



DENNIS BURTON



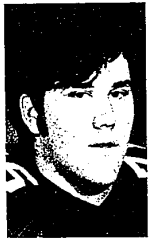
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Announcing The '72 All-Observer High School Gridiron Selections!

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Observer Sports Editor

The prep piskins of Observerland have been bounced around for 157 games, and out of the 18 area schools comes the '72 All-Observer Football Card.

Seniors dominate the 23-man roster with only four juniors making their way on the all-star lineup.

And Garden City East dominated the senior roundup with six making the first team, three on defense and three on offense. Bishop Borgess was next with three on the roster.

The team was represented by 12 of the 18 area schools. Garden City East's Steve Orr and Southfield Lathrup's Bruce Ruhl were selected the top prep of the season. Orr on offense and Ruhl on defense, and East's Gary Humphrey and Churchill's Ken Kaestner

shared coach of the year honors. The All-Area offensive lineup:

RON EGLOFF (End); Plymouth, caught 25 passes his junior year for 365 yards and five touchdowns ... caught 25 passes this season for 392 yards and another five touchdowns ... top notch blocker ... 35.4 yard average in punting ... Coach Tom Moschier calls him a "blue chipper" who could play for any college.

JIM WISNIEWSKI (End) GC East; made 23 catches for six touchdowns and 361 yards ... 400 speed, 4.7 in the 40 yard dash.

DENNIS BURTON (HB) GC East, All-League and All-Area last year as junior ... rang up 1,129 yards in 154 carries and scored 13 touchdowns ... totaled 1,227 yards his junior year along with 15 touchdowns ... scored 25

touchdowns his sophomore year on junior varsity ... totaled 53 six-pointers at East ... strongest runner in the area.

NEIL FALLS (HB) Bishop Borgess, rushed for 610 yards in 129 carries ... caught six passes for 117 yards ... averaged 22 yards per kickoff return ... totaled 1,654 yards at Borgess ... selected to first team Catholic AA Division ... enjoys running over people.

BRAD PEASE (HB) North Farmington, one of two juniors on all-area offensive squad ... All-Northwest Suburban ... gained 887 yards in 161 carries ... scored 10 touchdowns, four in one game.

STEVE ORR (QB) GC East, Top offensive player of '71 ... Panther's leader on and off the gridiron ... completed 63 of 129 passes for 15 touchdowns

... ran for 468 yards in 84 carries and seven touchdowns.

DAVE LAABS (C) Bentley, two year starter ... All-Suburban Eight ... lineman of week at Bentley in five of first seven games ... tops on punt and extra point snaps.

JERRY PETSCH (T) Redford Union, "a real gentleman," in the words of Coach Bob Atkins ... played strong tackle and about anywhere he was needed ... All-Suburban Eight on defense and offense ... most teams ran away from his side.

MATT WARRING (T) Stevenson, All-Inter Lakes ... strong side blocker ... has quickness and size and strength to match any opponent ... team's top all-around performer.

MATT HEPPLER (G) Southfield Lathrup, does the 40 yard dash in 36.1 ... two years All-League ... best offensive lineman ever at Lathrup ... bench press 325 pounds ... third in all area shot-putters.

MARTY KENNEDY (G) Bishop Borgess, three year starter as junior ... offensive player of week four times and defensive player of week three times ... strongest blocker ... 95 per cent blocking adequacy ... Tri-Captain.

The All-Area defensive lineup:

DAVE HOLLANDSWORTH (T) Franklin, team captain and most dominant player on Patriot squad ... went both

ways as tackle ... averaged six solos and seven assisted tackles per game ... All-Northwest Suburban.

PETE GADE (T) Bentley, toughest hitter ever at Bentley High ... paced squad in tackles every game ... All-Suburban Eight.

RICH MCCOIN (T) GC East, smallest member of All-Observer defensive unit at 56 and 198 pounds but quickest and one of strongest ... best interior lineman ever at East ... averaged eight solo tackles per game ... All-Northwest Suburban.

