

BROKEN RECORDS

Thomalla Aims for State and Alabama

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While his name graced the high school record books for touchdown passes, senior Jett Thomalla insisted that individual accomplishments were never his focus.

Instead, he said his incredible consistency on the field was less about "focusing on records" and more about "working hard and listening to coaches" because he knew that the other achievements were just an added plus.

Like many successful athletes, Thomalla attributed much of his success to the unwavering support of his family as his foundation.

"They [Thomalla's parents] have been with me since little

league, taking me places and all that stuff, and just supporting me on top of that," Thomalla said.

Despite his position as the centerpiece of the offense, this quarterback was quick to share the spotlight, emphasizing the collective effort required for their success, which included consistently winning by large margins.

"I wouldn't be here right now if I didn't have all of [my teammates]," he said. "The offensive line does a great job, receivers do a great job, and the coaches call good plays."

That championship-level mentality also fueled his drive and helped the team to gain a second straight State title.

"I mean, there is always motivation there, just because you want to, you know, win a state championship each and

every year. Staying motivated is pretty easy, you know, my teammates keep me motivated. Coaches do a good job of keeping us motivated even though we, you know, win by 60 each week."

As a leader and role model, Thomalla shared some parting wisdom for younger players looking to follow in his footsteps.

"Just keep on working," he said. "God has a plan for everyone and it might not be football all the time, but you could be good at other things too. So just keep on working, and if you want to be great, put in the work to do that."

In closing, Thomalla acknowledged the significance of his journey, especially as a player from Nebraska heading to

Family Ties

Senior Jett Thomalla stands with his parents as he's introduced on Senior Night. Varsity football had over thirty seniors on the roster, many who played together since elementary.

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Alabama, one of college football's biggest powerhouses.

"Never forget where you came from," he said. "I'm gonna be at Alabama, pretty far away next year. Looking back on my career, it's just something that a lot of Nebraska kids don't do, and something that Nebraska people should be proud of, me and my team. It's not always the case, but hopefully they're proud of me."

