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Longhorn Football

Head Coach: Justin Savage

Assistant Coaches: Charles Yacheyonny, Craig Halford and Mark Anderson

Managers: Holly Anderson, Tessa Langford | **Ball boys:** Jacob Otey and Cooper Savage

Statistics: Steve Allison | **Home game announcer:** Tom Ketchum | **Home clock:** Rick Reeves

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2010 Longhorn High School Football Roster

Grade	Name	Number	Offensive Position	Defensive Position
Sr.	Caulen Alexander	33	Tight End	Defensive End
Sr.	Trey Anderson	11	Running Back	Defensive Back
Sr.	Matt Culver	45	Guard	Defensive Tackle
Jr.	Justin Adams	10	Wide Receiver	Linebacker
Jr.	Kenton Baker	4	Running Back	Defensive Back
Jr.	Cody Otey	65	Center	Linebacker
Jr.	Dakota Reid	1	Wide Receiver	Defensive Back
So.	Cody Alexander	32	Guard	Defensive Tackle
So.	Dustin Deaton	40	Tight End	Defensive End
So.	Reese Mitchell	21	Quarterback	Linebacker
So.	Dakota Savage	7	Wide Receiver	Defensive End
Fr.	Todd Abel	63	Guard	Defensive Tackle
Fr.	Jacob Goyne	55	Guard	Defensive Tackle
Fr.	Sam Harris	24	Wide Receiver	Defensive Back
Fr.	Jose Ochoa	13	Quarterback	Linebacker
Fr.	Austin Thompson	72	Guard	Defensive Tackle
Fr.	Devin Thornburg	76	Guard	Defensive Tackle

And the Big Stick goes to...

Playoff Week (11) - The Seniors - Caulen Alexander, Trey Anderson and Matthew Culver

Week 10 - Caulen Alexander

Week 9 - Trey Anderson

Week 8 - Sophomore Reese Mitchell

Week 7 - The Alex Defense

Week 6 - Reese Mitchell

Week 5 - Matthew Culver

Week 4 - Caulen Alexander

Week 3 - Caulen Alexander and Sophomore Dakota Savage

Week 2 - Trey Anderson and Junior Cody Otey

Week 1 - Reese Mitchell and Dakota Savage

"Speak softly and carry a BIG STICK!"

Soon to be American President Theodore Roosevelt first used the above phrase in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair on September 2, 1901, twelve days before the assassination of President Williams McKinley, which subsequently thrust Roosevelt into the Presidency. Roosevelt described the saying as "a West African proverb." Roosevelt used this saying to explain his style of foreign policy as "the exercise of intelligent forethought and of decisive action sufficiently far in advance of any likely crisis".

This little tidbit of history explains in part the **BIG STICK** honor awarded to an Alex Football player each week. See the list of players above who were honored for their toughness and decisive action in each game of the season.

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News

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Alex football players named All-District



An eight-man football team with seven players named All-District! Left to right, top: Senior Matthew Culver, All-District Defensive Tackle; Sophomore Dakota Savage, All-District Wide Receiver; Senior Trey Anderson, All-District Defensive Back; and Senior Caullen Alexander, All-District Linebacker. Left to right, bottom: Junior Cody Otey, All-District Guard; Junior Kenton Baker, All-District Running Back; and Sophomore Reese Mitchell, All-District Quarterback. Anderson also received honorable mentioned Eight-Man All State honors. Alexander was named to the Eight-Man All State team and was honored as an All Star by Class, meaning he was among eight-man football's 16 best defensive players statewide.

Alex football players named to All-Area Football Team

As noted previously on this site, Alex is the only team in Grady County to play eight-man football. Fewer players, however, do not make ours a smaller game and this showed when the Chickasha *Express-Star* named its 2010 All-Area Football team in late December 2010. Your Class B Longhorns compared just fine to players from Class 5A Chickasha, Class 3A Bridgecreek and Tuttle and Class A Minco and Rush Springs.

Alex Senior Caullen Alexander was named first team linebacker, notching first place in the county with 127 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions. Sophomore Dakota Savage was chosen first team defensive lineman with 42 tackles. Savage also led the area with 11 season sacks.

Junior Kenton Baker was named as a second team All-Area running back, and Dakota Savage was also honored as a second team wide receiver. Junior Cody Otey was named second team offensive lineman with Sophomore Reese Mitchell chosen as second team linebacker. Senior Matt Culver was named to the second team defensive line.

