

Lineups set for Lions All-Star game

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Take a long look at your things-to-do-list for the month of June.

First, there might be plenty of graduations lined up and maybe some June weddings to attend. Then there are the weekend trips to the shore and possibly a couple of Phillies games during the week.

Oh yeah, don't forget watching some of the best football Bucks County has to offer.

Football you ask?
You bet.

When the calander says it's time to mow the lawn and weed the garden, you know it's time for the 10th annual Bucks County Lions All-Star Football game, which is set for June 7, 8 p.m., at Doylestown's War Memorial Field.

Archbishop Wood's Joe Franchella will guide the North team. It will be Franchella's second time as head coach and fourth year overall. Directing the South is Harry S Truman's Hank Johns, who's first experience with the Lions' game was last season as an assistant.

Charity, along with a desire to compete, is what motivates the athletes and the coaches for a June game.

"As far as the coaches are concerned, it's the charity that brings them out," said Franchella at a meeting held at the Goal Post II in Buckingham Monday. "As far as

the kids, I think they like to get involved in the game because it's an opportunity to play against people you played against during the season.

"Also, if you ask any of the kids they will also say that, yea, they would like to play because it helps a lot of people less fortunate."

Johns looks at it as a privilege to coach the cream of the crop.

"Coaches dream of having a team like this," said Johns, referring to the 38-man roster representing eight teams. "I really enjoyed it last year.

"It was a real pleasure seeing kids come together as a unit. All year long their banging heads at against each other. The kids seem to forget their school colors and just become the South football team."

On the average, the game has raised between \$10,000 and \$12,000, according to the game's chairman Lin Fehnel.

Although the fund raising is the main objective, the game still opens a few more doors. It not only

gives added exposure to the all-star players, but also to the Bucks County Lions.

"It puts us in the limelight as far as the public goes," said Fehnel. "To the fact where we can help the blind, the deaf and retarded. The game has been very good to us."

Before they can get the game, the coaches must first get the players back into shape. A six month layoff can take its toll.

"I think the only problem we may have is some of the players may come in the kind of shape we're not looking for," said Franchella. "What I mean by that is some of them haven't touched a football since November and some are involved spring sports. Overall they're not doing the kind of conditioning you would want.

"We only have a little over a week to get the guys in shape. That's one of the things we talked about in a letter we sent home. They have to be in good physical condition when they come in."

From last year's experience, Johns sees the heat as the biggest

factor in getting a player back into shape.

"That was the biggest thing I saw," said Johns. "Putting on that equipment and going into practice was tough on the kids. It was fine once they got used to the heat."

ALL-STAR NOTES: The North will start practice May 27 at Central Bucks East. The South starts the same day at Bishop Egan. During the week, practices will generally be from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30. Both teams will hold two practices the following Saturday... The game was first sponsored by the Cancer Society in 1972... Tickets will be \$3 and \$5 and can be purchased at the high schools or from the Lions... There are 26 local Lions Clubs represented this year, the most since the game started... The football banquet will be May 28 at the Warington Motor Lodge at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$11... The Lions are looking to move the game on a Monday in order to attract a bigger crowd. The average attendance has been between 4,000 and 5,000.

10th Annual Bucks County Lions All-Star Football Game Rosters

SOUTH
BENSALEM TOWNSHIP: Tim Downey, Chris Karamis
BISHOP EGAN: Bill Bresnahan, Joe Mossbrook, Dave Noller
BRISTOL: Wayne Keys, Bob Long, John Sadorf
COUNCIL ROCK: Jamy Franco, Bruce Rounsavill, Connie Cunningham, Sean Brenner, Ron Bishop, Chris Stratton, Tim LaCasse
HARRY S TRUMAN: Bob Hansberry, Bill Braag, Wayne Webb
MORRISVILLE: Tony Belica, Gerald

Toney, Dan Capiello, Mike Christ, Wes Terkay, Bart Bredford, Bill Zoldi
NESHAMINY: Tim Ford, Bill Clemens, Tom Waterbor, Terry Murphy, Dan Santhouse
PENNSBURG: Roy Strandberg, Andy Anderson, Tom Hellings, Bob Burns, Don SantaCroce, Lance Hauer, Galen Snyder, Todd Orlman
ASSISTANT COACHES: Harry S Truman's John McKenna and Jack Arndt; Bensalem Township's Joe Drullis; Bishop Egan's Chuck Knowles
HEAD COACH: Harry S Truman's Hank

Johns
NORTH
ARCHBISHOP WOOD: Mike Hendricks, Joe Catalano, Terry Dougherty, Chuck Purcell, Tom Mehlman
CENTRAL BUCKS EAST: Jeff Kot, Marc Gatto, Mike Fahie, Norm Boell, Geoff Japchen, Ted Dennis, Chris Wahl, Brian Price, Eric Knorr
CENTRAL BUCKS WEST: Tim Donovan, Dick Beck, Mike Raligan, Bill Kilkenny, Steve Clarke, Chris Westcott, Chris Groves, Mike Caparro, Nick Angell
PENNRIDGE: Ron Hockman, Luke Had-

field, Jeff Becker, Jim Klementisz, Tom Parker, Jim Simcox, Jim Lengel, Brian Schaffer
QUAKERTOWN: Todd Shaffer, Matt Hinkle, Kevin Kershner
WILLIAM TENNENT: Bill Simons, Frank Grandizio, Mark Babcock, Sean Thomas
ASSISTANT COACHES: Archbishop Wood's Brian O'Hara; Central Bucks East's Larry Green and Keith Leamer; William Tennent's Mark Collins
HEAD COACH: Archbishop Wood's Joe Franchella