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# Where are top prep stars now?

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NSAS CITY — It's a place the Ken Halls, Elvin McCoy and many Heaters of this world are equal plateau with the Pat Haden-John McKay tandem of Bishop Amat High (Calif.).

Haden, of Southern Cal and Los Angeles Rams' fame, holds only one record — most touchdown passes in a single season (42 in 1970) — but ranks in the top five in five other categories. McKay has more career touchdowns (48), the most single season scoring catches (29) and the most yards in a single game (323) than any other prep receiver.

Jimmy Jordan and Wally Woodham, who shared the quarterbacking chores at Florida State last fall, played at the same high school (Leon) in Tallahassee, Fla., and posted the two best all-time single season passing marks. Jordan threw for 4,098 yards in 1975 and Woodham 3,571 in 1974. Joe Ferguson of the Buffalo Bills, by the way, was third on that list with 3,290 yards at Woodlawn High in Shreveport, La.

Elvin McCoy of Haven High (Kan.) set an all-time record for points in a single football game with 90 in 1927. Sixth on the list? Don Gullett of baseball's New York Yankees with 72 in a 1968 game for McKell High in South Shore, Ky.

In the basketball team section, Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kan., where UCLA All-American Lucius Allen, former Oakland Raider defensive back Skip Thomas and Boston Red Sox pitcher Steve Renko all toiled, holds the record for the most state championships with 17.

DeMatha High of Hyattsville, Md., posted a record 125 straight home victories over a 16-year period (1961-1976) with the likes of Sid Catlett, Adrian Dantley, Kenny Carr and Hawkeye Whitney doing their best to keep that streak intact.

Individually, Greg Procell is the all-time leading scorer with 6,702 points during his four-year career (1967-70) at Ebarb High in Noble, La. Seventh on that list is Tom McMillen of Mansfield High (Pa.) with 3,608 points and eighth is Robert Parish of Woodlawn & Union High in Shreveport with 3,562 points. McMillen is now with the Atlanta Hawks and Parish the Golden State Warriors.

McMillen is also prep basketball's all-time most accurate shooter, hitting 1,457 of 2,041 field goal tries for a 71.4 percent conversion rate. Second on the list? Alvan Adams of the Phoenix Suns but then of Putnam High in Oklahoma City at 65 percent.

The most accurate shooter during a single season with a 78.3 conversion rate is none other than Bill Walton, who hit 384 of 490 shots for La Mesa Helix (Calif.) in 1969-70. Walton went on to earn honors as college player of the year twice at UCLA and pro player of the year once with the Portland Trail Blazers.

Five players scored more points in a single quarter of a prep basketball game than Wilt Chamberlain, who collected 36 during one eight-minute stanza for Overbrook High in Philadelphia in 1955.

Special mention in the basketball section goes to Danny Heater of Burnsville High (W.Va.), who scored a record 135 points in one 1960 game against Widen High. Heater never went on to play college ball.

The baseball section belongs to David Clyde, the Texas phenomenon who was signed and sent to the

ground for by pro baseball's Rangers within days of his graduation from Westchester High in Houston. Clyde holds six records including the two best single season strikeout marks — 327 in 1973 and 251 in 1972.

James Rodney Richard, the current pitching ace of the Houston Astros, is one of only five players to go through an entire season without allowing an earned run for Ruston Lincoln High (La.). Richard also is one of just two prep players ever to hit consecutive home runs in four at bats.

Scott McGregor of the Baltimore Orioles and 1978 National League Rookie of the Year Bob Horner of the Atlanta Braves are also mentioned in the book among prep baseball's elite.

Cross country, ice and field hockey, gymnastics, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, track and field, volleyball and wrestling are also covered in the 176-page book.

## Watson stuck in Houston

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Watson never thought he'd spring training with the Houston Astros this season.

He figured he would be in Palm Springs, Calif., with the California Angels or Winter Haven, Fla., with the New York Yankees. Or, any one of a dozen other places.

After 10 seasons with the Astros, he finally asked out after last season. Before he retires, the 32-year-old first baseman wants to play for another team and he didn't think the Astros could fill that void, try as they might, the Astros weren't able to deal Watson this winter and so he is stuck in Houston this season.

"I wasn't moved at the meetings, I saw the chances very slim of me being moved," Watson. "Tal Smith (general manager) is a very good friend of mine and he told me that he did all efforts to try and make a move one more year going on contract and I'll have to evaluate my position as the season progresses. We haven't talked about the future because I need my permission to make a move and I couldn't tell you one way or the other whether I'll be with the Astros in 1980. I'll have to see what happens during the season."

Watson nearly became a California Angel on the final day of the meetings. The Angels came to giving up right-hander Ryan in an even swap for Watson, but the deal fell apart after Angels asked for relief pitcher Sam Rice, too.

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