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Whatever success the Satsuma attack has this season will depend to a large degree on the labors of the offensive linemen, who pose for a picture.



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Hunter Williams and linemen shape the Gator attack

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SATSUMA — Two-way player Hunter Williams is clear about a goal he has for his final year wearing the Satsuma Gators' maroon and white.

"We want to be the first team in Satsuma to win a playoff game," Williams said.

But there's a 10-step program, better known as the regular season, that will be the determining factor as to whether the Gators will get the chance this season to play in and possibly win a playoff game, and Williams knows the importance of fulfilling that accomplishment first.

"We could have finished a lot better than we did (in 2018). We got too comfortable in some areas," he said.

Williams can be deployed on either side of the ball. He is listed as a right guard on the offensive line, but he has the ability to play a linebacking position as well. He said Satsuma fans can expect to see him at right guard most of the time he's out on the field.

Williams said he has heard head coach Ray Nelson's "sustain" mantra plenty, but he's going with it. He said the Gators, as made up today, are capable of making it to the playoffs and

capable of winning in the postseason once they land in a playoff bracket.

He said the offseason training, especially in the weight room, has helped make the players stronger.

As a member of the offensive line, Williams said he feels as if the three returning starters will go a long way toward protecting Satsuma quarterback Karson Green and the running backs and leading the offense to effectiveness.

It turns out Williams is not just a football player; well, he's a football player times two, as he also plays soccer, and he wears the Satsuma maroon on behalf of the school's soccer team.

Williams is a midfielder, one of the key positions in the sport. He said he is interested in the program at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College and he hopes to pursue a career in the medical training field.

So in Williams' case, he is a football player who plays a role on offense as a guard and defense as a linebacker, while on the soccer pitch his positions require him to possess offensive skills, particularly ball advancement, as well as defensive skills such as shutting down the dreaded counterattack before it gets a chance to roll.

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The Satsuma defensive linemen are a crucial element for Gator success this fall.