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O&E All-Area squad includes All-State talent

By JOHN BOZZO

Following are the first team offense and defense of the 1976 Observer & Eccentric all-area football team.

FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

JIM BREAUGH, 6-2, 190, SENIOR QUARTERBACK, ANDOVER. At the start of the season Andover coach Frank Buford said Breaugh is the outstanding quarterback of my 24 year coaching career. Breaugh has started at quarterback for three consecutive years and Andover has either won or shared the Greater Oakland Activities League championship each one of those years.

Breaugh holds all the Andover passing records. He had 1,981 yards rushing and passing this season and 2,976 in his career. He has been an all-league choice the past two years.

MIKE BOWDEN, 6-1, 190, SENIOR OFFENSIVE BACK, FARMINGTON HARRISON. Bowden is the most outstanding of this year's offensive backs and one of two unanimous choices for the O&E all-area team. He was also selected to numerous other All-star teams including executives all-state teams.

Bowden, a powerful bulldozing runner was the biggest offensive threat on a Farmington Harrison team that qualified for the state tournament and was a runner-up in Class A. Bowden carried the ball 312 times during the season, scored 29 touchdowns, gained 1,758 yards and averaged 5.6 yards every time he ran with the football.

CHRIS SCHULTZ, 6-1, 195, SENIOR OFFENSIVE BACK, SOUTHFIELD. Schultz scored five touchdowns this season and gained 800 yards. He is given credit for a good job blocking by his coach and also played linebacker. Schultz is an all-league running back and was the team's most valuable defensive player last season.

CHIP ABLONDI, 5-10, 170, SENIOR OFFENSIVE BACK, LAHSER. Ablondi made honorable mention on numerous other all-star teams. He was Lahser's most valuable player and an all-conference choice. Ablondi gained 825 yards, 743 of those rushing, and averaged 6.4 yards per rush. He also caught 17 passes and was a starter in the defensive backfield his junior year.

STEVE KNUDSON, 6-1, 185, SENIOR END, LAHSER. Knudson is described by Lahser coach Ted Gothard as "the finest athlete in the history of Lahser." Knudson was an all-league selection for his second straight year and was a first team selection on the Observer & Eccentric all-area baseball team at third base last spring. Knudson has 21 pass receptions this season for 335 yards.

BRAD BACHE, 6-2, 170, SENIOR END, FARMINGTON HARRISON. Coach John Herrington said that Bache has "great concentration and goes to the ball well." Bache caught 16 passes this season for a total of 335 yards, four touchdowns and an average of 20.9 yards per reception. Bache caught two touchdown passes in the state championship game at the Pontiac Silverdome.

BOB BLACKMER, 6-1, 207, SENIOR TACKLE, FARMINGTON HARRISON. Every team needs players to clear the way and Blackmer filled that role for Harrison. He was second team on the 1976 Observer & Eccentric all-area squad in 1975, voted the best lineman in the Western Six league this year, an all-county selection and a member of one all-state team. Blackmer has been all-league the past two years.

JOE SEVCIK, 6-3, 205, SENIOR TACKLE, WEST BLOOMFIELD. An all-league choice on defense as a junior and offense this season, Sevcik has been a two-way starter two years at West Bloomfield. Sevcik made at least one all-state team and was all-county. Coach Dominic Lavedis calls Sevcik a super leader and points to his 12 first hits on punts as an example of Sevcik's aggressive play.

MARTY FREAR, 6-0, 205, SENIOR GUARD, SOUTHFIELD. Frear has been all-league the past two seasons and was all-county this year. He is described by his coach as "the best down lineman we have on offense and defense, an excellent leader, great kid and good student."

MATT PRIEST, 6-0, 210, SENIOR OFFENSIVE GUARD, GROVES. Priest was honorable mention on some all-state and all-area teams. He was selected to the all-league team.

PETE FLETCHER, 6-0, 200, SENIOR CENTER, WEST BLOOMFIELD. Fletcher was all-suburban, all-metro, all-county and all-league this season. He has an 84 percent blocking efficiency and 19 touchdowns were scored over his position this past season. Coach Lavedis credits Fletcher with a three-year record for key blocks.

RANDY MEIER, SENIOR PUNTER, FARMINGTON. Meier had a 33.1 punting average for Farmington this season which gives him a career average of 33.6 yards per punt. He was a member of the 1976 Observer & Eccentric all-area football team.

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

KEVIN HAFFEY, 5-10, 190, SENIOR DEFENSIVE BACK, BROTHER RICE. Haffey was one of the Brother Rice tri-captains and a winner of the "Inspiration" award. A two-year starter, Haffey had 67 tackles from his linebacker position this season, including 18 in the final game. He intercepted three passes this season. Haffey was on all the specialty teams and is described by coach Al Fracassa as a "very good high school football player."

JOHN ADAIR, 5-10, 170, SENIOR DEFENSIVE BACK, LAHSER. An all-league choice, Adair is a strong player, for his size, who can bench press 250 pounds. He is also a good student who has won respect for his football playing ability, according to coach Ted Gothard. From his monster-back position, Adair made 61 tackles this season, intercepted three passes and recovered two fumbles.

