

Sisler star on top

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BORN TO RUN might be Bob Rabichuk's monicker. He's been rushing up a storm all season and there was little doubt about him being runaway winner of the top player in the 1992 Winnipeg High School Football League yesterday.

"He's the finest of players and a neat kid," said Sisler head coach Rick Hudson, who was on hand to see the star of his Spartans receive the coveted Harry Hood Memorial Trophy at the Prince Charles Education Resource Centre.

"Rabichuk's a two-way player. He not only was an awesome running back, he starred at safety and could've easily led our team on tackles. The only specialty team he didn't play on for us was on the kick-offs.

"He exemplifies what the Harry Hood Award is all about in playing the highest level football in combination with sportsmanship and scholastic abilities."

The 17-year-old, Grade 12 student finished the regular WHSFL season in second spot in scoring and rushing.



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Bob Rabichuk displays Harry Hood Trophy as top player.

"I played just about everywhere with the team, but the thing I like to do most is just run with the football," said Rabichuk, who is entertaining offers to pursue engineering studies at the universities of Manitoba, British Columbia, Queen's and North Dakota. "Running was such a big rush. I can't describe it."

That internal rush translated into him scrambling for an impressive 1,043 yards on 84 carries and 16 touchdowns.

"Rabichuk was the single opponent we had the most respect for," said Brian Dobie, coach of the champion Churchill Bulldogs, who trimmed the Spartans in the WHSFL final. "Our game plan was to defend against Rabichuk's speed and in particular his ability to cut back against the flow."

Dobie's assistant coach, Trevor

Kennerd, was the first to congratulate Rabichuk, calling him aside and praising him on his running abilities, show of sportsmanship on the field and leadership qualities.

"It's been the end of a great season, one in which the team turned it around," said Rabichuk. "Before we only got as far as the quarterfinals and this year we went to the final. The guys were great and so was our football program from the administration right down to the coaching.

"It rubbed off and it showed."

Other award winners were St. Paul's Crusaders offensive and defensive lineman Taylor Bracken, 17, who won the Kas Vidruk lineman award and Tec Voc Hornets' 18-year-old defensive and offensive back Josh Tymchak, who won the John Potter-D'Arcy Bain physiotherapy award for improvement.