

1997 Plano Football Season Summary

DATE	GAME TYPE	Opponent	Results
August 29th	Non-Conference	at Genoa-Kingston	Win 14-6
Spetember 5th	Non-Conference	vs Byron	Loss 26-28 OT
September 12th	Conference	at Coal City	Loss 12-24
September 19th	Conference	at Dwight	Win 24-6
September 27th	Conference	Reed-Custer (Homecoming)	Win 29-26 OT
October 4th	Conference	at Lisle	Loss 0-26
Ocotber 11th	Conference	at Wilmington	Loss 7-13
October 17th	Conference	vs Sandwich	Win 42-6
October 24th	Conference	vs Seneca	Loss Score ???

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Kickoff to '97

Plano 14, Genoa-Kingston 6

Matt Johns ran 18 yards on a fake field goal and put Plano ahead for good 12-6 in the second quarter and the Reapers beat the Cogs in non-conference play. Johns had opened the scoring with a 60-yard run in the first quarter, but Genoa-Kingston's Matt Eide caught a 48-yard TD pass from Bobby Snow to tie it 6-6.

Kahl Kurpius rushed for 122 yards on 19 carries and Snow threw for 92 yards on 6-of-17 with one interception for the Cogs.

Plano
Coal City

12
24

Coal City 24, Plano 12

Plano (1-2, 0-1) racked up 327 yards of offense and got 124 yards rushing from Matt Johns, but was forced to play catch-up throughout in dropping its Interstate Eight Conference opener at Coal City (2-1, 1-0). Plano quarterback Eric Swanson completed 12-of-23 passes for 195 passes but was victimized by two interceptions.

Plano	0	6	0	6	—	12
Coal City	0	17	7	0	—	24

CC — John Gockman 29 FG

CC — Brian Fitzgerald 29 interception return (Gockman kick)

P — Travis Martinez 90 kickoff return (pass failed)

CC — Fitzgerald 3 run (Gockman kick)

CC — John Chapman 12 run (Gockman kick)

P — Matt Johns 3 run (pass failed)

Interstate Eight

	Conf.		All	
	W	L	W	L
Wilmington	1	0	3	0
Sandwich	1	0	1	2
Coal City	1	0	2	1
Plano	0	1	1	2
Reed-Custer	0	1	2	1
Dwight	0	1	0	3
Seneca	0	0	1	1
Lisle	0	0	0	2

Johns, Alfredson run, kick Reapers to overtime homecoming victory



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Plano 29, Reed-Custer 26 (OT)

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"My line did an excellent job, and I wouldn't trade them for the world," said Johns of Jamie Morrell, Ezequiel Aguirre, Kevin Jensen, Justin Niles, and Kyle Sheley. "It's not just me out there, it's the whole team."

The Interstate Eight Conference battle went back and forth, with Plano (3-2 overall, 2-1 in the conference) always having an answer for the Comets (2-3, 0-3). After a long Comet drive, Johns broke several tackles on the way to a 34-yard touchdown run, which was set up by a 50-yard



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R-C — Addis 25 pass from Bohac (pass failed)

P — Johns 34 run (Matt Alfredson kick)

R-C — Sukley 22 pass from Neyhart (Addis pass from Neyhart)

P — Johns 2 run (kick failed)
R-C — Bohac 18 pass from Neyhart (run failed)

P — Johns 15 run (kick failed) **R-C** — Neyhart 1 run (run failed)

P — Johns 3 run (Alfredson kick)

P — Alfredson 20 FG

SOPHOMORE SCORE — R-C 38, Plano 6



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Plano running back Matt Johns.

PLANO HIGH SCHOOL

FOOTBALL

AWARDS

BANQUET

November 2, 1997

We are present this evening to honor our young athletes for their efforts and success during the past fall athletic season. Success is directly related to the athlete's commitment and dedication and total parent support and guidance in their striving to attain worthy goals. It is time for us to praise their courage for setting goals and to complement their efforts in striving to reach those goals.

The only failures in life are those who fail to set goals or fail to work to improve their lives. These young people are among the few who dare risk criticism as they try to reach their goals in life. We trust our community appreciates their effort and the guidance of the coaches who work with them.

