

Last Minute Changes Affecting Area Grid Coaching Setups

Bakajza Replaces Kmetz At Patton; Miller Head At N. C.

Ebensburg-Cambria, Cresson Get New Assistants; Kmetz to Go to Crafton; Johnson to Florida

The biggest change-over in football coaching positions ever noted in this area resulted this past week as two district school boards worked feverishly to fill football coaching positions as the opening of the high school pre-season training period drew near.

One head coaching position was made last Thursday and another is yet to receive an official stamp of approval. In line with the head coaching positions, assistantships in coaching the sport also were shuffled about.

Ivan W. Miller, Barnesboro, last Thursday evening was named to the head football coaching position at Northern Cambria Joint High School. He succeeds the late George Magulick, who died July 8. Mr. Miller was given a one-year contract.

In other action Paul A. Kmetz, head grid mentor at Patton-Chest Township High School since 1951, announced that he had accepted an assistant basketball coaching position at Crafton High School in Allegheny County.

In line with Mr. Kmetz's resignation Steve Bakajza, an assistant grid mentor at Patton-Chest since 1951, and Melvin Brown, head track coach at the school, and just two weeks ago named as an assistant grid mentor, were directed to begin the Panthers pre-season training today, Thursday.



STEVE BAKAJZA

the past 31 years. Pop Wenrich, will retire, and head grid mentor and varsity grid assistant will be selected. Wenrich is well-known as one of the better grid coaches of the WPAL.

A graduate of Hurst High School, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., in 1943, Mr. Kmetz came to Patton immediately following his graduation in 1951 from St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa. He played four years varsity football while in high school and four years on the St. Vincent Bearcat team. He was a member of the famed 1949 Bearcat squad that produced a 10-0 record and also played in the Tangerine Bowl in Florida New Year's Day of 1950.

Mr. and Mrs. Kmetz and their son, "Butch," plan to leave Patton the latter part of this month.

Dan Miller, who was named to the top post at NCHS last Thursday, is another well-known coach. For the past 11 seasons he served as the able line coach and varsity assistant coach under the late George Magulick.

For 19 years he was assistant at Barnesboro High, this last year moving to the North Cambria Jointure in the same capacity. Mr. Miller is a graduate of Altoona High School and Millersville State Teachers College. He participated and excelled in the sport while in high school and college. He serves as the industrial arts instructor at Barnesboro unit of NCHS.

Mr. Miller was elected to the head coaching position from a field of seven applicants.

Charles (Ted) Keenan, who also is an assistant grid coach at NCHS, Thursday was named as physical education instructor in the Barnesboro unit, a post also held by the late Mr. Magulick. Andrew Fisanich of Barnesboro, will be the school's athletic director. Victor Chervenak is also a member of the school's grid staff.

Elsewhere in area coaching staffs and athletic departments, several other changes have been noted from school board meetings the past few weeks.

George R. (Buck) Johnson, who last year served as head cage mentor and assistant grid coach at Cresson Jr. High, resigned to accept a post at Tampa (Fla.) school. No successor has been as yet named, and applications are now being received. Assistant grid coaches named at Cresson last week are: Richard Lenz, B. A. Criste and Joseph Bradley. William Biehar was named faculty manager.

No other coaching changes were noted in any other school in the area, however; John Carroll High, Carrolltown, two weeks ago named Henry Stossel as physical education instructor at the school. A 1953 graduate of St. Francis College, Loretto, Mr. Stossel is a native of Lilly, Pa. He played four years as a halfback on the Lilly varsity grid team. He served two years in the Army, 17 months in Germany.

Two new assistant grid coaches are noted at Ebensburg-Cambria High. They are Leroy DeBastiani and Leonard Orange.

Frits Mosley, activities director of the 29th District American Legion, Sunday night said that Ebensburg was chosen to represent the district because it led the league on Aug. 8, the actual deadline for play. The league did not close until last Thursday.

Ebensburg met Uniontown Monday of this week at Ebensburg in a first-round game.

Mr. Bakajza is an instructor of the seventh and eighth grades of Patton-Chest Junior High. He came to Patton in 1951 as grid staff which was vacated this spring with the resignation of Cecil Jackson, who accepted a teaching post at Huntingdon. Mr. Brown also is physical education instructor at PCHS.

