



Unbeaten In Season, 2010 Trojans Make State Final



The 2010 Barnesville Trojan Football Varsity team members are, left to right, front row-Student Managers Caleb Stetz, Brady Martz, Cheerleaders Alyssa Schiefert, Rebecca Olson, Victoria Olson, Mary Schindler, Jennie Tucker, Sally Berg, Abby Brandt, Student managers Phillip Hagen, Jonny Kletsch and Jack Trowbridge;

row two-Kyler Votava, Michael Strand, Christian Rutherford, Maverick Brady, Tyler Nysveen, Nathan Dokkebakken, Tyler Martz, Mason Berg, Matt Holland, Ryne Kisch, Seth Martinson, Josh Smith, Jonah Kletsch, Alex Trowbridge, Rylee Anderson and

Jace Nosal;

row three-Statisticians Caitlin Johns, Brittany Walters, Caden Summers, Brett Johnson, Boone Mahar, Andrew Janssen, Brad Halverson, Zach Hochhalter, Tanner John, Conner Paul, John Hagen, Luke Nord, Statisticians Connor Lewis, Dakota Aberle, and Callie Bowen;

row four-Assistant Coach Mike Sacrison, Assistant Coach Glen Maninga, Head Coach Bryan Strand, Jordan Kurtz, Bryan Praska, Jacob Kletsch, Adam Rice, Robbie Strand, Brady Dokkebakken,

Josh Harris, Gus Settlemyer, Brad Ellefson, Adam Garry, Mac Tschakert, Colby Braton, Assistant Coach Phil Trowbridge, Assistant Coach Andy McCarty, Assistant Coach Dain Kalkbrenner and Assistant Coach Nathan Strand;

row five-Colby Mahar, Tracy Jerald, Tyler Olson, Austin Martz, Brian Butenhoff, Isaac Goedtker, Willy Anderson, Dain Biewer, Kyle Johnson, Garrett Nelson, Wendell Rogers, Hunter Olson and Stuart Brandt.

Missing from the photo are Trevor Nelson and Alec Wheelright.

Losing eight key seniors from their stellar 2009 team could have affected the Trojan momentum going into a new season. Instead, the 2010 Trojans matched the previous year's performance and went a step further, going all the way to the state final.

Ranked number three in the state in preseason polls, the Trojans literally hit the ground running in their opening contest. They took the opening kickoff all the way for a touchdown on the way to a 45-10 road victory over Lake Park-Audubon.

A 17-6 victory over Lake of the Woods 17-6 raised Barnesville to number two in the state.

The Trojans opened conference play with a 35-0 victory over the

Frazeo Hornets, and the remainder of the regular season was sheer forward momentum.

The team's amazing defense continued to be amazing in the Trojan homecoming game. The offense was even more impressive in the convincing 54-0 win over Hackensack-Akeley.

Six different players scored nine touchdowns in the next victory, 63-14 over the Bagley Flyers. The win upped the Trojan record to 7-0 and raised the team to share the top ranking in the state.

Ranked in the Class A top ten, the home team Red Lake County Rebels mustered little offense and disappointed their fans in a 35-8 Trojan win.

And then came the Hawley

Nuggets. But the Trojans' major rival was unable to muster even a field goal on their own field in a 42-0 Barnesville win.

If there was any doubt about the Trojans' strength, it was quickly erased in the final game of the regular season. The Trojans rolled passed Pine River-Backus 62-7 and turned their attention to the playoffs.

The Trojans didn't break a sweat in the first post-season game. In fact, they didn't even suit up.

The Trojans' opening opponent, Parkers Prairie, was forced to forfeit the game due to a lack of players. The final score, as determined by playoff officials: Barnesville 2, Parkers Prairie 0.

A much more competitive game was anticipated with Royalton, which had enough bodies. The Trojans had other ideas, taking a quick early lead and never looking back on their way to a 42-0 victory and a rematch with Browerville for the Section 6A championship.

Both teams arrived at the Fargodome ready to battle for the section crown. Once again, the Trojans struck early, scoring in their first possession and cruising to a 57-21 win. At one point Barnesville led 25-0. They finished the contest with 378 yards rushing and 141 yards in the air.

The state quarterfinal pitted

Mahnomen, also undefeated, against Barnesville, who would not be denied their shot at another trip to state. The Trojans earned that right as their defense shut down Mahnomen in a 24-6 hard fought victory.

Barnesville needed big plays in the state opener versus Goodhue, and big plays are what they produced.

The Trojans struck first with less than five minutes left in the first quarter. Zach Hochhalter scored on a 29-yard run. Two minutes later, Goodhue tied it up on a 22-yard pass play.

With two minutes left in the first quarter, the Barnesville offense was relentless and it sought and found opportunities to run up the score before the clock ran out.

Austin Martz scored on a big 82-yard run, and Adam Rice padded the lead with a 74-yard run. The PA made the score 21-7 at the first-quarter mark.

The Trojans more than doubled that score by the end of the game with scoring plays that included a 95-yard run from Hochhalter.

When the artificial dust settled on the artificial turf, the Trojans stood triumphant with a score more suitable for a basketball game: 49-30.

The stats for this game were amazing. The Trojans finished with 527 yards of total offense, 460 on the ground. Goodhue racked up 546 yards of total offense, with passing accounting for 386 of those yards.

The win improved the season record to 13-0. One more foe

remained. The dream season moved on to the state title game versus New Ulm, also at the Metrodome.

The Trojans made a valiant effort to come back from a first quarter 13-0 deficit. Barnesville outscored the Greyhounds 13-6 over the next three quarters to come within six points of the lead.

Late in the fourth quarter, Barnesville needed to stop the Greyhound offense and get the ball back for one more shot at the end zone. But the Trojans were out of time outs, and New Ulm picked up a vital first down with less than two minutes remaining. Their QB was able to take a knee on the final plays and New Ulm took the state title.

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Award winners from the 2010 Trojan football team are clockwise left to right - Brad Halverson, Austin Martz, Robbie Strand, Adam Rice, John Hagen, Kyle Johnson, Tanner John, Colby Braton, Andrew Janssen and Zach Hochhalter.

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