Our goal as an Athletic Department and as coaches is to provide the student/athlete with the best possible opportunities and experiences that interscholastic athletics can have. We want to believe that you approve of our goals and efforts as we work with your son or daughter. We, together, can make a difference in the lives of young people in Plano High School.

BANQUET PROGRAM

WELCOMEKen Cummins
Master of Ceremonies

INVOCATIONKen Cummins

DINNERMom's Cooking

FOOTBALL PRESENTATIONS In the Gym

REAPER FOOTBALL AWARDS PRESENTATION

REAPER FOOTBALL PHILOSOPHY

*To make an effort to win that brings credit to
Plano High School and that promotes the
personal development of our players.*

Introductions	Ken Cummins
Cheerleaders	Jeannie Benson
Frosh/Soph Awards	Brian Bazan/John Chernick/Jim Green
Stat Girls	Jim Schmidt Abby Anderson, Angela Hiscox, Kerin Meyer, Jackie Smith, Hillary Wykes
Junior Awards	Jim Schmidt /Scott Miller
Senior Awards	Bobby Bennett / Scott Miller /Jim Schmidt
Special Awards	Bobby Bennett

**1997 PLANO REAPERS
VARSITY FOOTBALL ROSTER**

NO	PLAYER	CLASS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	POSITION
1	*Scott Novak	98	5'6"	158	WR/DB
2	*Robert Flores	99	5'11"	165	QB/DB
12	Brett Winckler	98	6'0"	110	WR/DB
15	Eric Swanson	00	5'11"	160	QB
17	*Matt Alfredson	99	5'11"	180	PK/QB
18	*Joe Corral	98	6'0"	180	WR/DB
20	DJ Cocks	98	5'6"	130	WR/DB
21	Eddie Martinez	99	5'7"	135	WR/DB
22	*Matt Johns	98	5'8"	172	RB/DB
24	*Benito Corral	98	5'6"	155	FB/DL
27	Todd Schwartz	00	5'3"	145	FB/LB
28	*Kyle Klatt	99	5'6"	139	WR/DB
29	Marty Romme	99	5'11"	165	TE/LB
31	Brad Thomas	99	5'9"	130	WR/DB
33	*Travis Martinez	98	6'1"	235	TE/LB
35	*Dan Cadena	99	6'1"	200	FB/LB
42	Adam Freese	98	5'6"	119	WR/DB
51	*Jamie Morrell	99	6'4"	205	OL/DL
53	*Ezequiel Aguirre	99	6'5"	319	OL/DL
54	*Kevin Jensen	99	5'10"	201	OL/LB
55	Michael Cummings	98	5'8"	172	OL/DL
61	Justin Niles	98	6'1"	245	OL/DL
66	*James Voss	98	5'9"	220	OL/DL
67	Chris Anderson	99	5'10"	165	OL/DL
69	Omar Nunez	99	5'9"	213	OL/DL
71	*Lee Meyer	99	6'3"	226	OL/DL
75	Ricky Lucero	00	5'10"	223	OL/DL
76	Patrick Heubel	98	6'0"	183	OL/DL
77	*Kyle Sheley	98	5'9"	183	OL/DL
80	Nick Pecenka	99	6'0"	178	WR/DB
81	*Randy Aters	98	5'5"	126	WR/DB
83	Jason Minalga	99	6'2"	132	WR/DB
84	Ryan McCoy	99	6'0"	166	WR/DB
99	Rick Trevino	99	5'10"	163	WR/DB

* Returning Lettermen

Managers: Chris Ronning, Jason Snider, Jason Turner

HEAD COACH: BOBBY BENNETT

**ASST. COACHES: JIM SCHMIDT, SCOTT MILLER, BRIAN BAZAN
JIM GREEN, JOHN CHERNICK**

Volunteer Asst. Coaches: Tracey Bennett, Jon Walker

CHEERLEADING SPONSOR: JEANNIE BENSON

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: Ana Carreno, Jenny McHugh, Angela Tripp,
Brooke Hayden, Nicole Kling, Jennifer Oost, Arla Tomac

