

## Joshua High School 1952 Football Team



**The Joshua High School 1952 Football Team had a record of 12 wins and no losses during the 1952 season. They were crowned Regional Champions as a result of their undefeated season. During the course of the season, they scored 339 total points and only allowed their opponents to score 61 points. Their scores included:**

**JOSHUA 27 – GRANBURY 7**

**JOSHUA 33 – ALVARADO 0**

**JOSHUA 31 - GLEN ROSE 0**

**JOSHUA 19 - SANGER 14**

**JOSHUA 38 - CEDAR HILL 0**

**JOSHUA 27 - DUNCANVILLE 0**

**JOSHUA 20 - WHITNEY 14**

**JOSHUA 61 - BURLESON 0**

**JOSHUA 48 - GODLEY 6**

**JOSHUA 9 - GRANDVIEW 6**

**JOSHUA 19 - STATE HOME 7**

**JOSHUA 7 - MASONIC HOME 7**

**(Joshua won on first downs made according to the tie-breaker system at the time)**

**Team members included:**

**JV Harrison, Don Crocker, Jim Bransom, Leslie Scarbrough, Don Cheek, Pete Bell, Dwain Wilson, Ray Bowman, Bennie Moore, Robert Ross, Kenneth Collins, Terry Martin, Terry Stuart, David Russell, Jack Watson, Charles Maughon, Jerry Crowley, Wayne Kopfer, CW Vest, Cline Sheats, Ben Montanez, Joe Robertson, Don Woods, Charles Sutton, Gene Shellhorse, Gerald Ross and Dewey Noles**

**Team member, Don Crocker #88 / Co-Captain, shared this reflection on the 1952 season, “The inspiration for the book, “Band of Brothers” and later TV series, could well have been the 1952 Joshua football team. Nine of the starting eleven, and most of the ones who played, were seniors who had been playing together since the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. There was never a question in my mind if we would win. If we needed to score, I knew Stuart, Bowman, or Martin would find a way. On defense, Bell, Russell, or Bransom could stop anything. Coach Willingham made it work, he didn’t need to make us believe in ourselves, as we already did, he just had to show us the way.”**

**The 1952 Fighting Owl Football Team is honored for their time and effort and many sacrifices.**