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ALL-AREA
SUPER 11

11-MAN FIRST TEAM			11-MAN SECOND TEAM			11-MAN THIRD TEAM			8-MAN FIRST TEAM			8-MAN SECOND TEAM			8-MAN THIRD TEAM		
PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL
Matt Augustine, Jr.		Colby	Dylan Bryant, sr.		Hays High	Ty Brunswig, Jr.		Trego	Jordan Barrett, Jr.		Triplains	Mark Johnson, Jr.		Healy	Dustin Bain, Jr.		St. Francis
Lance Brooks, sr.		Hays High	Charlie Foley, sr.		Norton	Jeff Dennis, Jr.		Oakley	Beau Cox, Jr.		Weskan	Jeremy Lapka, Jr.		Victoria	Brian Grabel, Jr.		Harmon
Bobby Dennis, sr.		Oakley	Mat Gilliland, sr.		Hoxie	Sage Hemmert, sr.		Quinter	Tyson Drilling, Jr.		Victoria	Jesse Miller, Jr.		Rexford	Josh Keller, sr.		Palco
Keith DeWolf, sr.		Smith Center	Bobby Homeler, sr.		Russell	Trey Hill, sr.		St. Francis	Austin Panter, Jr.		Kensington	Nathan Plummer, sr.		Wribha	Chuck Knipp, sr.		Palco
Heath Klein, sr.		Atwood	Derek Ross, Jr.		St. Francis	Blaise Kriley, Jr.		Stockton	Hale Sloan, sr.		Sharon Springs	Ryan Shearer, sr.		Almeria	Laran Steele, sr.		Weskan
Nick Mondero, Jr.		Ness City	Jeff Samson, sr.		Atwood	Craig Mans, sr.		Caborne	Aaron Smith, sr.		Otis-Bison	Tyson Triplett, sr.		No. Valley	Saban Swanson, sr.		Brewster
Kyle Parker, Jr.		Hays High	Andy Schroler, Jr.		La Crosse	Mitch Newcomer, sr.		Trego	Bryce Trumpp, Jr.		Palco	Landon Truelken, sr.		Logan	Terek Wisniger, soph.		Agra
Lucas Scott, sr.		Smith Center	Alex Smelana, sr.		Plainville	Matt Smith, Jr.		Oakley	David Cary, sr.		Downs-Lakeside	Matt Wolf, Jr.		Grinnell	Kyle O'Connor, soph.		Sharon Springs
Jared Vickers, Jr.		Norton	C.J. Thiele, sr.		Norton	Mark Starr, soph.		Phillipsburg									
Jordan Sloan, Jr.		Hoxie	Tyson Troyer, sr.		Phillipsburg	Taylor Vap, sr.		Goodland									
Dusty Washburn, sr.		TMP-Marian						Hill City									

BRETT ALSTATT
Hays High School

Brett Alstatt's breakthrough senior season has college recruiters standing in line at his door.

The 6-foot-5, 220-pound Alstatt was a standout fullback and middle linebacker for the Hays High School football team this past fall.



Alstatt

Alstatt rushed for 1,061 yards and 12 touchdowns and also averaged 28.8 yards on 22 kickoff returns, returning two kickoffs for touchdowns for Hays High (5-4).

"He did a lot of that at the fullback position, where there isn't a lead blocker," said Hays High coach Kent Teeter, adding Alstatt is the first runner to get a 1,000 yards since he's been at the school.

On defense, Alstatt led the team in tackles with 83, had three sacks and recovered two fumbles.

Alstatt has had official visits with NCAA Division I schools Indiana and Wyoming, and both have offered him scholarships. He was headed to Bowling Green this weekend for another official visit. Southern Methodist also is interested in Alstatt as a linebacker, as are the other schools.

Alstatt ran for 159 yards as a junior but came into his own as a senior. The key to his improvement was his "size and strength," Teeter said. "It's his explosiveness — he's so strong, so powerful."

JORDAN BEDORE
Goodland High School

Everybody knew Jordan Bedore was going to get the football. Stopping him was another matter.

Bedore, a 6-foot-4, 258-pound fullback and middle linebacker for the Goodland prep football team, was a force both on offense and defense for the Cowboys.



Bedore

"We built our offense around the fullback position..." Goodland coach Tony Diehl said. "Fourth and a yard, he gets it, even though everybody in the stadium knows he's going to get the ball."

Bedore rushed for 1,685 yards on 271 carries and scored 18 touchdowns. He went over 200 yards in a game twice — 251 against Holcomb and 236 against Colby. In 11 games, he was held under 100 yards just twice.

