

Segregated school made Fort Worth '60s football king

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Gerald Beal didn't need a landmark Supreme Court decision to know that separate was not equal.

"We were a small school," Beal said. "But we were blessed with exceptional athletes and speed."

He also had a mind of his own, Beal said. Metoe liked the audible.

"Metoe changed a lot of plays on me. 'No, coach, this will work,'" Beal said shaking his head as if the exchange were last week. "I said, 'Metoe, that's fine if you change the plays, but you better hope every time you change the play, it works.'"

It was Beal who called an audible on Metoe the next season. Carl Williams showed promise at quarterback and started the season

"That's the thing that prides me the most," Beal said. "Kids had the opportunity to experience some things that they never would have without Kirkpatrick."