

CVC undergoes a radical realignment

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Colonial Valley Conference football, as we've known it for the last 35 seasons, is about to take on a new look.

It couldn't have come at a better time.

Following a nightmare weekend when all six CVC teams that made the NJSIAA sectional playoffs lost — and by a resounding 243-32 margin — while the seven that participated in consolation playoff games also lost, the Mercer County-based CVC will join teams from Burlington County to be part of a 65-team, West Jersey Football League that will consist of six divisions.

To keep the CVC name alive, nine of the schools will join with Rancocas Valley from Mount Holly for a two-section Division II format.

Allentown, Princeton and Hopewell Valley are being placed with Pemberton and Northern Burlington in a five-school section in Division II. Ewing and Robbinsville join Florence and Bordentown in a four-team section in Division I.

It's the only section of the WJFL with fewer than five teams, perhaps because if Trenton Catholic Academy

ever decides to resurrect its football program, the Iron Mikes would appear to be a perfect fit in that section.

Division III of the WJFL will allow several of the county's oldest rivalries to continue, with WW-P North and South in the same grouping, and Nottingham, Hamilton and Steinert on the other side to continue their rivalries.

The merger between the CVC, Burlington/Olympic League and South Jersey's Tri-County League is no guarantee the quality of Mercer County football will improve because the larger CVC schools won't face any new opponent except Rancocas Valley.

The thought was that splitting the nine largest CVC teams into two divisions it would allow for crossover games with the likes of a Moorestown, Cherokee, Washington Township or some of the other usually strong South Jersey teams.

The potential for that to happen down the road is alive because the athletic directors who have orchestrated this merger have not ruled out the possibility of tweaking future schedules.

TRENTONIAN RANKINGS

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Pennsbury (9-2)
2. Neshaminy (9-2)
3. Notre Dame (9-1)
4. Hunterdon Central (9-1)
6. Council Rock South (8-3)
5. Council Rock North (6-5)
7. Seneca (7-2)
8. Moorestown (5-4)
9. Burlington Twp. (7-3)
10. Pemberton (5-4)
11. Conwell-Egan (5-5)
12. Lawrence (7-3)
13. Steinert (5-4)
14. Princeton (7-3)
15. West Windsor South (5-5)
16. Hamilton (4-5)
17. West Windsor No. (6-4)
18. Holy Cross (4-5)
19. Bensalem (3-8)
20. Rancocas Valley (2-7)
21. No. Burlington (3-7)
22. Truman (2-8)
23. Nottingham (3-7)
24. Trenton (2-7)
25. Allentown (4-5)
26. Hopewell Valley (2-8)
27. Hightstown (1-9)

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Cinnaminson (6-3)
2. Florence (5-4)
3. Willingboro (5-4)
4. Palmyra (5-4)
5. Burlington City (5-4)
6. Bristol (5-4)
7. Maple Shade (4-6)
8. Delran (3-6)
9. Ewing (3-7)
10. Bordentown (2-7)
11. Robbinsville (2-7)
12. Morrisville (7-4)
13. New Egypt (2-7)
14. South Hunterdon (1-8)
15. Riverside (0-9)

CVC REALIGNMENT

DIVISION I

Bordentown
Ewing
Florence
Robbinsville

Burlington City
Maple Shade
New Egypt
Palmyra
Riverside

DIVISION VI

Clayton
Pennsville
Pitman
Salem
Wildwood

Penns Grove
Glassboro
Gloucester City
Schalick
Woodstown

DIVISION II

Allentown
Hopewell Valley
Northern Burlington
Pemberton
Princeton

Burlington Township
Cinnaminson
Delran
Holy Cross
Willingboro

DIVISION V

Cherry Hill East
Clearview
Pennsauken
Shawnee
Winslow

Cherokee
Eastern
Lenape
Washington Twp.
Williamstown

DIVISION III

Hamilton West
Hightstown
Lawrence
Nottingham
Steinert

Notre Dame
Rancocas Valley
Trenton Central
West Windsor North
West Windsor South

DIVISION IV

Camden Cath
Cherry Hill West
Moorestown
Paul VI
Seneca

Cumberland
Delsea
Highland
Kingsway
Timber Creek
Triton

Bishop Eustace
Camden
Capitford