

Southern Division All-Star Grid Team Named

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Three Juniors On Honor Squad

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Richland and Grandview, kingpins of the southern division each placed three players on the Columbia Basin News' first annual Yakima Valley, southern division all-star football team.

The 1950 honor eleven was selected by the sports staff of News after consultation with coaches and officials. Serious consideration was given to every player who performed in the southern division and the team selected—if ever banded together as a playing unit—would hold its own in any high school combination.

Grandview placed three men on the all-star eleven—Dennis Rath, Charles Homan and John Startzel. Selected from coach Francis Rish's squad at Richland were Jerry Marzyck, Clarence Fulcher and Jack Morrow.

Pasco and Kennewick each had two men on the all-star team. Players selected from the Bulldog squad were Talmadge (Duke) Washington and Bernie Hancock, while Lions picked were Glenn Johnson and Ralph Hull.

Jim Houston was the lone Prosser player selected. Sunnyside failed to land a man. However, three stars from that school were selected on the honorable mention list.

All experts consulted were agreed that Hancock and Houston were the outstanding ends in the southern conference during the past season. Hancock was a star with the Bulldogs all season. Tall, rangy, fast and versatile, he carried the ball on end around plays and did the punting for Coach Em Morgan's team. Houston was another standout, although playing on a team that was not too strong this year. He is an excellent pass catcher and a great defensive wingman.

Ends meriting honorable mention were Allen Roehl of Sunnyside and Ken Lukens of Kennewick.

Jerry Marzyck of Richland and John Startzel of Grandview were selected for the tackle positions. This pair of linemenaced out such standout performers as Dick Nearents of Pasco, Jim Mauzy of Richland, Sunnyside's Lloyd Kottwitz and Bob McClure of Grandview.

Clarence Fulcher of Richland and Ralph Hull, Kennewick's 170-pound senior, were the two outstanding guards of the southern conference. However Wally Brown of Pasco and Bob Graff, Prosser, were given serious consideration for first team berths. Fulcher, an all-conference guard last year, was even better this season and rates as one of the outstanding linemen developed in this area in recent years. Because of his showing during the 1950 season, the Col.-Hi player will no doubt be given serious consideration for a spot on the all-state squad.

There were two outstanding centers in the circuit this season, Charles Homan of Grandview and Bob Van Sickle of Pasco. Homan got the nod but there wasn't much to choose between these two great players. Van Sickle was given the honorable mention berth,

but only after considerable discussion by all the selectors.

Talmadge (Duke) Washington of Pasco, Dennis Rath, Grandview, and Jack Morrow of Richland were unanimous choices for the backfield. The fourth spot went to Glenn Johnson of Kennewick.

Jim Christianson, the Bulldogs' brilliant passer, was given an honorable mention spot but his case parallels that of Homan and Van Sickle. Johnson played an important part in the Lions' late-season surge and proved himself a valuable man. Christianson was brilliant all season with his passing. There wasn't a better aerial specialist in the entire Yakima Valley conference this year and it may be many years before such a remarkable passer again comes to the fore.

Because only eleven men were selected for the honor team, the selectors named Christianson and Van Sickle co-captains of the All-Tri-City team.

Eight of the eleven players named on the conference team are seniors. Morrow, Rath and Johnson have another year of competition.

The all-star line averages 180½ pounds and the backfield 171 pounds per man.