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PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL	PLAYER	CLASS	SCHOOL
Jesse Dunlap, sr.		Stockton	Brent Brooks, sr.		Norton	Brady Bell, sr.		Hill City	Andy Boswell, sr.		Kensington	Matt Berlinger, sr.		Sharon Springs	Keith Blenman, jr.		Grinnell
Jock Feilzen, jr.		Atwood	Nick Evangelidis, sr.		Smith Center	Zach Brown, jr.		Colby	Vic Doane, sr.		Downs	Brian Lager, sr.		Grinnell	Kath Darnell, sr.		Palco
Matt Insley, jr.		Hays High	Blake Ginther, sr.		Atwood	Chris Long, jr.		Quinter	Josh Flax, sr.		Ransom	Josh Mussman, jr.		Almena-No. Valley	Ryan Jennison, sr.		Healy-Utica
Jerad Johnson, sr.		Colby	Kyle Herl, sr.		Hays High	Cole Mazanec, sr.		Colby	Trent Gottschalk, jr.		Logan	Logan Robinson, so.		Agra-Eastern Hts.	Anthony Knipp, sr.		Palco
Landon Johnson, jr.		Quinter	Kaid Hommon, sr.		Smith Center	Cade McDonald, soph.		Phillipsburg	Garry Lowry, sr.		Almena-No. Valley	Jacob Ruthstrom, sr.		Downs	Joe Levin, soph.		Kensington
Tim Kriley, jr.		Stockton	Joey Koerner, sr.		Ness City	Charlie Robben, sr.		Oakley	James Molzahn, sr.		Agra-Eastern Hts.	Josh Stumma, sr.		Downs	Linden Ratliff, soph.		Kensington
Jr. LaBerge, sr.		Ellis	Rex Miller, sr.		Atwood	Aaron Schields, jr.		Goodland	Cody Rush, sr.		Brewster	Austin Thalheim, jr.		Almena-No. Valley	Roger Thurlow, sr.		Palco
Greg Meyer, jr.		Hoxie	Mark Shields, sr.		TMP-Marian	Derek Schoenthaler, sr.		Ellis	Phil Widener, sr.		Brewster	Eric Vahling, sr.		Jennings-Lenora	Dylan Webb, sr.		Logan
Preston Morse, jr.		La Crosse	Cole Vap, jr.		La Crosse	Garrett Spies, sr.		Smith Center									
Tyler Ralle, sr.		St. Francis	Adam Waters, sr.		Goodland	T.J. Staab, soph.		Plainville									
Scott Schmidt, sr.		TMP-Marian	Mathew Withington, jr.		Atwood	Shane Thornton, sr.		Russell									

Aaron Bedore Stockton

Aaron Bedore wasn't a running back who looked to avoid a tackler. Instead, he ran right at them.

That straight-ahead running style helped the six-foot, 183-pound junior from Stockton gain 1,607 yards rushing on 238 carries and score 20 touchdowns this fall. He finished the season with six 100-yard games, two 200-yard games and a 300-yard game.



Bedore

Not bad numbers for a converted fullback.

"He was a north-south type of guy," Stockton coach Luke Claar said. "Once he got going it was just straight forward. He would run over the top of somebody. He'd probably rather run over the top of them than go around them. He's a power runner."

Bedore was a first-team all-Mid-Continent League selection this year, carrying the ball close to 30 times a game for Stockton (6-3).

"With us being primarily a running team, he took the bulk of our offensive burden," Claar said. "He proved he could carry the ball 25-30 times a game for us and take a pounding and get back up. When we needed yards, he was the guy to get them for us."

Aaron Glendening Stockton

Stockton senior Aaron Glendening may not go to college to become a well-known chemist. But the 6-foot-2, 245-pound guard knows a little bit about what it's like to be a team's nucleus.

"He kind of anchored our offensive line," Stockton coach Luke Claar said. "He was the strength of our team up front. Our offensive schemes were designed basically around his ability to do things."



