

FIVE IMPACT RETURNERS



OWATONNA HUSKIES
2023 RECORD: 8-3 OVERALL / 4-0 DISTRICT

1 BLAKE FITCHER

LB | Rising to the top of the depth chart at middle linebacker by the preseason scrimmages and starting all 11 games last year, Fitcher finished second on the team with 57 tackles and led OHS with three blocked kicks. The senior doesn't shy away from contact and is an intimidating physical presence in the middle of the Huskies' man-to-man 3-4 defense. Fitcher is a cornerstone pieces of a defense that enters the 2024 season with high expectations.



BREAKOUT CANDIDATE

ZACH DAHNERT

OL & DL | Immediately jumping into the starting lineup at offensive guard and elevating to the top of the rotation on the defensive line last season, there isn't a player who has worked harder in offseason months than the 6-foot-2, 250-pound senior. Dahnert is expected to retain his full-time duties on the offensive line as the Huskies' starting right guard and slide into the regular rotation on the defensive front as well. Much like Torrin Smith did in 2022 and 2023, Dahnert has a chance to rise from a rock solid two-way starter as a junior into a first-team all-district performer as a senior. He's motivated to play football at the next level and drawn attention from Division II and Division III programs from throughout the region.

2 BLAKE DAVISON

LB | Whatever Davison might lack in elite size (5-10, 195 LBS.), he more than makes up for it other ways. The reigning all-district performer has a nose for the football -- evidenced by his team-leading 98 tackles last season -- and boasts elite positional awareness and technique. He was one of three players elected by his teammates to captain the 2024 squad and is expected to push 100 tackles once again as the unquestioned leader of Owatonna's experienced defensive unit.

5 LUKE WEBBER

WR & DB | Webber entered 2023 as one of the favorites to secure a starting spot in the defensive backfield, and that's exactly what he did. Starting every game at safety and rarely leaving the field on defense, Webber leveraged his mix of awesome speed (4.5 second in the 40-yard dash) and pure athleticism to break up a team-high nine passes as a legitimate lockdown defensive back. He earned all-district honors last season and verbally committed to Division II powerhouse, Minnesota-Duluth in the offseason.



3 NOLAN GINSKEY

WR & DB | This two-way senior dynamo is a generational talent, it's pretty much that simple. Last fall, he manufactured one of the finest single-season performances in Owatonna football history, setting a new schools records in receiving yards (1,194) and receptions (73) while scoring eight offensive touchdowns. On defense, he returned one of his team-high four interceptions for a touchdown and deflected seven passes. He also finished fifth on the team with 24 solo tackles

4 JACK MENEGUZZO

OL | After jumping into the starting lineup during the middle of his sophomore season in 2022, Meneguzzo hasn't missed a start since and developed into one of the top offensive linemen in the Northstar District. Last year, the 6-foot-1, 265-pound center had a breakout year and didn't allow a single sack in his first full season as a starter. This past offseason, he immersed himself in the Huskies' intensive strength training program and enters his final year bigger, stronger and nimble as ever.

IMPACT NEWCOMERS

TRISTAN GRAHAM

RB | After ringing up more than 20 rushing touchdowns as an underclassman at a pair of sub-varsity levels, the speedy Graham is poised to assume a significant role in Owatonna's offensive backfield that will need to replace its leading rusher from a season ago.



RYAN MCINTOSH

DE | Making the transition from middle linebacker to edge rusher will require some patience and include some inevitable growing pains, but McIntosh is a natural defensive playmaker. Already close to 6-foot-2 and north of 205 pounds, the junior has a chance to start from Day 1 opposite Dahnert and will help fill the void left when the Huskies' two best pass-rushers from last season, Jake Strom and Torrin Smith, graduated last spring.