



'71 Neshaminy Redskins "Team of the Century"



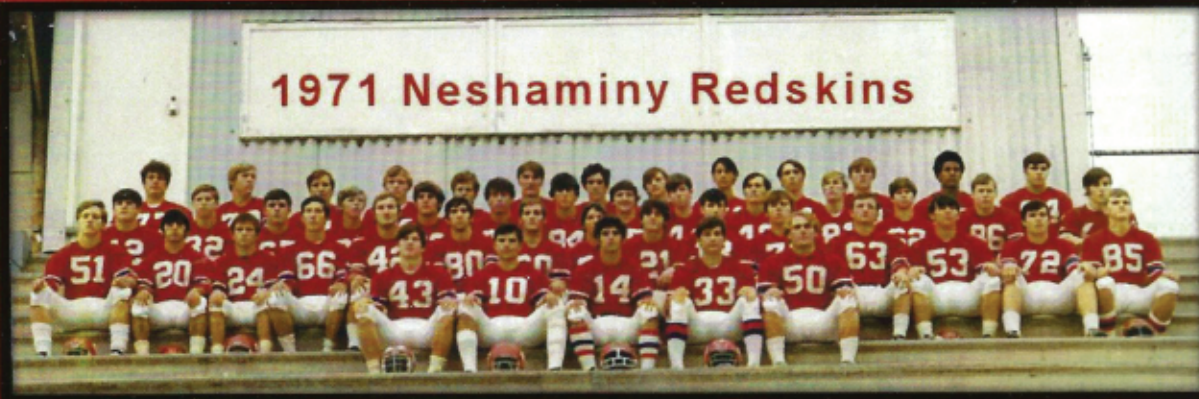
**40 Year Reunion
1971-2011**

Friday, September 30, 2011

Roster & Staff

Num	Name	Pos	Height	Weight	Grade	Num	Name	Pos	Height	Weight	Grade
10	Pete Cordelli	QB	6'1"	195	12	51	Dave Pollock	T	6'2"	185	12
11	Don Dripps	QB	5'9"	160	11	52	Frank Conger	C	5'9"	165	11
12	Bob Grupp	QB	5'11"	180	11	60	Charles Conger	G	5'9"	170	12
13	Jay Sidman	DB	5'9"	175	12	62	Steve Boyles	G	5'7"	150	11
14	Dale Forchetti	E	5'11"	170	12	63	Joe Chamberlain	G	5'8"	170	12
20	Mike Pannucci	HB	5'5"	155	12	64	Bob Miller	G	5'9"	190	11
21	Jeff Shenefelt	DB	5'10"	165	12	65	Rich Gehring	K	6'0"	170	12
21	Gary Pento	HB	5'9"	160	12	66	Don Whitesell	G	5'11"	165	12
22	Pete Kershbaumer	HB	6'0"	160	11	67	Ben Watson	G	6'0"	190	11
22	Rich Kautter	DB	5'8"	160	12	70	Mark Strawbridge	T	6'2"	210	11
23	Bart Smith	HB	6'3"	175	11	71	Dan Meier	T	6'1"	215	12
24	Bill Trabosh	HB	5'4"	155	12	72	Steve Luce	T	5'11"	190	12
30	Ellis Connor	DB	6'3"	175	11	73	Doug Johnston	T	6'4"	205	11
31	Curt Rittler	DB	5'11"	160	11	74	Len Barker	T	6'3"	210	11
32	Joe Sroba	HB	5'10"	175	11	75	Den Whitesell	E	5'9"	165	12
33	Bruce Traney	FB	6'2"	205	12	77	Jerry Coniglio	T	6'0"	205	11
34	Kip Portman	FB	5'7"	165	11	80	Joe Noky	DE	5'11"	175	12
35	Rich McIntyre	HB	5'10"	180	12	81	Pete Sabol	E	6'1"	175	12
36	Joe Carney	DB	5'9"	160	12	82	Mike Craig	E	6'0"	165	12
40	Bill Mote	C	6'0"	175	12	83	Steve Gale	E	5'11"	165	11
41	Pete Schupakus	HB	6'3"	210	12	84	Chris Larkin	E	6'4"	175	11
42	Dave Pyle	LB	6'0"	200	12	85	John Connaughton	DE	6'2"	180	12
43	Bruce McHale	E	6'2"	192	12	86	Tim O'Brien	E	6'0"	185	11
44	Steve Schaller	E	6'1"	170	12	87	Bob Fox	E	6'0"	175	11
40	Chuck Lodge	C	6'2"	205	12	87	Barry Sullivan	K	6'0"	168	11
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John Swartz	Head Coach	Mike Bowman	Trainer	Dr. Charles H. Bryan	Superintendent
Pal Allison	Ass't Coach	Dave Williams	Student Trainer	Dr. David Marrington	Principal
Jerry Levans	Ass't Coach	Mark Reidy	Student Trainer	Dr. Stanley Howell	Ass't Principal
John Watto	Ass't Coach	Brad Zucker	Student Trainer	Harry Franks	Ass't Principal
Gandy Kurzinsky	Head JV Coach	Joel Baba	Equipment Mgr	Edwin Cunfer	Ass't Principal
John Harvey	Ass't JV Coach	Andrew Pecuch	Athletic Contest Supervision	Richard Schlicher	Ass't Principal
John Markowitz	Ass't JV Coach	Anthony J. Biancosino	Band Director	George O'Brien	Ass't Principal
Allen Becket	Student Mgr	Jim Fitt	Majorette & Color Guard		
Bill Bahm	Student Mgr	Frances DeShields	Cheerleading Coach		
Steve O'Brien	Student Mgr	Charlie Podlesny	Program		
Dan Garner	Student Mgr	Dr William Barrett	Team Physician		



