

5 quarterbacks are among 8 area standouts

Eight men don't make a football squad, but in this case, it makes The Inquirer's Bucks County preseason list of players to watch in the area.

It's no accident that five quarterbacks are included. The county is rich in that position this season.

Among the interesting developing stories this fall is whether Neshaminy's Cornelius White will amass more yards rushing than passing and whether Matt Soncini at C.B. West records 1,000 yards in pass-reception yardage.

Here are the Eight Men Out:

Sean Bates. 6-foot, 7-inch, 275-pound senior tackle, William Tennent. Played defensive tackle last year —

and made Suburban One League Patriot Division second-team — but is expected to join the offense this year. Schools showing an interest include North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Penn State and South Carolina.

Jerry Devine. 6-1, 170, senior quarterback, Bristol. Three-year starter who enjoys basketball more than football even though he's considered a Division I college recruit in football. Duke, Virginia, Mississippi and Temple are courting.

Mike Morelli. 6-2, 195, senior quarterback-defensive back, Central Bucks East. Will start for the third year at quarterback for the Patriots. Com-

pleted 54 of 123 passes for 722 yards as a junior. Threw for 145 yards in a 14-14 tie with C.B. West as a sophomore, ending the Bucks' state-record winning streak.

Greg Moylan. 6-2, 180, junior quarterback, Central Bucks West. Pressed into emergency action as a starter after an injury to George "Puddy" Gilbert, Moylan completed 64 of 125 passes for 790 yards and 8 touchdowns last year. Heady, steady player who led Bucks to five victories in their last six games.

Edmund Robinson. 5-11½, 210, senior running back, Bensalem. The other half of the Owls' 1,000-yard duo

last fall with Sam Lake. Rambled for 1,152 yards and 12 TDs but now moves into a run-and-shoot offense where he won't be running very much. Led the Owls with a 7.1 yards-per-carry average. Will double at linebacker.

Bob Rosenberger. 6-4, 210, senior quarterback-safety, William Tennent. A Street & Smith magazine preseason honorable-mention high school All-American. Returning for his third season as the Panthers' starting quarterback. Duke, South Carolina and Pittsburgh are looking at him as a defensive back.

Matt Soncini. 5-8, 140, junior wide receiver-kick returner, C. B. West.

Caught 30 passes for 465 yards and 4 touchdowns as a sophomore last year. Also rushed for a touchdown and returned a punt and a kickoff for a touchdowns. Two fingertip catches on last drive sank Norristown in 22-21 victory.

Cornelius White. 6-0, 175-pound senior quarterback, Neshaminy. A converted wide-receiver, White is probably the most mobile quarterback in Bucks County. He is also an exceptional athlete who can do most anything with the football in his hands, making him that much more dangerous.

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