

2002 ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM

PLAYER	SCHOOL	POSITION
<b>FIRST TEAM OFFENSE</b>		
Matt Barsamian	Adams	OL
Ed Duke	Cranbrook	OL
Fred McConnell	Brother Rice	OL
Trent Varva	Lake Orion	OL
Khaliid Walton	Southfield	OL
Matt Worton	Lanser	OL
Evan Treharne	Seaholm	TE
Joel Malkasian	Lake Orion	WR
Jeff Stachowiak	Brother Rice	WR
Roger Allison	Lake Orion	RB
Mike LePage	Adams	RB
Marcus Woods	Harrison	RB
Doug Pickens	Adams	DB
K.C. Lopata	Brother Rice	DB
	Farmington	PK
<b>FIRST TEAM DEFENSE</b>		
Karl Eschbach	Brother Rice	DL
Pat Flannery	Orford	DL
Will Johnson	Brother Rice	DL
Jay Leybourn	Country Day	DL
Brandon Miller	Harrison	DL
Jerome Bennett	Southfield	LB
Jim Coultas	Lake Orion	LB
Ryan Brittain	Brother Rice	LB
Brad Walsh	Farmington	LB
Kevin Zerbo	Harrison	LB
Nick Merlo	Rochester	DB
Charles Pickett	Chase Ramsay	DB
Joel Smith	Seaholm	DB
Brandon Moore	Groves	P
	Rochester	P
<b>COACH OF THE YEAR</b>		
Dan Loria	Lanser	2nd season

**SECOND TEAM DEFENSE - Linemen:** Matt Adler, Seaholm; John Farley, Adams; Jared Kirksey, North Farmington; Dustin Suttman, Lanser; Pat Wychowski, Troy; Linebackers: Alan Guy, Adams; Derrick Johnson, West Bloomfield; Hugh Johnson, Country Day; Ren Washington, Lanser; Defensive backs: Benjamin Bertsche, Farmington; Lionel Pess, Southfield; Lathrup; Ryan Griffith, Troy; Anthony Jackson, Brother Rice; Kevin Littleton, Country Day; Shomari Moss, Southfield; Punter: Drew Mosser, Groves.

**SECOND TEAM OFFENSE - Linemen:** Luke Barntick, Groves; Steve Knoplock, Rochester; Nick Mancuso, Athens; Jeremy Sasson, Country Day; Jim Thrubis, Farmington; Tight ends: Brad Bringham, Lake Orion; Wide receivers: Kyle Miller, Cranbrook; Kim Thompson, Country Day; Running backs: Maurice Alexander, Southfield; Steve Jacobellis, Groves; Ryan Marsh, Orford; Quarterbacks: Josh Adams, West Bloomfield; Eric Jackson, Country Day; DeJuan Warren, Southfield; Place-kicker: Andy Breen, Clarkston.

**HONORABLE MENTION**  
Adams - Karl Daniel, Grant Kosch, Ryan McKell, Jon Pettion, Andy Popchok, Geoff Politz, Andrew - Rob Campbell, Abdul T. Sayed, Chris Hopkins, Jon Miller, Chris Walker, Justin Victor, Athens - Anthony Radeppo, David Graves, Chris Millican, Lance Seal, Kyle Vanderbusche, Brandon Waelch, Kevin Barberis, Avondale - Theo Booser, Jeremy Kosch, Steve Ellsworth, Paris Holoman, Paul Jackson, Jeremy Johnson, Brother Rice - Brian Balzerini, Chris Bitoni, John Ashford, Mike Decker, Al Goultous, Jason Horton, Brian Maher, Vaughn Tomlin, Nick Vetrano, Country Day - Deon Curry, Phil Damaska, Paul Fabre, Andy Hiler, Jim Johnson, Nate Lovett, Adrian Martin, Jon Pohl, Courtland Selman, Brian Young, Cranbrook - Colin Clarke, Darnell Cleary, Alex Fawaz, Ryan Karolak, Andrew McNeely, Sylvester Ogilvie, Andrew Sherman, Dan Willoughby, Farmington - Courtland Bartlett, Jeff Fischer, Eric Holterstul, Chase Kowalski, Max Mayer, Sherman Taylor, Farmington Harrison - Dan Ayroide, Andrew Diamond, Chris Kollas, Charles Stewart, Nate Struble, Brandon Thompson, North Farmington - Steve Kahn, Marcus McComb, Jon Mott, Brian Smith, Groves - Tom Downey, Alex Edelson, Craig Friserson, Chris Krueger, Mike MacCallum, John Pierce, Steve Hamwick, Lanser - Brett Betteau, Adam Berman, Carl Anderson, Zach Grwin, John Macklin, Nick Schroeder, Lake Orion - Grant Fodor, Tom Paulsen, Nate Recknagel, Alex Traurig, Kris Wellman, Orford - Tim Breyer, Luis Gomez, Tony Lyssitos, Kyle Rowley, Rochester - Dave Brumagin, Chase Hughes, Will Lambdin, Joe Miller, Brad Prymasinski, Tim Smith, Rochester Hills Luthers, Northwest - Aaron Eller, Steve Swanson, Seaholm - Pete Bach, Rob Barton, Aaron Cooper, Steve Kassab, Matt Miko, Sam Siegel, Mike Valant, Southfield - Josh Bryant, Adam Clements, Jason Jones, Isaac Price, Donald Scott, Bob Storr, Stony Creek - James Boyd, Andre Crawford, George Nishanian, West Bloomfield - Vince Berry, Matt Koenigsnek, Tommy Nafso.

