

OCTOBER ATHLETE OF THE MONTH: TYLER RHODE

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TYLER RHODE, A SENIOR AND VARSITY FOOTBALL PLAYER AT BROOKFIELD EAST HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS, is passionate about the game and the strong bonds he has formed with his teammates. According to Tyler, “Football makes you earn whatever you’re going to get, and like life, how much preparation and effort you put into it will determine your outcome.”

As this year’s captain, Tyler is working with his teammates to reach their goal of another state championship title. Tyler believes a good leader “never asks a teammate to do something [he] wouldn’t do,” which means he must “work to a higher standard and always give his best.”

His football coach shared, “Tyler’s unselfishness is one of his greatest attributes” and “his incredible work ethic” is second to none. This drive to excel has resulted in Tyler being recognized as most improved player for multiple seasons, All-Conference, Greater Metro Conference Scholar-Athlete, Brookfield East Student of the Month, and one of the best football players in the league.

Tyler’s commitment to excellence extends to his academic studies and involvement in the school and local community. He has taken on leadership positions in the Student Council, Key Club, Beast Leadership committee and Chinese Club, and served as a camp counselor for the Brookfield Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School the past six summers. One of Tyler’s most impressive accomplishments is becoming an Eagle Scout, a journey he began in 3rd grade and the highest rank only six percent of Scouts attain. In addition, Tyler is a 2020 Semper Fidelis All-American, a program sponsored by the United States Marine Corps which “recognizes high school students who face life’s battles with conviction and determination to succeed.”

As the school year and football season begin in these unprecedented times, Tyler is ready to face the challenges that may come and looks forward to his collegiate journey.



GETTING TO KNOW TYLER:

Future Plans: I hope to continue my football career at the collegiate level. I’ve been offered a scholarship to play football for the University of North Dakota at Minot. However, I’ve also begun the process for an appointment to the Air Force Academy. Playing football at the academy, while maximizing my academic opportunities, would be an honor.

Favorite Quote: “The measure of who we are is what we can do with what we have.” - Vince Lombardi

Favorite Food: My mom’s tater tot casserole

Favorite Pre-game Song: “Thunderstruck” by AC/DC

Highlight of Tyler’s High School Career: Winning the 2019 WIAA D2 state championship football game in Camp Randall was the biggest highlight of my high school football career! “Finish everything you do and live with a no-regret mentality” were words that sparked a fire in me. As a team, these words brought us together and elevated our level of play. We were united, brothers on the field, ready for anything that came our way.

Fun Fact about Tyler: I am an Eagle Scout. I have always appreciated the core values Scouting holds and feel they reflect who I am and what’s important to me: Trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

The Athlete of the Month Scholarship program application can be found on the Vantage Financial website www.VFPlanning.com or through your high school’s guidance and career counseling website. If you are a high school senior who plays sports, resides in Elm Grove or Brookfield, and attends a Wisconsin high school, you are eligible to apply for a \$1,500 scholarship sponsored by Vantage Financial Partners.



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