

Season Preview

# 25 to Watch: SCK

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## 25 FOOTBALL PLAYERS TO WATCH IN SOUTH CENTRAL KANSAS

### REED ADELHARDT, GARDEN PLAIN

Adelhardt, a 6-foot-1, 195-pound senior, helped Garden Plain post a 9-2 record last season with his play at running back and linebacker. An All-Class 2A honorable mention choice, he ran for 1,179 yards and 15 touchdowns, including three games over with over 190 yards. Adelhardt also registered 67 tackles and three sacks.



*Reed Adelhardt*



### ASHTON BARKDULL, ANDOVER CENTRAL

Barkdull, the reigning Class 5A pole vault champion, has been a productive two-way player for the Jaguars, earning All-Class 4A honorable mention at running back and linebacker. The senior averaged 7.4 yards per attempt while running for 803 yards and six touchdowns last season. He also registered a team-leading 60 tackles.

*Ashton Barkdull*

## **GAVIN BELL, EL DORADO**

El Dorado posted its first winning season since 2000 last fall, and Bell, a 6-4, 270-pound left guard and defensive end, helped make it happen. He anchors an experienced offensive line this fall, and his 37 solo tackles on defense a year ago is tops among Wildcat returnees.



*Gavin Bell*



## **EVAN CANTU, MAIZE SOUTH**

Cantu opened the 2021 season with a 239-yard, two-touchdown rushing performance in Maize South's victory over Great Bend. The 5-9, 193-pound senior was the Mavericks' primary ball carrier the second half of last season and finished with 179 attempts for 1,054 yards and five touchdowns.

*Evan Cantu*

## **DREW DANIELS, ANDOVER CENTRAL**

Daniels, a 6-2, 270-pound senior, has started on Andover Central's offensive line since his freshman year. With the Jaguars replacing several skill position players, the All-Class 4A performer's experience helps make the line a team strength. He also plays on Central's defensive front, and earned all-state honorable mention there.



*Drew Daniels*



## **JACE DOERKSEN, INMAN**

Doerksen, 6-1, 180-pound senior, has been on the field for the Teutons since his freshman season. He set a single-season school record with 1,550 passing yards last season, completing 93 of 146 attempts with 18 touchdowns. The All-Class 1A performer also ran for 290 yards and six TDs.

*Jace Doerksen*



### **DYLAN EDWARDS, DERBY**

Edwards, a 160-pound junior running back, ran for 1,833 yards last season, including 170 in the Class 6A championship game as Derby defeated Blue Valley North for its third consecutive state title. The all-state speedster went over 100 yards in nine of the Panthers' 11 games, and had a season-long run of 81 yards and reception of 85 yards.

*Dylan Edwards*

### **SAM ELLIOTT, BUHLER**

Elliott, a senior running back and linebacker, was All-Class 4A and the Ark Valley-Chisholm Trail Division III player of the year in 2020. A two-time state wrestling champion as well, Elliott started the season with just under 3,000 career rushing yards after running for 1,962 yards and 29 touchdowns last season.



*Sam Elliott*



*Wesley Fair*

### **WESLEY FAIR, WICHITA COLLEGIATE**

Collegiate leaned heavily on Fair's running ability at quarterback last season, as he rolled up 1,771 yards and 27 touchdowns on 253 attempts. The Spartans would like to lighten that load after he passed for 944 yards and seven TDs. Fair is also a key part of Collegiate's talented secondary.

### **CHANDLER GOODNIGHT, ANDOVER**

Goodnight, a 6-foot, 200-pound senior, earned All-Class 5A honorable mention at linebacker last season as part of a solid defensive unit. Possessing a good combination of power and speed, Goodnight, a three-year starter, enters the 2021 season with 25 career sacks.



*Chandler Goodnight*

### **JAYTIN GUMM, MCPHERSON**

Gumm, a junior, was named All-Class 4A honorable mention last season after running for 1,329 yards and 13 touchdowns while helping McPherson reach the state semifinals for the fourth consecutive year. After a breakthrough season, Gumm's abilities will be key as the Bullpups develop a relatively inexperienced line.



*Jaytin Gumm*



## **CHANCE HILGER, NORWICH**

Hilger, a 6-3, 190-pound senior, earned all-state honorable mention as a defensive lineman in Eight-Man Division II last season after registering 90 tackles in nine games. A double-figure scorer for Norwich's basketball team, Hilger also provides an offensive threat at tight end.

*Chance Hilger*



*Lance Hoffsommer*

## **LANCE HOFFSOMMER, SEDGWICK**

Hoffsommer, who pitched the Cardinals to a victory in the Class 2-1A baseball championship game, was an All-Class 1A quarterback last fall after completing almost 70 percent of his passes for 1,915 yards and 21 touchdowns. He also ran for 509 yards and nine TDs in Sedgwick's no-huddle spread attack.

