



Coach Speak

February 2013 Monthly Newsletter to Parents and Boosters

Vision: Bixby Spartan Football will be respected as the very best program in 6A at developing young men.

Dear Spartan Football Faithful,

It's a great day to be a Spartan! There are many exciting things happening around Bixby each day. Last Wednesday we had an astounding eight athletes sign National Letters of Intent to play college football. This was a very exciting event that is a culmination of hard work, athletic ability, and dedication by our student athletes and their families.



Dillon Hood- NEO

Mason Yelton- S.W. Baptist University

Caden Gacek- NWOSU

A.J. Harbin- Oklahoma State University

DeAndre Jennings- NEO

Jake Castillo- S.W. Baptist University

Marcus Jordan- Langston University

Zack Castillo- S.W. Baptist University

Andrew Pence- William Jewell College



Many of you may have heard by now that change in 6A football is eminent. This month the OSSAA approved the motion by the constitutional committee to release two 6A split proposals to the voting members. Regardless of the plan chosen, the landscape of Oklahoma 6A football will involve a small and a large division based on Average Daily Membership of each high school. If you would like to read more about the two proposals, you can click on this link to the [Tulsa World 6A Split Article](#).

We invite everyone to stop by some afternoon and watch what is going on in our off-season program. This week is a competition (peak out) week in our weight room training, and many of our players have already hit new personal records. Just Monday, Logan Guiver, Blake Kirk, and Peyton Reichart all joined Club 225 with P.R.s. on the Clean. Many other guys have hit notable P.R.'s in the weight room as well. Jon Kuhn hit 275, Casey Saied-270, Grady Hanifin- 250, Matt Iden- 190, and Nathan Winters- 195. Also, Chandler Miller broke the all time Spartan Power Clean record with a 315 pound lift that you can see by clicking [here](#). Chandler was recently offered a full-ride scholarship (\$250,000 value) to the University of Tulsa. We are very proud of all of our athletes and are excited to see their hard work paying dividends!

Recently, our athletes in grades 8-12 attended the Hilldale Powerlifting Competition in Muskogee. The Spartans represented well with the following results:

8th Grade Team= 2nd Place

105- Parker Edwards 3rd Place

181- Cade Cannon 2nd Place

132- Brendan Hahn 3rd Place

198- Aaron Levin 3rd Place

168- Tanner Griffin 2nd Place

HVY- Brendan Evers 1st Place

9th Grade

145- Broderick Hood 1st Place

220- Mason Gist 2nd Place

181- Grady Hanifin 1st Place

220- Oliver Pate 3rd Place

High School -

275- Chandler Miller 1st Place

We like to use the quote "If I had eight hours to chop down a tree I would spend seven sharpening my axe." Our 5th-8th graders have been doing exactly that with our "Foundations" speed, power, and agility camp after school. We have approximately forty-five 7th and 8th



graders participating, and about fifteen 5th and 6th graders. It is certainly not too late to get your child involved. If you are interested, please call Paula at (918)366-2218.

Finally, we have recently started the “Champions Club” in Bixby Football to reward dedication both on the gridiron and in the classroom. The three criteria include: grades of C or better in all subjects, no zeros on any assignments, and perfect attendance to 7th period. We feel that if these simple criteria are met, our players will excel both in the classroom and on the field. We check for Champions Club every two weeks, and below are a list of last session’s members.

Kyle Rhine	Brandon Turney	Jarrett Briscoe	Matt Dreyer
Jake Spriggs	Zach Stephens	Mason Thompson	Max Whitney
JJ Cantrell	Alex Poyner	Nick Heck	Johnny Crater
Casey Saied	Ryan King	Beaude Clark	Matt Iden
Austin Grotts	Andrew Dreyer	Jacob Strider	Brandon Dyson
Cole Garland	Gabe West	Pryce Stickney	Phillip Tyree
Chandler Box	John Nipps	Luke Schnare	Anthony Armour
Cade Cabbiness	Adrian Mica	Brandon Sellers	Breydon Daniel
Brandon Newman	Jared Kerr	Grant Simmons	
Parker Jennings	Jacob Hudelson	Jordan Johnston	

As you can see, there are many great things going on in our program. We are excited about the progress of all our players in the program. All of our athletes are progressing in both academics and athletics. It’s a great day to be a Spartan!

Yours in Spartan Football,

Coach Montgomery