



AXTELL LONGHORNS AT ITASCA WAMPUS CATS



Game 5 — September 26, 2008

I thought we played to the end Friday. We have got to find a way to have our play makers make plays when we have to have them make plays. I was proud of our kids, we made some adjustments at halftime and they did a good job of executing the 2nd half. Itasca is the real deal. They are very athletic. Desmond Guy is incredible. We have our work cut out for us. What a great opportunity. We have been in 3 good non district ball games that should make our football team better. This week it all really starts to mean something with district starting. Thanks for your support.

To your success,
Reaching Higher <><
Coach Cadell

Axtell JV 30 Bosqueville 8 Great game for the JV, we ran the offense just about perfect scoring 30 points in the 1st half. The defense almost had a perfect shut out, Bosqueville scored on the last play of the game. We travel to Bosqueville this Thursday, with a 6:00pm game start to play the Bulldogs for the 2nd straight time.

Scoring summary for the game 1st quarter-Mathew Martinez 18 yd run for TD, extra point run failed. 1st quarter-Josh Reynolds 15 yd run for TD, Mykel King ran the 2 point conversion. 2nd quarter-Josh Reynolds 5 yd run for TD, Greg Clark run for 2 point conversion. 2nd quarter-Greg Clark 15 yd run for TD, Greg Clark ran for 2 point conversion. 4th quarter-Bosqueville 60 yard TD pass, 2 pt. conversion was good.

Coach 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	14	6
9/12/2008	H	HOLLAND	31	0
9/19/2008	A	BOSQUEVILLE	28	36
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		
	2	2	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		
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		
	3	1	0	

Gridiron News

CLASS A DISTRICT 21

District Standings

ITASCA	4-0	0-0
AXTELL	2-2	0-0
DAWSON	1-3	0-0
ITALY	1-3	0-0
FROST	0-4	0-0
HUBBARD	0-4	0-0
WORTHAM	0-4	0-0

Scoreboard and Schedule

Scoreboard

Axtell	28	Bosqueville	36
Dawson	7	DeLeon	35
Frost	14	Perrin-Whitt	40
Hubbard	19	Bartlett	41
Italy	33	Malakoff	8
Itasca	50	Meridian	26
Wortham	0	Buffalo	39

This Week's Schedule

Axtell at Itasca
Hubbard at Dawson
Italy at Frost

Axtell 30, Bosqueville 8

(Axtell) – The Axtell Longhorns put together another good game, this time beating Bosqueville 30-8. The Horns had a shutout until the final play of the game when the Bulldogs were able to sneak past the Longhorn secondary for a 60 yard scoring play. While a shutout would have been nice, the decisive win has the folks in Longhornland quite happy. This is the third solid win from the younger Horns this season.

Matthew Martinez got things going in the first stanza with an 18-yard scamper. The failed extra point made it 6-0 in favor of the good guys. Josh Reynolds added to that lead later in the period with a 15-yarder of his own. Mykel King pushed in the conversion and Axtell found itself up 14-0.

To prove the first quarter was not a fluke, Reynolds added six with a five yard dash. This time it was Greg Clark that carried over the 2-pointer and the Horns had breathing room at 22-0. But they were finished with the first half yet. This time it was Clark on a 15-yarder and 2-point run to send Axtell into the locker room with a 30-0 lead.

Having nothing else to prove in this game, the Horns were content to run out the clock in the second half. While the game was all Axtell, it was a bruising affair and the Horns did not come out unscathed. They will have bruises and various other sorted injuries to nurse before they take the field again.

This week they will be facing a team bent upon revenge and will face them on their home turf as they square off against these same Bosqueville Bulldogs. Axtell has now taken three straight from Bosqueville and will look to make it 4-in-a-row this Thursday with a scheduled 6:00 p.m. kickoff.

Bosqueville 36, Axtell 28

(Bosqueville) – It is said that all good things must come an end and so it is with the Longhorns winning streak against Bosqueville. Axtell had won the first eight meetings between the two teams and certainly had the personnel to do so again, but it was not to be. In a great game for the fans of both sidelines (except for the final couple of minutes for the Axtell side), the teams went toe-to-toe, neither backing down.

Bosqueville entered the game averaging 50 plus points per game and flying high. But it was the Longhorn offense that drew first blood. Axtell methodically drove down the field and punched it in. The score came on a nice run by Weston Popham, who when he was about to go down, pitched to Porter Miles who carried it to paydirt. Popham kept it for the 2-point conversion and an eight point Axtell lead. Bosqueville matched the Longhorn drive and finished it up with an 8-yard pass. The conversion pass failed and Axtell led 8-6. It appeared that the quarter would end just that way when Axtell was pinned deep in their own territory after the kick-off. But a penalty and a play that left those in the stand scratching their heads knotted the game at eight. The fans on the Axtell sideline weren't sure what they saw, but all they knew was somehow the Bulldogs were able to wrap-up and bring Miles down in the endzone with less than a minute left in the quarter.

