

Tamaqua's Barron Placed On A.P.'s All-State 2nd Unit

By DAVE LEHERR

HARRISBURG 48 — The 1962 Pennsylvania All-State scholastic football team named Thursday by the Associated Press packs a scoring punch that should make any college coach sit up and take note.

No less than 74 touchdowns were accounted for this season by the AP's first team backfield, and already the awesome foursome have been swamped with college feelers and offers.

The quartet consists of quarterback Rich Vidmer of Hempfield Area, halfbacks Tim Montgomery of Kane and Allen Cuffie of New Castle, and fullback Walt Marciniak of Old Forge.

Fronting this formidable combination is one of the hardest-charging lines ever picked for an AP eleven — versatile both on offense and defense.

Guard Charlie Appleberry of Harrisburg John Harris and big John Naponick, a 6-9, 290-pound tackle from Norwin, anchor the interior line, backed up by guard Jack Wood of Johnstown, tackle Joe Smythe of Norristown, Bishop Kenrick and center Bob Cummings of Neshaminy.

Rounding out the first squad are glue-fingered ends Jerry Sanker of Altoona and Ron Sepic of Uniontown, a pair of two-way players equally as brilliant on defense as on offense.

But the biggest surprise in the balloting was Montgomery, a little guy from a little school who claimed the biggest share of votes.

Tiny Tim was a solid pick among some 90 sportswriters and sportscasters taking part in this year's vote.

He has the statistics to back him up. Montgomery ripped off 20 touchdowns in eight games, ground out 904 yards in 97 carries for an average of 9.3 yards, caught and threw passes, played clutch defense and handled the Kane punting chores in leading the Wolves to their first undefeated-untied season in history.

Equally impressive were the charts of the other three members of the dream backfield.

Vidmer tossed 16 touchdown passes, scored seven more himself, and piled up a sparkling 1,726 yards in total offense for Hempfield's 9-0-1 club.

Marciniak accounted for 17 touchdowns and averaged seven yards a carry while excelling on defense as a linebacker.

Last but not least was Cuffie, offensive sparkplug of New Castle, who rushed for 855 yards, scored 14 touchdowns and was rated one of the WPIAL's best all-around players.

The closest race in this year's balloting was the scramble for center, with Cummings nosing out Lou Astolfi of Old Forge by a mere three points.

Another strong contender for first team honors was George Barron of Tamaqua, the state's No. 1 Class A rusher. Barron ripped off 1,273 yards for an average of 8.7 yards a carry and 13 touchdowns during the season. He was beaten out for the first team by Marciniak.

Among the honorable mentions were two Lehigh Valley boys—Ed Johnson, Hellertown's massive tackle, and Charlie Bricker, Upper Perkiomen's explosive, high-scoring halfback.

Forty Morning Call area grid-ders—31 from District 11 and nine from District 1—received regional honorable mention.

FIRST TEAM

Ends — Jerry Sanker, Altoona, Senior, 4-1, 195; and Ron Sepic, Uniontown, Senior, 6-5, 200.

Tackles — Joe Smythe, Norristown Bishop Kenrick, Senior, 6-4, 220; and John Naponick, Norwin, Senior, 6-9, 290.

Guards — Charlie Appleberry, Harrisburg Harris, Senior, 4-6, 175; and Jack Wood, Johnstown, Senior, 6-6, 190.

Center — Bob Cummings, Neshaminy, Senior, 6-6, 208.

Backs — Rich Vidmer, Hempfield Area, Senior, 6-1, 175; Tim Montgomery, Kane, Senior, 5-8, 175; Allen Cuffie, New Castle, Senior, 4-1, 185; and Walt Marciniak, Old Forge, Senior, 6-6, 212.

SECOND TEAM

Ends — Bob Vidmer, Townville, and John Thompson, Plymouth-Whitmarsh.

Tackles — John Pavlovich, Beaver Falls and Paul Johnson, Upper Merion.

Guards — Don Bailey, Greenburg and Dennis Holbrook, Coatesville.

Center — Lou Astolfi, Old Forge.

Backs — George Gimble, Wilkes-Barre Meyers; Tom Burger, Lancaster Catholic; George Barron, Tamaqua; Frank Antonini, Ambridge, and Dan Spanich, New Castle.

REGIONAL HONORABLE MENTION

District 11

Ends — Andy Schwartz, Notre Dame; Les Ambrose, Bethlehem; Karl Bell, Easton.

Tackles — Dick Schmid, Notre Dame; Bud Stern, East Stroudsburg; Pete Maier, Allen; Mike Burkhardt, Dieruff.

Guards — Jude Pasko, Notre Dame; Marc Rovner, Tamaqua; Bob Pichinks, Allen.

Centers — Jim Jenkowski, Notre Dame; Bob Colinger, Northampton.

