

Abington and Wood to be tested this week

Two games highlight this week's scholastic football action: Neshaminy at Archbishop Wood.

Neshaminy used a 5-yard touch-down run by Tom Knox with 32 seconds to play to upset Downingtown last week and Abington received 100-yard rushing games from Chris Roberts and Larry Waugh for the second time in three weeks as it crushed Upper Merion.

Father Judge is coming off a big loss to Bishop McDevitt, and the Crusaders are just itching to make somebody pay for that embarrassment. Wood is coming off a narrow win over North Catholic in a game that was marred by penalties and mistakes. To beat Judge, Wood will need a mistake-free performance.

Got back on my feet last week with a 10-2 predictions record. That's the real me. Best pick last week: Archbishop Wood over North Catholic. Worst: Archbishop Kennedy over Lansdale Catholic. There are 15 games on tap this week.

Last week's record: 10-2; season: 23-9, 71 percent.

Quakertown (1-1-1) at Wissahickon (1-2). Quakertown collected 263 total offensive yards in a win over Upper Perkiomen last week. But the Wissahickon players are still smarting

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over forfeiting two games due to a teachers' strike. This week, they take out their frustrations on the Panthers. **Pick: Wissahickon.**

Souderton (1-2) at Upper Dublin (2-1). Upper Dublin has been self-destructing this season, but Souderton might not be talented enough to take advantage of the UD mistakes. Don't bet the ranch on the UD Cardinals, but it's time they played a good game. **Pick: Upper Dublin.**

Jenkintown (0-0) at ANC (1-0). Jenkintown has missed three games due to a teachers' strike and will open this weekend. The Academy of the New Church opened last weekend with a big win over Princeton Day School. Look for the Drakes to be rusty and ANC to score a lot through the air. **Pick: Academy of the New Church.**

Cheltenham (0-3) at Upper Moreland (2-1). Upper Moreland has shown the ability to make the big play when it really needs it. Cheltenham hasn't shown the ability to score more than once. This game won't be very high-scoring, but it will be competitive. **Pick: Upper Moreland.**

Springfield (2-1) at Upper Merion (0-3). Springfield played very well in a big win over Morrisville last week and Upper Merion hasn't won a game yet. But the Vikings' program is big and proven and it's time they broke into the winning streak. Springfield might upset, but don't count on it. **Pick: Upper Merion.**

Bensalem (1-0) at Central Bucks East (2-1). Bensalem just nipped a mediocre Roman Catholic team last week and Central Bucks East is still smarting after being topped by William Tennent. Here's where East shows its mettle on the rebound. **Pick: Central Bucks East.**

Archbishop Kennedy (2-1) at Harrington (0-3). Archbishop Kennedy did not play well against Lansdale Catholic last week, but Harrington is the perfect team to play when you need a lift. The Rams lost to Garnet Valley last week. It's time AK reached its potential. **Pick: Archbishop Ken-**

edy.

Central Bucks West (2-0) at William Tennent (2-1). William Tennent played a nice game in a win over Central Bucks East last week, but that won't happen this week. Central Bucks West is on a mission: to prove that a change in leagues means nothing to their program. They'll beat anybody. **Pick: Central Bucks West.**

Neshaminy (3-0) at Abington (3-0). One of the best games the area has to offer. Neshaminy upset Downingtown last week after being down by 15 points and Abington clobbered Upper Merion. Both teams have fine rushers, but Abington is on a roll. **Pick: Abington.**

Bishop McDevitt (3-0) at Bishop Kenrick (0-3). Bishop Kenrick lost to Bishop Egan by a 30-0 score last week and McDevitt beat Egan 28-7 two weeks ago. Enough said. **Pick: Bishop McDevitt.**

Lower Moreland (2-0) at Plymouth-Whitemarsh (2-0-1). The records may not indicate it, but Lower Moreland doesn't have a chance here. Plymouth-Whitemarsh has an outstanding rushing game and an opportunistic defense. Check out P-W quarterback Sean Haley. He has one of the area's best throwing arms. **Pick: Plymouth-Whitemarsh.**

Hatboro-Horsham (0-3) at Methacton (1-2). Hatboro-Horsham has yet to show any offense, scoring just 7 points in three games. Methacton, a loser to Norristown last week, isn't a scoring machine. But the Warriors may look good in this one. **Pick: Methacton.**

Germantown Academy (0-1) at Hill School (0-1). Germantown Academy is decimated by injuries, but Hill School failed to score against Wyoming (Del.) Seminary last week. However, Hill has a big physical team and GA is no match for big teams. GA won't conquer this Hill. **Pick: Hill School.**

La Salle (0-2) at Cardinal Dougherty (0-3). Neither of these teams have shown much offense so far, but La Salle is due to break out of its slump. Look for La Salle runner Ace Amachi to gain more than 100 yards for the second straight week. **Pick: La Salle.**

Father Judge (1-2) at Archbishop Wood (2-1). Father Judge impressed no one with its performance against Bishop McDevitt last week. But Archbishop Wood didn't exactly overpower North Catholic, either. However, Wood is riding a two-game winning streak and emotion will carry the Vikings through this game. **Pick: Archbishop Wood.**