

# Until Friday night lights end

A run through of the varsity football season

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## The Team



**GET THIS PARTY STARTED.** Steve Shaw, 12, and Brain Kelly, 12, led the team onto the field for the homecoming game. The cheerleaders held the banner and the team ran through it. The crowd went wild and the team was pumped for a victory.



**Row 1:** Jesse Key, 12, Tom Ellsworth, 10, Ryan Davis, 10, Steven Shaw, 12, Willie Million, 12, Joey O'Gara, 10, Andrew Shaver, 11, Danny O'Gara, 12, Drew Schwaegerle, 10, Max Vansluys, 10, Brandon Powell, 11, Dominique Buenavides, 10, Chris Holscher, 10. **Row 2:** Zach Tawney, 11, Bernie Wen, 12, Mike Kelly, 12, Charles Forte, 11, Brad Konerman, 12, Joshua Henderson, 12, Myron Craddock, 10, Nick Perkins, 12, Brian Kelly, 12, Aj Gold, 11, Ryan James, 10, David Grubbs, 11. **Row 3:** Taunta Taylor, 11, CJ Battle, 12, Victor Morillo-Delerme, 10, Steven Koppenhafer, 11, Ryan Keller, 11, Francisco Morillo-Delerme, 11, Cory Mangus, 11, Matt McKeown, 12, Brian Fox, 12, Trevor Harris, 12, Brian Dougherty, 10, Steve Freedman, 12. **Row 4:** K.C. Doell, 10, Brandon Bracher, 11, Jordan Taylor, 10, Mike Fox, 12, Brian Tacy, 11, Eric Knox, 10, Braxton Sadler, 10, Garin Giles, 11, Dan Pyles, 10, Alex Souders, 11, Derrick Donaldson, 11. **Row 5:** Dan McMullen, 12, Alex Kapcar, 10, RJ Mahoney, 12, Scott Kelly, 10, Patrick Christensen, 12, Chris Thompson, 10, James Smith, 12, Mark Sedziol, 10, Mike Koebel, 12, Sean Waters, 10, Joel Richardson, 12, David Hall, 12. **Row 6:** Mr. Brian Conatser, Ms. Lauren Laskowski, Mr. Nick Fallat, Mr. Tom Adams, Mr. DJ Izowski, Mr. Andrew Marlatt, Mr. Adam Futscher, Mr. Brian Heffron

## The Story

**LIVE FOR IT, DIE FOR IT, RESPECT IT.** And that is just what this team did. With a new offensive strategy and numerous plays to master, these guys gritted their teeth and forged ahead. They were driven not only by their motivation to succeed, but also by the very enthusiastic crowd. The team was really able to come together and bond. Every Thursday night before home games, the guys walked the

field. They did this not only to bond with one another, but also to get pumped up for the following day's game. In addition to walking the field, the guys also had team dinners. At these dinners the team not only got physically energized, but also psychologically energized. Bonding is important in any team sport. It allows the players to feel like they are part of a team, rather than just an individual. A team that gets along well off the field, will most likely play

together better on the field.

Although the scoreboard may not have always reflected the team's character, it was evident to coaches, parents, and fans. This team had the spirit of success. This could have been the most valuable play learned. This will guide them in the years to come.

"The best decision I ever made in life, was to play football at Sycamore High School," said

**Brian Fox, 12.**

**"We need to take advantage of our opportunities in the red zone." Mike Fox, 12**