Glendening

"He missed one game this year and it showed because we were limited on what we could do offensively. Without him in there we were not able to do normal things."

Stockton (6-3) ran the majority of its offense behind Glendening.

"Probably about 85-90 percent of the time he was out in front of the play," Claar said. "That's just how good he was. And people knew that but it was just a matter of them trying to stop him. Some teams later in the year would try to stop him more than our backs. And that's a tribute to Aaron. That shows how successful he's been."

Glendening was an all-Mid-Continent League pick the last two seasons, a unanimous choice this year.

T.J. Gottschalk TMP-Marian

A lot of teams knew where T.J. Gottschalk was going to run when he got the ball this year. The only problem was stopping him. It was something few teams accomplished.

Thomas More Prep-Marian's 6-foot-5, 204-pound senior halfback led the Monarchs (6-5) into the post-season this year for the first time since 1977. That trip included the school's first playoff win before ending with a loss in the Class 4A Regional Championships.



Gottschalk

Gottschalk set the school's single-season rushing record with 1,586 yards on 249 attempts. That 6.4 average also helped him score 14 touchdowns. He also had five catches for 120 yards and two scores.

He rushed for more than 100 yards in nine of 11 games this year, including a 301-yard effort against Colby in the district-title clincher.

"Even though the line did a great job, he was key," TMP-Marian coach Gene Flax said. "When we needed that extra yard, he'd get it for us no matter what."

He was an all-Mid-State Activities Association selection on offense and defense. He also kicked a school-record 48-yard field goal against Pratt.

Jeff Holste Atwood

Atwood's Jeff Holste, a 6-foot, 200-pounder, certainly made the best of it in his first season as a linebacker. Holste had a school-record 191 tackles this season, including 132 solo. Holste averaged 15.9 tackles per game.



Holste

"He was one of our key leaders," Atwood coach Dan Lankas said. "He did it not only by talk but also by his playing ability. He was a holler-holler type of player. He did everything."

Holste was named to the Northwest Kansas League first team on defense and at guard on offense.

Holste, an all-state defensive back last year, scored three touchdowns in a Class 2-1A playoff game at Quinter this year. Holste intercepted a pass and ran it back for a score, blocked a punt and returned it for a touchdown and returned a punt for a TD in helping the Buffaloes win.

He helped Atwood finish 10-2 this year and just miss a trip to the state championships after losing in substitute to eventual champion Clafin.

"He kind of reminds me of a Mark Simoneau type of player," Lankas said. "And he has the numbers to back that up."

Ian Mabb Hays High

A lot of opponents may not have been aware of Ian Mabb heading into the season. But they know him now, and are likely thankful the Hays High senior is graduating.

Mabb, a wide receiver and defensive back, helped lead HHS to a 5-4 record.

The 6-foot, 170-pounder accounted for more than half of the Indians' receiving yards. He finished the 1999 season with 569 yards on a team-high 29 receptions for a 19.6 average, and scored a team-high nine touchdowns.



Mabb

"He meant a lot to our program," Hays High coach Kent Teeter said. "He was our go-to guy a lot of the time. He kind of came out of the framework last year after not having very many catches. But he made a lot of big plays on both sides of the ball."

Mabb, an all-Western Athletic Conference pick, provided good run support, finishing the year with 75 tackles (43 solo). He also had a team-high five interceptions.

"He was always around the ball," Teeter said. "He has a great natural instinct for where it's going. And his speed is deceptive. He's fast and has a quick nose for the football."

Kevin Partch Cheylin

Kevin Partch was a speedster this year at running back for Bird City-Cheylin. The junior standout running back went over the 1,000-yard mark for the second consecutive season while helping the Cougars to a 6-3 overall record.

Partch averaged 8.1 yards per carry, gaining 1,423 yards on 175 carries. He scored 33 touchdowns while averaging 158 yards per outing.