Honorable mention All-Area team went to Reese Mitchell in the Quarterback position, Freshman Devin Thornburg on offensive line and Senior Trey Anderson as a defensive back.

Alex residents may also be interested to know that the area's leading quarterback, Chase Rodgers of Chickasha, is the son of 1959 Alex graduate and football player John Rodgers. Chase led the county in touchdown passes.

November 12, 2010: 'Horns end season with first round playoff loss, 46-0, to third-ranked Laverne



Alex Senior Football players (from left to right) Trey Anderson, Matthew Culver and Caullen Alexander take their home field for the last time before the long journey to Laverne. The efforts of these three young men in the playoff game earned them the final **BIG STICK AWARD** for the 2010 season.

Senior Football players

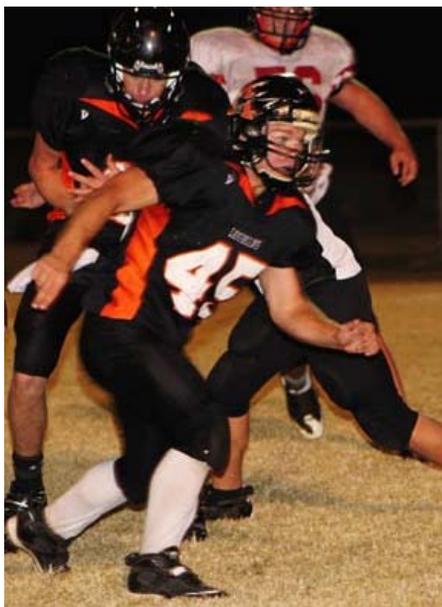
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2009 Alex High School Football archive page



Left: Caullen Alexander; Right: Trey Anderson



Matthew Culver

Longhorns Bury Macomb - From the *Chickasha Express-Star*, November 8, 2010

ALEX -- A 28-point first quarter paved the way for Alex to roll to a 56-6 win against Macomb Friday night at Longhorns Stadium.

Quarterback Reese Mitchell was the man of the hour in another productive night of offense. He scored four touchdowns while rushing for 194 yards on 22 carries and passed for three more and 104 yards on 12-of-18 attempts. Mitchell also scored from his linebacker spot on defense.

"He had a great game offensively and returned a fumble for a touchdown," Alex coach Justin Savage said. "He had a hand in all eight touchdowns."

Alex concluded the regular season 6-4 overall and 6-3 in B-2, with a third-place finish in district. They will meet Laverne on the road Friday for a first round playoff game in the Class B bracket. Macomb finishes at 1-9 and 0-9.

Alex 56, Macomb 6

First Quarter

- Alex -- Dakota Savage 11 pass from Reese Mitchell (conversion failed)
- Alex -- Savage 10 pass from Mitchell (Conversion failed)
- Alex -- Mitchell 3 run (Savage run)
- Alex -- Dustin Deaton 11 pass from Mitchell (Caullen Alexander pass from Mitchell)

Second Quarter

- Alex -- Mitchell 69 return of a fumble (Mitchell run)

Third Quarter

Alex -- Mitchell 1 run (Michael Wilcox run)
 Macomb -- Ryan Day 41 run (conversion failed)

Fourth Quarter

Alex -- Mitchell 4 run (conversion failed)
 Alex -- Mitchell 44 run (conversion failed)

Team Statistics

	Macomb	Alex
First Downs	8	17
Rushes-Yards	47-168	25-210
Passing Yards	-2	104
Comp/Att/Int	2-8-1	12-18-0
Total Offense	166	314
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties-Yards	3-20	3-35

Individual Statistics - Macomb

Rushing - Ryan Day 28-167, Terrance Annanders 9-21, Erick Annanders 2-(minus-2), Dale Whitlock 8-(minus-18)
Passing - Dale Whitlock 2-8-1, minus-2 yards
Receiving -- Ryan Day 2-(minus-2)

Individual Statistics - Alex

Rushing - Reese Mitchell 22-194, Michael Wilcox 2-19, Jose Ochoa 1-(minus-3)
Passing -- Reese Mitchell 12-18-0, 104 yards
Receiving -- Caullen Alexander 5-45, Dustin Deaton 3-23, Dakota Savage 2-21, Trey Anderson 2-15

