

# Northwest Kansas League names All-League teams for fall sports

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The Northwest Kansas League has published its All-League selections for football, cross country, and volleyball. Colby High School had eleven football players make either first, second, or honorable mention.

Eight Eagle cross country runners made the list, and three Lady Eagle volleyball players made the All-League volleyball team.

Here is a complete rundown of the NWKL All-League selections for football, volleyball, and cross-country.

## NWKL All-League Football

### Offense

#### Running Back

1st Team: Tanner Schmidt, Atwood, Jordan Bedore, Goodland, Doug Campbell, Hoxie.

2nd Team: Brett Bienke, Oberlin, Kyle Buffington, St. Francis, **Ryan Arensdorf, Colby.**

Honorable Mention: Tyson Vap, Atwood, Jeff Horinek, Atwood, Cody Farber, Hoxie, **Brent McCoy, Colby,** Bobby Miller, Goodland, John Racette, Oakley.

#### Quarterback

1st Team: **Jared Cranston, Colby.** 2nd Team: Curtis Snodgrass, Atwood.

Honorable Mention: Tyler Voorhies, St. Francis, Jared Doke, Goodland, Matt Gilliland, Hoxie.

#### Receiver

1st Team: **Jordan Harris, Colby,** Chris Lamb, Atwood.

2nd Team: **Brian Sulzman, Colby,** Don Raymer, Goodland.

#### Center

1st Team: Travis Hilt, St. Francis. 2nd Team: Fred Pratt, Hoxie.

Honorable Mention: **Cubby Haremza, Colby,** Joel Polifka, Quinter, Thad Sperry, Atwood.

#### Guard

1st Team: Jeff Samson, Atwood, Alex Gaede, Hoxie.

2nd Team: AJ Johnson, Goodland, Grant Reichert, Oberlin.

Honorable Mention: Justin Cooper, Hoxie, Cody Younkin, Oakley, Gannon Reichert, Oberlin, Grant Keller, St. Francis.

#### Tackle

1st Team: Heath Klein, Atwood, Dallas Walz, St. Francis.

2nd Team: Taylor Brack, Goodland, Joe Fritz, Oakley.

Honorable Mention: Jon Zwegardt, St. Francis, Devon Cooper, Hoxie, **Tanner Brown, Colby,** **Dustin Quenzer, Colby.**

#### Tight end

1st Team: Nick Keller, St. Francis, Nate Most, Atwood.

2nd Team: Matt Coleman, Oberlin, Ryan Shipley, Hoxie.

#### Defense

##### Defensive line

1st Team: Heath Klein, Atwood, Alex Gaede, Hoxie, Scott Harmon, Fred Pratt, Hoxie.

2nd team: Grant Reichert, Oberlin, Anthony Davis, Goodland, Dalla Walz, St. Francis, Patrick Sweet, Atwood.

Honorable Mention: Trey Hilt, St. Francis, Tom Cotter, Goodland.

##### Defensive ends

1st Team: Travis Hilt, St. Francis, Cody Sattler, Oakley, Taylor Brack, Goodland.

2nd Team: Brandon Most, Atwood, **Theo Kleinsorge, Colby.**

Honorable Mention: Joel Polifka, Quinter, Jeff Dennis, Oakley.

##### Linebacker

1st Team: Jeff Horinek, Atwood, Jordan Bedore, Goodland, Derek Ross, St. Francis, Jeff Samson, Atwood.

2nd Team: Doug Campbell, Hoxie, **Brent Deibert, Colby,** Nick Keller, St. Francis, Bobby Dennis, Oakley.

Honorable Mention: Tyler Cook, Oberlin, Jake Robinson, Oberlin, Don Raymer, Goodland, Chris Beesley, Quinter.

##### Defensive backs

1st Team: Ryan Ruf, Oberlin, Curtis Rubio, Goodland, Curtis Snodgrass,

Atwood, Tanner Schmidt, Atwood, Jon Roelfs, St. Francis.

2nd Team: John Racette, Oakley, **Schuyler Sharpe, Colby,** Matt Gilliland, Hoxie, Jeff Cameron, Hoxie.

Honorable Mention: Chris Lamb, Atwood, Kenyon Babsky, Oberlin, Brent Robben, Oakley.

#### Specialty

##### Kicker

1st Team: Jeff Horinek, Atwood. 2nd Team: **Jared Cranston, Colby.**

##### Punter

1st Team: Jeff Horinek, Atwood. 2nd Team: Chris Barth, Oberlin.

