The Inquirer selects the best of area's high school players

'Solid,' 'balanced' are the words for city team

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In the aftermath of seasons dominated by blue-chip linemen, running backs and linebackers, the 1985 Inquirer All-City football team features something from Columns A, B and C.

It is not the Year of the Lineman, like last season, but there is talent in the form of St. John Neumann's Marc Marrone, Olney's Jorge Oquendo, Cardinal Dougherty's Gary Thompson and Central's Kenyatta Rush.

And although it is not the running-back bonanza of 1983, this year's top three backs all rushed for more than 1,000 yards — and made it look easy.

There are no superstars among the linebackers. However, the group is solid, with Bishop McDevitt's Antonio Cupit, Gratz's Barry Charlet, Archbishop Carroll's Vince Sposato and Monsignor Bonner's Joe Gallagher. Gallagher is the lone repeater on The Inquirer's All-City first team.

The team is chosen from players on Catholic, Public and Inter-Academic teams, plus other private schools in the city.

Ryan dominated the first team with four players, while Central, Cardinal O'Hara, Monsignor Bonner and West Catholic each had two.

Up front in the trenches, where games are won and lost, Marrone, Oquendo and Thompson join Erik Williams of Bartram and Brian Hensel of Ryan.

Thompson is the largest lineman, at 6-foot-5, 285 pounds. Hensel — 6-1, 205 pounds — is the smallest. Fitting between them are Williams (6-6, 260), Marrone (6-6, 250) and Oquendo (6-2, 235).

The defensive front has Rush (6-4, 220), who helped Central to its first Public League title since 1974, La Salle's Jim Blount (6-4, 245), Monsignor Bonner's Pete Ruggieri (5-10, 200) and West Catholic's Eric Banks (6-1, 226).

The running backs chosen to appear behind those linemen are Archbishop Ryan's Al Settembrino and Rick Hollewell and West Philadelphia's DeWayne Moss. Cardinal O'Hara's Kevin Parker is the quarterback.

Setembrino and Hollewell, the top backfield duo in Southeastern Pennsylvania, ran for more than 2,500 yards and 27 touchdowns. Both were the offensive keys for a Ryan team that set a school record for victories and reached the Catholic League championship game for the second time in its history.

Moss finished with 1,016 yards rushing and 12 touchdowns.

Parker joined teammate J.B. Ruffenach, a wide receiver who made the first team as a defensive back. Parker, a former running back who took over as quarterback in the third game, directed O'Hara to 12 consecutive wins and the school's first Catholic League championship since 1980. He completed more than 50 percent of his passes and rushed for more than 1,100 yards and nine touchdowns.

The first-team receivers are Central's Rich Drayton and West Catholic's Scott Thompson. Drayton, who becomes extremely dangerous once he catches the ball, averaged 25 yards on 24 receptions and scored 10 TDs. Thompson, also a deep threat, caught 25 passes for a 26-yard average. They are two of three juniors on the first team. Settembrino is the third junior.

The defensive backs, along with Ruffenach, were Frankford's Matt Evangelist and Archbishop Ryan's Rick Yurko.

The first-team kickers are Washington's Rick Pohl on offense and Father Judge's Larry Lowry on defense.

Ryan's Rick Hollewell raced for more than 1,000 yards

The All-City Team

First team

OFFENSE				
Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Kevin Parker, Cardinal O'Hara	5-10	165	Sr.
RB	Al Settembrino, Archbishop Ryan	5-11	175	Jr.
RB	DeWayne Moss, West Philadelphia	5-11	200	Sr.
RB	Rick Hollewell, Archbishop Ryan	5-9	170	Sr.
L	Marc Marrone, St. John Neumann	6-6	250	Sr.
L	Gary Thompson, Cardinal Dougherty	6-5	285	Sr.
L	Erik Williams, Bartram	6-6	260	Sr.
L	Brian Hensel, Archbishop Ryan	6-1	205	Sr.
L	Jorge Oquendo, Olney	6-2	235	Sr.
WR	Rich Drayton, Central	5-11	180	Jr.
WR	Scott Thompson, West Catholic	5-10	175	Jr.
K	Rick Pohl, Washington	5-10	150	Sr.

