

# Howard, Lawson, Escobar named to 17-3A All-District first squad honors

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GILMER – As expected, the state champion Gilmer Buckeyes dominated the recently released 2009 District 17-3A All-District teams.

Bullard's standout two-way starter Daniel Howard earned first team honors, as both wide receiver and defensive back in his senior campaign.

Panthers Sydney Lawson was first team pick as utility player, and Escobar Santiago earned specialist honors.

Senior quarterback Marquez Franklin earned a second team nod as quarterback, after playing the posi-

tion for the first time ever this season. Sammy Ferrara made a second team pick as offensive line, and also got an honorable mention bid defensively.

Bullard honorable mention kudos were numerous, led by two-way player David French at tight end and defensive end. Defensive backs Hunter Skelton and Kirk Bryant, along with linebacker's D.J. Diduch and Dalton Simonek, linemen JaKory Hunter, Eric Duffy, and Ferrara at defensive tackle, were honored on defense.

Offensively, French was joined by wide receiver Brandon Beavers and offensive lineman Jeremy Wellmaker.

The Buckeyes took all but one of the league superlatives honors, led by the District MVP, Darian 'Stump' Godfrey, the quarterback for Gilmer. Gilmer's Tristen Holt was the offensive MVP, and teammates Braylan Webb and Mikey Wilson shared the offensive MVP honors.

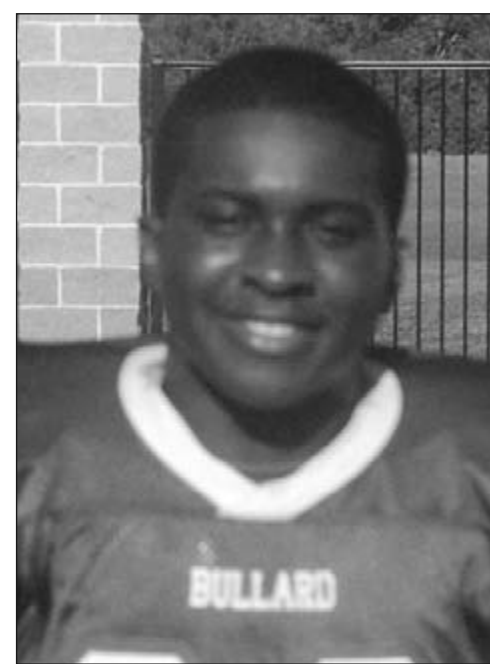
Chapel Hill's Colton Morehead was defensive Newcomer and Buckeye sophomore, Luke Turner was the Newcomer for the defensive superlatives.

Bullard suffered through a tough season with a 1-9 record, and the lone win against Troup.

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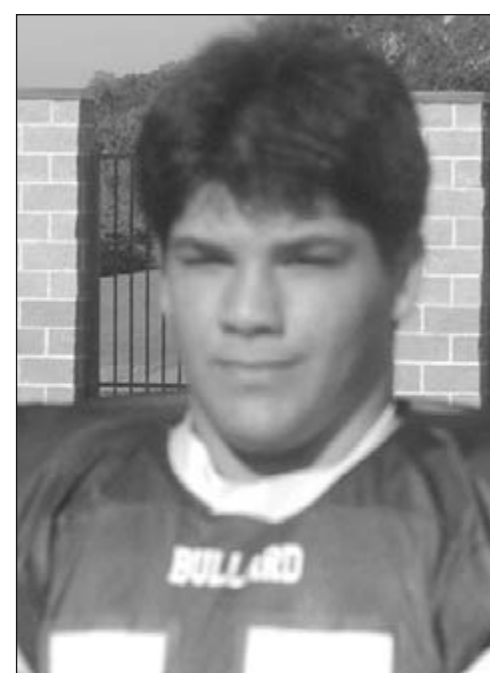
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FIRST TEAM WR/DB



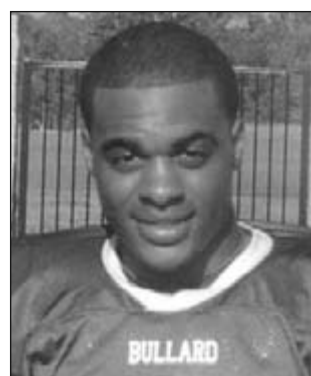
**SYDNEY LAWSON**  
FIRST TEAM UTILITY



**SANTIAGO ESCOBAR**  
FIRST TEAM SPECIALTY



**SAMMY FERRARA**  
SECOND TEAM OFF. LINE  
HON. MENT. DEF. LINE



**FRANKLIN**



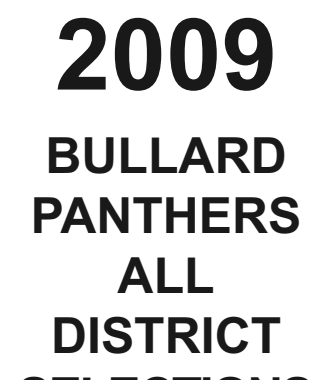
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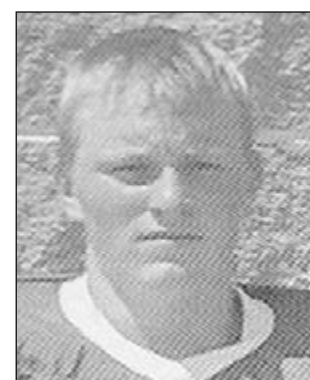
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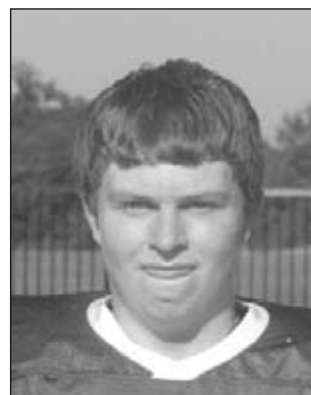
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## 2009

