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Members of the 11th annual Hays Daily News Super 11 football team are, back row from left: Brandon Grauerholz of Kensington, Todd Kriley of Stockton, Mark Simoneau of Smith Center, Andy Pfannenstiel of Stockton, Spencer Levin of Kensington and Garrett Geist of Hays High. Front row, from left, are Josh Reid of Brewster, Monty Beisel of Victoria, Chris Dennis of Oakley, Thane VanEaton of Stockton and Coach-of-the-Year Jesse Jackson of Kensington. Not pictured is Jon Hooper of Goodland.

## Goldbug star Levin makes Super 11 history

By TERRY GASTON

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Spencer Levin was in some pretty good company for The Hays Daily News' 10th annual Super 11 all-area football team last season. Levin, a Kensington standout who made the Super 11 as a sophomore in 1992, was among seven players who returned to the squad in '93. This year, Levin makes history on the 11th annual Super 11 team. He is the first player to be selected three years. Fourteen others were chosen twice.

Levin and senior Brandon Grauerholz, along with Coach of the Year Jesse Jackson, represent Kensington on this year's Super 11. Stockton also has three representatives in seniors Todd Kriley and Andy Pfannenstiel and sophomore Thane VanEaton.

Brewster junior Josh Reid makes his first appearance on the all-area football squad. Hays High School senior Garrett Geist, Victoria sophomore Monty Beisel, Oakley senior Chris Dennis and Goodland senior Jon Hooper complete the 1994 Super 11.



PLAYER	HT.	WT.	CLASS	POS.	SCHOOL
Monty Beisel	6-3	205	Soph.	DE-TE	Victoria
Chris Dennis	6-11	190	Sr.	FB-S	Oakley
Garrett Geist	6-3	215	Sr.	MLB	Hays High
Brandon Grauerholz	6-5	205	Sr.	G-DE	Kensington
Jon Hooper	6-0	170	Sr.	QB-DB	Goodland
Todd Kriley	6-2	225	Sr.	T-OT	Stockton
Spencer Levin	6-0	210	Sr.	TB-LB	Kensington
Andy Pfannenstiel	5-11	205	Sr.	FB-LB	Stockton
Josh Reid	6-5	190	Jr.	QB	Brewster
Mark Simoneau	6-1	215	Sr.	RB-LB	Smith Center
Thane VanEaton	5-11	190	Soph.	TB-LB	Stockton

COACH OF THE YEAR — Jesse Jackson, Kensington

ing touchdowns in 1994, gaining 1,376 yards during the 13-0 Goldbugs' run to the Eight-Man Division II state championship.

Since Kensington averaged just three quarters a game thanks to the 45-point rule, Levin only averaged about a quarter and a half of action per game.

Therefore, this year's rushing didn't match the 1,600-plus yards gained during both his sophomore and junior seasons.

Levin also had nine receptions for 223 yards and four TDs, and was 4-for-10 on pass attempts for 140 yards and two TDs.

Levin, a linebacker on defense, also led the Goldbugs with 64 tackles.

Jackson said Levin is exploring collegiate possibilities in several sports; he also plays basketball and is a three-time state discus champion in track.

matching Levin's three-peat. One year at a time, though.

So far, so good for the 6-3, 205-pound Beisel. Defensively, he had 75 tackles (43 solo) with 17 for lost yardage, eight quarterback sacks, 15 quarterback hurries, two broken-up passes and two fumble recoveries for Victoria.

The Knights finished 6-4 and were beaten by Stockton in 2-1A bi-district play.

On offense, Beisel had 39 receptions for 608 yards and five TDs, and he ran for seven more TDs and 300 yards. Beisel has made at least one reception in each of his 19 prep games and has 60 catches in his short career.

had seven kickoff returns for a 25-yard average and eight punt returns for a 16.3 average.

Dennis, who had seven interceptions his junior season, has received calls from a few major colleges and most of the Kansas junior colleges, as well as NCAA Division II schools like Fort Hays State University.

**GARRETT GEIST**  
HAYS HIGH

Hays High coach Larry Mills thought Clint Newell's school record for tackles in a season might stand for a long time.

That depends on what you call a long time. Geist had 148 tackles during a rebuilding season for Hays High, which finished 3-6 after a record-breaking 1993 season.

And the 6-3, 215-pound Geist helped fill the void after the graduation of several seniors last year.

"He was a great competitor, but we didn't know what kind of a leader he would be," Mills said of Geist.

"Even in our week of summer practice, we saw he was going to step up into that role." Geist's 148 tackles were five more than the

**CHRIS DENNIS**  
OAKLEY

Since his coach was his father, perhaps the 5-11, 190-pound Dennis felt he had a little more to prove.

The results of some hard offseason work resulted in six interceptions for a 32.7-yard return average, with one return for a TD. He also had 143 tackles (104 assisted) from his safety position.

Dennis had 191 carries for 1,208 yards and 14 TDs out of the backfield for Oakley, a Class 3A playoff qualifier that finished 6-4.

He punted 25 times for a 40-yard average,

**MONTY BEISEL**  
VICTORIA

As the two sophomores on the Super 11 team, both Beisel and VanEaton have shots at

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## Jackson goes out in style, wins state before retiring

By RANDY GONZALES

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His first year, they went 1-8.  
His second year, they went 2-7.  
His third year, they went 3-6.

By his fourth year, Jesse Jackson was beginning to think the good people of Kensington might soon be wanting a new football coach.

But during that fourth season, in 1979, Kensington switched to eight-man ball.

And the Goldbugs haven't had a losing season since.

In its first year of playing eight-man, Kensington won the state title.