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Mr. Bakajza is well known in this area. A native of Hastings, he is a son of George Bakajza, and the late Anna Bakajza of Hastings. He graduated from Hastings High School in 1946 and received his bachelor of degree at St. Francis College, Loretto. This past Saturday he received his master of education degree at Penn State University.

Mr. Bakajza was a member of the varsity team of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College (Oklahoma A. & M.) for three seasons from 1945 to 1947. He played a left-tackle position. He was also a member of the school's 1945-46 team that had a 30-0 season record and played in the Sugar Bowl New Year's Day of 1946 in New Orleans, in a defeat over St. Mary's College of California, 33-6. During his stay at A. & M. he was tutored by Jim Lookabaugh. Coming to St. Francis at Loretto, Mr. Bakajza played for that team in 1948 and 1949 under Coach Big Jim Leonard. They are Leroy DeBastiani and Leonard Orange.

Mr. Kmetz will leave Patton-Chest High after four full years as the head coach. During his tenure here his teams have posted a record of 10 wins, 19 defeats and four ties. Well-known and well liked by most everyone, Paul Kmetz this September 6, will bring his new duties as a teacher-coach at the Clifton High School in Allegheny County. A Class A school, Mr. Kmetz last week was elected to teach Problems of Democracy and serve as an assistant basketball coach for this term. It was noted, however, that within a short time Clifton High's famed coach of

SPORT SPOTS

By FRED OWENS

Patton Tops South Fork 13-4 Then Loses to Cresson By 2-0

Everything Happens in Top of Last Frame

Patton Junior American Legion team ran all over visiting South Fork, 13-4, last Thursday, but on Wednesday lost out to Cresson, 2-0, in a final series of Cambria County Junior Legion League games.

Patton came from behind last Tuesday to trip up South Fork, 13-4, in a game at Patton. The visitors scored three runs in the first inning, Patton making two. The home club added a single run in the 2nd, 9 in the 3rd and another run in the 4th to win with ease.

The winners out-hit South Fork, 11-3.

Jim Schwab was the top batter of the day with a triple, double and single in four trips, as his brother Bill Schwab, also had a share of the top honor as he rapped out a homer, triple and single in three trips for a perfect day. Dick Ott came up with a triple to aid Patton as Ron Strittmatter had two singles. The box score:

Patton	ARH South Fork	A R H	
Malkin c	2	1	1
Vezza 2b	4	1	0
B Schwab p	3	3	3
Desoy 1b	2	1	0
Hitch 2b	3	1	0
Window 3b	1	1	0
Desoy 1b	2	1	0
Ott p-lf	3	1	1
Albertini 2b	1	0	0
Totals	26	11	3

Patton	ARH Cresson	A R H	
Malkin c	2	0	0
Ott lf	2	0	0
B Schwab p	3	0	1
Desoy 1b	2	0	0
Hitch 2b	3	0	0
Window 3b	3	0	0
Winnick 1b	2	0	0
Vezza 2b	3	0	0
Totals	21	0	1

7th Inning Spurt Wins Game

Everything happened in the 7th and final inning last Wednesday, Aug. 10, as Patton took a tough 2-0 setback at the hands of Cresson in a game at Cresson.

Patton threatened to score in the first three innings, but just couldn't seem to get anyone over home plate. In the first three frames Jim Schwab faced 15 batters. A fourth inning try by the visitors failed also. In that inning Desoy was on 3rd and Strittmatter on 1st. Vezza was at bat. Strittmatter broke for second on an attempted steal. When the Cresson catcher threw to second, Desoy broke for home, but a quick return peg by Cresson's second baseman Balzano to Catcher Reghetti nipped Desoy for the out.

With the count at two strikes and no balls, Balzano hit a home run in the bottom of the final seventh inning with a man on base to break the 0-0 deadlock and give Cresson the victory.

The other extra-base hit came from B. Schwab, a double. Ron Strittmatter had two singles. The box score:

Patton	ARH Cresson	A R H	
Malkin c	2	0	0
Ott lf	2	0	0
B Schwab p	3	0	1
Desoy 1b	2	0	0
Hitch 2b	3	0	0
Window 3b	3	0	0
Winnick 1b	2	0	0
Vezza 2b	3	0	0
Totals	21	0	1

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Malkin c	2	0	0
Ott lf	2	0	0
B Schwab p	3	0	1
Desoy 1b	2	0	0
Hitch 2b	3	0	0
Window 3b	3	0	0
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West Downs East By 18-6 In District All-Star Grid Tilt

Powered by the running of Benie Grunza, Johnstown, the West defeated the East, 18-6, at Windber Stadium last Friday evening in the sixth annual All-Star game sponsored by the West-Central Pennsylvania Coaches Association. Rain began to fall some five minutes before the opening kickoff and continued throughout the entire game, hampering the offenses of both teams.

