

All-Star Berths Wide Open

Only Conroy And Mladjen Can Repeat

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Who'll make your All-Star football team for 1957?

It's a little early to make predictions for an All-League eleven but positions on the Courier-Times All-Star team and the Coaches All-League team are up for grabs.

Guard Frank Conroy and full-back Jerry Mladjen of Neshaminy are the only first team players on both "Dream" teams back in action this season. The race for All-Star berths is wide open and a long way from settled at this point.

The Courier-Times team is selected by the sports department while the coaches, along with their teams, chose the Coaches eleven.

Many members of last year's

first team have graduated and are almost gone from memory today as thrilling games and outstanding performances are being turned in each week in the Lower Bucks County League.

Conroy and Mladjen are living up to their All-League reputations this season but many members of last year's second team and honorable mention squads will surely come in for some share of the glory this season.

Of the Courier-Times Second team in 1956, four players are active this season. They include Joe Haas, Morrisville; Vern Von Sydow, Pennsbury; Bob Hart, Morrisville and Mladjen.

Neshaminy's Rushton Covington and Morrisville's Mike Im-mordino were Courier-Times

picks in 1956 but this season both boys came up with injuries and are watching from the sidelines.

Len Davies of William Tennent and Sam Mudie were second team picks on the Coaches eleven last year. Both gridders are currently engaged in weekly action for their respective clubs. Haas and Hart were picked on the Coaches team as well as the Courier-Times club.

Morrisville's Hart, a bruising halfback, is making a name for himself and is the current leading scorer in the league. Von Sydow is feared for his top-notch defensive play for the Falcons and also for his accurate toe in kicking extra points. Mudie has been hampered by injuries and is playing with a broken finger. Mudie's

main threat is his punting which has pulled Bensalem out of the hole more than once with boots close to 50-yards each.

Nineteen players who made Honorable Mention on both All-Star teams are playing this season. Ends include Stan Esposito, Bensalem; Jim Allison, Morrisville; Barry Turk (now a back), Delhaas, and Dick Woodward, Pennsbury.

Other Players

Tackles are Tom George, Neshaminy; Bill Oliver, Tennent, and Butch Davis, Morrisville. Eric Erdosy of Pennsbury and Fran Gagnacova of Bristol were guards and Dave Downs of Council Rock was a center. Backs include John Jackson, Council Rock; George David, Bob McNamee and

Charles Martini, Tennent; Bob Dwyer and Ty Stearn, Bensalem; Ray Giberson, Delhaas; Tom Stricker, Neshaminy and Allen Snyder, Pennsbury.

Many of the boys who were part-time players in 1956 are main cogs in operations this season.

Pennsbury's Woodward has turned into a talented end who is watched by every team on the Falcon schedule. Neshaminy's George is a big man in the Redskin defense and handles the punting chores. Erdosy is one of the "men of steel" that form the brutal forward wall of Pennsbury.

Quarterbacks David of Tennent and Jackson of CR engineer the T-offense of their respective clubs. Dwyer is a first-rate back for the Ben-

salem Owls while Stearn is important on defense. Every player has taken a part in their team's plans this year in some respect and the year experience has been a help to most of the players.

Several teams have freshman players who are doing quite well for themselves in varsity competition. Four important league games remain to be played and anything can happen. A couple brilliant performances in the remaining league tussles could bring an unheralded lineman or a so-so back first string honors after Thanksgiving Day. Others believe that a good day on Thanksgiving Day could mean the difference between a spot on the Honorable Mention list or the first team.