

# FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

**TAYLEN GREEN**  
QB, Lewisville, Sr.



The Farmers' offense was among the area's most explosive this season, averaging more than 500 yards per game on the season. Green, a Boise State commit, had his fingerprints all over that effort. Lewisville's second-year signal-caller threw for 2,712 yards and 24 touchdowns while also adding 679 rushing yards and eight more scores on the ground on his way to 6-6A co-offensive player of the year honors.

**DAMIEN MARTINEZ**  
RB, Lewisville, Jr.



The other half of 6-6A's offensive player of the year honor resided in the same backfield as Green, with Martinez stringing together a resounding campaign in just his second year on varsity. After earning district offensive newcomer of the year honors as a sophomore, Martinez took the mantle of one of the top rushers in the Metroplex — leading the area in rushing at the 6A level throughout the entire regular season. On the year, Martinez ran for 2,014 yards on 8.7 yards per carry and scored 31 total touchdowns.

**JARED WHITE**  
RB, Wakeland, Sr.



A first-team all-district selection, White was one of the area's leading ground gainers, rushing for 1,158 yards and 16 touchdowns and averaging 6.8 yards per carry, with a long run of 98. White was also effective as a receiving target, where he had 30 catches for 405 yards and four scores.

**REID WESTERVELT**  
WR, Lovejoy, Sr.



Westervelt had the most prolific receiving year not just of any player of Lovejoy history but a season that resonated on a statewide scale. His 31 receiving touchdowns ranked sixth in state history, according to TexasHighSchoolFootballHistory.com. The 7-5A Div. II offensive MVP caught 89 balls for 1,803 yards to pace a dynamic Leopard receiving corps.

**ISIAH STEVENS**  
WR, Lewisville, Sr.



The Farmers were chalked in talent at the skill positions on offense in 2020, with Stevens continuing his ascent after a breakout junior year. As a senior, the West Texas A&M commit held the area lead in receiving yards for all 6A pass-catchers heading into the playoffs. He tallied 66 receptions for 1,162 yards and 13 touchdowns — good for 105 yards per game — on his way to a unanimous all-district first-team selection.

**BLAINE GREEN**  
WR, Allen, Sr.



The heartbeat of state-ranked Allen's offense resided out wide where seniors Blaine and Bryson Green took turns punishing opposing secondaries — splitting 5-6A co-MVP honors as a result. Blaine led the Eagles in both receiving yards (913) and receiving touchdowns (13) as one of the area's top big-play threats. The Oklahoma State pledge averaged 21 yards per catch as Allen went three rounds deep in the playoffs.

**TRENT ROBINSON**  
OL, Lovejoy, Sr.



In addition to their litany of skill-position stars, the Leopards were formidable in the trenches. Robinson, committed to Oklahoma, anchored the offense line to the tune of 127 pancakes and only one sack allowed on 400 pass attempts. That translated to a staggering 99.8% win rate in pass protection, as Robinson was integral in Lovejoy posting its highest win total in program history in 2020.

**COLE HUTSON**  
OL, Frisco, Jr.



A 6-foot-5, 300-pound junior, Hutson already has offers from the likes of Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas and Texas A&M. This past season, Hutson was among the most dominant blockers in the state, recording 117 pancake blocks as the regional semifinalist Raccoons averaged 32.0 points per game.

**NETO UMEOZULU**  
OL, Allen, Jr.



The Eagles haven't lacked in talent on the offensive line over the years, churning out NFL pros and Division I college players aplenty from that unit. Umeozulu is the latest prospect making waves up front at Allen, anchoring the right side of the line at tackle. Umeozulu was named 5-6A's offensive lineman of the year after helping block for an offense that averaged 491.7 yards and 45.2 points per game. Despite playing tackle as a junior, scouts have tabbed Umeozulu as one of the country's top guard prospects for the 2022 class.

**MICHAEL REEMTS**  
OL, Celina, Jr.



The Bobcats relied on a number of underclassmen at their skill positions on offense, but they had a reliable presence at center to operate behind. Reemts fortified the interior of Celina's offensive line, grading out at 97% for his junior year. He added 45 pancakes and 33 downfield blocks to boost a Bobcat squad that came into its own over the back half of the regular season and wound up advancing four rounds deep in the playoffs.

**KYLE LOFYE**  
OL, Lone Star, Sr.



The 6-foot-4, 280-pound Lofye was the anchor on the line on one of the most prolific offenses in the area. Lofye graded out at 91% for the season, recorded 42 pancakes and 61 knockdown blocks and allowed only two sacks all year long.

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# ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM



**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER**

**RW RUCKER**  
LOVEJOY, QB, SR.

Rucker doesn't take much time off over the course of the school year. A rare three-sport athlete who also plies his craft on the wrestling mat and the baseball diamond, Rucker spent the fall commanding a football season that produced the Leopards' highest-ever win total at 13-1 and tied the program's deepest playoff run with an appearance in the regional finals.