Loria honored as area's top coach

BY JIM TOTH  
STAFF WRITER

"I felt in the off-season, the way we were progressing in the weight room and coming together that we could have a good season," said Loria, whose club finished with a school-record 12 wins against only one loss. "We felt we had a shot at making the playoffs and winning the league. As we went through each game, they kept building momentum and never lost their focus. They handled the pressure and really became a tight group."

An unprecedented year of football at Bloomfield Hills Lanser left little doubt as to this year's selection of O & E Coach of the Year.

In his second season at the helm of the Knights' program, head coach Dan Loria guided his troops to a perfect nine-game regular-season ledger and three consecutive victories in state playoff action.

OFFENSE

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Following is a brief profile of each player selected to the first team by area coaches.

**MATT BARSAMIAN, Adams:** A three-year starter for the Highlanders in the trenches, the 6-4, 250-pound Barsamian took matters into his own hands and dominated on both sides of the line of scrimmage. His strength and aggressiveness were instrumental in the Highlanders' potent ground attack.

"He's a vocal kid and real leader," Adams coach Jim DeJaeger said. "He's strong, tough and was much more consistent. The overall level of his play really improved."

**ED DUKE, Cranbrook:** A 6-3, 295-pound junior, Duke anchored the Cranes' offensive front and was reliable in keeping opponents out of the backfield. A three-year starter, Duke also excelled on the defensive side at tackle and linebacker.

"He certainly has a sense for the game now," Cranes coach Gary Gerson said. "He really improved his pass protection and was a leader on that offensive line."

**FRED MCCONNELL, Lathrup:** Size, strength and acceleration - what a combination for an offensive lineman.

McConnell, a 6-4 1/2, 325-pounder competing in his third varsity season, was virtually uncontrollable for opponents from his guard and tackle positions.

"His acceleration off the ball is unprecedented," Lathrup coach Stephen Thompson said. "He has great feet for a big guy and great athletic ability. His awareness of the game improved tremendously and he became a great drive blocker."

**TRENT VARVA, Lake Orion:** Playing in his second varsity season, the 6-3, 300-pound Varva proved to be a real load for defenders. A junior, Varva emerged as one of the area's top offensive guards and defensive tackles (47 tackles, two sacks).

"He's the real deal," Dragons coach Chris Bell said. "He's very explosive, quick for a big guy and really physical. He could finish blocks and you couldn't move him."

**KHALID WALTON, Southfield:** The Blue Jays' 6-5, 320-pound senior lineman proved to be a man among boys in his third season of varsity action. His size and strength opened gaping holes in defensive fronts and paved the way for the successful Blue Jays ground game.

"Anyone we could we ran behind him - probably 75 percent of the time," Southfield coach David Reese said. "He has outstanding size and tremendous feet and his overall knowledge of the game really improved."

**MATT WORTON, Lanser:** Worton's contributions on the front line were instrumental in the Knights' success on offense, and ultimately their drive deep

into the state playoffs. A member of the varsity the past four seasons, the 6-11, 270-pound Worton found himself a starter both at offensive tackle and defensive tackle.

