

Bucks-Mont Grid Stars Prepare For MS Classic

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One of the major problems a high school football star faces, especially those who are enrolling in college, is how to stay in shape during the summer.

Most of the area athletes have solved this problem by working with construction companies and relying on rigorous manual labor rather than a planned athletic program to keep them fit. And if the construction workers' strikes continue much longer, many of these athletes may be in trouble.

Take, for example Jim Flyzik, the Lansdale Catholic quarterback who will be playing in the third annual MS Hope Chest Football Classic on Saturday, June 25, at Franklin Field. The 6'2", 197 pound Flyzik will be relying on construction work this summer as well as eight other members of the suburban squad. An all around athlete, Flyzik was his school's Most Valuable player in basketball, ran track and played baseball.

Flyzik is concentrating on getting back to his 200 pound playing weight, which he sacrificed to a stay in the



FEARSOME TEN—Mayorality candidate Thatcher Longstreth plays quarterback with some of the Suburban All-Stars for the MS Hope Chest Classic, scheduled for June 25. The players are (front row from left): Tom Wright, Hathoro-Horsham; Lee Marvel,

hospital. "I'll need the extra weight in the game," he said. "Some of those city guys look awfully big."

Tom Wright, who is on the suburban squad and in construction work for the

summer, are linebacker Keith Stoneback from Souderton and center Mike Carey of Central Bucks West. Stoneback, an all-state choice is six feet, 210 pounds and is known for mowing

Hathoro-Horsham; Dave Wander, Souderton; Mike Carey, CB West; Keith Stoneback, Souderton; and Art Garwood, Haverford School. In the backfield (from left) Steve Kolbe, William Tennent; Longstreth, Jim Flyzik, Lansdale Catholic; and Steve Beltz, Pennsbury.

bodies around on the field. Maxwell Award winner Carey will be supplementing his construction work with private workouts to stay in shape. "I'm looking forward to winning this game,"

he said about the upcoming classic. "For me, this is like the 'Bigtime.'"

Smaller, faster, Chris Bahr, a soccer-playing kicking specialist from Neshaminy is taking on some lighter

work for the summer. Bahr will be working as a counselor in the Catskills before going to Penn State in the fall. "Counseling should be a lot better than soccer," he said. "I don't plan any special program for keeping in shape."

Lee Marvel, the Hathoro-Horsham center, has the most unorthodox summer job of the suburban squad. "I'm a cemetery monument setter," Marvel said. "It's kind of heavy work."

All the suburban squad players will be taking on some heavy work in the MS Football Classic. For them, it will be a chance to avenge their 12-7 loss to the city schoolboys last year and to prove that their 44-9 victory two years ago was no fluke. But the city team, backed up by much of the talent from the Catholic League, are also looking for a "go-ahead" win.

If there is any one thing that will give the suburban team an edge, it will be the high-powered talent of most of its players.

In the scoring department, the city team has the edge. He passed for 1,800 yards and 17 touchdowns in his last year at the Lansdale School, and he completed 113 out of 212 passes.

Bahr, Neshaminy's kicking specialist, will be a long distance scoring threat. His longest official field goal was kicked from the 40 yard line but, as he says, "I have kicked some a lot longer."

Standouts on the defensive squad will be Souderton's Stoneback, Steve Kolbe from William Tennent, Pete Bauers from Abington, and Steve Frith from Springfield.

Of the twelve Bucks-Mont athletes playing in the MS Hope Chest Football Classic, all but one have been accepted to college and all but three have attained full scholarships to major colleges and universities.

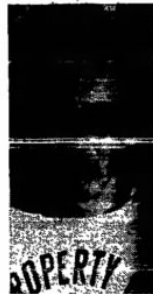
The players see the Hope



STEVE KOLBE



DAVE WANDER



KEN SCHROY



KEITH STONEBACK

Chest All-Star game as a proof of their own abilities. Abington's Bauers said, "the regular season gives you some fair competition, but in this, you're up against some pretty tough guys." This really gives you a chance to see how you stand with other players; do good here and you know you're good," said Tennent's Kolbe.

But Pennsbury's offensive tackle Stu Beltz had other reasons. "I'm looking forward to it because I'm getting pretty fat," he said. Then on a more serious note, he said, "... and because my grandfather had MS, for as long as I can remember." On June 26, Stu Beltz will be playing for something more than a few points on a scoreboard.



JIM FLYZIK



LEE MARVEL



MIKE CAREY



TOM WRIGHT



PETE BAUERS