

Winners mark 1992 Top 11 team

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The obvious attribute of The Salina Journal's All-Area Top 11 is that each member of the team is an outstanding football player.

They have to be, in order to be selected as one of the 11 best players among the more than 2,000 who play on 86 high school teams in the Journal's 31-county circulation area of north central and northwest Kansas.

But there's more to this Top 11 than touchdowns and tackles.

■ Nick Brumbaugh of Smoky Valley enjoys the outdoors, including fishing and hunting, and will attend college. He carries a 3.8 grade point average.

■ Casey Vidricksen of Salina Central also enjoys hunting, but finds plenty of time to remain on the school honor roll for four years as well as being named to the National Honor Society and selected as a Kansas Honor Scholar. He hopes to major in pre-medicine in college.

■ Jeff Koch of Clifton-Clyde is a self-described "sports fanatic" but is also a future business leader. He was elected as a state officer for the Kansas Future Business Leaders of America and plans to major in business administration in college.

■ Curtis Albin of Quinter enjoys lifting weights. He led his team to the Eight-Man I state championship on Nov. 21, but is equally proud of the three academic awards the school won last week. The junior hopes to major in administration in college.

■ Corby Milleson of Smoky Valley enjoys painting and drawing and plans to attend a college where he can pursue a degree in business or art, or both.

■ Trent VanEaton of Stockton enjoys hunting, fishing and weightlifting which he said has enhanced his athletic performance. He has maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout high school and wants to major in pre-medicine.

■ Mike Lankas of Atwood, who will be one of the state's top recruited athletes next year, also enjoys hunting and fishing. He carries a 3.8 GPA.

■ DeShawn Fogle of Chapman said listening to music and eating any Italian food are his favorite hobbies. He is proud of his continuing effort to make the school honor roll and wants to major in business administration in college and possibly pursue a career in the military.

■ Sam Wilson of Salina Central wants to attend college. The Mustangs' junior running back also enjoys competing in track and field.

■ Jason Hooper of Goodland enjoys hunting and fishing and is looking forward to attending college.

■ Matt Biehler of Herington is another one of those outdoor-types. He is proud of his 3.5 GPA and will attend college next fall.

The Players
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Football Team

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THE 1992 ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM — (From left) Casey Vidricksen, Salina Central (7); Mike Lankas, Atwood (40); Jeff Koch, Clifton-Clyde (55); DeShawn Fogle, Chapman (back); Sam Wilson, Salina Central (21); Nick Brumbaugh,

Smoky Valley (back); Trent VanEaton, Stockton (13); Matt Biehler, Herington (back); Jason Hooper, Goodland (9); Corby Milleson, Smoky Valley (back); Curtis Albin, Quinter (22); Coach-of-the-Year Phil Wilson, Stockton.

Big loss helps Wilson focus Stockton team

By TIM FITZGERALD
The Salina Journal

It was one of those losses that could either make or break a football team.

Stockton had just lost to Rooks County rival Plainville 28-14 to drop the Tigers' record to 4-2. If the loss itself wasn't bad enough, Stockton had to face three-time Class 2-1A state champion Atwood the next Friday night in the first district game of the season.

It was time to play serious football or take a serious beating.

"We thought we would play a better game against Plainville," said Stockton coach Phil Wilson, whose midseason retooling of the Tigers led him to a state

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Player, School	Height	Weight	Year	Position
Curtis Albin, Quinter	5-8	165	Junior	Running back-Defensive back
Matt Biehler, Herington	6-2	215	Senior	Offensive Tackle-Linebacker
Nick Brumbaugh, Smoky Valley	6-2	190	Senior	Tailback-Defensive back
DeShawn Fogle, Chapman	6-2	205	Senior	Running back-Linbeacker
Jason Hooper, Goodland	5-10	165	Senior	Quarterback-Defensive back
Jeff Koch, Clifton-Clyde	6-0	210	Senior	Offensive line-Linebacker
Mike Lankas, Atwood	6-2	205	Junior	Running back-Linebacker
Corby Milleson, Smoky Valley	5-11	240	Senior	Offensive line-Defensive line
Trent VanEaton, Stockton	5-10	185	Senior	Running back-Linebackers
Casey Vidricksen, Salina Central	6-2	185	Senior	Quarterback-Defensive end
Sam Wilson, Salina Central	5-10	175	Junior	Running back

Coach of the Year: Phil Wilson, Stockton



GORILLA WIN — Pittsburg State's Ronald Moore helped the Gorillas dodge an NCAA II playoff upset Saturday. See Page 26.