WELCOME

Forty years ago this fall a small group of men and 50 teenage athletes assembled on the playing fields of Neshaminy High School to forge the 44th edition of its football team, the Redskins. And although it may have appeared that what they were about to pursue was just a three- or four-month undertaking, it was in reality much, much more. In fact, it can be argued it was the end result of a quarter-century of coaching for the men that held the tiller and ten years of playing the game for the boys that took the field. Plus with hindsight always twenty-twenty, it can also be said that collectively the team and their coaches were well aware that as much had been given them, much was expected of them.

With a mandate as clear as crystal, they then set about to accomplish something very special that season; something that hadn't yet been seen in Langhorne despite the tradition and success that draped "The Ridge". And accomplish it they did. Lining up eleven times and coming away victorious week after week, they delivered a perfect season to their families; their fellow students, teachers and school administrators; their fans throughout the community and beyond; and, of course, themselves. Then growing more significant with each passing year, that season has become etched in 'Skins' history as the gold standard benchmark. Supporting that thesis too, the 1971 Redskins club, "The Team of The Century", has come to be regarded as one of both Neshaminy's, and Pennsylvania's, all-time greatest scholastic grid squads.

Now tonight, September 30, 2011, they take the field once again. This time, though, it's not to don pads, helmets and cleats. Instead, it's to gather together with each other and their families and friends, to celebrate not only that very special season but also the forty years of their lives and times that have passed since their last group endeavor--the '71 football season. And as they do, as they share the stories, laughs and pictures they've accumulated since that great year of their youth, they surely will recall most vividly those three months when it truly could be said that they were the best damn football team anybody had ever seen.

Thank you for coming tonight and celebrating with the '71 Neshaminy Redskins.



Pete Cordelli



I live in Memphis, Tennessee and have been married to Lorri Gillock Cordelli for 27 years. We have two daughters, Katie Cordelli Myers, 26, and Kelly Cordelli, 25. Katie was married in 2009 and lives in Toronto, Canada with her husband Dan. Kelly lives and works in Nashville. Lorri is a financial advisor at Raymond James. My freshman year of college was at Cornell University where our freshman team was 5-0. I then transferred to NC State and became injured before my senior year. Because I could not play anymore, Coach Lou Holtz allowed me to start my coaching career early. I was fortunate enough to spend the first 14 years of my career with him at Arkansas, Minnesota, and then Notre Dame where we won the National Championship in 1988. I continued coaching at the college level for another 14 years. After leaving the college game, I became a high school coach. I have also hosted sports radio over the years, and was the color commentator for The University of Mississippi for 12 years. I now work for the SEC Digital Network doing a weekly segment on Southeastern Conference football.

Because my Dad was a coach at Neshaminy, I was fortunate enough to be around the program for a long time and I saw many great players and teams over the years. My favorite memory as a part of the Redskin family was beating Pennsbury in our final game of 1971 giving us an undefeated season. From the preparation our team made starting in the summer at "THE SECLUDED CAMP LEVANS", through the two-a-day practices, continuing to get better every week, until we finished a perfect season, reminds me of a line from a Bob Segar song: "These are the memories that make me a wealthy soul." As I reflect back on that great season, every one of you guys, as teammates and friends, have made me realize what a lucky and wealthy soul I am. THANK YOU.

I have been married to Adrienne for 31 years and we live in Ellicott, Maryland. As a side note, one night in 1978 I was at a bar called the Flaming Pit in Cockeysville, Maryland with Bobby Grupp, Joey Sroba and Ray Hoover. I met my wife that night and we were married in 1980 (good place to go that night, guys). We have a son, Eric, who lives in Seattle and a daughter, Sarah, who lives with her husband Lee and their son Louis in ElkrIDGE, Maryland. After graduating from Neshaminy, I spent 4 years at the University of Delaware becoming a Civil Engineer. I moved to Baltimore in 1977 where I took a job with Greiner designing bridges and after 34 years I'm still working for that same company except that the name is now URS and I've moved into IT management in our office along the way. I've coached my kids in soccer and baseball, and spent years in scouts with my son. I still play softball on our company team and I ride my bike a couple times a week. I golf too but not very well.