After the free kick, Bosqueville again drown down the field. The drive finally stalled in the red zone, but the Dogs Hunter Perry booted a 26-yard field goal to give Bosqueville their first lead at 11-8. It proved to be a lead that they would not relinquish. When Axtell's next possession stalled, the Dogs drove down the field, culminating the drive with a 15-yard pass by Blaze Blackburn. Bosqueville again attempted a 2-poiinter and again it failed giving the Dogs a 17-8 lead just before intermission.

Bosqueville took the second half kick-off and again marched down the field to increase their lead to 23-8, again riding Blackburn's arm, this time from 5 yards out. At a point where Axtell could have thrown in the towel, they instead showed their metal. Kyle Voss grabbed a Popham pass and raced past the Bulldog defense for a 57 yard strike. When the conversion failed, Axtell trailed 23-14. Bosqueville counted with Cody Feight catching his second score of the evening from Blackburn. The 30 yard strike and missed conversion kick increased the Bulldog lead to 29-14.

Again the Horns would not quit. Popham led them downfield and carried the ball for the final 2 yards and followed up with the conversion run. Up to this point, the Bulldogs had scored on each possession and Axtell dearly needed a stop to stay in the game. Charley Groce stepped up or rather in front of a Blackburn pass and set Axtell up deep in Bulldog territory. The Dog D stiffened and facing 4th and Goal, Kevin Neal, oops, make that Weston Popham brought back images from the past. Starting to run left, Popham was cut-off and forced to retreat back to the right. Having the presence of mind to realize that he had not crossed the line of scrimmage, he found Jay Helleck in the end zone for the score. What may be the most amazing part of this play is that the offensive line stayed in tune with the play and did not go downfield which would have negated the score. The conversion run failed and Axtell trailed by one, 29-28. This time it was Bosqueville how answered the challenge when Blackburn scored from 2 yards out. Perry's kick gave them an eight point lead with 3:02 remaining. Things looked bleak when Feight caught another pass, this time from Popham. Content to run out the clock, but not able to Bosqueville gave the ball back to Axtell with 1:03 remaining. Voss grabbed a pair of passes from Popham to set then up 35 yards away from possible overtime, but the Horns were unable to connect with their final four passes.

Axtell was able to get Bosqueville into 3rd and 4th down situations all evening long, but too often the Dogs found ways to convert them into first downs which spelled doom for the Longhorns.

Bosqueville 36, Axtell 28

Axtell	8	0	6	14	28
Bosqueville	8	9	12	7	36

- 1-Axtell Porter Miles 17 Run (Weston Popham Run) 7:41
- 1-Bosqueville Cody Feight 8 Pass from Blaxe Blackburn (Pass Failed) 1:55
- 1-Bosqueville Miles tackled in end zone 0:39
- 2-Bosqueville Hunter Perry 26 Field Goal
- 2-Bosqueville Brando due 15 Pass from Blackburn (Kick Failed) 0:49
- 3-Bosqueville Cameron Huffmeyer 5 Pass from Blackburn (Kick Failed) 9:52
- 3-Axtell Kyle Voss 57 Pass from Popham (Run Failed) 7:59
- 3-Bosqueville Feight 30 Pass from Blackburn (Kick Failed) 4:07
- 4-Axtell Popham 2 Run (Popham Run) 11:55
- 4-Axtell Jay Helleck 15 Pass from Popham (Run Failed) 7:49
- 4-Bosqueville Blackburn 2 Run (Perry Kick) 3:02

Axtell 30, Bosqueville 8

Bosqueville	0	0	0	8	8
Axtell	14	16	0	0	30

- 1-A Mathew Martinez 18 Run (Run Failed)
- 1-A Josh Reynolds 15 Run (Mykel King Run)
- 2-A Reynolds 5 Run (Greg Clark Run)
- 2-A Clark 15 Run (Clark Run)
- 4-B 60 Pass (Conversion Good)

Game 4 vs Bosqueville

Waco Tribune-Herald

OFFENSIVE HONOR ROLL

QB Weston Popham, Axtell: 10-17-1, 169 yards, 2 TDs; 14-54 rushing, TD

WR Kyle Voss, Axtell: 2-62, 1 TD

Honorable Mention

Offense: **Nick Farias**

Defense: **Bobby Dillard**
Charlie Groce
Randy Smith

Longhorn Awards

Scout Team Player of the Week:

Coaches Player of The Week:

Game 4 vs Bosqueville

Series History– Itasca

Game Number	11	
First Meeting	1978	44-0 in Axtell
Last Meeting	1999	7-20 in Axtell
Last Victory	1995	46-6 in Axtell
Last Defeat	1999	7-20 in Axtell
Largest Victory	1978	44-0 in Axtell
Largest Defeat	1998	6-20 in Itasca
Closest Game wo Tie	1988	6-10 in Itasca
Scoring All-Time	219-113	
Average Score	22-11	
Record All-Time	6-4-0	
Record Last 10	6-4-0	
Current Win Streak	2	Itasca
Longest Streak (Axtell)	2	Three Times
Longest Streak (Opp)	2	Since 1998

FOR THE RECORD	
Game 5 Record	
All-time Record	28-33-0
Coach Cadell Record	5-6-0
All-time Points	1,138-1,044
Coach Cadell Points	210-248
All-time Av Score	19-17
Coach Cadell Av Score	19-23
September 26th Record	
All-time Record	4-3-0
Coach Cadell Record	0-2-0
All-time Points	210-153
Coach Cadell Points	21-83
All-time Av Score	30-22
Coach Cadell Av Score	11-42

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Use

The Longhorns 31-0 victory over Holland marked the 600th game in Axtell Longhorn history (according to my records).

