

# Suburban Team Is All-versatile

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One thing this year's Daily News All-Suburban Football team doesn't lack is versatility.

There were at least half a dozen players, led by 1984 Player of the Year Dan Crossman of Owen J. Roberts (141 points on 18 touchdowns and 33 PATs, plus nine interceptions and nearly 1,400 all-purpose yards), who could have made the squad at two, three and in some cases even four different positions. The only certainty was that these multi-talents belonged somewhere, and while every effort was made to place these players at the positions at which they had the most impact, there was inevitable lineup juggling to accommodate them all.

That's why you'll find a guy like West Chester East's Jack Byrne listed as a punter on the first team. The feeling here was that Byrne deserved to be a first-team selection for all he'd done this fall, and he could easily have been chosen as a running back or defensive back. But Byrne also punted for a 38-yard average, among the best around, so that's where he ended up.

The same goes for junior Scott Layer, who did just about everything for Upper Merionland. He got the nod as a second-team defensive back. Ditto Jim Borkowski of Archbishop Kennedy. He was a second-team choice at defensive back last year, but this time made the first team as a running back. The list of similar cases can be found throughout the squad, and it doesn't only pertain to backs, as there were more than a few linemen who managed to go both ways with equal effectiveness.

Along that vein, instead of naming a kick returner (which usually just meant picking another running back), we created a spot for an all-purpose performer. The first-teamer was Ridley's Ken Burghese, a receiver-defensive back-return man who missed the last four games with a shoulder injury. A first-team Daily News All-Area receiver a year ago, he'd have been a cinch to repeat there had he remained healthy. This way, Burghese at least received the

recognition he deserved, without penalizing other players who might have finished with more catches. Second-team choice was Lower Merion's Don Curtis, a jack-of-all-trades who probably could have sued for negligence if he'd been relegated to honorable mention.

A word or two about how the choices were arrived at. In most cases, more numbers weren't the lone criterion. Such intangibles as value to team also were figured into the selection process. So Dave Perrine of Central Bucks West, whose nearly 1,500 total yards offense was vital to the unbeaten, top-ranked Bucks, was tabbed as a first-team running back. In a year when no one back stood head-and-shoulders above the rest (in 1983, no fewer than four runners accumulated more than 1,500 yards on the ground alone, as opposed to none this season), it was necessary that other factors besides sheer rushing yardage come into play.

The same could be said for Ridley's Kevin McNicholas, the first-team quarterback. A Division I prospect who played with a bad shoulder much of the season, McNicholas edged Souderton's Rick Landis largely because he carried the Green Raiders (who are on a 38-game unbeaten streak and never lost a game in McNicholas' three years as starter), through the final month after injuries had decimated his supporting cast.

Looking to the future, there were five juniors selected to the first two teams. In addition to Layer, there were Owen J. Roberts' Dave Cisk, Darren Hunter of Valley Forge Military Academy (who averaged more than 10 yards per carry and finished with more than 1,000 yards in only nine games), and C.B. West teammates Dick Beck and Bill Kilkenny, who should help make Mike Pettine's Bucks hard to tame next year as well.

As a parting shot, keep in mind that not all honorable mentions are created equal. That might not always be fair, but then again, nobody said trying to sort out the entire suburban talent pool didn't present some dilemmas. And it is really only 263 days until the football season starts all over again!



Kevin McNicholas: QB



Dan Crossman: DB



Steve Roddy: LB

## Daily News All-Suburban Football Team

### First Team Offense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Kevin McNicholas	Ridley	6-2	185	Sr.
RB	Jim Borkowski	Archbishop Kennedy	6-1	200	Sr.
RB	Dave Perrine	Central Bucks West	6-0	180	Sr.
RB	Matt Duka	Upper Perkiomen	6-3	225	Sr.
WR	Fox Williams	Strath Haven	6-0	165	Sr.
WR	Dave Cisk	Owen J. Roberts	6-4	180	Jr.
C	Mike Clarione	Dowington	6-0	185	Sr.
IL	Brian Beebe	Abington	6-3	225	Sr.
IL	Charlie Hennes	Great Valley	6-1	210	Sr.
IL	Joe Christy	Neshaminy	6-4	220	Sr.
IL	Dick Beck	Central Bucks West	6-1	240	Jr.
IK	Chuck Klein	Central Bucks West	5-8	130	Sr.
AP	Ken Burghese	Ridley	5-10	180	Sr.

### First Team Defense

Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	Relph Williams	St. Roberts	6-0	185	Sr.
DL	Pete Gray	Strath Haven	6-4	220	Sr.
DL	Eric Ranfors	Pennsburg	5-11	210	Sr.
DL	John Yergay	St. Pius X	6-2	225	Sr.
LB	Steve Roddy	Lansdale Catholic	6-3	220	Sr.
LB	Mericio Green	Harry S. Truman	6-1	200	Sr.
LB	Bill Kilkenny	Central Bucks West	6-0	190	Jr.
LB	Al Payne	Chester	6-0	205	Sr.
DB	Dan Crossman	Owen J. Roberts	6-1	180	Sr.
DB	Larry Pijanowski	North Penn	6-0	180	Sr.
DB	James King	Chester	6-0	175	Sr.
P	Jack Byrne	West Chester East	6-1	170	Sr.

