

# 2008 Longhorn

## COACH CADELL'S VARSITY FOOTBALL



### AXTELL LONGHORNS 2008 SEASON RECAP



I don't know that I have ever been prouder of a group of young men in my life. They played with great passion and heart Friday. I thought our coaching staff did a great of preparing and I thought the kids did an unbelievable job of executing our plan. A break or two here are there and we are still playing football. 31 point underdogs and we realistically could have won it. I really thought we would when we got the ball back with 4:44 left. I told the team Mart made a fatal mistake,...they gave us the ball with too much time left. But we couldn't put together that final drive. However, it was a great game for anyone who was watching. Five lead changes, two teams just battling it out for chance to keep playing. I thought our kids out played them. Now that we finally played at the level that I have seen in them all year, it's over. I hate to have it end. It has been a fun year. I am going to miss this team. What great memories they have left me with. I look forward to next season...HOOK 'EM HORNS. Thanks for your support.

To your success,  
Reaching Higher <><  
Coach Cadell

# Gridiron News

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## 2008 Varsity Schedule

### *Axtell Longhorns Football 2008*

8/29/2008	A	MERIDIAN	26	27
9/5/2008	H	CLIFTON	14	6
9/12/2008	H	HOLLAND	31	0
9/19/2008	A	BOSQUEVILLE	28	36
9/26/2008	A	ITASCA	12	38
10/3/2008	H	FROST	56	8
10/10/2008	A	ITALY	18	13
10/24/2008	H	HUBBARD	49	20
10/31/2008	A	WORTHAM	41	0
11/7/2008	H	DAWSON	0	7
11/14/2008	Fairfield	MART	22	26
6	5	0		

### *Axtell Longhorns JV Football 2008*

8/28/2008	H	Meridian	29	8
9/4/2008	A	Clifton	0	27
9/11/2008	A	Holland	22	6
9/18/2008	H	Bosqueville	30	8
9/25/2008	A	Bosqueville	18	30
10/2/2008		Open		
10/9/2008	H	Italy	14	6
10/16/2008	A	Riesel	20	6
10/23/2008	A	Reicher	2	39
10/30/2008	H	Salado	20	28
11/6/2008	H	Robinson	8	36
5	5	0		

## Mart 26, Axtell 22

(Fairfield) – What a game it was. In a season that saw steaks end, one good and one not so good, it appeared that the Axtell Longhorns would get another monkey off of their backs.

In game two, the Longhorns not only ended a scoreless streak against the Clifton Cubs, but also took their first victory over the Cubs. The Longhorns were not only 0-4 against the Cubs, they had never scored a point against them. But that all changed when Axtell walked away with a 14-6 win. In game four, Bosqueville snapped an eight game losing streak to Axtell and took home their first win ever over the Longhorns.

Axtell entered this contest with an 0-6 record against Mart and had been outscored 266-30.

For about 44 minutes, it appeared that another streak might end. The Longhorns stood toe to toe with the heavily favored Panthers and did not blink until their final drive of the night.

Axtell took the opening kickoff and was forced to punt. The first moment of truth for the Horns was the opening Mart Panther offensive drive. They passed with flying colors. The Panthers fumbled and the Horns pounced on the loose ball.

While Axtell was able to move the ball in the opening stanza, they were unable to get into the end zone. The Panthers had scoring problems of their own and the two teams went into the second quarter knotted at zero.

Weston Popham broke the scoreless drought with a 15 yarder up the middle and flashed the ‘Hook ‘em Horns’ sign as he crossed the goal line. He followed that run up with a 2-point conversion run to put Axtell up, 8-0. The quarter wound down and it appeared the lead may hold up for the half until Xavier Williams found Zach Matthys from six yards out with 78 ticks left. The Horns broke through and batted away the extra point attempt and took an 8-6 lead into intermission.

The Panthers came out firing on all cylinders in the second half, taking the lead after a two minute drive. Williams wrapped it up from three yards out. The two point conversion pass was no good and Mart led 12-8.

Many of the Longhorns faithful shivering in the stands must have been thinking that at least it was a good first half. But, the men dressed in red had different ideas about that. Axtell stormed back and scored on a Hunter Cadell run. Brandon Trent’s kick made it 15-12.

The Panthers took back the lead with 3:36 left in the quarter when Sean Farmer broke loose for 55 yards. Matthew Shaeffer made it 19-15 late in the third period.

The Longhorns never blinked and proceeded to drive the field once again. Popham called Cadell’s number again and Hunter busted into paydirt from two yards out. Trent made it 22-19 with 10:39 left in the game.

It was time for the defense to step up and step up they did, forcing a Panther punt. Popham and company were driving for what might prove to be the ol ‘nail in the Panther coffin’ when a constant nemesis reared its ugly head. The Horns coughed up the football and Mart was able to land on it.

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## **Longhorns fall short against mart**

This time, Mart would not be denied. Facing fourth and three, Williams was forced out of the pocket and was able to find nine yards and a first down. He then found Nino Sharp from twelve yards out and Mart was up. Shaeffer added what proved to be the final point of the evening to give Mart a 26-22 lead with 4:49 to play.

When the offense took the field, everyone on the west side of the field felt that this might be remembered as 'The Drive'. But alas, it was not to be. The Panther defense which had problems containing the Longhorns all evening found a way and forced Axtell to turn the ball over on downs. They were then content to run out the clock and advance to the Area round of the playoffs.

Popham finished with 147 yards and a score on 25 carries and Cadell finished with 2 touchdowns and 85 steps on 20 carries.

In the final analysis, it may have come down to experience. It is almost an annual event for the Panthers to advance to the state playoff and they are a couple of years away from a Class AA state championship. Axtell, on the other hand, was making only their sixth trip in their history. Mart has been here before while it was a new experience for most of the Longhorns.

A loss though it was, it was a game to give Axtell a building block. They put together four quality quarters against a team with a real shot at the state championship. In recent history, they tend to play a good first half and watch a large deficit develop in the second. They now know that they can hang was the top teams.

Axtell is losing a great group of Seniors, but they showed the underclassmen something important. The team in white is where the Horns want to be. Their leadership has demonstrated that Axtell can get there with hard work and dedication. Who knows, we may look back at this game as a turning point in the program.

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<b>Mart</b>	0	6	13	7	<b>26</b>
<b>Axtell</b>	0	8	7	7	<b>22</b>

### First Quarter

### Second Quarter

Axtell - Weston Popham 15 run. (Popham run) 9:58

Mart - Zach Matthys 6 pass from Xavier Williams. (Kick blocked) 1:18

### Third Quarter

Mart - Williams 3 run (Pass failed) 10:00

Axtell - Hunter Cadell 1 run (Brandon Trent kick) 5:52

Mart - Sean Farmer 55 run (Matthew Shaeffer kick) 3:36

### Fourth Quarter

Axtell - Cadell 2 run (Trent kick) 10:39

Mart - Nino Sharp 12 pass from Williams (Shaeffer kick) 4:49

<b>Passing</b> Weston Popham 63-120-1154	<b>Rushing</b> Weston Popham Porter Miles Hunter Cadell 125-772 55-499 54-235	<b>Receptions</b> Jay Helleck Taylor Dunlap Porter Miles 17-347 15-309 6-193
<b>Tackles</b> Porter Miles Bobby Dillard David Hall 74 65 64	<b>Interceptions</b> Charlie Groce Porter Miles Ryan Clark 4 1 1	<b>Forced Fumbles</b> Porter Miles Ryan Lee Cody Stevens 2 2 2
<b>Fumbles Recovered</b> Kyle Voss 2	<b>Kickoff Returns</b> Charlie Groce Kyle Voss Porter Miles 6-230-1 6-155-1 5-95-0	<b>Punt Returns</b> Charlie Groce Porter Miles Weston Popham 5-87 4-63 1-35
<b>Points Scored</b> Porter Miles Weston Popham Charlie Groce 58 44 32	<b>Rushing Touchdowns</b> Porter Miles Weston Popham Hunter Cadell 8 7 3	<b>Receiving Touchdowns</b> Taylor Dunlap Jay Helleck Porter Miles 4 4 3

<b>Kyle Voss</b> 2	<b>Hunter Cadell</b> 5	<b>Greg Garrett</b> 7	<b>Weston Popham</b> 8
<b>Jake Brock</b> 11	<b>Charlie Groce</b> 13	<b>Porter Miles</b> 21	<b>Ryan Lee</b> 24
<b>Taylor Dunlap</b> 35	<b>Kalyn Yose</b> 54	<b>Nick Farias</b> 56	<b>Jeff Armstrong</b> 68
<b>David Hall</b> 70	<b>Ryan Clark</b> 75	<b>Bobby Dillard</b> 77	

**Thank you Seniors  
for a job well done!**

# Looking Back at Longhorn History

**Game 11**

**November 22, 1974**

**Axtell 12, Throckmorton 6**

Waco Tribune-Herald  
Saturday, November 24, 1990 – Game 11

COMANCHE – Axtell coach Joe Wyatt's 35<sup>th</sup> and final season may never end.

The Axtell Longhorns and their retiring coach used a dominating defense and ball-control offense to upset the ninth-ranked Throckmorton Greyhounds, 12-6 Friday night in the Class 1A area playoffs. Axtell (9-2) will face the Garden City-Santa Anna winner in the regionals, while Throckmorton finishes 11-1.

