

YRAA football All-Stars ripe with Mustangs talent



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The season may not have ended the way he would have dreamed, but St. Maximilian Kolbe quarterback Ben Langlois was still happy to play in the YRAA championship game under the big lights in front of the biggest crowd he's seen.

"I think this year was the best team this franchise has ever seen," he said. "It was amazing to be a part of, we had a lot of adversity we went through and it all came through."

Clearly the organizing body had the same idea, naming eight Mustangs players to the YRAA All-Star lineup.

Defensively, the Mustangs had three backs picked for honours. Defensive back Tristan Kuchar had 19 solo tackles with two interceptions this season, while Matt Vassos contributed with 15 solo tackles of his own. Linebacker Mike Buttazzoni rounded out the list, boasting 30 solo tackles while recovering a fumble on the year.

On offence, Giorgio Venosa's ability to hold the line earned him All-Star honours. Wide receivers Jordan Torres and Jacob Fenchak put up a ton of yardage for the Mustangs all year, Torres gaining seven touchdowns on almost 700 yards and Fenchak putting up over 300 yards of his own.

Kicker Jack Camplin was named to the special teams lineup as a kicker, after a perfect season kicking 5/5 field goals supplemented by a 100% PAT conversion. He also doubled as a wide receiver, catching 18 balls for 323 yards and two TDs.

Langlois rounds out the Mustang All-Stars. Only in his junior year at St. Max, Langlois established himself as the school's starting quarterback after transferring from positions as a linebacker and tight end.

"I came to St. Max and I kind of filled in the role, and I've felt good about it ever since," said Langlois, whose favourite NFL player is Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger. "I love throwing the ball, and so does my dad, so I kind of got it from him."

As for his plans for his senior year of high school eligibility, Langlois has one plan: "win it."

"It's been our goal for the past two years," he said of his Mustangs squad, who lost the Tier II final in 2014. "We want to win one. We have about half of our starters coming back, so we have a good core to go all the way again."