

# Interac Flexes Muscles

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For years, the Interacademic League football programs went largely unnoticed, passed off as a playtime for preppies. Lately, however, the Interac has been flexing its muscles — defeating big-name Catholic League schools Bonner, Archbishop Carroll and St. Joseph's Prep as well as Public League contenders Lincoln and Northeast the past two years.

Why should this year be any different? Malvern is strong, as usual, but the Friars are no lock for the championship of a highly-competitive league also inhabited by Haverford School, Germantown Academy and Penn Charter.

A look at the league's best:

## THE FAVORITES

Malvern Prep: Coach Jack (Shark) McGuinn lost three quality players—All-State tackle Herb Beck, tackle

Dan Riordan and safety Joe Rosati but still has a solid nucleus to defend the league championship. Offense will be geared around all-purpose quarterback Steve Donnelly, a 6-2, 185-pound senior who also stars in basketball; running back Jim Della Franco and center Mike Ameche. Defensive back Rich Devine may be the best athlete on the team.

Haverford School: Coach Mike Mayock's team gets the edge over Penn Charter and Germantown Academy if only because Fords have such quality skill-position players. Quarterback Mike Mayock Jr. was selected, along with Mastbaum's Mike Malave, as one of the Top 100 high school backs in a national publication. Scatback Tom Gallo and quality wide receiver Sam Clement, who caught 17 passes in Haverford's last two games, lead offense which features 210-pound center Rick Abbonizio. John Clark is an all-league candidate at tackle. Depth is a major problem.

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