

Keller Moten headlines 2024 Beacon Journal All-Greater Akron football team offense

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"Coach, this is about to be legendary."

Those seven words were spoken by Walsh Jesuit quarterback Keller Moten moments before the senior led the Warriors on a six-play, 61-yard drive and scored a touchdown with 39.1 seconds left to beat Archbishop Hoban 19-14 in Week 7.

It was a great story at the time, but the Beacon Journal Offensive Football Player of the Year had no idea how prophetic the words would be later in the season.

Moten was a big part of the reason Walsh finished the regular season undefeated for the first time since 1998 as the Warriors returned to the Division II regional finals for the second season in a row.

The senior put up numbers that made him first-team All-Ohio and the Division II co-Offensive Player of the Year as well as an Ohio Mr. Football finalist. The Northeast Inland Offensive Player of the Year went 118-of-193 for 1,734 yards and 17 touchdowns. He also had 1,380 yards rushing and scored 23 times.

Moten leads our 25-player All-Greater Akron football team's offense. Check out the team below, including info on each player.

2024 Beacon Journal All-Greater Akron High School Offensive Football Team

Quarterbacks: Dylan Borla, Highland; Ben Chesser, Nardon; Gabe Mansel, Copley; Keller Moten, Walsh Jesuit

Receivers: Calix Lemp, Wadsworth; Andrew McKnight, Copley; Milan Parris, Walsh Jesuit; Caleb Reifnsyder, Tallmadge

Running backs: Brayton Feister, Hoban; Cooper Gray, Wadsworth; Casey Myser, Highland; Phil Partin, Manchester; Ziaire Stevens, East

Offensive linemen: Jake Clapper, Hudson; Colton Crosley, Walsh Jesuit; Nate Cross, Hoban; Sam Greer, Hoban; Eli Kaufman, Wadsworth; Kodey Kish, Walsh Jesuit; Grant Lefeld, Nordonia; Joe Rozak, Revere; Lucas Tielsch, Copley; Ben Truax, Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy; Ameer Yasin, Tallmadge

Kicker: Riley Edgehouse, Nordonia

High school football all-stars: Eli Lee headlines 2024 Beacon Journal All-Greater Akron football team defense

Meet the 2024 Beacon Journal All-Greater Akron Offensive Football Team

Quarterbacks

Dylan Borla, Highland

6-0, 185, senior

Second-team Division II Northeast Inland District. First-team All-Suburban League American Conference. Went 113-of-155 and set single-season school records for passing yards (2,303) and passing touchdowns (27). Threw just three interceptions. Led Highland to 13-1 record and SL American League title.

Ben Chesser, Nordonia

6-2, 195, senior

Third-team Division II All-Ohio and was the Suburban League National Conference Offensive Player of the Year. The senior was 137-of-228 for 1,646 yards and threw 15 TDs. Chesser also ran for 816 yards and 14 TDs on 142 carries. Led Knights to 10-3 record.

Gabe Mansel, Copley

6-1, 180, senior

Honorable mention Division III All-Ohio. First-team All-Suburban League American

Conference. Went 101-of-172 for 1,600 yards and threw 18 TD passes in eight games. Rushed for 424 yards and six TDs. Led Copley to postseason after missing it in 2023.

Keller Moten, Walsh Jesuit

5-11, 185, senior

Division II co-Offensive Player of the Year and Northeast Inland Offensive Player of the Year. The versatile quarterback was an Ohio Mr. Football finalist. Went 118-of-193 for 1,734 yards and 17 touchdowns. Rushed for 1,380 yards and scored 23 times. Led Walsh to a 13-1 record and the Warriors' first undefeated regular season since 1998.

Receivers

Calix Lemp, Wadsworth

5-11, 180, junior

Third-team Division II All-Ohio. First-team All-Suburban League National Conference. Caught 41 passes for 722 yards and scored 11 TDs, averaging 17.7 yards per reception. Led Grizzlies to SL National Conference title.

Andrew McKnight, Copley

6-1, 185, junior

Second-team Division III All-Ohio. First-team All-Suburban League American Conference. Caught 57 passes for 926 yards and scored 14 TDs, averaging 16.2 yards per catch. Also scored a rushing touchdown.

Milan Parris, Walsh Jesuit

6-5, 195, junior

Second-team Division II All-Ohio. Three-star star recruit who is ranked 28th at his position in Ohio. Caught 28 passes for 597 yards and scored nine touchdowns, averaging 21.3 yards per reception.

Caleb Reifsnyder, Tallmadge

5-8, 150, senior

Honorable mention Division III All-Ohio. Caught 24 passes for 620 yards and scored six

touchdowns, averaging 25.8 yards per reception. Returned 13 kickoffs for 380 yards and scored a TD. Returned an interception for a TD, threw a TD pass, punted 20 times for 775 yards and was the long snapper for PATs and field goals.