November 5, 2010: Alex 45s Macomb, 56-6, to secure playoff berth against Laverne

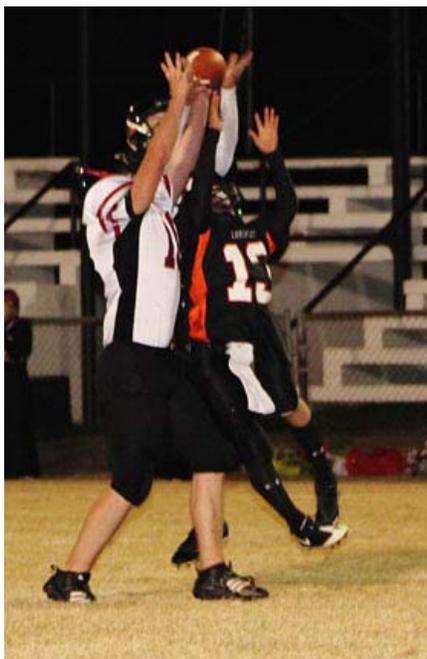


Junior Cody Otey (left) returned from injured reserve to repeatedly frustrate the young Macomb offense. Sophomore Dakota Savage (right) scored two touchdowns and a two-point conversion against Macomb before sustaining a shoulder injury that will sideline him during the Alex v. Laverne game.



Sophomore Dustin Deaton did his part to defeat Macomb on both offense and defense. The 11-05-10 game saw Deaton score his first TD of the season off a pass from Quarterback Reese Mitchell.

Freshmen step up!



#13, Freshman Jose "Short Man" Ochoa (left) is a familiar face on this site. During the Macomb game, Ochoa continued his "no holds barred" play and carried out his assignments by taking on whomever came his way, regardless of their size. In this photo, Ochoa leaps into the air to defend against the Macomb pass while the receiver's feet never leave the ground. #10, Freshman Michael Wilcox (right) saw action during the Macomb game, running back one kick for decent yardage and surviving tough hits.

Baker among Grady county's best in rushing yards

Junior Kenton Baker sustained a season-ending injury to his elbow in the Alex v Fox game on 10-14-10, just days before partial county football statistics compiled by the *Chickasha Express-Star* named Baker as among the county's best in rushing yards. The list of stats included Alex, Bridge Creek, Chickasha and Minco but did not include Rush Springs or Tuttle. (Ninnekah and Verden are not football schools). Baker topped the partial list with 1004 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns.

Sophomore Dakota Savage was fourth on the list with 492 yards and six rushing td's. **Sophomore Reese Mitchell**, Quarterback for the Longhorns, was seventh on the list with 308 rushing yards and six rushing touchdowns.

Savage came in second after Bridge Creek's Caden Locke in the partial list of receiving stats with 601 yards for 10 td's. Mitchell was fourth in the passing category with 46 catches out of 70 throws for 846 yards and 11 td's.

Alex Senior Caullen Alexander was third in the partial county list in tackles with 67 while Mitchell took fourth place with 63. Senior Matt Culver was in seventh place with 54 tackles.

Chickasha is the largest school in Grady County and rates a 5A classification. Bridge Creek and Tuttle are both 3A schools while Minco and Rush Springs are both classified as Class A schools. Alex is Class B and is the only school in Grady County to compete in eight-man football. According to *The Oklahoman's* published 2010 statistics, Alex's own Kenton Baker ranks a very impressive 25th in the state in rushing yards. **Congrats, Kenton; we hope to see you back next year for your best season ever.**

October 29, 2010: Bowlegs edges Alex, 24-20



Sophomore Cody Alexander (#32) blocks for his brother, Senior Caullen Alexander (#33), to allow Caullen to break away for a touchdown against Bowlegs.



Left: Sophomore Dustin Deaton's first game since being sidelined several weeks ago with a knee injury found Bowlegs putting up more offense than expected. **Right:** Cody Alexander joined Senior Trey Anderson (#11), Freshman Devin Thornburg (#76) and Senior Matthew Culver (#45) in playing defense against Bowlegs.

Mitchell will be key force for Longhorns with team down three players - From the Chickasha Express-Star, October 27, 2010

MIKE MOGUIN - SPORTS EDITOR

Reese Mitchell (21) will be a key force for the Alex Longhorns this week. Reese, quarterback and linebacker, will be without the services of three key offensive starters.

