

SARALAND

Larson Hall: Never say never

Doctors said he would never play football again after he sliced his arm in a horrific roofing accident, but Spartan linebacker proved them wrong

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Saraland linebacker Larson Hall

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The simple fact that Larson Hall is back on the field for the Saraland Spartans is all anyone needs to know about the grit and determination of the senior linebacker. It also speaks to him being more than a little hard-headed, a trait that in this case has worked to his advantage, and that of the Spartans.

Last year, Hall was helping place a metal roof on a shooting house with family members and a teammate. The metal sheets were to slip onto the roof and snap in place like a lid, and two pieces had already been put into place as the men worked from the back of a pick-up truck, sliding the pieces onto the roof by using 2x4s. But in the process something went awry and Hall became the victim of a terrible accident.

The piece of metal slipped back toward the truck and the others were able to drop beneath it; Hall had nowhere to go and was pinned against the cab's truck, the metal slicing into his left bicep.

"I was in the back (of the truck) and it started falling back down and I couldn't get out of the way and it lacerated by (left) bicep pretty good," Hall said in re-telling a story he has told time and time again since that day.

"My immediate thought was just to get it to quit bleeding because it was bleeding pretty bad and getting to the hospital and letting them fix it up real good."

That wasn't going to be as simple a task as Hall would have hoped it to be. Instead, the laceration was deep and the damage extensive. Doctors at first told Hall he wouldn't be able to lift weights again with his left arm and they didn't believe he would be able to play football again.

This prognosis did not sit well with Hall, who refused to accept what he was being told. In his mind, he was going to lift weights again and he would, he was certain, play football again.

"I wasn't going to take no for an answer," the 5-foot-11, 225-pound senior linebacker said. "They told me that I definitely wasn't going to lift weights again; they seemed pretty sure. And football was pretty much out of the question."

"I wasn't going to take that. I went through some therapy and I always believed that I could be back out here, and now I'm back out."

Indeed, Hall is expected to be in the Spartans' starting lineup when they take the field against Andalusia on Aug. 24. But it wasn't wishing things would go his way that will

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