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The Becoming of a Starter

You dream about impressing people. You finally get that opportunity. Are you going to take that chance or let it pass by you? Don't take for granted what you have. You might not get that chance again.

It was the summer of 2017. I just started High School and was nervous for the school year to start. Not until it was time to start football practice in the summer. At that time it was easy. I didn't think of anything but working on myself for the season. When I did play everyone knew I could play the game. The coaches watched how we practiced and put us in a certain position. The coach told me that I could be used to play multiple positions.

I played Quarter Back, Wide Receiver, Corner Back, Free Safety, Strong Safety, and Middle Linebacker. I mainly played Wide Receiver and Corner Back. That's what I played best at because of my speed. That was a key factor to my positions because I would have to try and out beat the Corner Back or be right beside the receiver.

Then after a month of practicing the coach gathered us together and needed to talk to us. He said we needed another Quarter Back. We only had one Quarter Back on the team at the time. Then someone said that they would play as backup. The coach said that we needed one more person who could play Quarter Back. That's when my friend suggested to the coach that I could

do it. Then he asked me to practice Quarter Back that day to see if I could since the other two guys already practiced at Quarter Back. I said I would practice at Quarter Back.

At the beginning of practice I started warming up by throwing the football with someone to warm up my arm. Once I got done warming up the coach talked to me about how certain plays would be ran. After he explained what to do I ran the play and threw straight on the receiver and he caught the ball. That's when everyone knew I could play multiple positions. Then everybody on the team came and told me they were surprised that I could play Quarter Back because of my size.

From then on I started to practice at Quarter Back too. I was busy playing multiple positions. It wasn't difficult until everybody started messing up. The coach made everyone run until he said to stop. That went on for a while. We were all tired and ready for practice to end. As soon as he told us to stop and we huddled up we all wanted to sit down but we had to be on a knee. He said the next time we did that he would make it even worse.

The next day we made sure that we didn't have to run like that again. That day was probably the hardest he worked us because of what we did. After a week we had four more practices before the start of the season. That week was when we knew who was going to start and be subbed in. He told us who was going to start and I wasn't one of the people starting. On the other hand I was one of the people who was going to be subbed in after the starter. Once I got told that I was pretty excited. Because that was my first year playing and was going to play in the game.

Then the following day we practiced stuff that we were going to do in the game on Monday. I played as receiver and corner for the first game since that's what I mainly practiced for. I got told by my position coach that I was going to be subbed in at corner after the starter since he saw that

I was making better progress at corner than receiver. That night we were getting ready to start the game and I was getting super excited that I got told to backup since I was so eager to get in the game. Once I was told that I was going in I ran on the field and got to where I needed to be. As soon as I got there I was already ready to be better than the receiver. Once I heard hike I watched how the receiver was moving he knew exactly what he was doing and I looked towards where the ball was and it was being thrown towards the receiver and I got in front of him and intercepted the ball and ran for 10 yards. After that I got recognized that I could actually play the game. Whenever I got back to the sideline the coach came to me and told me what a terrific read I did. You keep on doing stuff like that and you might just start. I keep on playing to try and get the starting spot. At the end of the game I got 2 interceptions and a total of 100 yards.

When we got back from the game we all went to the locker room to get our stuff and was getting ready to go home. The coach stopped us and talked to us about our first game. He said that he was proud of us and how we performed in that game. He also said that he was especially proud of how I performed since I got 2 interceptions that led to our win. After that we went home and got ready for the next day.

As the season went on we didn't lose a single game and were undefeated for the whole season. Then came out second to last game of the season. When we started to play our starting Quarter Back got hurt and couldn't play the rest of the game. So we sent out the backup and he played in his spot. At that time I was playing receiver and was in at the time when our backup Quarter Back got hurt. The coach called a timeout and told me that I was going to have to play Quarter Back. I never thought I would get in a Quarter Back cause I did way better at Corner Back and Wide Receiver. He said that I was ready and that he knew that I could do it. So I went in the game and played a game that the coaches never thought they would see.