The only unanimous picks for All-League were Tanner Schmidt of Atwood at running back, **Jordan Harris of Colby** at receiver, and Jeff Horinek of Atwood at kicker. Schmidt and Harris are seniors, Horinek is a junior.

## NWKL Cross Country All-League

### Girls

**1. Jessica Stephens, Colby 2. Erika Erickson, Colby 3. Emily Sloan, Colby 4. Mallory Joseph, Oakley 5. Tiffany Thomas, Goodland 6. Amanda Knoll, Quinter 7. Katiew Kersenbrock, Oakley 8. Lauren Kaiser, Colby 9. Deanna Livengood, Goodland 10. Amanda Seeman, Colby.**

### Boys

**1. Speedy Aguilar, Goodland 2. Shane Stover, Colby 3. Deke Elliott, Colby 4. Austin Powers, Quinter 5. Grady Kesler, Quinter 6. Levi Simon, Quinter 7. Jess Elwood, Oberlin 8. Daniel Blake, Goodland. 9. Nathan Harter, Colby. 10. Timothy Kapka, Goodland.**

## NWKL Volleyball All-League

**Tiffany Focke, Colby,** Alisha McKee, Goodland, Jacie Hoyt, Hoxie, Amber Feikert, St. Francis, Shannon Lowery, Atwood, Kortney Stapp, Oberlin, **Bethanie Linden, Colby,** **Summar Stephens, Colby,** Jerree Selensky, Quinter, Heather Culwell, St. Francis, Janae McKee, Goodland, Kelsey Dorshorst, Oberlin.



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Colby Eagle senior Nathan Harter was one of 24 Eagle athletes named to the Northwest Kansas League All-League teams for cross country, volleyball, and football. Pictured above is Harter running at the Northwest Kansas League cross country meet earlier this year.

# Beuerlein has empathy for Griese

DENVER (AP) — Steve Beuerlein will be Denver's starting quarterback against Arizona on Sunday, but he doesn't believe that means everyone should give up on Brian Griese just yet.

"A lot of great ones have been through the same scenario, the same situation," Beuerlein said. "John Elway, all of you will remember I'm sure, his first four years were not a picnic. People were all over him and talking about running him out of town.

"So you know, it happens to everybody at some point in your career."

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan announced Wednesday that Beuerlein will start against the Cardinals even if Griese's sprained left knee is healthy. Shanahan said he felt Beuerlein would give the Broncos the best chance to win after Griese had one of his worst games of the season against Oakland last week.

The news left Griese dejected, but Beuerlein said it was to be expected.

After playing for five teams in nearly every role imaginable during his 16 seasons, Beuerlein is probably one of the few people who understands what Griese is going through.

"I'm sure we'll talk at some point, but it's not going to be any major production," Beuerlein said. "We're going to sit down and plot out a significant amount of time to get to the heart of the matter. He knows how I feel about him and he knows my feelings on the whole thing."

Griese might need to talk, judging by his news conference on Wednesday.

## Armstrong named Athlete of the Year

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong was named The Associated Press Male Athlete of the Year after winning his fourth straight Tour de France.

Armstrong was diagnosed in 1996 with advanced testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain, and required chemotherapy and brain surgery. Doctors gave him a 50-50 chance of survival. By beating the disease, Armstrong gained the courage and will to conquer the Tour de France, considered one of the most grueling events in all sports.

Armstrong and Barry Bonds were the top two vote-getters for a second straight year, only this time the San Francisco Giants' star finished second. Armstrong received 45 first-place votes and 292 points from sports writers and broadcasters. Bonds had 31 first-place votes and 233 points.

In a rare display of emotion, Griese talked about his disappointing season, what it has been like having a famous father and playing in the shadow of Elway.

Griese said he has always done things for himself because of the comparisons people make to his father, Hall of Fame quarterback Bob Griese. He said that throughout high school and college, he has been told that he would never be as good as his father or that everything was handed to him because of his father's name.

"All my life people have told me that I can't do something, and I always thought that was my motivation to prove people wrong," Griese said. "But when I did accomplish something it was such an empty feeling because it really didn't matter what everybody said about me. It mattered how I felt inside and what I accomplished for me.

"And it's no different here. No matter what people say about me, I'm going to continue on and find the strength to bounce back from this. For me, not for anybody else."

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