Alex will have to adjust to a different game plan as it takes on Bowlegs this week.

Signal caller Reese Mitchell will be relied on as both quarterback and running back since it will be without its ground weapons.

The Longhorns (5-3 overall, 5-2 in District B-2) were dealt some hard hits in a 66-20 loss to Fox last week as Kenton Baker and Cody Otey went down with injuries. Baker went down with a season-ending injury when he dislocated his elbow and tore some ligaments. Otey re-injured his shoulder. He returned for the first time after originally hurting it in week three against Sasakwa. He is being evaluated on a week-to-week basis. Coach Justin Savage is hoping he returns next week.

While those two will be nursing their wounds, Dakota Savage will be out due to disciplinary problems.

"We're going to be without our best lineman two offensive weapons," Justin Savage said.

"Against Fox, instead of coming after them, we got on our heels," Savage said. "We still got after it on offense, then we lost Kenton Baker and everything unraveled. We became one-dimensional and didn't excel."

The Longhorns know they have to move on as they prepare for a Bowlegs (4-4, 2-2) team that relies heavily on its quarterback, Tyler Douthit (5-10, 160, sophomore).

"Everything revolves around him," Savage said. "You can't say he likes one receiver over another because he throws to five different ones. He's not your leading rusher, but he has the most carries."

The leading rusher for the Bison is Troy Brown (5-10, 160, junior).

"He's a real hard runner," Savage said. "He's not a scatback, but he definitely sticks his nose up in the line and he does it real well."

The Bison are weak at defensive back but are aggressive with their front-five on the defensive line, which means the Alex offensive line will need to get some solid blocking in for Mitchell.

"It's hard to exploit if you have five guys coming at your quarterback," Savage said.

"We're going to need to give Reese a chance to throw that ball and handle our running game.

"In order to help our defense out, our offense needs to manage the game. The keys are two-fold, we need to keep pressure off Reese offensively, and keep pressure on their quarterback defensively."

Kudos to Alex Junior High

The Alex junior high squad had a banner year with a 5-1 finish. The team had a solid mixture of seventh, eight and ninth graders.

"The young kids handled a lot of pressure and did a great job all year and I hope it helps them down the line," Savage said. "Since they worked hard for it, I hope they understand they have to keep working for it to have success when they get into high school."

October 21, 2010: Alex falls hard to Fox, 20-66



Right: Junior Cody Otey did what he could to slow the Foxes until re-injuring his shoulder late in the second half. **Left:** Freshman Devin Thornburg pounds away at the Fox offense.



The Alex defense at Fox.

October 15, 2010: Longhorns blank OCA, 46-0, at half!



Junior Kenton Baker ran over the OCA defense.



Senior Matthew Culver puts his trademark tackle on the OCA Quarterback.

Baker's Dozen - Kenton Baker carries 12 times for 168 yards as Alex rolls over OCA - From the *Chickasha Express-Star*, October 17, 2010

By Kelly Wray

ALEX - All Alex needed to get cookin' on Friday was Baker's dozen.

The Longhorns' junior running back carried just 12 times but gained 168 yards to help Alex dominate Oklahoma Christian Academy, 46-0, in District B-2 action.

The Alex victory sets up an all-important game next week. The 'Horns will travel to Fox for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff.

The winner of that tiff should have the inside track to finish second in District B-2 and host a first round playoff game.

On Friday, the private school from Edmond couldn't keep up with Baker or the rest of the Longhorns. Baker carried six times in the first quarter and gained 81 yards. He went over the century mark with his first carry of the second quarter. By that time, Alex led 34-0 and was looking for ways to enforce the eight-man 45-point rule.

"We needed to do that with Fox coming up next week," Alex head coach Justin Savage said.

Still, the coach said Alex's effort left a little to be desired.

"I thought after last week's good rushing performance that we were ready to dominating up front and in the run game. But the two things I'll take away most from this game tonight are how disappointed I am in the offensive line and the running backs's attitudes when they didn't get the blocks they needed."

Alex pounds Pugs, 46-0, from the Chickasha Express Star, October 12, 2010.

Quarterback Reese Mitchell scored with 16 seconds left in the half to end the game. CHICKASHA - PAOLI - Dakota Savage and Kenton Baker ran wild to combine for more than 500 yards, leading the Alex Longhorns to a 60-36 win at Paoli Friday night in District B-2 action. The Longhorns (4-2 overall, 4-1 in B-2) scored the first three touchdowns for a 22-0 lead and never looked back.

