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CHIPPEWA COUNTY FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR | CHI-HI'S DAWSON GOODMAN



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Chi-Hi senior Dawson Goodman is a multi-year starter and has been a key fixture on the gridiron for the Cardinals. His senior season included Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-State honorable mention and All-Big Rivers Conference first team honors. Goodman is the 2022 Chippewa County Player of the Year.

AWESOME DAWSON

Family fuels Goodman into all-around, all-state force

BRANDON BERG | Chippewa Herald

Football is family business for Dawson Goodman.

And business was good this season for the Chi-Hi senior as he racked up numerous honors and accolades in his final season on the gridiron for the Cardinals.

Goodman earned Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Large Schools All-State honorable mention at defensive back after earning All-Big Rivers Conference first team. He was a finalist for the WisSports.net Jim Leonhard Award, which is bestowed upon the state's best senior defensive back.

And Goodman is the 2022 Chippewa County Player of the Year, the latest award in a football odyssey that shows no sign of slowing down.

Family business

The impact of the sport of football has always been easy to find in the Goodman family.

Dawson's father John played at Stanley-Boyd before a long coaching career at Thorp and later Fall Creek, leading the Cardinals reach the Division 6 state semifinals in 2002. Dawson's older brothers Hayden and Gavin both started for the Cardinals and have gone on to play in college.

As a child, Dawson's

first memories with football were taking part in Chi-Hi's Little Champs youth camps before he started as a player. Being the youngest in the family, Dawson had plenty of strong examples and role

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Chi-Hi's Dawson Goodman stiff arms a D.C. Everest defender on Aug. 25 at Dorais Field.

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Recent Winners

- **2021:** Brady Potaczek, Stanley-Boyd
- **2020:** Tate Sauerwein, Lake Holcombe/Cornell
- **2019:** Tate Sauerwein, Lake Holcombe/Cornell
- **2018:** Rico DeLeon, Chi-Hi
- **2017:** Ben Turner, Stanley-Boyd
- **2016:** Seth Hause, Stanley-Boyd
- **2015:** Zach Turner, Stanley-Boyd
- **2014:** Ronny Ponick, Zach Turner and Clint Warminski, Stanley-Boyd
- **2013:** Colten Seibel, Bloomer
- **2012:** Brett Baker, New Auburn

Also Considered

- **Dale Tetrault, McDonell**
The senior wide receiver was one of the top 8-man pass catchers in the state this season, hauling in 60 receptions for 1,041 yards and 15 touchdowns in earning Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association All-State first team honors.

PACKERS

Green Bay considering picking up pace

Offense may go up tempo to provide spark

JASON WILDE
For the Herald

GREEN BAY — Aaron Rodgers thinks speeding things up might be just what the Green Bay Packers' downtrodden offense needs to kick into high gear.

The question is whether the Packers four-time NFL MVP quarterback has successfully convinced his head coach, Matt LaFleur, that an all-gas, no-brakes approach will rev up the operation.

Searching for answers for an of-



UP NEXT
Green Bay (4-7) at Philadelphia (9-1)
When: Sunday, 7:20 p.m.
TV: NBC

fensive malaise that, with the exception of the team's Nov. 13 victory over the Dallas Cowboys, has spanned the entire season — even before the team lost five consecutive games — Rodgers has been suggesting for several weeks that going up-tempo and mixing in a dose no-huddle will help, just as it did in past years when LaFleur's predecessor, Mike McCarthy, em-

braced the idea.

Could their prime-time road matchup with the 9-1 Philadelphia Eagles on "Sunday Night Football" be the right time to give it a shot?

"I just think anytime you're in a funk offensively, this is what Mike and I used to talk about," Rodgers said in the aftermath of the team's 27-17 loss to the Tennessee Titans on Nov. 17. "If there's two, maybe three series where you're just not moving the ball efficiently, changing the tempo after maybe the first play of the drive is a way to just keep the defense having to make

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Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers said he had success utilizing quick snaps and the no-huddle offense last week against the Titans.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE, SPECIAL AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Grant Smiskey

Quarterback

McDonell

Number: 3 | Class: Sophomore

Height: 5-10 | Weight: 169

Resume: All-Central Wisconsin West Conference first team...Completed 95 of 134 passes for 1,636 yards, 21 touchdowns and six interceptions and ran for three touchdowns.

