

MACOMB COUNTY TIER 1 ALL-STAR FOOTBALL TEAM

First Team Offense

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HIGHLIGHTS
L	JEFF FANTUZZI	Dakota	Sr.	6-4	280	Central Michigan recruit helped Dakota grab a share of the MAC Red Division title
L	JON CZERWIENSKI	Fraser	Sr.	6-5	270	Central Michigan recruit anchored offensive line for Fraser
L	RYAN HEYTHALER	L'Anse Creuse North	Sr.	6-4	265	Proved the leader up front for a L'Anse Creuse North offense that averaged 13.4 points per game
L	LUKE HUMPHREY	Utica	Sr.	6-2	270	Captain did not allow a sack and graded out at 94 percent for the season; "punishing" pull blocker, coach says; 3.4 GPA
L	CODY SILK	Sterling Heights	Jr.	6-4	240	Allowed only one sack this season for MAC Blue Division champion Stallions; "a workout warrior," coach says; 3.1 GPA
REC	TYLER DANNA	Chippewa Valley	Sr.	6-1	200	Fourth all-time leading receiver in CV history; 43 catches for 753 yards, eight TDs this season; 4.0 GPA
REC	PATRICK HARRIS	Sterling Heights	Jr.	6-0	175	Caught 50 passes for 832 yards; rushed for 170 yards; averaged 38.2 yards per punt return; caught 14 passes for 181 yards vs. Clintondale; 3.2 GPA
REC	D.J. MERSHMAN	Stevenson	Jr.	5-11	170	Two-year starter for Titans caught 57 passes for 1,189 yards and 17 touchdowns; averaged 20.8 yards per catch
RB	KYRELL WILLIAMS	Chippewa Valley	Sr.	5-9	195	Rushed for 1,181 yards, averaging 6.1 yards per carry, and rushed for 14 touchdowns; on defense, was CV's third-leading tackler; four sacks, one INT
RB	BEN BROWN	Romeo	Jr.	6-1	210	Rushed for 1,463 yards and 20 touchdowns; caught 10 passes for 87 yards, one TD; rushed for 223 yards and 2 TDs vs. Clarkston; 3.5 GPA
RB	JUSTICE WRIGHT	Stevenson	Jr.	5-11	170	Rushed for 805 yards and 11 touchdowns; averaged 8.6 yards per carry; caught 29 passes for 360 yards, two touchdowns
QB	RICKY ROTH	Romeo	Sr.	5-7	150	Completed 103 of 164 passes for 1,340 yards and 11 TDs with just one INT; rushed for 469 yards, six TDs; passed for 266 yards vs. Clarkston; 3.7 GPA
QB	JASON FRACASSA	Stevenson	Jr.	5-9	170	Three-year starter completed 61 percent of passes for 2,807 yards and 28 touchdowns to help Stevenson win MAC Red Division co-championship
QB	BEN FLIMON	Warren-Mott	Jr.	6-0	185	Rushed for two TDs, including game-winner, vs. Cousin; passed for 202 yards vs. Grosse Pointe North; passed for four TDs vs. L'Anse Creuse North
K	ROBBIE FLINN	Romeo	Jr.	5-10	165	Kicked 11 field goals, including 49-yarder vs. Fraser; made 36 extra points; plays soccer; "cool under pressure," coach says; 3.824 GPA

First Team Defense

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	HIGHLIGHTS
L	BRANDON CATHEY	Chippewa Valley	Sr.	5-10	300	Big Reds' two-way starter led CV with 13 tackles for a loss; also had 54 tackles and three sacks; 3.5 GPA
L	MIKE LAAMANEN	Dakota	Sr.	6-1	240	Two-year starter made eight tackles vs. L'Anse Creuse North; had interception and a sack vs. Ford
L	STEVE O'SHELL	De La Salle	Jr.	6-0	255	First Team All-Catholic selection recorded 45 tackles, 5.5 sacks; had 10 tackles, sack vs. Columbus Bishop Watterson (Ohio)
L	NICK DURONIO	Romeo	Sr.	6-4	240	Made 45 tackles, one sack and eight hurries; also had three blocked passes, one fumble recovery; "Nick can be a physically dominating player," coach says
L	C.J. OLANIYAN	Warren-Mott	Jr.	6-4	220	Marauders' two-way starter made 13 tackles and three sacks in victory over Grosse Pointe North; caught TD pass in win over Cousin
LB	ALEX DZIERBICKI	Chippewa Valley	Sr.	6-0	210	Lead Big Reds with 54 tackles, including four for a loss, two sacks and an interception; scored one TD rushing, one TD receiving
LB	RYAN SPICUZZI	Dakota	Jr.	5-9	175	Made eight tackles vs. L'Anse Creuse North; rushed for touchdown in season-opening victory over Anchor Bay
LB	JAKE HOWELL	Eisenhower	Sr.	6-2	220	Lead Eisenhower in tackling with 47 solos and 37 assists, one INT; 12 tackles vs. Romeo; rushed for 500 yards, averaging 5.7 per carry; 3.4 GPA
LB	MATT DISTELRATH	Romeo	Sr.	6-0	195	Three-year starter made 79 tackles, 2.5 sacks and one fumble recovery; seven tackles, two sacks vs. Ford; 3.1 GPA
DB	JAMES MARTINEZ	De La Salle	Sr.	5-9	170	Owens De La Salle's career record in interceptions with 15; caught two TD passes in playoff victory over Port Huron
DB	JOHN MARTINEZ	De La Salle	Sr.	5-9	170	Caught a TD pass in playoff win over Grosse Pointe North and another TD pass in Prep Bowl victory over Detroit Catholic Central
DB	RYAN POSAVETZ	Ford	Sr.	5-9	160	Made 16.5 tackles, two fumble recoveries, one interception; eight passes broken up; plays baseball, basketball; 3.85 GPA
DB	ROBERT STRONG	Stevenson	Sr.	6-0	190	Two-way starter for Titans made 15 solo tackles, 38 assists, six INTs, 10 passes defended; caught 10 passes for 279 yards; returned two punts for TDs



