

# Delivering a eulogy for the Cougars

By Elliot Tannenbaum  
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Tomorrow night, the Neshaminy Maple Point football program will be laid to rest. Services will be held at Upper Moreland. Touchdowns have been requested in lieu of flowers.

As a school, Maple Point will cease to exist after June, when it merges with its sister institution, Neshaminy Langhorne.

As a football program, Maple Point will cease to exist after tomorrow's game with Upper Moreland.

As an offense, Maple Point ceased to exist awhile back. The Cougars haven't scored a point in three weeks and now stand 1-8 overall, 1-6 in the Suburban One American Division. At least it will all be over soon.

If this injury-riddled shell of a club has anything left to give, it will give everything it's got.

"We've lost our two best quarterbacks, and we're down to 27 kids," coach Bill Crozier lamented. "It's just been a horrendous season for us.

"Whether the kids will be psychologically ready to play, I have no question. But physically, whether we're ready to go, I have my doubts. We're pretty battered. But we won't go down without a fight."

The Upper Moreland Bears (4-3-1, 4-2), honorary pallbearers at the funeral, probably have too much talent to succumb to whatever emotion Maple Point can muster up.

The Bears are coming off a 36-21 upset of Cheltenham — their first victory in a month — and they can lock up a winning record by beating Maple Point this week and woeful Lower Moreland the next.

In winning, the Bears didn't stop Cheltenham quarterback Mitch Goldberg from doing his thing. Goldberg threw for 218 yards. What they did was outscore him.

They shifted from their normal pro-I set into a power-I several times at midfield and ripped out yardage in five-yard chunks. Until then, the Bears had used the power-I only in goal-line situations.

Fullback Dave Farina blocked well for tailback Tony Kwiatkowski and carried 15 times himself for 131 yards. On defense, he picked off a Goldberg pass in the third quarter and returned it 30 yards for the touchdown that put Upper Moreland ahead for good, 22-21.

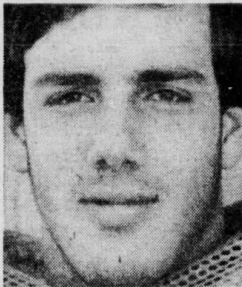
Farina is the name of a mushy cereal. No name could be less fitting for Dave Farina.

"He's a real character kid," Bear coach John Barron declared. "He's our co-captain, and he feels every mistake the team makes, it must be his mistake.

"If he has a fault, it's that he worries he can always do more.

"Of course, sometimes he does do more, and it's a heck of a shot in the arm for us. In the Souderton game, their quarterback rolled out, and he hesitated an extra second, and David came over from the other side and stuck the kid, really destroyed him."

This week, Farina will be aiming at fullback Jon Stern, Maple Point's



Dave Farina

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## Neshaminy Maple Pt. at Upper Moreland

7:30 p.m. tomorrow

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only excuse for an offense. The 6-foot-2 junior has rushed for more than 100 yards four times this year.

Upper Moreland's top running threat, Kwiatkowski, left the Cheltenham game in the third quarter with a hip injury, and he may not be at full speed tomorrow. That means Farina may have to deliver the eulogy when they lay Maple Point to rest.

Now, if the corpse will just lie still.

## George Scho that tarnish

By Mike Missanelli  
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A win for the Academy of the New Church over George School in the season's final game would help ease the pain of what has been a rather dismal year. But coach Dudley Davis points to an even bigger reason than that for winning — a three-foot trophy that gleams from the academy's prestigious glass cabinet in Asplundh Fieldhouse.

ANC and George have been playing for the cup since the 1920s, and no matter who's up and who's down, or how poor both teams' records are, no player lacks incentive in a meeting between the two schools.

"It's one of those big old trophies with a lot of tarnish and plenty of memories," said Davis. "And, I swear, if you take it out of that case, the darn thing looks empty. That should be incentive enough to keep it there."

George School hasn't had the trophy since 1975, when it last beat ANC in football. But this year, the private school from Newtown is making shipment plans.

After losing its first four games, George has exploded for consecutive wins over Friends Central (45-0), a team that beat ANC two weeks ago, and St. Andrews of Delaware (38-13, last week).

The Cougars' strength is in their running backs, 5-foot-9, 165-pound senior fullback Dave Cadwallader 3d and 5-foot-10, 170-pound junior halfback John Jorgenson. The duo shared five touchdowns against St. Andrews. When quarterback Jeff Freedman takes to the air, his target usually is wideout R.J. Wiley.

"I suspect they'll be riding high."