

# DeShields Only County Player Mentioned, Seven Foothills Players Cited

Bill DeShields was the only Fayette County football player receiving mention of any kind, while seven from the Foothills Conference were cited, in the UPI All-State schoolboy football teams announced today.

DeShields, Laurel Highlands High School's all-time rushing and scoring leader, was included in the honorable mention selections. The senior halfback, who starred three seasons for Coach Fred Botti's Mustangs, rushed over 1500 yards this year, and won the scoring championship of the Mon Valley (Big 10) Conference with 96 points, on 15 touchdowns and six points after touchdowns.

His log included an all-time single game high for a Fayette County runner of 338 yards rushing, in 19 carries, against Belle Vernon, with touchdown runs of 64, 72, 73, and 72 yards.

For the second time in a row, the Foothills had a player named to the first team, in Kiski Area's standout center George Geier. A year ago Bob Gorinski of Mount Pleasant was named first team fullback.

Honorable mention picks from the FHC included quarterback Don Tarosky, halfback Rich Kaminski, and end Ron Booker, of Kiski Area; end Jim Perrequet, Hempfield; tackles Ron Argenta, Greensburg-Salem; and Bruce Jones, Latrobe; and quarterback Rich Washinko and fullback Bill Bucholtz, Derry.

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If you needed one word to describe the boys who comprise the 1970 United Press International All-State Football Team announced today, it would have to be "consistency."

There is no blazing schoolboy star such as Harrisburg's Jimmy Jones, now at the University of Southern California, who threw 35 touchdown passes his senior year in high school. Or comparable to Haverford's Steve Joachim, who was chosen the best schoolboy quarterback in the nation after running away with the all-state balloting last year.

But there is consistency in that backfield of quarterback Chuck Fiorante of New Castle; Paul Meltzer, of Springfield; Phil Hughes, of Charleroi; and Denny Laws, of O.J. Roberts, the suburban Pottstown school.

Fiorante completed 80 passes in 145 attempts for 17 touchdowns and 1,411 yards gained. He averaged 176 yards per completion. This is a record for a very good quarterback in high school, though not a great one. But he threw only three interceptions in his first nine games, almost unbelievably low. Consistency is the answer.

## Hughes Fine Performer

Charleroi's Phil Hughes is six feet tall and weighs 185 pounds. Nice size for a halfback but nothing out of the ordinary. He scored 66 points this season—again nothing exceptional. But he gained more than 1,000 yards in each of three seasons as a varsity performer—he had a career total of better than 3,700 yards. He was a two-way performer and had six interceptions as a defensive halfback.

Paul Melzer, at 5'10" and 175 pounds may seem a trifle undersized as a football player. But Melzer had that much-discussed but seldom witnessed quality—he was a real "breakaway" back.

Melzer did not possess the blazing speed owned by last year's all-time scoring leader, Mt. Carmel's Gary Diminick. But he could change directions—or cut in the football vernacular—at full speed. His 133 carries in Springfield's first nine games netted him a total of 1,460 yards and 21 touchdowns for an average of 11.2 yards per carry. You don't get that kind of average with a three-yards and a cloud of dust ball runner. Melzer was consistent after those first three yards—consistent in going a lot further.

## Not Much Size

There isn't too much size either with Melzer's backfield mate, Denny Laws, of O.J. Roberts. But Laws knifed open those cracks in opposing lines for almost 1,500 yards with one game left to play. He averaged 7.2 yards per carry, scored 22 touchdowns and totaled 164 points in those nine games. In his high school career Laws carried for 3,133 yards, with a game yet to play. And that, again, is consistency.

The two first team ends complement each other perfectly. Bethlehem's Jeff Hartenstine is a monstrous, for a schoolboy, tight end on offense and linebacker on defense who towers 6'3" and weighs 230 pounds. He caught 12 passes for

320 yards and four of the 12 went for touchdowns. As a linebacker he made or was in on 107 tackles this season.

## First Team

E. Jeff Hartenstine, Bethlehem Liberty.  
E. Tom Chapman, Cedar Cliff.  
T. Dave Grazier, Tyrone.  
T. Mike Emanuel, Neshaminy.  
G. Dennis Franks, Bethel Park.  
G. Keith Stoneback, Souderton.  
C. George Geier, Kiski Area.  
QB. Chuck Fiorante, New Castle.  
B. Paul Meltzer, Springfield (Montgomery County).  
B. Phil Hughes, Charleroi.  
B. Dennis Laws, O.J. Roberts.