There were plenty who had a hand in Lovejoy's historic year, but the team's heart-beat resided under center. A unanimous selection as 7-5A Division II MVP, one year removed from being named district's offensive MVP, Rucker's statistical output is on par with the best of any signal-caller in the state. A true dual-threat quarterback, Rucker threw for 3,417 yards and 47 touchdowns and ran for 1,044 yards and 12 more scores. Perhaps most impressive was his ball security, logging just three interceptions in an offense that wasn't bashful about stretching the field.

Rucker submitted a number of gems throughout his MVP campaign, even in his team's lone defeat. Although Lovejoy's playoff run came to an end after some fourth-quarter heroics by eventual Class 5A Division II state champion Aledo, Rucker went out on his shield. The quarterback threw for 422 yards, ran for 115 and totaled six touchdowns against an Aledo defense that allowed just 21 points per game in its other 13 games played on the season.

He'll continue his football career into college as a preferred walk-on at Oklahoma.

# GARRETT NUSSMEIER

MARCUS, QB, SR.

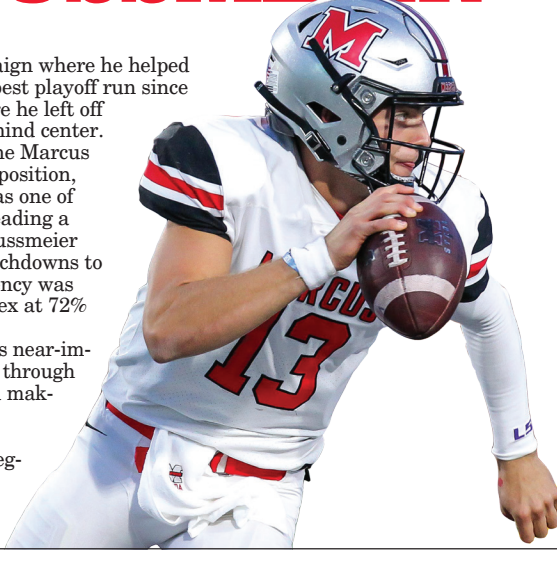
**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

On the heels of a junior campaign where he helped lead the Marauders to their deepest playoff run since 1997, Nussmeier picked up where he left off with another monster season behind center.

As the LSU commit rewrote the Marcus record books at the quarterback position, his production was right on par as one of the state's elite signal-callers. Leading a high-flying Marauder offense, Nussmeier threw for 2,815 yards and 35 touchdowns to just five interceptions. His efficiency was arguably the best in the Metroplex at 72%

on completions. Adding 128 rushing yards and a touchdown, Nussmeier was near-impossible to contain for opposing defenses. Already an assassin through the air, Nussmeier was equally adept at evading pressure and making high-leverage throws when the initial play broke down.

The result was another MVP campaign in 6-6A, albeit one where Nussmeier was denied proper closure. In the team's regular-season finale, Marcus' star quarterback suffered a hand injury that sidelined him for the Marauders' bi-district playoff loss to Prosper.



**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

# AIDAN SIANO

PROSPER, LB, SR.

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Siano's production backed up that superlative plenty, totaling 146 tackles, including 24 for a loss of yardage. He added four sacks, two quarterback pressures, two pass break-ups and one interception. The linebacker anchored a stifling year by the Prosper defense. The Eagles held opponents to 23 points per game and limited their four playoff opponents — Marcus, Arlington Bowie, Northwest Eaton and Denton Guyer — to less than 20 points per game during regulation. Siano was a big reason why.

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# CHRIS ROSS

LOVEJOY

Prior to joining Lovejoy, Ross had already developed a knack for steering programs in the right direction — and fast. In 2018, he inherited a two-win Red Oak team that went on to post a combined record of 20-4 in two seasons under Ross.

In making the move to Lovejoy, Ross took over a program with 11 playoff appearances in 12 years. In just one season's time, he took the Leopards from perennial playoff qualifier to potential state championship contender. Despite being hired just a few weeks before the COVID-19 pandemic put high school sports on hold and strained a significant chunk of the football offseason, Ross and the

Leopards turned in one of the best years of any program in Class 5A Division II. Lovejoy went 13-1, including an unblemished sprint through a loaded 7-5A Div. II district, and matched the program's deepest playoff run ever with a trip to the regional finals.

Ross and his staff got the best out of practically every corner of the Leopards' roster, culminating in a postseason that saw Lovejoy push Aledo like no one else in the classification. Of the Bearcats' six playoff wins, five came by an average margin of victory of 33.8 points per game. The sixth was a 52-48 comeback win over Lovejoy in which the Leopards led by 10 points in the fourth quarter. That's the level Ross had Lovejoy playing at this season.

