

3 make list for all-star football game

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Seniors Pat Devlin, John Maddox and Tom McEowen are among the 25 Pennsylvania players nominated to play in the sixth annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl football game in San Antonio, Texas, on Jan. 7.

Devlin, quarterback at Downingtown East; Maddox, a wide receiver at West Catholic; and McEowen, a two-way Neshaminy lineman, are vying for spot among the 78 on the two squads that will meet in an East vs. West game. Four hundred players have been nominated from across the country.

Team selections will be made next month, and each selection will receive a personal invitation from the Army at his high school.

"Good for him," was Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt's reaction yesterday when informed of McEowen's nomination. The 6-foot-4, 282-pounder has been

a star of the Redskins' offensive and defensive lines for the last two seasons. McEowen expects to play for Penn State next season.

"He's a great kid," Schmidt said. "He's what you're looking for in a team player. He's taken his game to a very high level."

The nomination is another laurel among many for Devlin, considered among the country's top 10 high school quarterbacks by several rating services. The 6-4, 210-pounder, selected to attend the EA Sports Elite 11 camp in July, has thrown for more than 5,000 yards and 43 touchdowns the last two seasons.

A few weeks ago, Devlin orally committed to Miami, turning down scholarship offers from at least 20 other schools.

"That's an honor just to be nominated with all the great players across the country," Devlin said when told of his nomination. "I went to the com-

bine [in San Antonio] last year, and I had a great time."

Maddox, an all-Catholic League selection at wide receiver and defensive back last season, had 37 scholarship offers, according to coach Brian Fluck. Fluck said Maddox has narrowed the field down to West Virginia, North Carolina, Purdue, Syracuse and Michigan State.

"He's a very humble kid and probably the hardest working player on the team," Fluck said. "He has great vision to the ball, great leaping ability and excellent hands."

Last season, the 6-3 175-pounder caught 32 passes for 658 yards and eight touchdowns. He also had 10 interceptions and 55 tackles. The year before, he had 41 catches for 719 yards and 10 TDs.

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