## **AVERY JOHNSON, MAIZE**

Recruiting interest has skyrocketed for Johnson, a 6-3, 170-pound junior whose dual-threat abilities helped fuel Maize's high-scoring offense last season. Johnson, an All-Class 5A honorable mention choice, passed for 1,699 yards and 16 touchdowns, and ran for 369 yards and 10 TDs.



*Avery Johnson*



## **ALEX KEY, DERBY**

Key's play at offensive tackle was a big reason Derby churned out 317 rushing yards and almost 440 yards of total offense per game during its 2020 6A title run. At 6-foot-4 and 270 pounds, Key anchors the Panthers' left side with physical play and impressive footwork and technical skills. He was a Top 11 All-State and Class 6A first-team selection last season.

*Alex Key*

## **DAEONTE MITCHELL, WICHITA EAST**

The sophomore dual threat quarterback made a big impact for East last season, passing for 875 yards and 16 touchdowns, and running for 600 yards and nine TDs in five games before an injury. At 6-2 and 190 pounds, Mitchell features a strong arm and good athleticism. He passed for 171 yards in East's season opener against Hays.

## **GEREMIAH MOORE, WICHITA NORTHWEST**

Moore, a 5-9, 190-pound senior quarterback, has drawn recruiting interest from Army and Navy with his fleet-footed running ability and improved passing. He jump-started Northwest's rally against Bishop Carroll in last season's Class 5A semifinals, then ran for 109 yards and passed for 197 in a title-game loss to Mill Valley.



*Geremiah Moore*



*Xander Newberry*

## **XANDER NEWBERRY, ARGONIA-ATTICA**

Newberry, a 6-2, 175-pound quarterback and linebacker, helped Argonia-Attica post a 9-2 record last season passing for 1,275 yards, running for 771 yards and accounting for 38 touchdowns. The senior is one of the Titans' key pieces as they try to repeat as district champions and go deeper in the Eight-Man Division I playoffs.

## **ETHAN PERKINS, CONWAY SPRINGS**

Perkins, a senior lineman, is one of the top returning players for Conway Springs, which finished 9-2 last season. With the Cardinals replacing 90 percent of their offensive production, his presence up front will be important. Perkins also boosted Conway Springs' defense last season with 3.5 sacks.



*Ethan Perkins*



*Matthew Potucek*

## **MATTHEW POTUCEK, HILLSBORO**

Potucek, a senior quarterback and defensive back, earned All-Class 2A honorable mention after passing for 1,459 yards and 19 touchdowns, and running for 805 yards and eight TDs. Potucek also grabbed four interceptions for the Trojans, who finished 6-4.

## JOHN RANDLE JR., WICHITA HEIGHTS

Randle, a junior running back and kick returner, has averaged more than 10 yards per carry during his first two seasons for the Falcons. He ran for 1,009 yards and 10 touchdowns as a sophomore after posting 708 yards and eight TDs the previous year. He helped Heights post a 5-3 record in 2020.



*John Randle Jr.*



## LOGAN SPEXARTH, ANDALE

Andale surrendered just 6.5 points a game in winning its second consecutive Class 3A title last season, and Spexarth played a key role. The 5-10, 180-pound linebacker and running back recorded 70 tackles with two sacks and two interceptions. Spexarth is one of five returning defensive starters.

*Logan Spexarth*

## KEYVAN STALLINGS, WICHITA NORTHWEST

At 6-2 and 285 pounds, Stallings is a three-year starter for Northwest's high-powered offense, which led Class 5A in scoring last season at 53.9 points per game. Stallings, an all-state honorable mention choice, leads an experienced Grizzlies line that is geared toward wearing down opponents with a fast tempo.



*Kevyan Stallings*



## HARRISON VOTH, CHENEY

Voth, a senior quarterback and defensive back, led Cheney to mostly dominant victories in its first nine games before a second-round playoff loss to Wichita Collegiate. He completed 141 of 227 passes for 2,376 yards and 36 touchdowns. He also ran for 665 yards while earning All-Class 3A honorable mention.

*Harrison Voth*

## **BRAYDON WICKLIFFE, GODDARD**

Wickliffe, a 6-1, 285-pound defensive end, recorded 73 tackles and five sacks last season to help Goddard post a 7-3 record. The four-year starter and All-Class 5A honorable mention selection is part of a solid senior duo with noseguard Ruben Ortiz that allows the Lions to play a three-man front for their base defense.



*Braydon Wickliffe*