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# Youth football team honors disabled teammate

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SPLENDORA – A youth football team honored one of its players in a big way.

For two years, 5-year-old Payson sat on the sidelines wanting to desperately play with his brothers. But because he suffers from a rare genetic disorder, he’s forced to sit on the sidelines.

Payson suffers from Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, a development disorder that affects roughly 1 in 10,000-30,000 newborns. Every week during the season Payson sits on the sidelines in his wheelchair watching his brothers play.

That is until his team made him an honorary captain, gave him a jersey and let him play in the last game of the regular season, where he scored a touchdown. Payson’s mother, Christie, caught the score on camera.



A 5-year-old who suffers from a rare genetic disorder received his moment to shine on the gridiron.  
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“Payson is so proud every time he wears his jersey and loves being a part of a team,” Christie said.

She said if it weren’t for his disabilities, he’d be out there play each week with his brothers.

But he’s still a part of the team in his own way.

“We call him the good luck charm because we had a losing season until he got his jersey,” Christie said. “They have won every game since then. (The) boys have playoffs this weekend and Payson will be there in his jersey, with his team and hoping to give them a little more luck.”

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