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A CUT ABOVE THE REST SI's Top 20 High School Teams

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#18 Jenks, Oklahoma.

2005 Record: 9A-2

Top Players: DB Timmy Dial (6'2", 210, Sr.); DL Tanner Shuck (6 feet, 225, Sr.); QB Mark Ginther (6'1", 175, Jr.); RB Chris Adkins (5'9", 180, Jr.); OL Ty Cobb (6'1", 270, Sr.); DL Tony Gillespie (6'1", 295, Jr.)

Key Game: Sept. 8 vs. Union (Tulsa)

Outlook: Tragedy struck the Trojans in July, when starting center Garrett Bennett died in a car accident. "The talk among the players has been to win [the state title] for Bennett," says coach Allan Trimble. "They've decided they're going to play for him, and I think that's noble." Ginther threw for 1,664 yards and 19 touchdowns last year, while Adkins ran for 724 yards and seven scores. Jenks is stacked on defense with Shuck (four-year starter), Gillespie (bench-presses 365 pounds) and senior defensive backs Dial (committed to Arkansas), Devin Reed and P.J. Adeji-Paul.

10 Games to Watch

Sept. 8 Union (Tulsa) vs. Jenks (Oklahoma)

Since heating up in the mid-1990s, this is arguably the best high school football rivalry in the nation. These two teams have combined to win every Oklahoma Class 6A title since '96.

Who's No. 1 In Each State?

Rise Magazine high school football writer Jon Mahoney selects the best teams
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