

# Six Katy ISD athletes named to Touchdown Club of Houston Preseason Football Team

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Six Katy ISD football players were named to the 2023 Touchdown Club of Houston High School Preseason team, as the school district was well represented at the event.

Katy's Coen Echols, Tompkins' Ashton Funk, Taylor's Ian Flynt and Jordan's Andrew Marsh were all named to the team on offense, while Tompkins' Eduwa Okundaye and Katy's Dakys Brinkley were named to the team on defense.

Echols and Funk, both A&M commits, were named to the team as offensive linemen going into their senior years. Flynt, a Nebraska commit, joined as one of only two tight ends. Okundaye, an Arizona commit, joined as a defensive lineman and Brinkley, who is committed to Kansas, was named to the team as a linebacker.

Marsh was named to the team as a wide receiver and his big honor was being the only junior named to the team this year.

Following is the full 2023 Touchdown Club of Houston Preseason Team

### Offense

- Woodlands QB Mabrey Mettauer
- Cy-Fair QB Trey Owens
- Klein Collins QB Tucker Parks
- Oak Ridge RB Frankie Arthur
- Summer Creek RB Lloyd Avant
- Hightower RB Jeremy Payne
- Ridge Point WR Ashton Bethel-Roman
- Lamar WR Tristen Brown
- Ridge Point WR Mason Dossett
- Hightower WR Zion Kearney
- 2025 Katy Jordan WR Andrew Marsh
- Katy Taylor TE Ian Flynt
- Langham Creek TE Jordan Washington
- Westfield OL Ray'Quan Bell
- Katy OL Coen Echols
- Katy Tompkins OL Ashton Funk
- Clear Springs OL Blake Ivy
- Heights OL Frank Moss
- Klein Cain OL Gibson Pyle

### Defense

- Oak Ridge DL Joseph Jonah-Ajonye
- Katy Tompkins DL Eduwa Okundaye
- Pearland Dawson DL Edward Smith
- Shadow Creek DL Zion Taylor
- Deer Park DL Luke Webb
- Summer Creek LB Xavier Atkins
- Manvel LB Kaleb Blanton
- Katy LB Dakys Brinkley
- Oak Ridge LB Justin Williams
- Dickinson DB Rodney Bimage



Coen Echols and Dakys Brinkley proudly display their 2023 Touchdown Club of Houston High School Preseason Team plaques.



Andrew Marsh poses with his 2023 Touchdown Club of Houston High School Preseason Team plaque.

- Atascocita DB Braylon Conley
- Pearland DB Ashton Hampton
- North Shore DB LaVonte Johnson
- Fort Bend Marshall DB Joshua Lair
- Clear Lake DB Damani Maxson
- Shadow Creek DB Maurice Williams



Ian Flynt receives his 2023 Touchdown Club of Houston High School Preseason Team plaque.

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## Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate

The Fort Bend County Municipal Utility District No. 151 will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2023 on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 12:00 p.m., at Inframark Water & Infrastructure Services, 2002 West Grand Parkway North, Suite 100, Katy, TX 77449. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the tax rate that is adopted and on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property. The change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in the taxable value of all other property determines the distribution of the tax burden among all property owners.

Visit [Texas.gov/PropertyTaxes](https://www.texas.gov/PropertyTaxes) to find a link to your local property tax database on which you can easily access information regarding your property taxes, including information about proposed tax rates and scheduled public hearings of each entity that taxes your property.

- FOR** the proposal: K. Gier, N. Shipley, L. James & C. McFarland
- AGAINST** the proposal: (none)
- PRESENT** and not voting: (none)
- ABSENT:** J. Ciarella

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year \$ 0.850 /\$100 Adopted	This Year \$ 0.820 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)		
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-\$0.030 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-3.5294%
Average appraised residence homestead value	\$421,951	\$470,327
General homestead exemptions available (excluding 65 years of age or older or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average residence homestead taxable value	\$421,951	\$470,327
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 3,586.58	\$ 3,856.68
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-) and percentage of increase (+/-)		\$270.10 7.5308%

### NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' RIGHT TO ELECTION TO REDUCE TAX RATE

If the district adopts a combined debt service, operation and maintenance, and contract tax rate that would result in the taxes on the average residence homestead increasing by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax rate to the voter-approval tax rate under Section 49.23603, Water Code.

The 86th Texas Legislature modified the manner in which the voter-approval tax rate is calculated to limit the rate of growth of property taxes in the state.

Questions regarding this notice can be directed to the tax office at (281) 499-1223.



Eduwa Okundaye receives his 2023 Touchdown Club of Houston High School Preseason Team plaque.



Ashton Funk receives his 2023 Touchdown Club of Houston High School Preseason Team plaque.

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