

# YOU SHOULD Dream Big

Bonded by friendship, JV football meets goals



The junior varsity football team was made up of young men who share a unique bond that began in football workouts. During the summer's grueling practices, the boys learned to rely on each other and not only become teammates but also become close friends. Their ties were strengthened during their 7-1 season that culminated in a game against their biggest rival, Jackson Academy. Ever since the first summer workout, the first after school practice, and before they even signed up for football, they were taught there was one game you don't lose: the Jackson Academy game. The result of that game was how their season would be judged. As soon as the first whistle blew, the boys knew exactly what needed to be done, no matter the cost, and after four quarters, all of their focus and determination had paid off in a 14-7 victory over Jackson Academy. "Playing football for Prep is not only about the sport itself, but it is also about growing with your teammates. You learn to have each other's backs as you progress with the season. I started the season knowing very little about the older boys and soon learned of some very funny stories everyone has of their friends. My favorite part of JV football was hanging out with and growing physically, mentally, and spiritually with my friends," reflected eighth grader Will Dungey.

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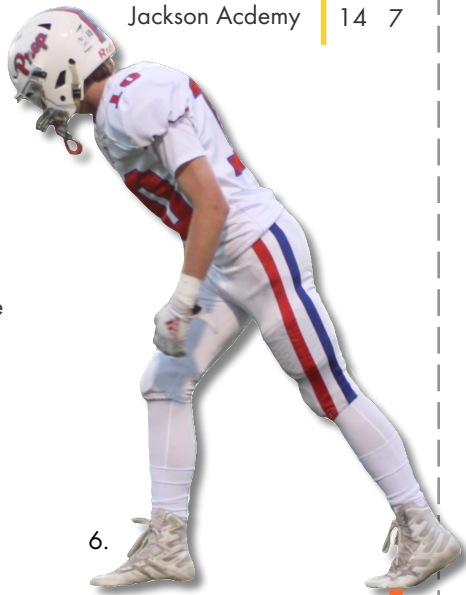
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1. **DON'T FORGET YOUR FOCUS.** Freshman Will Skipper focuses on the rivalry being played out on the field. The team's dedication won the championship game against Jackson Adadamey. Photo by Kimberly Blount.
2. **HOW TO SHOW UP WHEN YOU CAN'T PLAY.** Eighth grader, Matthew Mehrle watches his teammates with intensity. Sideline with a shoulder injury Mehrle kept a game ball at the ready on the Madison-Ridgeland Acadamey field. Photo by Gayle Grantham
3. **READY TO PLAY.** Lead by freshmen Robert Thomas and Matthew Cochran, the team runs through the streamers as the crowd cheers them on. This tradition never failed to rally the excitement of fans and the team alike. Photo By Abbie Mask.
4. **GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME.** The football team braces for their game against Presbyterian Christian School. The team's preparation for the game resulted in a 39 point lead over the Bobcats. Photo by Emma Dye
5. **WHAT IT MEANS TO LEAD.** Coach Marcus Canoy reviews the previous play with freshman Paxton Thompson. Coach Canoy served as both a coach and a spiritual mentor to the players . Photo by Mary Robinson Coco.
6. **GET READY, GET SET, GO!** Freshman Sam Watts prepares to run a play with his team in the start of the season. This intense focus and determination to win set an example for the rest of the team. Photo by Kathryn Weir