

Northern Indiana Conference South Division champions New Prairie and South Bend Washington, and NIC North Division champion Penn captured the top awards for the 79th NIC all-conference high school football team.

New Prairie quarterback Nick Brassell, a 5-foot-11, a 185-pound senior quarterback who nearly rushed for 2,000 yards this season, was named the NIC South Division Most Valuable Player.

Washington head coach Jay Johnson, leader of the Panthers' turnaround from a 3-7 record in 2014 to an 8-3 mark in 2015, earned the NIC South Division Coach of the Year honors.

Harvard-bound Camden Bohn, a 6-5, 225-pound senior quarterback for Penn, won NIC North Division MVP honors.

Penn head coach Cory Yeoman, who guided the Kingsmen to the Class 6-A state championship game this season, was named the NIC North Coach of the Year.

NIC schools enjoyed a banner season in football. The conference boasted five sectional champions -- Bremen, Marian, St. Joseph, Mishawaka and Penn. In addition, Marian, St. Joseph and Penn won regional championships, and Penn won a semistate championship.

MVP, Coach of the Year, and first-team all-NIC selections were determined by a vote of all of the league coaches. Second-team and honorable mention selections were made by the individual coaches, no regard for position, and the number of selections for each school was based on Division won-loss record.

Brassell rushed 200 times this season for 1,813 yards, an average of 9.1 yards a carry, to power the high-octane Cougars' to a share of the NIC South title. He scored 26 touchdowns for New Prairie, accounting for 168 points. He was 7-of-10 passing.

In 2014, Brassell led New Prairie to the Class 4-A state championship game. He finished his career with 3,681 yards rushing, and a 72 percent passing percentage (23-of-32). He scored 54 touchdowns and 334 points in his career.

"Nicholas' ability to lead and overcome many physical adversities made him a more driven football player," New Prairie head football coach Russ Radtke said. "He did an outstanding job running our offense for two years. He led us to our first state appearance, and set the state's team rushing record in 2014 (6,084 yards). He is an outstanding student with a 3.6 GPA and ranks in the top 20 percent of his class. We look forward to seeing Nicholas succeed in all that he does in the future."

Johnson, a split end for Notre Dame from 1997-2000, guided Washington to dramatic improvement in 2015. The Panthers were 8-3 overall and won a share of the NIC South title with a 5-1 conference record. Washington was 3-7 in 2014, including a 2-4 record in the NIC.

"Coach Johnson has gone above and beyond coaching football to build a program that has dedicated itself to supporting athlete's growth and development," said Washington High School athletic director Garland Hudson. "On many different occasions the team's character and integrity has been challenged, and with Coach Johnson leading the way, the team has done nothing but excel."

"Coach Johnson and the team's success this season can be contributed to the dedication and commitment of both the players and staff to "leaving no doubt" (the team motto). Washington High School is grateful to have Coach Johnson and believe he is

stirring his team in the right direction. Congratulations for being named 2015 NIC Coach of the Year, you deserve it!"

Johnson said that his players and coaches deserve the credit for the award.

"This season was a blast!" Johnson said. "I am proud of how our kids played the game and represented Washington on a weekly basis. It was an honor to take the field every week with this staff and this group of kids and watch them grow as a family on and off the field!

"Through everything this season threw at us, I love how my staff and players always stayed focused, stayed humbled and stayed hungry no matter what. I am proud of this team and all the accomplishments we were able to achieve this season.

"This award is a huge Honor in my head coaching career," Johnson continued. "I want to thank my administration and staff for their continued support. All the success we had this season is a direct reflection of how hard my staff worked to put our kids in the best position to be successful on a weekly basis. This is the ultimate team sport and requires a great team of devoted coaches to be recognized with this award and I am blessed with a great team of coaches and I am truly honored and humbled to receive this award!!"

Penn's dual-threat quarterback Bohn gained more than 1,000 yards rushing and accounted for more than 1,000 yards passing in leading Penn to a 12-2 record and the state championship game in Class 6-A.

Bohn was named the IHSAA Phil Eskew Class 6-A Mental Attitude Award winner at the state championship game on Saturday.

"What a great role model, what a great leader," Penn head coach Yeoman said of Bohn. "To do everything he does in the classroom and the community, and have the success he's had and still be so humble and be a good person ... he's a special individual. He's got it figured out."

Yeoman, who is 142-29 in 13 seasons at Penn's head coach, led the Kingsmen to the NIC North Division title, along with sectional, regional and semistate championships.