Itasca has been the homecoming opponent three times in only five games played in Axtell and the 46-6 homecoming win was Axtell's only victory in 1995.

Itasca's four victories have all come in seasons where Axtell won three or fewer games for the season.

This year's game will be the 5th time that Itasca has been the Longhorns 5th game of the season, tying them with China Spring for the most.

Axtell's longest winning streak for Game 5 was 11 games from 1971 to 1981 and included 8 shutouts by the Longhorns.

The 11th game of this rivalry will tie Itasca with Lott for 17th in most games played against the Longhorns.

This is the 3rd district game between Axtell and Itasca. Each has won one game.

Axtell is 7-12 in game 5 district games..

Looking Back at Longhorn History

Game 3

September 22, 1995

Axtell 46, Itasca 6

Opponent

Waco Tribune-Herald

In Axtell, quarterback Princeton Harrison rushed for 149 yards on 14 carries and also threw three touchdowns as Axtell won its first game of the season.

Eric Baker had five catches for 103 yards and two touchdowns. He also had two interceptions and six tackles. Mike McKinney added 94 yards on three carries. The Longhorns finished with 403 yards total offense, while winless Itasca had 223 yards.

Itasca	0	0	0	6	6
Axtell	6	14	14	12	46

- A (1st): Eric Baker 46 pass from Princeton Harrison (kick failed)
- A (2nd): Baker 51 pass from Harrison (kick failed)
- A (2nd): Ben Burns 33 pass from Harrison (Baker pass from Harrison)
- A (3rd): Harrison 3 run (kick failed)
- A (3rd): Baker 75 interception return (run good)
- A (4th): Harrison 46 run (kick failed)
- I (4th): Nathan Messier 16 run (pass failed)
- A (4th): Mike McKinney 90 run (kick failed)

Looking Back at Longhorn History Bonus

Note: In the 2006 Week 6 edition, the legacy game was Axtell's 33-7 win over Kosse. I had spoken with one of the Longhorns from that timeframe to verify and they told me that that sounded right. I had stated that "make your way to the Sports section and locate the Football Scores area, you will find something very interesting. It was something Longhorn faithful had been seeking for three years. There, tucked between 'Valley Mills 10, Meridian 0' and 'Amarillo 34, Plainview 7', you will find these magic words: Axtell 33, Kosse 7. This inauspicious announcement, with no accompanying article, told the world that the Longhorns had done it. The Axtell Longhorns had won a football game. "

Well, I was wrong (well they had won a football game, but not for the first time). I happened to be reading *Greatest Moments in Texas High School Football History* and in particular an article titled "Tiny Abbott's Gridiron Willie" by Todd Copeland (Director of Communications and Editor of the Baylor Line for Baylor University). A part of the article caught my eye. It stated that in 1949, the during a five game stretch, Abbott was outscored, by 211-7. They had lost to Joshua, Axtell, Riesel and twice to Aledo. Axtell? I had no record of this game at all so I contacted Mr. Copeland who sent me a copy of the game's news article. The game was played over a month before Axtell defeated Kosse. So Axtell's first ever victory, to the best of my knowledge, was over the Abbott Panthers led by quarterback Willie Nelson—Yes That Willie Nelson! But, don't hold me to that.

Game 3

October 13, 1949

Axtell 27, Abbott 0

Waco Times Herald
October 15, 1949 Edition
News Story

AXTELL LONGHORNS TOP ABBOTT PANTHERS, 27-0

West, Oct. 15 – SPL – The Axtell Longhorns scored in each quarter here Thursday night in defeating the Abbott Panthers, 27-0. Roy Horne scampered through center for 20 yards for the first tally in the opening stanza and Jack Pedigo followed with a 25-yard jaunt off tackle in the second. In the third, Jimmy Alberry took a 10-yard toss from Johnny Mitchell to score, and Lewis Kuehl wound up scoring in the fourth period with a 15-yard reverse around left end.

Abbott threatened only once, bogging down on the Axtell 15.

The Longhorns will take on the La Vega B team at La Vega next Thursday.

AXTELL LONGHORN FOOTBALL
2008 Varsity Roster

#	NAME	POSTION	CLASS
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**

No	Name	Position
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

Stadium Map

(Taken Off the Internet - Accuracy not verified)

