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PHILA N. L. Corner 20th and Market No. LO 7-2525 MU 8-7774 But at Bensalem Stadium, 70 kids were knocking heads and running pass patterns vesterday.

It was their 12th practice session in preparation for Friday night's fourth annual Bucks County Cancer Crusade all-star football game at Neshaminy High.

That's right, football; it's still with us. And don't forget the Montgomery County all-star game that's coming up July 30, either.

Really, now, high school football in June and July—isn't this a little too much? Maybe even exploitation of kids in the name of charity?

Coach Mike Pettine of Central Bucks West doesn't think so. He'll coach the county's North squad in Friday night's game.

"For a lot of kids, it will give them one more chance," Pettine said. "A little more exposure and maybe even a college scholarship."

Coach Chuck Kane of Pennsbury, who is assisting the South's head coach, Bob Hart, was in full agreement.

"I understand North Carolina State has one (football) scholarship left," Kane said. "It's another opportunity for the kids, particularly the borderline players.

"Some kids have changed their minds at the last moment about the schools they're going to attend and so there are scholarships remaining. And I'm sure those colleges are going to be paying close attention to these all-star games."

By EDDIE OLSEN



High Schools

Pettine will have such standouts as center John Bucci (6-2, 215) of Archbishop Wood, tackle Tony Spinosa (6-2, 220) of Central Bucks West and tackle Nate Crockett (6-3, 210) of Council Rock on his Northern team.

Hart, meanwhile, will coach a Southern squad that includes such players as quarterback Barry Blum (6-1, 170) of Delhaas, tackle Tony Petruccio (6-5, 235) of Bishop Egan and linebacker Keith Bangor (6-0, 185) of Pennsbury.

"Getting a defensive unit together in two weeks isn't as difficult as building up your offense," Pettine conceded. "It wasn't until last Monday that our offense started to click."

The South defeated the North last year, 3-0, and Matt Madonna, executive director of the Bucks County Unit of the American Cancer Society, said a few gimmicks have been added to open up the scoring this time around.

For example, if a team is trailing by nine points or more, it will have the option to receive or kick. Shotgun formations or wide spreads won't be allowed and all offensive sets must be exchanged.

The first all-star game in 1972 at-

tracted a crowd of 8,000. Last year the turnout dipped to about 3,500 and Madonna admitted the game may be discontinued if this season's attraction is not a financial success.

"I'd rather not talk about the negative aspects," Madonna said. "The game is evaluated each year and I'd rather talk about the positive aspects

of the game."

Tickets are priced at \$3 for reserved seats and \$2 for general admission. Every cent will be turned over to the American Cancer Society, Madonna said.

Meanwhile, for a prospect like Council Rock's Nate Crockett, the game may mean one final opportunity for a football scholarship.

Crockett missed five games because of injuries last season while playing for a team that finished 4-5-1.

"I'm glad we (Central Bucks West) didn't have to play against him (Crockett)," Pettine said. "The kid has sheer, raw talent."

NOTES - Joe Moglia, 26, who helped turn around Archmere Academy's football program in Delaware, has been named Penncrest's new head coach, succeeding John (Sam) Dermigny . . . Dr. Joseph Wesley, District One chairman who is heading a committee to recommend a successor to Theodore R. Wagner, former executive director of the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association (PIAA), has exended the deadline for applications to July 16. Wesley said a request for the extension was made by Dr. Anton Hess, who is with the Department of Education. Wagner is now a special advisor to the PIAA until his resignation becomes effective, Dec. 31, while I. Charles McCullough has been named acting executive director. Wesley said 15 persons have already

applied for Wagner's job .

Smith's 75 Wins Warner Cup

E. George Smith, Moselem Springs, scored a four-over-par 37-38-75 to win the 43d seniors' championship of Cour, Gulph Mills, the leader for most of the afternoon with 39-37-76.