Coach Mark Maloney says: "Grant was like having a coach out on the field running the offense. His vision is unbelievable and we could discuss and strategize during each game, he believed in me and I believed in him, it was great to have that option. The best part of it all is I get to do it with him for the next two years. It will be fun to watch him grow as an athlete and a leader."



Grant Smiskey



Tegan Ritter

Tegan Ritter

All-Purpose

Cadott

Number: 22 | Class: Senior

Height: 6-1 | Weight: 195

Resume: All-Dunn-St. Croix Conference second team selection at fullback/tight end...Ran for 512 yards on 63 carries and five touchdowns while catching six passes for 147 yards and one score.

Coach Jeff Goettl says: "Tegan is the most unselfish player I've ever coached. He could've played any position on our team and been an all-conference player."

Brodee Burish

Offensive Line

Cadott

Number: 55 | Class: Junior

Height: 6-0 | Weight: 210

Resume: All-Dunn-St. Croix Conference second team.

Coach Goettl says: "Brodee has a tremendous amount of potential. He's scraping the surface of the player he could become."



Dylan Bowe



Brodee Burish

Dylan Bowe

Running Back

Cornell

Number: 11 | Class: Senior

Height: 5-10 | Weight: 165

Resume: All-Central Wisconsin West Conference first team at running back and second team at defensive back...Rushed for 1,197 yards on 164 carries and scored 15 touchdowns.

Coach Craig Braaten says: "We saw tremendous growth in Dylan this year; he was put in a tough spot when we lost one of our senior leaders early in the season. Dylan stepped up as seniors should and led the conference in rushing and our team in tackling."

Mason Howard

Running Back

Chi-Hi

Number: 1 | Class: Senior

Height: 5-10 | Weight: 150

Resume: All-Big Rivers Conference first team...Ran for team-high 563 yards on 101 carries and nine touchdowns while catching a team-high 17 receptions for 340 yards and four scores.

Coach Chuck Raykovich says: "He's so quick and athletic and does everything. He's got great hands, he's got great vision, balance. He's the real deal."



Mason Howard



Grant Hatfield

Grant Hatfield

Offensive Line

Stanley-Boyd

Number: 78 | Class: Senior

Height: 5-10 | Weight: 185

Resume: All-Cloverbelt Conference first team...Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Academic All-State.

Coach Koenig says: "Smart and physical football player. Was able to play any position for us, he even took snaps at QB for us in our play-off game."

Gabe Prince

Running Back

Bloomer

Number: 6 | Class: Junior

Height: 5-8 | Weight: 160

Resume: All-Heart O'North Conference first team...Ran for 998 yards and eight touchdowns on 152 carries...Caught four passes for 54 yards.

Coach John Post says: "Gabe was the second leading rusher in the conference from the QB position. It took a few games to get figured out and then he was very good and improved steadily throughout the season. He is one of our best all-around football players."



Gabe Prince



Tony Pikulski

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Offensive Line

Chi-Hi

Number: 75 | Class: Senior

Height: 5-10 | Weight: 260

Resume: All-Big Rivers Conference second team.

Coach Raykovich says: "Tony's talent and abilities were just scratching the surface and I wish I could have him back for a couple more years because he turned into at the end of the year a dominant offensive lineman."

Landon Karlen

Wide Receiver

Stanley-Boyd

Number: 7 | Class: Junior

Height: 5-9 | Weight: 165

Resume: Led team in receiving with 42 receptions for 477 yards and two touchdowns and rushing with 105 attempts for 349 rushing yards and seven touchdowns.

Coach Jeff Koenig says: "Landon is a quick football player. Our offense went through him this year."



Landon Karlen



Malaki Suckerman

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Offensive Line

McDonell

Number: 79 | Class: Senior

Height: 6-3 | Weight: 325

Resume: All-Central Wisconsin West Conference first team.

Coach Maloney says: "Malaki was our offensive line captain with a lot of experience through his high school career. He was a great mentor to our younger linemen and when we needed those short yards during any game we could rely on Malaki to pave the way."

