

Neshaminy To Hold Sessions Under Lights

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The Neshaminy Redskins will hold night practice sessions to prepare for its 1955 grid season. On the practice field near the new Neshaminy High School, lights are being installed for the nocturnal sessions with the Neshaminy Boosters Association footing the bill.

Neshaminy was one of the area schools that took advantage of the PIAA rule that allows football practice on and after Aug. 18. The other schools were Bristol and Pennsbury, Morrisville, Delhaas, Council Rock, William Tennent (formerly Southampton) and Bensalem Township will begin practice next week.

Precisely at ten o'clock yesterday morning, Coach Harry Franks had his Neshaminy gridders on the field fully uniformed and starting their workouts. He took the backfield men and turned over the linemen to his assistant, John Petercuskie.

Neshaminy will also hold drills in the morning as its opening game with Muhlenberg Township is only 22 days away. There were 54 candidates at the start of the practice session although 82 boys registered for the team. More candidates are expected for today's sessions.

New Coach

Pennsbury's new coach, Al Matuza, spent yesterday morning talking to his 54 candidates and in the afternoon had a light workout on the field. Coach Matuza, his staff of assistants, and entire squad will leave for Camp Paul Abbey, Newton, N. J. on Aug. 25. He intends to hold practice sessions at 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. from Monday until Friday and at 9:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

Bristol's coach, Fred Prender, also starting his first season, lost no time in putting his boys to work as he already had given out the uniforms.

Prender had a good session and as he remarked afterwards, "I don't believe in fooling, time is too short. I am well-pleased with the spirit the boys showed the first day. They had the right attitude and really accepted their hard work in a good manner."

34 At Bristol

Coach Prender had 34 boys out for the squad. He expects four more to check in before the season opens. Two of them, Al VanWright and Johnny Sabol are on the injured list while the other two have summer jobs.

Bristol begins its season Sept. 23 against Ray Costello's Burlington Blue Devils in the annual "Little Brown Jug" tilt. Costello has twelve returning lettermen but according to New Jersey rules, the team is prohibited from starting practice before Sept. 1.

Coach John Antoni, Delhaas High, watched his candidates take their physicals yesterday. He will hold a light session today and begin practice in earnest Monday when the boys will be working out from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Forty-seven players took the physicals but Coach Antoni expects a squad of 70 after school sessions begin.

Council Rock begins its practice sessions Monday under the guidance of Coach Ben Hengst who recently was named head football coach. Hengst was assistant to coach Dom Sagolla last season. Hengst is expecting to have a squad of 25 players, six of which earned their letters last season. He has already received three hard blows with linemen Kirk and Bartholomew moving from the district and quarterback Bill Caulfraciuring his leg while playing touch football.

Bensalem To Camp

Bensalem Township High will again hold practice sessions at Camp Carson, Fredericksburg, Pa. The boys will be at camp from Sunday, Aug. 28 to Sunday, Sept. 3. Head coach Bob Rhiel, starting his second season at Bensalem, will give out his gear today and Monday at 6:30 p.m. Practice will begin next Wednesday following physical examinations of the players.

Rhiel will again be assisted by Tom Waters. They expect 55 players to report but Coach Rhiel gloomily said: "Only seven of them are lettermen."

Coach Gordon Davies will start his tenth season of Morrisville High coaching Monday when he is anticipating a squad of 40 to report. The Bulldogs will again train at United Church Camp in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., starting Aug. 28.

Another Lower Bucks freshman coach, Charlie Guditias at William Tennant High, will begin his sessions Monday. He feels certain that 40 players will be present with five of them from last season's team. The team will practice on the field at the new William Tennant High School but its home games will be played on the old Southampton High field.