There is no shortage of memories but one that stands out was from 1971. Bart or Dale got banged up in one of the games and had to come off the field. I went in to replace him. As soon as I got in the huddle Bruce McHale looked at me and said something to me like "don't screw up" (maybe not those exact words but close). I didn't and the next play I was back on the bench. Another time at the end of the Pennridge game they were emptying the bench and I went in to play quarterback. I handed off a few times and then the play came in from the bench, it was a "QB sneak". Coach probably thought it was a safe play, but I fumbled. Funny thing is, I'm not sure anyone ever knew (except for me and whichever of our linemen recovered the ball). Then there was the time just before the Egan game. I remember Coach Swartz talking to us at the end of a practice and telling us "don't believe everything we read in the paper." Little did I know Coach was talking about me! And that very night the paper quoted Coach saying that I would be starting at quarterback due to injuries to Cordelli and Grupp (I certainly enjoyed the gamesmanship being played by Coach). I'll always remember playing football at "The Ridge" and being part of that perfect season in '71.



Don Dripps





Bob Grupp



I live in Langhorne Manor having moved here from Levittown with my family at the age of ten. I have five great children: Alyssa, Kyle, Kaila, Jenna, and Trey who range in age from 16 to 25. Four of them are Penn Staters. Raising my kids has been the highlight of my life. Although they can either make you feel real old fast, or keep you young, I'm lucky in that so far I feel (mostly) young! And through it all, having my immediate family close by throughout the many years has been a blessing. My working life has been spent in the Financial Planning business for the last 25 years.

Thinking of some of my favorite moments, they would first include the mutual admiration and respect the players and Coach Swartz' coaching staff had for each other. Then there would be the near silence in Gym 1 during the pregame ritual with the "33s" (records) spinning those college fight songs! A few more include running down the ramp and hearing "Look to the left ... here come the Redskins!" Or the students, fans and cheerleaders singing our fight song as the band played after the countless touchdowns (all of that still gives me chills to this day when I attend games on Friday nights). Plus backing up arguably the best quarterback ever to play at the "Ridge" - Pete Cordelli (23 touchdown passes which is still a Lower Bucks record) - that was something. Dale Forchetti mesmerizing the crowd; Chuckie Lodge - a man amongst boys at center and linebacker; Bruce McHale - his tenacity and quiet leadership; Bruce Traney - a high school rambling wreck at fullback; an unrelenting defense and too many other seniors and juniors to single out (that's just a small list too). And please let me know if there is a better high school place to play football than at "Heartbreak Ridge"!!

I live in Tevose and am married to my great wife, Terri. I have two children, Trevor and Lindsey, both graduates of Neshaminy. I have a son in law, Shawn, and a one-year old grandson named Dylan. I also have two dogs, a cat, and a turtle (we always seemed to collect our children's pets before they moved out on their own). I survived my twenties but barely! I was the head coach of a very successful wrestling program at Archbishop Wood high school in Warminster for six years. I also worked as an assistant football coach during my time at Wood. After high school coaching I spent my time with my family, coaching both children in a variety of sports. I currently work for United Electric Supply, a regional electric distributor. I have been in the industry for over thirty-five years. My hobbies are snow skiing, travel, sports and outdoor activities with my family and two dogs.

Wow - my favorite Redskin moment, where to begin as there were so many. I could say what a rush it was to run on the field for the first time as a sophomore, when we beat Egan 27-24 (coming from behind twice). There were many special moments over the next three years, including friendships that were made. When I look back and reflect, there is one moment that does stand out above all. Game day against Pennsbury my senior year with our record standing at 10-0 just a few hours before game. We were all at the school, getting taped and doing our usual pre-game stuff. Our game jerseys and helmets were laid out and we were all just waiting for Swartz to give the word to "buckle up". When the word was given, I realized that this was the last time I would be doing this. This was my last game. I had played football since I was nine years old. I had played with Jeff Shenefelt and both Charlie and Frank Conger all those years. And there were other guys too, all through junior high, and then the rest of the team and three years at Neshaminy. While putting on my equipment for the last time, I couldn't have been more inspired and thankful to be a member of that team. Plus I had an interception that day and the TEAM finished 11-0. It doesn't end better than that!!!!!!



Jay Sidman





Dale Forchetti



I currently live in Penndel and am the proud father of Luke, 26, Sarah, 24, and Jake who is 22. I have my own business which is involved in building, repairing and servicing swimming pools.

There are a lot of terrific moments that I recall and a few that stand out include when I was a sophomore and first realized how fortunate I was to follow in my older brothers' footsteps as a Redskin. Plus the opening game against Bishop Egan that season couldn't have been more exciting. Neshaminy hadn't scored on them for three years and we gave them their only loss of the season that night. And the first time I touched the football as a Redskin (in that game), I returned a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown (which also broke the scoreless run they had on us). Then during my junior year I got the chance to start a game as a running back against Allentown's Louis Dieruff. I scored one TD on a reverse and later "won" the game with a tap dance in the end zone and a two-point conversion catch (it capped a great drive by the team). Unfortunately, the following week we played another undefeated team, Bethlehem Liberty, and lost to them on the infamous phantom holding call which brought back a kickoff I had returned for a score. Finally, my senior year ended - for us all - in the game against Pennsbury and it requires no explanation for anyone (and the "build up", atmosphere and outcome will always be the biggest thrill of my high school football career).