DEFENSE				
Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
L	Kenyatta Rush, Central	6-4	220	Sr.
L	Jim Blount, La Salle	6-4	246	Sr.
L	Pete Ruggieri, Monsignor Bonner	5-10	200	Sr.
L	Eric Banks, West Catholic	6-1	220	Sr.
LB	Antonio Cupit, Bishop McDevitt	6-1	210	Sr.
LB	Barry Charles, Gratz	6-1	215	Sr.
LB	Vince Sposato, Archbishop Carroll	6-1	190	Sr.
LB	Joe Gallagher, Monsignor Bonner	6-0	200	Sr.
DB	Matt Evangelist, Frankford	5-11	170	Sr.
DB	J.B. Ruffenach, Cardinal O'Hara	5-11	155	Sr.
DB	Rick Yurko, Archbishop Ryan	6-1	195	Sr.
K	Larry Lowry, Father Judge	6-4	195	Sr.

Second team

OFFENSE				
Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Tom Taylor, Bishop McDevitt	6-2	185	Sr.
RB	Jerry Rose, North Catholic	5-10	170	Sr.
RB	Marcus Sanders, Southern	5-9	160	Sr.
RB	Terry Glasgow, Bok	5-10	190	Sr.
L	Alfonso Wilson, Roxborough	6-0	200	Sr.
L	Steve Filoreindo, Penn Charter	6-4	240	Sr.
L	John Bruder, Cardinal O'Hara	6-0	190	Sr.
L	Al Shuler, West Philadelphia	6-1	245	Sr.
L	Dave Rogers, Malvern Prep	6-1	225	Jr.
WR	George Reid, St. Joseph's	5-6	135	Jr.
WR	Marc Thompson, Roxborough	6-3	175	Jr.
K	Chuck Chupken, Monsignor Bonner	5-10	160	Sr.

DEFENSE				
Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
L	Mike Hendricks, Archbishop Wood	6-3	235	Sr.
L	Kevin Glover, Ben Franklin	6-2	225	Sr.
L	John Moholder, Father Judge	6-2	225	Sr.
L	Gary Ferrer, Roxborough	6-4	225	Sr.
LB	P. J. Maley, Penn Charter	6-1	205	Sr.
LB	Lance Adams, Central	6-0	205	Sr.
LB	Matt Andris, Cardinal Dougherty	6-0	175	Sr.
LB	James Thompson, Bartram	6-0	185	Sr.
DB	Keith Singleton, Washington	5-10	150	Sr.
DB	Chris Owens, Bishop McDevitt	5-10	175	Sr.
DB	Jason Lewis, Central	6-0	170	Sr.
K	Mark Skoczynski, Penn Charter	6-2	190	Sr.

Honorable mention

OFFENSE

Running backs: Mike Stragher, Penn Charter; Rich Sago, Washington; Mark Burke, Chestnut Hill Academy; Frank Maier, Archbishop Wood; Ron Bailey, Bartram; Kevin McCoy, Northeast Catholic; Frankford: Adrian Smith, Central; Kelly Kirk, Malvern Prep; Tim Irvine, St. Joseph's Prep; Curt Windless, Gratz; Kevin Rondinelli, Cardinal Dougherty; Paul Simpson, Monsignor Bonner; Dave Jones, Washington; Tom Dutchoshyn, Haverford School; Moses Brown, Germantown; Rocky Gallagher, Roman Catholic; Todd Mitchell, M. L. King; Ronald Stallard, Cardinal O'Hara; Scott Kingsbury, Archbishop Carroll; Bill Brennahan, Bishop Egan; Robert Fowler, Ben Franklin; Michael Wright, Northeast; David Newsome, Bartram; Dave Cameron, Archbishop Carroll; Frank Siliotis, North Catholic; Jonathan Mack, Overbrook; Michael Carter, Olney.

