

## SPORTS

## Haas leads North to all-star triumph

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When South quarterback Bob Bechtel leaned over his center to take the opening snap in Saturday night's Bucks County Lions Clubs All-Star Football Game, he saw something he had not seen since last summer — the cold, assassin-like eyes of North nose tackle Bill Haas. Bechtel was not jumping for joy at the sight.

Bechtel and his Harry S. Truman teammates, and Haas and his Archbishop Wood mates were inhabitants of the same pre-season camp last August, and the two bumped helmets more than a few times in scrimmages.

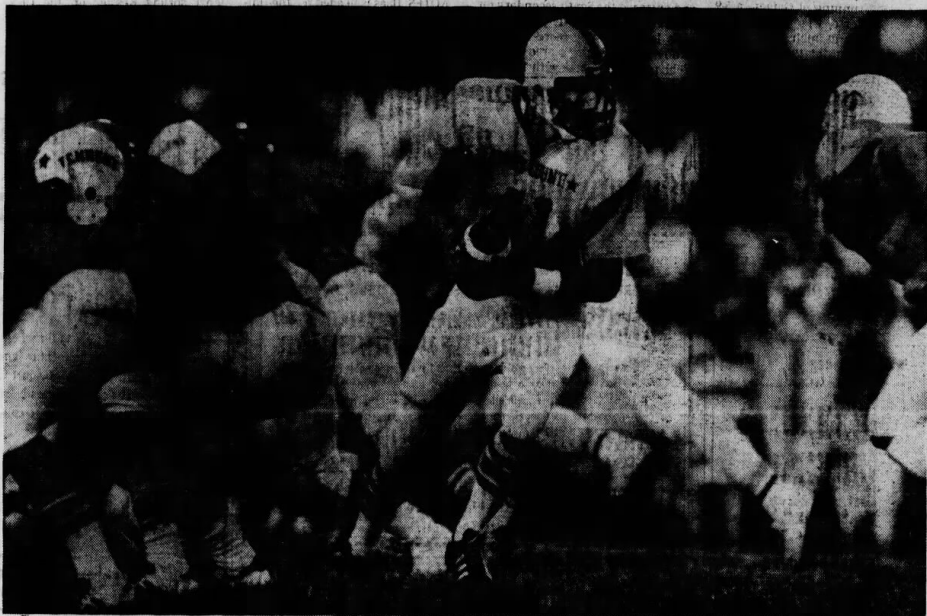
"By the end of camp, he was a little sick of seeing me," Haas said. "Ironically, we became pretty good friends when the pads came off."

Unfortunately for Bechtel, the pads were back on Saturday and Haas was his usual torrid self. The 6-foot, 1-inch, 245-pounder, playing nose tackle, collected four sacks and five other tackles and spearheaded a determined defense that led the North to a 16-14 victory.

There were some glowing offensive moments: a 53-yard, fourth-quarter touchdown run by the North's Keith Stevens (Quakertown), and the solid third-quarter running of the North's Paul Dennis (Central Bucks East) and the South's Jim Gafen (Morrisville). But this was a game dominated for the most part by a defense in which Haas played a major part.

The North's front wall — Haas, Wood teammates Brian Rankin and Mike Flannery, Dave Style of Quakertown and Doug Derstine of Pennridge — relayed the message to Bechtel early: Thou shalt not pass. Four times in the South's first two series, Bechtel tried to pass. Three of those times, the South QB had to eat the football. Twice the sacker was Haas.

"I was surprised to see him come out winging so early — usually in an all-star game coaches will go with the run, which is easier to execute, on such short practice time," Haas said. "When we saw that, our eyes lit up. Not only did we have a big front line, but everyone is very quick and



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Central Bucks West's Walt Kobrynski, playing quarterback for the North all-stars, getting set to pass during first-half action

we were able to chase him pretty well once he got out of the pocket."

Bechtel completed only two passes. Although his backup, Nelson Webb of Pennsbury, hit Neshaminy Langhorne's Jim Donahue with a 29-yard scoring toss in the final period, Webb did not fare much better, completing only two of seven passes. With the lack of a balanced attack, the South never did get on track offensively.

The nose tackle assignment was a slight change of scenery for Haas, who was an inquirer first-team all-

area selection at defensive end, where he terrorized Philadelphia Catholic League opponents. But the Wood standout acknowledged that the adjustment was not a major one.

"I played nose guard my sophomore year and, actually, I kind of like it," Haas said. "At defensive end, you get to free-lance a little more and use your quickness, but, basically, you can only make the play on your side. In the middle, I can go from side to side and get in on everything."

The North took an early 2-0 lead (which held up through the first

half) when South center Mark Hafensmaier sailed his snap over the head of punter Paul Kurtz, who recovered the ball in the end zone for a safety.

The North offense picked up in the second half under the direction of William Tennent's Rich Kessler, who played much of the first half at split end while North head coach Frank Krystyniak went with Doug Storck (Quakertown) and Walt Kobrynski (Central Bucks West) at quarterback.

"I had a little trouble in practice

getting the snap cleanly and I guess the coaches didn't want to take a chance of that happening in the game," said Kessler, whom Krystyniak named as his starting quarterback earlier in the week. "At half-time the coach told me he was going with me, so I just tried to stay relaxed back there."

Kessler gave his team a 9-0 lead with a six-yard end run (and Wade Hoover's point after) that climaxed a five-play, 50-yard drive early in the third quarter, but most of the leg work was done by C.F. East's Dennis, who carried four times for 44 yards.