Savage had 346 yards and four touchdowns combined on offense. He rushed for 270 yards on 16 carries and three TDs and caught two passes for 76 yards and one TD.

Baker ran for 234 yards on 19 rushes and four TDs.

The Longhorns were up 14-0 in the first quarter on runs of 66 from Bakers and five by Savage.

Baker added one in the second to make it 22-0.

Paoli eventually got some offense going, but it was too late. Alex was already far out in front.

After the Pugs got their first TD, Alex answered with Savage breaking for a 90-yard run to the goal line.

Another of exchange of scores followed with Baker getting the last before the half for Alex, from 80 yards, and it was 38-14 at intermission.

In the second half, Savage scored on a 59-yard pass from Reese Mitchell and later scored from 57 yards. Baker had a TD from 10 yards.

October 8, 2010: 'Horns pummel Paoli, 60-36, in their own house

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Watch out Paoli, here comes KJ...



To Paoli's #20: No foul intended, Alex Sophomore Dakota Savage will beat you in foot race everytime!



You may leap over Alex's short man, Freshman Jose Ochoa (#13), but you will not escape him!

Longhorns' coach likes offensive mix - From the *Chickasha Express-Star*, October 6, 2010

By Mike Moguin, SPORTS EDITOR

CHICKASHA - Alex coach Justin Savage was pleased with a lot of things in his team after it handled Central Marlow, 50-30, last Friday night, particularly with the offense.

"We got the ball in a lot of people's hands at different times in the game," Savage said. He was also pleased with the way his receivers made plays after the catching the ball.

"We mixed up the two running backs (Dakota Savage and Kenton Baker)," Savage said. "We did a nice job of making adjustments and spreading the ball and kept from focusing on one spot."

Behind their offensive firepower, the Longhorns spurred to a 50-6 lead before the Bronchos got the rest of their points.

Savage believe his Longhorns (3-2 overall, 3-1 in District B-2) are making improvement, but "we are still getting in our own way," Savage said.

"We had three pass interference calls go against us the other night and we fumbled the ball a few times without losing it."

Now its on to planning for Paoli (3-2, 2-2), who Alex plays against on the road at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

The Pugs will be fierce on both sides of the ball.

The strength of their defense is in their linebacking unit, where they are led by senior Chris Freeman (6-0, 170).

"He fills quickly and is not hesitant," Savage said. "He will not back down."

Paoli's offense revolves around quarterback Colton Green (5-9, 145, senior). They also have Jerry

Johnson (6-0, 175, junior) at running back.

"These kids can make plays when there is nothing there," Savage said.

"We need to continue to spread the ball on offense," Savage said. "Defensively, we have to take control of this kid (Green) who can make something out of nothing. You have to get him down before he has a chance to do anything."

Alex is 1-2 in road games this season, having been outscored by 30 points in each of their losses. It hopes to reverse that trend at Paoli.

The Longhorns will be without junior center/linebacker Cody Otey, who injured his shoulder in the pre-October 11, 2010, game against Sasakwa. Otey is being evaluated on a week-to-week basis. Tight end/defensive end Dustin Deaton remains out and isn't expected to return for another three or four weeks.



Senior Trey Anderson (left) defends against the past during the Alex v. Central game. Junior Kenton Baker (right) ran the ball for several touchdowns during the game.



The picture to the right does not do justice to one of the incredible leaping catches performed by #7, Sophomore Dakota Savage. To the left, Junior Dakota "Opie" Reid tackles a Broncho ball carrier.



Senior Matthew Culver (on the ground) makes just one of many, many tackles during the Central game. Culver's efforts against the Bronchos earned him week five's **BIG STICK AWARD!**



Sophomore Quarterback Reese Mitchell catapults head first across the goal line for the touchdown!

'Horns unsure what to think of Central Quarterback - From the *Chickasha Express-Star*, September 29, 2010

By Mike Moguin, SPORTS EDITOR

CHICKASHA - Alex took a hit last week, suffering a 30-point loss at Davenport. Now the Longhorns wonder which quarterback they will face when they play host to Central Marlow at 7:30 p.m. Friday.

