

ZACH BARKET – SCHUYLKILL HAVEN HIGH SCHOOL PENNSYLVANIA FOOTBALL NEWS' MISTER FOOTBALL



2008 was another banner year in Pennsylvania, and one of the main reasons was a truly outstanding performance by running back, Zach Barket of Schuylkill Haven High School.

Barket set three Pennsylvania records that may take a long time to break, if it happens at all, that is. The 5' 10", 205 dynamite runner rushed for 4,187 yards shattering the old mark of 3,846 set by Austin Scott from Parkland in 2002. In an era where a 4,000-yard career rusher is considered outstanding, Barket accomplished the feat in a single season which is nothing short of amazing! He averaged 10.31 yards per carry and had a 98-yard touchdown run this past season.

He also scored 66 touchdowns, once again, annihilating the old record of

53, also previously held by Austin Scott in 2002.

He then broke the state record for the most points scored in a single season as he tallied 407 points breaking the previous mark of 322, yet another record by Austin Scott in 2002.

Barket was named First Team All-State running back by the Associated Press and was named co-player of the year by the AP. He was also named First Team All-PFN running back and was the PFN's Class A Offensive Player of the Year.

His athletic prowess was not confined to the offensive side of the ball either. Barket registered 45 tackles with 4 sacks on defense and punted 13 times for a 33.70 average. He averaged 19.43 yards as a punt returner and 20.46 yards as a kickoff returner.

The choice of Barket as PFN's Mr. Football was an easy one this season. His all-around performance in 2008 was one that will go down as one of the most remarkable in the history of Pennsylvania high school football.

The Pennsylvania Football News is proud to recognize Zach Barket, Schuylkill Haven High School, as Pennsylvania's Mister Football, 2008.

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