Axtell rolled up 15 first downs and 300 yards total offense, including 221 on the ground, while holding the Greyhounds to just six first downs and 105 yards.

Mike Voss did most of the work for the Longhorns, rushing for 155 yards on 29 carries, but it was Chris Harrison who got the scoring honors on runs of 12 and three yards.

The Longhorns took a 6-0 lead in the second quarter with Harrison's 12-yard TD run with only 10 seconds showing on the clock.

Mike Stroud, who had 69 yards on 29 carries for the Greyhounds, tied the game midway through the third period on a five-yard TD run as the extra-point kick failed.

Early in the fourth quarter, Axtell took the lead for good on Harrison's three-yard run at the tail end of a long drive. The decisive score came with 11:31 left in the game.

A (2<sup>nd</sup>): Chris Harrison 12 run (run failed), T (3<sup>rd</sup>): Mike Stroud 5 run (kick failed), A (4<sup>th</sup>): Harrison 3 run (pass failed)

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**Use**

Weston Popham's 2nd quarter touchdown run moved Axtell across the 11,000 point mark in scoring all-time. They have now scored 11,019 and allowed 11,071.

If Mart goes on to win the state championship, it will be the 4th time in 6 play-off trips that Axtell has lost to the eventual state champions.

Axtell's all-time record is now 288-303-17.

**AXTELL LONGHORN FOOTBALL**  
**2008 Varsity Roster**

<b>#</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSTION</b>	<b>CLASS</b>
2	Kyle Voss	1WR / DB	12
3	Brandon Graff	WR / DB	11
5	Hunter Cadell	FB / DE	12
7	Greg Garrett	WR / OLB	12
8	Weston Popham	QB / DB	12
10	Seth Keene	FB / ILB	11
11	Jake Brock	WR / DB	12
13	Charlie Groce	QB / DB	12
17	Robert Bordovsky	RB / DB	11
20	Brandon Bordovsky	RB / OLB	10
21	Porter Miles	RB / DB	12
22	Jacob Kubitza	FB / ILB	9
24	Ryan Lee	RB / ILB	12
27	Jonathan Smart	TE / OLB	11
35	Taylor Dunlap	TE / ILB	12
51	Brandon Trent	OL / DE	11
54	Kalyn Yose	OL / DL	12
56	Nick Farias	OL / DL	12
67	Chris Krolczyk	OL / DL	10
68	Jeff Armstrong	OL / DL	12
70	David Hall	OL / DE	12
72	Cody Stevens	OL / DL	11
75	Ryan Clark	OL / DL	12
77	Bobby Dillard	OL / DL	12
80	Jay Helleck	WR / OLB	10

**Coaches: Rusty Reynolds, Brandon Dieterich, Dale Snelling, Andy Thorne, Scott Richardson, Mark Vardeman**

**AD / Head Football: Mike Cadell**

**Trainer: Taylor Gomez**

**Cheerleader Sponsors: Debbie Headley, Debra Hawthorne**

**Manager: Eric Montgomery**

**Student Managers: Myranda Shiner, Travis Martinez, Peyton Downs, Cameron Garland, Randi Bomnskie, Braxton Stefka, Jesse Rutledge.**

**Band Director: Susan Young Asst. Eric Patterson**

**Superintendent: Stanley Harris**

**Principal: Dale Monsey**

**Asst. Danette Stranacher**



**AXTELL LONGHORN FOOTBALL  
2008 Junior Varsity Roster**

<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>
1	Mykel King	HB / Sec.
2	Keith Lindsay	TE / Sec.
3	Bubba Brunson	HB / Sec.
5	Greg Clark	FB / DE
8	Randal Outlaw	WR / Sec.
9	J. Pat Martin	TE / LB
11	Ryan Linkous	WR / Sec
12	Colby Tennison	WR / LB
13	Josh Reynolds	QB / Sec
20	Mathew Martinez	HB / LB
32	Randy Smith	FB / LB
40	Mark Lindstrom	TE / LB
48	J. J. Galvan	WR / LB
51	Jonathan Bartley	G / LB
52	Kris Brooks	G / DE
53	Cody Chisholm	G / LB
54	Brady Skinner	C / LB
55	Andrew Chapman	T / DT
58	Alex Markley	T / DT
60	James Saulters	G / LB
64	Greg Alders	T / DE
66	Brandon Lee	T / DT
67	Austin Stecher	G / T / DT
68	Ethan Keenan	G / DT
70	Darius Marton	G / DT
72	Jeremy Riser	T / DE
75	Casey Fedro	T / DT
77	Jordan Alders	T / DT
80	Moses Arias	WR / Sec
83	Josh Stone	TE / DE

Coach Dale Snelling