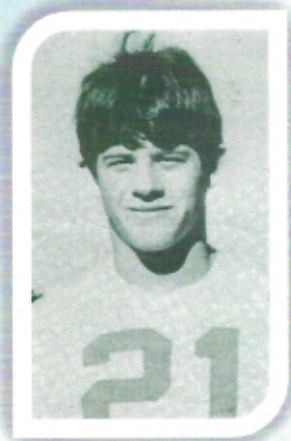
I live in Melbourne, Florida having moved down here with my family in 1980. I've been blessed with my two great "kids", my daughter Jessica who is 33 years old and my son Mike who is 31. Jessica is a manager for Victoria's Secret and Mike is a fireman here in Melbourne. I've owned my own tile and marble installation company over the last 30 years. Life has sometimes been hard but it's been fun too. For instance, I have achieved the "only" goal in my life (I always loved the ocean and wanted to live the "BEACH LIFE" like the New Jersey shore I used to visit as a kid). Being able to work and survive in this "cheap" state of Florida, I actually could afford to live with the ocean only twenty feet away from my living room and bedroom. Because of luck, and a lot of hard work, I was able to live and raise my kids by myself and on the ocean front for almost 20 years until I recently suffered a brain aneurysm (I wasn't expecting that); however, after being in a coma and having to learn EVERYTHING over again, I am very grateful every day. I am only about 80% of the person I used to be but I'm working toward being 100%. Still, I am so very thankful just to be able to open my eyes every morning. So this reunion is another great "gift" in my life. Getting to see all of you guys again will be great. I know we are all "old dudes" now, but in my mind I can see all of your young faces. We were really lucky to all be there during those great times.

As to my favorite moment, I'd say I was lucky just to get the opportunity to be in the right place at the right time. We ALL worked so hard every day for years, each one of us. We were all part of a TEAM, the big stars and the rest of us too. What we achieved was pretty amazing ... we did not understand it at the time but it was so very SPECIAL. After the Pennsbury game in the gym, with all of the craziness, taking off all of the equipment for the last time, it really jolted my heart knowing that all the NESHAMINY FOOTBALL stuff, and all the time with you guys, was over. I never thought that 40 years later we would all be together again (with our fat bellies and bald heads) but here we are. Be safe and enjoy your lives.



Mike Pannucci





Jeff Shenefelt



I've been married to Katherine for 25 years and we live in a village called Spruce Creek which is located in the beautiful Penn State Mountains. We have a son whose name is also Jeff and he is now 21. I have owned a painting business for the last 18 years. I enjoy golf immensely and there's no doubt, that's my sport now!

I have no more favorite moments then those of Coach Swartz holding our three days a week practices as if they were a real game. I especially enjoyed the hits on Bruce just as he was breaking through the line -- just watching the reaction was great. Keeping up with Dale was also a treat. And another remarkable recollection would be of Pete Cordelli's play in the Pennsbury game. There is one other memory of importance which would be of my brother Kip. He graduated from Neshaminy in 1981 and was a talented multi-sport athlete (he quarterbacked the '80 team). He went on to play at Temple where he lettered as both a quarterback and punter (he was good enough at the latter to secure a tryout with the San Diego Chargers). He eventually earned his Masters at Penn State and became an Environmental Engineer. Sadly, he passed in 1999 after suffering from leukemia. Our family misses him dearly as he was a terrific person in all respects while he also exemplified everything that is good about Neshaminy.

I'm married to my beautiful wife Lorraine and we live in Perkasio, PA. We have two sons, Jonna who is 30 and Drew who is 25. After Neshaminy I attended Newbury College in Boston, MA and graduated in 1974 with an Associate's degree in television production. I have owned and operated a house painting business, G&L Housepainting, since the early '90s. I have also been very active in coaching basketball including serving as the head coach at Delaware Valley College for 10 years where one of my teams won the ECAC Southern Championship and where I still hold the record for the best winning percentage in the school's history. I also was the head coach of the New Hope High School team and in our first season we posted a 21-9 record and were runner up in the district championship game. We then won three more games in the playoffs and advanced to the state's quarter-finals. I have also coached at Palisades High School where I inherited a team that was 3-65 over three seasons. In the first year we went 10-14 and I was inducted into their Wall of Fame. I was a guest lecturer for a number of years sponsored by Nike and Converse and spoke at many of the best basketball camps on the east coast.

There are plenty of great moments from my time as a Redskin so it's hard to choose. Still, a few that should be mentioned include watching Dale touch the ball for the first time as a sophomore. It was on the kickoff and he ran it back nearly 90 yards for a touchdown against Bishop Egan. And warming up the quarterbacks I used to catch Pete's passes -- the closer we got to game time, the harder he would throw (and the more my hands would sting). Then there was "feeling" a little sorry for Joey Carney and Mike Pannucci because they were always the opposing team's running backs during practice (getting hit by Bruce McHale and Dave Pyle can sure wear on a person). Plus Jeff Shenefelt making open field tackles like a scud missile was terrific to watch (his submarine dive tackles were great too). As far as I'm concerned Jeff had to be one of the best open field tacklers Neshaminy ever had.