### DISTRICT 17-3A ALL-DISTRICT TEAMS

DISTRICT MVP -  
OFFENSIVE MVP -  
DEFENSIVE MVP

Darian 'Stump' Godfrey, Sr. Gilmer  
Tristen Holt, Sr. Gilmer  
Braylan Webb, Sr. Gilmer  
Mikey Wilson, Sr. Gilmer

OFFENSIVE NEWCOMER -  
DEFENSIVE NEWCOMER -

Luke Turner, Soph., Gilmer  
Colton Morehead, Soph., CHill

#### FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback: Dylan Brown, Spring Hill, Desmond Fite, Tatum, Jordan Williams, Chapel Hill.

Runningback: Vance Green, Gilmer, Marlon Granville, Gilmer, B.J. Allen, Tatum, Brandon Woodard, Tatum. Tight end: Scott Carter, Spring Hill, Devin McIlwain, Tatum, Kevin McIlwain, Tatum.

Receiver: Ryan Lacy, Spring Hill, Larry Centers, Tatum, **Daniel Howard, Bullard**; Jimmy Wade, Chapel Hill, Tevin Godfrey, Gilmer, Ben Griffith, Gilmer, Kedon Franklin, Gilmer.

Line: Logan Wallis, Spring Hill, Kyle Akin, Spring Hill, Terrance Johnson, Tatum, Chris Kammer, Tatum, LaQuentus Mosley, Chapel Hill, Haden Gage, Gladewater, Dustin Hardin, Gilmer, Beau Blair, Gilmer, Jacob Jenkins, Gilmer.

Utility: Otis Chatam, Tatum, Markedray Hollins, Chapel Hill, Gus Osborne, Gilmer, Corey Davis, Gladewater, Cortney Davis, Gladewater, Blake Calderera, Spring Hill, **Sydney Lawson, Bullard**.

Specialty: Alberto Lopez, Chapel Hill, Tamil Harris, Gilmer, Colt Corey, Gladewater, Ashton Everett, Spring Hill, Kendall Bell, Tatum, **Santiago Escobar, Bullard**;

Kicker: Adan Olivares, Gilmer.

Punter: Spencer Clark, Spring Hill, Luke Turner, Gilmer.

#### SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

Quarterback: **Marquez Franklin, Bullard**.

Runningback: Jeremy Jackson, Gilmer, Corey Davis, Gladewater, Tyler Centers, Tatum, Laramie Lee, Chapel Hill.

Tight end: Spencer Palmer, Gladewater.

Receiver: Tyler Zapata, Spring Hill, Jalen Overstreet, Tatum, Anthony Kincaid, Chapel Hill, Avery Henderson, Chapel Hill, J.T. Beecham, Gilmer.

Line: Adrian Tarpley, Spring Hill, Otis Chatam, Tatum, Cameron Furlow, Tatum.

**Sammy Ferrara, Bullard**, James Brooks, Chapel Hill, Pedro Valdez, Chapel Hill, Barry Kennedy, Gilmer, Michael Boddie, Gilmer; Kicker: Samuel Zapata, Tatum.

Punter: Brandon York, Tatum.

#### FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

Line: Tyson Sanders, Tatum, Luis Castro, Gilmer, Eric Miller, Gilmer, Josh Gordon, Gilmer, Quinton Thomas, Gladewater.

Ends: Ty Barr, Gilmer, Cullen Stone, Tatum, Holt Henderson, Chapel Hill.

Outside linebackers: J.T. Beecham, Gilmer, Marlon Granville, Gilmer, Brandon Woodard, Tatum.

Inside linebackers: Laramie Lee, Chapel Hill, Chris Miller, Gilmer.

Corners: Ryan Lacy, Spring Hill, Tyler Centers, Tatum, **Daniel Howard, Bullard**; Ben Griffith, Gilmer.

Safeties: Paul Chesnut, Gilmer, Pheonix Malone, Tatum.

#### DEFENSE SECOND TEAM

Line: Terrance Johnson, Tatum, Dakota Cannon, Gilmer, Dylan Sells, Gladewater, Kyle Akin, Spring Hill. Ends: Colt Corey, Gladewater, Rodney Wright, Tatum, Jaren Kennedy, Chapel Hill.

Outside linebackers: Collin Gray, Chapel Hill, Ashton Everett, Spring Hill.

Inside linebackers: Jake Jones, Spring Hill, Hunter Liles, Tatum, Jamarick Armstrong, Gladewater, Robert Lockridge, Tatum.

Corners: Tyler Johnson, Spring Hill, Nathan Matter, Tatum, Desmond Fite, Tatum, Harvey Horton, Gilmer.

Safeties: Connor Smith, Chapel Hill, B.J. Allen, Tatum.

#### HONORABLE MENTION

**BULLARD:** Sammy Ferrara, DT; JaKory Hunter, DE; D.J. Diduch, LB; Brandon Beavers, WR; Kirk Bryant, DB; Hunter Skelton, DB; Dalton Simonek, LB; Jeremy Wellmaker, OL; Eric Duffy, DL; David French TE/DE.