



TECH CHAPLAIN IMPACTS BROWN

Count Nekos Brown as a huge believer – not just in the Lord – but also in Tech’s team chaplain, Johnny Shelton.

“When I first saw him, I knew he was a man of God,” Brown said. “He’s got that presence. He’s got no worries. He’s got God in control of his life and it shows.”

Tech’s players rave about the impact of Shelton, who came aboard as the team chaplain in 2008. Shelton conducts weekly group sessions with the players and also meets with them individually. He also meets with the coaches and he takes the players out in the community as part of an outreach program. He tries to do one event each month.

More and more players are getting involved, though arguably none take it more seriously than Brown. The young man has never been in any semblance of trouble, but he holds himself to a high standard when it comes to his faith, and Shelton serves as a reminder of that standard.

“Talking to him changed my perception of life,” Brown said. “My family always has been in the church, but I never really paid attention and took it seriously. I did it because that’s what I had to do. But I didn’t get in touch with God until I met Johnny. He holds you accountable.

“If you know you’re not doing the right thing, then open that book up and read that Bible. You’ve got to do it every day for it to stick. He tells us our spiritual food is just like our regular food – you can’t live off one meal. Going to church on Sunday is one meal for a whole week and you can’t do that. You’ve got to read the Bible throughout the week to keep walking with God because there are so many temptations in life.

“You can see the change in our team. When you start talking to Johnny and getting in touch with God, it’ll change your whole outlook on life.”