Ends: Ron Boyer, M. L. King; Jim Dwyer, Roxborough; Richard Jessie, Lincoln; Jerry Langton, Father Judge; Thomas Marks, Gratz; Eddie Pawson, West Catholic; Greg Gomez, La Salle; Jamie Dimond, Penn Charter; Rich Tosi, Cardinal O'Hara; Bill Burke, Archbishop Wood; Tony Dunbar, Roman Catholic; Marcus Newsome, West Philadelphia; Joe Fitzpatrick, St. Joseph's Prep; David Rosano, Central; Art Stotzer, Germantown Academy; Zane Maynard, Bartram; Lenny Daniel, Frankford; Jim Offner, Father Judge.

Quarterbacks: Mike Roche, Central; Dan Stoffers, Roman Catholic; Joe Galich, Father Judge; Pat Smith, Archbishop Ryan; Neil McLaughlin, St. James; Mike Kaminski, Malvern Prep; Sean Maguire, Archbishop Carroll; Marc Wilson, M. L. King; Joe Gillespie, North Catholic; Reggie Williams, Ben Franklin; Ken Dwyer, Lincoln; Tim Smith, Southern; Ernest Harkins, La Salle; Carlton Williams, Germantown; John Brady, West Catholic; Clayton Walker, Roxborough.

Line: Mark Russo, Cardinal Dougherty; Jeff Pasco, St. Joseph's Prep; Steve Dave, Cardinal O'Hara; John Pryor, Father Judge; Mike Pastuszko, Archbishop Carroll; Ed Wenger, Archbishop Wood; Rich Andreoni, Washington; John Ford, Central; Gerry McLaughlin, Episcopal Academy; Ed Tarwater, Bok; Pat Cardella, Southern; Jim Corcoran, Bartram; Pat Delaney, St. John Neumann; Pat Gibson, La Salle; Steve Young, Overbrook; Will Henry, Bishop McDevitt; Jim Tech, West Chester; Bill Shirley, Malvern Prep.

DEFENSE

Line: John Meehan, Episcopal Academy; Dan Hannahs, North Catholic; Alex Lychen, Frankford; Eric Hoffman, St. James; Matt Ford, Malvern Prep; Marvin Bailey, Germantown; Ron Galan, Archbishop Carroll; Rob Davis, Frankford; Mike Corba, St. John Neumann; Michael Gumby, Washington; Joe Treser, Germantown; Jerry Mitchell, Olney; Mike Durnan, Cardinal Dougherty; Shurland Farrell, Frankford; Don Dougherty, Bishop McDevitt; Kevin Clothier, Father Judge; Sean Veney, Gratz; Donald Singleton, Edison.

Linebackers: Hasim Williams, University City; Dave Dougherty, Episcopal Academy; Sean McAteer, Washington; Kenny Samuels, M. L. King; Lenny Daniel, Roman Catholic; Chris Treston, Malvern Prep; Greg Mayo, Frankford; Otis Young, Germantown; John McCafferty, St. Joseph's Prep; Barney Huff, Lincoln; Anthony Bellman, Washington; Eddie James, St. John Neumann; Anthony Dilenna, Malvern Prep; Joe Greenlee, Mastbaum; Blaine Daniels, West Philadelphia; Ed Nicholson, Southern.

Defensive backs: Pat McCullough, West Catholic; Perry Dodge, Haverford School; Pat Cann, Overbrook; Bill Devlin, Penn Charter; Chris Hanssens, North Catholic; Conrad Blake, Olney; Keith Scott, Northeast; Joe Leonch, Cardinal Dougherty; Chuck Antall, Malvern Prep; Mike Ward, West Catholic; Charles Wiggins, Central; Vince Grimes, Father Judge.

In suburbs, a team with plenty of speed and strength

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They can turn a plain vanilla off-tackle run into a highlight film and make the dazzling touchdown gallop seem routine.