"Coach Cory Yeoman is an outstanding football coach and mentor for our student-athletes," Penn High School athletic director Aaron Leniski said. "He has great passion for our school and brings out the very best in our young men each day through his strong character development.

Coach Cory is a players' coach who establishes a relationship with each player based on trust, commitment, and accountability. We're honored to have him lead our football team, teach in our school, and contribute to our total athletic program."

Yeoman downplayed his role in Penn's success this season, instead praising his coaching staff and the players.

"It has a heck of a lot to do with the team and the coaching staff more than anything I did," Yeoman said about the award. "We have a great staff that works tirelessly and puts a lot of time into it, and we have a great group of young men who prepare extremely hard, practice extremely hard, and play extremely hard. All of those things make me look a lot better than I really am.

"I loved how this team approached practice every day, how they carried themselves on and off the field, and how they faced adversity. They kept battling and battling, and that's the sign of a champion."

## NIC NORTH DIVISION

### 1st Team

#### OFFENSE

| Position                   | Name                          | School          | Grade | Ht   | Wt  |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------|------|-----|
| Center                     | Nick Singleton                | Mishawaka       | 11    | 6-1  | 215 |
| Center<br>1 - TIE          | Dominic Matthys               | Saint Joseph    | 12    | 5-11 | 205 |
| Offensive Line<br>4        | Max Bernard                   | Penn            | 12    | 6-2  | 270 |
|                            | Ben Knutson                   | Penn            | 12    | 6-7  | 285 |
|                            | Austin Kisrow                 | Mishawaka       | 12    | 6-2  | 270 |
|                            | Michael Keobel                | Saint Joseph    | 12    | 6-4  | 230 |
| Tight End<br>1             | Nolan Metcalf                 | Penn            | 11    | 6-3  | 255 |
| Wide Receiver<br>2<br>TIE  | John Ohlson                   | Penn            | 11    | 5-10 | 170 |
|                            | Langston Johnson              | Elkhart Central | 12    | 6-1  | 175 |
|                            | Brandon Wadley                | SB Adams        | 12    | 5-10 | 170 |
|                            | Davendrick Hall               | SB Clay         | 12    | 5-5  | 145 |
| Running Back<br>2          | Cedric Vakalahi               | Penn            | 12    | 5-9  | 195 |
|                            | Gabe Brooks                   | SB Adams        | 12    | 6-0  | 185 |
| Quarterback<br>1           | Camden Bohn                   | Penn            | 12    | 6-5  | 225 |
| At Large<br>Offensive<br>1 | Darian Phillips, QB           | Mishawaka       | 12    | 5-10 | 180 |
| <b>DEFENSE</b>             |                               |                 |       |      |     |
| Defensive Line<br>4        | Zach Main                     | Penn            | 12    | 6-1  | 250 |
|                            | Devin Jones                   | Elkhart Central | 11    | 5-9  | 251 |
|                            | Noah Daniels                  | SB Adams        | 12    | 6-3  | 265 |
|                            | Fred Berry                    | SB Adams        | 12    | 6-3  | 215 |
| Linebackers<br>3           | Kobe Woods                    | Penn            | 12    | 5-11 | 225 |
|                            | Kyle Edwards                  | Mishawaka       | 12    | 5-7  | 175 |
|                            | James Schell                  | SB Adams        | 12    | 5-11 | 215 |
| SS/Robber<br>1             | Reece Treber                  | Penn            | 11    | 6-2  | 190 |
| Defensive Back<br>3        | Jason Alexander               | Penn            | 12    | 5-11 | 180 |
|                            | Nick Quarandillo              | Elkhart Central | 12    | 5-8  | 135 |
|                            | Brendan Chappell<br>Cromartie | Saint Joseph    | 12    | 5-10 | 165 |

|           |                    |          |    |      |     |
|-----------|--------------------|----------|----|------|-----|
| At Large  |                    |          |    |      |     |
| Defensive | TaVonte Malone, FS | SB Adams | 11 | 5-11 | 160 |

### Special Teams

|        |               |      |    |      |     |
|--------|---------------|------|----|------|-----|
| Punter | Sam Scholtes  | Penn | 12 | 5-9  | 165 |
| Kicker | Jared Hancock | Penn | 11 | 5-11 | 160 |

|            |                          |      |    |     |     |
|------------|--------------------------|------|----|-----|-----|
| <b>MVP</b> | Camden Bohn, Quarterback | Penn | 12 | 6-5 | 225 |
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### Coach of the Year

|  |             |      |
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|  | Cory Yeoman | Penn |
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### 2nd Team