Grunza tallied two touchdowns the first on a 24-yard dash and the second on a buck from the two-yard line. Joe Vizi made the final West TD from four yards out.

Vib Dixon of Huntingdon crossed the goal line for the East in the third period, scoring from the two to cap a 58-yard drive.

All four touchdowns resulted from a break, either a fumble or ball lost on downs.

Coach Mike Slavich and Byron Folmer saw their charges capitalize on a fumble in the early minutes of the first period. Jim Wasser of Blairville pounced on a fumble by Hollidaysburg's Ted McGee on the East 45, and in eight plays the West crossed the enemy goal.

First downs were chalked up on the 34 and 24. At this point Grunza took a handoff from Vince Bestvina of Shade Twp. and went off tackle for the score. Bob Dutzman of Windber tried the extra point, but his boot was wide of the mark.

A 43-yard drive after a recovery of the fumble netted the West's second period TD. Howard Picking of Westmont grabbed Dixon's fumble on the East 43 and 12 plays later Grunza went through tackle from the two for another touchdown. Dutzman's placement try was blocked by Blaine McClain of Robertsdale.

The East team of Coaches Ron Corrigan and Mario Cicero moved 58 yards for its lone score in the third period. A 15-yard penalty against the West helped, George Monciovich of Franklin fumbled with Myron Rebus of Altoona recovering on the East 42. First downs were chalked up on the West 40 and 30. After Jack Martin of Beaverdale hit the line for a yard, the West was penalized 15 yards on the play for unsportsmanlike conduct, placing the ball on the 14. After another first down was made on the four, the East needed two plays for the final yardage with Dixon going over. McGee's try for the seventh point was wide.

Trailing by six points with the time running out, East gambled for a first down in its own territory taking any chances.

Supple, owned by Hal Price Headley, broke third and stayed there until he took the lead at the turn. Guard Raul an even money choice, got off to a bad start and made a gallant bid to overtake Supple but just couldn't do it.

The four victories brought Hartack's total to 244. Shoemaker had two winners Saturday upping his count to 235.

Baseball Menu

CARROLLTOWN LITTLE BOYS BASEBALL LEAGUE

Thursday, August 18
Pirates vs. Cardinals

Friday, August 19
Tigers vs. Indians

Monday, August 22
Tigers vs. Pirates

Tuesday, Aug. 23
Cardinals vs. Indians (End of regular season)

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TEAM

Area football fans were reminded today that only four weeks remain until opening of the 1955 high school grid season. Remember our slogan "To support your home team, win, lose or draw."

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By FRED OWENS

One of the biggest change-overs in high school coaching staffs in the history of this area took place this past week end with the resignation of former teacher-coaches and the appointments of men to fill existing vacancies.

The entire change-over locally is just a part of the current teacher changes that will be noted in public schools throughout this state.

One head football coaching position in this area went to an area man who formerly served as assistant. Assistant coaching positions were also on the line for a change, as the 1955 pre-season football training period began today.

Dan W. Miller of Barnesboro last Thursday was named as the head football coach at Northern Cambria Joint High School to fill the vacancy that resulted from the resignation of Paul A. Kmetz, head grid mentor, who accepted an assistant basketball position at the Crafton High School, Allegheny County.

Both Mr. Miller and Mr. Bakajza were former assistant grid coaches at their respective schools. Mr. Brown has served in the Patton school as head track coach. Action for selection of a head football coach at Patton will be discussed at a meeting of that district's joint school board possible this week or next week.

A third position on the Patton football coaching staff also exists. This assistantship was vacated this spring with the resignation of Cecil Jackson, who accepted a teaching post in Huntingdon.

On the assistant coaching bus another resignation was noted. It was that of George R. (Buck) Johnson, head basketball coach and assistant football coach at the Cresson Joint High. Mr. Johnson resigned to accept a teaching position at a Tampa (Florida) high school.

