

SportsDay **HS** Football

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

DEFENSE | DAMIEN NEROES, GARLAND

What he did: In a 31-21 victory over Rowlett for sole possession of first place in District 10-5A, Neroes helped shut down an offense averaging 31.6 points. His pressure on the quarterbacks helped limit Rowlett to 58 passing yards, and he made a big block to spring a fourth-quarter punt return.

Who he is: A 6-2, 225-pound outside linebacker.

The stats: He had seven tackles, three sacks, three quarterback pressures and two pass breakups.

He said it: "I'm way better on the pass rush this year. I'd say one-on-one, I can't be beat. I like lining up in different positions because it gives me more opportu-



nities to help the team."

Coach said it: "He played lights-out. He was all over the place; he was in their backfield all night. The biggest thing is his explosiveness. He's got a great first step." — Jeff Jordan

Did you know? Neroes, a three-year starter, has played every defensive position but safety at Garland. He has also played receiver. This season he has lined up at outside and inside linebacker, defensive end and tackle. "It takes a special player to do that," Jordan said. ... He has given an oral commitment to SMU. ... Best 40 times: 4.6 (laser) and 4.4 (hand). ... Runs the 200 meters and throws the discus on the track team.

Bill Nichols

Honorable mention

| Player | School | Cl. | Pos. | Notable |
|------------------|------------------|-----|------|--|
| Josh Atkinson | Arl. Oakridge | Sr. | DB | interception with :06 left |
| Keith Bober | Argyle | Jr. | DL | 60-yd fumble return for TD |
| Brice Brooks | S. Garland | Sr. | DB | Two interceptions, 31-yd punt return |
| Nick Davis | Prosper | Sr. | DB | 30-yd interception return for TD |
| Sammy Douglas | Arlington | Jr. | LB | 15 tackles, two sacks, blocked punt |
| Phillip Ellis | Coppell | Sr. | LB | Nine tackles (six solo, two for loss), sack |
| Marty Garcia | Arl. Seguin | Jr. | LB | 15 tackles (two for loss) |
| Ardis Graham | St. Mark's | Sr. | DB | Interception, fumble recovery |
| Winston Guillory | Episcopal Dallas | Fr. | DB | Fumble recovery |
| Tyler Holmes | Sachse | Sr. | DL | 16 tackles (12 solo, one for loss), pressure |
| Tonry Lewis | Haltom | Sr. | DB | Six tackles, two fumble recoveries |
| Tevin McDonald | Corsicana | Jr. | LB | Two interceptions, 42-yd int ret for TD |
| Trey Mohair | Denton Ryan | Sr. | DB | Blocked punt (44 yd TD), interception |
| Sean Nunnally | Rockwall-Heath | Sr. | LB | Two interceptions, 35-yard return for TD |
| Devonte Pryor | Ferris | Sr. | LB | 10 tackles, forced fumble |
| Kevin Smith | Frisco Cent. | Jr. | DE | Seven tackles (one for loss), five sacks |
| Tanner Snow | TCA-Addison | Jr. | S | 100-yd interception return |
| Paris Watson | Arl. Lamar | Sr. | DB | 11 tackles |
| James Werline | FW Nolan | Sr. | DB | 10½ tackles, fumble recovery |
| Lincoln Williams | Frisco Liberty | Sr. | LB | 14 tackles (10 solo, one for loss), sack |

SPORTSDAY'S AREA RANKINGS

CLASS 5A

ON THE RISE:

Skyline moved up one spot to No. 1 after a 54-0 win over Samuel. Skyline has outscored its opponents, 336-55, this season.

| Rk. | Team | W-L | Pts. | Pvs. |
|-----|-----------------|-----|------|------|
| 1. | Skyline (4) | 7-0 | 117 | 2 |
| 2. | Allen (2) | 7-0 | 113 | 1 |
| 3. | DeSoto | 7-0 | 112 | 3 |
| 4. | Eules Trinity | 8-0 | 102 | 4 |
| 5. | SL Carroll | 7-0 | 93 | 6 |
| 6. | FM Marcus | 7-0 | 90 | 5 |
| 7. | Coll. Heritage | 7-1 | 85 | 7 |
| 8. | Arl. Martin | 6-1 | 75 | 8 |
| 9. | Mansfield | 7-0 | 72 | 10 |
| 10. | Cedar Hill | 5-2 | 67 | 9 |
| 11. | Denton Guyer | 5-2 | 54 | 14 |
| 12. | Hebron | 5-2 | 39 | 12 |
| 13. | Garland | 5-2 | 35 | 16 |
| 14. | Duncanville | 5-2 | 31 | 17 |
| 15. | Coppell | 5-2 | 30 | 13 |
| 16. | Keller Central | 6-1 | 22 | 15 |
| 17. | Arl. Lamar | 4-3 | 21 | NR |
| 18. | Arl. Bowie | 4-3 | 20 | 11 |
| 19. | Plano West | 4-3 | 19 | 18 |
| 20. | Man. Timberview | 5-2 | 18 | 19 |

Dropped out: No. 19 Arlington