Dale Tetrault

Wide Receiver

McDonell

Number: 89 | Class: Senior

Height: 5-9 | Weight: 165

Resume: Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-State First Team and All-Region...Central Wisconsin West Conference Offensive Player of the Year...Central Wisconsin West Conference First Team at wide receiver and defensive back.

Coach Maloney says: "Dale is one of those coaches dream players, the kid that works his tail off in the off season, has a ton of experience and is a great leader. First team All-Conference on Offense and Defense, Offensive Player of the Year, All-Region, All State, WOW, he deserves all the accolades he has been receiving, and throw on top of that breaking the 8-Player Career Receptions (record). I had the opportunity to coach him as an eighth grade player and now as a senior, it was fun to watch him continue to get better and better each year."



Dale Tetrault



Jace Zwiefelhofer

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Offensive Line

Chi-Hi

Number: 60 | Class: Senior

Height: 6-5 | Weight: 220

Resume: Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Region...All-Big Rivers Conference first team.

Coach Raykovich says: "Just like Mason a three-year starter. They both started as sophomores and their work on the field speaks for itself. They were well rewarded for it."

Special and Honorable Mentions

Special Mentions

Quarterback: Logan Burzynski, Stanley-Boyd

Running Back: Easton Goodman, Cadott; Dawson Moulton, McDonell

Wide Receiver/Tight End: David Andersen, McDonell

Offensive Line: Griffen Sokup, McDonell; Grayden Thatcher, Chi-Hi

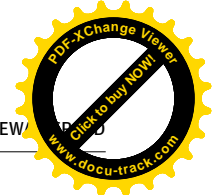
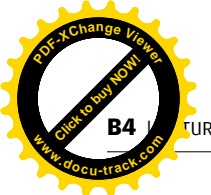
Honorable Mentions

Quarterback: Daniel Person, Cornell; Mason Von Haden, Chi-Hi

Running Back: Mayson Tester, Chi-Hi

Wide Receiver/Tight End: Kolbe Solberg, Chi-Hi

Offensive Line: Levi Lindsay, Cadott; Kai Harder, New Auburn



FIRST TEAM DEFENSE, SPECIAL AND HONORABLE MENTIONS

Nathan Drivas
Defensive Line

Chi-Hi
Number: 7 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 5-10 | **Weight:** 188

Resume: Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-Region...All-Big Rivers Conference first team...34 total tackles, one defensive fumble recovery for touchdown...Ran for 197 yards and two touchdowns on 32 carries.

Coach Chuck Raykovich says: "Our defensive is predicated on our d-linemen not so much making tackles but spilling runners to our linebackers."



Nathan Drivas



Mason Monarski

Mason Monarski
Linebacker

Chi-Hi
Number: 44 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 6-1 | **Weight:** 180

Resume: All-Big Rivers Conference honorable mention...73 total tackles including one tackle for loss and one interception.

Coach Raykovich says: "Our defense is predicated on our linemen taking care of the offensive linemen so our linebackers can flow and make plays and both of those guys (Clary and Monarski) did a heck of a job."

Brady Rubenzer
Linebacker

McDonell
Number: 46 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 5-11 | **Weight:** 170

Resume: All-Central Wisconsin West Conference first team.

Coach Mark Maloney says: "Brady is one of the hardest working athletes on our team and his hard work in the offseason paid off for him. He was our leading defensive player at linebacker and a great leader out on the field. He was our QB on the defensive side of the ball."



Brady Rubenzer



Samy Espinal

Samy Espinal
Defensive Line

Bloomer
Number: 63 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 5-10 | **Weight:** 220

Resume: All-Heart O'North Conference first team...21 total tackles including three tackles for loss.

Coach John Post says: "Samy has been a very solid player for us on both sides of the ball. He is one of our top players both ways and will be very hard to replace."

Carter Harycki
Defensive Line

Cornell
Number: 66 | **Class:** Junior
Height: 6-5 | **Weight:** 270

Resume: All-Central Wisconsin West Conference first team...25 total tackles and two fumble recoveries.

