

In 2009, You Could Find Bubba On the Field

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Bridger Dallimore was one of the mainstays of the 2009 Hillcrest football team. But don't call him Bridger. It's Bubba. That's the name everyone knows him.

When he was a child, he couldn't say Bridger. So now, nobody else says it. But they still know him.

In 2009, Bubba was everywhere on the Hillcrest football field. On offense, he played wide receiver. On defense, he became the team's top defensive back. Most importantly, he played all year. Bubba was one of the few elite players on Hillcrest that got through the season.

"I was hurt, but didn't have any serious injuries," he said.

Partially because he was always available, he emerged as one of the team's leaders – just like his brother, Payden Dallimore, who played for Hillcrest and graduated in 2008. Bubba led in only one statistical category (interceptions), but the most important one was most minutes on the field.

"I remember lots of injuries on the team this year, but that's what can happen when you play both ways," he said. "You have twice as many chances."



Bridger (Bubba) Dallimore was one of Hillcrest's leaders both on and off the field during the 2009 football season.

Bubba led the team in interceptions with four. He ranked second in tackles (69) and, on offense, he tied **Lucas Li** for fourth in receptions (13). He also was the player who had a punt return.

Basically, Bubba played a role in virtually every aspect of

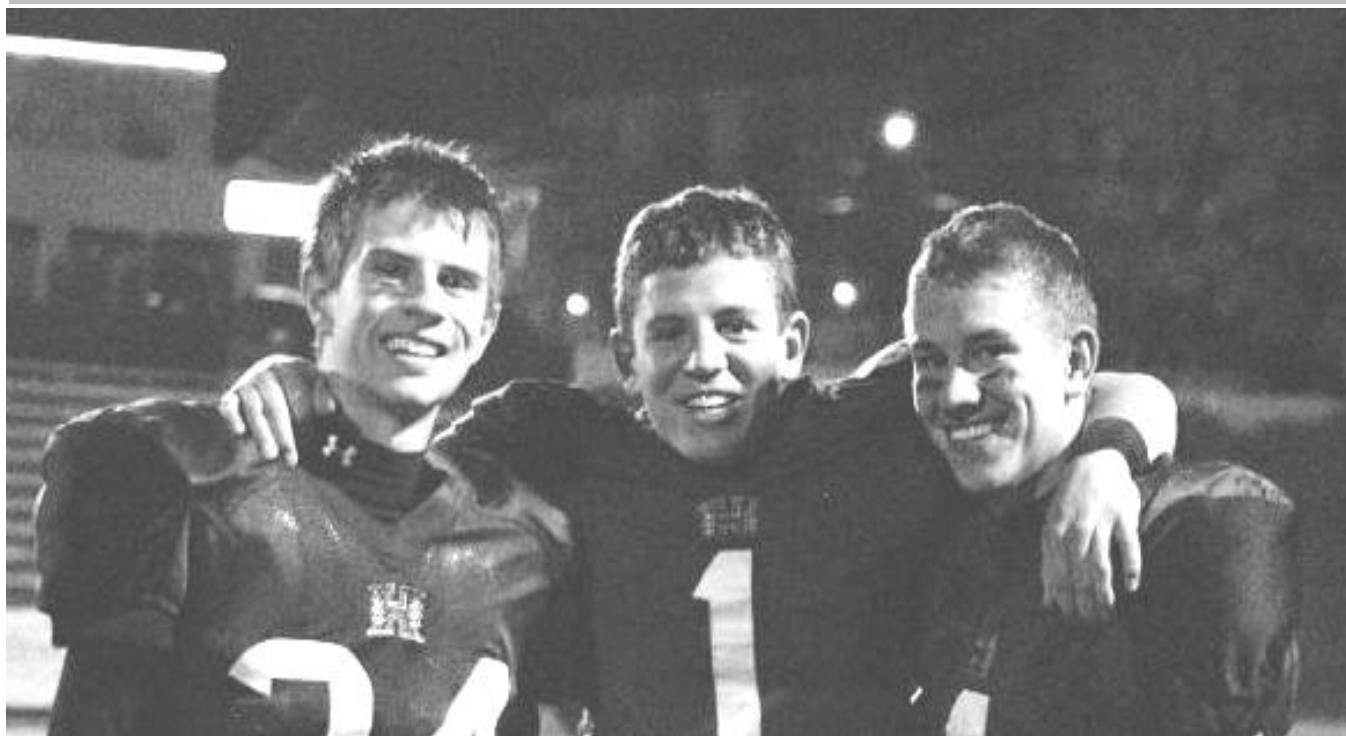
Hillcrest's season.

The team finished with a 2-8 record, and Bubba said he will remember the 41-0 win over Lehi the most.

In that game, Hillcrest opened the scoring when QB

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Bubba Dallimore (center) said he will remember the 2009 season as a great time playing with friends, like B.J. Edman (left) and Matt (Bubba) Pecht.

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Tanner Kemp found Bubba wide open on a slant pattern down the middle, and Bubba ran 73 yards for a touchdown.

“It was a perfect pass and I just ran under it,” he said. “There was no safety. I noticed that right away. That’s something I looked for on every play.”

That was one of two touchdowns Bubba scored this season. With the exception of that Lehi game, points were at a premium for Hillcrest. Bubba’s other touchdown came on a short run against Alta, which was the team’s only score in that game.

“That was also a fun game,” he said. “We played hard. It didn’t show on the scoreboard (a 49-7 loss), but we made them know we were there.”

Bubba said that the main thing he will remember from the football season was that the fun everyone had.

“We were all friends,” he said. “Everyone knew each other. We knew how to have a fun time.”

Bubba said his best friends were guys like Li, **Matt (Bubba) Pecht, Cole Christensen** and others, primarily because they played Little League football together for many years.

Bubba also knew a lot of the players because he had spent time with them in other sports.

Now that football is over, Bubba has moved to the gym, where he is part of the Huskies’ varsity basketball team. He is a rare four-sport athlete at Hillcrest. In the spring, he will compete in tennis and track and field.

And, despite his value to Hillcrest in all four of those sports, it’s unlikely he will earn an athletic scholarship.

Afterward, he hopes to enroll at a nearby university, go on an LDS Church mission, and then return to earn his degree.