Now, it's come full circle. Kensington went 13-0 in 1994 and won the Eight-Man, Division II state title in Jackson's last season as coach.

And, Jackson is the Coach-of-the-Year on the 11th annual Hays Daily News All-Area team.

Jackson decided a year ago that, win or lose, 1994 would be his final year patrolling the Kensington sidelines.

His son, Jared, was the team's quarterback.

All-Area Coaches of the Year	
1984	Tom Cross, Hays High
1985	Larry Friend, Plainville
1986	Nell Mallig, Norton
1987	Chuck Fessenden, Almena-No. Valley
1988	Doug Moschel, Victoria
1989	Don Lentz, Atwood
1990	Chuck Fessenden, Almena-No. Valley
1991	Glen Eberbacher, Sharon Springs
1992	Don Balluch, Quinter
1993	Larry Mills, Hays High
1994	Jesse Jackson, Kensington

As soon as Jared graduated, the father was stepping aside after nearly two decades.

"I told the superintendent a year ago, so they would be prepared," Jackson said.

Nobody was prepared for the Goldbug juggernaut this season. Kensington avenged a loss in last year's state title game by steamrolling every team in its path.

Only the 45-point "mercy rule" could stop the Goldbugs; nine times games ended early this season because of the point spread.

While Kensington had several starters returning this season, Jackson made sure they were focused on the task at hand.

Kensington won the Class 1A boys' state basketball title last year, and Jackson asked the players which feeling they liked better — the one after that game, or the one after the state title game in football.

The Goldbugs' play this fall answered Jackson's question, loud and clear. Kensington's average score this season was 48-7.

The offense, led by senior tailback Spencer Levin, was unstoppable. And the defense was just as dominating.

Jackson was a master at making adjustments.

For example, in the first game against arch-rival Almena-Northern Valley, the Huskies spread their defense in an attempt to stop Levin on his patented sweeps.

So, Jackson had the Goldbugs tear through the heart of the Northern Valley line, running up the middle in a big win.

On defense, Jackson coached his players to

follow a simple key to stop one of the most successful offenses in state history.

The misdirection attack made popular by Midway-Denton in the '80s is still used by several teams on the Goldbugs' schedule.

Jackson devised a defensive scheme to have his linemen and linebackers shoot through the gaps whenever the guards pulled.

It sounds so simple. And so effective.

In the state semifinals against Ashland's "Midway-Denton" offense, Kensington's defense dominated the line of scrimmage in an easy victory.

Jackson said experience made the difference. Many of his players were three-year starters, and some started all four years.

"They've seen everything before," Jackson said. "At state, we blitzed maybe three times; we just read the key."

Jackson has seen it all before. And adjusted with the times, going 128-63 in his 19 seasons.

Five years ago, the Goldbugs passed on almost every down when Kirby Rust was quarterback. With Levin around, throwing the ball had become a passing fancy.

"Kirby threw as much in one game (then) as we did all year (now)," Jackson said.

Jackson remembers when his son, Jared, threw five interceptions in his second game of his freshman year. My, how times have changed. This year, Jared tossed 15 touchdown passes with nary an interception. A coach's son, you could tell.

"He knows to throw it away when he has to," Coach Jackson said.

And, Jackson isn't throwing anything away, by stepping down as coach. He will still be at the games, just behind the fence, in the stands.

"I can become an expert instantly," he said with a laugh. "I can be behind the fence."

He still remembers a game against Northern Valley when Jared was 6 years old. Coach Jackson opted for a quarterback sneak on fourth-and-inches. It was stuffed.

After the game, little Jared comes up to his dad and asks "why did you run that play?"

Jesse could only laugh.

They may have stopped the Goldbugs that time.

But nobody could stop them in 1994.

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
Chris Clausen	Sr.	Stockton	Chris Hancock	Sr.	St. Francis	Joey Bush	Sr.	Smith Center	Treye Anholz	Sr.	Blvd. City-Stockton
Levin Grauer	Sr.	Stockton	Rich Baubach	Sr.	Stockton	John Cross	Sr.	Russell	Andy Beckman	Sr.	Agonagon
Spencer Levin	Sr.	Kensington	Tom Gilling	Sr.	Hays High	Scott Williams	Sr.	Oakley	Lance Dible	Sr.	Rexford-Gol. Plains
Thane VanEaton	Sr.	Stockton	Brian Hanson	Sr.	Atwood	Byron Glick	Sr.	Plainville	Tyson Flax	Sr.	Ransom
Mark Simoneau	Sr.	Smith Center	Eric Hoke	Sr.	North	Matt McDonald	Sr.	Phillipsburg	Jared Jackson	Sr.	Kensington
Andy Pfannenstiel	Sr.	Stockton	Eric Nighot	Sr.	WV City	Brad McDougall	Jr.	Atwood	Jesse Muesman	Sr.	Almena-No. Valley
Josh Reid	Jr.	Brewster	Jeff Ruder	Jr.	Victoria	Brice Pfannenstiel	Sr.	Goodland	Michael Sanderson	Jr.	Brewster
Monty Beisel	Soph.	Victoria	Sean Schmidt	Jr.	Hays High	Andy Roling	Jr.	St. Francis	Joshua Ward	Sr.	Lucas-Lurey
Garrett Geist	Sr.	Hays High	Ryan Schmitz	Sr.	Hays High	Scott Ruppel	Sr.	Hays High	Travis Brown	Sr.	Stockton
Jon Hooper	Sr.	Goodland	Lane Tamm	Sr.	Goodland	Sammy Russell	Sr.	Minon			
			Chris Dennis	Sr.	Oakley	Scott Tubert	Sr.	Osborne			