

All-Messenger defense includes six linemen

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Oak Harbor's Clay Schulte (Photo: Matthew Horn)

The all-News-Messenger defense includes six linemen.

Two players earned a spot on offense as well, while another just missed.

One is a sophomore. The punter rarely punted, and one blocked four punts.

Here's a look:



Clyde's Derick Coleman (Photo: Doug Hise)

Clyde senior linebacker Derick Coleman

He had 88 tackles and 12 tackles for loss in the regular season before Clyde advanced to Week 14. He broke up six passes and added 1.5 sacks.

He recovered a fumble as the Fliers eliminated top-seed Keystone in the regional quarterfinals.



Oak Harbor's Clay Schulte (Photo: Doug Hise)

Oak Harbor senior linebacker Clay Schulte

He had 133 tackles, 11 tackles for loss and seven sacks in the regular season as the Rockets took the SBC Bay Division crown outright. Oak Harbor allowed 21 combined points its first two postseason games.

Schulte was first-team all-league three times. He established numerous single-season and career records on both sides of the ball.

He'd be Messenger player of the year on either side.



Bellevue's Jack Howey (Photo: Doug Hise)

Bellevue senior linebacker Jack Howey

He had 82 tackles, 17 tackles for loss and an interception in 10 games. The Redmen qualified to the postseason.



Fremont Ross' Dontrez Brown (Photo: Doug Hise)

Fremont Ross senior defensive lineman Dontrez Brown

He had 13 tackles for loss and eight sacks to earn first-team status in the Three Rivers Athletic Conference and Northwest District. He had 24 solo tackles and 32 assists.

He blocked four punts and a field goal. He will continue his career at Bowling Green State University.



Fremont Ross' Jason Burling (Photo: Doug Hise)

Ross senior defensive lineman Jason Burling

He had 13 tackles for loss and five sacks, with 20 solo tackles and 25 assists. He's also a lineman on the all-Messenger offense.



Gibsonburg's Trey Kaseman (Photo: Doug Hise)

Gibsonburg senior defensive lineman Trey Kaseman

He had 46 tackles and seven sacks at nose guard as the Golden Bears were unbeaten in the regular season for a Sandusky Bay Conference River Division crown. At 5-foot-8, 171 pounds, he spent the offseason preparing to play defensive back.



Clyde's Remington Norman (Photo: Doug Hise)

Clyde sophomore defensive lineman Blue Norman

He had 74 tackles and led the SBC Lake Division with 10.5 sacks in the regular season. He had 26 tackles for loss.

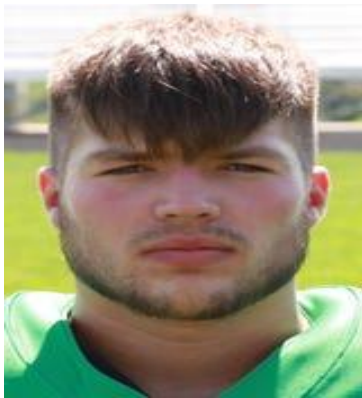
He recovered a fourth-quarter fumble to help seal a regional final victory over Ottawa-Glandorf.



Oak Harbor's Jordan Arnold (Photo: Doug Hise)

Oak Harbor senior defensive lineman Jordan Arnold

He had 62 tackles, nine tackles for loss and six sacks in 10 victories in the regular season. He had 16 quarterback hurries.



Margaretta's Tallen Kennedy (Photo: Doug Hise)

Margaretta senior defensive lineman Tallen Kennedy

He had 51 tackles and four sacks.



Clyde's Nick Webb (Photo: Doug Hise)

Clyde senior defensive back Nick Webb

He had 48.5 tackles, eight tackles for loss and two interceptions in the regular season.



Gibsonburg's Jon Auld (Photo: Doug Hise)

Gibsonburg senior defensive back Jon Auld

He broke up 17 passes and intercepted four after missing most of last season following knee surgery. He had 20 tackles.

He narrowly missed a spot at running back on the all-Messenger offense. He had 941 yards and 16 touchdowns, averaging 11.8 yards per carry.



Margaretta's Brycetynn Hedden (Photo: Doug Hise)

Margaretta senior punter Brycetynn Hedden

He only punted eight times in the regular season, but also started at running back and linebacker. The Polar Bears often eschewed punts in an effort to extend drives.

He's considering options to continue his career as a punter.

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