

2006 Big 7 All-League Football Teams

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The five-time undefeated champs from Holton have a dozen first-teamers including 7 on defense and 2 other honorable mentions. Runner-up Sabetha had 11 selections, while third place Royal Valley finished with 10. Nemaha Valley and Jeff West each placed 6 picks on the honors list.

Holton's first-team defenders included James Lopez, Cory Wilson and Chris Luker on the line, Kevin Middlemist at end, Matt Brock at backer, as well as Madison Morris and Matt Spade in the secondary, while Aaron King was mentioned at linebacker and Kyle Porter as a defensive back. Offensively, the Wildcats had five first-team performers including lineman Caleb Doyle, Josh Peters and Luker, as well as Morris and King as top running backs.

Sabetha had four defensive players earn top honors including linebacker Tyler Bletscher, lineman Dylan Grote and defensive backs Mitch Allen and Kaleb Koch. Kahlin Koch and Kevin Moravec received honorable mention, while Matt Hall was the league's top kicker. Offensively for the Bluejays, Jason Pyle repeated as a receiver and Grote was a top lineman, while Adam Krehbiel and Blake Boldra received mentions in the trenches and Chris Rebant was honorable mention tailback.

Royal Valley had a pair of first-team defensive backs in Trent Andler and Jesse Kutina, while Jake Rodewald anchored the defensive line. Linebacker Alex Rupnick and back Willie Lucero earned honorable mention, while on offense, Jesse Kutina was voted top quarterback in the league by Big 7 coaches and Trent Andler was a top runningback. Other honorable mention accolades on offense for the Panthers include lineman Michael Hladky and Rodewald.

Brayden Black was the honorable mention league quarterback from Jeff West, while Derek Helton was a top receiver and Josh Baker was mentioned at tight-end. Defensively, Garrett Mohny was a top lineman while Nick Briney was honorable mention linebacker and Nick Briney shared the top punting honors with Ethan Hammes of Nemaha Valley. Secondary specialist Drew Olberding and linebacker Zack Elder were first-team picks for the Raiders. Brett Henry was a first-team lineman for Nemaha Valley and honorable mention went to tight-end Anthony Nolte and tackle Neil Bergman.

Maur Hill/Mount Academy's Alex Estes was the top tight-end while also getting mentioned at receiver with teammate Jordan Mellott. Cole Scherer and Matt Minnis received honorable mention on defense for the Ravens.

The two all-league performers for ACCHS were Jake Robinson at guard and defensive end Derek Oswald, while Darren Snyder was mentioned at linebacker. Hiawatha had two honorable mention picks in runningback Adam Olson and center Gus Lindstrom.