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Badin's Jackson tapped for 'That's My Boy'

Nate Jackson, a senior at Badin High School, is an unprecedented fourth consecutive BHS football player nominated for the prestigious "That's My Boy" award, given annually by the Greater Cincinnati chapter of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame.

It is considered the top award available to high school players in the area.

"It is very exciting for us as a school and for the football program to have our fourth straight finalist for such an incredible award," said Badin High head football coach Dave Wirth. "It is even more exciting to have a player and person the caliber of Nate Jackson represent the school and program to Southwest Ohio and the National Football Foundation."

Ten players from Southwest Ohio have been nominated for the award, which has been presented each year since 1962. The Southwest Ohio Football Coaches Association oversees the nominations, which represent football excellence, academic performance and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Jackson is the son of Joe and Kay Jackson of Oxford. He is a graduate of Talawanda Middle School and a member of St. Mary's Church in Oxford. Joe Jackson, a dentist in Oxford, is Badin's defensive coordinator.

Jackson, who played wide receiver, defensive back and returned kicks, was a first-team all-Ohio selection. He set Badin records for most yards receiving in a season (1,054), receptions (78) and receiving touchdowns (14). Those numbers earned the co-captain numerous Player of the Year awards, including AP Southwest District, GCL-Central, JournalNews and Cincinnati Enquirer. He has also been active in the Badin Campus Ministry program, including as a Kairos senior retreat leader.

Matt Frankey, a 2007 Badin graduate now at the University of Cincinnati, was a co-recipient of the "That's My Boy" award last season. Andy Spaeth '06 (Miami University) and Jon Hufford '05 (Wofford College) were previous nominees in Badin's string of four in a row.

The awards dinner will be held Thursday, Feb. 21, in the Hall of Mirrors at the Omni Netherland Hotel in Cincinnati.

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