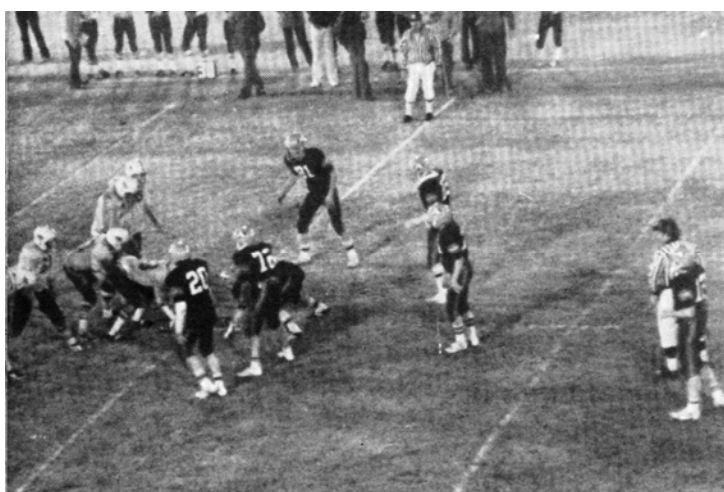
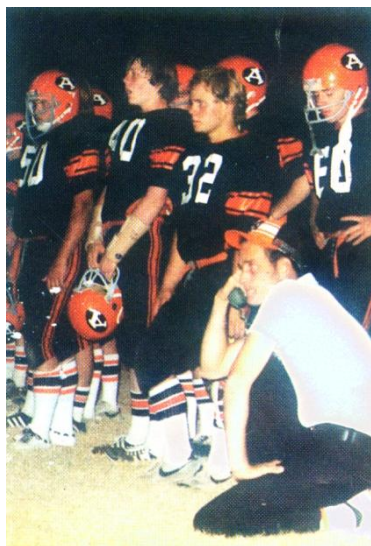


ALEX LONGHORN FOOTBALL 2011

“The season to remember”

The 2011 Football season has been selected as a season to look back into the history of Alex High School Football and recollect the many successes as well as cherish the great memories that each Alex Longhorn Football team members, cheerleaders, and fans have been a part of throughout the years at Alex, OK.



The Year of the Longhorn - 1978 season; Record 11-1

The incredible string of wins that made up the season of 1978, Alex's second year to play eight-man football, saw the Class C Longhorns make a run into the playoffs for the first time since the 1957 Longhorn team played for the State Championship 18 years earlier. Although ending the season as quarterfinalists, the one loss of the 1978 season stood as an Alex School football record for **24 years** until finally equaled during the seasons of 2002 and 2003. Other Alex teams may have gone farther in the season but none can claim a better record.

The 1978 Alex Longhorns were undefeated when they were crowned Class C District Champions after destroying a pack of familiar teams including Paoli, Central Marlow, Bray, Morrison, Erick, Pernell, Ryan, Oklahoma Christian and Dibble. The Alex Pep Club was a football-savvy 60 members strong that year, sported matching uniforms, attended every game as a group and loudly cheered each play. Defeated only by the very best, the 1978 'Horns' first and only season loss came at home to eight-man powerhouse Turpin, which would go on to win the 1978 Class C eight-man football State Championship.

Alex Sophomores and Juniors contributed significantly to the success of that season but eight seniors anchored the Longhorn eight-man team of 1978. Those seniors, the Class of 1979, were a precocious group headed by scholar-athletes from a Class that may well hold the Alex School record for academic achievement in addition to their athletic successes. Representing the Year of the Longhorn, six of the eight football players from the Class of 1979 would end the 1978 season with unprecedented honors recognizing their outstanding high school careers in a sport that began for the entire Alex community with 11 men on the field and ended with eight.