

1953 Charlie Brown Tigers Football Team

The Charlie Brown School Tigers competed in the former Prairie View Interscholastic League from 1951 – 1965. The Charlie Brown Tiger basketball teams won State Championships in 1948, 1950, and 1952. Those three teams were inducted into the Hall of Honor in 2010.

On Saturday, December 19th, 1953, starting at 7:45 p.m., the Charlie Brown Tiger football team played in the Prairie View Interscholastic League 1A state championship game against Livingston Dunbar. This season marks the 60th anniversary. This game marked two historic events. First, this was the first Brazoria County African-American school football team to advance to the state finals. And, this game was held at the original Griggs Field and marked the first state championship game held in Brazoria County.

The 1953 team finished their District 9-A season undefeated, after a loss to Boling was overturned due to Boling playing an ineligible player. The Tigers made good fortune of that decision and defeated Lockhart Carver 21-14 in the Bi-District round, Lockhart Carver had won the 1952 State Championship the year before. In the Regional round the Tigers defeated Sugarland 32-6. In the rain soaked Regional game against Taylor, the Tigers won a hard fought 6-0 victory. The State Championship game versus Livingston Dunbar was held at the original Griggs Field, where the Tiger were defeated by two points, 14-12.

Members of the team not with us her tonight are Clemment Boxley, Johnnie Brown, Clearance Brown, Chester Davis, Albert Dixon, Thurman Gillis, Leroy Gibson, Samuel Goodwin, Joe Louis Harris, Randolph Hobbs, Harvey Johnson, Earnest McKelvey, Harold Penn, Earnest Thompson, Waymond Wesley, Bernard Williams, and Robert Williams.

Representing Andrew Eason – is grandson, and former Roughneck great, Jarret Donley.

Representing Frank Flannel – are former Roughneck greats, son Marvin Flannel and grandson Jared Flannel.

Representing Randolph Hobbs – niece Cynthia Baldrige

Representing John Paul – is nephew Gilbert Paul.

Representing Coach Morris Richardson – are daughters Rosalind Barley and Clementine Arana.

1953 Team members here with us tonight are –

***Charles Cravens**

***William Crawford** – also representing bother Harry Crawford.

***Leroy Donley** – who is also representing brothers who played on the team – Johnny and Thomas Donley.

***Robert Randon**

Accepting tonight is Veronica Davis, of the Charlie Brown Heritage Foundation.