Gary Pento



I live in Newtown and I'm single. Since graduating from Neshaminy I've had the opportunity to enjoy my favorite activity, sport fishing, all over world.

My favorite moment would have to be how proud I was to make the varsity squad and to get to be a part of such a great team.



Pete Kershbaumer



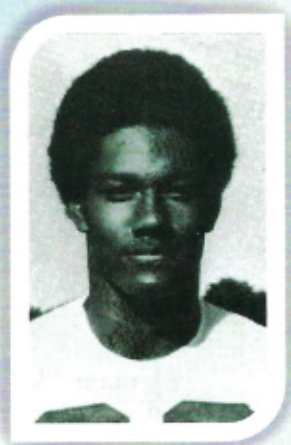
I have been married for 19 years to Cindy and our home is New Smyrna Beach, Florida. We met at a church social and ironically, she is a '72 graduate of William Tennent (it took 1,200 miles and 20 years to meet). We have one daughter, Erin, and one son, Daniel. We also have four grandchildren including 2 ½ year old Riley with whom I spend a lot of my free time. Just five days after graduating from Neshaminy, I entered the U.S. Navy. I served on the USS L.Y. Spear (sub-tender) out of Norfolk, VA for one year before I transferred to the U.S. Navy Seabees program where I served in California and Guantanamo, Cuba. I was medically retired from duty in 1975. After the military I worked for my Dad as a brick laborer and then Amtrak as a trackman for two years. As I had always dreamed of living in the west, I moved to Wyoming and then on to Colorado working a number of jobs. I have now worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for 25 years. I've been involved in wild land fire fighting along with the rescuing of wildlife including a beached sperm whale and cold stunned sea turtles. I also do general maintenance work at the national wildlife refuge facility which is an overlay of NASA's Kennedy Space Center. I'm an avid golfer and bike rider while I support our church and the help the homeless.

For me, the years 1969 through 1971 were a childhood dream come true. From the workouts on my own, to our practices from August to the end of the season, being a Redskin has always given me a great sense of pride. The principles we learned while playing for Neshaminy have stayed with me through life's ups and downs. A favorite moment would be the first kickoff of the Pennsbury game. As I went down the field I was blocked by two Falcons and the hit was so hard that the back laces of my shoulder pads split straight down the middle. When I came off the field, Mike Pannucci had to help me put the new laces in place. I knew at that point we were in for a tough game. And perhaps my favorite recollection is from our home games as we ran out onto the field and heard the announcer call out "look to the left gang, here come the Redskins" as the crowd went wild!



Rich Kautter





Bart Smith



I currently live in Reading, Jamaica WI. I'm single but it's been close a few times. Still, I'm not lonely in the least as I'm fortunate to have extended family on three continents. After Neshaminy I went to Yale where I played football, track and rugby. I earned my degree in philosophy in 1980 after taking a few years off because of money. After graduating I was part of a rugby tour of Zimbabwe organized by Yale. I had a great time playing and thought about making a try for the national squad but ultimately decided to return to Africa to look for "King Solomon's Mines" (LOL). I then stayed in the business till after 911. We then closed our shop in the "Diamond District" and looked for other opportunities. My associates and I purchased a coffee and banana plantation in Jamaica in 2010 and I have been rehabilitating it since that time. And beside that task, I'm also in the process of finding export markets for our goods.

A favorite moment (or maybe moments) was watching Pete throw to Dale (specially a long one they had against Bensalem). From a personal perspective, it had to be my interception against Pennsbury.

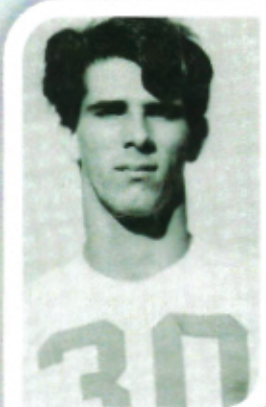
I live in Lantana, Texas and have been married to my high school sweetheart, Kathleen Callahan (class of '74), for 36 years. We have three boys: Bill III, Brian, and Dr. Brandon -- plus two grandchildren, Aiden and Alex. After graduating from Neshaminy, I attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania where I majored in Geology. I also swam for the Varsity swim team setting four college records and earning a trip to NCAA Division II Nationals. After graduating I worked for US Steel's Fairless Works as an environmental engineer for eight years before starting a USS Swim Club (NRG Swimming). We used all three of Neshaminy pools and trained quite a few of the top high school swimmers from the Bucks County area over the next few decades. After 20 years in the business we turned the club over to my coaches and headed to Dallas, Texas. I presently work for Federal Express in the Dallas Fort Worth Airport, while waiting for my Kathleen to graduate from nursing school.

I think my favorite moment had to be the time we were hitting the lollypop sled and we noticed a crack in one of the dummies. The coaches then lined the whole team up and bombarded the sled with bodies until it finally broke. I think it was Danny Meier who broke it and he proudly carried that dummy the rest of practice. Also, a funny recollection was the time I was running out on the field for the first time. I was so pumped up I did not see the orange end zone marker and went flying over it in front of a packed stadium. Being the smallest player on the team (don't believe the program) that moment made me feel even a little smaller.



