The 2016 Courier-Tribune All-County Football Team

Player of the Year: Desmon Trogdon (Asheboro). The senior running back, who was named the Mid-Piedmont Conference offensive player of the year, rushed for 2,159 yards and 14 touchdowns. He also had 10 receptions for 229 yards and one more score in helping the Blue Comets to a second-round playoff berth. His running certainly opened up the AHS passing game as well.

Coach of the Year: Seth Baxter (Eastern Randolph). He guided the Woltzats to a second-place finish in the Mid-Piedmont Athletic Conference and EF advanced to the second round of the playoffs.

Honorable Mention: Malik Brady (AHS), Jalen Elton (AHS), DaShawn Varanato (AHS), Noah Wand (AHS), Branton Jones (AHS), Kallie Cutrell (WHS), Cameron Glover (AHS), Joshua Cotton (AHS), Edward Quintana (ER), Tyler Kennedy (PG), Cody Fogelman (PG), Zac Bailey (WHS), Umar Abdul Matin (RHS), Tyrone Ivory (RHS), Luke Kennedy (RHS), Luke Hoover (SWT), Byron Walter (SWT), Caleb Parrim (THS), Kenyota Fuller (THS), Johnny Wagner (THS), Ryan Zayonce (WHS), Keaton Kirkpatrick (WHS), Mike Long (WHS).

The 2016 The Courier-Tribune All-County Football Team was chosen by Sports Editor Dennis Garcia and Assistant Sports Editor Megan Croley based on nominations from coaches, statistics, sportsmanship and overall contributions to the team.

Dezmin Austin
Eastern Randolph
Senior / WR
A three-year starter after a year absence and contributed greatly. The Williamshaw defensive back caught 44 passes for 445 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Korbin Atkinson
Providence Grove
Junior / OL-DL
The Patriots averaged better than 300 rushing yards per game and he was a big reason why. He lined up in various positions on both sides of the ball and recorded 433 yards in receptions this year with three touchdowns. He also had 26 tackles, six for loss, and four sacks.

Pierre Hakizimana
Whitewater
Senior / RB-SS
He played on offense, defense and special teams. He was the Whitewater kick returner and punt returner, meaning he rarely sat on the sidelines. He rushed for 1,100 yards and had 45 of 46-point PATs and averaged 37 yards per punt.

Korbin Byrd
Whitewater
Junior / RB-FS-WR
He suffered two knee injuries and added another 305 receiving. He finished the year with 16 receptions for 323 yards and two touchdowns.

Patrick Lennon
Eastern Randolph
Senior / TE-OL
He enjoyed an incredible junior campaign with 132 tackles, including 21 for loss and four sacks. He played on offense, defense and special teams.

Randall Chrisco
Asheboro
Senior / OL-DL
He graduated with a very impressive 99 percent for the season. A three-year starter at 198 pounds, he also saw some time on defense where he registered 52 tackles and six sacks.

Kheaven Clayett
Asheboro
Junior / LB
He led the AHS defense with 193 tackles. The vocal leader on defense, he had four fumble recoveries, including one he returned for a touchdown.

Cam Ron Gray
Providence Grove
Senior / RB
One of the most gifted athletes in the county, he led the Patriots with 85 tackles, including 10 for loss. He also had an interception, and he also saw some time on offense.

Sam Gribble
Randolm
Junior / RB-DL
He led the Tigers defense with 75 tackles, including 33.5 for loss. He had two sacks and six tackles for loss. He could play multiple positions.

Tyson Green
Trinity
Junior / WR-DB
He registered 74 tackles, including eight for a loss. He also recorded two interceptions. As a receiver, he hauled in 15 passes for 205 yards and three touchdowns.

Dalton Moncus
Trinity
Senior / WR
He hauled in 49 passes for 898 yards and nine touchdowns for the Bulldogs. He finished with 1,280 all-purpose yards as he was used as a kick returner as well.

Chase Wooley
Trinity
Senior / RB-P
He was on the field playing multiple positions. He sparked the offense for 400 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns, while recording 68 tackles on defense.

Justice Parsons
Eastern Randolph
Senior / OL-DL
The leader of the defensive line, he made all the calls up front. He also saw some time on the defensive front, registering 15 tackles, including three for loss.

Eli Ramirez
Eastern Randolph
Senior / LB-K-P
A four-year starter, he recorded 117 tackles, including 32 for loss, four fumble recoveries, one interception and one sack. He was the Patriots’ deep threat, he caught 43 yards in receptions this year.

Blake Reddick
Whitewater
Senior / LB-DB-TE
He led the team with 88 tackles, two sacks and five interceptions. As a receiver, he had four kick returns for scores.

Trey Ross
Randolph
Junior / TE-DE
He caught 26 passes for 238 yards and two touchdowns, but more importantly was a solid blocker on the line for the Tigers.

Logan Smith
Eastern Randolph
Senior / TE-LB
He moved all around on defense in his third year as a starter. He registered 30 tackles, including 11 for loss with two sacks. He had nine pass breakups and caused three fumbles.

Austin Stone
Randolph
Senior / RB
He rushed for 1,560 yards and scored 14 touchdowns, averaged 5.3 yards per carry for the Tigers. As a wide receiver as well, he caught 12 passes for three touchdowns.

Ethan Walker
Asheboro
Senior / QB
He set an school record for passing yards with 1,594 while throwing 20 touchdowns. He threw just three interceptions all season while rushing for five scores.

Matthew White
Asheboro
Senior / OL-DL
A three-year starter on the line, he graduated out at 165 percent for the season. He played multiple positions on the line, playing more than 460 yards and scored a pair of touchdowns, while recording 68 tackles in defense.

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