The Inquirer's 1985 All-District 1 football team has three such running backs — including two who ran for more than 1,800 yards each — along with a quarterback who gave his team almost 1,400 yards passing and a healthy dose of leadership.

But it is also a team with big, burly linemen, fast outstanding linebackers and rangy defensive backs. It is a team that every coach would love to have — and dread to coach against.

First, the offense:

Ralph Miller, the leading rusher in Southeastern Pennsylvania, totaled 1,910 yards and 23 touchdowns in helping Downingtown to its first unbeaten Chesmont League title. At 5-foot-10 and 165 pounds, Miller was the only junior named to the first team.

Rich Arrington burst onto the scene at Glen Mills with some impressive numbers: 147 carries for 1,075 yards (7.3 yards per carry) and 17 TDs. The 5-4, 190-pound senior led the Del-Val in rushing and played a major role in Glen Mills' tying for a share of the league title. Incredibly strong for his size, Arrington is a national power-lifting champion who can bench-press 365 pounds, dead-lift 515 pounds and squat 525 pounds.

At Spring-Ford, Scott Highley carried his share of the load — and then some. Highley was the area's busiest back this season, with 314 carries for 1,854 yards and 149 points. The 6-1, 190-pound senior led Spring-Ford to an 8-2-2 record — and a surprisingly second-place finish in the Ches-Mont.

Quarterback Mickey Pergine of Plymouth-Whitemarsh completed 89 of 165 passes for 1,375 yards and 12 TDs as the Colonials breezed to the Suburban One American championship. If there was a key offensive play to be made, the 6-3, 185-pound Pergine usually had something to do with it.

A strong argument could be made that the second-team backfield is as good as the first team's. Ridley quarterback Matt Blundin, a junior, passed for more than 1,300 yards. The second-team running backs — Central Bucks East senior Chris Wahl (1,491 yards, 20 TDs), Pennsbury senior Scott Lefkowitz (1,106 yards) and Central Bucks West senior Tim Donovan (1,400 yards total offense and 22 TDs) — all had superb years.

All-District 1 receivers Wayne Keys of Bristol and Kevin Litwinko of Marple-Newtown provided evidence that the passing game is alive and well in the suburbs.

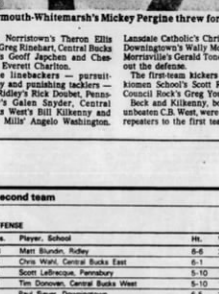
Litwinko caught 47 passes — tops in District 1. Keys, a 6-3, 200-pound Division I college prospect who also stars in basketball, caught 38 passes — with 14 resulting in scores. He tied a national record by catching five touchdown passes in one game.

The offensive line of Central Bucks West's Dick Beck and Mike Ratigan, Chester's Joe Simmons, Neshaminy's Terry Murphy and Pennsbury's Bob Burns is both big and quick. The defensive line is designed along the same lines, with Norristown's Theron Ellis and Greg Rinehart, Central Bucks East's Geoff Japchen and Chester's Everett Charlton.

The linebackers — pursuit-happy and punishing tacklers — are Ridley's Rick Doubet, Pennsbury's Galen Snyder, Central Bucks West's Bill Kilkenny and Glen Mills' Angelo Washington. Lansdale Catholic's Chris Walsh, Downingtown's Wally McCue and Morrisville's Gerald Toney round out the defense.

The first-team kickers are Perkiomen School's Scott Ross and Council Rock's Greg Young.

Beck and Kilkenny, both from unbeaten C.B. West, were the only repeaters to the first team.



Plymouth-Whitemarsh's Mickey Pergine threw for 12 TDs

The All-District 1 Team

First team

OFFENSE				
Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Mickey Pergine, Plymouth-Whitemarsh	6-3	185	Sr.
RB	Ralph Miller, Downingtown	5-10	165	Jr.
RB	Rich Arrington, Glen Mills	5-4	190	Sr.
RB	Scott Highley, Spring-Ford	6-1	190	Sr.
L	Dick Beck, Central Bucks West	6-1	240	Sr.
L	Joe Simmons, Chester	6-6	270	Sr.
L	Terry Murphy, Neshaminy	6-5	265	Sr.
L	Bob Burns, Pennsbury	6-4	250	Sr.
L	Mike Ratigan, Central Bucks West	6-4	240	Sr.
WR	Wayne Keys, Bristol	6-3	200	Sr.
WR	Kevin Litwinko, Marple-Newtown	6-1	170	Sr.
K	Scott Ross, Perkiomen School	5-10	155	Sr.