Coach Craig Braaten says: "Carter played well for us this year in one of the toughest positions on the field. He led the team in tackles for a large portion of the season getting us big plays when we needed them."



Carter Harycki



Tristan Drier

Tristan Drier
Defensive Back

Cadott
Number: 1 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 5-9 | **Weight:** 180

Resume: All-Dunn-St. Croix Conference second team at defensive back and honorable mention at quarterback...76 total tackles including two forced fumbles and recoveries...464 rushing yards and nine touchdowns on 92 carries and completed 41 of 84 passes for 622 yards, six touchdowns and three interceptions.

Coach Goettl says: "Tough nosed. Always around the ball. Played like an extra linebacker in the box."

Dawson Goodman
Defensive Back

Chi-Hi
Number: 23 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 6-0 | **Weight:** 185

Resume: Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-State honorable mention and all-region...Wis-Sports.net Jim Leonhard Award state finalist...All-Big Rivers Conference first team selection...93 total tackles including one for loss, one forced fumble and three interceptions...Rushed for 365 yards and four touchdowns on 48 carries.

Coach Raykovich says: "A guy like Dawson moving onto play college football, it's almost like I'm giving some coach the winning lottery number."



Reid Post



Dawson Goodman

Jackson Gugel
Defensive Back

Chi-Hi
Number: 11 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 6-0 | **Weight:** 160

Resume: All-Big Rivers Conference second team...65 total tackles including one for loss, one fumble recovery and finished among statewide leaders with seven interceptions.

Coach Raykovich says: "He's another athlete. He plays basketball and baseball and his athleticism really showed through with his ability to gauge passes and jump at the proper time and pick off quarterbacks."



Thomas Clary



Jackson Gugel

Nick Fasbender
Linebacker

Cadott
Number: 32 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 5-9 | **Weight:** 150

Resume: All-Dunn-St. Croix Conference second team at linebacker and honorable mention at running back...112 total tackles with two forced fumbles and fumble recoveries...717 rushing yards and four touchdowns on 109 carries with four catches for 55 yards.

Coach Jeff Goettl says: "One of the most instinctive football players in our area. Nick plays as hard as any player I've ever coached."



Nick Fasbender



Peter Weir

Peter Weir
Specialist

Cadott
Number: 10 | **Class:** Senior
Height: 6-0 | **Weight:** 170

Resume: All-Dunn-St. Croix Conference first team...21-of-23 on extra points with three made field goals including a 31-yarder.

Coach Goettl says: "We've been lucky to have Pete. A state cross country runner that would give his time to football. He can be a D1 football kicker if he wants to take that path."

Honorable Mentions

Defensive Line: Caleb Leet, McDonell

Linebacker: Andrew Person, Cornell; Jordan Peters, Cadott; Chase Sturm, Stanley-Boyd; Austin Woolever, New Auburn

Defensive Back: Ezra Lindstrom, Chi-Hi; Brayden Lotts, New Auburn

Specialist: Davis Bromeisl, Chi-Hi; Aly Ferguson, McDonell

Special Mentions

Defensive Line: Caleb Leet, McDonell

Linebacker: Karim Bah, Bloomer

Defensive Back: Jace North, New Auburn

Specialist: Thomas Clary, Chi-Hi; Esubalew Mason, Chi-Hi; Simon Polman, Stanley-Boyd

NOTE: All-Chippewa County teams are selected by Chippewa Herald staff with input from county coaches.

Dawson

From B1

models to follow to learn football and picked up everything he could.

“They taught me the ropes and how to be a leader and how to grow into a great football player like they were,” Dawson said of his older brothers.

A three-year varsity player for the Cardinals, Dawson learned a valuable lesson about varsity football on his very first play. As he was covering the opening kickoff in Chi-Hi’s 2020 season opener at River Falls, Goodman started to slow down when the return went well away from him.

But a River Falls blocker wasn’t done with the play.

“The play was almost over and I almost eased up and that was when I got my mentality changed and I got walloped right at the end of the play,” Dawson said. “Put right on my back and was like alright, this is how I’ve got to play varsity football.”

