

Harry Franks Predicts Good Season For Neshaminy High

(Editor's Note: This is the first of eight articles on the football prospects of the Lower Bucks high schools. COURIER and TIMES sports reporters Tom Juno and Don Butcofsky are covering the teams.)

By TOM JUNO
Sports Reporter

"We have a good ball club. Nothing second-rate about it. We go out there to win and intend to win this and the others."

Those are the words of coach Harry E. Franks as he prepares his Neshaminy Redskins for their opening game of the season against Muhlenberg Township tomorrow night at Albright College Stadium, Reading.

Anyone not knowing Franks would think that he was bragging. But Franks has made practically the same statement for the past three seasons and each year has backed it up with a fine team. His record of 28 wins in 30 games speaks better than the statement.

Even though Neshaminy lost its over 200-lb. tackle Charlie Koch

Jerry Maljden, and Tom Stricker.

Ahlum Back at End

Monty Ahlum, varsity end from last season is back and will have a starting berth. There is a close fight for the other starting wing position with George Rumsey most likely to draw the nod for the Muhlenberg opener with Dick Apsche ready to fill in. The other ends are Jim Niccoski, Ed Pellegrino, Wayne Leininger, Tom Kaufmann, Frank Matucci and Bill Fischer.

Two members of last season's Jayvees, Bob Armstrong and Gary Neilson will be at the tackle positions. Others aspiring to see action are Frank Tichner, Erwin Moyer, Joe Werner, Herm Bergner, Tom George, Frank Sarr and Rudy Widman.

Andy Davis, of last year's squad, will hold down one of the guard positions and Dale Puff will be on the other side of the center. Werner Biber, Al DeAngelis, Joe Markee, Earl Reeder and John Kapper are the other guards.

Don Boyer has been picked to start the opening game at center. He will receive help from Bill Rothenback, brother of last season's Bob Rothenback, and Frank Conroy.

Last season, Neshaminy scored an 18-3 win over Muhlenberg Township in a tilt played while the fringe of Hurricane Edna was hitting this area.

After Muhlenberg, Neshaminy plays Pleasantville and Eddystone in non-league games and then follows with its Lower Bucks League tilts. Neshaminy's 1954 record:

18—Muhlenberg Twp.	13
32—Eddystone	12
47—Delhaas	9
32—Council Rock	12
27—Morrisville	6
57—Bristol	13
32—Southampton	8
31—Pennsbury	6
20—Pleasantville	6
53—Bensalem	6
349	82

Tomorrow: Delhaas:

Here's The Way To Opener

Fans from this area going to the Neshaminy - Muhlenberg football opener tomorrow night starting at 8 o'clock, are advised that the best route is to take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to the Morgantown interchange.

Then take Route 122 to Reading to Bingaman street. Follow Bingaman street to 10th street and turn left. Go 18 blocks to Union street and Albright College Stadium is on the right.

Tuesday because of a broken leg, Franks feels confident over his prospects. Koch, who played varsity defensive tackle, will be out for the season.

Stars Gone

Franks lost most of his power-laden team of last season which rolled up 349 points on the opposition in chalking up ten straight wins. Among those who graduated were: Don Cameron, Joe Mornese, Stan Covington, Fred Buner, Chuck Swan, Bob Rothenback, Bob Hirst, Dick Wilt and Bill Simmers. In addition, Frank Ferguson is ineligible this season.

Coach Franks has decided on the starting quartet of his backfield which will carry out his single-wing plays. Jimmy Cummings will be calling the plays at quarterback with the pass-throwing Errol Faunce and Ned Moyer at the halfback posts. Bill Barrett will be at full.

Other backs are Charlie Orfe, Bob Picciotti, Jack Reilly, Jim Foster, Lou Laino, Jerry Levan,

Neshaminy Gridders Meet Muhlenberg Tonight In Reading

By BEN BOROWSKY
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ENROUTE TO READING—Neshaminy High School opens the Lower Bucks County Football League schedule tonight when it invades Albright College Stadium in Reading to play Muhlenberg Township.

Muhlenberg enters the game with a new coach. John B.

White takes over this season, replacing Lloyd "Scoop" Clemens, who coached the team for 10 years. The Mules are light but fast, with five starters returning from last year's squad, which bowed to Neshaminy, 18-13, in a game played while Hurricane Edna was in progress. In 1954, Muhlenberg won seven, while dropping three. They lost to Collingdale and Schuylkill Haven, besides the Neshaminy defeat.

"Good Club"

Neshaminy head coach Harry Franks insists he has "a good ball club" and his boys "intend to win this one". Jimmy Cummings will be at quarterback tonight. Errol Faunce and Ned Moyer will be at the halfback slots and Bill Barrett will start at fullback.

Monty Ahlum and George Ramsey will start at the ends for the Redskins. Bob Armstrong and Gary Neilson will man the tackle posts. Andy Davis and Dale Puff are the starting guards, flanking Don Boyer at center.

Lynn Oxenreider, a six-foot-four-inch holdover from last year, will start at end for Muhlenberg. Barry Bates will start at center. Bates and Oxenreider are co-captains for the Mules.

Werner At Half

John Schwamback and Russ Fetter, tackles, are also returning lettermen. Neil Werner, who will operate from the right halfback post is another returnee.

Other starters include Barry Gable at end, Howard Endy and Ken Cochran as guards, Larry Potteiger at quarter, Doug Clemens at halfback and Sal Messina at full-

back. Clemens is the son of the former coach, and he does the punting for the Mules.

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