Bill Trabosh





Ellis Connor



I've been married to my wonderful wife Debby for the past 27 years. We have two children that I'm extremely proud of as they're great kids. There's my son Sean, who is attending Temple University, and my daughter Kelsey, who is a junior at Council Rock South. I have resided in the area since high school and currently we're living in Newtown. I went to the College of New Jersey for Advertising Design. Since graduating I've been in the newspaper industry for the last "100" years and I'm currently working for the Bucks County Courier Times as a Creative Services Manager. I have a lot of great memories of coaching Little League Baseball, Pop Warner Football, girls AAU basketball, soccer, etc. Most summers you can find us vacationing in the northern part of the Chesapeake or at the Jersey shore. As a family we enjoy snow skiing, jet skiing, and of course, there's nothing like a good day out on the golf course.

One of my favorite moments had to be the opening game of the season against Bishop Egan. I intercepted the first pass of the year which I ran back about 20 or 30 yards. Another favorite moment was picking off a pass when I was playing as an outside linebacker during my senior year. The game was against Allentown and I ran the "pick" back 40 yards or so all the way to the end zone for a score. Needless to say, I then got reamed out by Coach Swartz when I threw the ball in the end zone which cost us 15 yards on the kick off ... PRICELESS. There were many other great moments too: the pre-game marching band music that Coach Levans provided; all of the summer two-a-day practices; road trips to all of the away games and the bonding with all of the guys ... MEMORIES OF A LIFETIME!

I've been married to Maitland for 19 years and we live in Manakin, VA. We are blessed with three healthy, happy kids. Julia is 18 and heading off to play soccer at UVA, Jennie is 16 and following her sister's footsteps in soccer. Jack, 13, is my little man who is hoping to play for the Eagles AND Phillies. I lost my dad in 1995 and visit my mom in Trevoise often. I feel very fortunate to have had a good, healthy 4-year football career and 3-year baseball career at UVA (re-broken wrist in football ended the baseball career). People say I played with a lot of heart and pride. I tell them it came from Neshaminy & Bucks County. It was great sharing that pride playing with big Pete Schupakus, Phil Silas and Bobby Bowden (Pennsbury) at UVA and against Bob Grupp at Duke; Danny Meier, Pete Cordelli and Chuck Lodge at North Carolina State; Bruce Traney, Rick Gibney (Bishop Egan) and Donnie Breece (Pennsbury) at Georgia Tech; and Mark Strawbridge at Clemson along with a few others. After graduating I spent two years with IBM then it was back to UVA's Darden School for an MBA. From there I went to Richmond in 1981 to become an agent and I then opened my own business in 1985. Along with a good education, many contacts and long hours of hard work, it also took a good bit of luck along the way to be successful. My clients have included All-Stars, an MVP, a Comeback Player-Of-The-Year, 1st Round picks in football and baseball, along with undrafted free agents, marginal pros and those that never got their shot. From what I have seen in the world of sports, nobody, nowhere, no how, did it any better -- with more drive, determination and desire -- than Neshaminy!

I have many memorable moments from Neshaminy ... bonfire pep rallies ... school spirit ... hearing the drums of the band playing before games as we sat in silence in our favorite spots around the Gym 1 floor ... big-time crowds (bigger than many college games at the time!) ... trying to keep Lenny Barker and the other big guys out of trouble at Guiseppi's after games ... headline newspaper coverage (local talent seemed more important than the pros) ... and of course, we all hear the echoes forever of "look to the left, folks, here come the Redskins! There was also our 1972 team performance at favored Easton where everything clicked (blocks, tackles, throws, catches and runs) as we all put in an unbelievable effort in that 55-14 win that allowed me to get recognized in Sports Illustrated's "Faces In The Crowd". I can honestly say that I have "Redskin moments" almost every day and I truly wish that every kid could have a childhood experience like the one we all had at Neshaminy. The junior high system, the anticipation of high school, the campus, the traditions, community support, pep rallies, Friday night lights, the bonds and unbreakable friendships. All of us must keep these memories alive!



Joe Sroba





Bruce Traney

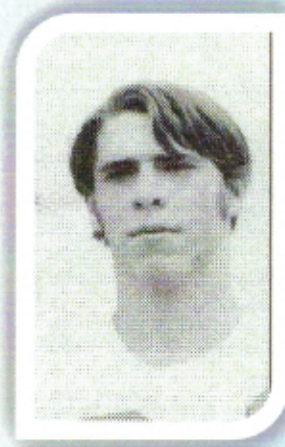
After Neshaminy I went down to Georgia Tech to play football. I had a solid first year starting as the fullback on Tech's undefeated frosh team (playing at Grant Field, Neyland Stadium and "The Swamp" was an experience). That first spring ball was also very positive with a varsity position in the number two slot (behind a senior) looking good for my sophomore year. But over the following few years a series of injuries both plagued and eventually ended my career. Still, I did get an education and after graduation I worked for a few years before heading to law school. My first year was at Delaware while I transferred to Rutgers for the second. Making one more move, I graduated in 1983 from Southwestern University in Los Angeles (where I still live today). I spent the '80s in the entertainment business (legal affairs) representing independent producers from soup to nuts. I was also very involved in foreign distribution and was a regular at all the major film festivals including Cannes. Eventually looking for a little less travel, and with the "indie biz" slowing some in the early '90s as the studios flexed their muscles, I began litigating copyright issues representing writers. One thing lead to another and I was soon enough handling personal injury matters too. And although still involved in "PI" today, the emphasis of my practice is now "employment law". A typical client would be an employee who has been terminated based on a pretext in an attempt to hide an underlying discriminatory motive. I've litigated cases in both the state and federal court systems and am a member of many plaintiff oriented bar organizations. I'm also very active in charitable work.