Longtime Chi-Hi coach Chuck Raykovich is familiar with the Goodman family with John serving on his staff in addition to all three brothers playing for the Cardinals and said that football family lineage is easy to see in Dawson’s play.

“He’s very, very, very special,” Raykovich said. “He was brought up in a football family with his dad being a coach and his two older brothers are playing college.”

Dawson said it’s the family feeling football brings that he likes the most. He’s had teammates since he was little that have now become brothers.

“He’s like having a coach on the field,” Raykovich said of Dawson.

Stepping up

As a junior, Goodman registered 123 total tackles and four interceptions for the Cardinals as he earned All-Big Rivers first team honors.

Chi-Hi finished 8-3 and advanced to the second round of the Division 1 playoffs with Goodman playing a part in 17 total tackles in his team’s 22-21 overtime win at Stevens Point in the first round. But the Cardinals graduated a large and influential senior class and entered this season with many new faces on both



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

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sides of the ball.

Dawson was a rare returning player with significant experience and saw his roles expand. He took snaps at running back for the first time since his youth days and ultimately ran for 365 yards and four touchdowns on just 48 carries — with his first carry of the season going 39 yards for a touchdown in the opener at Holmen.

“You could’ve put him at any position on the field and he would’ve been a standout,” Raykovich said of Goodman. “He’s tough, he fought through a difficult injury this year to have the year he did is really special.”

Goodman was also a key cog on special teams as a kickoff and punt returner and held on field goal and extra point attempts. It was in a field goal holding situation that Goodman helped provide the most iconic moment of the season for the Cardinals. With Chi-Hi and River Falls tied at 14 in overtime on Sept. 30, Goodman and the special teams unit trotted out for a 34-yard field goal attempt by Esubalew Mason to win the game. The Wildcats blocked the kick and tried to scoop the ball and return

it for a winning touchdown, but River Falls fumbled the ball. After a lateral, the ball ended up in Goodman’s hands and he raced out and down the sidelines for the winning touchdown over the eventual Big Rivers co-champions.

Goodman said he had a good feeling when the team came out for the field goal attempt and believes if River Falls didn’t get a hand on the kick, it would’ve went through.

“It got blocked and from there I just set my eyes on the ball and started playing football,” Goodman said.

The senior was his usual stellar self on the back end of a rock solid Chi-Hi defense that finished second in the conference in points allowed (99) and allowed just 14 points per game all season.

From the outset of the season, Goodman and the team’s senior class helped forge a tight-knit team that had a legitimate chance to win each game it played.

“I think the seniors did a good job of teaching the underclassmen last year to carry on the culture from last year,” Goodman

said. “We were kind of a build-each-other-up type mentality and we really didn’t let anyone fall off the train at the beginning of the season. That helped us form into the really tight-knit team we had.”

Goodman led the team in tackles (93) and grabbed three interceptions as his play was noticed on a statewide level as he was a finalist for the Jim Leonhard award and was an all-state honorable mention.

Looking ahead

Goodman plans to join his older brothers as collegiate players after he graduates from Chi-Hi in the spring.

He has more campus visits to make before he makes his decision of where to play. But wherever Goodman lands, Raykovich believes that program is landing a gem.

“I feel like I’m giving some college coach a winning lottery ticket, to be honest with you,” Raykovich said.

But Goodman’s impact on the Cardinals isn’t limited to his on-the-field play. Goodman was a captain for the Cardinals this fall and has been heavily involved

with the program’s captains projects during his high school career. In the fall Goodman teamed up with Kolbe Solberg to sell hot dogs during the school’s fall code meeting with the proceeds going to the school’s Cardinal Landing, a place for students in need to acquire supplies and clothing.

“He is so respected around the school,” Raykovich said of Goodman. “He’s special. There isn’t a kid in school that doesn’t love Dawson because he treats people right. He’s a true leader in the school.”

But for Goodman it always comes back to family — not just his family that has helped mold him into the person and football player he is today. But the family he has built on the football field since he first tried on his older brother’s practice gear as a youngster.

“My most favorite part was we were never the biggest team, but we played with the most heart and we always were able to overcome that obstacle that we weren’t the biggest but we can still go out there and compete with the best of them,” Goodman said.

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