In a 42-12 loss to the Bulldogs, the Longhorns (2-2 overall, 2-1 in District B-2) started off right when they scored the first touchdown on their first possession. "We went down and (quarterback) Reese (Mitchell) connected with (wide receiver) Dakota (Savage) for a touchdown," coach Justin Savage said.

Alex then stopped Davenport on the next possession, forcing a fourth down.

"We hit them bang-bang-bang on defense, then on fourth down, they hit a big play and from there, the wheels came off our defense," Savage said. The Bulldogs got their first TD two plays after the big fourth-down conversion.

"Our linebackers could not move," Savage said. "They could not get through their offensive line, and their line pushed our defensive line around too."

Offensively, the Longhorns were able to move the ball, "but we were unable to do anything when it counted," Savage said.

The Longhorns' head coach also points to mistakes that hurt his team. Alex also had three penalties that negated runs of more than 10 yards.

"It's one thing to get beat by a better team," Savage said. "But it's another to beat yourself and get beat by someone that's good."

Central High (3-1, 1-1) is normally led by quarterback Kyle Newman. But Newman injured his knee last week against Fox.

In a story that ran in Sunday's Duncan Banner, Newton was diagnosed with a torn meniscus and a partial MCL tear. Coaches are unsure when he'll return.

He was replaced by freshman Kade Taylor.

"A lot of (what to expect) depends on the health of their quarterback," Savage said. "It's one of those situations where you don't know if he is going to play or not."

"They'll probably line up and run at us more. Our defense must put pressure on both their passing and running game."

What will be important for Alex is the performance of the defensive line and making plays, Savage said.
September 24, 2010: Alex drops first conference game to Davenport, District B-2 #1

"Offensively, the key is going to be protecting our quarterback, and we can't make silly mistakes."
After big homecoming win, Longhorns face new challenge - From the Chickasha Express-Star, September 22, 2010

By MIKE MOGUIN, SPORTS EDITOR

Alex faces new challenges this week when it travels up Route 66 in Lincoln County to meet Davenport.

The Bulldogs (2-1, 2-0 in District B-2) have some strong defensive players and use the same offense as the Long-horns (2-1, 2-0).

Alex surpassed .500 last week with a 50-0 romp over Sasakwa. Coach Justin Savage was pleased with what his team accomplished in that game.

"I liked the way we were able to spread out and run the ball," Savage said. "Defensively, Sasakwa wasn't much of an offense but we needed a shut out."

Throughout most of the game, the Longhorns (2-1) scored on most of their possessions and didn't allow the Vikings much room to move. The bad news from the Sasakwa game is that linebacker Dustin Deaton is out indefinitely due to an ACL knee injury.

"The trainers are letting some swelling go down and will evaluate where he is at," Savage said.

As for Floyd House, the Sasakwa player who had to be carted off the field by ambulance, he was later released from the hospital with a bruised neck and mild concussion.

Davenport is a once-struggling program that has turned the tide in recent years. They reached the Class B semifinals in 2009, went as far as round two in the playoffs the previous season and made the semis in three of the last four years.

Alex's offensive success was much needed last week, especially after looking at Davenport on film, Savage said, because the Bulldogs "have two tremendous defensive ends, and they got a real strong linebacker."

The Bulldogs are also strong in the backfield and have a throng of talented receivers. Their quarterback is quick and elusive and the running back is a hard runner, he said.
September 17, 2010: Horns send Sasakwa home at half



No caption required!

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September 10, 2010: Alex tops Cyril 48-26; clinches first season win



09-10-10: Alex's big #7, Sophomore wide receiver Dakota Savage (left), notched four touchdowns against Cyril, three in the air and one on the ground. Junior Cody Otey (#65, right) slammed his way to 13 tackles, making him one of the winners of week two's Longhorn **BIG STICK AWARD**!



Junior Kenton Baker takes a deserved break after bullying his way to 247 rushing yards against Cyril on 09-10-10.



09-10-10: After catching one pass for long yardage and deflecting throws on defense, Senior Trey Anderson (#11) assists with this tackle. His outstanding effort in week two earned Anderson the Longhorn **BIG STICK AWARD** for week two! Congrats, Anderson!



Sophomore Quarterback Reese Mitchell threw for 146 yards against Cyril on 09-10-10.
September 3, 2010: Alex drops season opener to Temple Tigers, 60-30; boys of fall vow first win against Cyril in week two

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Baker and Anderson wrap up a Temple Tiger on 09-03-10.

