

Moore named Blackhawks MVP

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Blackhawks head coach Mike Wolff named the winners of each award which was based on fan voting.

Leading the way was defensive back Chris Moore who won the team's most valuable player award.

Moore, a Thomas Jefferson High School graduate, finished the season averaging over nine tackles per game.

"We had a lot of players capable of winning this award," stated Blackhawks owner Jake Hiffernan. "But we all knew who the winner would be. Players like Chris don't come around very often and I feel fortunate to have him on our side."

Moore led the Blackhawks defense with 90 tackles (four for a loss), three and a half sacks, three forced fumbles, three fumbles recovered, three interceptions, and two defensive touchdowns.

Another notable award winner was running back Elijah Simmons. Simmons won the outstanding offensive player award by leading the team in touchdowns (26). He was only one score behind league leading running back Idris Elias from the Wichita Aviators.

2006 Iowa Blackhawks Award Winners

Rookie of the Year - WR, Kyle Peterson (23 receptions, 260 yards and six touchdowns)

Offensive Lineman of the Year - C, Tyrice Ellebb

Defensive Lineman of the Year - DE, Nick Freet (43 tackles, 12 for loss, seven sacks, one interception)

Offensive Player of the Year - RB, Elijah Simmons (453 total yards, 26 touchdowns)

Defensive Player of the Year - DB, Scott Yates (56 tackles, four fumble recovered, five interceptions)

Most Valuable Player - DB, Chris Moore (90 tackles, four for loss, three and a half sacks, three interceptions, two touchdowns)