



Seton Catholic junior Joe Callerame, left.

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La Center senior Ryan Kawalek (66).

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Rest of the 2023 All-Region football team: Defense



Ayden Jones, Camas

DL: Junior's plays included a fumble recovery against Skyview, which led directly to a TD for the Papermakers.



Ryan Kawalek, La Center

DL: A two-time All-Region pick on offense, the senior Idaho commit also played D-line this year and made a huge impact.



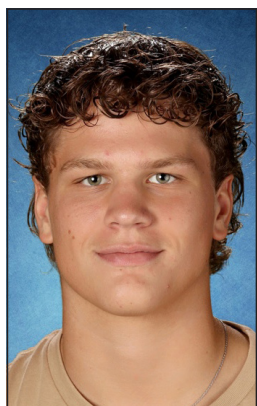
Danny McDonnell, Ridgefield

DL: Senior was 2A GSHL defensive MVP despite missing the first two games due to a stress fracture in his back.



Riah Tua, Skyview

DL: Junior is one of the best pass rushers in the area. Battled through injuries midseason and still made an impact.



Nikko Speer, Camas

LB: Junior was the 4A GSHL defensive player of the year, one of the Papermakers' captains and leaders of the team.



Ayden Denbo, Mountain View

LB: Senior was 3A GSHL defensive player of the year. Highlights included pivotal goal-line stand in OT against Kelso.



Jacob Champine, Battle Ground

LB: Senior was part of a stellar linebacking core and emerged as a key leader on both offense and defense for Tigers.



Kellen Wiggins, Skyview

LB: Senior spearheaded another strong linebacking corps for the Storm and was a dependable leader.



Angel Lopez, Battle Ground

DB: Senior led team with three interceptions, including a game-sealing pick six in win against Union.



Joe Callerame, Seton Catholic

DB: Junior had a penchant for hard hits, forcing turnovers and making big plays on defense, offense and special teams.



JJ Thompson, Mountain View

DB: Senior was four-year starter and named a 3A GSHL first team all-purpose player and defensive back.



Riley Artis, Skyview

DB: Senior had a phenomenal season as go-to player for the Storm's defense. Also a talented, explosive receiver.



Rafael Bauman, Hudson's Bay

AP: Senior was versatile player, one of the Eagles' main playmakers, had nearly 900 rushing yards and big returns.



Koby Johnson, Washougal

K/P: Senior was 57 of 61 on PAT kicks (three blocked) and made four field goals, including 43-yarder vs. Orting.

ABOUT THE ALL-REGION TEAM

The All-Region football team is selected by the staff of The Columbian, with input from area coaches. Nominees for the All-Region team were drawn from the first-team all-league selections in the 4A Greater St. Helens League, 3A Greater St. Helens League, 2A Greater St. Helens League, 1A Trico League, plus Kalama.



Mountain View seniors Porter Drake (22) gets a block from Ayden Denbo (54).

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Camas senior Trenton Swanson.

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