

2008 ALL-SUBURBAN FOOTBALL DEFENSE

COACH OF THE YEAR

Rob Leboeuf, Whitnall

Helped get Falcons to playoffs for first time since 2001 with first winning season since then ... guided long climb for program as Falcons were 7-28 in previous four years ... orchestrated exciting offense featuring quarterback Bennett Kaye and receiver Nick Kollauf forming one of best one-two punches in area.



LINEBACKER

Brian Otto, 6-1, 217, Senior, West Allis Hale

Collected 63 solo tackles and 40 assists, with six sacks and 11 tackles for losses ... had six pass breakups, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and one blocked extra point ... three-year starter and four-year varsity player was first-team all-GMC pick in each of last two seasons ... has Division-I scholarship offers from North Dakota and South Dakota.



LINEBACKER

Matt Upson, 6-0, 230, Senior, Brookfield Central

Made all-Greater Metro Conference first team for second year in row (last year at nose tackle) ... benches 340 pounds, squats 425 and runs 4.9 40-yard dash ... had 36 solo tackles, 47 assists, four sacks, four tackles for loss and two knockdowns.



LINEBACKER

Lucas Speaker, 5-11, 195, Junior, Homestead

Linebacker of Year in North Shore Conference made 18 solo tackles, 26 assists, 6.5 tackles for loss, recovered one fumble and defended five passes ... another mainstay for North Shore champions.



HIGH HONORABLE MENTION

Linebackers: Dan Dacquisto, senior, Greendale; Ray Grafwallner, senior, Greenfield; Cole Klotz, senior, New Berlin Eisenhower; Bobby Nelessen, sophomore, Menomonee Falls; Alex Worzella, senior, Franklin.

Secondary Back: Troy Nielsen, senior, Menomonee Falls.

Coaches: Ron Davies, Shorewood/Messmer; Dave Keel, Homestead; Doug Lange, Brookfield Central; Rob Stoltz, Greendale; Jim Tietjen, Whitefish Bay.

HONORABLE MENTION

Ends: Nate Hansen, senior, Oak Creek; Andrew Thompson, senior, Greendale; Quantavious Tucker, senior, Brown Deer.

Interior Linemen: Pete Henningsen, senior, Menomonee Falls; Alex Kehoe, junior, Muskego; Andy Rohde, senior, Wauwatosa West.

Linebackers: Barry Ballinger, junior, Wauwatosa West; Dustin Devine, junior, Whitnall; Dan Dunn, senior, Wauwatosa West; Darius Feaster, senior, Homestead; Jerred Gruettner, senior, Muskego; Andy Rutke, senior, Menomonee Falls; Sudfer Rizvi, sophomore, Nicolet; Joe Vanderwal, senior, South Milwaukee; Kris Zarek, junior, Cudahy.

Secondary Backs: Dan Bowar, senior, Brookfield Central; Anthony Briggs, senior, Nicolet; Tobias Cole, senior, Nicolet; Donny Matovich, senior, Menomonee Falls; Mike Rossmiller, senior, Brookfield Central; Alex Roy, senior, Muskego.

Punter: Kyle French, junior, Menomonee Falls.

END

Kyle Costigan, 6-5, 250 Junior, Muskego

Has drawn recruiting interest from Georgia, Alabama, Wisconsin and Purdue ... had 45 solo tackles, 21 assists, four sacks, three tackles for loss, two knockdowns, caused two fumbles and recovered one ... weightroom fanatic bench presses 380 pounds, squats 550 and runs 4.8-second 40-yard dash.



END

Ben Gardner, 6-4, 230 Senior, Homestead

Named North Shore Conference Defensive Player of Year (over teammate and returning WFLA State Defensive Player of Year Shelby Harris) for Highlanders ... had 24 solo tackles, 26 assists, 4.5 quarterback sacks, seven tackles for losses, two fumbles caused and one pass defended.



END

TJ Gruman, 6-2, 220 Senior, Brookfield Central

Greater Metro Conference Defensive Perimeter Player of Year ... only unanimous all-GMC choice this season ... had 21 solo tackles, 19 assists, six sacks, five tackles for loss and one knockdown ... team co-captain earned all-academic status with 4.05 GPA.



INTERIOR LINEMAN

Bryce Gilbert, 6-0, 230 Junior, Brookfield Central

Top vote-getter among defensive linemen in Greater Metro Conference ... benches 315 and squats 410 ... commanded double-teams on every snap of season ... Central only allowed 1,075 rushing yards and 857 passing yards all season ... made 20 solo tackles, 31 assists, four tackles for loss and seven sacks.



INTERIOR LINEMAN

Shelby Harris, 6-3, 240 Senior, Homestead

Mainstay of first-line Homestead defense that yielded less than five points per game through regular season and first three rounds of playoffs ... Wisconsin recruit and 2007 WFLA Defensive Player of Year ... had 29 solo tackles, 25 assists, five quarterback sacks, 11 tackles for loss and one fumble caused.



INTERIOR LINEMAN

Kevin Marr, 6-3, 240, Senior New Berlin Eisenhower

Team captain made 26 tackles and eight assists, three tackles for loss, three sacks, forced two fumbles, intercepted one pass and broke up another ... named first-team all-Woodland Conference on offense and defense for second season.



SECONDARY BACK

Angelo Ruiz, 6-0, 192 Senior, Oak Creek

Named all-Southeast Conference for second straight season ... selected all-state in 2007 ... made 38 solo tackles, 39 assists, two tackles for loss, two interceptions, caused three fumbles and recovered one.



SECONDARY BACK

Bobby Ollman, 5-11, 200 Senior, Homestead

Named North Shore Conference Defensive Back of Year ... physical presence in secondary for unit that allowed just five points per outing through regular season, first three playoff games ... made 20 solo tackles, 18 assists, two tackles for loss, caused one fumble, recovered one, intercepted three passes and defended six.



SECONDARY BACK

Jordan Hrcnar, 6-2, 200 Senior, St. Francis

First-team all-Woodland Conference pick ... three-year starter at free safety for Mariners ... made two interceptions, 62 tackles, six tackles for loss ... coach Doug Sarver cited his performance in alley vs. the run.



SECONDARY BACK

Jack Moro, 6-0, 170 Senior, Brookfield Central

Was top vote-getter among defensive backs in Greater Metro Conference ... excelled in one-on-one coverage, shutting down every top receiver in GMC ... had 24 solo tackles, 15 assists, 27 knockdown and five interceptions ... bench presses 215 pounds, squats 300 and runs 4.7 40.



SECONDARY BACK

Malachi Krishok, 6-1, 190 Senior, Shorewood

Made defensive calls and adjustments ... made two of four interceptions in end zone and had several knockdowns ... three-year captain and two-year MVP was productive punt and kick returner, returning one punt 65 yards for TD ... made 30 solo tackles, 18 assists, five tackles for loss and four picks.



PUNTER

Jerred Gruettner, 5-10, 185 Senior, Muskego

Punted 28 times for average of 40.1 yards to earn first-team all-Southeast Conference honors ... had long punt of 68 yards, 15 over 40 and five over 50 ... placed seven inside 10-yard line ... opponents' average punt return was 8.3 yards ... also played running back and linebacker.

