

*PCS coach Wells named assistant for South*

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Perkins County High School senior Tim Johnson has been selected to play in the 56th annual Nebraska Shrine Bowl.

Johnson will participate in the Saturday, June 7 event at the University of Nebraska-Kearney Cope Stadium at Foster Field. He joins a host of other all-stars from around the state and future Nebraska walk-ons and will play defense on the South roster.

PCS head football coach Carlie Wells notes that hard work, determination and pure athleticism propelled Johnson to this position.

"Tim has worked hard all year to earn a spot. He has continued to excel in the weight room not knowing if he would be selected. All his hard work and continued work will pay off," Wells said.

Johnson has put in the time in the weight room, practiced and been driven his whole high school career.

"I feel very lucky to have been chosen for this honor and it is nice to see all of my hard work is paying off," Johnson said.

Having a natural athletic ability will help Johnson play as an outside backer.

"I feel he will be able to play that position and compete with all athletes," Wells said.

Johnson said he was a bit surprised when he found out that he would be playing defense as 'offense was kind of my thing,' but being on the field on defense will be just fine for the 185-pound, 6'3" senior.

"I am just excited to be on the field with guys at a high level that really love playing football," Johnson said, adding that he expects the game to be faster and as close to a college game as you can get while still in the high school ranks.

Wells hopes that seeing Johnson's hard work paying off will impress those ethics among younger players on the Plainsmen roster.

"I hope our underclassmen see Tim as a person that works extremely hard and that hard work has paid off for him as this is his reward for his hard work. If we can get all of our kids to work as hard as Tim, then I believe we can be successful," Wells said.

Johnson echoed the sentiment.

"I hope my performance will help motivate some of the players to work hard and stay with it," Johnson said.

Johnson is looking at going to Peru State next year and may continue his football career but explained he isn't 100 percent for sure yet whether the Shrine Bowl will be his last football game.

To prepare for the Shrine Bowl, Johnson will continue to hit the weight room and stay in shape.

Wells was selected to be an assistant coach for the South squad.

Johnson is glad that his high school coach will be on the sidelines.

"I am glad to have someone I know there with me, especially a coach because he knows my style of play," Johnson said.

