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# Two-way dudes aside, GameNight's Sideline Swami singles out his top Gunslingers in tonight's centerspread

By The Sideline Swami



Last week, I highlighted the dual-threat badassery of QBs Tony Decker (from Huntington North) and Calder Hefty (from Garrett).

And not just because both guys are equally dangerous as passers and runners. But

rather, because they also play vital roles on their respective teams' defenses.

They both enjoy cracking pads, too, on that side of the ball.

There's no denying it: I love the two-way players in the GameNight Nation. Especially when they lay the lumber on "D."

This week, I am saluting the area's top quarterbacks who are solely that – quarterbacks for their teams.

On the centerspread in tonight's issue of GameNight, I single out the top dudes under center. These are the cream of the crop, in my opinion, and the seven guys right now who I'd want leading my offense.

Carroll senior Jimmy Sullivan is a no-brainer for the top spot. The Iowa commit does it all for the Chargers. He throws a beautiful ball downfield, but is also capable of spinning it through tight windows. His running prowess continues to impress, as his speed and durability have vastly improved. In short, he's the complete package and will vie for PT almost immediately for the Hawkeyes (in my humble opinion).

After "Bubba," the jury is still out when ranking the rest. For my money, however, I'm going with Homestead junior Michael White in the Two-hole.

White is the Michael Vick of the GameNight Nation. At 6-foot-3, he's long and wiry, but he's a very capable runner when flushed from the pocket. His accuracy needs improvement (as evidenced by his four INTs this season), but his arm strength is there. As QB whisperer Bill Skelton (the Spartans' OC) continues to groom him, White will only get better. Now, is he a D1-level quarterback? I believe he is.

Next in line is Lakeland junior Brayden Holbrook, who has already received a handful of MAC offers.

Holbrook just might throw the best-looking ball of the bunch, spinning it with exquisite precision and feathery rotation. He may not be the most fleet of foot, but he can tuck it and run if the Lakers need a tough yard or two. Adding more muscle to his 6-4 frame will be paramount in the months ahead.

The fourth guy on my list is another talented junior: Northrop QB David Callison. Truthfully, had he not been injured midway through the Bruins' Week 2 loss at Huntington North, he may have cracked my Top Three. Callison, like Holbrook, has steadily improved as a passer. His mechanics are rock solid and his running ability is vastly underrated. Here's hoping he can heal up enough to get back in action, because the Northrop "O" desperately needs him.

Is there a better story right now than Heritage senior signal-caller Eli Tigulis? This fella occupies my fifth spot after spending all of last year as a wide receiver for the Patriots. Now, it's his turn to shine and his numbers speak for themselves: 676 aerial yards on 41-of-55 passing (75-percent completion rate) with seven TDs and zero picks. Not too shabby for a guy who was running routes and stalk-blocking one short season ago.

In the sixth slot is Snider senior Aaron Vance, whom I've watched grow as a QB since his freshman year with the Panthers. His throwing mechanics may be a bit unorthodox, but the results are another story. Typically, if he's able to set his feet, the ball is delivered on time. Vance is deceptively fast and one of the better running QBs in the area. As he gets more comfortable with his progressions, the Snider offense will blossom.

Last, but certainly not least, is Columbia City senior Grayson Bradberry. Everyone knows the kid has a "live" arm, as evidenced by the radar-gun readings from the baseball diamond. But he's developed into an impressive signal-caller on the gridiron, too. Like Tigulis, he's got seven scoring strikes against zero interceptions, so his decision-making has been flawless through three weeks of action. Having Statton Fuller to throw to doesn't hurt.

Are there other QBs worthy of the Swami's salutations? Of course there are, including a few young pups in the Allen County Athletic Conference. That's the tough part of putting out lists like this one; there are always a handful of omissions that are bound to ruffle a few feathers.

Speaking of, I do enjoy watching a feathery pass or two every Friday night.

But make no mistake: I really love the two-way dudes who lay the lumber, too.

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