Running backs

Brayton Feister, Hoban

6-2, 220, sophomore

Second-team Division II All-Ohio. Four-star recruit who is ranked second at his position in the nation. Rushed for 2,104 yards on 296 carries and scored 26 TDs. Helped the Knights reach state semifinal for fifth season in a row. Averaged 7.1 yards per carry. Caught a TD pass.

Cooper Gray, Wadsworth

5-11, 170, junior

Honorable mention Division II All-Ohio. First-team All-Suburban League National Conference. Rushed for 1,673 yards and 21 TDs on 211 carries and caught nine passes for 201 yards and three TDs. Averaged 7.3 yards per carry.

Casey Myser, Highland

6-2, 205, junior

First-team Division II All-Ohio. Suburban League American Conference Offensive Player of the Year. Broke school records for touchdowns (46) and rushing touchdowns (39) and rushed for 2,130 yards on 254 carries. Averaged 8.4 yards per carry. Contributed 21 catches for 558 yards and seven TDs.

Phil Partin, Manchester

5-9, 165, sophomore

First-team Division V All-Ohio. Northeast Inland Co-offensive Player of the year. First-team All-Principals Athletic Conference. Rushed for 1,961 yards on 268 carries and scored 32 TDs. Averaged 7.3 yards per carry for Manchester (11-2). Also had 38 tackles, eight pass breakups and two interceptions.

Ziaire Stevens, East

5-11, 190, senior

First-team Division II All-Ohio. Three-star recruit who signed with Purdue. City Series co-Offensive Player of the Year. Rushed for 1,520 yards and 13 TDs on 189 carries. Averaged 8.0 yards per carry. Had eight receptions for 232 yards and a score. Led East to share of City Series championship with Firestone.

Offensive linemen

Jake Clapper, Hudson

6-3, 270, senior

Second-team Division II All-Ohio. Suburban League National Conference Linemen of the Year. Signed with Army. Helped Hudson rush for 2,037 yards and 29 TDs on 396 carries. Explorers averaged 169.8 yards per game on the ground and 5.1 yards per carry.

Colton Crosley, Walsh Jesuit

6-3, 280, junior

Second-team Division II All-Ohio. Helped Walsh rush for school-record 4,196 yards on 506 carries. Warriors averaged 299.7 yards on the ground per game and 8.3 yards per carry, and scored 54 rushing touchdowns and 18 passing touchdowns. Helped Warriors to first undefeated regular season in 26 seasons.

Nate Cross, Hoban

6-1, 275, senior

Second-team Division II Northeast Inland District. Signed with Kent State. Helped Hoban rush for 3,545 yards and 45 TDs on 468 carries. Knights averaged 236.3 yards per game on the ground and 7.6 yards per carry.

Sam Greer, Hoban tackle

6-7, 315, junior

First-team Division II All-Ohio. Four-star recruit ranked 12th at his position in the nation. Helped Hoban rush for 3,545 yards and 45 TDs on 468 carries. Knights averaged 236.3 yards per game on the ground and 7.6 yards per carry.

Eli Kaufman, Wadsworth

6-3, 275, senior

Second-team Division II All-Ohio. First-team All-Suburban League National Conference. Signed with Marshall. Helped Wadsworth rush for 215.4 yards per game. Grizzlies also gained 385.4 yards overall per game.

Kodey Kish, Walsh Jesuit

6-2, 235, senior

Second-team Division II All-Ohio. Helped Walsh rush for school record 4,196 yards on 506 carries. Warriors averaged 299.7 yards on the ground per game and 8.3 yards per carry, and scored 54 rushing touchdowns and 18 passing touchdowns. Helped Warriors to first undefeated regular season in 26 seasons.

Grant Lefeld, Nordonia

6-2, 250, senior

Third-team Division II All-Ohio. First-team All-Suburban League National Conference. Helped Nordonia rush for 3,105 yards and 45 TDs on 484 carries. Knights averaged 238.8 yards per game on the ground and 6.4 yards per carry.

Joe Rozak, Revere

6-1, 270, junior

Honorable mention Division III All-Ohio. First team All-Suburban League American Conference two seasons in a row. Made more than 40 pancake blocks for the Minutemen, who made the playoffs for fourth time since 2005.

Lucas Tielsch, Copley

6-8, 300, junior

First-team Division III All-Ohio. First-team All-Suburban League American Conference. Logged 26 pancake blocks and has offers from Kentucky, Louisville, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and West Virginia among his over 15 offers.

Ben Truax, CVCA

5-10, 205, junior

Third-team Division III All-Ohio. Helped CVCA rush for 3,301 yards and 39 TDs on 522 carries. Royals averaged 253.9 yards per game on the ground and 6.3 yards per carry.

Ameer Yasin, Tallmadge

6-6, 295, senior

First-team Division III All-Ohio. First-team All-Suburban League American Conference. Three-star recruit who signed with Toledo after flipping from Akron. Four-year starter.

Kicker

Riley Edgehouse, Nardon

5-10, 165, junior

Second-team Division II Northeast Inland District. Converted 12-of-14 on field goals.

Kicked 55 extra points. Accounted for 21 touchbacks and three recovered onside kicks.

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