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Mark Rypien (r) fires pass over onrushing foe. It was caught—like most by the Spokane senior, who tops Parade list of high school quarterbacks.

# Parade's All-American High School Football Team

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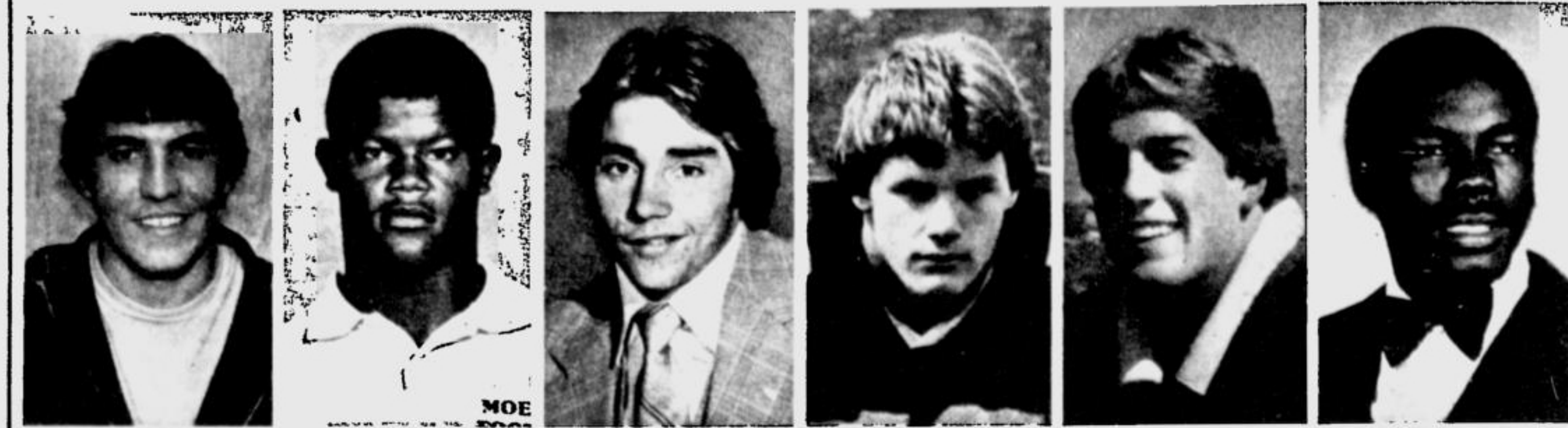
**H**erschel Walker was virtually unknown to most football fans when he was selected as the nation's top high school running back by PARADE in 1979. One year later, Walker has achieved fame, glory and national recognition by rewriting the record books as a freshman running back at the top-ranked University of Georgia.

For 1980, Bill Fralic of Pittsburgh, Pa., heads a group of 61 seniors from 27 states hoping to achieve similar glory—a quest that has begun with their selection to our 18th annual All-American High School Football Team. Ohio leads all states, with 11 players on the team. Texas is second, with nine. *continued*

