Tony Dorsett Leads All-America Team

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Dorsett, Pittsburgh's record-breaking Heisman Trophy winning, and three other great runners were named to The Associated Press 1976 All-America college football team Thursday as part of a five-man backfield.

Joining Dorsett and pass-happy quarterback Tommy Kramer of Rice on the offensive unit are running backs Ricky Bell of Southern California, Rob Lytle of Michigan and Terry Miller of Oklahoma State. It was considered impossible to choose among Bell, Lytle and Miller.

The AP All-America team will be seen on Bob Hope's Comedy Christmas Special on NBC-TV, Monday, Dec. 13, from 8:30-10 p.m., EST.

Dorsett made first team All-America in 1973—the first freshman so honored in 29 years—third team in 1974 and second team a year ago. But the only 1975 repeaters on the first unit are Bell and split end Larry Seivers of Tennessee.

Joining Seivers at end is Michigan's Jim Smith, a clutch receiver and shifty kick returner. The offensive tackles are Georgia's 253-pound Mike "Moonpie" Wilson and Oklahoma's 275-pound Mike "U.S.S." Vaughan. The guards are a pair of 250-pounders, Ted Albrecht of California and T.J. Humphreys of Arkansas State. The center is 245-pound John Yarno of Idaho, who was named Offensive Player of the Year in the Big Sky Conference, an unusual feat for any offensive lineman.

The defensive line consists of 247-pound Ross Browner of Notre Dame and 224-pound Bob Brudzinski of Ohio State at the ends, 268-pound Wilson Whitley of Houston and 250-pound Eddie Edwards of Miami, Fla., at the tackles and Al Romano, Pitt's 225-pound middle guard.

The linebackers are Robert Jackson of Texas A&M, Brian Ruff of The Citadel and Jerry Robinson of UCLA, while the deep backs are Bill Armstrong of Wake Forest, Gary Green of Baylor and Dennis Thurman of Southern Cal.

Mike Voight, UNC running back, made second team offense while Richmond defensive back Jeff Nixon made third team.

Virginia Tech's Rick Razzano, Tom Beasley and Roscoe Coles were honorable mention. Also on the honorable mention squad were UNC defensive end Billy Perdue, W&M quarterback Tom Rozantz. Wake Forest running back James McDougald, and N.C. State running back Ted Brown.

Pitt, Michigan and Southern Cal, 1-2-3 in the final regular season AP poll, were the only teams to place two players on the first team. All but four members of the 23-man first unit are seniors. Miller, Browner and Thurman are juniors, and Robinson is a sophomore.

Dorsett finished the regular season with an NCAA single-season record of 1,948 yards. His 6,082 career yards is another mark, along with his 356 career points.

Bell, who missed setting a single-season record last year by six yards when he finished with 1,875, settled for 1,417 this year after missing one game and playing while hurt in a couple of others.