

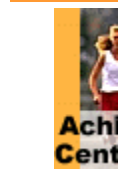


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## Red Bank earns eight awards in Northwestern Technical College "Super Awards Saturday"

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The Red Bank Lions were the big winners at the "Super Awards Saturday," presented by the Northwestern Technical College.

Red Bank (12-1) finished the year ranked No. 8 in the final Tennessee Football magazine all-classification poll.

The Lions walked away with eight awards during the two-hour television show carried on UCTV-3, Comcast Cable 46 and Charter 5 in the Chattanooga and Northwest Georgia markets. The annual awards show honors top players, cheerleaders, coaches, fans, bands, concession stands and even boosters for their part in the 2007 football season.

Red Bank was the Capital Toyota Team of the Year and Tim Daniels was the Pete Potter Coach of the Year. The Red Bank coaches also received the Sportsman's Warehouse Staff of the Year.

Red Bank was perfect for 12 games this season before the Lions had their run at a 4A title stopped by Maryville for the second consecutive season. Red Bank has two losses in the past two seasons, both to the Rebels.

The Lions' Tim Benford (Tennessee Tech) was named the D1 Sports Training Player of the Year. The Red Bank standout caught 62 passes for more than 1,200 yards and 17 touchdowns, and ran 14 times for 221 yards and three touchdowns. The 6-2, 196-pounder had five touchdowns as a defensive back and return specialist before breaking his arm in the playoffs.

Quarterback Jake Ledbetter (Cumberland) was the Tom Weathers

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Tennessee Player of the Year.



Ledbetter was a two-time All-State selection and passed for more than 5,000 yards in leading the Lions to back-to-back 10-0 regular seasons.

Tracy Sims (Tennessee State) was the Reggie White Defensive Player of the Year.

The hard-hitting 5-11, 239-pound linebacker/fullback was a four-year starter for Red Bank.

The Lions were 41-9 during his high school career.

The Red Bank offensive line was awarded the Hogs of the Year.

Twins Tylor and Taylor Chambers are members of that corps. The brothers have committed to Jacksonville State after Tylor had de-committed to Marshall.

The Red Bank boosters were named the club of the year.

President Tim Ledbetter accepted the award.

Three of the areas top rushers took home big honors.

Ridgeland's Teryll Freeman, who rushed for more than 2,000 yards as a junior, was the Georgia Player of the year. He said Georgia, Clemson and Oklahoma State were already recruiting him for 2009. He said if he had to decide today he would be heading for Oklahoma State.

Lookout Valley 's Chas Scruggs was named the Bobby Scott Offensive Player of the Year after rushing for more than 2,000 yards again in 2007. Scruggs said he has narrowed his schools down to Shorter and Cumberland.

Tremaine Hudson (Tennessee Tech) was named the Breakout Player of the Year. The three-year, two-way starter, rushed for 22 touchdowns and more than 1,300 yards in 2007.

Ridgeland's Nigel Nicholas is heading to Oklahoma State where he will play for the Cowboys next fall. He was named the Stumpy Sarratore Hog of the Year on Saturday.

The 6-5, 265-pound tight end/defensive end will attend Culinary School in Stillwater.

Two of the top awards involve academics and character. Phillip Walliser, Silverdale, was named the Saturn of Chattanooga Scholar Athlete of the Year. He said he would likely attend Carson-Newman College where he will play football.

Ooltewah wide receiver Ryne Shumaker received the Nelson Bowers Citizenship Award.

Tyner's Wilson Jackson was awarded the Unsung Hero.

The Rams fullback/linebacker said UT-Chattanooga, Tennessee Tech and Rhodes are recruiting him. He has a 3.9 grade point average.

The Band of the Year went to Ooltewah. The band marched in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York on Thanksgiving.

The Soddy-Daisy cheerleaders were named the United Cheerleading Squad of the Year for the third time in the past four years.

Ron Hall was the recipient of the Pug Eaves Public Address Announcer of the Year, presented by ESPN Radio1370. Hall is the PA announcer for UT-Chattanooga and the Scenic City Youth Football League.

The Super Award Saturday is the 22nd high school football show hosted by Stump Martin's television show since 1985.

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