## Parade's 1980 All-American High School Football Team

Name	School	City	Ht.	Wt.
<b>Quarterbacks (8)</b>				
Mark Rypien	Shadle Park	Spokane, Wash.	6'4"	202
Sean Salisbury	Orange Glen	Escondido, Cal.	6'6"	200
Fred Buckley	Cardinal Gibbons	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	6'2"	190
Todd Dodge	Thomas Jefferson	Port Arthur, Tex.	5'11"	175
Perry Cuda	Summerville	Summerville, S.C.	6'3"	195
Ken Hobby	Tift County	Tifton, Ga.	6'1"	180
Joe Holvey	Marist	Eugene, Ore.	6'1"	180
Ken Karcher	Shaler	Pittsburgh, Pa.	6'2"	195
<b>Running Backs (15)</b>				
Mark Brooks	Moeller	Cincinnati, Ohio	6'3"	219
Tony Smith	Miami Southridge	Miami, Fla.	5'10"	175
Aaron Roberts	Catholic Central	Detroit, Mich.	6'1"	180
Van Pearcy	Andrews	Andrews, Tex.	6'2"	180
Chris Smith	La Salle	Cincinnati, Ohio	6'2"	215
Mike Vindivich	Mt. Tahoma	Tacoma, Wash.	5'11"	192
Harvey Fields	Arkansas City	Arkansas City, Kan.	6'1"	195
Michael Alo	Banning	Wilmington, Cal.	6'0"	220
Edwin Esson	Seymour	Seymour, Conn.	6'1"	220
Tom Bowman	Notre Dame	Portsmouth, Ohio	6'1"	195
Ken Davis	Temple	Temple, Tex.	5'11"	185
Fred Sims	Sunnyside	Tucson, Ariz.	5'10"	205
Brian Mercer	Forest Park	Cincinnati, Ohio	6'3"	205
Tim Joiner	Union County	Morganfield, Ky.	6'0"	190
Eddie Goodlow	Altus	Altus, Okla.	5'11"	195
<b>Wide Receivers/Tight Ends (9)</b>				
Brent Duhon	Thomas Jefferson	Port Arthur, Tex.	5'11"	170
Garin Veris	Chillicothe	Chillicothe, Ohio	6'6"	240
Mark Bavaro	Danvers	Danvers, Mass.	6'5"	245
Eric Kattus	Colerain	Cincinnati, Ohio	6'6"	218
Robbie Finnegan	Jesuit	Dallas, Tex.	6'4"	225
Ricky Holt	Tift County	Tifton, Ga.	6'5"	225
Dennis Soldat	Columbia	Richland, Wash.	6'7"	235
Ray Childress	J.J. Pearce	Richardson, Tex.	6'6"	235
Nick Merrick	Seton-La Salle	Pittsburgh, Pa.	6'5"	208
<b>Linemen (13)</b>				
Bill Fralic	Penn Hills	Pittsburgh, Pa.	6'5"	260
Dave Baran	Delsea Regional	Franklinville, N.J.	6'7"	240
Doug Williams	Moeller	Cincinnati, Ohio	6'6"	250
Jim Lachey	St. Henry	St. Henry, Ohio	6'6"	258
Larry Williams	Mater Dei	Santa Ana, Cal.	6'6"	235
Dave Cravens	Decatur Central	Indianapolis, Ind.	6'5"	260
Tony Piccin	Whitehall	Whitehall, Pa.	6'3"	240
John Barns	Highland Park	Dallas, Tex.	6'6"	250
Willie Portis	Mendian	Mendian, Miss.	6'3"	260
Tom Knobel	St. Rita's	Chicago, Ill.	6'3"	230
Todd Upton	Alcoa	Alcoa, Tenn.	6'5"	250
Mike Gann	Lakewood	Lakewood, Col.	6'5"	235
Hardy Walker	Grissom	Huntsville, Ala.	6'4"	270
<b>Linebackers/Defensive Ends (9)</b>				
Jack Del Rio	Hayward	Hayward, Cal.	6'4"	239
Alan Jamison	Westchester	Houston, Tex.	6'2"	215
Mike Larkin	Moeller	Cincinnati, Ohio	6'2"	200
Tony Edwards	St. Louis U.	St. Louis, Mo.	6'2"	220
Mike Golic	St. Joseph	Cleveland, Ohio	6'4"	230
Tom Roggeman	Sahuaro	Tucson, Ariz.	6'1"	215
Kevin Hancock	Texas City	Texas City, Tex.	6'2"	210
Neil Hope	Fairfax	Los Angeles, Cal.	6'3"	205
Kelly Angell	Murray	Murray, Utah	6'3"	225
<b>Defensive Backs (6)</b>				
Antonio Render	Columbia	Decatur, Ga.	6'5"	207
Jeff Dale	Winnfield	Winnfield, La.	6'4"	212
Elbert Watts	Venice	Venice, Cal.	6'3"	195
Joe Johnson	Fostoria	Fostoria, Ohio	6'2"	180
Ronnie Pitts	Orchard Park	Orchard Park, N.Y.	5'11"	176
Danny Andrews	Banning	Wilmington, Cal.	6'0"	165
<b>Kickers (1)</b>				
Mike Rendina	Pompano Beach	Pompano Beach, Fla.	5'11"	180

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The players chosen this year—in collaboration with many top college coaches, scouts and recruiters nationwide—represent the latest in a line of quality athletes deemed all-American material by PARADE, many of whom have later risen to national prominence in college and professional football. They include three Heisman Trophy winners—Billy Sims (now with the Detroit Lions), Earl Campbell (Houston Oilers) and Tony Dorsett (Dallas Cowboys)—plus such other pros as Joe Ferguson (Buffalo Bills), Pat Haden and Jeff Rutledge (Los Angeles Rams), Joe Montana (San Francisco 49ers) and Richard Todd (New York Jets).

Bill Fralic's recognition here as the nation's top high school lineman comes as little surprise to those involved in this year's all-American selection process. Typical of the comments about the 260-pound senior was one from coach Gerry Faust, whose own team at Moeller High School in Cincinnati produced three members of this year's PARADE squad and whose city boasts an amazing six selections. That's tough competition. Yet Faust, who last week be-

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came football coach at Notre Dame University, called Fralic "the best interior lineman Moeller faced." Another college coach called him "definitely all-American—all-everything."

The praise for Fralic was so great, in fact, that he will receive the 1980 Dial Award as High School Athlete of the Year at the prestigious Touchdown Club dinner in Washington, D.C., next Saturday. In 1979, that award went to Herschel Walker, who this year was named to the collegiate all-American team by the Football Writers Association of America.

PARADE's top linebacker is Jack Del Rio of Hayward, Cal., who received as much acclaim at his posi-

tion as Fralic did as a lineman. "We think he is an outstanding prospect," said University of Southern California assistant coach Artie Gigantino. "He has the ability to go anywhere in the United States and contribute and/or start as a freshman. He certainly is the type of player we go after at USC."

The top defensive back this year is Antonio Render of Decatur, Ga., selected as much for his team leadership as for his athletic abilities. One recruiting coach declared that Render "is definitely all-American material. I would put him against any defensive back in the country."

Although none of this year's running back selections matched the lev-

el of success attained in 1979 by Herschel Walker at Johnson County High in Georgia, they made their own marks in their respective high school programs. Leading our list of running backs is Mark Brooks of Moeller, described by one coach as "a quality player from a quality program." At quarterback, Mark Rypien of Spokane, Wash., was tapped as the nation's best "for his all-around ability and his composure in pressure situations," as one coach put it. Brent Duhon of Port Arthur, Tex., heads the list of wide receivers and tight ends.

For the first time, PARADE has also selected a kicking specialist for the team. The honors go to Mike Rendina of Pompano Beach, Fla., whose accomplishments this season included a 57-yard field goal to establish a new Broward County record.

*The ESPN cable television network will feature PARADE's all-Americans in a half-hour special to be aired today at 1 p.m. and again next Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (check local listings for your area).*



MIKE RENDINA      SEAN SALISBURY      VAN PEARCY      ERIC KATTUS      ALAN JAMISON      JEFF DALE