(Number of selections based on team NIC record, not position for 2nd Team and Hon. Mention)

| Position | Name            | School          | Grade | Ht   | Wt  |
|----------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|------|-----|
| C        | Anthony Lovisa  | Penn            | 12    | 6-0  | 295 |
| OG       | Mike Dhuivette  | Penn            | 11    | 6-4  | 305 |
| DE       | Nate Boone      | Penn            | 11    | 6-3  | 210 |
| LB       | Will Vakalahi   | Penn            | 11    | 5-10 | 205 |
| S        | Paul Moala      | Penn            | 10    | 5-10 | 175 |
| CB       | Austin Laughman | Penn            | 12    | 5-11 | 190 |
| OL / DL  | Jack Driscoll   | SB Adams        | 11    | 6-5  | 245 |
| LB       | Malik Giger     | SB Adams        | 11    | 6-0  | 175 |
| OL / LB  | Jacob Johnson   | SB Adams        | 11    | 6-2  | 230 |
| WR       | Walter Ellis    | SB Adams        | 10    | 6-5  | 180 |
| QB       | Andrew Burgess  | SB Adams        | 11    | 6-0  | 165 |
| RB       | Peyton Marshall | Mishawaka       | 12    | 5-9  | 185 |
| RB       | Greg Burns      | Mishawaka       | 12    | 5-10 | 170 |
| LB       | Kevin Banks     | Mishawaka       | 11    | 6-0  | 180 |
| LB       | Adam Heatherly  | Mishawaka       | 12    | 5-9  | 170 |
| OL       | Peter Wiegand   | Saint Joseph    | 12    | 6-3  | 280 |
| LB       | Jack Buckey     | Saint Joseph    | 12    | 6-2  | 215 |
| DB       | Zach Credi      | Saint Joseph    | 12    | 5-7  | 160 |
| WR       | Antwaan Allen   | Elkhart Central | 12    | 6-3  | 190 |
| OT       | Keyan Arnott    | Elkhart Central | 12    | 6-0  | 240 |
| OL       | Jacob Downs     | SB Clay         | 12    | 6-3  | 260 |
| LB       | Julian Cavallo  | SB Clay         | 11    | 5-9  | 175 |

### Honorable Mention

|    |                |          |    |     |     |
|----|----------------|----------|----|-----|-----|
| TE | Chris Crothers | Penn     | 11 | 6-5 | 230 |
| OT | Daniel Yu      | Penn     | 11 | 6-2 | 235 |
| RB | Landon Martz   | Penn     | 11 | 6-3 | 200 |
| LB | Keegan Hurst   | Penn     | 11 | 6-2 | 225 |
| LB | Parker Adkins  | Penn     | 11 | 6-0 | 190 |
| WR | Brice Voorde   | Penn     | 12 | 5-9 | 170 |
| LB | Elijah Davis   | SB Adams | 11 | 6-4 | 275 |

|         |                  |                 |    |      |     |
|---------|------------------|-----------------|----|------|-----|
| LB      | Taj Lewis        | SB Adams        | 12 | 6-1  | 185 |
| DL      | Mason Gardner    | SB Adams        | 12 | 6-1  | 250 |
| OL      | Liam Driscoll    | SB Adams        | 10 | 6-2  | 225 |
| RB / LB | Evan Ridenour    | SB Adams        | 12 | 5-10 | 160 |
| DB      | Blake Becker     | Mishawaka       | 12 | 5-10 | 180 |
| WR      | Ryan Wroblewski  | Mishawaka       | 11 | 5-9  | 155 |
| DB      | Devin Wakes      | Mishawaka       | 11 | 6-2  | 170 |
| DL      | Lawrence Kariuki | Mishawaka       | 12 | 5-11 | 190 |
| WR      | Mark Madden      | Saint Joseph    | 12 | 6-5  | 210 |
| QB      | Tony Carmola     | Saint Joseph    | 12 | 5-9  | 170 |
| OL      | Michael Godfrey  | Saint Joseph    | 10 | 5-11 | 215 |
| DT      | Ian Jenks        | Elkhart Central | 12 | 5-9  | 196 |
| OL      | Charles Krauter  | Elkhart Central | 10 | 5-10 | 239 |
| WR      | Joh Holloway     | SB Clay         | 12 | 6-0  | 160 |
| TE      | Jake Frickson    | SB Clay         | 12 | 6-0  | 160 |

|   | <b>NIC North Standings</b> | <b>Conference</b> | <b>Season</b> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Penn                       | 5-0               | 12-2          |
| 2 | SB Adams                   | 4-1               | 8-4           |
| 3 | Mishawaka                  | 3-2               | 8-4           |
| 4 | Saint Joseph               | 2-3               | 8-6           |
| 5 | Elkhart Central            | 1-4               | 2-8           |
| 6 | SB Clay                    | 0-5               | 1-9           |

