

**Joshua High School 1956 Baseball Team  
Inducted 2017**



**In 1956, JHS was a member of UIL District 25-B. Then, Class B teams could only advance to regional championship games. The 1956 Owls baseball team would prevail as Regional Champions. The team won the District 25-B baseball championship defeating the Godley Wildcats by a score of 8 - 2. The Owls would face Everman in a best two of three series for the regional championship. Joshua won the first game versus Everman, 7 - 6. In that game, The Owls counted two runs in the top of the seventh inning to take the lead, then held on to win. A spectacular catch by Jerold Ross against the fence in the last half of the seventh ended a threatening rally by Everman. The Owls would win the Regional Championship by defeating Everman in the third game of the three game**

**series. Bobby Locker hurled the winning game for the Owls. Outfielder William Heine broke up the ball game with a double in the sixth inning that brought in the winning tally.**

**Team members included:**

**Don Hawpe - Pitcher, Jerold Ross - Right Field, C.W. Vest - 1<sup>st</sup> Base, Jerry Winfrey - Short Stop, Audry Neal - Center Field, Tuscon Calvert - 2<sup>nd</sup> Base, Bobby Locker - Pitcher, E.J. (Teet) Miller - 3<sup>rd</sup> Base, John Paul Watson - Catcher, William Heine - Left Field, Pat Simmons - Coach, and Jim B. Watson - Coach**