DEFENSE				
Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
L	Theron Ellis, Norristown	6-3	215	Sr.
L	Everett Charlton, Chester	6-2	250	Sr.
L	Geoff Japchen, Central Bucks East	6-3	230	Sr.
L	Greg Rinehart, Norristown	6-4	225	Sr.
LB	Rick Doubet, Ridley	6-2	175	Sr.
LB	Galen Snyder, Pennsbury	6-1	220	Sr.
LB	Bill Kilkenny, Central Bucks West	6-0	205	Sr.
LB	Angelo Washington, Glen Mills	6-2	220	Sr.
DB	Chris Walsh, Lansdale Catholic	6-3	190	Sr.
DB	Wally McCue, Downingtown	6-0	170	Sr.
DB	Gerald Toney, Morrisville	6-0	175	Sr.
K	Greg Young, Council Rock	5-11	170	Sr.

Second team

OFFENSE				
Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB	Matt Blundin, Ridley	6-6	205	Jr.
RB	Chris Wahl, Central Bucks East	6-1	195	Sr.
RB	Scott LeBrecque, Pennsbury	5-10	170	Sr.
RB	Tim Donovan, Central Bucks West	5-10	165	Sr.
L	Paul Sever, Downingtown	6-5	240	Jr.
L	Bryan Russo, Upper Merion	6-2	220	Sr.
L	Tim Prassent, Sun Valley	6-8	240	Sr.
L	Treymaine Montgomery, Glen Mills	6-4	235	Sr.
L	Connie Cunningham, Council Rock	6-2	240	Sr.
WR	Marlon DiDavide, Coatesville	6-1	200	Sr.
WR	Frank Forlar, Ridley	5-9	150	Sr.
K	Tommy Waterbor, Neshaminy	6-1	190	Sr.

DEFENSE				
Pos.	Player, School	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
L	Tony Satterwhite, Harbor-Horsham	6-2	210	Sr.
L	Ryan Lafferty, Upper Dublin	6-2	225	Sr.
L	Tim Kier, Owen J. Roberts	6-2	295	Sr.
L	Bart Brelsford, Morrisville	6-5	220	Sr.
LB	Rick Valerio, Spring-Ford	6-1	180	Sr.
LB	Mike Taylor, Norristown	6-0	215	Sr.
LB	Mark Yergey, St. Pius X	6-4	210	Sr.
LB	Paul McLarnon, Garnet Valley	6-4	200	Sr.
DB	Craig Weiss, Upper Dublin	6-2	190	Sr.
DB	Charles Griffin, Abington	5-11	165	Sr.
DB	Matt Baggett, Central Bucks West	6-1	180	Jr.
P	Pat Evans, Strath Haven	6-6	210	Jr.

Honorable mention

OFFENSE

Running backs: Ernest Pendleton, Lower Merion; Rob Williams, Chester; Tony Bethea, Marrisville; Mike Beasley, Owen J. Roberts; Danny Boyd, Norristown; Scott Layer, Upper Merion; Jules Rasmi, Academy Park; Joe Sharon, Wissahickon; Dennis Williams, Truman; Scott Novak, North Penn; Andrew Darrah, Souderton; Patrick Davis, Radnor; Jon Johnson, Upper Darby; Stephen Mahaffey, Neshaminy; Chris Roberts, Abington; Mike Gambone, Methacton; Rick DeVito, Haverford High; Darren Hunter, Valley Forge Military Academy; Keith Carter, Great Valley.

