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

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

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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!"



**Q** "I learned how to deal with and respond to adversity. Also, despite what happens, you can always stay true to yourself and U

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)

TRIM LINE



"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)



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"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)

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

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- always room for improvement what do you think the football team can improve on for next year?



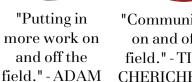


RIPPY (11)

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

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



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





"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)



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"Take advantage of the opportunities that's given to you and never give up."

CRAWFORD (12)

. JAVIER nd ISAIAH WASHINGTON (12) head back to the sidelines. Photo JÁCOB STEVENSON and GEORGE PRICE get into position.Photo JOURDAN COOLEY (12) expresses his feelings during the game versus Harrison Central. Photo by 8. BRECK LEFLORE (12) runs the ball.Photo by Taylor DAVID LEWIS (10) djusts GABRIEL HAYES







"I learned that nothing "I learned that no comes easy and nothing is matter what you given to you. If you want want in life, you something, you have to get won't get it unless up and work for it. You have you worked for it. to be hungry for success like Hard work pays your life depends on it." off." - GEORGE - JACOB STEVENSON (12) 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)

- ZAY'SHUN

