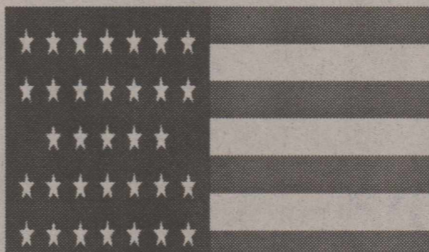
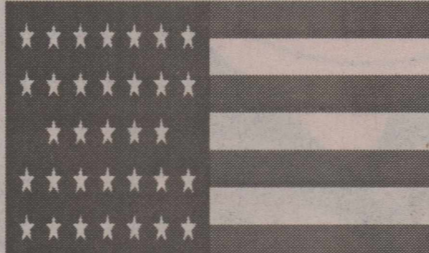
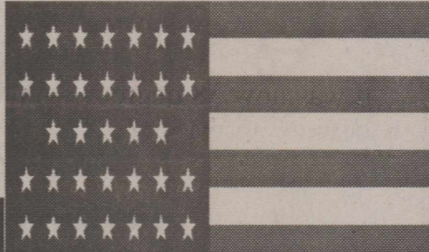


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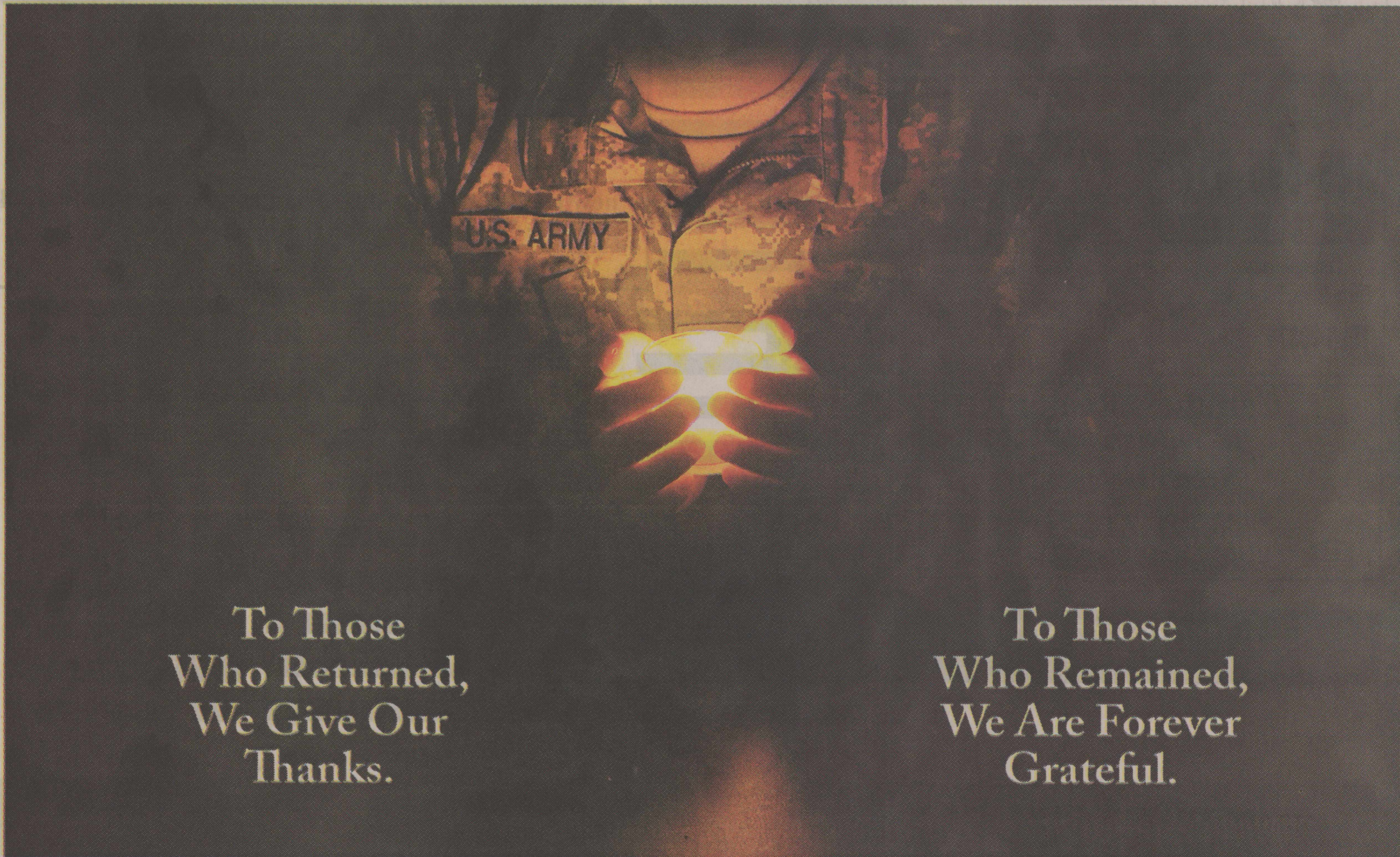
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