JON VIGI, 6-1, 185, SENIOR DEFENSIVE BACK, SOUTHFIELD. Vigi is also an offensive starter who filled in for an injured defensive back in the first game and turned in a great season-long performance. He led the team in interceptions with six, had two fumble recoveries and was all-league as an offensive back. He scored two touchdowns on defense, running back a fumble for a touchdown against Farmington and returning an interception all the way against Hazel Park.

BRIAN VANGORDER, 6-1, 203, SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEBACKER, WEST BLOOMFIELD. VanGorder was a two-year starter at linebacker and fullback. Coach Dominic Lavedis said VanGorder was the best football player we had this year. A natural leader, according to his coach, VanGorder had 130 tackles this season and was second team all-county.

BOB MILLER, 5-11, 185, SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEBACKER, NORTH FARMINGTON. Miller was all-league, all-county and honorable mention to other all-area teams. He was the only player in the Northwest Suburban League to be all-league both offensively and defensively. Miller was North Farmington's leading tackler with 15 solo efforts and 58 assists.

SCOTT ANTON, 5-11, 205, SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEBACKER, ANDOVER. Coach Frank Buford notes that Anton is as important to his team's defense as quarterback Jim Breaugh is to the Baron offense. Anton has been a starter for two years and made one all-state team. He set an Andover single-season tackling record this season with 131 tackles.

JOHN PREPOLEC, 6-4, 215, SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN, LAHSER. Nicknamed "man mountain Prep" by his teammates, Prepolec is described as a "tremendous football player" by coach Ted Gothard. He was selected to two all-state teams, numerous all-area teams and the all-league team. He was a winner of the Vince Lombardi award as the team's outstanding lineman. Prepolec was the leading tackler among the Lahser linemen with 83 tackles and is also a good student.

BRETT SHEERAN, 6-3, 220, SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN, GROVES. Sheeran was his team's Vince Lombardi award winner and a selection on the all-league team. He was a two-way starter who led the Falcons with 82 solo tackles and 61 assists from his interior line position. Sheeran also recovered five fumbles. He was selected to two all-area teams.

MIKE CHARETTE, 6-1, 170, SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN, SOUTHFIELD. Charette has been a starter and emotional leader on the team for two seasons. He is hard to fool on the option and covers the pass well from his end position, according to his coach. Despite missing five games due to a shoulder separation, Charette had 48 solo tackles, two pass interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

TOM TURNER, 6-3, 175, SENIOR DEFENSIVE LINEMAN, FARMINGTON HARRISON. Turner was all-league and honorable mention all-state. Coach John Herrington notes that Turner is quick and can be counted on for great pass rush and great pursuit. He had 21 tackles and 24 assists this season.

ANDY STEBBINS, 6-1, 210, DEFENSIVE LINEMAN, TROY ATHENS. Stebbins was his team's Lombardi award winner. He is described by his coach as the team's best offensive and defensive lineman. He played the whole game every game and was never hurt. Stebbins has been a starter for three seasons and this year he made 35 solo tackles and had 33 assists.

GREG AMBROSE, 5-10, 165, SENIOR PLACE KICKER, ROCHESTER. Ambrose was an Observer & Eccentric all-area place kicker last season. This year he connected on nine joint after touchdown kicks and three field goals. Two of his field goals were from 42 and 41 yards.

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Jim Pacurek	6-2, 195	Jr. quarterback	Orchard Lake
Mark Heiss	5-10, 155	Sr. back	Southfield
Mark Vennel	5-8, 170	Sr. back	Andover
Dan Mclaughlin	5-9, 155	Sr. back	Avondale
Steve Zimmerman	5-10, 170	Sr. guard	Farm. Harrison
Rupert Garcia	6-0, 203	Sr. guard	Rochester
Brad Green	6-1, 182	Jr. tackle	Rochester
Tony Korzen	6-1, 190	Sr. tackle	Avondale
Jim Fallan	6-0, 215	Sr. center	Brother Rice
Jeff Jackson	6-0, 165	Sr. end	Troy
Rick Milhuzer	6-2, 182	Sr. end	Farmington

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

Brad Griffin	5-11, 165	Sr. back	Southfield-Lathrup
Kevin Kowalski	6-3, 175	Sr. back	West Bloomfield
Mark Martin	6-1, 187	Sr. back	Rochester
Bob Pyles	5-10, 168	Sr. linebacker	Southfield-Lathrup
Tony Smith	6-0, 215	Jr. linebacker	Avondale
Pete Lambert	5-10, 190	Jr. linebacker	Farm. Harrison
Cary Armbruster	6-0, 180	Sr. lineman	Southfield-Lathrup
Dave Ramsey	5-10, 175	Jr. lineman	West Bloomfield
Tim Colenback	6-1, 190	Sr. lineman	Rochester
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