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NIC Football Chair as voted on by the head coaches of the schools  
and Greg Humnicky, NIC Secretary / Historian

## NIC SOUTH DIVISION

### 1st Team

#### OFFENSE

| <b>Position</b>     | <b>Name</b>      | <b>School</b> | <b>Grade</b> | <b>Ht</b> | <b>Wt</b> |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|
| Center<br>1         | P.J. Ernst       | Marian        | 12           | 6-0       | 210       |
| Offensive Line<br>4 | Christian Dennis | Marian        | 12           | 6-0       | 235       |
|                     | Ronald Bougher   | New Prairie   | 12           | 6-3       | 285       |
|                     | Jarod Hayes      | Jimtown       | 12           | 5-11      | 210       |

|                            |                    |               |    |      |     |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----|------|-----|
|                            | Drew Coffel        | Bremen        | 12 | 5-8  | 252 |
| Tight End<br>1             | Trevor Hobbs       | Jimtown       | 12 | 6-5  | 225 |
| Wide Receiver<br>2         | Deonne Witherspoon | SB Washington | 12 | 5-10 | 160 |
|                            | Ryan Topper        | Bremen        | 12 | 6-3  | 205 |
| Running Back<br>2          | Jordan Peck        | New Prairie   | 12 | 5-11 | 171 |
|                            | Kenny Kern         | Jimtown       | 11 | 5-11 | 160 |
| Quarterback<br>1           | Nick Brassell      | New Prairie   | 12 | 5-11 | 185 |
| At Large<br>Offensive<br>1 | Tyler White, QB    | SB Washington | 12 | 6-3  | 190 |

## DEFENSE

|                            |                        |               |    |     |     |
|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------|----|-----|-----|
| Defensive Line<br>4        | Nate Thomas            | Marian        | 12 | 6-3 | 240 |
|                            | Lupe Salazar           | SB Washington | 12 | 6-3 | 220 |
|                            | Tynan Williams         | New Prairie   | 11 | 6-3 | 231 |
|                            | Robert Kildow          | John Glenn    | 12 | 6-1 | 260 |
| Linebackers<br>3           | Patrick Coulter        | Marian        | 12 | 6-2 | 215 |
|                            | Terrance Baker         | SB Washington | 12 | 6-0 | 180 |
|                            | Gage Nierzwicki        | New Prairie   | 12 | 6-3 | 225 |
| SS / Robber<br>1           | John Michael Hankerson | SB Washington | 12 | 6-1 | 180 |
| Defensive Backs<br>3       | Joe Ravotto            | Marian        | 12 | 6-2 | 175 |
|                            | Dylan Guldager         | Jimtown       | 12 | 6-2 | 160 |
|                            | Tony Brazier           | SB Washington | 12 | 6-1 | 170 |
| At Large<br>Defensive<br>1 | Ryan Moser, CB         | New Prairie   | 12 | 5-9 | 161 |

## Special Teams

|                |                            |             |    |      |     |
|----------------|----------------------------|-------------|----|------|-----|
| Punter         | Justin Baker               | Bremen      | 12 | 6-0  | 190 |
| Kicker/ Punter | Jack Tiller                | Marian      | 11 | 5-11 | 150 |
| <b>MVP</b>     | Nick Brassell, Quarterback | New Prairie | 12 | 5-11 | 185 |

