

Two of a kind top players

Godfrey and Talley star on the field; Cohen on sideline

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Marcus Godfrey and Levar Talley chewed up more ground this football season than a grave-digger.

Defenses were always geared to stop them, but they produced again and again with power and grace.

When they didn't have the ball, they delivered punishing blocks on defenders attempting to tackle those who did. When they switched sides and settled in at linebacker, the noise level made by popping pads was just as high.

Masbaum's Godfrey and Bishop McDewitt's Talley, play-alikes with matching mental approaches, are today being honored as the Player of the Year in the Public and Catholic leagues, respectively, in connection with the 1995 Daily News All-City Football Team.

Godfrey, a 5-10, 200-pound senior, this season rushed 200 times for a Public League single-season record of 1,808 yards and 25 touchdowns. He also tied the PL single-season mark for TDs with 26.

Careerwise, he rushed 376 times for 3,940 yards, becoming just the fourth PL player to top 3,000.

Godfrey is expected to visit Purdue in mid-December. Also, Oklahoma, Northwestern, Boston College and Maryland have visited Masbaum in recent days to watch him on tape.

Talley, a 6-1, 205-pound senior, finished with 237 carries for 1,227 yards and 15 TDs while becoming the first Catholic League player since West Catholic's Kimani Patterson in 1989 to top 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons.

His final two seasons yielded 450 carries for 2,270 yards and 29 TDs. As a sophomore, he carried sparingly in a backup role.

Talley is expected to make official visits to North Carolina, Virginia Tech, Boston College and Wake Forest. Pitt is also a possibility.

Our Inter-Ac League Player of the Year is defensive back Derrick Downs, of 10-0 Malvern Prep. Downs used his quickness to shut down most passing activity in his sector of the secondary and also was known to pack a wallop on running plays. He also starred on offense, rushing for 839 yards and nine TDs.

Downs will visit Wake Forest this weekend. North Carolina and North Carolina State are also involved along with a number of I-AA programs.

Our Coach of the Year is Ron Cohen, of Public League champ George Washington.

Admittedly, Cohen is blessed with a deep, talented staff of assistants. But he is a tireless worker, always displays an intensity that transmits to his players and often gets his teams to peak at the right time.

Cohen has produced five Public League titles in the last seven seasons and has made eight visits to the championship game in 11 seasons. His overall record is 97-24-2 (.802 percentage).

Before his arrival, Washington had made just two title-game appearances, losing both times, and only once had won as many as seven games in a season. Under Cohen, only once have the Eagles won fewer than seven. ■



Marcus Godfrey
Masbaum RB



Levar Talley
McDevitt RB



Derrick Downs
Malvern DB



Tom Eisenhower
W. Cath. DB



Victor Hobson
SJ Prep LB



Tyrone Tolbert
F. Charter Rec.



Raymond Harris
Frankford OL



Jeffrey Mims
Frankford DL



Sean Husnicker
La Salle OL



Keith Lachawiec
La Salle DL



David Carter
Franklin MP



Eddie Gaskins
Frankford RB



Justin Fisher
McDevitt DL



Ron Cohen
Washington



Pat Watkins
McDevitt DL

ALL-CITY TEAM

(Chosen by Daily News)

FIRST TEAM

Offense
Linemen — Imani Bell, Dougherty, 6-5, 290, sr.; Raymond Harris, Frankford, 6-2, 235, sr.; Brian Morrow, Sonner, 6-2, 250, sr.; Steve Galczanski, Malvern, 6-4, 210, sr.; Sean Husnicker, La Salle, 6-2, 250, sr.
Receivers — Tyrone Tolbert, Penn Charter, 6-foot, 180, sr.; Mike Martin, La Salle, 5-9, 160, jr.
Quarterbacks — Larry Storm, Penn Charter, 6-4, 205, sr.
Running backs — Marcus Godfrey, Masbaum, 5-10, 200, sr.; Levar Talley, McDevitt, 6-1, 205, sr.; Eddie Gaskins, Frankford, 5-10, 190, soph.; Joe Conte, Kennedy-Kenrick, 6-1, 150, sr.
Kicker — Scott Palapanis, SJ Prep, 6-2, 150.
Multipurpose — David Carter, Franklin, 6-2, 210, sr.
Punter — Matt Giallo, Sonner, 6-1, 170, sr.

Defense

Linemen — Justin Fisher, McDevitt, 6-2, 220, sr.; Fran McCarty, SJ Prep, 6-2, 215, sr.; Jeffrey Mims, Frankford, 6-foot, 285, sr.; Keith Lachawiec, La Salle, 5-10, 195, sr.
Linebackers — Pat Watkins, McDevitt, 6-foot, 195, sr.; Terry Rooney, Northeast, 6-foot, 205, sr.; Rahem Brook, Dobbin, 6-3, 235, jr.; Victor Hobson, SJ Prep, 6-foot, 200, soph.
Backs — Derrick Downs, Malvern, 6-foot, 185, sr.; Steve Lay, Penn Charter, 6-2, 190, sr.; Ramel Tiggitt, Washington, 6-1, 185, sr.; Tom Eisenhower, West Catholic, 6-2, 195, sr.

