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All-Area Football Team

Quarterback

FIRST TEAM

- **Kevin Reiland, Chester**, The 6-foot, 162-pound senior completed 89 of 153 passes for 1,675 yards and 19 touchdowns, and ran for 475 yards.

SECOND TEAM

- **Sam McHugh, Ridley**, 5-11, 166 pounds, senior.

Running Backs

FIRST TEAM

- **Chris Smith, Malvern Prep**, The 5-foot-8, 175-pound senior rushed for 2,222 yards.
- **Shayne Smith, Coatesville**, The 6-foot, 186-pound sophomore rushed for 2,102 yards.
- **Thomas Traylor, Pikesville**, The 5-10, 185-pound senior rushed for 1,427 yards.

SECOND TEAM

- **Samuel Green, Parkersburg**, 5-9, 170 pounds, senior.
- **Robert Grady, Springfield**, 6-2, 200 pounds, senior.
- **Tim Walters, Green Haven**, 6-2, 210 pounds, senior.

Receivers

FIRST TEAM

- **Mark Jones, South River**, The 5-10, 164-pound sophomore caught 28 passes for 582 yards.
- **Rob Hill, Maple Newton**, The 6-0, 165-pound senior led the area in receptions with 42 for 575 yards.

SECOND TEAM

- **Timothy Johnson, Imprints**, 6-1, 170 pounds, junior.
- **Earl Smith, Chester**, 6-2, 166 pounds, senior.

Offensive Linemen

FIRST TEAM

- **Pat Schneider, Upper Darby**, The 6-4, 295-pound senior tackle was a key to Coatesville's huge gains for running backs James Harwood and Tony Doherty.
- **Paul Cochran, Upper Darby**, The 6-2, 230-pound senior guard might have done the trick for Reiland if he had it.
- **Keith Boyer, Silverton**, The 6-3, 290-pound senior played much of the season with a broken leg, although it was fixed by the way he limped out Saturday off the field.
- **Travis Walker, Oneida**, The 6-foot, 268-pound junior is a member of the local football championships winning team.
- **Jim Connor, South River**, The 6-4, 245-pound junior, a natural tackle, played center for much of the season.

SECOND TEAM

- **Mike Butrick, South Haven**, 6-2, 220 pounds, senior.
- **Kevin Roman, Parkersburg**, 6-1, 220 pounds, senior.
- **Chris Knight, Coatesville**, 6-2, 220 pounds, senior.
- **Scott Clark, Imprints**, 6-1, 248 pounds, senior.
- **Mark Turfaldt, Montgomery**, 6-foot, 220 pounds, senior.

Specialist

FIRST TEAM

- **James Rivers, Oneida**, The 6-3, 200-pound senior was a dangerous return man as well as a Wednesday threat at receiver.

SECOND TEAM

- **Matt Foster, Sun Valley**, 5-10, 175 pounds, senior.

Defensive Linemen

FIRST TEAM

- **Kevin Smith, Central City**, The 6-foot, 255-pound senior nose guard averaged 13 tackles.
- **Sam Harwood, South River**, The 6-5, 238-pound senior posted 13 sacks.
- **Scott Hatcher, Springfield**, The 6-foot, 215-pound senior was the key to a defense that averaged 40 sacks in the regular season.
- **Jim Washburn, Malvern Prep**, The 6-foot, 215-pound senior helped the team lead Coatesville to an average of 4.2 points per game.

SECOND TEAM

- **Don Parris, Conestoga Academy**, 6-4, 220 pounds, senior.
- **Jeff Roman, South**, 6-3, 185 pounds, junior.
- **Paul Perry, Imprints**, 6-2, 215 pounds, senior.
- **Jim Connor, South River**, 6-4, 245 pounds, junior.

Linebackers

FIRST TEAM

- **Sam Walters, South River**, The 6-3, 210-pound senior was the heart of a defense that intercepted an average of one to 1.5 passes per game.
- **Ed Stefanski, Archbishop Carroll**, The 5-11, 180-pound senior led his team in sacks and pass interceptions.
- **Rob Reynolds, Maple Newton**, The 6-foot, 205-pound senior led his team in tackles, and "Duke" had 10 pass games.
- **Chris Reynolds, Ridley**, The 5-11, 180-pound senior led the Green Flyers in sacks.

SECOND TEAM

- **James Williams, Chester**, 6-3, 215 pounds, senior.
- **Danny Young, Chin Hills**, 5-8, 180 pounds, senior.
- **Richard Sims, Chin Hills**, 6-foot, 180 pounds, senior.
- **Amy Frank, Springfield**, 5-10, 200 pounds, senior.

Defensive Backs

FIRST TEAM

- **Samuel Green, Parkersburg**, The 5-8, 175-pound senior averaged more than 10 tackles per game. He recorded five sacks and intercepted two passes.
- **Mark Jones, South River**, The 5-10, 164-pound sophomore made six interceptions, including a game-winning interception, and was in on 100 tackles.
- **Kevin Smith, Coatesville**, The 6-foot, 186-pound senior might have been the final one-on-one cover man in the area. He finished with six interceptions and 50 pass breakups.

SECOND TEAM

- **Scott Hatcher, Springfield**, 6-1, 170 pounds, senior.
- **Richard Oudford, Lower Merion**, 6-1, 208 pounds, senior.
- **Brad Pittman, Ridley**, 5-10, 165 pounds, senior.

Wideback

FIRST TEAM

- **Jim Burley, Mansfield School**, The 5-9, 162-pound senior handled the Pottsville football and punting duties. He led the area with six field goals, including a 42-yarder.

SECOND TEAM

- **Jim Walsh, Springfield**, 6-0, 170 pounds, senior.

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