

# Exarhos, Danver, Hulet Picked From Unbeaten Spartans

## Stevenson Places 3 On All-Area Team

### The Observer Sports Section B

Meet the 1968 Observerland high school football team. Based on the votes of coaches, officials and sports writers, the Observer Newspapers' dream eleven is dominated -- and it shouldn't come as a surprise -- by Stevenson High which placed three players. Stevenson sailed through an unbeaten-united team, winning

all eight of its starts to capture the Inter-Lakes Conference crown and also wind up 10th rated in the state Class A Associated Press poll. This, too, was the year of the running backs in Observerland. Never in recent years have there been so many stand-out ball carriers, which has prompted the Observer to list

one extra back on its second and third-team selections. The first team boasts everything a coach would desire. There's a strong line to operate in front of an all-around quarterback and running backs who terrorized their foes in game after game. So without further ado, here

are the Observer All-Area selections:

**Ends**

NICK EXARHOS, Stevenson: two-way player, who starred for three seasons. Captain in his senior year. Excellent blocker and one of the vital cogs in the strong running attack Stevenson boasted. Caught only four passes, but Stevenson didn't pass much. Speedster. Fine tackler. Considered good college prospect.

CHRIS LANG, Franklin: Starred both on offense and defense. Caught nine passes, two for touchdowns, and totaled 156 yards on grabs. Formidable blocker who cleared the way for

big gains by Franklin backs. On defense, he was used as a halfback where: (1) he intercepted eight passes to lead the Northwest Suburban League; (2) scooped up two fumbles; (3) figured in nine individual tackles and assisted on 26 others. In addition, Chris is a fine student who should go on to success story in college.

### Tackles

MARK HULET, Stevenson -- A three-year letterman called "the most underrated player" on his team. Said Coach Jack Reardon: "Our game movies show time again where Mark would mock down one man, then get up and roar downfield to deck another rival with a block. Marvelous second-effort player." Mark also was a two-man player, who was used as a linebacker on defense and occasionally at guard and end. The type of player who could be used any place. Should become a standout in college.

DALE HAMILTON, John Glenn -- The brightest spot on the Glenn team during the past season. A three-year veteran, he was picked first team on both the offensive and defensive units of the Northwest Suburban League. "A rare-type" player, says Glenn Coach Bob Lusk. "He was terrific blocker, tackle, great competitor and leader." Has fine future facing him when he goes on to college.

### Guards

BILL RICE, Bentley -- Hailed by most as the No. 1 line-man in Suburban Six League, which annually turns out a band of standout front-wall performers. Called by his coach, Larry Joiner, as "most complete player" Reardon has boasted in several years. "It's uncanny how Bill knows where the ball is going and how he gets there," declared Joiner.

Tremendous blocker and one. Continued on Page 38



E - NICK EXARHOS Stevenson



T - DALE HAMILTON John Glenn



G - PAT MOORE G.C. East



C - RICK LAPINSKI G.C. East



G - BILL RICE Bentley



T - MARK HULET Stevenson



E - CHRIS LANG Franklin

### All-Observerland Football Team

Position	Player	School	Ht.	Wt.	Class
END	Nick Exarhos	Stevenson	5-11	187	Sr.
TACKLE	Dale Hamilton	John Glenn	6-2	193	Sr.
GUARD	Bill Rice	Bentley	5-10	190	Sr.
CENTER	Rick Lapinski	Garden City East	5-11	195	Sr.
GUARD	Pat Moore	Garden City East	5-10	185	Sr.
TACKLE	Mark Hulet	Stevenson	6-0	185	Sr.
END	Chris Lang	Franklin	6-2	180	Sr.
QBACK	Bruce Baumann	Plymouth	6-0	190	Sr.
BACK	Paul Adamian	N. Farmington	5-10	180	Sr.
BACK	Dale Danver	Stevenson	6-1	210	Sr.
BACK	Craig Mutch	Thurston	6-2	210	Jr.

