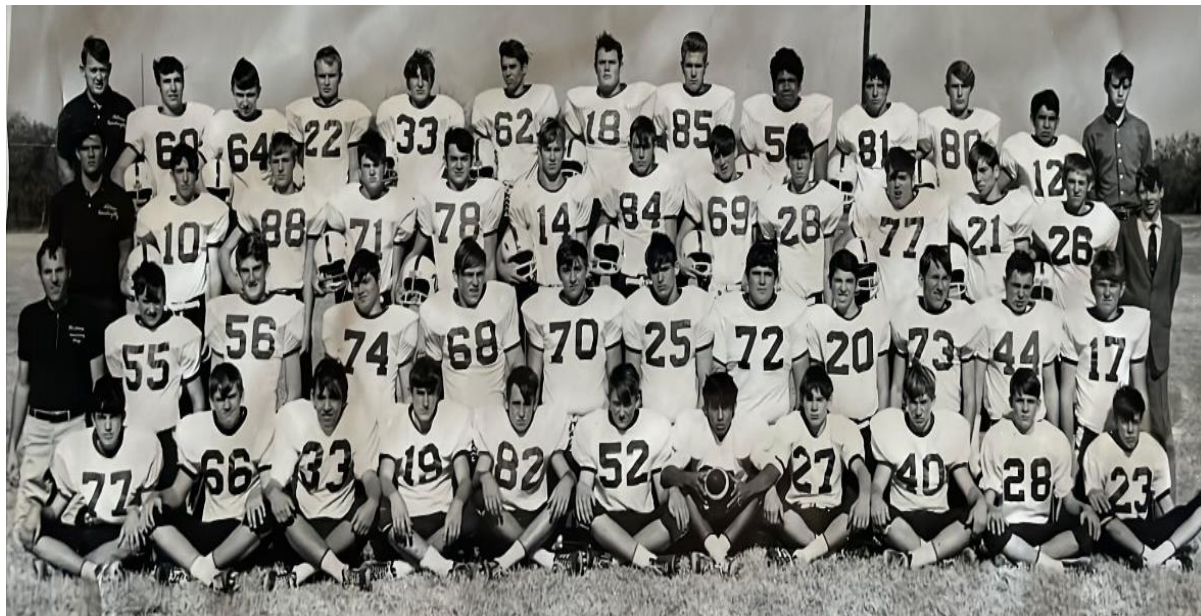


Millsap High School Athletic Hall of Fame

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First Row: John DeBusk, Ricky Graham, Ricky Edwards, Bill Mock, Forrest Massie, Eddie Pierce, Louis Aravelo, Rod Moline, Gary McCoy, Ted Williams, Mark Barnes. Second Row: Coach Max Gordon, Larry Waller, Robert Davidson, Larry Deel, Duane Kasten, David Craig, Kelvin Stapleton, Bobby Youngblood, Jimmy Pitchford, Tommy Guess, Billy Gordon, Gene Rogers. Third Row: Coach Sam Tipton, Wesley Williams, Vaughn Morris, Leonard DeBusk, Ronny Taylor, David Kirk, John Wilson, Tommy Youngblood, Mike Barnes, Tony Jones, Mark Rusinovich, Jamie French, Mgr: David Parker. Back Row: Head Coach Bobby Fannin, Bobby Kinman, Mike Fenter, Arlie Ashley, Wayne Bailey, Robert Rusinovich, Gaylon Davis, Martin Troy, Clem DeLara, Benny Pitchford, Ricky Hicks, Johnny Ortiz and Mgr: James Galik.

The inception of the Millsap football team began in the 1962-1963 school year with a Jr. High schedule, 50 years after the school began their first classes. Millsap then fielded their first varsity team for the 1964-1965 school year.

According to a local newspaper article, a new breed of Bulldogs emerged on the football field in 1970. This breed seemed to be addicted to grabbing an oval-shaped leather covered ball and running like mad to the goal line. As the season progressed, the Bulldogs quickly made a name for themselves as one of the top ranked teams in the State as they outscored their opponents with an impressive season margin of 404 to 80. This winning combination was led by Coach Fannin, Coach Gordon and Coach Tipton on the sidelines and on the field by Team Captains – Arlie Ashley, Clem DeLara, Gaylon Davis and David Kirk as well as the entire offensive and defensive team.

Finishing with a 9-1 record in one of the toughest districts in the state (which included Aledo, Southlake Carroll, Springtown and Boyd to name a few) Millsap found themselves sharing the District Co-Championship title with Aledo, who also ended 9-1. However, the Bearcats represented the District in the playoffs as they were the only team to defeat Millsap and only one team advanced at this time.

District honors for the 1970 season included: Arlie Ashley – All-Dist. Halfback/Hon. Mention Linebacker, David Kirk – All-Dist. Quarterback, Duane Kasten – All-Dist. Offensive Tackle, Gaylon Davis – All-Dist. Defensive Tackle, Mark Rusinovich – All-Dist. Linebacker, Ricky Hicks – Hon. Mention Offensive End and Ronny Taylor – Hon. Mention Offensive Guard.

Coach Bobby Fannin, assisted by Sam Tipton and Max Gordon, and the 1970 Bulldog Football team went down in school history as one of the all-time greatest MHS football teams with a winning percentage of 90, which is the best in school history for football.

1970 Football Team