For me it isn't so much a favorite moment but rather the people that I recall most fondly. Whether it was the coaches or my teammates, they're my "favorite moment". Listening to Coach Swartz before a game or during practice was something I always enjoyed. And the same goes for the other coaches too (all of them). They were great men in my opinion. As to my teammates, many were very good friends. Guys like Dave Pyle, Joe Neky, Chuck Lodge, Bruce McHale and Jay Sidman. What a group of super "pals" they were and are! And actually, it was a treat to see any of the players back "in the day" -- whether at practice, in the halls or after school. Looking back on the experience, I can say with conviction that I consider myself fortunate to have spent three years of my young life with the coaches and players that were involved in Neshaminy football back then. And it also goes without saying that it was sure a lot of fun beating Pennsbury as seniors (plus the perfect record - that's nice too).



I've been married for 26 years this August to Kellie. We live in Harrisburg and we have two wonderful girls. There's Ilana who will be a 2nd year pharmacy student at Duquesne University this fall and Lila who will be a high school junior in the fall (our girls are the best). My parents live in Mt. Laurel, NJ, and my brothers and their families live in Chester and Allentown while my sister lives in Cherry Hill, NJ. After graduating from law school in 1983 I practiced law for a time in Langhorne before moving to Virginia. In 1985 Kellie and I then moved to and lived in Boston while she attended graduate school (after graduating from law school). In 1985 we were married and we soon moved to Levittown and bought our first house. In '86 I joined the Bucks County District Attorney's Office and worked there for three years. From 1989 through 1997 Kellie and I were then in private practice. We next moved to Harrisburg where Kellie began working for Rite Aid and I went to work for Scientific Games International. In 2005 I joined the Pennsylvania Attorney General's Office where I currently work. Kellie now works for a firm in Radnor.

My favorite moment is easy: Any time Mike Pannucci ran the football.



Kip Portman



Bill Mote



I live in Newtown and have been married to my lovely wife, Cathy, for 32 years. We have eight children -- four girls and four boys. Our oldest is 29 and the youngest is 14. Four have graduated from college (as a writer, teacher, nurse, and engineer), with four to go! I attended the University of Pittsburgh (I didn't play football but was a member of the Pitt rifle team). I joined the ROTC while a Panther and after graduation was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force (and while waiting to go on active duty I met my wife-to-be while working at Burger King). Once in the Air Force, we then lived in various cities throughout the U.S. including Biloxi, MS; Fayetteville, NC; Las Vegas, NV (twice); Hampton, VA; Columbus, OH; Hudson, NH; and Ferndale, MD. Finally, in 1996, I retired from active duty as a Lt. Col. and we moved back into the Bucks area to be close to family. Since retiring from the Air Force, I have been working as a program manager for a defense contractor located in Camden, NJ. In my spare time I enjoy my family, running (5K, 10K, half-marathons) and flying kites.

No doubt about it, my favorite moment was hearing the announcer say "look to your left -- here come the Redskins" as we ran through the gate and onto the field (especially for night games). And another special moment was looking out of the locker room door before the Pennsbury game at all the cars, people and extra bleachers that had been set up and realizing that this really was the "Big Game".

I live in Langhorne and have several pets. I am single. After high school, I attended a one year military school in Virginia, followed by one year at the University of Virginia. I finished up at Temple University with a degree in Criminal Justice and Sociology. Later I earned a Masters in Counseling from the Philadelphia Biblical University. I've now worked in the Mental Health/Mental Retardation field for 30 plus years.

My favorite moment was during a pre-season scrimmage with North Penn. We had just run a "27 trap" and Joey Chamberlain made a good block on the end but I ran outside. Coach Swartz then had the offense line up with the North Penn defense and we walked through the play. Coach wasn't upset but he snarled as only he could and said: "Run it again." North Penn not only knew the play but also the snap count! This time the end was expecting the trap and held up the guard in the hole while the linebacker was slanting to it. When I got the ball, I banged into Joey and the end knocking them both down. I then crashed into the linebacker and rushed for 15 yards before I was tackled. When I got back to the huddle, Coach Swartz said: "See how easy it is when you cut up the middle. Great job, Pete." I also remember scoring two touchdowns against Woodrow Wilson. They were a tough team and had a good defense. It was a very warm day for October and their field was mostly dirt and dust. My cousin and extended family were all there and I really wanted to have a good game. At halftime, and after the game too, they were all at the gate to greet me. It was like having my own rooting section! And needless to say, my father was very proud.



