

Knight Football Players Receive 2020-21 Season Awards

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Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School held an Athletic Awards Night for the usual fall sports. Head Football Coach Ryan Jefferson thanked the parents for adapting to all the changes this season. He then introduced the players by class and gave them their certificates and letters to those that earned them.

The freshmen included: Dalton Eads, Brody Louden, Chris Miller, Connor Nettles, Jayce Parsons, Colton Taylor, Nathan Tighe and Landon Waldrop. Sophomores were: Hunter Carnahan, Caleb Corum, Chilton Ingram and Bobby Schanuel. Letter Winners in the Sophomore class were: Mason Allen, Tanner Beckmier, Drew Cotton, Kaden Feagin, Noah Garrett and Kody Kornewald. All three juniors earned letters and they were: Austin Abercrombie, Max Allen and Quentin Day. As with the juniors, all thirteen Seniors received a varsity letter for their hard work during the 2021 season. Seniors were: Keegan Ashenfelter, Brady Borntreger, Ben Carroll, Morgan Cotton, Finn Davison, Brayden Fay, Billy Fifer, Brock Hudson, Rene Juarez-Cuevas, Aaron Likens, Jack Martin, Austin Plank, and Jamison Roche.

Coach Jefferson then gave out the team awards. First up was the Most Improved and that went to Mason Allen and Bobby Schanuel for showing the most improvement from their first season of football to this year. Colton Taylor and Billy Fifer were awarded the Knight Pride award for their enthusiasm and good attitude throughout the season for Colton and for his career for Billy. Quentin Day was given the Good Soldier award earned by being willing to do whatever he was asked and play wherever he could help the team. The final award was the MVPs going to Kaden Feagin for Offensive MVP and Jack

Martin for Defensive, their stats and outstanding play earning them these awards and also contributing to them both being named Team Co-MVPs for the 2021 season.

Coach then talked about when he decided to come to ALAH and take over the football program. He had seen the large, then 19, freshmen class and saw a special group with lots of potential. That group was now the Senior class of 13 players that provided quite a ride through their three years with Coach. He gave the career accomplishments of this class: with this group, we graduate 246 Varsity starts, 18 All Conference players, 13 letter winners (several had earned letters in their freshman, sophomore and junior years also), 5 record holders and several who ended up near the top of the all-time lists. They are: Billy Fifer ended up 5th all-time in rushing and finished 12th in total yards; Brady Borntreger finished 9th all-time in passing yards, and finished 18th in total yards; Ben Carroll ended up 3rd all-time in interceptions, and holds the record for most interceptions in a

season. He also ended up 33rd in total yards, which is crazy because almost all of his yards came last year- had his season this year not got cut short due to injury, he would have finished very high on the list and probably would have the record for most interceptions ever; Finn Davison finished up just outside the top 15 in rushing yards, and finished 34th in total yards; Jamison Roche finished just outside the top 15 in receiving yards and tied the record of most receiving TDs in a game with 3; Jack Martin finished #22 in tackles, but we know he should have finished much higher if it weren't for missing an entire season due to shoulder surgery and with this season being short of games as well. I have no doubt Jack would have been a top 5 tackler when all was said and done. Aaron Likens leaves ALAH with THREE school records-longest field goal at 41 yards, most PATs made with 93 and most field goals with 11. These will be tough, tough records to break!

Coach thanked everyone for coming and closed out the football portion of the awards night.



Kaden Feagin and Jack Martin hold the ALAH high school boys' MVP trophy. Kaden was named Offensive MVP for this season and Jack was the Defensive MVP. Together they earned the honor of Team Co-MVPs for their outstanding play during this 2021 football season.



These ALAH football players earned special awards that were presented at the Athletic Awards Night on May 8. From the left: Bobby Schanuel, Most Improved; Jack Martin, Defensive MVP and Team Co-MVP; Billy Fifer, Knight Pride; Kaden Feagin, Defensive MVP and Team Co-MVP; Quentin Day, Good Soldier award; and Mason Allen, Most Improved.