On defense, Bedore had 105 tackles for Goodland (8-3), including eight for a loss. He had two sacks, recovered two fumbles and picked off one pass.

Diehl eventually moved Bedore to middle linebacker so teams couldn't run to the other side of the field.

Bedore will play at Kansas State, where the Wildcats are looking at him as a defensive end.

BRETT BEINKE
Oberlin High School

It takes a great leader to keep the spirits alive on a team that finishes under .500 for the season. For the Oberlin High School football team, that leader

came in the form of Brett Beinke, a 5-foot-9, 170-pound halfback. From running, to catching to special teams, Beinke did it. There were even a few times this season when head coach Trevor Williams ran him in at quarterback just to have a good leader in the huddle.



Beinke

"He was a leader out on the field," Williams said of the senior, who has his sight sets on Division II football. "He knew he was going to get the ball and responded well to that."

Whenever Williams needed something big, he was going to get it in the hands of Beinke. From his running back slot, he rushed for 1,605 yards on 207 attempts and scored 17 touchdowns. He also had five receptions for 108 yards.

"He's been our go-to guy for two years now."

Over the past two seasons, Beinke has rushed for more than 2,800 yards and 35 touchdowns. He's been an all-Northwest Kansas League running back two years running. This year, he also added all-league defensive back, return specialist and was a 2nd-team all-league punter.

DOUG CAMPBELL
Hoxie High School

If there were a fantasy football league for Northwest Kansas football, Doug Campbell could probably be drafted No. 1.

The Hoxie Indians got a total of 168 points from Campbell this season.



Campbell

With Hoxie never kicking an extra point, Campbell was probably in on many two-point conversions as well.

"He's the gutsy kind of player with a lot of heart and he's really coach's dream. If it was fourth and two, he wanted the ball. He was really our MVP," said Hoxie coach Dick Heskett.

Campbell rushed for 1,374 yards on just 126 carries and scored 22 touchdowns in the Indians 9-3 season. He averaged 123.6 rushing yards a game and played a key role in the passing game. Campbell caught 28 passes, five for a score, for 409 yards. He also made an impact from his linebacker position. He compiled 77 solo tackles and 17 assists for a total of 94 tackles. He forced three fumbles, recovered three and returned them for 53 yards and one touchdown.

Heskett said Campbell is not sure whether he will continue to play football at the collegiate level, but he has been looked at by many junior colleges.

JEFF HORINEK
Atwood High School

Atwood coach Dan Lankas knew he had to find somebody to fill the shoes of record-setting tailback Tanner Schmidt.

He found his new tailback in his fullback, senior Jeff Horinek.

The 6-foot-3, 230-pound Horinek wore down opposing defenses this fall, rushing for 1,625

yards (eight yards per carry) and 19 touchdowns.

"He was very durable," Lankas said. "I thought all along after Tanner graduated he would take over, have a very good year."



Horinek

Horinek also was a standout at middle linebacker for Atwood (6-3), recording 130 tackles (85 solo) for the Buffaloes.

Horinek also was the team's punter (averaging 42 yards per kick) and place-kicker.

Horinek's work ethic rubbed off on other players.

"He's just a hard worker in the weight room and on the football field," Lankas said. "He is a good motivator for the other players."

Horinek will be a linebacker at Colorado State next year.

AUSTIN KINGSBURY
Smith Center High School

In all the years that Roger Barta has been the football coach at Smith Center High School, his run-it-down-your-throat style of football has produced some of the greatest running backs in the area.



Kingsbury

This year's Smith Center addition to the Super 11 ranks right up there with any back Barta has ever had. Barta puts him up there with the best. On top of that, he is just a junior. He has one more year in the program.

Austin Kingsbury, a 5-foot-10, 160-pound junior who also plays linebacker, represents the Redmen in this year's list.

"He's right up there with the good ones I've had," Barta said. "He loves the game and so dedicated to the game and it showed on the field."

Kingsbury led the Redmen to the first round of the playoffs, something that has been expected of Smith Center for a long time. He rushed for 1,242 yards on 176 carries and scored 19 touchdowns. On top of that, Kingsbury caught 100 yards worth of passes from senior quarterback Caleb Wick and two touchdowns. He averaged 103.5 rushing yards per game.

On the defensive side, he piled up 109 total tackles (65 solo and 44 assist). He also had two sacks and an interception.

BRADY MASKA
Hays High School

Brady Maska is familiar with the option game — but not the one most football fans might be thinking of.



