

Big 8 names all-stars

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PENNDDEL—Liberty, which compiled a 7-0 record and won the final Big Eight Conference football championship in Barry Fetterman's first year as year coach, placed nine of its players on the conference all-star team, which was selected Monday at the Big Eight's final meeting in Flannery's Airplane Restaurant.

The Hurricane, which had an overall record of 9-1 for the season, gained five spots on the offensive unit and four on the defensive unit.

Seven of the eight conference schools were represented by first-team players. Easton had one offensive and three defensive selections; Pennsbury put two players on each unit; Dieruff and Neshaminy each had one on offense and one on defense; Allen had one on offense, and Freedom had one on defense.

The conference disbands now, with Pennsbury, Neshaminy and Reading going in other directions while the other five schools form the nucleus of the 12-team East Penn League that begins full-scale operations next year.

Neshaminy and Pennsbury officials went together and came up with a special token of their appreciation to the other schools in the Big Eight. Each principal, athletic director and coach received a specially-prepared mug which included the emblem of each Big Eight school and a list of conference champions.

At the same time, the conference took the opportunity to give awards to Bob Buffman, the now-retired Liberty coach, and George Jarmoska, the Pennsbury athletic director who will retire shortly for their service to the Big Eight.

As is usually the case, the all-conference team was dominated by sen-



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iors. The only junior to make the first offensive unit is Dieruff tailback Mark McCants, a 6-0, 180-pounder. Only two other juniors—John Critelli of Easton, a 195-pound linebacker, and Don Carden, a 250-pound tackle from Pennsbury—made the defensive team.

Just two other underclassmen were picked to the second team. George Atiyeh, a 6-3, 220-pound junior tackle from Dieruff, was a two-way second-team pick; and Jeff Miller, a 5-9, 150-pound defensive back from Easton, was the all-star team's youngest player—a sophomore.

Three other players won honors on both units. Mike Weber of Allen made the first-team offense at center and the second-team defense on the interior line; Mike Lutseo of Liberty was a first-team pick as a wide receiver and was selected in the second-team secondary; and Dave Stem of Easton was named to the first-team defensive unit as an interior lineman and was a second-team offensive tackle.

Two of Liberty's top offensive threats joined McCants in the first-team backfield. Jim Villani was selected as the all-conference quarterback, and Brian Statum was picked at running back, with McCants and Easton's Joe Hepp.

The biggest player on the offensive unit is Pennsbury tackle Martin

Sierocinski, a 6-7, 245-pound senior. The smallest player is Lutseo at 5-8, 150. Carden is the biggest defensive player, while the smallest is Liberty defensive back Bernie Fritz at 5-8, 150.

Easton took the most spots on the second unit—six—while Neshaminy grabbed off five and Pennsbury four, Allen three, Liberty and Dieruff two each and Freedom and Reading one each.

FIRST OFFENSE

Ends—Eli Weissman, Neshaminy, Sr., 5-10, 176; Mike Lutseo, Liberty, Sr., 5-8, 150.
Tackles—Martin Sierocinski, Pennsbury, Sr., 6-7, 245; Rich Garza, Liberty, Sr., 6-2, 220.
Guards—Tony Soreiro, Pennsbury, Sr., 6-1, 245; Jim Patelis, Liberty, Sr., 5-11, 210.
Center—Mike Weber, Allen, Sr., 5-11, 201.
Quarterback—Jim Villani, Liberty, Sr., 5-11, 175.
Running backs—Brian Statum, Liberty, Sr., 5-9, 170; Joe Hepp, Easton, Sr., 5-8, 165; Mark McCants, Dieruff, Jr., 6-0, 180.
Punter-placekicker—Jeff Ratner, Neshaminy, Sr., 5-8, 160.

FIRST DEFENSE

Ends—Bud Reichard, Pennsbury, Sr., 6-3, 190; Jeff Speicher, Liberty, Sr., 6-3, 195.
Interior line—Dave Stem, Easton, Sr., 6-1, 195; Chuck Kilpatrick, Liberty, Sr., 6-3, 220; Don Carden, Pennsbury, Jr., 6-2, 250.
Linebackers—Dave Linder, Liberty, Sr., 6-2, 210; Mike Marcks, Dieruff, Sr., 5-10, 190; Steve Shull, Neshaminy, Sr., 6-1, 196; John Critelli, Easton, Jr., 6-1, 195.
Secondary—Rod Knighton, Easton, Sr., 6-1, 170; Larry Applegate, Freedom, Sr., 5-11, 150; Bernie Fritz, Liberty, Sr., 5-8, 150.

SECOND OFFENSE

Ends—Drew Wesnak, Allen, Sr.; Time Hayden, Pennsbury, Sr.
Tackles—George Atiyeh, Dieruff, Jr.; Dave Stem, Easton, Sr.
Guards—Rich Merlo, Easton, Sr.; John Barnett, Neshaminy, Sr.
Center—Gary Margerum, Pennsbury, Sr.; Frank Radcliffe, Liberty, Sr.
Quarterback—Andy Polony, Allen, Sr.
Running backs—Ty Knighton, Easton, Sr.; Joe Cozenza, Easton, Sr.; Jamie Meier, Neshaminy, Sr.

SECOND DEFENSE

Ends—Jack O'Donnell, Easton, Sr.; Ron Steele, Neshaminy, Sr.
Interior line—Mark Simpson, Neshaminy, Sr.; George Atiyeh, Dieruff, Jr.; Mike Weber, Allen, Sr.
Linebackers—Brian Feeley, Freedom, Sr.; Doug Ianni, Pennsbury, Sr.; John Boehm, Reading, Sr.
Secondary—Mike Lutseo, Liberty, Sr.; Tom Fleisch, Pennsbury, Sr.; Bob Hayes, Neshaminy, Sr.; Jeff Miller, Easton, Soph.