

Prep football playoffs have  
feel-good story in Northwest Classen



Northwest Classen High School football coach Reuben Tiller addresses the team after a game against Western Heights on Sept. 19. Northwest Classen won 20-0. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY TANNER STILES/OKCPS ATHLETICS

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FOR KNIGHTS



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The overnight frost was still on the grass when the Northwest Classen High School football team took the field for its normal pre-dawn practice. Except this was anything but normal. The Knights were preparing for a playoff game for the first time since 1968. Fifty-seven years. “Man, it’s cold,” one of the NW Classen assistants told head coach Reuben Tiller, “but it just doesn’t feel that cold when it’s the playoffs.” The sun, it seems, was already shining on the Knights. As the Oklahoma high school football playoffs begin this week, there are plenty of juicy storylines. Will Carl Albert win a state record 20th title? Will Bixby claim a state record eighth consecutive championship? Will Washington and Lincoln Christian add to their dynasties? On and on the intrigue goes. But if you’re looking for a feel-good story, Northwest Classen is your team. The last time its football team made the playoffs Richard Nixon had just been elected president, a

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Northwest Classen at Muskogee: 7 p.m.  
Friday, Nov. 14, in Muskogee.

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Northwest Classen High School football player Darshawn Cross celebrates against Western Heights on Sept. 19.

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won’t support program

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Life.Church sees 1B installs of YouVersion Bible App

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An idea formed in an airport security line morphed into a website that its creator labeled an utter failure. That setback ultimately led to suc-

cess — in the creation of the free YouVersion Bible App, which premiered as one of the first 200 apps featured in the Apple App Store when it debuted in 2008. Over the last 17 years, the YouVersion Bible App that originated from Edmond-based Life.Church has emerged

as a global phenomenon, becoming one of the most widely used Bible apps in the world. Its popularity was evidenced recently when the app’s trademark imagery was splashed across giant video screens in New York City’s Times

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