



Sports

Gridiron Squad Makes Mark



The Kermit Yellow Jacket Varsity football team prepares for the Pecos Eagles by tearing through the victory sign.



The Yellow Jacket Coaching Staff includes BACK ROW Scott Blocker, Darren Janssen, Dennis Bryant, Tony Truelove, Ronn Stooksberry, Don Abbott, and Kirby Lackey. FRONT ROW Doug Handley, Larry Hudson, Mike Louis, and Billy Stevens.

The Kermit varsity gridiron squad opened the 1989 campaign with both a new offense and a new head coach: Larry Hudson.

First opponent on the schedule was the McCamey Badgers. Kermit hosted the Badgers at Walton field and handed the visiting squad a 40-7 loss.

Next, the Yellow Jackets faced the state-ranked Denver City Mustangs and DC managed to win 10 - 7.

With pre-district record standing 1-1, Kermit challenged AAAA Ft. Stockton and won 24-21. The victory came in the final 9 seconds as Darrell Pando booted a 32-yard field goal.

After the win over Ft. Stockton, Kermit invaded the home of the Pecos Eagles, another AAAA powerhouse. The Eagles managed to edge past the Jackets to win 26-20.

With a pre-district record of two wins and two losses, the Yellow Jackets marched into District 4-AAA competition.

The first district opponent was Clint and the Lions fell 14-10 before KHS. Next came Alpine and the Bucks lost to Kermit 38-14. The third encounter came against Fabens and the Wildcats lost 26-14.

The final two games were against Greenwood and Crane. Greenwood won 30-20 and Crane won 26-0.

"Football in Kermit during 1989 season was one of my best years, out of 22 years in coaching," said Head Coach Hudson.

"The players adapted well to a new system on offense. The team was enthusiastic and they were a very coachable group.

Team members selected All District were very deserving. Named to the first All-District team were Isabel Valenzuela, Mitchell Melendez, Timmy Cravens, Brian Awbrey, and Jeff Mills.

On the second team were Curtis Hudson, Rodney Acosta, Patrick Dawson.