

The 10 spot

Below are 10 players you need to know heading into the 2012 central Ohio high school football season:

CORRY BENSON

Marion-Franklin Sr. QB

At 5-foot-11, 190 pounds, Benson led the Red Devils to a state semifinal last year and has not lost a regular-season game entering his third season as a starter. He passed for 2,727 yards and 32 touchdowns, rushed for 16 touchdowns and ran for 12 two-point conversions last year.

GARRY BROWN

Westerville South Sr. WR

This 6-0, 185-pounder is the latest dynamic receiver to play for the Wildcats. Brown had 60 catches for 1,048 yards with 13 touchdowns last season to help South win a share of its fourth consecutive league title.

JAKE BUTT

Pickerington North Sr. TE/DL/LB

At 6-6, 225 and set for his third season as a key player for the Panthers, this two-way star has all the tools to stand out at both tight end and on defense. He has verbally committed to the University of Michigan.

TACO CHARLTON

Pickerington Central Sr. DL/LB

A Michigan recruit on the defensive line, Charlton is the top returnee for a Central team that was the Division I state runner-up last season. At 6-6, 235, he could see time on either the defensive line or at linebacker.

DAVID FRALEY

Granville Sr. QB

Despite missing two games last season, the 6-0, 175-pounder threw 23 touchdown passes and just three interceptions while making first-team all-district in Division III. He will try to help the Blue Aces build on a 9-1 season in which they missed the playoffs.

MAURICE HALE

Beechcroft Sr. QB/DB

With this 6-2, 190-pounder leading the way, the Cougars made it back to the Division II playoffs after a two-year absence. He passed for more than 1,800 yards and rushed for nearly 1,000 as Beechcroft won the City-North title.

DARRON LEE

New Albany Sr. WR/DB

This 6-2, 195-pounder has verbally committed to Ohio State and could be poised for a breakout season after making second-team all-OCC-Capital last year. He should start at defensive back and could see time at quarterback or wide receiver.

JOEY LONGHINO

Olentangy Liberty Sr. QB

A year after throwing for 1,881 yards and 19 touchdowns, the 6-0, 180-pounder could be central Ohio's top returning passer in Division I. He will attempt to get the Patriots back to the playoffs after a two-year absence.

DONOVAN WILSON

Dublin Jerome Sr. RB

The 6-1, 205-pounder is one of central Ohio's most polished running backs after rushing for 1,420 yards and 16 touchdowns last season and making second-team all-district in Division I. He has verbally committed to Georgia Tech.

JA'WUAN WOODLEY

Hartley Sr. RB/LB

The 5-11, 230-pounder has verbally committed to Toledo and was the district's Division IV Defensive Player of the Year last season, when he had 70 tackles and rushed for 1,546 yards and 19 touchdowns.