

Moore, Hovey selected to play in Kansas Shrine Bowl



Louisburg seniors Ashton Moore (left) and Conlee Hovey were named to this year's Kansas Shrine Bowl roster during a selection show on New Year's Day.

Louisburg will be well-represented at the Kansas Shrine Bowl later this year as two Wildcat seniors were selected to the all-star game.

Ashton Moore and Conlee Hovey were named to the East squad as the rosters were announced during a New Year's Day selection show.

The game will be played on June 21 at Memorial Stadium in Dodge City. Moore was chosen as one of the team's linebackers, while Hovey was a defensive end selection.

Moore and Hovey both had big years for the Wildcats and were

recognized as such. The two Louisburg seniors earned first team all-league honors on both sides of the ball.

Moore was a first team all-league running back as he led the way with 611 yards on the ground and 11 touchdowns. He also had 14 catches for 132 yards and another touchdown to amass 750 yards of total offense despite only playing defense for the first few games of the season.

He was also named a first team all-league linebacker as the K-State signee led the Wildcats with 80 tackles on the season and had 6.5 tackles for loss.

Moore was later named a first-team all-state selection and was a recipient of the Bobby Bell Award, which is given to the top small class linebacker/lineman in the Kansas City metro area.

As for Hovey, he was named a first team all-league defensive end after tallying 47 tackles, 5.5 for a loss and he had three sacks.

Hovey, who is a University of Kansas commit, was also a first team selection at tight end as he had 25 catches for 286 yards and two touchdowns. He also earned all-state honors.

The initial Shrine Bowl invitations are the result of a selection process combining statewide media votes and Kansas Shrine Bowl coaching staff selections from a list of 447 nominees. In addition to filling position specific needs on the roster, the selection process includes additional criteria regarding geographic restrictions, classification size, and limits on the number of players that may be selected per school.

In addition to playing in the annual East vs. West all-star football game, Kansas Shrine Bowl participants get the opportunity to meet and interact with the Patient Ambassadors from Shriners Children's during the Hospital Experience event during game week. For many, the Hospital Experience is the

highlight of their time at the Kansas Shrine Bowl and showcases the true purpose of the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

Since 1974, nearly \$4 million has been sent to Shriners Children's thanks to the supporters of the Kansas Shrine Bowl. Shriners Children's is a world-renowned healthcare system with hospitals, outpatient clinics, ambulatory care centers and outreach locations across the globe.

It is dedicated to improving the lives of children every day by providing pediatric specialty care, innovative research, and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals. Children up to the age of 18 are eligible for care and receive all services in a family-centered environment, regardless of the patients' ability to pay.

Louisburg has been no stranger to the all-star game as Declan Battle played last year and Nathan Vincent was a selection two years ago. Both older brothers of Moore and Hovey were also Shrine Bowl selections. Austin Moore was a selection in 2019 and Jase Hovey earned the honor in 2023.