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Isaiah Huston: Young Athlete Making His Mark On and Off the Field

Huston succeeds at keeping a balanced life, in school and sports.

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A humble Isaiah Huston sits quietly as his proud father boasts about his achievements, "He is not a vocal leader; he is a quiet leader. He leads by example."

Raised with a strong Christian back ground, his ethics are with him on and off the field. "Keep God first, be confident, not cocky, and if I make a mistake, shrug it off and move on," he says. Ever since he was a child, he was always playing football or basketball and he was always very coachable and learned quickly. The teachers and coaches early on always gravitated towards him more asking him to demonstrate the plays or show everyone how to do the activities.

His parents taught him that chivalry isn't dead, and he continues to live up to the values that his parents have instilled in him. "He is respectful, hard working and dedicated". On the field he says that there is a little pressure, but that he just has to step up and deal with what's at hand and do what's best for the team. Off the field he maintains a 3.0 GPA and is a tri- athlete playing other sports such as basketball and track. Keeping things balanced is hard but he loves what he does and works hard for what he earns. In his spare time he volunteers as a youth coach at a local football camp. In some cases seniority may have

been a problem for the team but coach Friedman says "He has really been accepted well by the team, a lot of the seniors played as sophomores and they welcomed him with open arms." As a starter he is an intelligent player and is a hawk for the ball; he always knows where it is and leads the team into plays. Although in the movies you see football as being run by one person also known as the "captain" at Boulder Creek the coaches divide up the responsibility. They have a senior captain for offense and defense that is voted on by the team, and then weekly the coaches pick two other teammates to be a captain based on the game previously." Isaiah has been chosen to be captain twice this season. "With the team it doesn't matter if you're an upper classman or a lower classman; it's whether you can play or not." Friedman says that he can see Isaiah as being a captain all year his senior year, "if he steps up and becomes more vocal, and has good



Isaiah Huston running with ball against Valley Vista.
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work ethic. I can see him playing both sides of the ball, offense and defense, but right now he is just taking everything in and learning the role." As for the future, Huston plans on staying with football throughout high school, and wants to go to college for it as well. When asked about his future in

the NFL, he just laughs and says "I haven't even thought about that yet." Isaiah make it look easy to balance his social life, his schooling, and his sports, but it's nothing without a strong background, a good support system, and a will to keep learning and a drive to continue to get better every day.