



**CLIFTON CUBS**  
**AT**  
**AXTELL LONGHORNS**

**Week 2—September 5, 2008**



We struggled the first half with Meridian, then woke up and played some ball the second half. I was proud of how our kids stepped up and battled back. I hope to see us start from the beginning this week. We will need to play 4 good quarters to beat Clifton. They have an explosive offense and a solid defense. We look forward to playing good teams because we understand the big picture and want to be ready for district play. We cannot get ready playing sister Mary and her daughters. Meridian was a good football team. I really think our kids got better by playing them. I am expecting no less from Clifton. Thank for the support.

To your success,  
Reaching Higher <><  
Mike Cadell

Had a great first game victory over Meridian , 29-8. Mykel King scored on an option play for 29 yd TD, and Mathew Martinez scored on a run for the 2pt conversion. Keith Lindsay found Josh Reynolds on a 15yd TD pass and connected with Randy Smith for a 60 yd TD right before the half. Josh Reynolds connected with Ryan Linkous for a 2pt conversion and in the second half Ryan picked up a fumble recovery for a 20 Yd TD, Mykel King kicked the PAT.

This week's game is at Clifton Thursday at 6:00, we will be without the services of Randy Smith FB and J. Pat Martin OLB, they will be playing with the Varsity this week. We have great kids that will pick up the slack, and look forward to WINNING our second straight Thursday game.

Coach Dale Snelling

# 2008 Longhorn

## 2008 Jr. Varsity Schedule 2008 Varsity Schedule

### *Axtell Longhorns Football 2008*

8/29/2008	A	MERIDIAN	26	27
9/5/2008	H	CLIFTON		
9/12/2008	H	HOLLAND		
9/19/2008	A	BOSQUEVILLE		
9/26/2008	A	ITASCA		
10/3/2008	H	FROST		
10/10/2008	A	ITALY		
10/24/2008	H	HUBBARD		
10/31/2008	A	WORTHAM		
11/7/2008	H	DAWSON		
	0	1	0	

### *Axtell Longhorns JV Football 2008*

8/28/2008	H	Meridian	29	8
9/4/2008	A	Clifton		
9/11/2008	A	Holland		
9/18/2008	H	Bosqueville		
9/25/2008	H	Itasca		
10/2/2008	A	Itasca		
10/9/2008	H	Italy		
10/16/2008	A	Italy		
10/23/2008	A	Hubbard		
10/30/2008	H	Wortham		
	1	0	0	

# CLASS A DISTRICT 21

## District Standings

ITASCA	1-0	0-0
AXTELL	0-1	0-0
DAWSON	0-1	0-0
FROST	0-1	0-0
HUBBARD	0-1	0-0
ITALY	0-1	0-0
WORTHAM	0-1	0-0

## Scoreboard and Schedule

### Week 0

Axtell at	26 Meridian (25A)	27
Dawson at	6 Bosqueville (25A)	28
Frost at	0 Santo (15A)	12
Hubbard at	24 Dallas Life Oak Cliff (15AA)	45
Italy at	13 Maypearl (15AA)	27
Itasca at	50 Holland (26A)	6
Wortham at	14 Blooming Grove (14AA)	43

### Week 1

Axtell vs Clifton (16AA)	Italy at Chilton (25A)
Dawson vs Cross Roads (20A)	Itasca vs Rice (14AA)
Frost vs Fruitvale (14A)	Wortham vs Riesel (22A)
Hubbard vs Meridian (25A)	

## Meridian 27, Axtell 26

(Meridian) - Just like their mascot, the Meridian Yellow Jackets just kept buzzing around the Longhorns until their stingers stuck home. Axtell found the cure and dominated the second half of the game, but unfortunately for them, the first half also counts towards the final score. The game ultimately came down to a pair of missed extra points or an apparent touchdown pass gone awry, take your pick.

Meridian took the opening kickoff and produced a seven play, 74 yard drive culminating with Dalton Strickland going over from the 1-yard line. Strickland's extra point gave the Yellow Jackets a 7 point lead. After the Horns opening drive stalled, Brady Hardcastle's six yard run wrapped up a 9 play, 70 yard drive. Strickland again converted and the score stood at 14-0. Charlie Groce fielded the kickoff at his own 15-yard line and took home. The extra point was no good. The quarter ended with Meridian ahead 14-6. During the opening period, Meridian snapped the ball 27 times and picked up 11 first downs.

Early in the second period, a bad snap on a Longhorn punt left Meridian 20 yards away from paydirt. Hardcastle punched it in from the two and a missed extra point left the score at 20-6. Axtell and Meridian exchanged possessions for the rest of the half.

The Horns opened the second half with Taylor Dunlap wrapping up the drive from 39 yards out. Brandon Trent's extra point culminated a six play, 68 yard drive and brought Axtell to within a touchdown at 20-13. A minute and some change later, Charlie grove gobbled up a loose pigskin and carried it 25 yards to another Longhorn score. Trent knotted the game at 20 each.

Meridian entered the final period with the ball in Axtell real estate after another bad snap on a punt set the Jackets up in great shape. Hardcastle scored from the four and the extra point had them up 27-20. Porter Miles took a pitch from Weston Popham and raced 70 yards for the final score. The extra point was no good. Axtell's two-minute offense put them in position for the victory, but it was thwarted on an interception.