Partch also averaged 23.5 yards on 15 punt returns, with three scores.

As a safety, Partch had 53 tackles.

"He meant just about everything to us," Cheylin coach Michael Green said. "We lost some quality kids after last year and he was the major part of our offense this year. Defensively he was the fastest guy out there. That allowed us to gamble a little bit and blitz the corners."

Green said Partch's explosive speed was a real factor in his running style.

"We could run about anywhere we asked him too," Green said. "He could run inside the guards or outside the tackles. It didn't take a big crease for him to get through. He was one of those guys that scored several times on broken plays."

Neal Philpot Norton

Norton coach Bruce Graber would not trade his senior quarterback for any other QB in the state.

Neal Philpot, the 6-foot-4, 228-pound signal caller for the Bluejays, put up some tremendous numbers this fall. Philpot, a standout athlete in basketball and also during the track season, finished the season 59-of-131 passing for 1,206 yards. He threw for 16 touchdowns with only two interceptions during Norton's 8-1 season. He also added 473 yards rushing on 57 attempts and eight TDs.



Philpot

"There are a lot of superlatives that can describe him," Graber said. "But probably the best one is he's an all-around great athlete."

Philpot also held kickoff and punting duties for the Bluejays and had several kickoffs go for touchdowns. He was a first team all-Mid-Continent League unanimous selection at quarterback. He was also selected to the first team as punter and kicker and to the second team for his play at defensive end.

"He was a huge force for our football team," Graber said. "If you look past the QB spot, he also did a lot of things on kickoffs and averaged 40 yards per punt."

Tracy Pruden Smith Center

Not a lot of running backs can say they averaged a first down every time they touched the ball. Smith Center senior Tracy Pruden can.

Pruden, a 5-foot-8, 160-pound halfback, played a vital role in the Redmen's wishbone attack as Smith Center finished the season 13-0 record and won the Class 3A state title.



Pruden

"Tracy has been a good back the last couple of years," Smith Center coach Roger Barta said. "This year he had an outstanding year."

Pruden rushed for 1,730 yards on 162 carries for a 10.7 average. He scored 23 touchdowns and averaged 133.1 yards per game.

"He has great speed and balance and was able to break some long runs," Barta said. "He was also a good return man..."

Pruden averaged 27.8 yards per punt return and 19 yards on kickoff returns.

He showed his break-away potential in the state title game. After taking the handoff on the first play from scrimmage, the all-Mid-Continent League selection broke through the line and bolted 60 yards for a score.

Jay Reid Brewster

Well-rounded. Superb. Talented. All-state. The list goes on and on when describing junior Jay Reid of Brewster.

Reid, a 6-foot-2, 205-pounder did a little bit of everything for the 10-1 Bulldogs. As a quarterback, he completed 113-of-195 passes with 37 touchdowns and only six interceptions.



Reid

Reid carried the ball 90 times for 503 yards and eight more scores.

At linebacker, Reid had a team-high 112 tackles, six sacks, three fumble recoveries and two interceptions.

Want more? He's also a standout on the basketball court and is just as capable during track season.

Brewster coach Larry O'Connor said Reid was a key player in the Bulldogs' Eight-Man Division II substitute run this fall.

"Offensively at quarterback we went the way he went," he said. "He could throw, run and block. Defensively he was our leader. He led the team in tackles and was a dominating player."

O'Connor said Reid was rated one of the top five quarterbacks out of 40 other athletes at the University of Nebraska's quarterback camp last summer.

Tim Weltmer Smith Center

Need a fullback to anchor your wishbone attack? Try Smith Center junior Tim Weltmer.

Weltmer, a member of the Class 3A state champions, was a key to coach Roger Barta's powerful wishbone attack.

"In our offense it is critical to fake well," Barta said. "With Weltmer and our quarterback a lot of teams had trouble finding the Weltmer."



