

# FOOTBALL: The Sun Chronicle All-Star Team

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## Ryan Foley, Foxboro

Foley was a three-year starter for Foxboro on both sides of the ball, and emerged as a senior catalyst in the running game this year. The Hockomock League All-Star was one of the top running backs in the league, rushing for 798 yards with 12 touchdowns in only seven games. Foley utilized his breakaway speed as well as the linebacker position, contributing 147 tackles over his career with three interceptions.

## Ryan LaCroix, Foxboro

LaCroix helped play a big role on both the offensive and defensive lines, playing tackle on both sides of the ball. Defensively, the Warriors' senior had 55 tackles with 16 for a loss, five sacks and 14 quarterback pressures. He was also a force on offense to help open up holes in both the pass and the run, playing through the whistle at the point of attack.

## Matt O'Keefe, Foxboro

Perhaps the most experienced player in the Hockomock League, O'Keefe capped his career at 51 games played, helping the Warriors to four state semifinal appearances, two Davenport Division titles, three Super Bowl appearances and one state title during his career where he was a four-year starter. A three-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, the senior lineman was great at getting to the outside for sweeps and power runs. A Hockomock League All-Star, O'Keefe was also a polished pass blocker on defense an average of 54 tackles and four sacks over the last two seasons.

## Trevor Palmer, Foxboro

A three-year starter at defensive end, the Foxboro senior closed his high school career as a terror to oppositions with 26 career sacks and 170 total tackles with 51 for a loss. The Warriors used him off the edge, and oppositions would opt to double team him or work to the other side away from him. He was also a Hockomock League All-Star.

## Keigan Canto-Osorio, King Philip

The Hockomock League Kelley-Rex Division MVP, Canto-Osorio was the Warriors' leading rusher at 1,389 yards, averaging 8 yards a carry. The senior tailback ran for 15 touchdowns and was the team's second-leading receiver out of the backfield with three receiving touchdowns. A two-year starter at linebacker as well, Canto-Osorio capped his career at his career with 2,544 rushing yards, 32 touchdowns on offense and had 50 tackles and four sacks on defense.

## Lex Chatham, King Philip

Playing at left tackle on offense and at defensive end, Chatham was a monster on both sides for King Philip. The senior led the Warriors in pancaked defenders, utilizing his highly physical play to bully defensive lines and open holes for King Philip's deep running back stable.

## Liam King, King Philip

The Warriors' two-year starter at nose guard and defensive tackle was second on the team's defensive chart, posting the team-high in tackles with eight coming for a loss. The two-year senior starter was just as effective at getting to the quarterback with four sacks and forced two fumbles, recovering both.

## Tallan King, King Philip

A three-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, King was the Warriors' senior leader on its defensive chart. He posted nine tackles for a loss with six sacks, a forced fumble and fumble recovery to go with four pass breakups and an interception. A monster on defense, he was equally as dominant on offense. The bruising back who needed multiple defenders to take him down averaged 8.5 yards per carry with 1,248 yards rushing and 16 touchdowns, and had one receiving touchdown.

## Liam McGrath, King Philip

A senior roving defender who hawked to the ball with ease, McGrath pulled down a team-record eight interceptions this season and had five pass breakups in a tough Warriors secondary. McGrath was also King Philip's leading receiver in a run-heavy offense.

## Mason Bordieri, Mansfield

Bordieri missed 2 ½ games, but still led the Hornets in tackles with 72. The senior ended his career seventh all-time in tackles for the Hornets at 171. As a running back,



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King Philip Regional High's Keigan Canto-Osorio carried the rushing load for the Warriors, amassing 1,389 yards on the ground as the Hockomock League Kelley-Rex Division MVP.



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Mansfield High's Andrew DeGirolamo led the Hornets in receptions again this season as the senior finished third all-time among the program's leading receivers.

the Hockomock League All-Star led Mansfield with 680 yards on the ground with 330 receiving yards.

## Andrew DeGirolamo, Mansfield

DeGirolamo was the leading receiver once again for the Hornets and closed the book on his Hornets career as the program's third all-time leading receiver in both receiving yards and receptions. A two-time Sun Chronicle All-Star, the go-to senior in the passing game this season ended his career with 108 catches for 1,800 yards. On defense, DeGirolamo tallied 45 tackles, three interceptions, and a forced fumble this season.

## Nate Pailler, Mansfield

A two-way senior offensive tackle and defensive tackle, Pailler helped pave the way for Mansfield's offense and was a force on its defensive line in applying pressure. Pailler was a crucial part to the Hornets' success on special teams as a long snapper, where he ranked No. 15 nationally at the role. He was also a Hockomock League All-Star.

## Tommy Vallett, Mansfield

Vallett battled through injuries his senior season, missing four games, but Mansfield was able to make it work with him on the sidelines. With Vallett under center, though, the Hornets were at their best. Vallett hit 3,000 yards passing in two seasons and completed 64% of his passes with 22 touchdowns, leading Mansfield to back-to-back Davenport Division title games and a Super Bowl appearance last season. The two-time Sun Chronicle All-Star was also a Hockomock League All-Star this fall.