### Honorable Mention

**OFFENSE**  
**Quarterback:** Chris Bengitt, C.B. West; Steve Borusiewicz, Kennedy; Mike Caffrey, O.J. Roberts; Frank Cassano, Norristown; Mike Chocko, Upper Perkiomen; Willard Cooper, Chester; Jeff Durko, Hattboro-Horsham; Tony Lerro, Maple-Newton; Kevin Martin, Downingtown; Brian Rife, Phoenixville.  
**Running Backs:** Joe Albany, Garnet Valley; Earl Brown, Neshaminy; Dan Courts, Upper Dublin; Andrew Darrah, Souderton; Dave Graf, Ridley; Brian Hickman, Pennsburg; Alan Logan, Morrisville; Anthony McClain, Chester; Scott Novak, Timonium; Tony Penn, Maple-Newton; Russ Poston, Upper Merion; Chris Roberts, Abington; Sean Stevens, Academy New Castle; Tim Young, West Chester.  
**Receiver:** Carl Clevantina, Upper Perkiomen; Michael Downs, Neshaminy; Pat Frampton, Interboro; Dan Foster, Chester; Tom Jack, Abington; Wayne Kay, Bristol; Tony Nattie, Phoenixville; Bob Martin, Downingtown; Anthony Mottlerini, C.B. West; Mike Molloy, Souderton;

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Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Rick Landis	Souderton	6-3	190	Sr.
RB	Rich Kelley	Upper Merion	6-0	170	Sr.
RB	Darren Hunter	Valley Forge MA	5-10	165	Jr.
RB	Jeroms Dixon	Academy Park	5-11	165	Sr.
WR	Andy Towne	Norristown	6-2	170	Sr.
WR	Jeff Lucas	Great Valley	6-2	175	Sr.
C	John Carber	Conestoga	6-1	195	Sr.
IL	Mike Delvacchio	Marple-Newton	6-3	225	Sr.
IL	Darryl Cagle	Pennsburg	6-3	225	Sr.
IL	Bob Preston	St. Pius X	6-4	240	Sr.
IL	Mike Daley	Central Bucks East	6-3	215	Sr.
Sr.	K Ron Minges	Norristown	5-9	165	Sr.
AP	Donald Curtis	Lower Merion	5-9	170	Sr.

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Pos.	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
DE	George Schott	Phoenixville	6-3	195	Sr.
DL	Dave Bissoneit	Central Bucks East	5-11	205	Sr.
DL	Jim Koresko	Upper Merion	6-1	200	Sr.
DL	Eric Knorr	Conestoga	6-4	240	Sr.
LB	Bill Wagner	Neshaminy	6-1	210	Sr.
LB	Scott Myers	Souderton	6-5	170	Sr.
LB	Dave Livingston	Downingtown	5-9	165	Sr.
LB	Jeff Fulmer	Boyetown	5-8	240	Sr.
DB	Sean McDade	Sun Valley	5-10	160	Sr.
DB	Scott Layer	Upper Merionland	5-10	170	Jr.
DB	Steve Vanderlidge	Spring-Ford	6-1	175	Sr.
DB	Dave Dickson	Harry S. Truman	5-11	160	Sr.

John Rhoades, Penn Wood; Pat Trainor, Plymouth-Whitemarsh.

Center: Ed Byrne, Quakertown; Ken Devine, Truman; Brad Lord, Radnor; Pat Nolan, Lansdale; Mike Rattigan, C.B. West; Brian Russel, Upper Merion.

Interior Linemen: Tom Allevo, Conestoga; Dale Bridgman, Boyertown; Chris Buckley, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Bob Burns, Pennsburg; Justin Dettore, Lower Merion; Steve Fisher, Methacton; Tyrone Gordon, Chester; Al Harmon, Academy Park; Brian Hodges, Radnor; Tom Martz, Lennox; Felix McLaughlin, Kennedy; Jeff Onko, Pottsgrove; Mike Palladino, Norristown; Rich Roth, Upper Dublin; Les Tarkey, Morrisville; Dave Ward, Wissahickon.

Kicker: Matt Carpenter, Penncrest; Ernie Davis, Kitchener; Tony Genaro, Methacton; Steve Kilian, Lansdale.

### DEFENSE

Down Linebacker: Shawn Brown, W.C. Henderson; Steve Condit, Lansdale; Les Duckert, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Bill Dunne, Kennedy; Pat Ellis, Tennot; Theron Ellis, Norristown; Larry

Faison, Abington; Geoff Jaapin, C.B. East; Chris Loring, Methacton; Mark Melock, C.B. West; A.J. Murtz, Haverford; Ed Posawec, North Penn; Keith Robinson, Penn Wood; Russ Ronberger, W.C. East; John Shales, Upper Merion; Joe Szelenak, St. Pius; Derrick Thompson, Quakertown; Ron Vent, Ridley.

Linebacker: Joe D'Elia, Abington; John D'Ginto, Upper Merion; Rick Doubet, Ridley; Pat DeLozier, Strath Haven; Pat Furlong, Jenkintown; Chris Galazaki, Strath Haven; Keith Kohler, Methacton; Harry McCloskey, Lower Merionland; Dave Pier, North Penn; Gaten Snyder, Pennsburg; Eugene Stratton, Harrisburg; John Tots, C.B. East; Aaron Worsnap, O.J. Roberts.

Defensive Back: Pete Barth, O.J. Roberts; Brock Bugb, Norristown; Tom Charty, Valley Forge; Mike Johnson, W.C. East; Brad Kwik, C.B. West; Gary Pascoe, Pennridge; Randy Shultz, Methacton; Dan Stavious, Neshaminy; Bart Spear, Norristown; Brian Thompson, Ridley; Gerald Toney, Morrisville; Brian Voyer, Conestoga Rock.

Punter: Dave Derr, Upper Dublin.