

# Football all-stars eager for one last gridiron tilt

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Scott Schiavo, a solid run-stopping nose tackle for Neshaminy who was a first-team all-Southeastern Pennsylvania pick by The Inquirer, is looking forward to taking the field for West Chester University this fall. Before he does, though, Schiavo has one last bit of business to complete while representing his high school.

For Schiavo is among 16 local players chosen to participate in the sixth annual Pennsylvania Scholastic Football Coaches Association (PSFCA) East-West all-star game at Mansion Park in Altoona on June 24.

And, the 6-foot, 280-pounder said of his selection: "I'm very excited. I'll be on the same field with a lot of up-and-coming players."

Noted for his aggressive play, Schiavo helped Neshaminy (10-2) reach the second round of the PIAA District 1 Class AAAA playoffs before losing to Downingtown East.

West Chester, which last season went 8-4 and earned its second consecutive berth in the NCAA Division II playoffs, reminds Schiavo of the program he is leaving behind.

"It's very close to the way Neshaminy runs its program," Schiavo said of college team that has gone 27-11 in three seasons under head coach Bill Zwaan. "I like the work ethic I see in the players and coaches. It's a good all-around program."

With the Golden Rams' recent success, Schiavo knows there are no guarantees about playing time for a freshman. "I'm just going to go in there and give it all I've got," he said. "There are a lot of good prospects coming in."

At the PSFCA game, Schiavo and the other East all-stars will be coached by Lansdale Catholic's Jim Algeo and his assistants: Algeo's son, Danny of Cardinal O'Hara; Downingtown East's Mike Matta; Downing-

town West's Mike Milano; and West Catholic's Brian Fluck.

## Devlin heads Big 33 cast

Downingtown East quarterback Pat Devlin, a Penn State recruit who passed for a state-record 8,162 yards in his career, and a noted trio from North Penn are among 12 local all-stars invited to play in the 49th annual Big 33 Football Classic.

The classic, at HersheyPark Stadium on June 17, pits the top senior players from Pennsylvania against their counterparts from Ohio.

Defensive end Alex Johnson, tight end Josh Neubert and offensive lineman Kevin Uhl were chosen from North Penn. St. Joseph's Prep (fullback/defensive lineman Charlie Noonan and offensive lineman Jim McKenzie) and Neshaminy (defensive lineman Tom McEowen and offensive lineman Chris Daino) each have two players. The state team will be coached by Neshaminy's Mark Schmidt.

## New opponent?

This could be the last year Ohio plays in the Big 33 due to a scheduling conflict.

The 61st annual Ohio North-South Classic is being played on the same day as the Big 33, and many of Ohio's top performers and Division I-A recruits commit to that — a concern to some Big 33 officials.

"We want this to be like the Super Bowl," Mickey Minnich, the Classic's executive director, said. "We want their best playing against our best."

A vote on the issue is set for June 24. If Ohio won't commit to sending its top 34 players, board directors will likely choose former Big 33 participant Maryland over Ohio. New Jersey, Michigan and Virginia were also considered, Minnich said.

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## All-Star Rosters Set

The following players were selected to participate in the PSFCA East-West All-Star football game:

■ **Dan Gough**, Cardinal O'Hara (OL); **Steven Johnson**, Strath Haven (LB); **Greg Smith**, Cardinal O'Hara (LB); **Scott Schiavo**, Neshaminy (DL); **Michael Lukenda**, Downingtown East (DL); **Todd Givler**, Downingtown West (DL); **Rockeed McCarter**, Roman Catholic (LB); **John Maddux**, West Catholic (WR/DB); **Dino Vasso**, Ridley (WR/DB); **Sal Nocchi**, Lansdale Catholic (FB/DE); **Ian Carpenter**, North Penn (LB); **Brent Carter**, Pottsgrove (RB); **James Dunn**, St. Joseph's Prep (OL); **Jordan Jerrold**, Pennsbury (OL); **Christian Calderon**, Pottsgrove (OL); **Justin Brey**, Upper Perkiomen (DL).

## Big 33 Classic

The following area players were selected to represent Pennsylvania against Ohio in the 2006 Big 33 Classic:

■ **Chris Daino**, Neshaminy (OL/DL); **Pat Devlin**, Downingtown East (QB); **Alex Johnson**, North Penn (TE/DE); **Tom McEowen**, Neshaminy (DL); **Jim McKenzie**, St. Joseph's Prep (OL); **Josh Neubert**, North Penn (TE/DE); **Charlie Noonan**, St. Joseph's Prep (FB/DL); **Anthony Parker-Boyd**, Great Valley (WR/DB); **John Pfund**, Central Bucks East (OL); **Da'Rel Scott**, Plymouth Whitmarsh (RB); **Kevin Uhl**, North Penn (OL/DL); **Anthony Walters**, Cardinal O'Hara (WR/DB).