### Second Team

Jeff Kennedy (Bentley) End  
Paul Cazabon (Bentley) Tackle  
Paul Sersen (Thurston) Guard  
Ken Vitale (Franklin) Center  
Don Impellizzeri (Sorrrows) Guard  
Noel Winger (G.C. West) Tackle  
Jack Weston (Thurston) End  
Bill Bashara (Thurston) Qback  
Jerry Dettler (Stevenson) Back  
Bob Thoenbladh (Plymouth) Back  
Jim Burton (G.C. East) Back  
Robin Spicer (Thurston) Back

### Third Team

Ron Ochala (Stevenson) End  
Bob Pokorny (RU) Tackle  
Ray Daniels (Stevenson) Guard  
Bruce Edwards (Plymouth) Center  
Bruce Nederveld (Bentley) Guard  
Paul Servanen (Franklin) Tackle  
Dave Thomas (N. Farmington) End  
Charles Wiggins (Franklin) Qback  
Bob Cascaden (Bentley) Back  
Bob Planrich (RU) Back  
Leroy Watson (Bentley) Back  
Archie Leib (Franklin) Back



QB - BRUCE BAUMANN Plymouth



B - PAUL ADAMIAN N. Farmington



B - DALE DANVER Stevenson



B - CRAIG MUTCH Thurston

## Reardon 'Coach Of Year'

It took Jack Reardon 12 years to hit the top in coaching. In guiding Stevenson High to an 8-3 record, plus the Inter-Lakes League championship and the No. 10 spot in the state Class A ratings, Reardon also has won for himself "coach-of-the-year" honors in Observerland.

Reardon is a Detroit-area product who played football and basketball at Southeastern High School. Then he went on to Morningside College in Iowa where he played on the varsity football team for four years.

Next the Army called for two years and then it was on to Indiana University where he received his master's degree.

COACHING STARTED FOR Reardon at the Normandy Military Academy in Aurora, Ill. He spent five years there as an assistant in football, basketball and track.

Then came the opportunity to transfer to Bentley High in Livonia as an assistant for three years in football and an assistant for two years in track.

When the doors swung open at Stevenson four years ago, Reardon was offered the job of head coach in football and

head man in track. Today, he's top man in Observerland.

Reardon is married and the father of one child, Mary Margaret, 5.

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TACKLES -- Mark LaPointe (Plymouth), Rob Clayton (Plymouth), Steve Fleming (Farmington).

LINEBACKERS -- Mark Belchinko (Franklin), Tony Garcia (N. Farmington).

BACKS -- Mike Bremeuor (G.C. East), Walter Lee (Plymouth), Gary Bevington (RU), Dave Loewe (Stevenson), Ed Raether (Bentley), John Thomas (N. Farmington), George Osterhaut (John Glenn).

#### Offense Stars

TACKLES -- Greg Main (Sorrrows), Bill Gartner (St. Agatha). GUARDS -- Marty Rosso (Plymouth), Rick Wight (Franklin).

CENTERS -- Pat Keough (Clarenceville), Joe Elder (Bishop Borgess).

BACKS -- Ron Blackmore (St. Agatha), Dave Brandemuhl (Clarenceville), Terry Rhodes (G.C. West), Mac Domke (John Glenn).

### Garden City West Grid Coach Resigns

Harold W. Burkholder has resigned his duties as head football coach at West Senior High School effective immediately, but will continue in his full-time teaching position at West Principal William A. Riley.

made the announcement Monday, although he knew of Burkholder's decision early in the school year. "Naturally we are disappointed," Riley said. "Harold is the only coach we have ever

had and he has been a fine one. He has built our program from the ground up and has inaugurated such crucial activities as the Booster Club and weight training program. "His efforts and research have

also made possible the addition of an extra assistant coach at each of the high schools and the consideration of eighth grade football in Garden City." BURKHOLDER, 35, is a graduate of Michigan State University and has earned a Master of Arts in Educational Administration from Eastern Michigan. He has taught and coached in Garden City for the past six years, with three years' prior experience in Grand Ledge. His coaching background includes track and basketball in addition to football.

Burkholder's West High football teams have compiled a composite record of 21-25-3 in the Tri-River leagues. "I am not quitting," Burkholder said. "I don't believe in quitting, on or off the field. I do think that it would be in the best interest of West High to instill new blood into the football program at this time. Naturally, I will offer every possible assistance to the new coach -- whenever he may be." Burkholder also commented that his decision "does not constitute retirement from coaching permanently."

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