

Tradition & Pride of Charger Football – 2011*

The Churchill Chargers are entering their 46th year! There have been some outstanding teams throughout the years. The overall record is 311 wins, 176 losses and 11 ties. There have been 18 playoff teams, including two state semifinalists and one team that captured the state championship in 1976 with a perfect 15-0 record.

Charger teams have been privileged to play in front of live television coverage and have performed in front of better than 22,000 fans on many occasions. There have been games played in the Astrodome, Memorial Stadium in Austin, Rice Stadium in Houston, College Station and in 1996, the Chargers played in the first ever playoff game in the Alamodome in front of 18,000 fans. Over the years there have been packed stadiums in the local area. One of the more memorable games occurred in 1981, when some 19,000 fans crowded into North East Stadium and sat on the slopes of the gym to see the Chargers' regional contest. In 1999, Churchill beat Clark in the Annual Gucci Bowl at the Alamodome. This game was the inaugural game of the Annual Texas Football Classic. A great spirit has always existed among Charger teams. This spirit has been in the stands as well, and the two together have contributed greatly to the success these teams have achieved over the past 45 years.

The past 45 years have also seen some outstanding individuals. There have been many players who have been recognized at the city and state level, and many of those have gone on to play college and professional football. Two, Andy Hrcir and Carl Gustafson, who became head high school football coaches. Gary Kelly, our starting QB in 1972, became CEO & Chairman of Southwest Airlines!

Professional Football Players

Baltimore Colts, Lyle Blackwood
Buffalo Bills, Alex Van Pelt
Dallas Cowboys, Greg Schorp
Houston Oilers, Cody Carlson
Kansas City Chiefs, Gilbert Harris
Miami Dolphins, Lyle & Glenn Blackwood
Washington Redskins, Geoff Gandy

All-American, College Level

2000 Brian Natkin, UTEP

All-American, High School Level

1981 Chris Lammers

U.S. Army All-American Bowl

2002 Bryan Payne
2007 Nick Fanuzzi & Ian Harris

All-State Players

1971 David McLeod
1973 Allen Rickman
1974 Ted Constanzo
1976 Mark Harrelson (Offense & Defense)
1976 David Darr
1985 Greg Oefinger

THSCA All-Star Game

1971 David McLeod
1973 Allen Rickman
1974 Ted Constanzo
1976 Roy Murray
1977 Mark Harrelson
1978 Tom Randol
1979 Geoff Gandy
1985 Greg Oefinger*
1991 Vincent Pryor
2007 Ian Harris

San Antonio Sports Hall of Fame

2008 Coach Jerry Comalander
2008 Lyle Blackwood
2009 Cody Carlson
2010 Glenn Blackwood
2011 Marvin Gustafson

San Antonio Light's Tom McAn Award

1974 Ted Constanzo
1970 Rusty Fuller
1976 Mark Harrelson
1987 Jeff Higgins

THSCA Hall of Honor

1989 Coach Marvin Gustafson
1991 Coach Jerry Comalander

Texas High School Football Hall of Fame

1993 Cody Carlson

Defensive Player of the Year

1992 Joe Sachitano, SA Light & Express-News
1996 Ben McCellan, SA Express-News
2001 Bryan Payne, San Antonio Quarterback Club

Churchill Chargers Hall of Honor

2005 Cody Carlson '82
2006 Lyle Blackwood '69
2006 Glenn Blackwood '75
2007 David Darr '77
2007 Doug Hodo '82

The Chargers have a very exciting and competitive schedule for 2011. District 26-AAAAA will once again be one of the strongest districts in the state. As the season unfolds, undoubtedly it will be an interesting race for playoff positions and the prestigious District Championship!!!

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