SECOND TEAM

Offense
Linemen — Matt McCloskey, North Catholic, 5-9, 190, sr.; Robert Anastasia, West Catholic, 6-3, 280, sr.; Joe O'Reilly, Washington, 6-foot, 265, sr.; Angelo Vicoli, Penn Charter, 6-3, 250, jr.; Anthony Carabelle, Episcopal, 6-1, 270, sr.
Receivers — Dave O'Brien, Malvern, 6-2, 220, sr.; Ed Giddings, University City, 6-4, 175, jr.
Quarterbacks — Brett Gordon, La Salle, 5-10, 150, soph.
Running backs — Toby Booker, Malvern, 5-9, 175, sr.; Jo-Van Rogers, King, 5-11, 175, sr.; Vernon Davis, Roman, 5-9, 175, sr.
Multipurpose — Jason Guernsey, Neumann, 5-10, 165, sr.; Steve Mucugno, North Catholic, 5-7, 150, sr.
Kicker — Tom McKenna, Ryan, 6-foot, 185, sr.
Punter — George Raku, Washington, 5-8, 155, jr.

Defense

Linemen — Dave Frasciella, Carroll, 5-8, 210, sr.; Bryan Anderson, Bartram, 6-3, 240, soph.; Mike Viola, Haverford School, 6-1, 205, sr.; Robert Woodford, Frankford, 6-4, 210, sr.
Linebackers — Samuel Bookard, Washington, 5-10, 200, sr.; Chris Kennedy, Ryan, 5-9, 185, sr.; Kevin Spychalski, North Catholic, 6-foot, 200, sr.; Austin "Sonny" Nagle, Dougherty, 5-11, 205, sr.
Backs — Paul Gombal, Judge, 6-2, 185, sr.; Terry Robertson, Germantown, 5-10, 180, sr.; Tim Dumas, Ryan, 5-10, 155, sr.; Ed Bowman, Masbaum, 6-1, 170, jr.

THIRD TEAM

Offense
Linemen — John Heavers, Malvern, 6-4, 240, sr.; Jim Hughes, Masbaum, 5-10, 265, sr.; Kevin Iacoco, Ryan, 5-11, 205, sr.; Keith Gunster, Washington, 6-6, 230, sr.; Carl Jamson, West Catholic, 5-10, 195, sr.
Receivers — Brian Cora, La Salle, 5-7, 145, sr.; Tom Dufner, Wood, 6-foot, 180, sr.; Bruce Peltzer, Ryan, 6-4, 225, sr.
Quarterbacks — Doug Bergerson, Malvern, 5-11, 175, sr.
Running backs — Chris Cavalario, Ryan, 5-9, 155, sr.; Michael Gales, Bok, 5-7, 235, sr.
Multipurpose — Merrill Chappell, Olney, 6-foot, 170, sr.; William Hodge, Overbrook, 5-9, 200, soph.
Kicker — Jay DiBello, Frankford, 6-2, 185, sr.
Punter — Mike Rankin, O'Hara, 5-9, 165, sr.

Defense

Linemen — Pierce Austin, Penn Charter, 6-2, 235, sr.; Kevin Campbell, Ryan, 5-11, 190, sr.; Greg Sadowski, Kennedy-Kenrick, 5-11, 215, soph.; Don Russell, Washington, 6-2, 215, sr.
Linebackers — Mark Lewis, Haverford School, 6-foot, 180, sr.; Mike Brennan, O'Hara, 6-3, 190, sr.; Chuck Knowles, Conwell-Egan, 5-10, 175, sr.; Bill Collins, Sonner, 6-2, 205, sr.
Backs — Curtis Callands, Washington, 5-11, 165, sr.; Jay Jordan, Germantown Academy, 6-foot, 170, jr.; Sean Scott, Carroll, 6-3, 165, sr.

30 HONORABLE MENTIONS

(Players are seniors unless noted)
Offense
 Joe Crowe, Ryan, L; Paul Coleman, Conwell-Egan, L; Joe Torante, Dougherty, L; Jon Humay, Kennedy-Kenrick, Rec; Dave Harcl, SJ Prep, DB; Jackie Colston, King, L; Jonathan Joacham, Lincoln, Rec; Dennis Tygh, Lincoln, DB, jr; Omar Green, King, L; Leon Mayo, West Phila., L; Jim Ball, Frankford, L; Khalif Stirling, Central, L; Ryan Mulvey, Northeast, Rec; Rubin Rogers, Franklin, Rec; Steve Szalko, Frankford, DB, jr.; Ashnton Browne, Central, RB; Shawn Harley, Gratz, RB; Robert Whiting, Dobbin, RB; Joe Nangle, Malvern, RB.
Defense
 Kris Cade, Roman, L; Adam Short, Neumann, L; John McCool, North Catholic, L; Mark Fleming, SJ Prep, B; Dan Hangy, Kennedy-Kenrick, B; Michael Henry, Gratz, L; Salomon Wilson, Olney, L; Kwesi Solomon, Washington, L; Randolph Sanders, Overbrook, B; Andy Marsky, Germantown Academy, L; Brendan Moon, Penn Charter, LB, jr.

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