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Position	Player	School	Year
Quarterback	DJ Ruhman	Montgomery	Jr.
Running Back	Kevin Azimi	Montgomery	Sr.
Running Back	Sean Reed	WW-P North	Sr.
Receiver	Nick Miranda	Princeton	Sr.
Receiver	JT Tartacoff	Montgomery	Sr.
Light End	Taylor Mulligan	Montgomery	Sr.
Line	David Calves	WW-P South	Sr.
Line	Sean Cooney-Olson	WW-P North	Sr.
Line	Sean Ferguson	Hun School	Sr.
Line	Zach Hundertmark	WW-P South	Sr.
Line	John Law	Hun School	Sr.
Kicker	Brian Vielen	Princeton	Sr.

OFFENSE

Position	Player	School	Year
Line	Ethienne Aduya	WW-P South	Jr.
Line	Trevor Barsamian	Princeton	Sr.
Line	Jake Everett	WW-P North	Sr.
Line	Josh McNulty	Princeton	Sr.
Linebacker	Tom Borchert	Princeton	Jr.
Linebacker	Colin Weingrad	Hun School	Sr.
Linebacker	Andy Zinsmeister	Princeton	Sr.
Back	Josh Gordon	Princeton	Sr.
Back	Drew Kenavan	WW-P North	Sr.
Back	Juwan Lee	WW-P North	Jr.
Back	Connor Oltmans	Montgomery	Jr.
Punter	Jared Rubenstein	WW-P South	Sr.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR
JT Tartacoff, Montgomery High
COACH OF THE YEAR
Steve Everett, Princeton High

'I knew it was so much running and it would be so hard. But then I knew I could do it. I thank God for giving me so much strength. Now five miles is nothing.'

Christian Balevski

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one person in particular. His mother is never far from his thoughts.
"When I'm running," he said, "I'm running for her and my brother and my family and God."

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Dan visit their mom in the nursing facility two to three times per week between balancing their schoolwork and extracurricular activities.
"She's able to talk and eat now," Balevski said. "She's able to communicate. Some of the words aren't perfectly clear, but she's made so much progress."

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"He wanted to give it his all," Dan said. "It was good for us. It shows the other kids, no matter what is going on you have to stay focused."
Balevski isn't stopping with cross country. His platelet count is back to normal and he has been cleared to wrestle. He will also try to make the golf team for the second straight year. Though he will undergo monthly treatment for his lymphoma for another 13 months, he was feeling better than ever as he celebrates Thanksgiving with family. It's been a tough year, but he is feeling back to where he was last year.
"If I'm not where I was,

I'm really close to where I was," Balevski said. "Back then, I didn't have endurance. I might be better than I was."

Cross country helped. He got everything that he wanted out of it.

"It felt great," he said. "I felt like it was all coming back to me. I lost so much, but it's all coming back. I couldn't be happier with my choice to join the cross country team."

He is not alone. The Pirates were thrilled to have him, even if it was only for the one season. He could follow Dan's footsteps as kicker as a senior next fall. But for at least one fall, he raced on his road to recovery as a part of the Pirates cross country program.

"He came out for this sport to get better, to get healthier and become a part of something," Wayton said. "His brother was a great athlete at our school. His family knows the value of athletics. I know it wasn't easy for him, but I know he got a lot out of it. I was very proud to have him on our team. I hope he comes out for the team again next year."

Maybe his mom will be out to cheer for him. Certainly there are others who are rooting for Christian Balevski and his family.