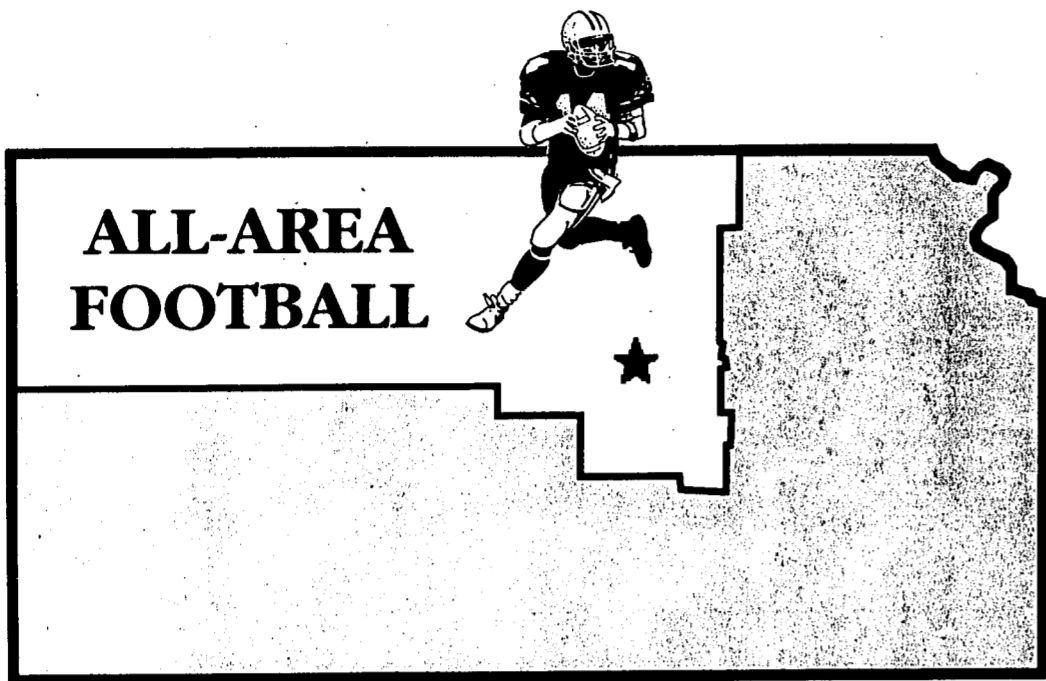


1992 ALL-AREA FOOTBALL

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The Salina Journal All-Area All-Class Football Teams feature the top players in the high school classifications of the Salina Journal's circulation area in north central and northwest Kansas. Players in classes 4A and 5A are combined.



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Class 4-5A All-Area Team

The Players

OFFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — DeShawn Fogle. Chapman's running back finished the season with 1,729 yards on 367 carries in helping the Irish to a semifinal berth in the Class 4A state playoffs.

ENDS — Jackson, a member of Hays' talented junior class, caught 27 passes for 631 yards and seven touchdowns and was an All-Western Athletic Conference first-team pick. Woodard used an imposing 6-foot-4 frame from the tight end position to catch 48 passes for 626 yards and eight touchdowns and secured an all-league spot.

LINEMEN — Dreiling was an All-MSAA pick and the top lineman for the Broncos. Geering helped pave the way for Central running back Sam Wilson and was an All-I-70 League selection. Hall was the Irish's top lineman and an All-NCKL choice. Kuhn, a 248-pound junior, was an all-league pick in the rugged WAC. Millison was a three-year starter for the Vikings and a unanimous All-CKL selection on offense.

QUARTERBACK — Hooper produced some of the best quarterback numbers in Kansas with 1,877 yards passing (129 of 239) for 23 touchdowns. He also ran for 209 yards and was named to the All-NWKL first team.

BACKS — Brumbaugh was a two-time All-Central Kansas League pick on offense. He finished with 1,241 yards rushing and 20 touchdowns in helping Smoky Valley to an unbeaten regular season. Wilson was an I-70 all-league selection in a dazzling junior season for the Mustangs. He rushed for 1,382 yards and 12 touchdowns.

DEFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — David

The Team

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HONORABLE MENTION
Corey Allen, TMP-Marian (OL); Joel Applebee, Russell (QB-LB); Ryan Anderson, Colby (QB); John Barker, Abilene (TE-LB); Darren Benfer, Clay Center (OL); Terry Beverly, Salina Central (DL); Ronnie Bozberger, Russell (WR-LB); Matt Bracken, Chapman (OL); Jeremy Calip, Goodland (OL); Dennis Costlow, Chapman (QB-DB); Marc Fenner, Goodland (WR); Justin Foos, Colby (WR); John Grant, Concordia (RB); David Hanzlik, Russell (WR-FS); Troy Hoffman, TMP-Marian (QB-DB); Jason Hoover, McPherson (QB); Chris Lambert, Salina South (WR-DB); Jared Nelson, Smoky Valley (LB); Beau Oakley, Smoky Valley (WR-DE); P.J. Peters, Hays (QB); Luke Racette, Chapman (LB); Shane Richards, Hays (OL-LB); Ricky Roberts, Salina South (OL-DL); Dan Short, Salina Central (RB-CB); Steve Stecklein, TMP-Marian (RB); Mike Sutton, Salina South (LB); Ryan Wedel, Abilene (QB-P).

Hudson. Called an "absolutely vicious hitter" by one opposing coach, Hudson had 70 tackles and three interceptions this season for the Bearcats and 14 interceptions for his career. He was a unanimous selection on the Central Kansas all-league team.

LINEMEN — In addition to being an outstanding fullback, Albers excelled on defense as well with 70 tackles. He was All-NCKL on offense and defense. Haynes had 72 tackles for four quarterback sacks for Hays High. Schuman was a two-way starter for the second straight year for South. Vidrickson, also an outstanding quarterback, excelled at defensive end for the Mustangs in the second half of the season to further solidify the Central defense.

LINEBACKERS — Dodge led the Central defense in tackles, returned an interception for a TD, kicked two field goals, 25 extra points and was named to the I-70 all-league team. Hackney was Hays' leading tackler as a junior with 76 stops. McCune earned All-Ark Valley League honors by leading his team in tackles with 127. Wierners led a young Clay Center team on defense and earned All-NCKL honors. He also rushed for over 500 yards on offense.

BACKS — Crumbaker had 86 tackles, five interceptions and three fumble recoveries to earn All-NWKL honors. Warta had two interceptions and was an All-NCKL selection on both offense and defense for the Irish.

Class 3A All-Area Team

The Players

OFFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Josh Waddell. The Plainville junior ran for 1,390 yards, scored 12 touchdowns and was the Mid-Continent League's top running back. The first-team All-MCL pick has run for 2,140 yards in his career.

ENDS — Bailey caught 32 passes for 601 yards and five touchdowns for the Railroaders and was also an outstanding defensive back. Hoffman had 31 receptions for 585 yards and six TDs.

LINEMEN — Rachel was an all-league selection at the guard position and was the team's top defensive player as well with 170 tackles. Hawks was a second-team all-league pick on both sides of the ball for Norton. Hudsonpiilar was a unanimous selection at the center position for the Redmen on the All-MCL team. Peterson was an All-Central Kansas League selection on both sides of the ball. Stall was a first-team All-Northwest Kansas League tackle for the Plainmens.

QUARTERBACK — Thyaufalt was a second-team all-league quarterback in leading the Cardinals into the semifinals of the 3A playoffs with 762 yards of total offense and 13 touchdowns.

BACKS — Beckman led the Northwest Kansas League in rushing with 1,087 yards and 14 touchdowns and also had over 100 tackles on defense. Franklin was named to the All-MCL team with 850 yards rushing, 19 touchdowns and a team-leading 84 tackles on defense.

DEFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Matt Biehler. An all-league player on both sides of the ball, the Herington senior had 138 tackles for a team that went from 1-8 to 8-2. Biehler was a four-year starter on

The Team

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HONORABLE MENTION
John Baetz, Smith Center (OL-DL); Chad Burt, Belleville (LB); Ty Cass, Hoxie (DE); Kelsie Chapman, Minneapolis (RB); Joshua Deines, Wakeeney (TE); Clint Elliott, Plainville (DL); Lonnie Fink, Phillipsburg (LB); Jayme Gowith, Minneapolis (QB); J.D. Halliger, Wakeeney (RB); David Heublein, SE-Saline (RB-DE); Justin Hurley, Belleville (OL); Brock Hutchinson, Smith Center (QB-DB); Tony Labuary, Beloit (OL); Aaron Larson, Oberlin (P-K); Brian Levandofsky, Belleville (DL); Darren MacFee, Oberlin (OL); Jason May, Marion (RB-LB); Jason Ochompaugh, Plainville (OL); Lance Patterson, Phillipsburg (RB); Carson Rowh, Norton (RB); Erik Shupe, Minneapolis (SE); Tim Summerville, Marion (OT-DT); Thurston Thiess, Marion (RB-DB); Justin Trost, Belleville (LB); C.J. Vogel, Hillsboro (RB-P); Kyle Vogler, Oakley (DL); Kevin Winter, Hillsboro (LB).

defense for the Railroaders. LINEMEN — VanKooten and Ward formed a formidable duo on the defensive line for the MCL co-champion Panthers. VanKooten, an all-league player on both sides of the ball, had 50 tackles and three sacks on defense. Ward was an all-league defensive end as well as a fine quarterback. Duerksen was one of the leaders of a rugged Hillsboro defense which allowed less than 10 points a game with 73 tackles and three sacks. Lambert was an all-league choice for the second straight year for the Redmen.

LINEBACKERS — Isbell led the North Central Kansas League in tackles with 128 and also had

three fumble recoveries from his middle linebacker position. Pickrell was an all-league pick as a junior and a senior, was second in the Central Kansas League with 127 tackles and first with six quarterback sacks. Wade paced the No. 1-ranked defense in the Northwest Kansas League with 117 tackles.

BACKS — Herl had 56 tackles, four interceptions and knocked down 12 passes for Hoxie. Dale had 70 tackles and four interceptions for Plainville's tough defense. Couture was a hard-hitting safety for the Buffaloes with 63 tackles and one interception.

The Players

OFFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Joel McReynolds. The Stockton quarterback accounted for 1,500 yards of total offense in leading the Tigers to the Class 2-1A championship. In the title game against Frontenac, the All-MCL selection threw three TD passes.

ENDS — Weidenhaft caught 38 passes for 481 yards from his tight end position, including two for touchdowns in the state title game. Schack, an All-MCL pick on offense and defense, caught 28 passes for 431 yards and six touchdowns.

LINEMEN — Lillich and Ruda were both All-Northwest Kansas League selections for an Atwood team that has won 43 of 47 games in the last four years. Koch was a two-way All-Blue Valley League player for an 8-1 Clifton-Clyde team. Conger was one of five non-seniors on the Tiger offensive line and was an All-MCL pick. Opat was a stalwart for Sacred Heart's playoff team and an All-Cottonwood Valley League pick.

QUARTERBACK — McReynolds rushed for 600 yards and passed for 900 for the 2-1A champs.

BACKS — Chaput rushed for 813 yards on 148 carries and 13 touchdowns, including 200 in a playoff-clinching win over Moundridge. Hays rushed for around 1,000 yards for the Railroaders and was a second-team all-league pick on both sides of the ball. Stewart ran for 711 yards for the Knights, who lost to Stockton in the first round of the playoffs.

DEFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Mike Lankas. One of the state's top

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HONORABLE MENTION
Matt Allen, Sacred Heart (TE-DE); Kent Cooper, Osborne (RB); Kevin Jacquay, Sacred Heart (RB-LB); Jason Lambert, Lincoln (SE-FS); Travis LeClair, Clifton-Clyde (OT-DT); Zach McDonald, Ellis (TE-P); J.W. Milliken, St. Francis (OL-DL); David Morrow, St. Francis (LB); Kevin Newell, Sacred Heart (QB); Mike Ohlde, Linn (OL); Andy Pfannenstiel, Stockton (RB-LB); Jason Pfeifer, Victoria (LB); Ian Taylor, Clifton-Clyde (TE-LB); Darren Windholz, Victoria (QB-LB); Jason Post, Hill City (DB); Jace Roberts, Osborne (WR-P); Tom Schmiedler, Lincoln (LB); Casey Sramek, Atwood (DL); Toby Wood, Stockton (OL-DL).

linebackers, Lankas had a school-record 135 tackles in nine games for the 8-1 Buffaloes, including 35 behind the line of scrimmage. He had six interceptions and four fumble recoveries.

