

Jalen Rima wins Metro Spotlight Award

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Jalen Rima of Cedar Rapids Prairie is the winner of the Metro Spotlight Award for high school boys this week, the Metro Sports Report announced Sunday.

Rima, a senior, is enjoying a remarkable season for the Prairie football team with 10 long touchdowns in five games on running plays, pass plays, kickoff returns and punt returns.

Rima scored three times Friday night in a 57-7 conquest of Burlington at John Wall Field. He did not touch the ball often, but made the most of his chances with three catches for 152 yards and three runs for 72 yards.

Rima has four running TDs this season of 61, 35, 27 and 21 yards. His four touchdown catches have gone for 84, 74, 51 and 48 yards. His kickoff return for a touchdown measured 94 yards and his punt return for a touchdown was for 68 yards.

Rima, a wide receiver, has caught 13 passes for 413 yards and a remarkable 31.8-yard average. He's carried the ball 17 times for 288 yards and a 16.9-yard mark.

Rima is an accomplished four-sport athlete at Prairie. He won the 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash at the Class 4A state track meet last May, batted .352 for the Prairie baseball team this season and averaged 7.7 points for the Prairie basketball team last winter.

Rima has several college scholarship offers, including one from the University of Northern Iowa, but has not made a college decision.