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## State Journal All-Decade Team

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- **Quarterback: Andy Schmitt, St. Johns (2005, Eastern Michigan) -**

Named the State Journal all-area Dream Team quarterback by area coaches as a senior from a group that included Holt's Mikhail Eiseler, Everett's Mike Canfield and Haslett's Nathan Turner, Schmitt threw for nearly 1,922 yards and ran for almost 869 in leading St. Johns to a Division 3 runner-up finish as a senior.

- **Running back: Chris Robinson, Ovid-Elsie (2010, Grand Valley State) -**

Ran for 7,123 yards (fourth-best in state history) and 98 touchdowns (second-best), with an area-record 2,844 yards as a junior in helping the Marauders to a Division 5 state runner-up finish.

- **Running back: Antoine Bagwell, East Lansing (2002, California-**

Pennsylvania/Joliet Junior College) - Ran for more than 3,300 yards and nearly 50 touchdowns combined over his final two seasons, after which he was named LSJ defensive Player of the Year as a defensive back both seasons.

- **Running back: Onaje Miller, Sexton (2011,**

## **committed to Michigan State) -**

In his second season on varsity last fall, Miller averaged 8.1 yards per carry for 1,758 overall and 26 touchdowns. He also had seven return touchdowns for a school-record 33 total - and could approach the school's single-season rushing record of 2,386 yards this fall.

### **• Receiver: Michael Stevenson, Everett (2005):**

Moved from quarterback after freshman year and over his final two seasons caught 89 passes for 1,831 yards and nine touchdowns - with 50 catches and 1,100 yards as a senior.

### **• Receiver: Jason Fleet, DeWitt (2008, Saginaw Valley State):**

Despite a standout receiver opposite him in the Panthers' lineup, Fleet still had the most incredible season of any area receiver this decade playing Class B or A opponents with 66 catches for 1,302 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior.

### **• Offensive lineman: Paul Jorgensen, DeWitt (2010, Northwestern):**

An impassable pass blocker, Jorgensen became one of the area's most recruited players of the decade and actually was the LSJ defensive Player of the Year as a senior.

### **• Offensive lineman: Bridger Buche, Portland (2007, Eastern Michigan):**

Moved from fullback at the start of high school to a pancaking lineman and was the LSJ overall Male Athlete of the Year as a senior. He also made the all-area Dream Team as a junior defensive lineman.

### **• Offensive lineman: Blake Botek, Grand Ledge (2004, Oklahoma State):**

Coming from a school that yearly seems to produce a top area lineman, Botek was the best of the bunch. He didn't allow a sack his final three seasons and made the Class A all-state team as a senior.

- **Offensive lineman: Matt Armstrong, Sexton (2008, Grand Valley State):**

From a program that has produced Division I and even an NFL lineman over the decade, Armstrong was the most feared in high school and the top blocker in front of Dunn. He also had 11 sacks as a defensive tackle as a senior.

- **Offensive lineman: Stephen Johnson, Holt (2006, Eastern Michigan):**

His 6-foot-5 height gave him additional reach during a season in which the Rams seemed to run almost every play. He was the decade's best for a program that has become a statewide standard-setter for offensive line strategy and play.

- **Kicker: Ronnie Budd, Charlotte (2004, Central Michigan):**

His senior season included making 45 of 49 extra point tries plus four field goals, including one from 50 yards, on the way to making the Class B all-state team.

- **Defensive lineman: Blake Treadwell, East Lansing (2009, Michigan State):**

Named LSJ defensive Player of the Year as a senior defensive tackle after making the all-area Dream Team as a junior on the offensive line. He couldn't be blocked as a senior, when he seemed to shut down one side of the field.

- **Defensive lineman: D.J. Young, Sexton (2006, Michigan State/Bowling Green):**

Might have proven the most dominant defensive lineman of the decade before his senior season ended with an injury after seven games and with 75 tackles.

- **Defensive lineman: Chris Patrick, Ithaca (2003, Nebraska):**

Capped a solid career with 95 tackles and seven sacks as a senior, when he made the Class C all-state team. He's been in multiple NFL camps as an offensive lineman over the last few seasons.

- **Defensive lineman: Joe Wohlscheid, Grand Ledge (2001, Grand Valley State/Northwestern):**

Made the Class A all-state team as a senior with 76 tackles as a dominating force up front on the Division 1 state champion team.

- **Linebacker: Brad Jones, East Lansing (2004, Colorado):**

Arguably the area's best player of the decade overall, he was the Class A state Player of the Year runner-up playing linebacker with the speed of a running back. He started games for the Green Bay Packers as a rookie last season.

- **Linebacker: Mitch Zajac, Holt (2008, Western Michigan):**

All-area for four seasons and three positions, Zajac made the Dream Team as a junior and senior linebacker, combining for 294 tackles over those two seasons. He also was the LSJ overall Male Athlete of the Year.

