

"I look forward to playing against Biloxi High school next year." - JOSHUA LEE (10)

hitting hard

THIS YEAR THE ADMIRALS FACED HITS FROM BOTH COVID-19 AND THEIR OPPONENTS ON THE FIELD, BUT THEY HIT BACK HARDER IN RESPONSE.

Brotherhood: that is the word that people hear the most when asking the Gulfport Admirals to describe the unique bond amongst the football team. This year the Gulfport High Admirals have been through the wringer and faced several hardships, like any other high school. While this season has been difficult for the 2020 Admiral varsity football team, these hardworking and disciplined young men have muddled through and found light in a dark situation. These boys have been quarantined for two weeks, been discouraged, and still managed to push forward. The Admirals welcomed JAVIER SIMMONS (11), a defensive back coming from Harrison Central High school, with open hearts and minds. A number of freshmen were also introduced onto the varsity football team. This introduction of radiant energy and potential new leaders uplifted the team's spirit and kept the players on their toes. The boy's hard work and motivation to improve do not go unnoticed. While the 2020 football season ended in October, these dedicated boys continue to run drills and practice after-school, while still maintaining their grades in academic classes. The Admirals are determined to come back next season more disciplined, optimistic, and focused than ever before. The Admirals have nothing but encouragement from the cheery stands filled with peers and teachers alike, the devoted coaches, and the loving parents. Win or lose, they scream at the top of their lungs, "Admiral Nation!"



1. JALEN EPHRAIM (12), ELIJAH LYNCH (12), and LADARIUS JORDAN (10) get into position for an upcoming play. Photo by Taylor Williams
2. ISAAC CUPP (11) is photographed as he runs back to the sidelines while taking his helmet off. Photo by Skyler Rozea
3. GAVIN BROWN (9) captures the ball and attempts to outrun possible defenders in his route to the end zone. Photo by Taylor Williams
4. WILLIAM JONES (12) falls towards the ground while capturing the football. Photo by Taylor Williams

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senior moments

what life lessons have you learned from playing football at GHS?

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"I learned how to deal with and respond to adversity. Also, despite what happens, you can always stay true to yourself and put your heart into whatever you're doing." - BRECK LEFLORE (12)



"Playing with people for four years creates bonds and helps build character." - ISAIAH WASHINGTON (12)



"Football has taught me that even though it's a sport, it's a team effort. It can be the little things in life that can lead to actions later on down the road." - JOURDAN COOLEY (12)



"I learned how to become a leader and teammate, and it made me step up. I became a better man on this team. It offered me a lot to learn." - LUSHAWN GRIFFIN (12)

photo courtesy: LUSHAWN GRIFFIN

"I look forward to playing against Harrison Central High school next year." - AMARE HASKIN (11)

always room for improvement

what do you think the football team can improve on for next year?

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"Trusting, being more confident, and being closer as an overall team."
- MARCUS PALAZZO (10)



"Putting in more work on and off the field."
- ADAM RIPPY (11)



"Communicating on and off the field."
- TIWAN CHERICHEL (10)



"Blocking."
- EMMANUEL BENTLEY (10)

two new perspectives



"I love playing for Gulfport High; it's a good environment to be around. I had to realize that this season was going to be different and hard times were going to come, so I just told myself to stay focused and be ready for whatever comes next."
- JAVIER SIMMONS (11)



"It feels good to be able to wear the 'G' and play football on Friday nights along with all of my brothers. It was a new thing to adapt to with COVID-19, but we managed to still get through things and finish the season out with a bang."
- GAVIN BROWN (9)



photo courtesy: GEORGE PRICE



"I learned that nothing comes easy and nothing is given to you. If you want something, you have to get up and work for it. You have to be hungry for success like your life depends on it."
- JACOB STEVENSON (12)



"I learned that no matter what you want in life, you won't get it unless you worked for it. Hard work pays off."
- GEORGE PRICE (12)



"Working with other people. It's about being able to depend on other people and to have other people's back. You can't be selfish; you have to be confident. Trust your teammates."
- KHALIL AYODELE (12)

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"Take advantage of the opportunities that's given to you and never give up."
- ZAYSHUN CRAWFORD (12)

5. JAVIER SIMMONS (11) and ISAIAH WASHINGTON (12) head back to the sidelines. Photo by Taylor Williams
6. JACOB STEVENSON (12) and GEORGE PRICE (12) get into position. Photo by Taylor Williams
7. JOURDAN COOLEY (12) expresses his feelings during the game versus Harrison Central. Photo by Skyler Rozza
8. BRECK LEFLORE (12) runs the ball. Photo by Taylor Williams
9. DAVID LEWIS (10) adjusts GABRIEL HAYES (12) jersey. Photo by Taylor Williams