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High Schools

Late Penn Charter field goal gives edge over Moorestown

Phil Elbaum kicked a field goal with five minutes left, and that proved to be the difference for Penn Charter in its 24-21 nonleague football win over visiting Moorestown (N.J.).

Moorestown ended the game on Penn Charter's 1-yard line but could not stop the clock in time. Moorestown, the No. 5-ranked team in the Inquirer's South Jersey poll, took a 14-0 lead in the second quarter before the Little Quakers (2-2) got started on Bill McKinney's 80-yard punt return.

Penn Charter tied it on a 40-yard return of a recovered fumble by Ken Dewdney and a two-point conversion pass from Matt Ryan to Gerry Siano.

Albert Young's 60-yard fourth-quarter run put the Quakers (4-1) in a position to win the game. Young's 60-yard run was the longest of his career.

Moorestown's defense held Penn Charter to 117 yards and Brad Morgan kicked a field goal for GA.

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Suburban One League

Suburban 13, Plymouth-Whitman 10 - Jason Adams caught a 50-yard touchdown pass from Jeff Brennan with five minutes left to give the Warriors (6-0) a comeback from behind American Conference win, the first time since 1983 that Methuen has beaten P.W.

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Boys' soccer

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C.B. West QB misses game with suspension

By Frank Bertorello

INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Central Bucks West quarterback Mike Orbel did not play in his team's 35-7 victory over Council Rock on Friday night because he had been suspended from school.

Head coach Mike Carey said yesterday that he did not learn of the suspension until Friday afternoon. Carey said he did not know how long Orbel would be suspended or when he would return to the team.

In July, Orbel and five other teenagers pleaded guilty to charges of burglary, theft, receiving stolen property and underage drinking. Each was ordered to perform 40 hours of community service, pay \$20 restitution, and write an apology to the victims of the series of garage break-ins in the Doylestown area.

Orbel had complied with the terms of the sentence before pre-suspension practice began in mid-August.

Starting tailback Phil DiLaGomo moved to quarterback for the Bucks against Council Rock. He rushed for 105 yards and one touchdown and passed for 118 yards and another TD in the win.

The Bucks (6-0 record, 5-0 Suburban One National Conference) face archrival Central Bucks East (6-0, 5-0) Saturday night at Doylestown's War Memorial Field.

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Bob DiBenedetto thinks that playing tough teams has plenty of benefits.

Chestnut Hill coach doesn't try to avoid the soccer big boys

By Todd Zolecki

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Duck the best or play the best? Bob DiBenedetto prefers to do the latter every time, that is why the boys' soccer coach at Chestnut Hill Academy risks his team's record and another very year of scheduling some of the best teams in the country.

Already this season, the Blue Devils have played three teams that were formerly nationally ranked. And at the end of the month, they will play St. Albans Prep of Newark, N.J., the nation's current No. 1 team in the poll of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

It has been DiBenedetto's philosophy to play tough competition since he joined the Chestnut Hill coaching staff five years ago as an assistant. He does not see that changing.

DiBenedetto has coached the past Blue Devils' record, currently 5-1-1, by scheduling nonconference games. Who wouldn't love a 7-0 victory in a game in which a team eddies its bench? But DiBenedetto is just not sure who that kind of game would benefit in the long run.

Certainly not the players. Many of them play highly competitive club teams. They would probably gain more from an intrasquad scrimmage than from playing a doormat.

"I have a lot of top-notch Division I talent on my team," DiBenedetto said. "When you play better teams, they prepare the players for the [Inter-Academic League] season. And for those who play in college, they see some of the skill they might face in college."

It has also helped our players get recruited. When you play the No. 1 team in the country, a lot of college coaches are there. They might see a sophomore they like, and a few years down the road, that kid might end up at Notre Dame or wherever."

Senior Dan Gargas, probably Chestnut Hill's best player, has been recruited by a number of Division I schools. He has narrowed his choices to five — Georgetown, Wake Forest, Princeton, St. John's and Boston University.

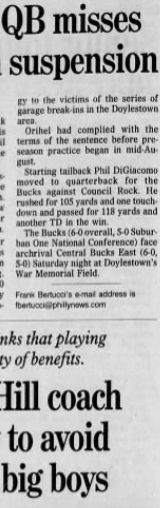
Seven other Blue Devils are being recruited by Division I schools — Nick Barker (West Virginia and BU), Stephen Datzlaj (Temple), Peter Perry (Holy Cross and Georgetown), Ross Brindle (Lafayette and Penn), Jeff Larentowicz (Lafayette, Brown and Holy Cross), Greg Muller (Holy Cross and Harvard) and Erik White (Harvard and Princeton).

Gargas said that his experience playing against top high school teams has helped.

"It's a great experience to go against some of the best high school players in the country and, obviously, some of the best teams," Gargas said. "It helps because it gives the other players on the team, who don't have club-soccer experience, a chance to see the level that they're not going to see everywhere."

"We could play bad teams and load up our schedule so we could have a great record. But when it comes to the Inter-Ac, that's all it struggles. They're all hard games."

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