

Swartz, Pete Cordelli Jr. gain Neshaminy grid Hall of Fame

A former area high school athletic star and the son of another former area star have been inducted into the Neshaminy High School Football Hall of Fame.

Jack Swartz, who coached football at the former Carbondale Benjamin Franklin High School before serving five seasons as Neshaminy's head coach, and Pete Cordelli Jr., an All-State quarterback at the Langhorne school in 1971 and currently receivers coach at the University of Notre Dame, were formally inducted in ceremonies at Neshaminy's final game of the 1986 football season.

Cordelli, a native of Peckville, played under Swartz, who succeeded Cordelli's father, a former player and coach at Blakely High School, as Neshaminy's football coach. The elder Cordelli, who retired as a Neshaminy teacher in 1983, and his wife Helen now make their home in Peckville.

Swartz and Cordelli, along with the other inductees, were presented with plaques recognizing their achievements. Pete Cordelli Sr. accepted for his son, who was unable to leave his college coaching duties to attend the ceremonies.

"Jack Swartz did a great job as Neshaminy's football coach," said Richard H. Evans, principal of the



JACK SWARTZ

school and a Scranton native who also resided in Taylor before moving to Morrisville some years ago.

"Pete Cordelli Jr. was an excellent student and that goes for all the Cordellis who attended Neshaminy. They were absolute gentlemen all the way and super athletes. They were tremendously coachable. They worked hard in school and all have been successful in their careers."

Bruce and Mark Cordelli followed in the footsteps of their



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brother as Neshaminy football players. Bruce is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. Mark is a member of the football team at the University of Arkansas. They also have a sister, Lisa.

Evans said the idea for a Neshaminy Football Hall of Fame grew out of a recommendation by a group at the school who felt that special recognition should be given to persons who made a