Ends: Dave Chab, Owen J. Roberts; Tim Downey, Sensbrenner; Carl Cleverstine, Upper Perkiomen; Steve Rose, Pottstown; Steve Brill, Phoenixville; Paul McMullin, Pennsbury; Pete Brancato, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Glenn White, West Chester East; Tim Brown, Conestoga; Steve Colucci, Hatboro-Horsham; Chris Elvidge, Perkiomen Valley; Rob Flister, Pennsbury; Marty Rice, Strath Haven; Rich Simmons, Souderton; Academy of the New Church: Jim Rock.

Quarterbacks: Frank Cassiano, Norristown; Ken Hull, Strath Haven; Steve Clarke, Central Bucks West; Tim Ford, Neshaminy; Tim Hockenberry, North Penn; Bob Long, Bristol; Mike Caffrey, Owen J. Roberts; Dave DeHass, West Chester Henderson; Charles Gilbert, Upper Darby; Dave Fisher, Pennsbury; Chris Lucas, Pottsgrove; M. J. Rourke, Lansdale Catholic; Mike Stoffler, West Chester East; Phil Ross, Hatboro-Horsham; Wm. Kuzmich, Council Rock.

Line: Mike Dill, Downingtown; Tom DeFelice, Penncrest; Bill Schneider, Academy Park; Todd Fain, Souderton; John Mazzoni, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Justin Dentino, Upper Merion; Ed Gerts, Neshaminy; Bob Engle, Council Rock; Tom Hallinge, Pennsbury; Mike Weaver, Springfield Tredyffrin; Owen J. Roberts: Mark Lynch, Norristown; Jim Dwyer, Haverford High; Jim Schank, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Mike Radwedzky, Upper Merion; Bill Hensel, Souderton; Jeff Becker, Pennsbury; Jeff Kott, Central Bucks East; Sean McGonigle, Garnet Valley; Andy Procak, Perkiomen School.

DEFENSE

Line: Martin Tarres, Radnor; Lance Kruer, Pennsbury; Eric Knorr, Central Bucks East; Eric Seaman, West Chester East; Richard Robinson, Lower Merion; Joe Smith, Wissahickon; Mark Williams, Penn Wood; Steve Spong, Neshaminy; Rob Rizzo, Harbor-Horsham; Eric Supplee, Ridley; Craig Behnke, Pennsbury; Sean Breene, Council Rock; Mike Dolan, Morrisville; Charlie Gehringer, Jenkintown; Kennedy; Rick Krasnick, Downingtown; Floyd Wylie, West Chester Henderson; Chandler Bassick, Conestoga; Joe Smith, Wissahickon; Rick Carbo, Plymouth-Whitemarsh.

Defensive backs: Todd Stefan, Pennsbury; Rick Bauer, North Penn; Mark Christman, Pottsgrove; Todd Ortman, Pennsbury; Dan Sanfouche, Neshaminy; Lenny Moore, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Mark Talbott, Upper Dublin; Dale Wolters, Penncrest; Geoff MacLaughlin, Haverford High; Jason Jones, Pottstown; Brian Price, Central Bucks East; Darren Ryals, Penn Wood; Brian Musselman, Boyertown; Louis Riddick, Pennridge; Leroy Wesley, Academy Park; Bill Simons, Tamenit; T. J. Tuscia, Great Valley; Bill Zoldi, Morrisville; Wayne Webb, Truman; Brian Ward, Norristown; Rich Yoder, Council Rock.

Linebackers: Chuck Sowmentz, Penn Wood; Greg DiRocco, Downingtown; Steve Lloyd, Sun Valley; Chris McGonigle, Penn Wood; Chris Moyer, Souderton; Ron Hockman, Pennridge; Matt Hinkle, Quakertown; Don O'Malley, North Penn; Eric John, West Chester Henderson; Jim Dokes, Great Valley; Doug Rogers, Owen J. Roberts; Chris Stratton, Council Rock; Dave Hamilton, Pennsbury; Steve Borowski, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Ron Rosell, Wissahickon; Gary McClain, Conestoga.