

# State College Included With State's Top Teams

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The schools which were picked to be Pennsylvania's scholastic football powers in 1970 generally lived up to their reputations in the first month of the new decade.

But the road to conference, county and regional championships is going to get rougher in the seven weeks of competition remaining.

The major powers in the East at this point are Neshaminy, Mount Carmel, Levittown Woodrow Wilson, John Harris, Allentown Allen and Bethlehem Liberty.

In the West, the outstanding teams include Kiskia Area, New Castle, Butler, Monessen, Pitt North Catholic, Canon - McMillan, State College, Latrobe, Mount Lebanon and Charleroi.

Mount Carmel, which has the state's longest regular season winning streak, also has the most impressive early record.

Coach Joe Diminick's Red Tornadoes have won three straight games, outscoring the opposition, 121-13. Mount Carmel was 12-0 last year and is defending champion of the Eastern Conference.

Mount Carmel faces a minor threat to its bid for its 27th consecutive regular season triumph Saturday at Berwick. The major roadblocks in the path of Mount Carmel's third straight Southern Division title are Pottsville, Snikellamy and Hazleton.

John Harris reasserted its superiority in the Central Penn League in last week's 10-0 victory over Reading, the team rated No. 1 contender.

The Harrisburg school has lost only two of its last 59 games and has held or shared its league title for nine straight years.

"The victory over Reading was a great one for our kids," says coach Mickey Minnich. "It proved we haven't lost our pride

and desire. Even some of our own fans though we did."

Harris faces Central Dauphin Friday night. Cedar Cliff, which handed Central Dauphin its initial setback last week, goes to Lebanon Friday in a big game between two unbeaten clubs.

Neshaminy and Levittown Woodrow Wilson are considered the two top powers in District One. They'll settle the issue later this month.

"This could be the best team we've ever had," says Woodrow Wilson coach Lou Sorrentino. "Neshaminy is big and strong, again. They've got an excellent defensive unit."

Among the other District One powers are Ridley Twp., 1-0 this year and working on a 16-game winning streak; North Penn and Harboro in the Buxmont League, and Pottstown and Owen J. Roberts in the Ches-Mont loop.

Allentown Allen has been the surprise in the Lehigh Valley. Allen-upset: Pennsbury, 6-0, last

week for its third straight.

Allen will join Neshaminy, Allentown Dieruff and Bethlehem Liberty in the race for the Big Seven title. Pennsbury won last year. Other highly ranked teams in the Lehigh Valley include Northampton and Pen Argyl.

In the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre section, Valley View is the only unbeaten team in the Big Eleven Conference. North Pocono and Lackawanna Trail are tied for first in the Suburban Conference. Wyoming Area leads the Wyoming Valley Conference with a 3-0 mark. Wyoming Valley West is rated as one of the area's top teams in spite of two exhibition losses to outside powers.

Kiski Area's reputation as the best in the West was somewhat tarnished in last week's close call (20-13) over Derry Area. Kiski can regain its foothold with a big win this week in the Foothills Conference showdown with Latrobe.

Latrobe also has a 3-0 conference mark after last week's 14-7 upset of Hempfield. The winner of Friday night's game may eventually appear in the WPIAL championship playoff.

There are only 13 teams out of an original list of 57 still eligible for the Class AA title. The most impressive team other than Kiski has been New Castle, which romped over Beaver Falls, 50-21, last week.

"This is the biggest team I've coached," says Lindy Lauro, the brains behind the unbeaten New Castle club. "They've done exceptionally well so far."

Lauro has a fine quarterback, Chuck Fiorante, who needs only 11 yards against Sharon Friday to become the school's all-time passing leader. New Castle has outscored the opposition, 97-23.

Others in the AA running include Butler, Canon - McMillan, Altoona, Churchill, East Allegheny, Johnstown, Monessen, Mt. Lebanon, Penn Hills and Thomas Jefferson. Gateway, the 1969 AA king, has been eliminated.

State College and Tyrone loom as the top non-WPIAL powers in District Six. After his Lock Haven team lost to State College, coach Don Malinak said: "This is the best team I've seen in this area in years."

South, Langley and Westinghouse are the unbeaten clubs in the 13-school Pittsburgh City League.

McDowell, which beat Tech, 57-12; Prep and East all have 1-0 marks in the Erie Lake Shore League. General McLane (3-0) leads the Erie County League, with North East (1-0) as a contender.

## Big 33

HARRISBURG — New Castle has had more than its share of outstanding players; however, it's been quite a spell since coach Lindy Lauro has come up with a headliner quarterback.

The unbeaten Hurricanes of the WPIAL are 3-0 this season, mainly because of Chuck Fiorante, a 6-0, 190-pound pinpoint passer who earned a nomination to the Big 33 weekly check list after a topnotch effort against Beaver Falls.

In three games Fiorante has hit on 34 of 51 passes for 622 yards and six touchdowns. In routing Beaver Falls, 50-21, he passed for 258 yards.

Though bothered with a shoulder ailment since the season's outset, Camp Hill's Craig Roberts, 6-3, 195, two-way end, turned in a bell ringing effort against Biglerville. He recovered three fumbles, intercepted a pass, scored a touchdown and spearheaded a solid Lions defense to help extend the club's unbeaten record to 21 games.

Cedar Cliff's Tom Chapman, 5-10, 170, offensive end-defensive halfback, starred in the club's 14-0 win over a fine Central Dauphin team. He caught six passes, one for a score, set up another tally and intercepted two passes.

Nominations included:  
Ends — Paul Spiekerman, New Brighton, 6-1, 215; Ed Knaus, Latrobe, 5-11, 170; Rich Carnahan, Derry Area, 6-1, 155; Mike Kellev, Palmvra, 5 - 9, 159; Don Lewis, New Castle, 5-10, 170; Bob Romani, Cent. Cambria, 5-10, 180; Jim Prod-

## Dwindles

... Ridgway stunned Girard 27-12 with a new offense installed by Coach Jack Hedlund in practice last week as Denny McClain carried 23 times for 113 yards. George Saline carried 12 times for 75 yards and Chuck Stanley completed TD passes of 47 and 15 yards to Ron Stenta. . . . Bradford, aided by the clock operator, edged upstart St. Marys 8-6 in a game which saw the Flying Dutch run out of time on the B-4 in the first half and the B-2 at the finish. They netted 320 yards to Bradford's