

4 Area Boys On 1st-Team:

West Dominates 1972 UPI All-State Team

PHILADELPHIA (UPI) — The West turned the tables on this year's United Press International all-state high school football team, filling seven of the first team berths after the East did the same last season.

In addition to a passing duo that accounted for more than of quarterback Bob Baker and end Bob Thomas, who led the Vikings on a scoring tear through suburban Philadelphia that ended in an 8-0-1 season and the Suburban I title.

Baker completed 159 of 275 passes for 2,288 yards and 29 touchdowns. Thomas was on the receiving end of 90 completions, piling up 1,300 yards and 21 six-pointers. The signal-caller threw 74 scoring strikes in three years of varsity competition.

Asked about their college plans, coach Frank Murphy said the heavily recruited pair wants to go—where else?—"to a school where they throw the ball."

Behind Baker in the all-state backfield are three running backs who did just that and more.

Andy Seftor played defensive end for State College last year but this season was given a crack at carrying the ball and promptly rang up 1,200 yards on the ground and 17 TD's to pace the Little Lions to a 10-0 sweep of the Central Counties and Western Conference titles.

Cedar Cliff's Mark Torquato had his hands on the football for three years—one way or another. His career totals show 260 carries for 2,340 yards and 26 touchdowns. Torquato didn't stop there, hauling in 84 passes for another 1,400 yards and 14 TD's during the same span.

He also went the distance on four kick-off returns this season and intercepted 23 passes as a three-year defensive back as the Colts finished second in the Southcentral Conference with a 9-1 mark.

Mike Hansen is the smallest all-stater, but don't let that fool you. The 5-6, 160-pounder helped

Kiski Area to the WPIAL semifinals and a 9-1 record, leading the Foothills Conference in scoring with 118 points. He averaged more than six yards a carry during a 1,300-yard season.

At the other end of the all-state line is the coach's son, Don Malinak Jr. of Lock Haven. Young Malinak averaged more than 20 yards a catch on 19 receptions and scored 45 points while doing the team's place-kicking.

Bolting down the line is center Russ Clark of Kiski Area, who placed on UPI's second team last year. His coach, Richard Dilts, said Clark was such a natural athlete he almost used him at fullback. Instead, Clark snapped the ball on offense and played linebacker, where he led the team in tackles the last two seasons. Clark's linemate, Jim Henderson, captured one of the tackle spots, while Dirk Grissinger of State College, a second-teamer last season, tied down the other.

Henderson spent more time on defense than offense and figured in almost 70 tackles. Grissinger was a punishing downfield blocker who cleared the way for much of teammate Seftor's yardage. Coach Jim Williams says the team's favorite plays were screen passes and pitch-outs with Grissinger leading the way.

The guard positions are filled by two-day players, both described by their coaches as "super blockers."

Larry Pentz of Clearfield played offensive guard and defensive end and led the team with 85 per cent blocking efficiency the past two seasons. Berwick's Mike McCabe doubled at linebacker and led the 10-1 Eastern Conference team with 84 tackles despite being double-teamed much of the time.

The United Press International all-state high school football team:

- E—Bob Thomas, Upper Merion, Sr., 5-9, 160.
- E—Don Malinak, Lock Haven, Sr., 6-3, 205.
- T—Dirk Grissinger, State College, Sr., 6-1, 205.
- T—Jim Henderson, Kiski Area, Sr., 6-1, 240.
- G—Mike McCabe, Berwick, Sr., 6, 205.
- G—Larry Pentz, Clearfield, Sr., 6, 190.
- C—Russ Clark, Kiski Area, Sr., 5-11, 190.
- QB—Bob Baker, Upper Merion, Sr., 6-1, 190.
- RB—Mark Torquato, Cedar Cliff, Sr., 5-9, 180.
- RB—Andy Seftor, State College, Sr., 5-11, 175.
- RB—Mike Hansen, Kiski Area, Sr., 5-6, 160.