## Second Team

E. Don Lewis, New Castle.  
E. Mike Sellers, Carlisle.  
T. Jeff Bleamer, Allentown Dieruff.  
T. Tim Miller, Mt. Lebanon.  
G. Sam Campoli, New Castle.  
G. Bob Clouser, Selinsgrove.  
C. Dave Marion, Bellefonte.  
QB. Bill Daniels, Montour.  
B. Jim Fitzmaurice, Pennsylvania.  
B. Vince Sghiatti, Valley View.  
B. Ken Schroy, Quakertown.

## Third Team

E. Bob Handschue, Allentown Allen.  
E. Jock Michelosen, Baldwin.  
T. Matt Szymakowski, Bethlehem Liberty.  
T. Dick Radzavich, DuBois.  
G. Rick Bundy, DeLone Catholic.  
G. Ralph Perri, Butler.  
C. Roger Keener, Cedar Cliff.  
QB. Eric Scott, Ridley.  
B. Larry Suhey, State College.  
B. Elwood Potchel, Pen Argyl.  
B. Henry Hynoskie, Mt. Carmel.

## Honorable Mentions

Ends: Booker, Kiski Area; Ines, Martinsburg Central; Heplar and Klaus, Mt. Carmel; Schoenberger, Nazareth; Way, York, Kelley, Palmyra; Quay, Penn Highlands; Ford, State College; Bradley, Johnstown McCort; Kryston, Philadelphia Dougherty; Wright, Hatboro-Horsham; Perrequet, Hempfield; Bonello, Leechburg; Vancarlo, Levittown Wilson; Bartoszek, Erie McDowell, Thomas, West Scranton; Barcello, Nanticoke.

Tackles: Miller, Mt. Lebanon; Hennaman, Altoona; Eiter Chambersburg; Tennessee, Philadelphia Dougherty; Millard, Upper Darby; Hollingsworth, Columbia; Galloway, Middletown; Kitter, Camp Hill; Harrington, Pittsburgh North Catholic; Argenta, Greensburg; Feryok and Peck, Monessen; Laurentia, New Castle; Demler, Lebanon Catholic; Teter, Central Dauphin East; Ganse, Lancaster; Ketchen, Easton; August, Jeannette; Barrett, Bethel; Jones, Latrobe.

Guards: Polyak, Purchase Line; Houck, Mt. Lebanon; Daley, Easton; Mervis, Kittanning; Nye, Central Dauphin; Slowik, Baldwin; Axe, Lancaster; Henry, North Penn; Maytas, Charleroi; Cheplick, Valley View; Rodgers, Norristown Kenrick; Morris, Lewisburg; Thuret, Pittsburgh Carrick, Chizmadia, Pennsylvania; Zink, Ridley; Taber, Pittsburgh North Catholic.

Centers: McHale, Neshaminy; Carey, Central Bucks West; Washington, Beaver Falls; Lane, Lebanon.

Quarterbacks: Tarosky, Kiski Area; Clements, Pittsburgh Canevin; Klingensmith, Kittanning; Trees, Shrewsbury Trinity; Bixler, Harrisburg John Harris; Hubler, Central Bucks West; Clark, Titusville; Bird, Central Columbia; Washinko, Derry; Soppen, Wyoming Valley West; Hibbits, Haverford; Ward, Columbia; Shellhammer, Pottsville; Gemmel, Catasauqua; Coleman, Darby-Colwyn; Mays, Philadelphia Frankford; Archer, State College.

Backs: DeShields, Laurel Highlands; Moss, New Castle; Kaminski, Kiski Area; Green, Huntingdon; Petriatis, DuBois; Morrisette, Ambridge; Lukevics, Bethlehem Liberty; Irwin, Tyrone; Timmins, DeLone Catholic; Zapan, Upper Merion; Houser and Peters, Lebanon; Gingrich, Annville; Traggio, Shenango; Koch, Neshaminy; Weir, Shikellamy; Langan and J. Smith, Wyoming Area; Bucholtz, Derry; Thompson, Erie East; Boyle, McKeesport; Watson, Chambersburg; Ash, Pittsburgh Carrick; Sauers, Millinburg; Gilmore, Reading; Hogan, Philadelphia Cardinal O'Hara; Skerpon, Sayre; Ruyak, Bethlehem Liberty; Beuchette, Lebanon Catholic; Robinson, Altoona; Campbell and Roberts, Camp Hill.