LINEMEN — Bowser had 65 tackles and 10 quarterback sacks and was an All-BVL choice on both sides of the ball, while Hubert had 61 tackles, including 15 for losses. Muir was one of Stockton's young, but talented linemen and was second-team all-league on both sides of the ball at a tackle position. Dreiling was a second-team All-MCL pick at defensive end and was considered the team's top lineman.

LINEBACKERS — Bell joined

Lankas to form one of Kansas' best pair at this position. He finished with 70 tackles and recovered three fumbles. Van Eaton, one of Stockton's few seniors, was the heart and soul of the state championship team. He had 140 tackles and was an All-MCL choice. VanFeldt was also an All-MCL pick, with 175 tackles and three fumble recoveries.

BACKS — Finn and Solko formed a formidable tandem in the secondary. Finn had 44 tackles and six interceptions, while Solko had 82 tackles, two interceptions and blocked two punts. Harlow, one of the top all-around athletes in the area, had 85 tackles and six interceptions.

Eight-Man I All-Area Team

The Players

OFFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Curtis Albin. Albin tore up Pretty Prairie's defense in the Eight-Man I state championship game on a muddy field in Hays with 193 yards on 23 carries and scored three touchdowns. He finished his junior season for the Bulldogs with 2,052 yards and 31 touchdowns.

ENDS — The 6-foot-7 Klingenberg was a force on both sides of the ball for the Bulldogs. He caught 23 passes for 209 yards and three touchdowns, had eight two-point conversion catches and was an outstanding blocker. Ruddle, who is being recruited by Division I schools, finished his senior years with 25 catches for 578 yards and eight TDs.

LINEMEN — Gillespie, called by Quinter head coach Don Balluch the best center he's seen for a quite while, helped pave the way for Quinter's dynamic backfield. Nelson starred on both sides of the ball for a 10-1 Pike Valley team, opening holes for Panther backs Scott Nylund and Thane Loring. Tatro also starred on both sides of the ball and led the way for Southern Cloud running back Chris Yohe from his guard position.

QUARTERBACK — Hejek, a top all-around athlete, did it on the ground (836 yards rushing) and through the air (881 passing) for the Cougars. He completed 61 of 115 passes and scored 17 times himself.

BACKS — Yohe was a four-year mainstay for Southern Cloud and finished his senior season with a Pike Trail League-leading 1,375

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HONORABLE MENTION
Shane Antholz, Cheylin (OE-DE); Travis Antholz, Cheylin (RB); Dan Brummer, Bennington (RB); Brent Cunningham, Wacoada East (RB-OE-DB); Tony Decker, Solomon (RB); Aaron DeJairo, Pike Valley (QB-DB); Mitchell Faldkamp, Quinter (FB-LB); Ryan Foxhoven, Bennington (DL); Jon Fredricksen, Pike Valley (DE); Chris Freeman, Mankato (OL); Ted Grubb, Quivera Heights (DE); Mike Habbart, Salomon (OL-DL); Mike Harmon, Logan (OL-DL); Bryan Heinz, Grinnell (OL); Matt Hurley, Quivera Heights (RB-LB); Jeff Kleinschmidt, Centre (OE); Tim Klipp, Hanover (OL-DL); Jeremy Lehning, Logan (QB); Matt Litson, Grinnell (RB); Chris Martin, Bennington (FB-LB); Jeremy Miller, Southern Cloud (DL); Shay Mueller, Sylvan Grove (OE-DE); Trenton Pries, Canton, Galva (OL-DE); Darin Richards, Ell-Saline (QB); Chris Roush, Sylvan Grove (FB-CB); Casey Sobotka, Cheylin (OE-DB); Jon Terpening, Mankato (QB-FS); Ryan VanRoelck, Logan (OE-LB); Eric Zimmerman, Quinter (QB).

yards rushing on 192 carries and scored 26 touchdowns. Combining size and speed, Yohe ended his career with 4,100 yards.

DEFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Scott Nylund, Pike Valley was 37-4 during the last four years and Nylund was one of the big reasons. A four-year starter for the Panthers, he had 1,287 all-purpose yards on offense and had 122 tackles (11 for losses), three fumble recoveries and an interception from his linebacker position.