ALAH High School Track and Field Competes at Meet in Mt. Zion

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On Wednesday, May 5, the Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond track and field teams competed in a meet with the host school, Mt. Zion and Mahomet Seymour. Both the boys and girls finished in third place in the team standings but had many good performances. For some of the boys who had been playing football this was the first meet competition for them and a few athletes were missing because of the school play dress rehearsal.

Alexa Miller continued

her winning ways taking first place in both the 100m (13.53) and 200 (28.2) and also took second in the long jump (4.88m/16'). Other winners for the girls were Sarah Rafferty, 800m (2:51.43), and Brooke Clark, discus (31.45m/103' 2"). Earning first place finishes for the boys were Jacob Duzan, 800m (2:14.56); Layton Hall, 1600m (4:32.83); and Kaden Feagin, long jump (6.23m/20' 5"). Kaden also took second in the 100 meters (11.68).

Other Knights scoring points in the meet were: Finn Davison, 4th, 100m

(11.95); Emma Edwards, 2nd, 400m (1:07.9), 200m (31.07); Reggie Edmonds, 4th, 400m (55.75); Jace Green, 2nd, 800m (2:16.44); Logan Beckmier, 3rd 800m (2:17.57) and 3rd 3200m (10:11.25); Landon Waldrop, 2nd, 110m hurdles (18.25), 2nd long jump (5.82m/19' 1") and 3rd triple jump (10.91m/35' 9"); Jacob Vitale, 2nd 300m hurdles (53.98), 100m (13.20); Nathan Cogdill, 3rd 300m hurdles (57.45); Jack Martin, 3rd shot put (11.80/38' 8"), discus (36.63/120' 2"); Aus-

tin Abercrombie, 2nd discus (39.13m/128' 4"); Makayla Harshbarger, 3rd shot put (8.75/28' 8.5"). The boys 1600m relay of Mason Allen, Reggie Edmonds, Jace Green and Brady Borntreger placed second in a time of 3:52.91. Placing second also was the 3200m relay of R. Edmonds, Austin Plank, Jacob Duzan and Green in a time of 9:07.51.

Others taking part in the meet were Kaitlyn Zander, shot put (7.25/23' 9"); Brady Borntreger, 100m (12.08); Aaron Likens, 100m (12.70);

Jayden Chupp, 100m (13.0); Drew Cotton, 100m (13.20), 400m (1:03.91); and Austin Plank, 400m (58.12).

The I.H.S.A. has implemented measuring in the metric system for all field events this season.

The Knights were supposed to have a meet on Tuesday, May 4 before this meet but it got rained out

and rescheduled to Thursday, May 6 but again it would be rained out. They are scheduled for a meet on May 11 at Cumberland and then the annual Tri-County meet held in Sullivan on May 14. Hopefully they can get some good weather and get in some more competition.



Junior runner for the Knights, Sarah Rafferty crosses the finish line in the 800 meter race at the meet in Mt. Zion on Wednesday, May 5. Sarah would win the race in a time of 2:51.43.



Three Knights come to the finish of the 800 meter race in the meet at Mt. Zion on May 5. Juniors Jacob Duzan and Jace Green would take first and second in the race followed closely by their teammate, Sophomore Logan Beckmier who finished in third.



Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond High School distance runner, senior Layton Hall shown here running the 1600 meters at Mt. Zion on May 5 and setting a new personal record in the event of 4:32.83 ventured north Saturday May 8th to Palatine IL to run in Distance Night in Palatine. This event features the elite Midwest high school distance runners of all classes competing in the 800, 1600, and 3200 meter runs. Hall ran a personal record, his second of the week, of 9:35.09 in the 3200 to finish 39th out of 62 runners. His time places him amongst the top Class A Illinois runners.