

Grid Picks ends for the season as county teams exit playoffs

Two of our inner Atascosa County teams, Jourdanton and Poteet, qualified for the playoffs and lost in bi-district. This is when we end Grid Picks for the season.

Jourdanton head coach Lyford and Navarro head coach Dumont said they are proud of the kids who played this year. We were short of our goal in this very tough district but we managed to go 6 and 4 and turned it into a good season.



Leon Zabava
Grid Picks

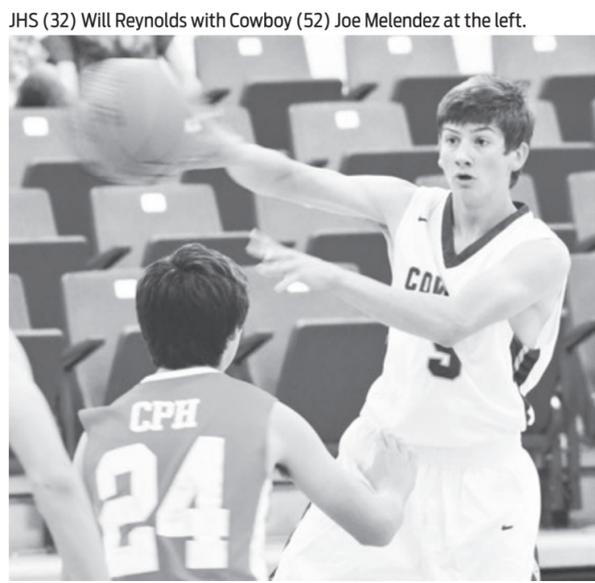
and summer. "I am very proud of our 2016 senior class. Poteet Coach Doug Foster said he was really proud of his seniors and underclassmen. "They really competed well. There were injuries and that's why we have backups. "We fought and battled and won our last two district games to make the playoffs. And then we had to play the number two or number five team in the state, depending on which poll you look at." Navarro was unbeaten on the season and not many teams scored on them. "We fought hard and were able to put some points on the board toward the end of the game. Asked about next season, Coach Foster said, "Good news for Poteet, you're going to live and die by what goes on in the trenches. On our offensive line, we return all players except one. We have a lot to build on there. We expect our starting RB, Anthony Ambriz, back, who was averaging about 150 yards a game before he went down with an injury. He was only a junior. This was his third year as a starter. We have some holes to fill at other positions. We do need to break in a new quarterback but we have people to serve in that role. "Defensively, we do a lot of defense by committee. We have a lot of kids that played on the defensive line and of those who started, two of them are coming back out of our three. In our linebacker corps we're going to have one returning and we have another two or three that got to play a lot along with a starter returning who got hurt in the third game of the season who'll be back next season. In our secondary, we're replacing two. We had a lot of kids who played a lot of ball coming back so I think the outlook for next year is good." Charlotte Coach Jerry Dominguez said, "This season was a positive overall for our football program. We had several underclassmen step up in

a big way for us. To start the season we had a freshman quarterback, 3 out of 5 linemen were sophomores and our skill kids were primarily underclassmen also. That bodes well for us next year and our kids know it and are eager to begin our year long off-season." Coach Dominguez continued, "I am extremely proud of what we accomplished as a whole - the kids played hard the entire year and worked hard every day in practice. We are looking forward to making some noise next year and taking the next step and making the playoffs. "Another huge positive for us was we played a JV schedule which has not been done around here in about a decade and our junior high kids were undefeated. We are starting to see the fruits of our labor here in year 5 of my tenure. Football is becoming important to our kids here in Charlotte like it was in the past and it shows with the numbers increasing year by year. Charlotte Trojan Football is alive and well. In the final week of grid picks for 2016, 19 winners were picked out of 20 playoff games, which helped end the season of grid picks with 59 right out of 60 games picked in the last 3 weeks. The one miss was my picking of Devine over Hondo. Hondo upset Devine, 56-28 after losing to Devine, 50-49, early in the season. One could figure the reason for this big turnaround was the quality of competition Hondo faced in its district compared to what Devine played in its district. For the season, 210 winners were picked out of 240 games for an 87% pickin' average. The best results I've ever had. In close picks in playoff games, Beeville was given 48 over Zapata and won 49-0. Wimberley was picked by 27 over Pearsall and won, 35-7. Navarro was given 53 over Poteet and won, 70-14. China Spring was given 24 over Boerne and won, 32-10.

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JHS (32) Will Reynolds with Cowboy (52) Joe Melendez at the left.

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Cowboy (5) Dustin Holland guarded by Indian (24) Ty Myers.



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Cowboy (3) Colton McCartney heading down the court with JHS (32) Will Reynolds in the foreground.

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McMullen County Cowboy (10) Logan Ridgeway driving down the court against Jourdanton Indian (22) Jacob Reyna.

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