KEVIN ARNOLD (DE) Churchill, team's most valuable player ... All-Western Six ... blocked five kicks, two field goals, one extra point and two punts ... 101 tackles in nine games ... area's primer pass rusher ... dropped quarterback 20 times ... started 17 straight games at defensive end ... AP All-State defensive end.

RON WASCZENSKI (DE) GC East, All-League and All-Area as junior ... All-Northwest Suburban ... top notch guard on offense ... outstanding blocker ... only player on East that went both ways this season.

DAVE HARDING (LB) Thurston, voted top defensive player of Northwest Suburban Conference ... only a junior ... 98 unassisted tackles and 72 assists ... three pass interceptions ... on offense, caught 20 passes for 430 yards and two touchdowns ... lettered in football, basketball and baseball as sophomore.

BRIAN PARTIE (LB) Stevenson, team co-captain ... two year starter ... All-Inter Lakes ... 45 first hits and 64 assists ... recovered four fumbles ... blocked three extra points ... heart of Stevenson lineup.

PAT BROWN (LB) St. Agatha, Catholic All-League as sophomore, junior and senior ... All-State honorable mention as sophomore and junior ... averaged 15 tackles per game, eight solos ... voted outstanding linebacker in Second Division West ... on offense, gained 448 yards in 54 carries and four touchdowns ... converted 14 of 17 extra points ... kicked three of four field goals, longest 44 yards.

BRUCE RUHL (HB) Southfield Lathrup ... by far the No. 1 athlete in Observerland if not the state ... four year starter ... three years All-League ... '71 AP All-State ... scored 41 touchdowns in four years ... 2,102 yards rushing and 1,021 yards receiving ... punted, kicked off ... rated "blue chip" potential in Big 10, Big Eight and Southeast Conference.

TIM ARNER (HB) GC East, Panther free safety ... intercepted six passes ... All-Northwest Suburban ... constantly came up with key play in East title role.

JOHN DWYER (HB) North Farmington, senior quarterback co-captain ... four pass interceptions ... North's MVP ... passed for 675 yards and eight touchdowns ... gained 142 yards on the ground for two touchdowns ... kicked 11 of 12 extra points ... passed for four two-point conversions ... punted for 1210 yards for 40 yard average, longest 67 ... tackles ball carrier for loss five times from his corner back slot.

TOM BIRNEY (K) Bishop Borgess, junior specialist from Scotland ... booted five of six field goals on 41, 36, 34, 26 and 24 yard three-pointers ... converted 23 extra points ... punted for a 36.4 average ... kicks 35 yard field goals in practice.



BRIAN PARTIE



PAT BROWN



JOHN DWYER



TIM ARNER



KEVIN ARNOLD



RON WASCZENSKI

Observerland's Finest

OFFENSE

Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	School
E...RON EGLOFF	6-5	205	Sr.	Plymouth
E...JIM WISNIEWSKI	5-9	150	Sr.	GC East
RB...DENNIS BURTON	5-10	165	Sr.	GC East
RB...NEIL FALLS	5-10	175	Sr.	Bishop Borgess
RB...BRAD PEASE	5-10	165	Jr.	N. Farm.
QB...STEVE ORR	5-8	150	Sr.	GC East
C...DAVE LAABS	6-1	190	Sr.	Bentley
T...JERRY PETSCH	6-2	230	Sr.	Redford Union
T...MATT WARRING	6-0	205	Sr.	Stevenson
G...MARTY KENNEDY	6-1	225	Jr.	Bishop Borgess
G...MATT HEPPLER	5-11	200	Sr.	St. Agatha

SECOND TEAM

E...MIKE ASSEMAN	Stevenson
E...PAUL HAYDON	GC East
RB...PHIL DAMASKI	Churchill
RB...STEVE JACUNSKI	GC West
RB...TOM NEMES	St. Agatha
QB...BOB BLAIES	Churchill
C...STEVE BLAIS	Farmington
T...KEVIN MURRAY	Churchill
T...KEVIN MARKWART	Franklin
G...JIM LOUGH	N. Farm.
G...JOHN HOCHSTEIN	Redford Union

