

## SPORTS

# Neshaminy faces C.B. West in a clash of titans

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Remember the 1988 football season?

Neshaminy was 11-0, Central Bucks West 10-0-1, but the two Suburban One National Conference schools were not scheduled to play each other. And with there being no PIAA District 1 playoff system, Neshaminy was the district's Class AAA representative, with C.B. West eliminated because of a 14-14 Thanksgiving Day tie with Central Bucks East.

The two schools scheduled each other for 1989, with Neshaminy winning, 27-13, at West. It was West's turn for a 20-7 victory last season, again playing in Doylestown.

Now the rubber match is here, tomorrow night at Neshaminy (7:30 p.m.).

Both teams are 3-0, 1-0 in the conference, with the Bucks the top-ranked team in The Inquirer's Southeastern Pennsylvania poll. Neshaminy is ranked fifth.

Both teams have potential game-breakers, West with Matt "The Flea" Soncini, the Redskins with Bryan McGinty, who already has scored five touchdowns and intercepted three passes this season.

West has an edge in senior quarterback Greg Moylan, a starter since his sophomore year, and Neshaminy senior quarterback David Welsh is starting for the first year.

It's much too early to be calling this the game of the year in Bucks County, but there won't be many others that qualify.

**Council Rock (1-2, 0-1) at Central Bucks East (3-1, 1-0), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m.** This is another Suburban One National Conference match between two teams with many offensive weapons. The Patriots topped defending Patriot Division champion Pennsbury last week, 14-7, with a last-minute goal-line stand. With quarterback Sean Lenz throwing to Brian Penecale and Dave Zerby emerging as a dependable runner, East can score a lot of points. Council Rock was dumped by Neshaminy last week, 18-14. Quarterback Carl Albrecht has been inconsistent, throwing more interceptions than touchdown passes so far. With speedster Tommie Coleman recovered from a shoulder injury, Albrecht has a weapon he was missing in earlier games.

**Truman (1-3, 1-1) at Quakertown (3-1, 1-0), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m.** The drop from the powerful Suburban One National Conference to the Suburban One American (for smaller schools) has helped Truman. The Tigers have been in every game, losing twice on last-period scores, and clinching their lone win with a last-minute kickoff return for a TD. Quakertown was undefeated until it was routed by Plymouth-Whitemarsh, 45-0, last week. This is a Liberty Division game.

**Archbishop Wood (2-1, 1-0) at La Salle (4-0, 1-0), Saturday, noon.**

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This is a major test for Wood. La Salle is ranked seventh in Southeastern Pennsylvania, and has already beaten Valley Forge Military Academy — whose roster includes several post-high school players — and Suburban One American Liberty champion Plymouth-Whitemarsh. Wood's offense has been dynamic in victories over Monsignor Bonner (20-13) and Bishop Egan (36-0). Brian Kennedy has rushed for 277 yards and 6 TDs in three games, and senior Frank Engelkraut, in his first varsity season, has averaged 108 yards passing per game. A win, even a respectable performance, would make the Vikings a playoff contender in the Catholic League's Northern Division.

**Pennsbury (1-2, 0-1) at William Tennent (2-1, 0-1), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.** Both teams lost Suburban One National games last week, but Tennent's 27-7 loss to previously winless Abington has to be considered an upset. Having the previous week off might have hurt the Panthers, whose Jay Jones has caught one TD pass in each game this season. The Falcons learned in their 14-7 loss to Central Bucks East that they need a passing game. Eight-man defensive lines will be tough for even Randy Cox to run against.

**Bensalem (3-1, 1-1) at Norristown (3-1, 1-1), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.** Both teams lost last week, Bensalem to North Penn, Norristown to Central Bucks West, and need to win to stay close to the Suburban One National leaders. With Rasheen Robinson and Robsawne Little, the Owls have as potent a running attack as any team in the league. Norristown features the passing of QB Sean Scanlon.

**Bristol (1-3) at Riverside (N.J.) (1-0), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.** The Warriors were off last week, and Riverside, of the Burlington County Conference's Freedom Division, topped Pleasantville in its opener, after posting an 0-9 record last season.

**Morrisville (2-1-1, 1-1) at Perkiomen School (0-3, 0-2), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.** This is the first Independence League meeting between the schools, in Perkiomen's first year in the conference. The Bulldogs blew away Lower Moreland 47-0 last week after scoring one TD in its previous two games. Jeff Fletcher set a school record by rushing for 276 yards, in only 12 carries, against Lower Moreland, scoring 4 TDs.

**Bishop McDevitt (2-2, 0-1) at Bishop Egan (1-3, 0-1), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.** McDevitt has lost its last two games by a total of four points. That could be bad news for Egan, which has already allowed 98 points in four games.

**The George School (2-1) is off this week, playing next at Princeton Day School (N.J.) Oct. 12.**