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Bleeding Maroon

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Senior lineman Logan Holtmeyer pulls his football transfer papers at the last moment, choosing to spend his senior year where it all began.

The ink was dried, the papers were ready to be submitted and the Monarch football program was close to losing another one of its key players.

This was almost the story for senior lineman Logan Holtmeyer.

After a change in football coaching staff, many players transferred to other schools in the Metro. Holtmeyer originally filed his transfer papers to Millard South High School.

"I was scared," Holtmeyer said. "I didn't know how many people were going to stay [after] the coaching staff changed."

Around the middle of March 2025, senior running back Brody Parr found out that Holtmeyer, one of his close friends, planned to transfer schools.

"It definitely hurt a lot more than the other ones because he's been my best friend since fourth grade," Parr said.

Three days before the May 1 deadline, Holtmeyer decided to revoke his transfer papers and will subsequently finish out his high school football career with his teammates as a Monarch. As of Sept. 29, this season Holtmeyer has racked up 10 tackles.

"At the end of the day, I wanted to stay with people I've been playing with my whole life," Holtmeyer said. "Brotherhood means something to me."

Camaraderie is a major aspect to a team meshing well on the field. The longevity a player has with his team, and the bond he builds as a result, is something irreplaceable. Holtmeyer and his resumption to serve the Monarch's football team will aid the team in its overall success this year.

"He's a huge part of our team and my friendship with him is huge," Parr said. "It definitely was amazing when I heard he was staying."

Holtmeyer's continuation as a Monarch football player will give him the opportunity to experience the many traditions the school has for its senior athletes in a familiar and known environment.

"[I'm excited for] senior night and being able to finish my last season with my best friends," Holtmeyer said.

With the season in full swing, the new dynamics show. Parr has ran for 479 yards and scored four touchdowns, running behind Holtmeyer and the rest of the offensive line.

"Last year we had a lot of good linemen like Logan and a bunch of other guys," Parr said. "But [this year] our receivers, running backs, defensive backs. They're a lot stronger than they were last year."

Over the past several months, the Monarch football team has changed in a multitude of ways. Many players transferred and several stayed; however, one thing remained constant. Holtmeyer will be there every Friday for his senior year, just as he has been ever since playing for the Junior Monarchs.

"We've been bleeding maroon since we were young," Parr said.

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1. Senior Logan Holtmeyer (number 77) warms up before his game against Lincoln South West on Sept. 12. Photo: Carli Pew
2. Holtmeyer prepares at the line of scrimmage against Lincoln North Star Sept. 4. The Monarchs won 9-3. Photo: Kimmey Hays
3. Senior Jonathan Hardin (number 2) and Holtmeyer hand Monarch Flags to the student section after running onto the field. Photo: Teanna Hoscheid

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