Maska

Maska, a standout tight end and defensive end for the Hays High School football team, has been sifting through scholarship offers from football coaches far and wide.

But the 6-foot-4, 215-pound senior also is a star on the Indians' track and field team and is in coaches' sights in that sport, too.

Several schools, including Fort Hays State University and the University of Wyoming, are interested in Maska for both football and track. Other schools, most notably Arizona State, Missouri and Kansas, are looking at Maska for track only.

The school that lands Maska will get an all-around athlete; he also starts on the HHS basketball team.

That athleticism led Hays High football coach Kent Teeter to move Maska from linebacker to defensive end in the team's new 4-3 defense this fall.

"We needed somebody athletic there," Teeter said.

Maska felt right at home, recording 37 tackles, including 12 for loss. He also deflected six passes.

"He was just a big-play person," Teeter said.

That big-play capability carried over to the offense, where he led HHS (5-4) in receiving. Maska had 45 catches for 800 yards and scored seven touchdowns.

"People keyed on him, and we still were able to get the ball to him," Teeter said.

RODNEY RIPPE
Herndon High School

Rodney Rippe could go from a spot on the Super 11 to no position at all. Rippe, the sophomore quarterback for the Herndon prep football team, stands all of 5-foot-7 and weighs 150 pounds.



Rippe

He put up eye-popping numbers while playing six-man football, but Herndon will consolidate with Atwood next fall. Rippe and the other Beaver athletes will compete for playing time on Atwood's Class 2-1A team.

Herndon coach Ryan Becker thinks Rippe's got the stuff to make the switch.

"I still see him playing 11-man football," Becker said. "He's got toughness and the arm."

That arm led to 49 touchdown passes this fall for Herndon (9-2), which made the state title game as part of a six-man league in Nebraska. Rippe completed 161-of-285 passes (56 percent), and also ran for 160 yards and two scores.

Not bad for a player who played mostly flag football in junior high.

"The kid has the uncanny knack of making big plays when we need it," Becker said. "... He really spreads defenses, especially in six-man."

DAN ROEDER
Norton High School

A quarterback who can pull back and throw the ball or kill you with his feet is something that is hard to find.



Roeder

But, Bruce Graber had one. Senior Dan Roeder, Norton's quarterback, walked softly on the field, but carried a big stick in the form of athletic ability.

His 960 rushing yards and 13 rushing touchdowns would have been a remarkable feat for many running backs. But, throw in 1,365 passing yards on 81 pass completions and 16

touchdowns, than you have a Superman, or at least a Super 11 man.

Grabber, the ninth-year Bluejays coach, described Roeder as the best combination of speed, strength and athletic ability that he's had at the quarterback position.

"He's not the biggest guy out there, but will run over you, and he can run away from you," Graber said.

Not only did the Bluejays win the Mid-Continent League title, but Roeder led the Bluejays all the way to the sub-state championship game where they were handed a loss to eventual Class 3A champion Conway Springs.

Roeder does not know if he is going to continue his football career or not but has had offers from junior colleges in the state.

CODY SATTLER
Oakley High School

A high level of unselfishness is a football coach's dream come true. And when you are part of a running back duo that rushes for more than 3,000 yards, that unselfishness is a big part of your game.



Sattler

Cody Sattler, senior running back from Oakley High School, had that inselishness his coach loved to see.

Randall Rath, the sixth year coach of the Plainsmen, said Sattler just had the will to win and did whatever it took to ensure that happened.

"His competitiveness stands out," Rath said of the 5-foot-8, 190-pound senior. "He wants to win and it doesn't matter how..."

ATWOOD HEADING IN NEW DIRECTION AFTER COACH RETIRES

By RANDY GONZALES
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No more "Massacre Canyon" at Atwood?

Longtime Atwood High School football coach Dan Lankas put up the sign at the school's football field after a rare home loss.

Now that he is retiring as coach, Lankas thinks perhaps the new coach should get a fresh start.

"I may take the sign down," Lankas said. "The new coach can do what he wants."

Whoever the new coach is, he will have big shoes to fill.

Lankas won three consecutive state titles from 1989-91 at Atwood, and was named The Hays Daily News Super 11 Coach of the Year after the 1989 season.

After a home loss during the 1990 season, up went the sign.

"We had lost a game; I told the players we weren't going to lose at home," Lankas said.

Lankas' play worked.

"We didn't lose at home for the next four years," he said. Lankas didn't do much losing, period, ever since he took over at Atwood in 1984. He has had 18 winning seasons, going 163-44.

There really isn't any secret to Lankas' success; he just treats his players right.

