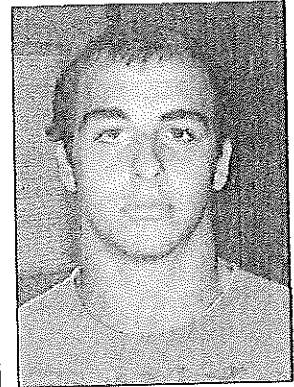


Klein High ADAM MARTIN



Klein High senior offensive lineman Adam Martin made his varsity debut this season and has made a big impact for the Bearkats.

Martin, 17, has consistently been a leader on the offensive line for Klein, which is enjoying its best season since 1999.

Martin enjoys hanging out with friends and rooting for the Houston Texans and Syracuse University football team; he was born on Feb. 25, 1992 – less than two months after the Houston Oilers' 1992 playoff loss to the Buffalo Bills.

"I remember watching that on ESPN Classic," he said.

What was it like playing your first varsity game this season?

"You've got the band playing, chills going through your body, and that's how you tell your true love for football."

The Bearkats had a three-hour delay before the 37-30 win over Cy Ridge in the season opener. What was that like?

"It was tough. We got a banana and half-orange while we were waiting. But we got to play and we took it to them."

Your team defeated Klein Oak, 17-10, in a game that ultimately decided who advanced to the playoffs. What did that mean?

"It's been a while and we've got bragging rights now, so it's pretty good."

At 5-foot-10, 215 pounds, you're one of the smaller players on the offensive line. How does that motivate you?

"It's the little guys you've got to watch out for. You're going to get underestimated because you're short and little.

You've got green-colored braces. Any chance you'll go with blue and gold to show your support for Klein next time?

"Every time I go to the dentist, I pick a new color. (Blue and gold) is a good idea, actually. I think I might have to (get that next time)."

You are a Houston Texans fan. You were 5 years old when the Houston Oilers moved to Tennessee. Do you remember them?

"Yes. They were a pretty decent team, and they turned into the Tennessee Titans. I'm with the Texans, now."

Future plans

Take my SAT and sent out some applications. Probably going to stay in the state. Would love to play in college. Little guys you've got to watch out for. You're going to get underestimated because you're short and little.