In other action concerning the athletic departments of local area schools Charles (Ted) Keenan, a well-known area mentor, was elected to head the physical education department of Barnesboro unit. NCHS to fill vacancy formerly held by the late Mr. Magulick. Victor Chervenak, last year's NCHS B team coach and Mr. Keenan, who last season served as varsity line coach at NCHS, will have their coaching jobs outlined by the joint board's athletic committee this week.

Andrew Fisanich, a former instructor at the State Home for Boys in Jamesburg, N. J., will be the new athletic director of NCHS. Another position formerly held by Magulick.

The lineup of football coach-

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ing staffs in this immediate area is as follows:

Patton-Chest — Steve Bakajza and Melvin Brown.

John Carroll — M. J. Cicero, head grid coach; J. Gerard Kelly, assistant coach; M. Alfred Lanzetta, freshman team coach and John B. Green, athletic director. No change.

Hastings-Elder — John Nevins, head grid coach; Felix Catalano, assistant coach and George DeMento, junior varsity coach. No change.

North Cambria — Dan Miller, head grid coach; Charles T. Keenan and Victor Chervenak, assistants and Andrew Fisanich, athletic director.

Cresson Joint — Jack Hart, head grid coach; Richard Lenz, B. A. Criste and Joseph Bradley, assistants and William Biehar, faculty manager.

Ebensburg-Cambria — Jim Cook, head grid coach; Ed Meehan, Leroy DeBastiani and Leonard Orange, assistants.

The football season gets underway this morning, Aug. 18. That is the time school begins and the coaches. Pre-season training begins this morning and regular training sessions will be held up until the time school begins on Aug. 29 at least twice daily for those boys not going to the training camps. It's going to be rugged. And any young fellow who thinks otherwise, is better off not to even go out for the team. And this is the way it should be. After the so-called "soft" life of the summer vacation the boys must get into condition for the coming season. Teams camping this year will be NCHS at Lions Den camp near Barnesboro and EBHS at their school in Ebensburg. The other four area squads will be training twice each day at their local athletic fields.

Who is the heck figured out the boundary line for the East and West teams for the West-Central Pennsylvania Coaches Assn. all-star grid game each August, an ardent grid fan remarked to us the other day. We told him we didn't know how it was done. And then we went out and found out. Actually it's simple as pie, the way the boundary line was made. And it wasn't done with the idea in mind that either side, the East or the West, could move across the mythical line and take a boy here and there.

If you have a sense of direction or of location, you need not go any further to see the mythical line. If you get confused just use your road map.

Last year of 1954 the Association sat down and changed the teams from North and South to East and West. And at the rumors had it the change was made because the North had four consecutive wins over the South. To keep the coaches gripped at a minimum, the association started at Barnesboro and drew a mythical line due south. This divided the section East and West. Barnesboro, now North Cambria, and South Fork were so-called border towns, and these were given to the West team. There isn't any crossing lines, although those people who may get their directions mixed a bit, may think so. Take

Little League Tournay Pairing Now Completed

By FRED OWENS

First round pairings for the annual Barnesboro Little League Baseball Tournament, which gets under way this Saturday, Aug. 20, were announced today by Ray Whited, director of the Barnesboro Little League.

Eight teams from all over Cambria County have officially entered the annual event, yearly being termed as the highlight of this county's post-season Little League play. Sponsored by the Barnesboro Little League, all tournament games will be played on Barnesboro Little League field.

Mr. Whited said that first-round pairings of teams were made at a meeting Monday evening of this week. Only games to be played Saturday and Sunday afternoons were listed. The first game to get under way at 2:30 p. m. (DST), and the second game to immediately follow the first.

All eight teams will see first round action either Saturday or Sunday, Saturday, Aug. 20. Hastings will play South Fork in the first game at 2:30 and Cardiff will go against Carrolltown in the second game that day. Sunday, Aug. 21, Gallitzin meets Ebensburg in the first game at 2:30 and Cresson will play Barnesboro in the second contest that day.

Mr. Whited said that all tournament games will be run on a two-game-a-day basis for the first round at least. Under current rules teams losing two games will be eliminated.

Games during the week will begin at 4:00 p. m. (DST) sharp. When the second round of the event begins it may be possible that only single games will be played nightly. Date and time of games to be played after this Sunday will be announced by tournament officials.

All teams playing in the event must be uniformed. The top three teams of the event will receive trophies.

As has been noted in past years of the event, top-notch playing has been highlighted as most of the teams select their members from their individual community teams on outstanding playing ability. Area baseball fans, especially parents, are urged to attend the event.

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