**1997 PLANO REAPERS
FRESH/SOPH FOOTBALL TEAM**

NO	PLAYER	CLASS	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	POSITION
2	Trey Kerby	01	5'8"	143	TE/LB
3	Roberto Hernandez	01	5'5"	133	RB/LB
11	Marc Johnson	01	5'3"	118	WR/DB
13	Brad Corneils	01	5'4"	107	QB
15	Derek Malert	00	5'8"	127	WR/DB
20	Edgar Rico	01	5'7"	136	WR/DB
21	Paco Orozco	01	5'6"	115	TE/DB
22	Billy Goldsmith	01	5'6"	144	RB/LB
27	Todd Schwartz	00	5'3"	145	RB/LB
32	AJ Freese	01	5'1"	115	WR/DB
33	Bobby Hausler	01	5'9"	194	TE/LB
36	Steve Brummel	01	5'4"	100	QB/DB
44	Chad Humbers	01	5'7"	200	TE/LB
45	Aaron Carlson	01	5'4"	100	WR/DB
52	Miguel Quinonez	01	5'4"	168	OL/DL
53	Mitch Messmer	00	5'7"	150	C/LB
54	Carl Bossio	01	5'6"	169	OL/DL
55	Joe Boring	01	5'2"	154	OL/DL
56	Dan Solecki	01	5'5"	143	OL/DL
57	Ryan Romme	01	5'8"	215	OL/DL
60	Brian Schuenemann	00	5'5"	146	DT/OT
62	Thomas Dean	00	5'4"	154	OL/DL
63	Kent Corbin	00	5'5"	137	OL/DL
65	Justin Sheley	01	5'11"	183	OL/DL
66	David Gavin	01	5'11"	161	OL/DL
67	Matt Klaus	01	5'11"	190	OL/DL
68	Isidro Corral	01	5'7"	224	OL/DL
73	Bill Einig	00	5'6"	168	OL/DL
75	Eric Snider	01	5'9"	175	OL/DL
76	Matt Haggard	00	5'4"	153	OL/DL
78	Ryan Britt	00	6'1"	227	OL/DL
81	Scott Nadeau	01	5'2"	100	WR/DB
83	Mike Wehrs	01	5'8"	117	WR/DB
84	Ryan Bedford	01	5'8"	124	WR/DB
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J/V CHEERLEADERS: Courtney Heubel, Jennifer Jensen, Ryann Jensen, April Koos, Michelle Haws, Kristen Pecenka, Lindy Wade

1998 PLANO REAPER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Level	Day	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
VAR/FS	Fri	Aug 28 98	Genoa-Kingston	H	5:30 PM
FR	Mon	Aug 31 98	Genoa-Kingston	H	5:30 PM
VAR/FS	Fri	Sep 4 98	at Byron	T	5:30 PM
FR	Tue	Sep 8 98	at Seneca	T	5:30 PM
VAR/FS	Fri	Sep 11 98	Coal City	H	5:30 PM
FR	Mon	Sep 14 98	Coal City	H	5:30 PM
VAR/FS	Fri	Sep 18 98	Dwight	H	5:30 PM
FR	Mon	Sep 21 98	Dwight	H	5:30 PM
VAR/FS	Fri	Sep 25 98	at Reed Custer	T	5:30 PM
FR	Mon	Sep 28 98	at Reed Custer	T	5:30 PM
VAR/FS	Fri	Oct 2 98	Lisle (Homecoming)	H	5:30 PM
FR	Mon	Oct 5 98	Lisle	H	5:30 PM
VAR/FS	Fri	Oct 9 98	Wilmington	H	5:30 PM
FR	Mon	Oct 13 98	Wilmington	H	5:30 PM
VAR/FS	Fri	Oct 16 98	at Sandwich	T	5:30 PM
FR	Mon	Oct 19 98	at Sandwich	T	5:30 PM
VAR/FS	Fri	Oct 23 98	at Seneca	T	5:30 PM
VAR	Sat	Oct 31 98	Playoff Game	TBA	TBA
VAR	Sat	Nov 7 98	Playoff Game	TBA	TBA
VAR	Sat	Nov 14 98	Quarter-Final	TBA	TBA
VAR	Sat	Nov 21 98	State FB Semi-Final	TBA	TBA
VAR	Sat	Nov 28 98	State FB Finals	TBA	TBA