

To Whom It May Concern,

Please consider Joseph M. Federspiel as a nominee for the KHSAA Hall Of Fame. As a 1968 Graduate of DeSales High School Joe was a leader on the football field. He played on both sides of the football – guard on offense and linebacker on defense - becoming the first player from DeSales chosen to the first-team All-State as linebacker in 1967. So dominant was Federspiel that he later played in the East-West all-star game in Lexington and was named MVP after leading the West team to victory.

-Federspiel played at the University of Kentucky (1969-71) before becoming the first DeSales football player to make the NFL playing 10 seasons mostly for the New Orleans Saints.

-Federspiel made the All-SEC second team as a sophomore and All-SEC first team as a senior. He was chosen a second team All-American by The Associated Press in 1971.

-Federspiel was drafted in the fourth round by the NFL's New Orleans's Saints in 1972.

-Federspiel's biggest honor as a pro came when he made the all-pro team in a poll out of New York.

After his playing days, Federspiel became an SEC official. He is now an independent insurance agent in Lexington, Kentucky.

Yours Truly,

Joseph T. Gries  
DeSales High '67

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