

The Roster “Rebel Rouser” (Issue 3)

10/31/12 Well, did you know this about?...MAC ANDERSON '59

The guys on the first athletic teams at Lee didn't come from a winning tradition when they first busted open the doors at that new school on Jackson Keller in the Fall of 1958. But, they didn't see that history as their destiny. The students voted to be called the Lee Rebels, but the administration thought that “sounded like Trouble Makers”, so they settled for the Volunteers. The first group of Football Vols had seen their former Northeast High School varsity win only 1 game a year. But, Lee was soon going to exceed everyone's expectations in that first year. They would raise the bar for the entire NEISD. Legend has it that they staked out their notice, “No more easy pickings at Northeast Stadium.”

Excitement at the new school was running high; they showed up at Alamo Stadium to play Lanier in the Vols' Inaugural Game. LEE WINS 8-6. The biggest challenge of their season was the final game and going back home to play their friends and former teammates at NEHS, by then renamed MacArthur, and LEE WINS the first rivalry shoot out. Yep, Trouble Makers they were! Mac was the first QB, MVP, and Co-Captain of that team. They were the original Trailblazers who started the tradition of believing “LEE WINS”.

Mac played ball at Trinity. He took a hiatus and graduated from Southwest Texas State. As a new high school coach he went to Carrollton and coached under his former Lee Head Coach, Kirk Drew. He was then off to Beeville, and Kerrville. At Kerrville his Girls Golf Team went to the 1975 State Finals.

He went to A&M Consolidated , then on to Jewett (Leon) as Head Coach where Leon won their first ever District Football Championship. He moved on to Boerne, then Devine where his Girls Track Team won 2 District Titles. Moved on to Weslaco and back to Kerrville where he retired in 1999 and he still resides there.

Maybe there is a connection with Mac's background and those coaching "Pit Stops" that seemed to come with his profession. His family was involved in Drag Racing. Then in high school he and his brothers were very involved in Go-Kart Racing. Not those little putters you rent, but red hot Go-Karts and real race tracks. Again he took a hiatus, but he is now back on the race track with his brother Jeff. Today he is racing (actually driving) in Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing. A Vintage Guy himself, he is racing a Vintage 1979 Crossle Formula Ford. They are not "money racers". They accumulate points for various elements of the races such as, Starting, Finishing and Placing.

Well, he has gone full circle. Just like that Trailblazing year at Lee, he is winning. Mac has won the Point Championship for the past 2 years.

ONE OF OUR'S, MAC ANDERSON, 1st QB AND SPEEDSTER (ON WHEELS)