High School Grid Season Openers Tomorrow, Saturday

All District Teams to Entertain Foes On Home Soil; Top Crowds Expected

North Cambria-Capt. Jack, Cresson-Westmont On Tap Friday Night at 8:00; Patton-Chest, John Carroll, Hastings-Elder, Ebensburg to Open Saturday

"Through victory or defeat our honor ever stands."

This is the cry of every loyal football fan as the 1955 high school football season opens this week end in all of its colorful traditions of years past.

With renewed and ever greater interest the 1955 grid season will open tomorrow and Saturday as six Northern Cambria scholastic squads take to the gridiron for the opening games. All six area teams will open on home soil this season, two games tomorrow night, Friday, and four Saturday, one in the afternoon and three at night.

All of the six teams visiting in this area this week end will come from distant points as no area squads will meet each other this first week end of play.

The following story highlights both the home and visiting teams, with information concerning the visiting squads as reported exclusively to this newspaper.

Two games are on tap for tomorrow evening, Friday. One will be played in Spangler at 8:00 p. m. when the Northern Cambria Joint High School Colts of Head Coach Dan Miller, entertain Capt. Jack Joint High of Mount Union. The other will be at 8:00 p. m. at Cresson when Cresson Joint High Indians of Head Coach Jack Hart play host to Westmont-Upper Yoder High.

The Captain Jack Joint High Trojans of Head Coach Irvin Hess will travel to this area with a host of returning lettermen and what is expected to be one of the best teams coached by Mr. Hess in his three years at the Mount Union school.

Last year the Trojans showed a 3-5-1 record, and started their '54 season on the wrong foot, as the Colts marched to a 26-0 victory. This year Captain Jack has 19 returning lettermen back, 12 of whom were members of either the offensive or defensive team. Running from the T formation, this year's Trojan outfit has a rather heavy forward wall and an average speed in its backfield men. The Class A school, which last season had an enrollment of 635 students, has 46 candidates on its 1955 grid squad.

The Colts this year will be under tutorship of Coach Dan Miller. Although the team has lost plenty of its "regulars" of last season, the Colt line is big, and the backfield crew is also big. Defensively they are good. Last season, under Coach Geo. Magulick, who died this past summer, the NCHS squad in its first season showed a 5-5 record.

Cresson Joint High, termed as one of the most promising teams in the area this season, tackles Class A Westmont High in its home opener tomorrow.

According to reports the Indians showed good form in their scrimmage games with North Cambria and Bellwood-Antis during the pre-season training period. A rather big line will be featured again by Cresson and the backfield is expected to pack plenty of power. Although Cresson lost some good players via graduation, they will have good material in their rebuilding this season.

Cresson held the Class A Westmont team of Coach Robert (Mike) Mannion, to a scoreless tie in the opener last year. The Hilltoppers, however, came on through the season with a 5-3-1 record.

Running from the Straight T formation, Westmont has a good line this year and a fairly good backfield. Although they will undoubtedly suffer the loss of their scatback Jim Hamphill, who scored 60 of their 140 points last season, five regulars return this season. Emil Bohla will be at the quarterback, Bob Wagner will be at right half and Jim Garrity at fullback. A newcomer, John Salem will be at left halfback.

A revamping of the line has proven good, according to Coach Mannion. Mel Buckivoch has been moved to offensive high guard and Jim Orr, a left guard last season, will be in the center spot.

Four games are on tap for home soil this Saturday. Patton-Chest Twp. Panthers [illegible] the Saturday card at 2:30 p. m. that day when they meet Penn Manor High at Patton Athletic Field. Saturday night home-openers will include Moshannon Valley A Team at John Carroll, Altoona Catholic at Hastings-Elder and Conemaugh at Ebensburg-Cambria. These night games are all set for 8:00 p. m.

The Patton-Chest Panthers will open under a new head coach, Steve Bakajza, a former assistant for the team.

The Panthers, who will run from the Wing-T on the offensive, will have six seniors and five underclassmen on starting lineup Coach Bakajza said most of the varsity team is composed of boys who played last season. He said Dave Kleibowick and Jerry Houck both linemen last year, have been converted to the backfield this season. Don Winsko will again be at quarterback and will do the passing. Junior Jim Schwab, 6-2, playing left end, figures to be the best pass receiver. The Panthers showed up well in their pre-season scrimmage last week against South Fork.

This year will mark the first season of play for new Penn Manor High School, composed of students from Pine Twp. and Clymer High Schools of Indiana County. Eddie Vyles, former head coach at Pine, is directing the squad this year, which has 28 candidates, only eight from Clymer.