"He's very athletic and could really get off the ball," Lanser coach Dan Loria said.

"Defensively he made big plays and offensively he was dominating. He really made things happen and gained a ton of respect from the other kids."

**EVAN TREHARNE, Seaholm:** A three-year varsity performer for the Maples, the 6-3, 230-pound senior culminated a stellar career by hauling in 41 passes for 429 yards and five touchdowns from his tight end position. In making 35 consecutive starts, Treharne totaled 72 receptions for 829 yards and eight scores.

"It's always been an excellent blocker, but he also became our go-to guy this year," Seaholm coach Bob Carleton said. "We built our offense around him. We could put him anywhere and he would be a tough matchup for defensive backs."

**JOEL MALKASIAN, Lake Orion:** One of the state's premier wide receivers the past three seasons, the 6-1, 180-pound Malkasian culminated his varsity career by hauling in 40 passes for 827 yards and 13 touchdowns. His ability to turn short passing routes into big gains allowed him to move into fifth place all-time in state history in catches (141) and yards (2,506) and third in touchdowns (36).

"He's the complete wide receiver," Bell said. "He's a real competitor. When the game was on the line, he always came up big."

**JEFF STACHOWIAK, Brother Rice:** A constant threat to break the big play, the Warriors' 6-1, 171-pound wide receiver hauled in 33 passes for 600 yards and five touchdowns in his second season as a starter. The senior captain also found time to be a key contributor at free safety.

"He did a great job on offense and defense," Rice coach Al Fracassa said. "He was very valuable."

**ROGER ALLISON, Lake Orion:** One of the state's more punishing ball carriers, Allison finds his way onto the first team after churning up more than 1,600 yards and scoring 21 touchdowns. A junior and captain for the Dragons, Allison also provided a punch defensively at linebacker, totaling 102 tackles and collecting two interceptions.

"He sets the tempo," Bell said. "He's a great football player and is one of the toughest players I have ever seen. Roger physically punishes people on both sides of the ball."

**MIKE LEPAGE, Adams:** This bruising fullback not only left his mark on would-be defenders, but could also run away from them. Playing in his third varsity season, the 6-0, 225-pound senior compiled 770 yards on 124 carries and scored 16 touchdowns for the Highlanders, who shared the OAA Division 1

crown. LePage rarely came off the field as he also spent time as the Highlanders' rush end, punter and place-kicker.

"I was our go-to guy," DeJaeger said. "He became more physical, was our best hitter and did a lot of solid things for us."

**MARCUS WOODS, Harrison:** The accolades piled up nearly as much as the yardage did this season for the Hawks senior running back. Woods used his 5-8, 182-pound frame to rack up better than 1,500 yards and register 22 touchdowns, en route to breaking Hawk great John Miller's career marks for both at the school.

"I said it over and over, 'he makes yards after contact,'" Harrison coach John Herrington said. "He has that great ability to cut back and run low to the ground. We needed him to run a lot more this year than during his sophomore and junior years."

**MIKE JONES, Adams:** The success of the Highlanders' offense began with this senior quarterback. A three-year contributor to the varsity, who lost only four games during that span (three coming in the state playoffs), the 6-3, 200-pound Jones racked up 1,103 passing

yards and eight touchdowns this season.

"Mike became a lot smarter because he could go from his first read, to his second read, and third read if he had to," DeJaeger said. "He is as competitive a player as I have ever seen."

**DOUG PICKENS, Brother Rice:** The Warriors trip to the Division 2 state finals was in large part due to the play of this junior signal-caller. A two-year starter, the 6-1, 183-pound Pickens completed 63 percent of his 242 attempts for 1,910 yards and 25 touchdowns. He added 175 rushing yards on 64 carries.

"Doug can really take charge out there," Fracassa said. "He's very smart, a good leader and a great athlete."

**K.C. LOPATA, Farmington:** The Falcons' 6-1, 205-pound junior emerged onto the varsity scene and added a big lift to the program. His booming foot resulted in touchbacks 95 percent of the time and five field goals.

"He is amazing," Farmington coach John Bechtel said. "He's a big-time player who enjoys football. He's a gifted, gifted player who can really pound the football."

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