

Sophs finish on a high note

Team turned it around after Alta and ends with four straight wins

By Bruce Smith
Matchup

The Brighton sophomore football teams' season can easily be characterized this season – what happened before the Alta game, and what happened after.

The Bengals finished with a 5-4 record, but came on strong at the end. They turned it around after a disappointing loss to Alta. Coach Bill McDonald said the team created a whole new entity.

“We started out with raw kids who didn’t have a lot of experience,” McDonald said. “By the end of the year, they looked like football players. They were knocking people down and getting after people.”

The loss to Alta – the Bengals’ traditional rival – motivated the team. Brighton won four straight. The offense came alive at the same time the defense started stopping teams. For many teams, 5-4 would be considered only “so so.” This squad celebrated that fact.

“At first, the kids really didn’t understand all it took to play this game,” McDonald said. “After the Alta game, it was amazing to see the transformation.”

There is a lot of talent in the sophomore/freshmen class,” he added. “It wasn’t all together because we had so many young kids that moved up. When they get together, we’ll see what happens. There are some big possibilities there.”

The sophs were led by quarterback Jordan S. Johnson. McDonald said he made a lot of progress, and the Bengals relied on his passing a lot because there were a lot of injuries to their running backs.

The team’s top receivers were freshmen Simi Fehoko and Kaden Garden. McDonald said Garden provided one of the team’s best memories when he blocked a Jordan player from the hashmarks to the track.

“We lit a fire under him,” Williams said.



TOP: Matthew Head gains some yards as **Nick Flores** and **Carlos Ontiveros** watch nearby.

LOWER LEFT: Kaden Garden approaches an Alta ball carrier.

LOWER RIGHT: Simi Fehoko

2012 results (5-4, 4-1)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score
Aug. 23	at Fremont	L	0-9
Aug. 30	SKY VIEW	W	28-19
Sept. 6	AMERICAN FORK	L	6-27
Sept. 13	at Pleasant Grove	L	7-34
Sept. 20	ALTA*	L	6-48
Sept. 27	at Cottonwood*	W	13-7
Oct. 4	at West Jordan*	W	42-7
Oct. 11	JORDAN*	W	50-17
Oct. 16	COPPER HILLS*	W	19-7

* - Region 3 games. Home games in CAPS

“After that, he was always hitting someone. That’s when he decided to be a football player. Those are things I get excited about.”

Bridger Gilgen had a good year playing fullback and linebacker. The line was anchored by center Nick Flores.

Middle linebacker William Cumberland was one of the top defensive players. McDonald said he “caused havoc and was a good blitzer.”

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Brighton Bengals 2012 sophomore football roster

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Year</u>
2	Rhett Anderson	TE/LB	5-11	145	Fr.	53	Zach Felis	OL/DL	5-9	185	Soph.
3	Garrett Mifflin	WR/DB	5-11	150	Soph.	54	Jake Spears	OL/DL	6-0	195	Soph.
4	Matthew Head	RB/LB	5-9	145	Soph.	55	Sione Hall	OL/DL	6-1	190	Fr.
6	Tyson Sais	RB/LB	5-9	150	Fr.	56	Chayse Mims	DL	6-2	180	Fr.
7	William Cumberlidge	RB/DB	5-10	160	Soph.	57	Ezias Bigelow	RB/LB	5-11	155	Fr.
8	Zackary Conner	QB	6-1	145	Fr.	58	Carlos Ontiveros	OL/DL	5-9	215	Soph.
12	Davis Reynaud	RB/LB	5-9	155	Fr.	59	Nathan Kenney	RB/DB	5-6	145	Fr.
14	Jordan S. Johnson	QB	5-9	150	Soph.	61	Garrett Vance	WR/DB	5-7	145	Fr.
15	Makay Jackman	WR/DB	5-11	150	Soph.	63	Riley Meadows	WR/DB	5-6	140	Fr.
16	Simi Fehoko	WR/DB	6-0	155	Fr.	63	Moses Tauteoli	OL/DL	6-0	200	Fr.
17	Luke Lehmann	WR/DB	5-7	115	Soph.	65	James Buchanan	OL/DL	6-0	185	Soph.
18	Hunter Albert	QB	5-9	145	Fr.	66	Weston Maeder	OL/DL	6-2	230	Soph.
20	Kaden Garden	WR/DB	5-11	155	Fr.	68	Isaac Vance	OL/DL	6-4	195	Soph.
21	Kelly Stavrides	WR/DB	5-7	140	Soph.	70	Nick Flores	OL/DL	5-7	200	Soph.
23	Jackson Kaufusi	WR/DB	5-10	155	Fr.	72	Jason Harmer	OL/DL	6-0	205	Soph.
26	Skyler Neale	RB/DB	5-7	145	Soph.	74	Jordan M. Johnson	OL/DL	6-2	180	Soph.
33	Bryson Taylor	WR/DB	5-10	150	Fr.	75	Poul Kristensen	OL/DL	6-3	215	Soph.
35	Chase Green	WR/DB	5-9	145	Soph.	78	Blake Oergel	OL/DL	6-0	260	Fr.
36	Bridger Gilgen	RB/LB	5-11	195	Soph.		Luke Davis	WR/DB	5-9	140	Soph.
42	Alec Templeton	WR/DB	5-11	155	Fr.		Shamar Hongphakdy	RB/LB	5-9	175	Soph.
44	Aaron Nakamura	TE/LB	5-11	175	Soph.		Garrison Woods	WR/DB	6-2	175	Soph.
46	Austin Petty	RB/LB	5-9	155	Fr.		Niua Mahe	RB/DB	5-9	165	Soph.
47	Dylan Pearmain	WR/DB	5-9	145	Fr.						
48	Brady Potter	RB/LB	6-0	170	Soph.						
50	Dante Tongaonevai	OL/DL	5-9	205	Soph.						
51	Jesse Thompson	OL/DL	5-10	200	Fr.						

Head Coach: Bill McDonald

Assistants: Mike Madsen, Mitch Smith, Ty Zaelit