

Will Coach's Resignation Bother Undefeated 'Skins?

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The weekend high school football schedule of nine games opens tonight with three encounters. Something has been added to the grid menu today that has most of the football fans buzzing.

A lot of excitement has been created with the announcement of John Petercuskie leaving the Neshaminy High coaching staff.

Followers of high school football are anxious to know what Petercuskie's move will do to the Redskin team. So far the Neshaminy gridders have won four and tied one.

The question being asked boils down to "will it have a psychological affect on the team?" Fans are wondering if the boys will feel downhearted, or will it work just the opposite and give the Redskin gridders an added incentive to try a bit harder to win the rest of the contests on the schedule.

Part of the answer may come

tonight when the Neshaminy footballers host Liberty High of Bethlehem starting at 8:15 o'clock.

Two More Tonight

Two additional games are on the books for tonight. Lower Merion will visit the Bristol Township Athletic Field to meet Woodrow Wilson. Another big game tonight will have Pennsylvania at Allentown stacking up against a tough Dieruff High team.

Six more games tomorrow involving Lower Bucks County teams are equally divided into three tilts in the afternoon and the remaining three under the lights at night.

The big one tomorrow afternoon (all three start at 2 o'clock) will be a Section Two LBCL event at Bensalem with the Owls hosting visiting Morrisville. Both are 1-0 in league action, the winner tomorrow will take over the Sectional Leadership.

Coach Harry Hollihan's Morrisville Bulldogs were edged 6-0 in the closing moments of last year's tussle. With a 3-1 overall mark so far this season, the Bulldogs will be out for revenge over the Owls who are 2-2 thus far.

Two addition afternoon tilts find Archbishop Wood at Wayne to play Valley Forge Military Academy while George School travels to Perkiomen to engage Perkiomen School.

Two League Games

Tomorrow night has games in

Lower Bucks involving two separate leagues. At 8 on the Bristol Township Athletic Field (Wilson High) it will be Bishop Egan getting a chance to pad its lead in the Northern Division of the Philadelphia Catholic League.

Coach Dick Bedesem's Eagles have a 2-0 division mark (4-1 overall) and tackle the Bishop McDévit gridders who are 0-2 in league play. Egan will be out to make it five straight victories.

At 8:15 in Newtown the fans will get a chance to sit in on a LBCL Section Two encounter when Lower Moreland is hosted by the Indians of Council Rock.

Neither team has won a league game and a win will move that school out of the basement of the league. With Council Rock sporting a 1-2 overall chart while Lower Moreland shows a 1-3 mark, a triumph tomorrow

night will give the winning squad a big boost.

The third tilt of the night, starting at 8, will send Bristol (1-2) into action at Lansdale against Lansdale High. Coach Red Kowal hopes to break the "away" jinx which has been hanging one-sided setbacks on his Warriors.

A win at Lansdale would snap the "hoodoo" on road games and set Bristol all even for the season.

For the first time in quite a number of weeks, there are no football games booked for Sunday involving Lower Bucks High school squads.



John Petercuskie is shown during a recent game giving instructions to his players along the sidelines. (Courier-Times Sports Photo)

Effective At End Of Season

Neshaminy's Petercuskie Resigns As Football Coach

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young, I've enjoyed every minute of it but these engagements and football keep me tied up from Aug. 1 to June." Petercuskie said.

Many Invitations

"And that's why I'm giving it up now. I've been invited to clinics and must refuse now because I will no longer be in coaching."

Petercuskie has been invited to clinics along the Atlantic Seaboard and in the Midwest and last year spoke at the Atlantic City Coaches Clinic, one of the largest gatherings held yearly. "It is tough for me to give it up. I know it will hurt a bit but this is the best thing for my family. I give a lot of time to football and have been coaching for 13 years."

Thinks Of Family

"And I've had just one vaca-

PETERCUSKIE'S COACHING RECORDS			
Year	W	L	T
*1958	8	1	1
*1959	10	1	0
1960	10	0	1
1961	11	1	0
X-1962	11	0	1
1963	9	0	1
1964	9	0	1
XX-1965	4	0	1

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*John Petercuskie and Harry Franks were co-head coaches.

X-Schedule forfeited due to ineligible player.

XX-Season not complete.

tion with my family. When you coach you have to be around during the summer. You worry in July and August about the coming season and make plans. "I'd like to take a couple of weeks like other people do with their families. My family is an important part of my life."

The Neshaminy coach lives in Feasterville with his wife, Dorothy, and three sons, Johnny 14; Gerry, 12; and Gary, 9.

Before coming to Neshaminy, Petercuskie was an assistant coach at Old Forge High, Pa. school for three years.

Petercuskie's achievements in

coaching have brought him many honors. Just last year he was awarded the Courier-Times Service Award for devotion to the youth of Lower Bucks County. 'Cuskie, as he is called has also been named "Coach Of The Year" several seasons.

Other Rumors

Petercuskie's decision to leave coaching has apparently closed the door on additional rumors that he would enter the college ranks. In the past he had been interviewed for other scholastic positions, including a vacant post at Pennsylvania four years ago, but Petercuskie never left Neshaminy.

The well-liked Petercuskie said he knew nothing of developments as far as a possible successor. "I have nothing to do with it but I will make recommendations."

Dr. King said nothing will be done until after the current season. "I do expect, however, to receive many applications for the position," he said.



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WINDSOR

Little League Sets Banquet

The Levittown International Little League will hold its annual awards banquet on Sunday at Westaby Hall, Hood Blvd., Fairless Hills, at 5 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Curt Simmons, former Phillies hurler presently pitching for the St. Louis Cardinals. There will be door prizes and other entertainment. A donation of \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children will be accepted.

Tickets may be obtained from Jim Scott at WI 5-7306.

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