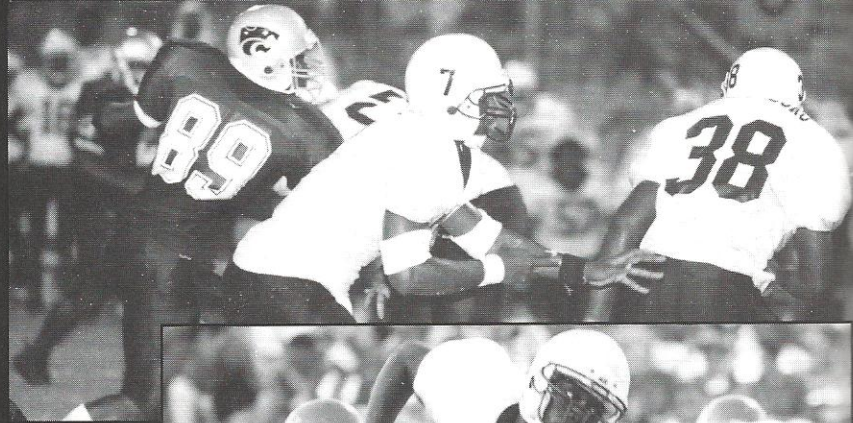


Friday Night Life

"Friday is my day ; it's game day. After sitting in school I rush into the gym to eat the pre-game meal and then change in the locker room. After getting suited-up, we ride to the stadium where we start getting warmed up. As the sun starts to set and the crowd begins to arrive I get pumped. We rip through the run-through and take the field...our field... my field. For the next four quarters, my mind is on nothing but football. I get so determined to win that nothing else even crosses my mind. Play after play, I throw the ball hoping that it will be caught and taken to the endzone. Winning is such a rush, especially when have to fight for it. After the game, we all pray and celebrate our victories. I usually hang around the field to congratulate my teammates."

Shawn Tomlin
12th



"We paint all the signs on Thursday afternoon so we can be completely ready for the game when Friday rolls around. We have to be at the games at least two hours early so we can paint faces, sell spirit items, and get the field ready for us to cheer. Holding the run-through always makes me a little nervous because the players are so pumped up; I'm always afraid I'll get trampled! I have to watch my step as I run across the field so I don't trip. I cheer my heart out during the game, and we do some stunts and dances to get the crowd worked up. At half-time, I get a few minutes to talk to my friends in the stands, but that doesn't last long because I still have half of the game to go. After the game, we shake hands and congratulate the players."

Christin Mock
11th