**COACH OF THE YEAR**



# FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

**STONE EBY**  
DL, Flower Mound, Sr.



The Jaguars were young on offense in 2020, needing some time to fully hit their stride. Early on, that meant leaning on a defense whose strength resided up front and on the edge where Eby wreaked havoc all season long. The SMU commit was named 6-6A's defensive player of the year after posting 60.5 tackles, including 17 for a loss of yardage, as well as 5.5 sacks, two pass break-ups, two fumble recoveries and a defensive touchdown.

**JON JONES**  
DL, McKinney, Sr.



McKinney was stout once again on defense, routinely gaining an advantage in the trenches thanks to the play of Jones. The 6-foot-4 defensive end, who doubles as a key reserve on the Lions' state-ranked basketball team and is committed to Missouri for football, dominated his final year on the McKinney gridiron — earning a share of 5-6A's defensive lineman of the year superlative after logging 61 tackles (17 for a loss), as well as 15 quarterback pressures, 14 sacks and two forced fumbles.

**JADEN WALLACE**  
DL, Independence, Sr.



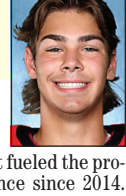
The first-team all-district honoree spent a bulk of the season in opponents' backfields. Wallace had 55 tackles, 16 of which went for a loss, to go along with five sacks and seven quarterback pressures.

**ALESSIO RUSSOLILLO**  
LB, Lone Star, Sr.



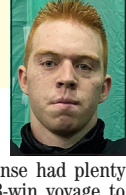
A two-time Star Local Media all-area selection, Russolillo was the heart of a stout Rangers defense. Russolillo was all over the field, amassing 122.5 tackles, 81 of which were solo, with eight tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks, 12 quarterback pressures, two forced fumbles, one pass breakup and an interception.

**MATTEO BIANCHI**  
LB, McKinney Boyd, Sr.



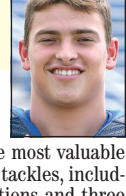
Bianchi was among the area's breakout stars on defense and one of several cogs in a Bronco defense that fueled the program's first playoff appearance since 2014. Much of that success came from a stifling linebacker corps where Bianchi amassed 101 tackles, including 25 for a loss of yardage, plus 11 sacks, 28 quarterback pressures, 12 pass break-ups, six forced fumbles and a pair of fumble recoveries. Bianchi's recruiting profile grew as he continued to produce, committing to Navy and going on to be named all-district first team.

**BLAKE SLAUGHTER**  
LB, Lovejoy, Sr.



The Leopards' record-setting offense drew plenty of attention during the 2020 season, but the team's defense had plenty of say during the team's 13-win voyage to the regional finals. That included a stacked linebacker corps with all-district first-teamer Slaughter tackling any opponent in sight. The 5-foot-10 senior averaged more than 10 tackles per game on his way to 142 for the year. He was also a valuable cog in Lovejoy's pass rush with 10.5 sacks.

**JAKE TAYLOR**  
LB, Sunnyvale, Sr.



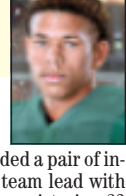
Taylor helped lead the Raiders to their seventh consecutive playoff appearance. He earned 6-4A Div. II defensive most valuable player honors, recording 133 tackles, including 16 for loss, two interceptions and three forced fumbles. Taylor was also a two-way standout, as he threw for 245 yards and a pair of scores and rushed for nine touchdowns.

**CHRISTIAN ESPINOZA**  
CB, Marcus, Sr.



Espinoza wore plenty of hats during his final go-around at Marcus. He was named 6-6A's special teams player of the year for his work as a punter and returner and also anchored a stout Marauder secondary. Completing passes against Espinoza was a chore for opposing quarterbacks, evidenced by just 27 tackles for the cornerback. Espinoza added seven pass break-ups, three interceptions and a pair of defensive touchdowns to help Marcus to an undefeated regular season and district championship.

**JAYLEN FUKSA**  
CB, Reedy, Sr.



Reedy had one of the more solid defenses in the area and Fuka was a key part of the success. The senior recorded a pair of interceptions and tied for the team lead with 11 pass break-ups while also registering 32 tackles from his cornerback position.

**CHIEF COLLINS**  
S, Lovejoy, Sr.



Even at safety, Collins had a nose for the football last season. Recently committing to Texas Tech as a preferred walk-on, Collins intercepted seven passes during his senior season and broke up six more throws. He was a tackling machine in the secondary with 105 on the year, as well as two for a loss. He added two forced fumbles and a fumble recovery on his way to an all-district first-team nod. Head coach Chris Ross also praised Collins for his leadership as one of the centerpieces of Lovejoy's best season ever.

**ZACH ROBINSON**  
S, Lebanon Trail, Sr.



In just their third varsity season, the Trail Blazers put together their first winning season with a 6-4 record and Robinson played a big role. The leader of the secondary recorded 95 tackles, with four for loss, a team-high five interceptions, nine pass breakups and a pair of forced fumbles.