## Coach of the Year

Jay Johnson

SB Washington

## 2nd Team

Number of selections based on team NIC record, not position for 2nd Team and Hon. Mention

| Position | Name              | School        | Grade | Ht   | Wt. |
|----------|-------------------|---------------|-------|------|-----|
| LB / RB  | Lorenzo Glass     | SB Washington | 12    | 6-2  | 195 |
| DT       | Delron Patterson  | SB Washington | 12    | 5-10 | 295 |
| LB / RB  | Jalen Lee         | SB Washington | 12    | 5-9  | 185 |
| OT / DE  | Justice Gustafson | SB Washington | 12    | 6-1  | 230 |
| DE / TE  | Josh Wilson       | SB Washington | 11    | 6-3  | 240 |
| Safety   | Tyrese Belcher    | SB Washington | 11    | 5-11 | 190 |
| DB       | Joe Cinal         | New Prairie   | 12    | 5-11 | 165 |
| LB       | Jared Culp        | New Prairie   | 12    | 6-3  | 205 |
| C        | Jordan Kessler    | New Prairie   | 10    | 5-11 | 161 |
| OL       | Ryan Flaherty     | New Prairie   | 12    | 6-5  | 295 |
| DL       | Jesse Williamson  | New Prairie   | 11    | 6-1  | 249 |
| RB       | Jake Whitfield    | Marian        | 12    | 5-11 | 190 |
| RB       | Zander Horvath    | Marian        | 11    | 6-3  | 215 |
| LB       | Gavin Verslype    | Marian        | 12    | 6-1  | 180 |
| DB       | Michael Hemingway | Marian        | 10    | 5-8  | 160 |
| QB       | Sam Pawlak        | Jimtown       | 11    | 6-5  | 185 |
| DL       | Caleb Fowler      | Jimtown       | 12    | 5-11 | 205 |
| OL       | Nick Mamolenti    | Jimtown       | 11    | 6-1  | 275 |
| QB       | Matt Box          | Bremen        | 12    | 6-3  | 213 |
| DL       | Trent Stichter    | Bremen        | 12    | 5-11 | 195 |
| LB       | Colton Taylor     | John Glenn    | 12    | 6-3  | 215 |
| DE       | Alex Williams     | SB Riley      | 11    | 6-0  | 185 |

## Honorable Mention

|         |                   |               |    |      |     |
|---------|-------------------|---------------|----|------|-----|
| DT      | Isaiah McWilliams | SB Washington | 10 | 5-8  | 225 |
| OT      | Jordan Bates      | SB Washington | 11 | 6-1  | 220 |
| K / P   | Alberto Cervera   | SB Washington | 11 | 6-0  | 170 |
| DT / OG | Lorenzo Henderson | SB Washington | 10 | 6-0  | 260 |
| DB / WR | Robert Baker      | SB Washington | 12 | 6-3  | 175 |
| Safety  | Donya Harris      | SB Washington | 10 | 5-9  | 160 |
| DB      | Zack Ketterer     | New Prairie   | 11 | 5-11 | 165 |
| DL      | Max Barnaby       | New Prairie   | 11 | 5-11 | 175 |
| DB      | Josh Cooper       | New Prairie   | 12 | 5-11 | 155 |
| DB      | Nicholas Wilson   | New Prairie   | 10 | 5-9  | 137 |
| OL      | Christian Plonka  | New Prairie   | 12 | 6-1  | 251 |
| QB      | Bryce Tomasi      | Marian        | 11 | 6-1  | 165 |
| DE      | Michael Dennison  | Marian        | 11 | 6-1  | 230 |
| DB      | Collin Martin     | Marian        | 12 | 6-0  | 168 |
| TE      | Kenny Dercuki     | Marian        | 12 | 6-4  | 210 |
| OL      | Austin Carey      | Jimtown       | 12 | 5-10 | 235 |
| DE      | Ben Davis         | Jimtown       | 12 | 6-0  | 195 |

|    |                  |            |    |     |     |
|----|------------------|------------|----|-----|-----|
| LB | Nic Weiss        | Jimtown    | 10 | 6-2 | 210 |
| LB | Jacob Pierce     | Bremen     | 12 | 5-9 | 155 |
| LB | Zach Campbell    | Bremen     | 12 | 5-9 | 195 |
| DB | Daniel Wallace   | John Glenn | 12 | 6-1 | 180 |
| WR | Reontre Lawrence | SB Riley   | 12 | 6-2 | 185 |

|   | <b>NIC South Standings</b> | <b>Conference</b> | <b>Season</b> |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 | SB Washington              | 5-1               | 8-4           |
| 1 | New Prairie                | 5-1               | 6-4           |
| 3 | Marian                     | 4-2               | 10-4          |
| 3 | Jimtown                    | 4-2               | 7-4           |
| 5 | Bremen                     | 2-4               | 7-6           |
| 6 | John Glenn                 | 1-5               | 3-7           |
| 7 | SB Riley                   | 0-6               | 1-10          |

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