DEFENSE

Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	School
T...DAVE HOLLANDSWORTH	6-0	230	Sr.	Franklin
T...PETE GADE	6-1	185	Sr.	Bentley
T...RICH MCCOIN	5-6	168	Sr.	GC East
DE...KEVIN ARNOLD	6-1	165	Sr.	Churchill
LB...RON WASCZENSKI	6-1	190	Sr.	GC East
LB...DAVE HARDING	6-2	200	Jr.	Thurston
LB...BRIAN PARTIE	5-9	185	Sr.	Stevenson
LB...PAT BROWN	5-11	215	Sr.	St. Agatha
HB...BRUCE RUHL	6-2	198	Sr.	St. Agatha
HB...TIM ARNER	6-0	175	Sr.	GC East
HB...JOHN DWYER	6-2	170	Sr.	N. Farm.
K...TOM BIRNEY	6-3	190	Jr.	Bishop Borgess

SECOND TEAM

T...DON FOREST	Churchill
T...KEVIN SCHAFER	Farmington
T...MARK BENTIVOLIO	Harrison
DE...BILL GILMOUR	N. Farm.
DE...JIM FOSTER	Churchill
LB...JIM GRAESSLE	N. Farm.
LB...KEITH ANLEITER	GC East
HB...GUY BURKE	Franklin
HB...BOB ELAND	Redford Union
HB...SHAWN MCCARTHY	Bishop Borgess
K...RICH JOST	GC East

HONORABLE MENTION

HAYDON (E), Redford Union; HOCHSTADT (RB), Franklin; GOLDBERG (RB), Southfield Lathrup; KRAUSE (RB), Farmington; SZILAGYI (RB), Plymouth; HABERMAN (QB), Stevenson; RICHMOND (QB), Redford Union; VERNILLAN (C), GC East; NOLL (C), John Glenn; RENTZ (T), Farmington; RAZOR (T), John Glenn; McMAMON (T), Bishop Borgess; CAMPBELL (DT), Plymouth; BANKS (DT), John Glenn; PARENT (DT), St. Agatha; DENTON (DE), Bentley; ERKERT (LB), Harrison; BLACK (LB), Churchill; BURKE (LB), Redford Union; BRITAIN (DB), John Glenn; HERPICH (DB), Harrison; BAKER (DB), Plymouth; SKENDER (DB), Churchill; BJERKE (DB), Redford Union; DATTILIO (K), Franklin.



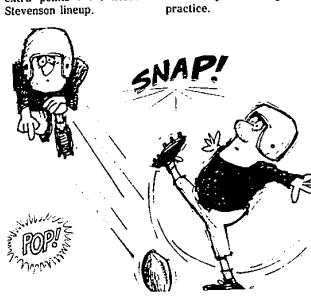
BRUCE RUHL



STEVE ORR



TOM BIRNEY



GC East Churchill Top Area

	W	L	PF	PA	Pct.	Winning
1. GARDEN CITY EAST	9	0	259	63	1.000	
2. CHURCHILL	9	0	185	20	1.000	
3. N. FARMINGTON	7	2	162	90	.777	
4. BISHOP BORGESS	6	2	139	93	.750	
5. REDFORD UNION	6	3	187	67	.667	
6. FRANKLIN	6	3	181	116	.667	
7. PLYMOUTH	6	3	154	130	.667	
8. SOUTHFIELD LATHRUP	5	4	209	125	.555	
9. STEVENSON	5	4	166	121	.555	
10. FARMINGTON	5	4	160	91	.555	
11. GARDEN CITY EAST	5	4	136	157	.555	
12. ST. AGATHA	3	4	115	82	.428	
13. HARRISON	3	6	66	125	.333	
14. BENTLEY	2	7	89	253	.222	
15. THURSTON	2	7	61	125	.222	
16. JOHN GLENN	1	7	40	143	.125	
17. CLARENCEVILLE	1	7	66	225	.125	
18. SOUTHFIELD	0	9	52	219	.000	