

Bob Craig Sees 'Lot of Holes to Fill'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The coaches of the top-ranked scholastic football teams in 1971 are pointing the finger at the "other guy" as preparations begin for the new season.

Dick Diltz, whose Kiski Area club won the WPIAL Class AA Championship, is worried about the Cavaliers' reputation. Some ranked Kiski the No. 1 team in the state last year.

"It's going to be pretty tough living up to that kind of reputation," says Diltz. "Everybody has the idea we're always going to have a powerhouse.

"I think we can be a good team, but I'm not sure we can be a great one. We had six juniors playing regularly last year. We don't appear to have any super players in our senior group. We're looking for a lot of help from our juniors.

"Latrobe, Penn Hills and Monessen all look tough. Latrobe has a fine group of veteran players. Bubba Holmes will make Monessen tough.

"And watch out for Butler. Art Bernardi took his lungs B32—The Evening Sun Saturday, September 2, 1972

with a lot of young kinds. He should come back strong."

Jack Swartz, whose Neshaminy team was considered the best in eastern Pennsylvania last year, thinks Pennsbury deserves the honor this time around.

Neshaminy beat Pennsbury, 21-10, to win the Lower Bucks and Big Seven championships. It game Schwartz a perfect 11-0 record.

Schwartz suffered heavy graduation losses from his

CENTRAL PENN TITLES

John Harris of Harrisburg (now Harrisburg High) had won the Central Penn League championship outright nine times and shared the 1964 title with Steelton-Highspire before Cedar Cliff came through on top during the 1971 campaign.

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Penn State assistant coach J. T. White may be the only collegian to play on two national championship teams at different schools. White played on the 1942 Ohio State national championship array and then, following three years in the Army, he was a member of Michigan's 1947 national title squad.

title team. Chuck Kane has some outstanding players returning at Pennsbury.

Cedar Cliff, which set the 1971 pace in Central Pennsylvania, has switched leagues.

The suburban Harrisburg club won't be around to defend its Central Penn League title. Cedar Cliff dropped out of that circuit to move into the South Central.

"We've got an awful lot of holes to fill," says Cedar Cliff Coach Bob Craig, the man who recently guided the Pennsylvania Big 33 to a 27-22 victory over Ohio. "We have two fine running backs, but we lost the rest of our starting team."

Harrisburg is expected to succeed Cedar Cliff as the Central Penn League power.

"We think there's talent here," says new coach Ron Brandt. "We're looking for a good season."

Everybody is still pointing the finger at Valley View, the defending champion in the Eastern Conference.

"You have to like Valley View with the talent they have returning," says Elio Ghigiarelli, whose Old Forge team is expected to provide strong opposition. "Their kids have size, speed

and a great winning attitude."

It's a different story at Pottsville, where Bill Flynn is trying to pick up the pieces after taking the Southern Division title.

Flynn lost just about everybody from his title team. Bill considers Mount Carmel, Berwick and Hazleton as strong possibilities to succeed his Crimson Tide in the conference playoff.

Wyoming Area, Upper Merion and Nether-Providence

are among the 1971 championships which are expected to successfully defend titles.

Pittston Area, which lost to Wyoming Area, 32-23, is again rated the top challenger in the Wyoming Valley Conference.

Upper Merion foes will have to figure out how to stop the Bob Baker to Bob Thomas passing combination. But Upper Merion's road to a second straight championship won't be easy. Abington and PlymouthWhitemarsh also have title aspirations.

FOURTH BIRTHDAY

The South Central League has been in operation three seasons in football. Carlisle and Chambersburg were co-champions in 1969. Delone emerged with the league title in 1970 while Carlisle won it outright last fall.

SECOND FOR CANNERS

Biglerville High's 1971 Blue Mountain League championship was the second for the Canners, who previously prevailed in 1966. East Pennsboro won the most BML titles, taking four in a row from 1962 to 1965, but the Enola school now belongs to the Capital Area Conference.

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