

DVA sports writer chooses his "dream" football team

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Each year about Thanksgiving time we get out the many notes and jottings on scraps of paper and try to come up with a "dream team" of local football players who impressed us during the season.

And each year it becomes harder and harder to settle on who would make the top squad in certain positions as only the offensive center remains a permanent fixture in this day of tight ends, flankers, tackles who become eligible receivers when the end shifts, and many "specialists" in running, passing to the left, or field-goal-faking.

And as for defensive shifts... forget it!

There is a general classification system we will try to use, but the reader must understand that many boys were able at several positions, both offensively and defensively.

Our first choice will be for the end position. We favor Archbishop Wood's JIM DULIN and Bishop Egan's JOSE QUINTERO for their scoring and pass catching skills, along with Pennsbury's BOB FINCH and RICH ORWIG. Orwig impressed us with his blocking ability, and clutch receptions.

On defense we pick Pennsbury's DAVE BILLY, along with Neshaminy's BILL SWENSON and

Council Rock's JOHN QUARLES. Both Swenson and Quarles were bright spots for Coaches Pete Cordelli and George Etteisinger in otherwise dismal season.

At tackle we would like to have LEN SHOBER and GORDON DAVIES from Pennsbury, and add George School's STU STEELMAN, with Neshaminy's BRUCE HAYNES. There would also be a change of position for Bristol's 304-pound guard, STEVE RYAN, if the choice were mine.

At guard the choice is MIKE HOAGLAND from Bensalem and CR's BOB HARM, a 200-pound junior who could also play any line position.

Filling out the center would be Egan's RAY BADER and Pennsbury's JOHN HEWSON. Both impressed me on several occasions with their downfield blocking and quick starts from the snap.

In the defensive backfield we would like MARTY McMANUS and MIKE FARLEY from Pennsbury for a double safety, with Wood's JIM DULIN pulled back from his end position to help out. BOB WOLFRUM from Trenton and BRUCE MADDEN from Neshaminy would join Egan's GARY GRAY and Pennsbury's BOB BELLETIERE at the linebacker slots.

Offensively we would choose Bristol's TONY EMBESSI to lead the team, based on his 6' 3" frame, and from that view, the passing is easy! Our next choice

would include Pennsbury's LEN MATUZA or Torent's WAYNE COTTMAN, although JIM RYAN of Bishop Egan had a good year

trying to fill the golden shoes Pascho Micir for Coach Dick

Bedesem's Philadelphia City Champe.

The hand-offs would go to Egan's FRANK YACOVINO and LARRY MARSHALL, Neshaminy's CRAIG JOHNS and BILL DAENZ, Pennsbury's BILL EVANS, Bristol's LARRY MILLER, with a very promising sophomore from Council Rock, JEFF KENNERLEY rounding out the team.

Although kicking extra points is not the only thing he does, we would pick Torent's BOB WOLFRUM for the task, who is already one of the "magic thirty-three."

As for the "team of the year" award, we congratulate Bishop Egan, Pennsbury, and Bristol for their league-winning efforts, but the honors must go to Newtown's George School for taking their first Penn Jersey Conference title in over forty years.