



Trying to maneuver his way to score a touchdown, junior Chase Tachovsky weaves out of his Red Cloud opponent's range to run to the end zone.

BREAKING THE ground beneath us



Mason June, 10th

"My favorite game was against Pawnee City because even though we lost, we played hard."



Caden Axline, 11th

"My favorite game was against Diller-Odell because I was able to contribute the most in defending."



Owen Vyhnalek, 12th

"My favorite game was against Harvard because it felt like we were playing for everyone, not just ourselves."

Whether it was practicing early before the school day started or until dusk at the end of the day, the football team was full of determination, passion, and commitment. "My goal was to get a lot of touchdowns," sophomore Mason June said. "I achieved it because I ended up with the most touchdowns of the season."

It was a rough start, though, as many players became injured, and others had to learn multiple positions. During the first half of the first game, junior Hunter Wake tore his ACL and meniscus. "I wish I could've at least played a full game," Wake said. "It felt terrible to miss playing the whole season."

Nevertheless, the team put up a fight. "A

strong lesson for us was finding out that we needed to work as a team, and we had to be resilient," junior Chase Tachovsky said.

"I found out that you should be adamant about not missing practice because then we have to run extra," freshman Max Novak said. "Detentions aren't an excuse either."

One game that was anticipated by many was against Harvard. It also ended up being a favorite of many of the players. "It was blissful, knowing that the spotlight was on us and taking home the win," senior Owen Vyhnalek said. "It felt even better knowing it was Homecoming night since we didn't win last year."

"My favorite moments were in the game against Harvard. Every time we scored, they would fire the cannon," freshman Thor

Nerud said. "It was awesome. Everybody would jump from either how loud it was or from the ground shaking. It also turned out to be super illegal, so that was cool."

The season was a teaching, learning, and intense experience. "We were struggling to work as a team for quite a while. We lost so many experienced players and now we had to guide the new ones," junior Caden Axline said. "It was tough, but I think we brought it down to earth for them, and that's when we were really popping off."

The whole team took on responsibility. "It was a good season for us because it never ceased to challenge us. Finishing a season that wasn't what you wanted can be hard, but we pushed through. I'm proud of them for that," Coach Brent Zoubek said.



Football. BR: St. Managers Payton Zoubek, Harrison Vyhnalek, Paxton Behrens, Mason Vyhnalek, Trevin Steuk, Landon Shaw, Myles Vyhnalek & Boone Smith. MR: Bryan Martin, Jorge Reyes, Frank Matejka, Mason June, Blake Cerny, Thor Nerud & Max Novak. FR: Head Coach Brent Zoubek, Carter Cerny, Caden Axline, Ariana Tellez, Owen Vyhnalek, Chase Tachovsky, Hunter Wake, & Asst. Coach Spencer Kotas.



Grappling onto his opponent, freshman Blake Cerny hurls him to the ground and stops his advances in his tracks.



Slowing down their Diller-Odell opponent, junior Caden Axline maintains his grip while freshman Thor Nerud rushes in to assist.



Trying to escape, freshman Bryan Martin works to gain yardage on the play as he carries the football down the field.

Scores

Opponent	Us-Them
Sterling	8-40
Pawnee City	14-58
Heartland Lutheran	28-42
Harvard	58-12
Silver Lake	0-49
Diller-Odell	19-54
Red Cloud	8-60
Meridian	16-54

Special Recognition

1st Team All District

Owen Vyhnalek (Offensive End)
Chase Tachovsky (Punter)

2nd Team All District

Mason June (Offensive End)
Chase Tachovsky (Running Back)
Caden Axline (Defensive Back)

Honorable Mention

All District:

Carter Cerny (Quarterback)