The Penn Manor team will run offensively from the Split-T formation. The squad is considered rather light with an average of 160 pounds. The line is also rather light with no player going over the 185-pound weight.

Eight regulars from last year's Pine Twp. team will be starting in Saturday's game here at Patton. Returning backs will be Ed Slonac, Joe Berzansky and Jude Parfitt. Returning linemen will be Leo Maruschuk at end, Tom Ganoe at tackle, Charles Marzenco and Bob August at guards and Albert Jackson at center.

Pine showed a 2-win, 6-lost season during 1954, taking the opener over the Panthers, 13-0.

The three games Saturday night will also be top-notch battles. Heading the list are the Mountaineers of John Carroll High, Carrolltown, who will go against the Class A Team from Moshannon Valley Joint High.

The JCHS team of Head Coach M. J. Cicero was originally set to open tomorrow with the Moshannon B Team, but last week end school officials said the opener would be Saturday at Carrolltown against the school's A Team.

The Mountaineers of Coach Cicero will be in for plenty of action this season. Mr. Cicero, in reporting on how his team will handle themselves this coming season, related that he likes to take each game as it comes and correct mistakes as the season goes along.

The Mountaineers had three pre-season scrimmage games. They were with Purchase Line, United Joint and Class A Laura Lamar of Homer City.

Last season the Mountaineers downed Houtzdale, 25-0, in the opener at Houtzdale.

The new Moshannon Valley Jt. team this season is being coached by Monte Close of Madera. The team, which has a total of 18 lettermen returning will run from the Straight T, Split-T and Single Wing formations on the offensive. The team roster features boys from both the Houtzdale school and Moshannon Jt. school. It is a Class A squad.

The Moshannon Valley team will crowd in two games this week end for the opening of the season. Tomorrow night Moshannon opens at State College, Pa., with State College High and on Saturday they travel to Carrolltown to meet the Mountaineers.

Hastings-Elder Twp. High Hawks of Head Coach John Nevins will tangle with another tough squad in their opener on Saturday night at Hastings. The Hawks this year will again play Altoona Catholic High.

Hastings this season will place a rather "green" team on the field. Although sprinkled with a few returning regulars, the Hawks will be rebuilding this season.

On the other hand the Altoona Catholic High team is rounding into tip-top form for the season opener with the Hawks, as the Marauders of Head Coach John Clancy will attempt to avenge last year's 14-0 defeat.

Clancy, in his second year at the helm, lost 17 lettermen via graduation, including six starters of last year.

Five starters from last season form the foundation of the '55 Catholic outfit. Veterans returnees are John Wiley, John Fanelli, and Chick Densevich, backs, and Paul Purcell, tackle and Frank Densevich, guard.

Running from the T formation, the chore of ball handling will belong to either John Wiley or Mike Casey, up from the jayvee ranks.

Speed seems to feature the Altoona backfield. At halfback positions will be John Fanelli, Tony Sinisi, Harold Steinbeiser, Dave Karl and Bill Allen and Chick Dansevich or Bob Carroll at the fullback slot.

Conemaugh High of Coach Mike Slavik will also visit the area Saturday night when the Conemaugh team opens with the Red Devils of Ebensburg-Cambria High at 8:00 p. m. at Ebensburg Memorial Field.

Coach Jim Cook, head of the Red Devil forces is silent to date about his team. He said everyone will know his team's abilities on Saturday.

The Red Devils this season may pack more punch than expected, figuring on pre-season drills.

Last season Ebensburg dropped Conemaugh, 44-0, in the opener.

Although reports say the Devils will be strong, Conemaugh High of Coach Mike Slavik has most every member of last season's team returning this year. Only two boys were lost through graduation.

Running from the Straight T formation, highlighting pitchouts, Conemaugh will have a fairly heavy squad. The Johnstown City area club is still rebuilding and expects to do much better this year than last season. In 1954 they lost all nine games played, being shut out in four contests. They scored 31 points during the season and had 230 scored against them.

Hastings Bottling Works Has Pocket Schedules

Have your complete football schedule for area high school teams for the 1955 season? If not you may secure one this week from an area business firm handling products of the Hastings Bottling Works at Hastings.

A complete wall-size football schedule, featuring all the 1955 season games of Hastings, Patton, John Carroll, Northern Cambria and Cresson Joint High School teams is being given free to area fans by the Hastings firm. You may have one just for the asking.

The area five-team schedule is annually distributed by the Hastings Bottling Works.

