

Seniors Gockley, Ledall, Bell and May named team captains

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Captains of this year's 2012 Longhorns football team all played key leadership roles in the success of this year's squad.

Seniors Kale Gockley, Callin Ledall, Brian Bell and Michael May were named honorary captains of a team that went 6-4 and captured a first-round playoff victory for the first time since 2006.

Head Coach Dan Lenners said his captains played a key role in creating a team unity and purpose that he hasn't seen for several years.

He said this year's team really bought in to working hard during the off-season which paid off late in the season.

He said they also overcame the loss of several players for the season due to injury.

In addition to being named team captains, the four, along with junior Justus Wallin and sophomore Kelton Fisher, were named to the C1-9 all-district team.

Trey Milner, Dan Sullivan and Justin German earned honorable mention recognition on the all-district team.

The leadership of these all-district players also proved apparent in the season-ending stats for the Longhorns.

Milner lead the rushing attack for the Longhorns with 624 yards followed by Sullivan with 611 yards.

May led the receiving with 239 yards on 16 catches and three touchdowns.

At quarterback, Gockley completed 40 percent of his passes with 10 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

On defense, Wallin and Bell tallied the most tackles, with Jeff Dickey and Fisher close behind.

Gockley led the team in solo tackles with 23 followed by Fisher with 21. Bell led the team in sacks with three and forced three fumbles.

The Longhorns finished the season with a 6-4 record, bowing out in the second round of the state playoffs. Their loss came against Boone Central/Newman Grove, who played for the C1 title against Norfolk Catholic.

Season-ending stats and members of the all-district team accompany this story.

2012 Season Record

8/31@ Gordon-Rushville W 38-0

09/07 Sidney W 48-8

09/14 @ Chadron L 20-27

09/21 @ Cozad L 20-32

09/28 Mitchell W 50-7

10/05 Gothenburg (3 OT) W 20-17

10/12 @ Kearney Catholic L 0-35

10/18 Minden W 28-15

10/25 @ Ord (Playoffs) W 21-7

10/31 Boone Central L 20-48

(Playoffs)

2012 C1-9 All-District Football Team

Position	Name	School	HT/WT	Grade
OL/DL	Brian Bell	Chase County	6-4 245	12
OL/LB	Justus Wallin	Chase County	6-1 215	11
QB/DB	Kale Gockley	Chase County	5-10 170	12
OL/DL	Callin Ledall	Chase County	6-3 220	12
TE/DB	Kelton Fisher	Chase County	6-3 180	10
WR/DB	Michael May	Chase County	5-9 155	12
RB/DB	Jake Paulsen	Cozad	5-11 160	11
OL/DL	Jimmy Brown	Cozad	6-1 240	12
WR/LB	Jacob Rush	Cozad	6-0 170	11
FB/LB	Alex Boryca	Cozad	6-1 200	11
C/LB	Tanner Evertson	Cozad	5-9 170	11
QB/DB	Nate Bubak	Cozad	6-0 163	11
OL/DL	Jacob Stallbaumer	Cozad	6-5 245	11
OL/DL	Tanner Borchardt	Gothenburg	6-8 245	10
RB/LB	Logan Sheets	Gothenburg	5-10 190	12
QB/DB	Blake Ristine	Gothenburg	6-1 175	11
OL/DL	Adam Speck	Gothenburg	6-0 240	11
K	Trenton Long	Gothenburg	5-11 160	11
RB/LB	Preston Franzen	Gothenburg	5-10 170	12
WR/DB	Isaac Carlson	Minden	6-0 140	12
RB/LB	Ryan Chramosta	Minden	5-9 165	12
RB/LB	Quin Rutt	Minden	5-9 185	11
OL/DL	Mitch Muller	Minden	6-4 270	11
P	Landon Lempka	Minden	6-1 175	12
RB/LB	Alex Lowe	Kearney Catholic	6-0 200	12
OL/DL	David Squiers	Kearney Catholic	6-3 265	12
QB	Abe Clinch	Kearney Catholic	6-2 220	12
WR/DB	Brian Husmann	Kearney Catholic	5-11 185	12
OL/DL	Austin Lowery	Kearney Catholic	5-11 250	12
OL/DE	John Blake	Kearney Catholic	5-10 220	12
RB/LB	Thomas Connely	Kearney Catholic	5-11 180	11
DB/WR	Blake Holtmeier	Kearney Catholic	6-1 190	11
PR/KR	Brett James	Kearney Catholic	5-8 165	12

Honorable Mention

Chase County

FB/LB	Justin German	6-2	225	12
RB/CB	Dan Sullivan	5-9	170	11
RB/DB	Trey Milner	6-1	165	11

Cozad

FB/LB Colin Wetovick 5-10 150 10

TE/DE Blaine Petersen 6-1 185 11

WR/DB Conor Young 5-10 140 10

Gothenburg

OL/DL Garrett James 6-2 180 12

TE/DE Logan Koehler 6 190 12

RB/LB Skyler Kottwitz 5-10 170 11

Minden

QB/DB Jonas Lovin 6-2 190 11

OL/DL Colton Barton 6-0 195 11

TE/LB Brendon Sinsel 5-10 190 11

Kearney Catholic

LB Jack Graham 6-0 190 11

LB/WR Connor Streit 5-10 185 12

WR/DE Alex Liess 6-2 190 12

DE/OL Isaac Richter 6-6 270 12