

A Creation Story

Numbers are finicky.

In sports they can define a player, or a team. They can make or break someone.

Averages.

Number of points scored.

Number of wins or losses.

Winning streaks.

Losing streaks.

In the NFL only one team has ever had an undefeated season, and ended up winning the Super Bowl: the 1972 Miami Dolphins. Allen has had three of these undefeated seasons.

In the time that the class of 2016 has been in high school they have never witnessed their football team lose a game.

The Allen Eagles joined elite company with their win over the Hebron Hawks.

They have the longest on-going win streak in Texas high school football as of right now, with 53 wins, a record stretching back to 2012. They are now second to a 68-win record set by Celina High School that stretched from 1998-2002.

"It's a testament to the school and the kind of football program Coach Westerberg runs," said alumni and three-time state champion Kyler Murray.

Murray was responsible for 42 of the 53 wins that Allen has produced in the last three years, and was in attendance to watch the Eagles make history.

"I loved being here," he said.

Nothing seemed out of the ordinary. The band was still as large as ever, and the majority of the student section still left by (or before) half time. Even Defensive Coordinator Cory Cain insisted that nothing was different.

"Never thought about it," Cain said of the streak. "That's not our goal. Our goal is to win the district championship and then on into the playoffs."

There was something a little different though. The players seemed to be playing for something a little more. Head Coach Tom Westerberg talked to his players before the game, letting them know something they undoubtedly already had been thinking about throughout the week leading up to that Friday night.

"It added a little bit more as far as what that game meant to us," Offensive Coordinator Kyle Westerberg said. "To be able to etch your name into history books is something pretty special."

The Eagles were in peak form with quarterback Seth Green throwing for five touchdowns and the defense not allowing a single first down until the second quarter against the Hawks.

The football program is 80-14 ever since Tom Westerberg took over as head coach in 2004, and he hasn't had a losing season yet. His son believes that this success stems from how he manages his players as well as coaches.

"He lets players play, and he lets coaches coach," Kyle Westerberg said.

"He'll let you know when things are wrong, and he'll tell you good job when things are right."

Many believed that Kyler Murray, the number one dual-threat quarterback of 2015, was the reason for such dominance and that once he graduated, the Eagles would become beatable. In just eight games this year the Eagles have outscored their opponents 391-99. Last

year, behind Murray they managed 13 points more, with 404, but through those eight games the defense gave up 189 points, which almost doubles that of this year. The argument could even be made that the team we are seeing this year is even stronger, and perhaps more importantly, more experienced than the one that we saw just a year ago.

The Showtime Lakers. MJ's Bulls. The early '90s Cowboys led by the triplets. All of these teams won multiple titles, while dominating all competition during their reign. It is almost inarguable what they went down as in sports history; dynasties.

Titles?

The Eagles have won three straight state championships.

Check.

Dominance? See stats above.

Check.

Tom Westerberg and company have not only created one of the most winningest high school football programs, they have made one of the most winningest programs in sports period. A dynasty, perhaps.