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Cowboys picked for All-League

Three Goodland players named to league's first team

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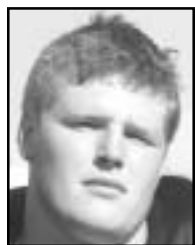
Ten Goodland football players were selected to the 2003 Northwest Kansas League All-League team, with three Cowboys making the first team.

Senior Jordan Bedore was selected for the first team as both running back and linebacker. He ended the season leading the Cowboys with 1,691 yards on 271 carries and scored 18 rushing touchdowns. On defense, he led the team in tackles with 145. Bedore had eight tackles for a loss, including two quarterback sacks. He had one interception and recovered two opponent's fumbles.

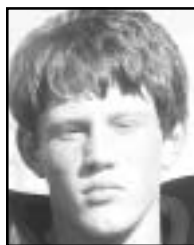
Sophomore Mark Starr also was a double first team selection, as an offensive tackle and a defensive end. On defense, he recorded 24 tackles including one quarterback sack and recovered a fumble.

"I always thought Starr was that caliber of player," said Coach Tony Diehl. "It was a bit surprising that the league coaches voted that for a sophomore, but I thought he really deserved it. He has been a great lineman for us who battled through injuries and still maintained a high level of play."

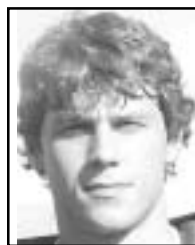
Senior Ian Scherling was one of three first team place kickers selected. He connected on 30 of 35 extra point attempts for the season. Scherling also received votes as a tight end, Diehl said. He finished the season with eight receptions for 111 yards and a touchdown.



Bedore



Starr



Scherling

Lohr. Although he played in only nine games, he finished the season with 53 tackles and intercepted one pass which he returned 26 yards.

"Scherling did a great job of kicking off for us this year," said Diehl, "and probably won a ball game or two with his consistency with extra points kicks. He really deserved the first team award."

Junior Derrick Raymer also was a double selection, making the second team as both wide receiver and defensive back. He was second on the team in pass receptions with nine for 148 yards and two touchdowns. On defense, he had 68 tackles including a quarterback sack and recovered two fumbles.

"Raymer has been a great player for us at three different positions on both sides of the ball," Diehl said. "I thought he deserved first team defensively, but then again, the league was dominated by great defensive players."

Senior defensive lineman Brock Abbey was picked for the second team. He finished the season with 53 tackles including a sack and recovered one fumble. Diehl said Abbey's selection was well deserved, adding that he also received votes as an offensive tackle.

Another Cowboy second team pick was junior linebacker Brock

pass which he returned 26 yards.

Senior quarterback Jared Doke, sophomore running back Bobby Miller, junior center Jake Johnson and junior defensive end Bret Jarmin received honorable mentions.

"I really thought Jared Doke deserved a higher award for his year at quarterback, said Diehl. "I think the league is dominated by the running game, and I thought the coaches would reward the quarterback who ran the rushing attack the best, and I think ours did the best job of that."

Diehl said that Miller's honorable mention was deserved, especially since he battled injuries this season causing him to miss a game. The competition among running backs in the league was tough, with five players rushing for over 1,000 yards. Miller had 765 yards on 101 carries and scored six touchdowns.

"Jake Johnson has really improved this year," Diehl said. "He was a great leader for us at center and probably understands the game of football as well as anyone we have. We expect big things out of him next year."

Running for daylight



Brewster's Sean Swanson (No. 5) picked up several yards against Sylvan Grove in Saturday afternoon's regional playoff game at Brewster. The Bulldogs lost to the Mustangs, 52-6, capping an 8-3 season.

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