

Lots of D1 talent on Division 1 & 2 All-State team

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As usual, there is no shortage of college-bound talent on the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Division 1 All-State team.

In fact, nearly every player on the team appears to have signed, about to sign or has offers on the table. That includes players like quarterback Brendan Sullivan of Davison who is headed to Northwestern, running back Donovan Edwards of West Bloomfield, a soon-to-be Michigan Wolverine and defensive lineman Damon Payne of Belleville, an Alabama signee.

Sullivan led his team to a state championship last year and a 9-0 record so far this season. He threw for more than 1,000 yards and barely played in the second half of games because Davison was ahead by so many points. Edwards rushed for 1,021 yards and 17 touchdowns for the Lakers, another team still alive in the playoffs.

Offensive lineman Garrett Dellinger already has had his jersey retired by Clarkston. The 6-5, 285-pound senior is headed to LSU after a dominating two-way career with the Wolves. A teammate of his, Rocco Spindler, also received the jersey honor from Clarkston and made the All-State team.

Christian Boivin of Traverse City West made the team as a defensive back. He had 61 solo tackles and blocked two kicks. Last year he set an MHSAA record by blocking seven punts.

The Division 2 team is just as interesting with playmakers up and down the squad, starting with Brady Rose, the Mona Shores senior who made the team at quarterback. Rose did a little bit of everything for 9-0 Mona Shores, from quarterback to punter to holder on the team's extra-point attempts. In nine games so far in 2020, he has rushed for 919 yards and thrown for 908 yards. On defense, he intercepted four passes, returning two for touchdowns. In one game this season he scored touchdowns five different ways in the first quarter.

Putting up big numbers in a hurry was nothing new for Jackson running back Dorion Riley. He ran for 1,726 yards and 23 touchdowns in seven games and finished his career as the top rusher in school history.

On the Division 2 defensive all-state team, Portage Central linebacker Tyler Stolsky had some impressive credentials. Playing in just seven games, Stolsky had 134 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, six sacks, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

Coaches met to choose All-Region teams. Players making the first team in each region then became All-State candidates. An overall Dream Team will be announced in January. Only players from schools in which their head coach is a member of the association are eligible.

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