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## Earn The Right to Win!!

For the vast majority of High School Programs in the state of Texas, this motto refers to having great practices, 7 on 7 competitions, working hard in strength and conditioning programs while doing everything necessary to build a better athlete physically. At Yates, we as a staff take a different approach. We build our student athletes from the top down. Meaning, we begin with the mind to establish a foundation that will support and carry our student athletes to success in life. We must **WIN OFF THE FIELD**. We believe that everything begins and ends with the classroom. Our student athletes have been focusing on their academics this off season and establishing new standards for this institution of higher education. Every Monday our student athletes receive grade sheets that must be returned on Tuesday afternoon. This enables them to hold each other accountable for their academic success. It also allows the staff to continually monitor their grades throughout the year. Once our academic obligations are met, we have officially "**EARN THE RIGHT TO WIN!!!**"

## Lions Off-Season

This off season has truly been remarkable with our student athletes dedicating themselves to bringing the 11-4A district championship back to 3<sup>rd</sup> ward. Our Mighty Lions are building on the foundation that was laid by the class of 2017. 90% of our football student athletes are involved with a second sport and 50% are participating in three sports. This is outstanding when factor the amount of time that is being dedicated by these student athletes. Prior to reporting to their second sport, football student athletes first participate in the off-season strength and conditioning program. Our strength and conditioning program is designed specifically for each individual student athlete to ensure that each student athlete is developing safely and appropriately. Our off-season program is Monday thru Thursday with circuit stretching on Fridays. Here is a look at our student-athletes off-season schedule:

3:20 PM – End of School

3:20 PM – 4:00 PM Tutorials (*if necessary*)

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM Strength & Conditioning

4:50 PM – 5:50 PM Second Sport

6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Film while parents arrive for pick up

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Homework

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## Yates 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hall of Honor Weekend

With the construction of our new school in full swing, the excitement is brewing amongst our student-athletes, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and community members about the establishment of our new Football Hall of Honor! With so much PRIDE, TRADITION & EXCELLENCE, we have waited far too long to honor those who have worked tirelessly and diligently to ensure that our school continued to reign supreme. Through our selection committee, former student-athletes, coaches, contributors and administrators will be nominated each year and voted on by our great alumni. These individuals must have had a tremendous impact on our football program, community and legacy. As the 11<sup>th</sup> Head Football Coach of this great institution, it is an honor and blessing to be part of this initiative. Our goal is to honor those who have helped build our legacy! We will begin the weekend festivities on Friday May 12 with our "Football Spring Jamboree." This will give the alumni and community a sneak peek into our 2017 season. Please come out and be a part of this historic, joyous and monumental occasion as we enshrine our 1<sup>st</sup> class On Saturday May 13, 2017 @ 7PM. Tickets will cost \$50. Class of the "Fabulous 50's" are \$30. Each year, all proceeds will go directly to the Football program. **\*Contact Coach Watkins for information and tickets can be purchased from the main office.\***

## Players Spotlight

#5 Augustin "Gus" Avowandun  
Defensive Back  
Junior



Augustin "Gus" Avowandun is a returning letterman, team captain and junior defensive back for our Mighty Lions. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia but raised in Houston, Texas by his lovely mother, Ms. Shawanna Wallace and has one younger brother. Prior to attending Yates High School, Gus attended Pearland Jr. High South where he played football, basketball and track. As a junior, Gus was named 11-4A 2<sup>nd</sup> team all-district, Texas Top 300 and has made the academic honor roll twice. After studying, Gus enjoys playing video games, watching and learning the rules of other sports and is frequent shopper. He is known for style and wardrobe as he likes to dress well. His motto "someone will only have 30 sec. to meet you! I want to have a lasting impression". Upon graduating from Yates, Gus would like to attend The University of Texas, Southern Methodist University or Louisiana State University with a concentration in Biology or Mechanical Engineering. Currently Gus maintains a 3.2 G.P.A. while participating in Football, Baseball and Track.

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## Coaches Spotlight



Timon Marshall

Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator

Coach Timon Marshall is completing his 1<sup>st</sup> year as the assistant head coach/offensive coordinator at Yates High School and his 9<sup>th</sup> year overall. Prior to his arrival at Yates, he served as the Wide Receivers Coach at Cypress Ridge High School. Coach Marshall began his coaching career at Wabash College as the Wide Receivers Coach before becoming one of the top offensive Coordinators in the Arena Football League. Coach Marshall's love, drive, passion and commitment to the game of football was rewarded as he played professionally in the NFL and the Arena Football League with stops in Kansas City, Chicago, Los Angeles and Grand Rapids, Michigan. Coach Marshall has been married for 10 years to Courtney Marshall with their union producing two lovely daughters Tori and Tatum.

Coach Marshall believes that Football is a one of many ways to impact our young men in a positive way. Teaching them valuable life lessons through discipline, hard work, commitment, and servant leadership to develop high moral character. It is truly a blessing to have him serving the students of the third ward community!

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