

You Think It's Hot?

Montgomery County Scholastic Football Teams Start Practice Monday Despite The Weather

The weather may be hot and humid, but Monday signals the start of another scholastic football season in Pennsylvania, with most Montgomery County high school grid elevens slated to get drills underway Monday morning.

Actually, tomorrow is the first legal day for PIAA-member schools to practice, but since the 18th falls on a Sunday, the practice sessions won't start 'til Monday.

Several of the schools will spend part of the pre-season training at distant camps, namely Norristown High, which goes to Camp Sun Mountain, Shawnee-on-Delaware, Monday, Aug. 26; Conshohocken High, which leaves tomorrow for a week's stay at Camp Conrad Weiser, Wernersville, and Upper Merion is going to Camp Rock Run in Chester County the last week of August.

The school which will probably draw the most attention in the county this year is the Lower Merion eleven. Fritz Brennan's crew will be out to maintain its undefeated skein started midway in the 1953 campaign, having gone through 31 games without losing, including 28 straight wins.

And this will be the final year for Lower Merion as such.



CHECKING TICKERS—Dr. Lester Sablosky, right, checks the heart beat of Bob Eastwood, team captain, as medical exams were given yesterday to more than 75 candidates for Norristown High's foot ball team. Waiting their turn are Charley Holmes, left, and Stew Percy. All three are lettermen from 1956. Drills start at 9 A. M., Monday, at Roosevelt Field.

Beginning September, 1958, if not earlier, the township's new high school, at Rosemont, will be ready for use and the school

population is to be divided, meaning a loss in athletic strength at the present school. As far as the local situation is

concerned, it appears like a case of building for the future for all seven schools concerned.

Here at Norristown High,

Ray Kent is starting his second year and although with 15 returning lettermen—the biggest total in years—the club is lacking in backfield material, although it's hoped some is developed by the opening gun next month.

Bishop Kenrick, with Dan Hoy at the helm, lost much of its first string this year, but with a huge total of 104 reporting to the first organizational meeting earlier this week, Hoy is fairly optimistic.

Conshohocken, coached by Ray Weaver, has manpower trouble, with only 37 expected to make the trip to camp next week. This same situation will hurt the Bridgeport High chances in the powerful Ches-Mont League, although Andy Ottaviano promises his club will hustle all year.

Upper Merion, in the biggest growing area around, will again be under the coaching of Ogie Martella and he hopes to improve upon last year's record.

Plymouth-Whitemarsh also lost many veterans at graduation in June and the Colonials face a drastic rebuilding job under the coaching of Ron Landes.

Bill Brannau is beginning his second year at St. Matthew's and the Mirrors are another club anxious to improve upon the 1956 mark.