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Second Team Offense

POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
L	NICK MIGHREN	Cousin	Sr.	6-2	225
L	JORDAN KING	De La Salle	Sr.	6-2	278
L	ANDY STEBBINS	Romeo	Sr.	5-11	250
L	DANNY ORI	Utica	Sr.	6-0	285
L	CHAZ PICHETTE	Warren-Mott	Sr.	6-1	260
REC	FITIM BOZHARAJ	Dakota	Sr.	6-1	175
REC	BRETT KAUTEN	Eisenhower	Sr.	6-0	180
REC	MARTEZ KELLY	Warren-Mott	Jr.	6-0	170
RB	NICK ROME	Ford	Sr.	5-10	195
RB	TYLER LOMBARDO	L'Anse Creuse	Jr.	6-2	225
RB	HORACE LANE	Sterling Heights	Soph.	5-8	170
QB	TAYLOR COPACIA	Eisenhower	Sr.	6-5	190
K	ANDREW STEBBENS	De La Salle	Sr.	5-9	150

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POS.	NAME	SCHOOL	GRADE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
L	BEN HAVES	De La Salle	Sr.	6-3	230
L	ROB VENIGITTI	Eisenhower	Sr.	6-0	210
L	JUSTIN TALLO	Sterling Heights	Sr.	6-5	250
L	BRIAN FALTA	Stevenson	Sr.	6-3	230
L	CHRIS BROWN	Utica	Sr.	5-11	300
LB	DANI SORGI	De La Salle	Sr.	6-0	215
LB	TYLER LOMBARDO	L'Anse Creuse	Jr.	6-2	225
LB	JAKE McCABE	L'Anse Creuse North	Sr.	5-10	205
LB	CHARLIE WALKER	Stevenson	Jr.	6-4	195
DB	JAKE HATHAWAY	Dakota	Sr.	6-1	170
DB	DAN MEURER	Dakota	Sr.	5-10	170
DB	BRIAN KLOZIK	Eisenhower	Sr.	5-9	180
DB	ERIN LAURAIN	Romeo	Sr.	5-11	185

Honorable Mention

RYLE LACHOWICZ, DB, Anchor Bay; BRENT VERGOWEN, OL, Chippewa Valley; JOE SMITH, QB, Chippewa Valley; TONY BASSETT, RB, Cousin; RYAN PLODZIK, LB, Cousin; DAN MILLER, RB, Cousin; DIET PRIVETT, RB, De La Salle; MARSH LAMANNIA, DB, East Detroit; JEFF ROSENBER, JL, Eisenhower; MATTHEW NEMERKIS-ER, OL, Ford; JOHN AMORE, LB, Ford; JIMMY MCKEE, DL, L'Anse Creuse; KEATON LASHLEY, DB, L'Anse Creuse North; DEREK JOHNSON, RB, Roseville; THOMAS BAUREMAN, RB, Stevenson; TORICO SEARCY, DB, Warren-Mott.

All-Stars to be honored at dinner

You are invited to join a celebration honoring the best high school football players in Macomb County. Tickets are on sale at The Macomb Daily Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Advance purchase is recommended. Tickets may be available at the door the night of the dinner. Players were nominated for the door the night of the dinner. Panels of coaches, representing all of the schools in the county, selected the Tier 2 and Tier 1 all-star teams and their head coaches will be guests of The Macomb Daily at its annual football awards dinner. Tickets are \$20 apiece for the event that begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1 at Mirage, 16980 18 Mile Road, east of Garfield in Clinton Township. Also, winners of the annual Team, Coach and Player of the Year awards will be announced at the dinner. Additional information may be obtained by calling the sports department at (586) 469-4771 weeknights after 4 p.m.

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