Grade School League to Open Sunday With 4 Games Slated

Nine Teams Entered In What Is Only Loop of Kind To Be Found In Central Pennsylvania District

The Cambria County Grade School Football League will open its ninth consecutive season of play this coming Sunday, Sept. 11. Three games are set for Sunday, with the other game to be played on Saturday.

John Ambrisco, Ebensburg, this year also marks his ninth consecutive term as the president of the unique little league football circuit, which was organized back in 1946 under the name of the Cambria-Indiana Grade School Football League. Other league officers this year include Joseph Batista, Ebensburg, secretary-treasurer and Rev. Father Richard Conti, Portage, vice president.

The league is considered to be the only such circuit of its kind in this section of Pennsylvania and is comprised of nine Grade School teams from Cambria County. Rev. Father Marzhauser of Hellwood, Indiana County, is one of the organizers of the circuit. He was instrumental in forming the circuit when it was first started nine years ago.

In announcing plans for the 1955 season which will open this week end, Mr. Ambrisco said the annual league All-Star game this year will be held on Wednesday evening, Oct. 12, Columbus Day, at 8:00 p. m. at the John Carroll Joint High School Stadium, Carrolltown. Tickets for this game will soon be on sale at 50c each. All football fans in the area are cordially invited to attend.

Proceeds from the All-Star game will be used to fete all the teams and cheerleaders in the league at the annual league banquet following the season.

Ebensburg Holy Name and Colver Little Colts will open the 1955 season this Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. at Colver. The Colver team is not permitted to play Sunday games. Mike Tsikalis is coach of Holy Name and Mr. Ambrisco serves as manager. Larry Giovacchini is coach of the Colver squad.

Games Sunday will place six other teams in action and one team will be idle the first week end of play.

Ashville-Dean team of coaches Ted Ott and Anslem Julian will travel to Spangler Stadium Sunday to play Spangler Catholic outfit of Coach Bede Lantzy.

In other action Sunday afternoon Revloc Ramblers will visit the new Mylo Park team for the opener and St. Joseph's team of Portage, who tacked down the league championship the past two seasons, will be out to defend the title when they visit Cresson to play Cresson Grade team.

St. Benedict's Parochial team of Carrolltown of Coach Greg Buck and Manager Don Mohler will be idle this week. They will play the Colver team next week at JCHS Stadium, Carrolltown.

Wrestling At Co. Fair Tomorrow

Bouts At Arena Will Begin At 8 O'Clock

A three-bout wrestling exhibition featuring four heavyweights and four midgets will highlight the entertainment program tomorrow night, Friday, at the Cambria County Fair in Ebensburg. The bouts will begin at 8:00 p. m. in the indoor arena on the fairgrounds.

Spotlighted in the main go will be Don Arnold of California who turned pro last year after winning the Pacific Coast inter-collegiate championship, and Chief Big Heart, 225-pound Osage Indian, who hails from Pawkuska, Oklahoma.

Latest to be signed for the Ebensburg program are Jack Vansky of Kearney, N. J., and Lou Klein of Detroit. They will meet in the semi-final bout.

Much of the action at Ebensburg is expected to be provided by the midget teams who wrestle under names almost as colorful as their ring antics. One team in the tag team match will be composed of Fuzzy Cupid and Lord Littlefield. Their opponents will be Irish Jackie and Ivan the Terrible. Ivan, at 100 pounds, is the heaviest man in the quartet.

LUTHER MAKES A NICE CATCH!

(Union Press-Courier Staff Photo)

Leroy Luther, Patton, shows that there is no doubt as to the nice fish in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Mr. Luther displays the nice catch of bass, pickerel, blue gills and bull-heads ranging up to 22 inches that he caught while vacationing last week end at Lake Henry in Lackawanna County, near Scranton.

SPORT SPOTS

By FRED OWENS

The 1955 football season will make its debut this week end.

Opening games are set for tomorrow and Saturday. And as an added attraction this year, fans will be able to see every area team in action at home.

Football 1955 style needs no introduction. Actually it began last month with the onset of the pre-season training period. Now it's going to be play for keeps. It's going to mean a win or a loss, and maybe a tie. It's going to be rugged, fast and action-packed. And in some ways it's going to be new.

This very colorful and entertaining game this year will very likely attract more interest in the local sports world than ever before. In all its spendor, football, as it's played here at home, annually attracts more fans and holds more interest than any other sport.

Yes, football in this part of the country is "lived" by most everyone, young and old alike. It's always the topic for discussion when September arrives and the tense, yet joyous atmosphere that always accompanies this thrilling game, is currently being shown everywhere.

Little can be said as to exactly what our area teams will show this year. The first games will be history by Sunday and with ever area team opening at home either tomorrow or Saturday, fans will be able to arrive at a quick conclusion as to just what their respective team will feature throughout the season.

Maybe first games aren't meant to be the climax of any sort, as the "bugs" must be ironed out of most every squad, but we feel fans will be able to get a fairly good idea of what their team can do.

In an accompanying story on this Sports Page you will note that we tried to run-down facts and figures of all six grid teams to make their appearances here against our local outfits this week end. Most every one of the visiting teams will be in good order for their opening games away from home.

The schedule shows that two games are set here Friday night and four more Saturday, three at night, the other in the afternoon.

Thanks to the generous co-operation of fellow sports writers we were able to gather information concerning the visiting outfits. Many thanks go to Phil Short, sports editor of the Altoona Mirror; Frank Carcan, sports editor of the Clearfield Progress; Will Boerge, sports editor of the Indiana Evening Gazette; the sports editor of the Huntingdon Daily Times and Ken Horoho, sports editor of The Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown.

More football: North Cambria Joint High School Colts of Head Coach Dan Miller, will open their 1955 schedule tomorrow night against Capt. Jack Joint High of Mt. Union at 8:00 p. m. at Spangler Stadium. Note Spangler Stadium.

According to school board officials the first two home games for the Colts will be at Spangler in order to divide up home games between Spangler and Barnesboro playing fields.

The second game at Spangler will be on Friday, Sept. 23 against Johnstown Catholic High.

Coaches were also named by the same school for the B Team and Junior High Team. Joseph Frontino of Spangler will direct the B Team and Daniel Vodzak of Barnesboro will replace Vernon Krug, Spangler, as coach of the Junior High School. Mr. Krug did not accept the position this year due to doctor's orders. Mr. Frontino replaces Vic Chervenak, who moved to the school's varsity team as backfield coach.

According to official reports from John Carroll Joint High School board, the annual All-Star game of the Cambria Co. Boys Football League, to be held Wednesday night, Oct. 12, Columbus Day, will be played at John Carroll Stadium in Carrolltown. As was announced in this newspaper last week the community was nominated by the league committee for the game, but permission of the school board was needed. The joint board met last Thursday evening.

Dale Hollern, guard, a letterman, and Ron Rickens, guard, both graduates and former stars in football at Cresson Joint High, were on the team roster last Thursday when Michigan State College opened football drills at the East Lansing (Mich.) school. They were among 74 called by Coach Hugh (Duffy) Dougherty, Barnesboro native. Hollern is a native of Ashville and is a senior this year. This season will mark the third straight year that he has played varsity ball. Rickens will be a sophomore this season.

Another Cresson youth, Bill Carney, will be playing in his first season this year for Arizona. He received a scholarship to the school this year after being graduate this spring from CHS.

Hither-and there — William D. O'Connor of Pittsburgh is the new athletic coach at Black Lick Twp. High School, Twin Rocks. He succeeds Byron Q. (Bucky) Folmer who accepted a post at the Lakeworth, Fla., high school. Folmer coached at Black Lick past four years. O'Connor graduated from Slippery Rock STC in 1950 and coached and taught one year in Slippery Rock area. . . John Nevins and George Demento are carrying on the work of directing Hastings-Elder High grid forces this year, according to an official report given this writer last week end.

ADDITIONAL SPORTS ON PAGE 2-C

Sept. 17 Opening Day For Living Room QBs

Get set you living room quarterbacks, next Saturday, Sept. 17, marks the opening date for the televised football season. And as the season gets going in full swing you had better line up at least two television sets, if your plan on tuning in every game to be televised.

The line-up for Saturday, Sept. 17, will be Miami University at Georgia Tech. This will be one of the top games for the week end. The game will begin at 3:15 p. m. on both WJAC-TV and KDKA-TV.

Be sure to keep abreast of the collegiate and professional televised grid games throughout the coming season. The complete weekly schedule of TV games will be published on this Sports Page throughout the 1955 season.

UNION PRESS-COURIER SPORTS

By FRED OWENS

LAST-MINUTE DEVELOPMENTS . . .

Some Grid Schedules Changed

John Carroll Slated To Meet Moshannon 'A' Team Saturday

Changes in the football schedule lingup always seem to be noted each year at this time just as the high school football season is about to get underway.

This year is no exception. And football fans should note well the important changes in several area high school grid schedules for the coming season.

Tomorrow night Northern Cambria Jt. High will entertain the Trojans of Captain Jack Jt. High School of Mount Union, at 8:00 p. m. at the Spangler Stadium. Note—Spangler Stadium.

The official home for the Colts has been Barnesboro Stadium, but this year the first two games on the Colts home card will be at Spangler. The other home game for North Cambria at the Spangler field will be the tilt with Johnstown Catholic on Friday night, Sept. 23.

All home games played in this area are at 8:00 p. m. And then this brings another change in the Colts card, in their two away games with DuBois on Friday, Oct. 7, and Clearfield, Friday, Nov. 4, the two games will get under way at 7:30 p. m. (DST).

More changes? Yes, sir!

According to official announcement today by officials of John Carroll Jt. High, Carrolltown, the Mountaineers will open their '55 season at JCHS Stadium, Carrolltown, at 8:00 p. m. this coming Saturday, Sept. 10, instead of the previously announced Friday, Sept. 9 date. And the Mountaineers will play the A Team of Class A Moshannon Valley Joint High, instead of the new jointure's B Team as was also previously announced. This change was made last week end on the request of the Clearfield County school.

It is interesting to note that Moshannon Valley Joint High, will open tomorrow night at 7:30 p. m. against Class A State College High School at State College, Centre County. Then they will travel to Carrolltown the following evening. That's rather a rough way to start the season.

Moshannon Valley High, formed into jointure this year, is comprised of students from Houtzdale-Woodward-Brisbin and Moshannon Jt. High School of Madera, and all surrounding townships. The joint school was formed only a few months ago.

Another change on the JCHS 1955 card will be that the Mountaineers will play Laurel Valley High next Friday, Sept. 16, at 3:00 p. m. at New Florence, Pa. This game was previously announced for Saturday the 17th. This change was also made this past week end.

More changes? To be sure!

Hastings-Elder Twp. High will travel to Indiana County to play Penn Manor High on Saturday, Sept. 17. This game will be played at Clymer, Pa., and not at the Hollwood field. New Penn Manor High, made up of Pine Twp. and Clymer Schools, is in effect for the first time this year. Only two games on the Penn Manor card are set for Clymer, and one is the game with the Hawks. The Indiana County team will be in Patton this Saturday to play the Panthers.

Now let's not get confused. Ebensburg-Cambria High will play all home games Saturdays at ships. The joint school was formed only a few months ago.

Hastings to Visit Clymer Sept. 17 In Penn Manor Tilt

8:00 p. m. Patton-Chest Panthers will play home games Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. Chief Logan High is in Mifflin County, located near Lewistown, and N. C. Colts play there Saturday afternoon, Oct. 29 at 2:30 p. m. The Cresson Indians, John Carroll Mountaineers and NCHS Colts play all other home games at Cresson, Carrolltown and Barnesboro, respectively, Friday evenings at 8:00 p. m. and Ebensburg and Hastings battle at home Saturdays at 8:00 p. m.

And no matter what team you call your own, get out to the games this year. Support your home team, win, lose or draw!

GRIDIRON MENU

Note — * Denotes Night Games

HIGH SCHOOL GAMES

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Captain Jack vs. North Cambria at Spangler Stadium *
Westmont at Cresson Joint *
Adams-Summerhill at Somerset *
LaSalle (Md.) at Bedford *
Hesett at Berlin *
Houtzdale at Black Lick (2:30)
Wilmerding at Blairsville Jt. *
Hosvell vs. Forbes at Windber *
Conemaugh Twp. at Lewistown *
Franklin vs. Johnstown Catholic at Point Stadium, Johnstown *
Indiana Jt. at Leechburg *
West Newton at Ligonier (1:30)
Manly Glo at Lilly (8:00)
South Fork at Portage *

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Penn Manor at Patton-Chest (2:30)
Moshannon Valley A at John Carroll Carrolltown *
Altoona Catholic at Hastings-Elder *
Conemaugh at Ebensburg *
Beaverdale at Gallitzin (2:00)
Richland Twp. vs. Ferndale at Point Stadium, Johnstown *
Johnstown at Charleroi *
Berry at Laura Lamar (2:30)
Purchase Line at Reynoldsville *
Shade at Windber *
Rider Ridge at United Joint *

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Ebensburg at Colver
Ashville-Dean at Spangler
Portage at Cresson
Revloc at Mylo Park

ADDITIONAL SPORTS ON PAGE 2-C

Early Game Bird Season Now Open

Rails, gallinules and sora are found in Pennsylvania principally in the southeast and northwest portions where there are extensive marsh areas. Not many persons hunt these shore birds, but those who do enjoyed their specialized sport beginning last Thursday, Sept. 1, may continue until October 30, inclusive.

The 35-day mourning dove season in this state begins Sept. 15 and ends Oct. 19. Doves have steadily increased in numbers in the past few years. Hunters find them to be fast on the wing and difficult to bag.

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