



Grid award winners: Farmington High School football award winners are (front row, left to right) Brandon Connolly, Brice Green, Bobby Houchins, Courtland Bartlett, Joe James and Sherman Taylor; (back row, left to right) Tony Luttmann, Jason Albrecht, Jamaal Hines, Jon Doot, Preston Picard, Troy Szoppo, Delano Turner, Chase Kowalski, Brad Walsh, Jim Thruhis and Ryan Brodowski. Eleven players were chosen to represent FHS as an academic all-state team. They are Nate Meyer, 3.85 GPA; Jeff Fischer, 3.71; Dru Frechette, 3.57; Houchins, 3.57; Matt Saler, 3.57; Szoppo, 3.57; Albrecht, 3.43; Burns, 3.43; Connolly, 3.43; Eric Halberstadt, 3.43; and Matt Nickels, 3.43. Farmington's individual nominee is Meyer.

All-area from B5

He played strongside linebacker and was a key reason Clarencville was able to move up one division in the playoffs and still advance to the state championship game.

"He gave us that great one-two punch offensively," Hudkins said. "Defensively, he's our leader out there. He wasn't real emotional or flamboyant, just rock-solid steady."

Jason Smith, LB, Bishop Borgese: Blakely calls Smith the "best player on the team — bar none" for good reason.

Smith, an all-Catholic selection, had 132 tackles at linebacker, with 26 tackles for loss, eight sacks, three interceptions, caused six fumbles, and recovered four fumbles. On offense, he had 789 yards at fullback on 88 carries with 13 touchdowns. Missouri, Wisconsin, Purdue and some Mid-American Conference schools are looking at him.

"He's probably the toughest player on the team," said Blakely. "He's got good size, he's fast for his size and he's aggressive. He's definitely a Division I player. He's an honor roll student and a smart kid."

Terrill Mayberry, DB, Harrison: Mayberry did a lot of things for the Hawks, but his forte was covering the opposing team's best receiver one-on-one.

He tied for the team lead with six interceptions and supported the run defense well, too. He also started at wide receiver and had 13 catches (five touchdowns) for an average of 30 yards.

"He's an excellent cover cornerback, maybe the best in the state," Herrington said. "He has great hips — he can turn with the receivers — and great speed."

Mayberry will likely play college ball in the Mid-American Conference at either Bowling Green or Miami of Ohio.

Dan Boulter, DB, St. Agatha: A repeat selection from last year's team, Boulter did nothing to diminish his standing on this year's squad. He's a four-year starter, three-year all-Catholic selection as well as a three-year team MVP and captain for last two years.

Boulter had 1,130 yards in total offense — rushing, receiving and occasionally playing quarterback when needed. On defense, he had 45 solo tackles, 34 assists, 10 sacks, four interceptions — one for a touchdown — and returned a kickoff for a TD.

"He's getting more and more looks from colleges," said Aggies coach Bernie McKelton. "People are looking at him on either side of the ball. He's fast, not quick, at running back. He's also led our team to the playoffs for four-straight years."

Dave Condani, DB, Harrison: Condani was his team's second-leading tackler and a big hitter at the strong safety position. He started at tight end for two years, too. He had 24 receptions for 598 yards and five touchdowns.

Condani has a fullride offer from Central Michigan to play either offense or defense.

"He was an outstanding leader in the secondary, but his biggest improvement was at tight end," Herrington said, adding Condani was an excellent blocker. "In the secondary, he was our toughest hitter."

Brandon Aljousy, DB, Glen: The 5-10, 165-pound free safety wore a variety of hats for the Rockets.

He was the team's leading tackler with 62 first hits and 79 assists to go along with one interception. Offensively, he solidified the fullback position. He also threw for a pair of touchdowns out of the backfield.

"Brandon was one of our leaders, a real holler guy," Gordon said. "Defensively he was always around the ball. He made plays from sideline to sideline. He had a tremendous senior year."

Kyle Lasko, DB, Canton: Lasko was the kind of player who did a bit of everything. He returned kicks, he returned punts, he played wide receiver — he had a touchdown catch in the Chiefta's win over Plymouth Salem — but what he did best was play defensive back.

Lasko had 10 interceptions for the 9-2 Chiefta. He was an all-Western Division selection, but Albrecht said, "There's no other corner I'd rather have in the (WLA)A."

"He has great technique. He had a real knack, a good understanding of what was happening. He worked very hard last summer to improve."

Albrecht top griddler on Farmington team

Senior Jason Albrecht was named the most valuable player of the Farmington High School football team at its post-season awards banquet Nov. 9.

Albrecht was a two-way, all-Lakes Division lineman in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

Other Farmington awards went to senior Jon Doot, Granite Award (most durable player); senior Troy Szoppo, outstanding lineman; sophomore Sherman Taylor, Coaches Cup (most coachable); junior Chase Kowalski, most improved; senior Bobby Houchins, Specialist Award; senior Tony Luttmann, Key Block Award (most key blocks); senior

Delano Turner, Strong Man Award; junior Jim Thruhis, Pancake Award (most pancake blocks); junior Brad Walsh, Effort Award; freshman Ryan Brodowski, Big Play Award; senior Jamaal Hines and senior Brandon Connolly, Fireman Award (best job of filling in); junior Danny Preston, Big Hit Award; junior Joe James and senior Brice Green, Scout Team Award; junior Courtland Bartlett and sophomore Chad Burns, Our Gang Award (for getting to the ball most consistently); and senior Preston Picard, Spirit Award. Szoppo, Albrecht, Picard and Walsh also received the Captains Award for their leadership.

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