

## *Bruni All-State Nominee*

Todd Brunni, Marian Catholic's 6-foot-3, 240-pound senior lineman, was nominated to all-state selectors and put on both offensive and defensive all-conference teams when Illini-8 coaches voted Monday.

Two other Spartans, Mark Blankenberger and Don Prior, were also named to the honor squad.

Blankenberger, 5-11, 160, senior, was picked as wide receiver, while Prior, 5-10, 145, senior, was named as a defensive back.

JOLIET Catholic, which completely dominated the conference race, filled 11 of the 31 places on the coaches' squad.

One of the outstanding players in the conference is Joliet Catholic junior John Piazza. He is the only repeater on the 31-player squad, having been selected a year ago when he was a sophomore.

A linebacker who appears headed for stardom in collegiate and later pro ranks, Piazza is an extremely mobile 6-1, 185.

All-state nominees include Brunni, Piazza, Kha Hermansen of Lockport, offensive guard and linebacker who is 5-11, 196 and a senior.

OTHERS advanced for all-state consideration are Bill Kolar, 6-2, 182, Bolingbrook linebacker. Cory Moderson, 6-1, 156, senior of Romeoville, also a linebacker; offensive tackle John Meade, 6-4, 240, Joliet Catholic senior; defensive back Mike Tyrell, 5-10, 160, Joliet Catholic; senior, Dennis Doss, 6-3, 205 of Joliet Central, offensive tackle and linebacker, and; running back Don Daniels, 5-10, 175, senior.

Brunni, Hermansen and Doss were all recommended for all-state on offense and defense.

All-conference quarterback Dave Abens, 5-11, 165, Joliet Catholic senior was also picked as the all I-8 punter.

Five juniors among the 31 squadman are John McEvelly, 5-11, 188, Lockport; Dave Mattichak, 5-9, 185, Joliet Catholic; running back; place-kicker Tim Mahoney, 5-11, 175, Lockport; Rodney Hutchins, 6-2, 185, Joliet East linebacker and Piazza.

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