LINEMEN — In addition to being a fine fullback Zeigler was also a top-notch defensive end for the Cougars. Habbert was an all-

league player for three straight seasons for the Dragons. Ringler had 123 tackles and nine quarterback sacks for Sylvan's tough defense.

LINEBACKERS — Tuttle had 161 tackles and called the defensive signals for the Warriors who were eliminated by Quinter in district play. Wilcs excelled on both sides of the ball for Sylvan with 146 tackles and six interceptions.

BACKS — Loring joined Nylund to form one of eight-man's top backfields. He also had 88 tackles and three interceptions from his cornerback position. Porter had 150 tackles, seven fumble recoveries and three interceptions.

Eight-Man II All-Area Team

The Players

OFFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Justin Coup. Coup completed an outstanding senior year with 1,772 yards of total offense (1,271 passing, 501 running) in leading the Lions to the second round of the state playoffs. He completed 98 of 161 for 24 TDs, scored 10 times himself and finished his career with 5,190 yards through the air and 84 touchdowns.

ENDS — Hostetter was Coup's main target with 45 catches for 586 yards and 15 TDs. Gillum, a two-way All-Western Kansas League player, latched on to 52 passes, with 11 of them going for touchdowns.

LINEMEN — Wagner was one of the big reasons for Kensington's potent offense and one of the few seniors on the team. Young was considered the top offensive lineman on a Tescott team that reached the semifinals of the state playoffs. Zachgo, in addition to being an outstanding center and long snapper, also was a fine linebacker (150 tackles).

QUARTERBACK — Coup finished his career as the second-leading passer, yardage-wise, in Kansas eight-man history behind Kirby Rust of Kensington, accounting for 6,500 total yards and 110 touchdowns.

BACKS — Despite only being a sophomore, Levin is already one of the top eighth-man backs in Kansas. He rushed for 1,673 yards and scored 33 touchdowns for the Goldbugs who reached the semifinals of the playoffs. Riedy was the workhorse for Hope's bal-

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HONORABLE MENTION
Jarad Bachus, Hope (OL-DL); Jeff Bailey, Eastern Heights (OL); Jesse Barrera, Brewster (OL-LB); Scott Bretton, Eastern Heights (RB); Bill Broman, Downs (OE-DB); Travis Brummer, Tipton (QB-LB); Kenny Call, Brewster (FB-LB); Tom Charles, Weskan (OL); Josh Colley, Weskan (OL); Brian Delmont, Northern Valley (OE); Lance Dible, Golden Plains (QB); Cody Hower, Lucas-Luray (RB-LB); Jason Johnson, Jewell (OL); Kauri Kolbeman, Tescott (DB); B.J. Larson, Wakefield (QB); Brent McCullough, Jewell (RB); Mike Masely, White Rock (RB); Chris Mulder, Eastern Heights (LB); Chris Schemper, Northern Valley (RB-DB); Rex Schertz, Triplains (RB); Troy Tanne, Tipton (OE-DB); Lenny Zvonik, Wakefield (RB-LB).

anced offense, with 1,772 yards rushing and 29 touchdowns on 205 carries.

DEFENSE
PLAYER OF THE YEAR — Jamie McClure. McClure was also an outstanding quarterback for Tescott. On defense he led his team with 146 tackles, had five interceptions and was one of the cornerstones of a defense that allowed just 13 points a game.

LINEMEN — Bell is a two-time All-Area Eight-Man II selection. He finished with 77 tackles and six fumble recoveries despite opponents running away from him most of the time. Grauerholz, another Kensington sophomore, had 96 tackles and 11 quarterback

sacks. Nelson finished with 128 tackles, 13 sacks and six fumble recoveries.

LINEBACKERS — Gengler, who also rushed for 985 yards and 17 TDs on offense, led the Pike Trail League in defensive points for the third straight year with 144 tackles. Sruta, also an outstanding basketball player, led Triplains with 160 tackles.

BACKS — Arasmith led the Pike Trail League with five interceptions and also had 84 tackles and three fumble recoveries. Jackson, who was Kensington's quarterback as well, had nine interceptions before breaking his arm in the playoffs against Mordland.