Second Team

- E—Jim Wicks, Central Dauphin East
- E—Joe Stone, Kiski Area
- T—Joe Gallagher, St. James (Chester)
- T—Mark Strawbridge, Nesquehoning
- G—John DiFeliciano, Bishop Neumann (Phila.)

G—Patsy Nerti, New Castle George Link, Laurel Highlands (Tie)

QB—Chuck Curry, Hershey

QB—Mark O'Tolle, Gateway

RB—Tony Serge, St. James

Dale Delise, Pennsylvania

Joe Sroba, Neshaminy (Tie)

RB—Duane Taylor, Greensburg-Salem

Tony Dorsett, Hopewell

Abel Joe, Costesville

Mike Lombardi, Monsignor Bonner (Phila.) (Tie)

Honorable Mention

E—Jeff McGeelin, Allentown Central Catholic; Jim Harchar, Thomas Jefferson (Pgh.)

T—Jim Moran, Valley View;

Greg Shope, Cedar Cliff; Stu Jackson, Huntingdon; Bill Yamosy, Derry Area; Jim Walton, Valley View; Steve Earley, Kiski Area; Tom Stoddard,

Abington; Don Miller, Pennsylvania.

G—Darwin Sellar, Penn Highlands; Clay Singletary, State College; Carmen Frangosa, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Steve Gambone, Bishop Kenrick (Norristown).

C—Greg Nemece, Gateway; Gary Barnes, St. James (Chester).

QB—John Andress, Greensburg-Salem; Pat Carey, Central Bucks; Paul Gullard, Phillipsburg-Osceola.

RB—Rick Kovach, Valley View; Steve Musser, Central Dauphin; Tony Melchiorre, Berwick; Gary Hegh, Frankford (Phila.); Tom Manley, Highlands; Frank Bingham, Plymouth-Whitemarsh; Rene Posey, Mt. Union; Mike Neary, Riverdale.



PRESIDENTIAL SPORTS AWARD RECIPIENT — Tyrone's Chief Logan Archery and Alhoo's Wopsy Archery club Award archery citation from President Richard M. Nixon, Stonebramp and two-time Regional champ, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. extension, Tyrone. Signed by President Nixon, the citation reads: "My congratulations to you on your dedication and determination."

Black, 2 Other Seniors Quit Juniata Squad

HUNTINGDON, Pa. (UPI) — An all-freshman Juniata College team, formed hurriedly after three seniors dropped from the squad, defeated Delaware Valley, 90-72, Monday night.

Senior Tom Rinaldi, the team's most valuable player as a sophomore and its captain last year, was forced to quit because of a spinal infection. It was not known immediately why seniors Alan Grove and Keith Black dropped out.

Coach Jack Swinderman started freshmen Don Williams Wilkinsburg and Don Martin of Lancaster at forward, Tim Tabor of Niles, Ohio, at center and Robbie Carles of Altoona and Oscar Hatchett of Cleveland at guard.

Raiders Kayo J Playoff Spot

OAKLAND (UPI) — The New York Jets are dead and the Oakland Raiders have their wish.

By beating the Jets 24-16 Monday night in their nationally televised game, the AFC West champ Raiders assured themselves of meeting Pittsburgh or Cleveland in the first round of the playoffs instead of the Miami Dolphins.

And in the process of beating New York, they ended their old rivals' chances of staying alive for the wild card berth into the playoffs.

While it was all sweetness and joy for the Raiders, the Jets went home today defeated and a little bitter even though Joe Namath and Don Maynard, two of the club's most solid players and stars in their own

right, both achieved distinguished landmarks.

Namath, playing with a heavy cold, completed 25-of-46 passes for 403 yards. All it netted the Jets was one touchdown.

On the other side, Daryle Lamonica threw for two TDs, the second coming in the fourth quarter and providing the Raiders the room they needed to register their ninth victory compared to three losses and a tie.

The Jets slipped to 7-6, and their game Sunday in New York with Cleveland now becomes meaningless for them. Had they beaten the Raiders, they could have gained the playoffs by also beating the Browns.

But that game is a key one