Weltmer

He did a great job faking and when he was asked to block, he did a great job."

Weltmer finished second on the team with 1,101 yards rushing on 152 attempts (6.7 average). He was also second on the team with 20 TDs.

But Weltmer didn't start at fullback early in the year. The junior was a mainstay on the defense at middle linebacker. But an injury to the Redmen's starting fullback allowed Barta to try him on offense.

On defense, Weltmer was second to none. The 6-foot-2, 210-pound linebacker led the Redmen (13-0) with 101 tackles (59 solo).

"He gets to the football well," Barta said of Weltmer, an all-Mid-Continent League first-teamer on both offense and defense. "He understands the defensive schemes well."

Jon Zwegardt St. Francis

Sometimes the unsung heroes don't get recognized as often as the big-play backs and receivers. But when you're 6-foot-3 and 290 pounds, you tend to get some second glances.

That was the case for senior Jon Zwegardt, a presence on both the offensive and defensive lines for St. Francis (8-1).



Zwegardt

Zwegardt was a first team all-Northwest Kansas League selection this season for his play at tackle on offense and at nose guard on defense.

"He was huge," St. Francis coach Tim Lambert said. "We ran over Jon the majority of the time. He was a three-year starter for us and was the mainstay on the offensive line. He's just a tremendous blocker and athlete."

Zwegardt had 40 tackles this year at nose guard. But just because he is larger than most of his opponents, don't think he can't move like a smaller player.

"He really did a good job for us on defense," Lambert said. "He did anything we asked him to do. But probably the most surprising thing is the way he can move up and down the line."

Lambert said Zwegardt is a hard worker who leads by example for the Indians.

COACHES: Flax, Teeter lead way

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TMP-Marian's tough district competition aside, the Monarchs also defeated Mid-State Activities Association opponents Larned and Ullyesses. Among TMP-Marian's other losses was a setback to eventual Class 4A state champion Concordia.

Flax thinks his team made a big statement in the MSAA.

"We possibly opened some eyes within the league itself," Flax said. "It's a very competitive league. For us to beat Scott City and Ullyesses and turn around and beat Pratt, I think the league is finally giving us some respect."

But Hays High's schedule may have been even more daunting.

In addition to the loss to eventual 5A state champ Salina Central, the Indians also gave Garden City, the 6A state champs, all it wanted before losing 7-0. And Junction City, which Hays High beat 22-8, made the 6A semifinals.

"Looking back on it now, I think we can honestly say we were one of the better teams in Class 5A," Teeter said. "There were some pretty darn good football teams on our schedule, so we were pretty happy to end up where we were."

COACHING STYLE

One of Teeter's biggest goals coming into the season was to make Hays High football fun again.

And it didn't take long for his personality to transfer to the team.

He could often be seen streaking down the sideline, pumping his fists during a long run, or jumping into the air as the Indians scored a touchdown.

"Some coaches are screamers and yellers and demand a lot of discipline by being tough," Teeter said. "There were a couple things I felt we needed to do with this team. One was to have some fun. We worked hard, but we had fun doing it. The other was to have some enthusiasm. Football has got to be an enthusiastic sport. We hugged, we jumped up and down, we ran and gave high fives."

Flax's style contrasted that. Not that he didn't get his team fired up and have fun playing the game. But it was a more business-like approach. That was evident in the fact that the Monarchs' opponents knew what was coming, but still couldn't stop them.

"We didn't run a very wide variety of plays. Teams knew we were going to toss and trap," Flax said. "(But) if you've got the horses you can say, 'Here's the play book, and we'll even tell you the play. Now stop us.'"

Trade activity should increase after Wednesday

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

All has been quiet on the NBA trade front for the first six weeks of the season, but things should start to heat up after Wednesday, when many players become trade-eligible.

A rule in the new collective bargaining agreement prevents players who signed contracts over the summer from being traded for three months, or until Dec. 15, whichever is later.