Preseason



Alex (in solid orange) scrimmaged against the Ryan Cowboys on 08-27-10. Photo by Lisa Savage.



Longhorn Quarterback Reese Mitchell rolls out to throw during Alex's preseason multi-team scrimmage with Mountain View-Gotebo and Tipton on 08-19-10. Photo by *Chickasha Star-Express*.

Alex visits Ryan for final scrimmage - From the *Chickasha Express-Star*, August 30, 2010

By CHUCK LARSEN, Sports Editor

RYAN - Alex coach Justin Savage took his Longhorns back home to Ryan Friday for their final scrimmage and came away pretty happy with his team's performance.

With the new re-alignments, Ryan dropped to Class C this year but will still be pretty good despite losing quarterback Colby Barrett to graduation. Vype's pre-season football magazine picked them to finish second behind Temple in a tough District C-2.

They went with ten-play sets and the 'Horns ran the ball well grinding things out. The Cowboy defense keyed on tailback Kenton Baker but he still got loose for about fifty yards in the first-team offense's second series.

Defensively, Alex looked much better than last week against the run, keeping veterans Trevor Bettis and Zach Wiest pretty well contained. Devin Thornburg set the tone for the Longhorn D, smacking Bettis for a three-yard loss on the Cowboys' second play of the night.

"I was real pleased with the way we came out and got physical with them the first time," Savage said. "They got their dander up and punched us around the second time but after the first three or four plays we shook it off and came back swinging."

Alex's first team offense used their first ten plays to get into the red zone but after Baker got them to the eight with his burst in the second set, the drive fizzled with consecutive bad deep snaps trying a shotgun for the first time.

"We had a nice drive going down the field and we tried something that we wouldn't normally use in a game," the coach said. "It's something we're going to use later on but unfortunately it looked real bad tonight."

"Overall, I think we took a step forward offensively and defensively."



Neither team went to the air very much. Starting quarterback Reese Mitchell and backup Jose Ochoa spent most of the night handing the ball off and got some help from Dakota Savage and Dustin Deaton.

With all the physical play, there was only one injury. Ryan's outstanding defensive end Isaiah Wilson had to leave about halfway in with a badly broken finger.

"From what Stan (head coach Muggenborg) said he's probably going to get his finger pinned and that's a real blow to those guys," Savage

Ready for some football? Alex kicks off area season with scrimmage - From the *Chickasha Express-Star*, August 23, 2010

Alex's week finished much better than it started.

By **CHUCK LARSEN, Sports Editor**

"I thought we developed pretty good but I wouldn't give you a plug nickel for the week's worth of practice," coach said. "I was really pleased with what we did tonight but we've got to learn to practice harder so we're more ready."

"We've got to continue to get better at what we're doing and get better at learning each week." It was an interesting and very effective set-up.

Alex opens the season next Friday at Temple, a team very similar to Ryan, just bigger. Each school took a shift on defense while the other two alternated offensive plays, giving all three defensive units a really good workout and a look at a lot of different sets at a pretty quick clip.

The coach came away pleased with his young group's first performance under fire.

He was very pleased with senior tailback Kenton Baker, who ran away from everyone for five touchdowns.

"Kenton brings a whole different dimension to our running game than Randy (Alexander)," Savage said. "He's a different kind of runner. Randy would be off in a cloud of dust and run over you but Kenton's quicker off the ball and gets there faster."

QB a runner



The coach was spot on.

Out on the field I was able to watch him up close as he waited patiently for the seam to open then burst through like a shot, spinning and juking his way into the secondary and making some incredible cuts. Any seam that developed at that point and he was gone.

Sophomore quarterback Reese Mitchell ran the ball pretty well in his first real action but had some problems throwing it.

"Running the ball is Reese's comfort zone right now," coach said. "He's got to get his passing mechanics

and footwork down.

"I keep telling him he reminds me of Dan Fouts, although I don't think he knew who Dan Fouts was (laughing). When he gets the three-step drop right, he's an entirely different passer but when he does that Fouts stuff he's got nothing on the ball. We've got to get him comfortable dropping back to throw it."

The youngster looked like a youngster at times but he's showing some good potential.

"He's got to learn to just run the ball and slowly learn to manage the game," Savage said. "But remember he's replacing a three-year starter and he's a one-scrimmage starter. It'll just take some time.