Jets realize strength of Chiefs defense

New York coach mixes lineup for today's game

By The Associated Press
EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Bruce Coslet has found a unique approach to the challenge of facing a dominating defense. It's called panic.

Or maybe Coslet realizes that, at 3-8 and with the AFC West-leading Kansas City Chiefs (7-4) coming to the Meadowlands today, he has nothing to lose by shuffling the lineup.

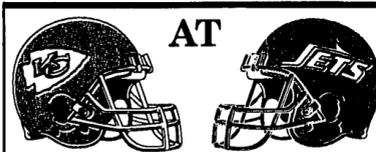
But he has picked some unusual moves, such as benching his two most experienced blockers on the left side of the line and switching from the more mobile but green Browning Nagle to experienced but stationary Ken O'Brien at quarterback.

O'Brien, a 10-year veteran, has been through this before and won't flinch at the assignment. He might do plenty of flinching, however, if rookie Stupeli Malamala is overwhelmed by Derrick Thomas.

Malamala gets his first start and first significant action at tackle, replacing Jeff Criswell. Malamala faces the leading sacker in the AFC.

"It's a challenge for the guy," O'Brien said of the third-round draft pick out of Washington. "We have absolutely nothing to lose at this point of the season. He will make some mistakes, but hopefully they will not be glaring."

Thomas would not admit he was jumping for joy at the prospect of playing an untested rookie.



KANSAS CITY AT NEW YORK JETS
WHERE: Giants Stadium (76,891), East Rutherford, N.J.
WHEN: Today, noon.
TELEVISION: NBC, Salina cable 3, 7.
RADIO: KINA, 910-AM.
LAST WEEK: Kansas City defeated Seattle, 24-14; New York lost to New England, 24-3.
RECORDS: Kansas City, 7-4; New York, 3-8.

Perhaps it doesn't matter because Thomas has been one of the NFL's best linebackers since joining the Chiefs in 1989.

"I see tight ends, running backs, wingbacks getting in position for me," Thomas said. "They just all try to interfere with me rushing at the quarterback."

Malamala knows his starting debut could be a long affair. He'll also be working next to Roger Duffy and Dave Cadigan at guard as Coslet opts for a rotation. The shuffling and shuffling comes at a curious time, considering how dangerous Thomas, Neil Smith, Dan Saleaumua and Tracy Simien are.

"I think he is the best outside linebacker — maybe LT is up there, so Thomas is one of the best," Malamala said. "I think I can get the job

done. I can't lose confidence in myself or else it will kill me."

And maybe his quarterback, too. "I can't say I didn't think about it," Coslet said of the matchups his moves have created. "But you can't let the other team dictate what you are going to do all the time."

"Kansas City has a great defense, probably the best we've played this year. They have a great scheme and really big-time players."

The Jets have had big-time problems. While Kansas City has won three straight and is in the midst of the playoff chase, New York has made several strides backward this year.

The benching of Nagle, temporary as it might be, could be a sign that Coslet is losing confidence in his second-year quarterback.

"I don't look that deeply into things," Nagle said. "If he has something to say, Bruce says it."

Coslet says that O'Brien starts if a chip fracture in the thumb is up to it. And that Malamala will be the left tackle. And that three into two will go at guard.

All of those maneuvers surprised Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer, who said he thought "they have a pretty strong group of blockers."

As for O'Brien starting, Schottenheimer mentioned the numerous recent quarterback changes in the league.

"This change is one go to a guy like O'Brien with a lot of experience," Schottenheimer said.

Grounded Jets

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