<b>Axtell</b>	6	0	14	6	<b>26</b>
<b>Meridian</b>	14	6	0	7	<b>27</b>

- 1-M Dalton Strickland 1 run (Strickland kick) (9:17)
- 1-M Bradley Hardcastle 6 run (Strickland kick) (4:08)
- 1-A Charlie Groce 85 kickoff return (kick failed) (3:55)
- 2-M Hardcastle 2 run (kick failed) (9:35)
- 3-A Taylor Dunlap 39 run (Brandon Trent kick) (10:07)
- 3-A Groce 25 fumble recovery (Trent kick) (8:50)
- 4-M Hardcastle 4 run (Strickland kick) (10:09)
- 4-A Porter Miles 70 run (kick failed) (9:48)

## Axtell 29, Meridian 8

(Axtell) - After a slow start, the Axtell Longhorns came to life and smothered the Meridian Yellow Jackets. The teams exchanged possessions and fumbles for much of the game. It began to appear that neither wanted to take advantage of the breaks that came their way. Meridian was twice given great field position after short punts before they could cash in. Taking over at their Longhorn 13 after a punt, the Jackets reached the promised land on the fourth play of the drive. The two point conversion made the score 8-0.

The offense woke up in the second quarter, Meridian appeared to be driving in for another score when they fumbled. The team exchanged possessions until Axtell was the recipient of a short punt. Beginning the drive at the Meridian 29 yard line, Mykel King took the first down option to paydirt. Matthew Martinez knotted the score at eight. A bad snap on a Yellow Jacket punt gave Axtell the ball 17 yards away. On second down, Keith Lindsay hit Josh Reynolds for the score. A bad snap on the extra point left the score at 14-8. Meridian, who lost 4 of 6 fumbles on the night, put it on the ground at the Longhorn 46 yard line. It looked like another opportunity may be lost when the quarterback was sacked for a 15 yard loss. Josh Reynolds took the second down snap and found Randy Smith for a 60 yard strike. Reynolds then found Ryan Linkous for the conversion. The half ended with the Horns up 22-8. The amazing thing about the first half was that Axtell did all of this without the benefit of a first down.

The defense stifled the Jackets on the opening drive of the second half. The Horns first offensive snap produced their initial first down of the game. A penalty killed an excellent opportunity to extend their lead, but Meridian was in a generous mood. Another fumble set up the final score of the game. It appeared that drive might end on a Longhorn fumble after a nice gain through the air. But an alert Linkous picked up the loose ball and raced 20 yards for the score. King added the extra point.

Each team ended with four first downs for the game. Axtell had trouble holding on to the pigskin, fumbling 4 times and losing 2 of them.

Axtell	0	22	7	0	<b>29</b>
Meridian	8	0	0	0	<b>8</b>

1-M 2 Yard Run (2-Point Conversion Good) 3:11

2-A Mykel King 29 Run (Matthew Martinez Run) 5:42

2-A Keith Lindsay 15 Pass to Josh Reynolds (Conversion Failed) 2:01

2-A Reynolds 61 Pass to Randy Smith (Ryan Linkous pass from Reynolds) 0:13

3-A Linkous 20 Fumble Recovery (King Kick) 1:19

## **Game 1 vs Meridian**

**Waco Tribune-Herald**

**HONORABLE MENTION**

**Offense: Porter Miles  
Jeff Armstrong  
Taylor Dunlap**

**Defense: Charlie Groce  
Weston Popham**

## **Game 1 vs Meridian**

**Mykel King  
Keith Lindsay  
Mathew Martinez  
Josh Reynolds  
Randy Smith**

# Clifton Series History

Game Number	5	
First Meeting	1994	0-42 in Clifton
Last Meeting	2001	0-9 in Clifton
Last Victory	N/A	
Last Defeat	2001	0-9 in Clifton
Largest Victory	N/A	
Largest Defeat	42	1994 (0-42) in Clifton
Closest Game wo Tie	9	2001 (0-9) in Clifton
Scoring All-Time		0-106
Average Score		0-28
Record All-Time		0-4-0
Record Last 10		0-4-0
Current Win Streak	4	By Clifton
Longest Streak (Axtell)	0	
Longest Streak (Opp)	4	1994-present

## Useless Trivia Type Stuff

Axtell's record in Game 2 is 36-23-2 with an average score of 18-15. Axtell has outscored their opponent 1129-918 in game 2. Under Coach Cadell, their record is 7-4-0 with an average score of 24-19. They have outscored their opponents 274-215.

Axtell's record September 5th is 2-1-2 with an average score of 8-6. They have outscored their opponents 40-32.

Axtell has never scored against Clifton.

Clifton is coming off of a 23-16 win over Dublin.

**Game 2**  
**Axtell 22, Riesel 20**

**September 14, 1990**

Axtell – Steve Vicha's fumble recovery in the end zone tied the game and Kyle Gibson's conversion gave Axtell a hard fought victory over the Chilton Pirates. Chris Harrison rushed for 131 yards and a pair of touchdowns in the victory. The Horns went into intermission with an 8-6 lead, but Chilton came roaring back in the third quarter scoring 14 points to take a 20-8 lead. A one-yard plunge by Harrison cut the lead to 6 and setting up Vicha's heroics one quarter later.

The victory was Axtell's second of the year with a margin of victory for both games of 3 points (they won the opener 14-13 over Reicher). The Longhorns went on to an 8-2-0 record and advanced to the playoffs where they eventually lost to Garden City in the Regional game. This season marked the fourth time that Axtell qualified for the state playoffs.

Axtell	8	0	6	8	<b>22</b>
Riesel	0	6	14	0	<b>20</b>

- 1st—Axtell Chris Harrison 11 run (Don Marek pass from John Bramlett)
- 2nd—Chilton Todd Smith 60 pass from Chris Lopez (PAT failed)
- 3rd—Chilton Burt Robinson 38 run (PAT good)
- 3rd—Chilton Smith 89 pass from Lopez (PAT failed)
- 3rd—Axtell Harrison 1 run (PAT failed)
- 4th—Axtell Steve Vicha fumble recovery in end zone (Kyle Gibson pass from Bramlett)

# Looking Back at Longhorn History