Splitting time with fellow senior Bobby Dennis, Sattler managed 1,236 yards on 151 carries. On the defensive side of the ball, he racked up 83 total tackles, had three fumble recoveries and six sacks on the season.

"He's very unselfish and just did what it took to win. He played every down as hard as he could go," Rath said.

Sattler is looking to continue his football career, but is undecided as to where. The junior colleges in Kansas are recruiting Sattler, and Colorado State University and Missouri have shown a little interest.

JON ZWEYGARDT
St. Francis High School

The offensive line is an aspect of a football team that is often overlooked. But, at the heart and soul of the St. Francis High School front line was a 6-foot-2, 245 pounder that was hard to miss.



Zweygardt

Jon Zweygardt, the big senior offensive and defensive tackle for the Indians, led the charge for an explosive St. Francis offense.

Zweygardt helped pave the way for players like junior Derek Ross to gain 1,435 yards and score 25 touchdowns.

The Indians finished 9-3 on the season and made it all the way to third round of the playoffs, where they lost to Claffin for the fifth time in six trips to the playoffs under 11th-year coach Tim Lambert.

Zweygardt was a first teamer on the All-Northwest Kansas League team on both offense and defense.

"Players know I shoot them straight," Lankas said.

"It probably helps you don't have to be a star on the football field to get acknowledgement from me."

But Lankas has had his share of standout players. Senior Jeff Horinek, who is on this year's Super 11, will play college ball at Colorado State. In all, some 85 players through the years have earned college scholarships. Others have gone on to be coaches. An Atwood player has been



Lankas

on the Super 11 team 14 times in its 21 years of existence.

Even though he is packing up his whistle, Lankas' legacy will live on.

And while next fall may feel strange for Lankas at first, he says he has plenty to keep him busy. He still is the school's athletic director and teaches.

Lankas left coaching after eight years at El Dorado, and spent a couple years on the farm before returning to the sidelines at Atwood.

"I just missed the coaching end of it, working with the kids," Lankas said.

A linebacker at Kansas State in the 1960s, Lankas marvels at how Wildcat coach Bill Snyder has turned the program around.

"I didn't think it ever would get as good as it is," Lankas admitted.

Funny how things go full circle.

— By NICK SCHWIEN
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COACH: Team uses every resource available for intrasquad scrimmage

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GETTING SOME HELP

Most teams have an intrasquad scrimmage a week before the season opener. Ness City wanted to have the same thing, only numbers wouldn't allow it.

So Walters asked several alumni from the school to help out.

"We had the alumni come in and play with the guys to even give them a look of what a game would be like," said Walters, who had to utilize half-line situations in practice during the season as his team prepared for upcoming games.

"As a coach, you're afraid to do that for fear of injury to your kids and to the other guys. ... But it was a chance we took, and it

worked out well. The soap scrimmage meant something to the kids."

KEEPING TRACK

It wasn't hard for Walters to tell if his team had the right number of players on the field each play.

He could easily look on the sideline and see if five players were standing beside him.

"We played Sublette, and the ref joked that it would be easy for him to see if we had 11 guys out there," said Walters, whose team played one game with only 13 players. "If we were down, maybe it was two or three standing there. ... I've seen other places where they use that as an excuse. We didn't want to do that. We had 11 out there and so did they."

But it was the total number that had the Eagles outmanned at times. Even some eight-man teams in the area had more players than Ness City.

"I went to the state championships for eight-man, and most of the teams had more kids out than we had," Walters said. "And (at the 2-1A state championship) Garden Plain and Colgan had 50-plus kids out. ... But when you have success, you get better numbers."

Jetmore, a school just down the road from Ness City, won the Eight-Man Division I state crown. But the Longhorns, also a Class 1A school, had more players on their team than the Eagles, and more total students enrolled in school.

YOUNG GUNS

The loss of the seven seniors

from a year ago left Walters with several holes to fill. And with limited numbers, that meant freshmen would have to play a key role.

Three of the freshmen started regularly.

"They saw a lot of varsity time," Walters said.

The team's starting quarterback — Alex Kuhlman — was only a sophomore. But he finished the year with 915 passing yards and threw for seven touchdowns. He also returned two of his three interceptions from his defensive back spot for scores.

The team's top running back, junior Nick Mondero, rushed for 1,498 yards on 226 carries. He averaged 166.4 yards per game and scored 12 TDs. He also averaged 14.6 tackles per game from his

linebacker spot.

All that young talent forced Walters to think differently when mistakes would happen.

"I'm coaching and not thinking of the kids as freshmen and underclassmen