

Running backs set the pace on big school all-state team

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This was the year of the running back in Pennsylvania high school football.

Look at the statistics of Parkland's Austin Scott, Williamsport's Darrell Blackman, and St. Joseph's Prep's Pat Kaiser, The Inquirer's player of the year.

Kaiser gained 2,178 yards and led the undefeated Prep to the Catholic League Red Division title.

Scott rushed for a state-record 3,853 yards this season, found the end zone a record 53 times, and scored a record 318 points in leading Parkland to the PIAA Class AAA title. Blackman, who has committed to North Carolina State, rushed for 2,323 yards.

They are the first-team running backs on the Associated

Press Pennsylvania Big School (Class AAAA-Class AAA) all-state team, as selected in voting by writers and broadcasters. Combined, they rushed for 8,354 yards, or 4.75 miles, and scored 110 touchdowns.

Philadelphia-area players named to the first team were offensive lineman Matthew Murphy (Glen Mills); defensive tackle James Roderick (Archbishop Carroll); defensive back Lenny Carter and linebacker Dan Connor (Strath Haven); linebacker Jameel McClain (George Washington); and specialist Brandon Bush (Sun Valley).

Chosen for the second team were: wide receiver Akil Stokes (Germantown); offensive lineman Matt Brazil (Conwell-Egan); running back Curtis Brinkley and defensive back Jonathan Jackson (West Catho-

lic); defensive lineman John Quinn (St. Joseph's Prep); defensive back Tyree Watson (Simon Gratz) and punter Robert McHugh (Bishop McDevitt).

Named to the third team were: tight end Dave Peck (Strath Haven); offensive lineman Ed McDuffie (St. John Neumann); placekicker Kevin Kelly (Neshaminy); specialist Matt Helm (Downingtown); linebacker Jim Casertano (North Penn); linebacker Jake Sheffield (Interboro); and defensive back Chaz Scott (Archbishop Carroll).

Bethlehem Catholic's Adam Bednarik, a West Virginia recruit who completed 148 of 225 passes for 2,356 yards and 27 touchdowns with just four interceptions, is the quarterback.

On defense, linebacker Paul Posluszny, a Penn State recruit from Class AAA champion

Hopewell, rushed for 1,577 yards and was an outstanding two-way player.

Ryan Mundy of PIAA Class AAAA runner-up Woodland Hills is considered one of the best defensive backs in the country. He heads up the first-team defense.

All-State Team

FIRST-TEAM OFFENSE

TE: John Stuper, State College, 6-5, 295, Sr.
WR: Brendan Perada, Altoona, 5-9, 160, Sr.; Brent Wise, Central Dauphin, 6-0, 190, Sr.

OL: Joel Holter, Lancaster McCaskey, 6-6, 335, Sr.; Brian Koromano, Manheim Township, 6-5, 295, Sr.; Mike Mack, Hopewell, 6-5, 225, Sr.; Cody Morris, Hazleton, 6-4, 275, Sr.; **Matthew Murphy**, Glen Mills, 6-3, 305, Sr.

QB: Adam Bednarik, Beth. Catholic, 6-3, 220, Sr.
RB: Darrell Blackman, Williamsport, 6-1, 200, Sr.; **Pat Kaiser**, St. Joseph's Prep, 5-10, 190, Sr.; Austin Scott, Parkland, 6-2, 200, Sr.

Specialist: Kevin McCabe, Pine Richland, 6-3, 215, Sr.
PK: Tony Domatos, Central Dauphin, 5-10, 230, Jr.

FIRST-TEAM DEFENSE

DE: Allen Bilyk, New Castle, 6-5, 285, Sr.; Cody Decker, Parkland, 6-4, 265, Sr.; **James Roderick**, Archbishop Carroll, 6-1, 260, Sr.; John Shea, Spring Grove,

6-5, 230, Sr.
LB: **Das Connor**, Strath Haven, 6-3, 215, Jr.; Bill Lamb, North Hills, 6-1, 210, Sr.; **Jameel McClain**, George Washington, 6-2, 245, Sr.; Paul Posluszny, Hopewell, 6-3, 215, Sr.

DB: Vince Beemer, Harrisburg Bishop McDevitt, 5-2, 195, Sr.; **Lenny Carter**, Strath Haven, 5-9, 170, Sr.; Ryan Mundy, Woodland Hills, 6-2, 205, Sr.; Eric Wicks, Perry Traditional Academy, 6-1, 195, Sr.