Backs — Fred Vinson, Easton; Larry Seipe, Allen; Mike Zito, Hellertown; Jim Case, Notre Dame; Dick Baksa, Notre Dame; Frank Mohan, Bethlehem; Ed Kasak, Coaldale; Jon Ruzhats, Dieruff; Bill Denovan, Marian Catholic; Billy Hoydt, Palmerton; John Erdosy, Northampton; Mike Lisethal, Northampton; Brian Saffern, Wilson Borough; Barry Werheiser, Wilson Borough; Ernie Steigens-walt, Allen; Mike Mikruk, Tamaqua; Gary Heard, Pen Argyl; Bob Engler, Pen Argyl; Dale Fink, Emmaus.

District 1

Ends — Jerry Costello, Pennridge.

Tackles — Dave Meyer, Pennridge; Clark Smith, Upper Perkiomen.

Guards — Dick Nace, Pennridge; Bruce Ziegenfuss, Upper Perkiomen; Tom Ester, Quakertown.

Centers — Jeff Bauman, Upper Perkiomen.

Backs — Dick Yoder, Pennridge; Jim Reford, Quakertown.

Sports Call

By JOHN KUNDA



It was an "honest mistake" that forced Neshaminy High School to forfeit 10 football games and vacate the Lower Bucks County League title. News of the ineligible player violation broke late Wednesday night and yesterday Harry Franks, Neshaminy athletic director, issued a statement:

"In checking the eligibility of boys for the winter sports, it was discovered that the boy (who was not named) had attended Neshaminy in 9th and 10th grades then dropped out of school.

"He re-entered Neshaminy in the 11th grade, but did not play football in 1961 and was ineligible for 90 days. He did play football this year in violation of the PIAA eight-semester rule. We took action as soon as we discovered the mistake."

Neshaminy beat two Lehigh Valley schools and tied another. So with the forfeits, Easton's record now reads, 6-2; Bethlehem 4-6, and Allen, which tied the Redskins, 7-3.

Coach John Petercuskie, who prides himself in turning out strong football teams, summed up the development this way: "It's hard enough to win games, but it's tougher to lose them this way. It was an honest mistake. But this is the rule and we must abide by it."

As a result of the action, William Tennent and Pennsbury, the teams that finished tied for second, were declared co-champions.

BASEBALL MAN

Only last week, Charlie Beck, young sports editor of the West Chester Daily News, was in town beating a drum for West Chester State College and its Cement Bowl team. But he's giving up his newspaper work for a position as public relations man with the Phillies.

Beck is a native of Palmerton and lived in Bowmanstown and Bethlehem R. 4 while his dad, the Rev. Richard A. Beck, held pastorates at Trinity Lutheran Church, Bowmanstown, and New Jerusalem Lutheran in Leithsville. Rev. Beck has since taken a post in Honesdale.

The younger Beck, 26, is a 1953 graduate of Bethlehem High School and a 1959 graduate of Pennsylvania Military College in Chester. He succeeds Bob Chandler, who left the Phils Nov. 30.

BYC RECORD

That was a record crowd of 275 people at the BYC all-sports dinner the other night. Buck Boyle, who likes to do things big league, missed his BYC Legion coach Ron (Punkin) Miller and Allen Athletic Director Bob Stimmel in his introductions. They were there along with the high school coaching staffs.

HEARD ALONG THE WAY

—Moravian's Dick (Butch) Kosman, who is almost certain to set a school scoring mark, has 1,422 points so far and 16 games left . . . But he has had more than his share of trouble in the Lafayette gym . . . In 1960, he was held to a single field goal and Wednesday, he got just 11 points . . . The Dieruff Booster Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday . . . Basketball Coach Dick Schmidt will show films of the Kutztown and Catty games . . . The BYC baseball school opens Jan. 5 and continue each Saturday during the winter months . . . In two varsity games for the University of Richmond, John Telepo of Wilson Borough is averaging 19.5 points a game . . . Pete Scherer of Palmerton is on the Haverford College swimming team . . . Bob Guzzo, District 11 wrestling champ at Wilson Borough, scored a decision the other night as East Stroudsburg State beat Stevens Trade, 16-12 . . . Best quote so far on the basketball season comes from Milo Sewards, whose Allen cagers are 3-0: "We're lousy."

Phillipsburg Drops Out Of Grid Loop

The proposed East Penn Football League doesn't play its first game for another nine months, but it already has been thrown for a loss.

Phillipsburg has dropped out. J. Charles Wanamaker, Phillipsburg High School principal, disclosed the school's withdrawal in a letter to Clifford Bartholomew of Allentown, league president.

Wanamaker said the school athletic association made the decision Monday night. The committee said it entered the league to facilitate scheduling but, "as now constituted it (the league) would fall in this respect."

The league originally was to include three teams from Scranton, Pennsbury, Neshaminy and the Lehigh Valley's Big Five of Allen, Dieruff, Bethlehem, Easton and P-burg. The Scranton teams and Pennsbury failed to join.

Athletic Director Walter Miller said he now will try to expand relations with New Jersey teams.

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