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# All-Ohio football: Hoban, Walsh, Highland, Wadsworth, Nordonia stars among Div. II honorees



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Archbishop Hoban senior linebacker Eli Lee and Walsh Jesuit senior quarterback Keller Moten were among the All-Ohio recipients who received top honors Wednesday with the release of the Ohio Prep Sports Media Association's Division II team.

Lee, an Ohio State University recruit, was named Ohio Defensive Player of the Year in Division II. Lee finished with 122 tackles (23 for loss), 12 sacks, three interceptions, two forced fumbles and one touchdown as Hoban (12-3) advanced to a state semifinal.

Moten shared the Ohio Offensive Player of the Year award in Division II with senior quarterback Nolan Good of state champion Avon and senior quarterback Justice Burnam of state runner-up Cincinnati Anderson.

Moten completed 116 of 193 passes for 1,686 yards with 17 touchdowns and five interceptions, and ran for 1,286 yards and 23 touchdowns on 149 carries (8.6 average) as Walsh (13-1) advanced to a regional final.

Mike Elder of Avon and Rob Wheelwright of Columbus Walnut Ridge were tabbed as the Ohio Co-Coaches of the Year.

## **Hoban, Walsh, Highland and Lake stars earn All-Ohio first-team honors**

The All-Ohio first-team offense includes Moten, Highland junior running back Casey Myser and Hoban junior lineman Sam Greer.

The All-Ohio first-team defense features Lee, Highland senior lineman Carson Noonan, Lake senior linebacker Charlie Christopher and Hoban junior cornerback Elbert Hill.

Myser and Noonan helped Highland (13-1) win the Suburban League American Conference championship and advance to a regional final.

Myser totaled 254 carries for 2,130 yards (8.4 average) and 39 touchdowns, and 21 catches for 558 yards (26.6 average) and seven touchdowns.

Noonan, a Miami of Ohio recruit, had 70 tackles (20 for loss), 10½ sacks and forced three fumbles on defense, and helped Highland's offense produce an edge over opponents in points (606-134), rushing yards (3,573-1,097) and passing yards (2,410-1,640).

Greer graded out at almost 94% on his blocking and had almost 40 pancake blocks. He has scholarship offers from Ohio State, Florida, Michigan, Penn State, Miami, Oregon, Louisville and Purdue.

Hill made five interceptions and had over 65 tackles. He scored two touchdowns on defense, returned two kickoffs for TDs and had five TDs on offense (three receiving and two rushing). He has scholarship offers from around 30 colleges, including Ohio State, Tennessee, Oregon, Michigan, Texas A&M, USC, Alabama, Notre Dame, Penn State and UCLA.

Christopher, an Ohio University recruit, finished with 118 tackles (86 solo and 24 for loss), eight sacks, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and one interception on defense. He also ran for 954 yards and 13 TDs on 172 carries and returned a kickoff for a TD.

## **Hoban, Walsh, Highland and Wadsworth stars among All-Ohio honorees**

The second-team offense features Hoban sophomore running back Brayton Feister, Walsh junior wide receiver Milan Parris, Hudson senior lineman Jake Clapper, Walsh senior lineman Kodey Kish, Wadsworth senior lineman Eli Kaufman and Walsh junior lineman Colton Crosley.

Feister ran for 2,104 yards and 26 touchdowns on 296 carries and caught one TD pass. He has scholarship offers from Wisconsin, Kentucky and several Mid-American Conference schools.

Parris finished with 27 catches for 597 yards and nine touchdowns. His scholarship list includes offers from Iowa State, Michigan, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Purdue, South Florida, Ohio and Marshall.

Clapper has committed to Army. He had 64 pancake blocks and 37 tackles (10 for loss) and three sacks.

Kish and Crosley were consistent blockers who helped Walsh finish with 54 rushing touchdowns, 18 passing touchdowns, 4,196 rushing yards on 506 carries (8.3 average) and 1,716 passing yards on 122 completions in 14 games.

Kaufman, a Marshall recruit, had over 40 knockdown blocks for an offense that ran for more than 2,700 yards and passed for more than 2,000 yards as Wadsworth (11-2) earned a share of the Suburban League National Conference title and made a regional semifinal appearance.

The second-team defense includes Highland senior lineman Ryan Zywiec, Hoban senior lineman Nick Crawford, Wadsworth junior linebacker Jacob Earnest, Hoban senior linebacker Tanner Mintz and Green senior back Antonio Martin.

Zywiec finished with 76 tackles (21½ for loss), 9½ sacks, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries.

Earnest totaled over 130 tackles (over 85 solo and over 10 for loss), three sacks, one interception and a scoop and score TD. He added three rushing TDs and three receiving TDs on offense.

Crawford had over 70 tackles (over 20 for loss), 17 sacks, four forced fumbles, one TD and one blocked punt.

Mintz, a Kent State recruit, had over 120 tackles with four interceptions, two TDs, eight sacks and four fumble recoveries.

Martin played in nine games this season and has overcome multiple knee surgeries the past few seasons. He had five interceptions on defense, and on offense he totaled 41 receptions for 733 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The following players received third-team honors: Nordonia senior quarterback Ben Chesser, Wadsworth junior wide receiver Calix Lemp, Nordonia senior offensive lineman Grant Lefeld, Lake senior defensive lineman Ryan Lippe, Nordonia senior defensive

lineman Jordan Jackson, Walsh senior linebacker Declan Norton, Walsh junior linebacker Caden Carter, Hoban senior defensive back Tylan Boykin and Walsh senior defensive back Aiden Henry.

Receiving honorable mention honors were Wadsworth junior running back Cooper Gray, Wadsworth junior defensive back Gavin Madigan and Nordonia senior defensive back Blake Allen.

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