

2013 All-Gazette Team: High School Football, Grand Island players.

By Mike Meiler

Running Back

Jared Brandon, Grand Island

STATS: 86 carries, 521 yards, 5 TD, 23 tackles.

SKINNY: Shifty sophomore played only five games on varsity, spending the first four weeks on JV. ... Averaged 6.1 yards per carry, gradually becoming the Vikings' featured back. ... Ran for over 125 yards in each of his final three games, including a 31-carry, 168-yard, 2 TD performance in a 23-0 win over McKinley to close the regular season. ... Named second team All-A North.

Offensive Linemen

Joe Gioeli, Grand Island

STATS: 29 tackles, 1.5 sacks, 3 FR, 1 block.

SKINNY: Senior teamed with Nick Paolini and Tommy Doctor to solidify the area's best offensive line. ... Started both ways in the trenches. ... Kept his head up and was opportunistic on defense, leading the Vikings in fumble recoveries.

Nick Paolini, Grand Island

STATS: 30 tackles, 2 TFLs.

SKINNY: First team All-A North helped control the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. ... Senior captain whom coach Dean Santorio called, "the hardest worker on our team." ... Helped propel the Vikings to over 1,400 total rushing yards.

Defensive Line

Tommy Doctor, Grand Island

STATS: 63 tackles, 11 TFLs, 6 sacks.

SKINNY: Senior also started at left tackle and is one of 10 Trench Trophy finalists in WNY. ... Named first team All-WNY, first team All-A North and A North Co-Defensive Player of the Year. ... Had 10 tackles from the line twice, against Starpoint and Will. North in a sectional loss. ... Son of former Buffalo Bills linebacker Tom Doctor Sr.

Linebacker

Paul Sukmanowski, Grand Island

STATS: 62 tackles, 3 TFLs, 1 FR, 130 carries, 657 yards, 13 catches, 154 yards, 6 total TDs.

SKINNY: Senior wore many different hats for the Vikings, leading the team in carries, rushing yards, receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns. ... Two-way player shifted from RB to FB with the emergence of Jared Brandon, taking less touches but thriving as a lead blocker. ... Named first team All-A North LB despite offensive achievements.

Defensive Back

Jack Gorman, Grand Island

STATS: 28 tackles, 2 INTs, 8 catches, 120 yards, 29.8 kick return average, 1 return TD.

SKINNY: Senior flew under the radar for the talented Vikings, but still made first team A-North. ... Had a huge game against Niagara-Wheatfield, returning the opening kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown and registering 6 tackles in a 13-7 win.

Kurtis Johnson, Grand Island

STATS: 30 tackles, 1 TFL, 1 INT, 11 catches, 136 yards, 2 receiving TDs, 2-5 FGs, 17-21 PATs.

SKINNY: Senior battled injuries throughout the year while anchoring GI secondary. ... Named first team All-A North for his defense but also made impact in the kicking game. ... Took over as top receiving option after a season-ending injury to fellow senior Ben Goc.

Honorable Mentions

Chris Aronica, GI

Joe Chiaravalle, GI

Mike Kleinschmidt, GI

TJ Morgan, GI