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ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

ASHTON JEANTY

LONE STAR, SR.

There is little Jeanty has not done for Lone Star during his career on the gridiron with the Rangers.

A mix of speed, strength and fundamental abilities, he flashed his potential as a sophomore when he was named the district defensive newcomer of the year.

The next season, Lone Star put more of an emphasis on his offense, where he hauled in 55 receptions for 816 yards and seven touchdowns on his way to capturing unanimous first-team all-district honors at wide receiver.

Jeanty saved his best for last, where he was named 5-5A Division I co-MVP, as he carried the ball 229 times for 1,843 yards, an average of 8.0 yards per rush, with 11 100-yard game and 31 touchdowns. He was also a threat in the passing game, where he hauled in 41 receptions for 810 yards and 10 scores.

According to MaxPreps, Jeanty's total of 41 touchdowns put him in the top five in the country.

Jeanty, who signed to play football at Boise State, has also been a standout in other sports, as a member of the basketball team and playing a key role on the Lone Star track and field team.

KELDRIC LUSTER

LIBERTY, JR.

Outside of a Cinderella 12-1 campaign back in 2010, the Redhawks had endured their share of struggles, winning more than seven games just once in their 13-year history entering the season.

That changed in 2021 and Luster was the catalyst, putting up video game numbers this season on his way to 7-5A Division II MVP honors.

He had given a glimpse during his first year as a starter a season ago, flashing his ability to make the right throws but also terrorizing defenses on the ground, accounting for 2,137 total yards and 22 touchdowns in leading Liberty to its first playoff berth in nine years.

That was just a preview.

Luster put together one of the top seasons of any quarterback in Texas this season as they team went 10-2. He completed 245-of-356 passes, a completion rate of 68.9%, 3,435 yards and 30 touchdowns with only four interceptions.

Luster was equally dangerous on the ground where he carried the ball 182 times for 1,579 yards, an average of 8.7 yards per attempt, with 23 touchdowns and eight 100-yard games.

In the regular season finale, Luster was at his best against state-ranked Lovejoy. He threw for 304 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for 106 yards and a pair of scores to lead the Redhawks to a share of the district championship, just the second in program history.



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

DJ HICKS

ALLEN, JR.

Hicks had already generated plenty of fanfare prior to suiting up for the Eagles, tabbed as the state's No. 1 player for the 2023 class by 247Sports following a breakout season at Katy Morton Ranch.

It didn't take long for Allen fans to see why.

Hicks was a wrecking ball up front on the Eagles' defensive line. He operated off the edge and at defensive tackle during his junior campaign, deploying an explosive blend of speed, strength and quickness that had opposing linemen reeling.

On the year, Hicks totaled 98 tackles, including 23 for a loss of yardage, plus 13 sacks, 16 quarterback pressures, one fumble recovery, one pass break-up and two touchdowns.

He was named 5-6A's defensive player of the year and was instrumental in guiding Allen to a 15th consecutive district championship and the program's first appearance in the regional semifinals since 2018.



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR