

West Side Tech coach excited about first year

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Gary Morgantini, despite serving as an assistant coach at West Side Vo-Tech School for the past 13 years, is now in his first year as head coach at the high school.

Morgantini said there were some good kids at West Side Vo-Tech who wanted to play football, so when Coach Ray McNulty resigned, he decided to apply for the position.

Morgantini resides with his wife, the former Susan Root, and two children in Harding.

Originally from West Wyoming, Morgantini graduated from West Wyoming High School in 1961 and from King's College in 1965. His son, Jeffrey, graduated from West Side Vo Tech and now attends Luzerne County Community College. His daughter, Jennifer, is a senior at Wyoming Area.

Morgantini taught in New Jersey for five years before accepting a position at West Side Vo Tech in 1970. He is presently Cooperative Vocational Education Instructor at the high school. He places students, who are eligible, in their career fields, through the school's work program. They must have developed enough basic skills in their class work to qualify for entry level employment.

Morgantini played football for West Wyoming and King's College, both at guard and tackle. He learned offense and defense from the late John Ludowski.

"I have three fine assistants working with me this season and we have some good kids willing to work at putting a good team on the field so we're giving it a try," said Morgantini.

Joseph Girman is working with Morgantini as offensive coordinator; Keith Orlandini is defensive coordinator; and Tom Schulde is offensive ends coach. All of them are pleased with the loyalty and dedication of the boys.



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TECH LETTERMEN — Adding experience and depth to this year's West Side Vo-Tech grid team will be these returning lettermen. From left, first row, Ben Vitkoski, Rich Gabeiesheski, Eric Johns, Heath Drako, Pat Brennan, Dan Miller.

Second row, Jeff Kehler, Randy Garney, Michael Thomas, Mike Romanowski, Len Rynkiewicz and Dave Richards. Absent at the time of the photo were Joe Valvano and Charles Brooks.

WS Tech outlook: positive

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Titans Coach Gary Morgantini has had 36 boys turn out for this year's team at West Side Vo-Tech but three have since had to drop out due to work or lack of transportation.

"When school opens, we'll probably have a few more out for the team," said Morgantini. "Transportation is a problem because our students come in from so

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