

Offense

All-Hillsborough football

Offensive Player of the Year

Aaron Murray, Jr., Plant

Murray was so poised running the Plant offense he looked like a veteran, not a first-year starter. Under his direction, the Panthers picked up right where they left off in 2006, when they won the Class 4A state title. Murray broke the state record for touchdown passes in a season (51), passing his good friend and mentor at Plant, former Florida Mr. Football Robert Marve (Miami). All told, he accounted for 63 TDs and nearly 5,000 yards of total offense (4,012 passing; 932 rushing). He completed 61 percent of his passes and was intercepted only seven times. In 13 games, he topped the 300-yard passing mark an astounding seven times.

Most impressive accomplishment:

Where do we begin? Murray's 51 TD tosses is the obvious choice. The not-so-obvious pick is this: During one stretch, Murray threw one interception in nine games — a span of 232 passes.

College plans: Only a junior, Murray should be one of the South's top QB prospects next season. Thus far, he has scholarship offers from the likes of Boston College, Louisville, Stanford, Tennessee and USF. He's also being courted by Florida. Murray said he hopes to know his college destination by the summer.

Did you know? Murray's father, Dennis, played professional baseball for the Toronto Blue Jays organization. His brother, Josh, was a former second-round pick.



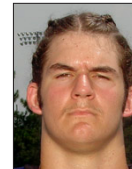
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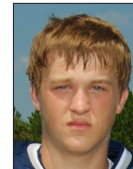
QB: Christian Green, Tampa Catholic

6-2, 195; So.; Accounted for 23 TDs



OL: Matt Patchan, Armwood

6-7, 265; Sr.; County's most recruited player



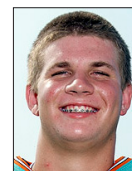
OL: Spencer Cavalieri, Gaither

6-1, 230; Sr.; Opened holes for 1,000-yard rusher



RB: Eric Smith, Armwood

5-11, 225; Sr.; 104.4 rushing yards per game, 14 TDs



OL: Mark Popek, Plant City

6-7, 300; Sr.; Imposing Raider is SEC/Big Ten recruit



WR: Derek Winter, Plant

6-2, 195; Sr.; Led county in receptions (75) and yards (1,668)



RB: Jahleel Addae, Riverview

5-10, 175; Sr.; W.Va. commit rushed for 1,426 yards



OL: Rhonne Sanderson, Plant

6-3, 280; Sr.; Top lineman for county's top offense



WR: Cornelius Gallon, Plant

5-10, 185; Sr.; Averaged 21 yards per catch



RB: Jarvis Giles, Gaither

5-11, 180; Jr.; 1,478 yards, 20 rushing TDs



OL: Juan Gorostiaga, Armwood

6-3, 270; Sr.; Hawks second-best offensive lineman



UT: Samir Baker, Brandon

5-7, 163; Sr.; 1,146 all-purpose yards for playoff team