The defense got off to a slow start by going too fast but improved with each series.

"We were over-aggressive but we can fix that," the coach said.

"We've got to read our keys better. We did a lot better the second time around on defense so we're getting there.

"Cody Otey is developing into our team leader on defense from the linebacker spot but he's still a little hesitant about saying something out there and will have to be more vocal."

Bright Spots

Still, there were bright spots to build on.

"With our numbers and youth, we made some of the harder things that we've been trying to do work, and work well, tonight," the coach said. "I was kind of proud of the way we got after it on the physical side of it."

The 'Horns seemed to play stronger and with more intensity as the scrimmage went on in the triple-digit heat.

"I've got to give coach (Mark) Anderson credit on this one," Savage acknowledged.

"He came to me after the first year I was there and said that if we improve anywhere it has to be our conditioning.

"One of our freshman got sick tonight but he's been out with injuries and isn't in shape yet.

"I didn't think we were tired in the sense that we couldn't do the next play or we were going to be

slow running it. We were tired but we weren't hurting from being out of shape.

"Don't get me wrong, we'll be out running hard tomorrow," he added with a grin. Next Thursday, Savage takes his 'Horns home to Ryan for their final tuneup.

District B-2 football preview - From the *Oklahoman*, July 22, 2010

The Cowboys beat them there soundly last year behind a huge night from senior QB Colby Barrett but have dropped down to Class C this year.

BY CORBIN HOSLER, Staff Writer

"That's going to be a more physical group than tonight and they're still a quality team," the former ~~Oklahoma Christian Academy~~ **building football field**

When OCA's players take the field for their Sept. 2 game against the OKC Patriots, it will be their first on the school's first football field.

"We've got to get better on our schemes and that will just take some time and work." "They're pretty excited about the chance," OCA coach [Keith Lough](#) said. "We've been practicing on an elementary school field behind our place so far."

The team has previously been forced to practice and play all its games off-campus, something that hasn't been easy.

"The field we're at isn't bad and it's big enough to mark out what we need, but it will be great to have our own field now," Lough said.

Davenport unfamiliar with new district

Davenport will compete in District B-2 this year after playing last season in B-3. With the change comes a new, and unfamiliar, schedule.

"We don't really know what to expect," Davenport coach [John Greenfield](#) said. "We've had to ask a lot of questions about the teams here. It (realignment) has been kind of musical chairs."

District realignment notwithstanding, Greenfield expects his team to be prepared for the season.

"We only have 20 kids, so we won't have a lot of depth," he said. "But we've got some experience and we're looking forward to the season."

Bowlegs relying on work ethic, teamwork

Bowlegs doesn't plan to win games on the back of a lot of speed or a bruising ground game. What they do plan to do is play harder than their opponents.

"We're going to have to outwork people," Bowlegs coach [Scott Douthit](#) said. "We're going to have to buckle down and just do things the right way to win."

While the team doesn't have a lot of depth, Douthit said the players he has work well together.

"In the past, we've had some kids who were kind of out there for themselves," he said. "The ones I've got now all play well together and in the system. I've got a good core of a team."

2010 High School Football Schedule		
Date	Location and Time	Result
09-03-10	Alex at Temple (C2 preseason #1), 7:30 pm	L30-60
09-10-10	Alex at Cyril (B2 preseason #9), 7:30 pm	W48-26
09-17-10	Homecoming, 6:30 pm; Sasakwa* at Alex, 7:30	W50-0
09-24-10	Alex at Davenport (B2 preseason #1), 7:30 pm	L12-42
10-01-10	Central High (B2 preseason #7) at Alex, 7:30 pm	W50-30
10-08-10	Alex at Paoli (B2 preseason #8), 7:30 pm	W60-36
10-15-10	OCA (B2 preseason #6) at Alex, 7:30 pm	W46-0
10-22-10	Alex at Fox (B2 preseason #6), 7:30 pm	L20-66
10-29-10	Bowlegs (B2 preseason #5) at home, 7:30 pm	L20-24
11-05-10	Senior Night; Macomb** at Alex, 7:30 pm	W56-6
11-12-10	First Round Playoffs, Alex at Laverne, 7:30 pm	L0-46

*Sasakwa was ranked 4th behind Davenport, Fox and Alex in the Class B2 preseason rankings.

**Macomb was ranked 10th in Class B2 preseason rankings.