Specialist: **Brandon Bush**, Sun Valley, 5-9, 185, Sr.
PK: Aron Johnson, Lower Dauphin, 6-0, 200, Jr.

SECOND-TEAM OFFENSE

TE: Chris Montgomery, Central York, 6-5, 240, Sr.
WR: Akil Stokes, Germantown, 6-11, 172, Sr.; Joel Papp, Allentown Deerf., 6-5, 180, Sr.

OL: **Matt Brazil**, Conwell-Egan, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Brian Crosser, Altoona, 6-0, 271, Sr.; C.J. Gruber, Harrisburg Bishop McDevitt, 6-5, 304, Sr.; Kyle Mithum, Erie McDowell, 6-5, 250, Jr.; Chris Sands, West Lawn Wilson, 6-0, 275, Sr.

QB: Chad Henne, West Lawn Wilson, 6-3, 210, Jr.
RB: **Curtis Brinkley**, West Catholic, 5-10, 175, Sr.; Chris Morgan, Woodland Hills, 5-11, 176, Sr.; Dave Richards, Clearfield, 5-11, 192, Sr.

Specialist: Josh Hock, Hazleton, 6-8, 185, Sr.
PK: Connor Lee, Upper St. Clair, 6-0, 190, Sr.

SECOND-TEAM DEFENSE

Line: Ray Brooks, Williamsport, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Mike Hill, Penn Hills, 6-2, 260, Sr.; **John Quinn**, St. Joseph's Prep, 6-4, 245, Sr.; Kyle Smith, Harbor Creek, 6-3, 205, Sr.

LB: James Bryant, Reading, 6-3, 225, Jr.; Clint Fowler, Lower Dauphin, 6-1, 200, Sr.; Matt Rhoades, Shamokin, 6-0, 200, Sr.; Mark Yozovich, Woodland Hills, 6-1, 232, Sr.
DB: **Jonathan Jackson**, West Catholic, 6-1, 175, Sr.;

Matt Sath, General McLane, 5-9, 165, Sr.; **Tyree Watson**, Simon Gratz, 5-11, 170, Sr.; Shawn Ward, Blue Mountain, 6-1, 165, Sr.

Specialist: Vaughn Rivers, Perry Traditional Academy, 5-9, 165, Sr.

P: **Robert McHugh**, Bishop McDevitt, 5-3, 215, Sr.

THIRD-TEAM OFFENSE

TE: **Dave Peck**, Strath Haven, 6-5, 217, Jr.
Wide receivers: Greg Hutchinson, Kiski, 6-3, 185, Sr.; Andy Lefelto, West Lawn Wilson, 5-8, 180, Sr.

OL: Mike Cabrosky, Lehighton, 6-5, 285, Sr.; **Ed McDuffie**, St. John Neumann, 6-4, 310, Sr.; Jeff McKelvy, Hollingsburg, 5-11, 240, Sr.; A.C. Shipley, Moon, 5-3, 270, Jr.; Brad Stewart, Bethel Park, 6-3, 270, Sr.

QB: Zac Kutz, Millersburg, 6-4, 160, Sr.
RB: Arlon Bradford, Central Dauphin, 5-8, 175, Sr.; Diono Henry, West Allegheny, 6-0, 187, Sr.; Mike Pizano, Pittston, 6-0, 190, Sr.

Specialist: **Matt Helm**, Downingtown, 5-11, 175, Sr.
PK: **Kevin Kelly**, Neshaminy, 5-8, 160, Soph.

THIRD-TEAM DEFENSE

Linebackers: Afs Ansoi, Bethlehem Freedom, 6-2, 265, Sr.; Steve Salavante, Dallas, 6-0, 240, Sr.; Andrew Sharp, Red Land, 6-4, 260, Sr.; Shoaib Tasek, Scranton, 5-9, 215, Sr.

LB: **Jim Casertano**, North Penn, 6-2, 225, Jr.; North Penn; Karzem Ferguson, Perry Traditional Academy, 6-2, 220, Sr.; Adam Muzka, Uniontown, 6-2, 242, Sr.; **Jake Sheffield**, Interboro, 5-10, 170, Jr.

DB: Jon Drager, Thomas Jefferson, 6-0, 180, Sr.; Joe Meniacos, Wyoming Area, 6-0, 185, Jr.; **Chaz Scott**, Archbishop Carroll, 5-10, 170, Sr.; Neil Walker, Pine-Richland, 6-3, 200, Jr.

Specialist: Nick Pinonek, Parkland, 6-2, 200, Sr.
P: Jon Fowler, Belle Vernon, 6-2, 180, Sr.