## James Warren, Mansfield

Warren's role as a kicker was a significant luxury for the Hornets, closing out his Mansfield career fourth in point-after conversions with 77, and was first in field goals



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with 16. The senior kicker's biggest moment came when he connected on a 49-yard field goal to give Mansfield a late lead over Foxboro in their Thanksgiving game. He also doubled as the Hornets' punter.

## Conor Casey, North Attleboro

A Hockomock League All-Star, Casey played both defensive end and tight end in his senior season. Casey had 48 tackles, tied for third on the team, with five coming for a loss with two sacks. On offense, he had five catches for 75 yards and a touchdown.

## Nathan Rivera, North Attleboro

A senior tackle and defensive end for the Rocketeers, the big man was typically in the mix as a lead blocker or path-paver in the running game to help the offense account for 5.79 yards per carry. On the other side of the ball, Rivera had 41 tackles, including one for a loss with one fumble recovery. He is also a Hockomock League All-Star.

## Frankie Strachan, North Attleboro

Nobody was more unstoppable on the field this fall than Strachan, who was the Hockomock League Davenport Division MVP after a dominant season on both sides of the ball. He broke North Attleboro's single-season rushing record that had been held since 1982, rushing for 1,527 yards on 269 carries with 21 touchdowns. On defense, the senior stalwart was also a monster with 105 total tackles, 20 of which were for a loss, with two interceptions and a forced fumble. He also had one sack.

## Ryan Thompson, North Attleboro

The senior linebacker commanded attention from opposing offenses as Thompson was second for the Rocketeers in tackles with 67, one sack and three stops for a loss. He also had one interception. Thompson he also pulled down seven catches for 74 yards at receiver in an offense that relied on the run.

## Derian Antoine, Norton

Antoine was the leader for Norton in receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns as a junior, pulling down 27 catches for 450 yards and seven touchdowns. A Tri-Valley League All-Star, Antoine was a key in leading Norton to the postseason despite missing three games to injury.

## Cole Mirka, Norton

Mirka was a senior menace as the Lancers' Lineman of The Year, leading the team in sacks. In 11 games, the two-time Sun Chronicle All-Star had 68 tackles at defensive end with six sacks and 12 tackles

for a loss, commanding attention from the opposition every week as a Tri-Valley League All-Star.

## Nico Bonafiglia, Seekonk

Bonafiglia was one of the most athletically gifted players to come out of Seekonk as of late. The senior South Coast Conference All-Star was a scrambling quarterback, who was 72-for-124 in passing with 1,049 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also rushed for 1,129 yard rushing and 11 touchdowns on designed runs and broken plays.

## Sam Figueiredo, Seekonk

The senior offensive lineman and linebacker was an anchor on both sides of the ball. Despite being undersized, Figueiredo played like someone much bigger in both spots. He had 114 tackles with two interceptions and two forced fumbles and two recoveries. He also had 17 pancake blocks.

## Nick O'Brien, Tri-County

The North Attleboro native earned Mayflower League MVP honors after a dynamic season for the Cougars. A wide receiver, running back and defensive back, O'Brien rushed for 1,166 yards on 147 attempts and had 22 touchdowns. As a receiver, the junior two-time Sun Chronicle All-Star caught 56 passes for 1,160 yards and 16 touchdowns. On special teams, he ran back a kickoff for a score. He was the first MIAA player to break 1,000 rushing and 1,000 receiving yards as his 39 total touchdowns on offense made him one of the most dominant and versatile athletes in the state, regardless of division. On defense, O'Brien recorded 74 tackles, 40 coming as solo, with nine for a loss and two interceptions.

## Jordan Pedro, Tri-County

The sophomore wide receiver from Plainville also played at defensive back as a Mayflower League All-Star. He totaled 22 catches for 425 yards and eight touchdowns this season. On defense, Pedro was the Cougars' shutdown cornerback and one of Tri-County's best tacklers with 48 tackles, including seven for loss, and two interceptions along with a forced fumble and three fumble recoveries. Pedro also excelled on special teams, sealing the Cougars' Vocational Super Bowl win with an 80-yard interception to end it.

## Brody Resendes, Tri-County

The senior captain hailing from North Attleboro was a Mayflower League All-Star. A leader for the offensive line, he was of the highest-graded offensive lineman for the Cougars to help the offense put up high numbers and was just as important on the defensive end. He finished with 58 tackles, nine for a loss, with three sacks. A player who faced adversity in his high school career, Resendes' motivation to become a better player and teammate elevated Tri-County.

## Declan Walker, Tri-County

A Mayflower League All-Star, the Cougars' senior quarterback was an exceptional leader and athlete who helped lead Tri-County to its second straight Vocational Super Bowl title. He was 108-for-158 in passing for 2,085 yards with 30 touchdowns, and broke off 762 yards rushing on 105 attempts for three touchdowns. Routinely elevating play of those around him, Walker was 28-8 as the starting quarterback and was the centerpiece to Tri-County's success.