About 130 players will be eligible to be dealt by midweek.

"Without question, Dec. 15 will loosen up some activity," Suns general manager Bryan Colangelo said. "There's been people discussing things for the last few weeks, but most likely teams are still trying to ascertain what they've got before they make a rush to judgment and make a move."

"Remember, San Antonio was 6-8 at this time last season but didn't panic. So Dec. 15 is certainly a date when activity seems more likely to occur, but teams are more likely to pull a significant deal later — in January or near the trade deadline (Feb. 24)."

The hottest rumor of the past few days had Philadelphia 76ers guard Larry Hughes going to Toronto for Tracy McGrady and a No. 1 draft pick, although Philadelphia general manager Billy King was emphatic Friday night that the deal will not happen.

McGrady has already turned down a lucrative six-year contract extension

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from Toronto and will be a free agent at the end of the season, and the Raptors risk getting nothing in return if they keep him all season and he departs next summer.

Hughes, a 20-year-old in his second season, has had a rocky relationship with Sixers coach Larry Brown.

"We're still working things out right now, it's just dragging on," Hughes said. "There's no problem directly with him. I just want to play. That's what's causing it."

Another Hughes rumor had him going to the New Jersey Nets for Kerry Kittles, but salary cap rules would necessitate a third team being brought into the deal, thereby making it unlikely.

Other names repeatedly surfacing in trade rumors are Glen Rice, Toni Kukoc, Chris Gatling and John Starks.

Rice, who will be a free agent at the end of the season, would like to go to a team that will be willing to give him a new contract starting at \$14 million — a price tag that scares Lakers owner Jerry Buss.

Kukoc, also in the final year of his contract, is one of the few remaining assets the Chicago Bulls have. He is said to be leaning toward leaving the NBA to play in Europe next season, but some playoff-bound team might be willing to acquire him for the short-term.

The Orlando Magic need to move

Gatling to clear his contract off their salary cap, giving them enough cap space next summer to pursue two top-caliber free agents, such as Grant Hill and Tim Duncan.

Starks, struggling through a poor season in Golden State, could be available for another player in the final year of his contract or a young player with some promise.

DUNK CONTEST RETURNS

After a three-year absence, the slam-dunk contest will return to All-Star weekend Feb. 12-13 in Oakland, Calif.

"It's coming back," commissioner David Stern said. "We've had a lot of interest expressed by the best people, the players, who've said, 'I have a few moves that are reminiscent of Dominique or Michael.'"

"So we'll see what our players have," Stern said.

The event lost much of its luster before being removed from the All-Star Saturday schedule in 1998 when the game was held in New York. There was no All-Star game last season because of the lockout.

There has been no word yet from the NBA on the format for the dunk contest, which has been tinkered with several times to jazz it up.

DREAM TEAM

Shaquille O'Neal all but removed himself from consideration for the 2000 U.S. Olympic basketball team

this week.

"Shaq feels like he ought to let other players have an opportunity, but the door is not 100 percent closed. We'll see what happens over the next few weeks," said O'Neal's agent, Leonard Arnato.

O'Neal said he wanted to devote more time to his 3-year-old daughter, and a 42-day commitment to the Olympic team right before the start of training camp would prevent him from doing so.

O'Neal's withdrawal means the USA Basketball selection committee will be looking for another true center when it selects the final three roster spots in early January. Alonzo Mourning is the early favorite.

QUEST IN WEST

Maybe Dan Issel seemed a little too giddy Monday night when he said the Denver Nuggets have a shot at the eighth and final playoff berth in the Western Conference.

But given the wretched start by the Houston Rockets and the abysmal way the Minnesota Timberwolves have played lately, it might not be all that far-fetched.

The Nuggets, who entered the week-end with a 9-9 record that was good enough for third place in their division, are in eighth place in the Western Conference with a one-game lead over the 7-9 Timberwolves, losers of four straight.

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