- **Linebacker:**

Justin Braska, DeWitt (2005, Western Michigan): Made 132 tackles as a senior in helping the Panthers to a Division 4 state runner-up finish and in getting named LSJ defensive Player of the Year.

- **Defensive back: Demetrius Hallums, East Lansing (2001, Wayne State):**

Made the LSJ all-area Dream Team as a senior as one of the area's fastest players and after helping the Trojans to the Division 3 state final.

- **Defensive back: Nate Turner, Haslett (2006, Western Michigan):**

Lesser known on defense than as a star quarterback, Turner finished his career with seven interceptions and 10 pass break-ups in leading the Vikings to a Division 3 state runner-up finish.

- **Defensive back: Jacob Wyatt, Sexton (2005, Eastern Michigan):**

Tallied an impressive 96 tackles and four interceptions as a senior, but also six sacks as a hammer from the safety spot. He was named the LSJ overall Male Athlete of the Year.

- **Defensive back: Lavelle Walker, Everett (2009, Grand Valley State):**

Made two straight all-area Dream Teams as a safety, with a combined 127 tackles and seven interceptions over those seasons for strong Everett defenses.

- **Punter: Ryan Patten, Charlotte (2005, Olivet College):** Averaged 46.5 yards per punt as a senior, the gold standard among Dream Team punters during the decade, and also earned an all-state honorable mention as a senior. Also the Dream Team punter as a junior averaging 41.8 yards per boot.

- **Coach: Rob Zimmerman, DeWitt:**

Coming off a combined 9-9 record over its previous two seasons, DeWitt went 102-21 during the decade with seven league championships and state runner-up finishes three straight seasons from

2002-04.

**Other finalists:**

• **Quarterbacks: Dan Van Dreumel, DeWitt (2008):**

Josh Brehm, Ithaca (2002, Alma College); Chad Alger DeWitt (2003, Ferris State); Matt Bohnet, Grand Ledge (2001, Eastern Michigan/Iowa); Mike Canfield, Everett (2006).

• **Running backs: Issac Harper, East Lansing (2008):**

Cam Bramer, Olivet (2006, Olivet College/Central Michigan); Chad Richardson, Charlotte (2005, Findlay); Brandon Dunn, Sexton (2006).

• **Receivers/tight ends: Kirk Williams, DeWitt (2003, Michigan Tech):**

J.T. Jones, Ithaca (2002, Central Michigan for baseball); Willie Brown, Eastern (2007, Lansing Community College for basketball); James Jackson, Grand Ledge (2009, Ohio State); Joe Estrada, Grand Ledge (2009, signed with Lansing Community College for basketball/Central Michigan); Garret Bushong, Ionia (2003, Purdue); Joe Lane, Fowlerville (2008, Defiance College).

• **Offensive linemen: Austin Holtz, Holt (2008, Ball State):**

Micajah Reynolds, Sexton (2009, Michigan State); Bryant Schmitt, Pewamo-Westphalia (2009, Grand Rapids Community College); Tyler Holtz, Holt (2005, Grand Valley State); Justin Hartig, Charlotte (2003, Ball State).

• **Kickers:**

Shawn Snoor, Holt (2007, Ferris State); J.J. Danhof, Haslett (2001, Michigan State).

## • Defensive linemen:

Justin Winsor, Fulton (2006, Grand Valley State); Zach Houghton, Haslett (2009, Wayne State); Chris Starkey, DeWitt (2007, Central Michigan); Dan Barnes, Grand Ledge (2003, Wayne State); Trent Page, Leslie (2009); Adam Barr, Holt (2003).

## • Linebackers:

Cody Worden, DeWitt (2007, Northern Michigan); Andy Phillips, Waverly (2010, Central Michigan); Kyle Lark, Alma (2009, Western Michigan); Kevin Allen, Holt (2005); Keith Lane, Holt (2004); Allen Ollenburger, Charlotte (2005, Central Michigan).

## • Defensive backs:

Ken McClure, DeWitt (2005, Central Michigan); Jean Pitts, East Lansing (2005, Central Michigan).

## • Punters:

Adam Coleman, Fulton (2006), Brock Sharp, Williamston (2006, West Alabama).

## Additional Facts

About this team

Each week during the first half of the 2009-10 school year, prep sports editor Geoff Kimmerly introduced candidates for a mid-Michigan high school All-Decade team on the "Get Prepped" blog at [www.lsj.com](http://www.lsj.com).

Candidates competed between 2000-09, although pre-2000 accomplishments were also taken into account for athletes graduating during those years. They are listed with graduation year and college if they competed at that next level, followed by details from their respective careers. Also listed are athletes who just missed the cut.

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