Pete Schupakus





Dave Pyle



I'm married to Michelle and we live in Fairfax Station, VA. I have three sons: Chris who is 33, Matt who is 30, and Will, our youngest, who is 10. I attended West Point with dreams of playing major college football and being part of the great Army - Navy game tradition. Unfortunately, a serious back injury and follow-on surgery ended my playing days. After graduating from West Point in 1976, I was very fortunate to serve around the world in a variety of command and staff positions with the Army's Military Intelligence Corps. My three favorite assignments were Hawaii, Heidelberg, Germany and Augusta, GA (where I met my wife, Michelle). Since retiring from the Army in 2006, I have been working homeland security issues for the Office of the Director of National Intelligence in Washington, DC. My passion is my family especially being involved in my sons' activities as a coach and doing other volunteer work.

Beside the entire 1971 season, my favorite moment came in the Bishop Egan game in my junior year (a 17-0 win for Neshaminy). This was my first start for the Redskins and Coach Hart had me playing monster back behind Mike Emanuel and Tim Kelly. I believe it was during the third-quarter and Egan was driving down the field. I made a tackle where I hit the running back at his knees, picked him straight up in the air, and drove him hard into the ground (almost back to where he started the play). I can still remember the crack of our pads and the sound he made when we hit the ground. I recall watching that game film my senior year before the Bishop Egan game and having Chuck Lodge (who played for Bishop Egan the previous season) tell me he hated me for that hit!

I've been married to Beth for 30 years. She is a program coordinator at the Arizona State Museum on the U of A campus. Our home is in Oro Valley, AZ. Our daughter Anne, 24, lives in Vermont but will be relocating in July to Montana to work in a sustainable agriculture program. Our other daughter Emily, 22, just graduated from Northern Arizona University (Go 'Jacks!) and is living in Prescott, AZ. She'll be starting her teaching career there in the fall. My brother Rich and his wife, Jean, live nearby in Mesa while my other brother Alan and his wife, Joanne, live in Northeast Philly. After Neshaminy I attended Penn State. I played in the 1973 Orange Bowl for its undefeated team and that was a great experience but I decided to leave football soon after. Graduating in 1976 with a BA in Philosophy, I then decided to head out West where I settled in Arizona. I enjoyed a long career in public education (English Teacher, counselor, psychologist) and am now semi-retired. Along the way I earned my Masters (Counseling) and PhD (Ed Psych). I do still work a few days a week at a local high school providing therapeutic services for emotionally disabled students. I'm also a licensed psychologist and the rest of my work time is spent doing forensic evaluations for court referred minors in Pima and Cochise counties. I also do some disability evaluations for the state. Although I'm not much of a hobbyist, Beth and I did get scuba certified for our 25th anniversary but we've only had a chance to take a couple of diving trips so far (the Florida Keys and Sea of Cortez). Bike riding is big in Tucson and I've finished El Tour de Tucson a couple of times while I hope to do more in the future.

A couple of favorite moments would have to include going with friends for a cold Gatorade after August practices. Nothing tasted better, before or since. Another I recall is catching a touchdown pass over the shoulder in traffic against Pennridge (Pete threaded the needle) and thinking: "Hey, this being a receiver thing may work after all!"



Bruce McHale





Chuck Lodge

I live in Middletown, Delaware and am married to my lovely wife, Debbie, who is also the devoted Mother of our three sons: Charles, Sean and Eric. I'm also the eternally thankful son of Frank and Helene Lodge (just one of their six children). I'm also lucky enough to have three fantastic brothers and two caring sisters. I'd also say I'm a very fortunate uncle, son-in-law and friend of many truly outstanding and wonderful people I've had the pleasure of knowing over the years. I should also add that I studied, worked, and played hard over the last 57 or so years -- but not necessarily in that order!

A favorite moment would have to include playing at Bishop Egan for the three previous years and then in 1971 being given the honor of walking out to the crown of the field with my new teammates for the coin toss with my old team in the season opener.



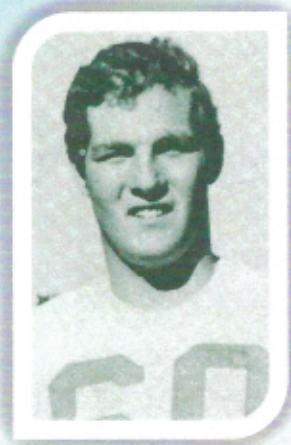
I married Joan Giannini in 2004 and we live in Morton, PA. I have two boys, Christopher, 23, a West Chester University graduate and Eric, 17, a senior at Springfield High School (Delaware County). I attended a prep school (Post Graduate) following Neshaminy. Our prep football team was 15 minutes of lousy football from my second consecutive undefeated season. I went to Alfred University (New York) and received my Bachelors in Nursing in 1978. I spent the next five years at UNC Hospital in Chapel Hill and then at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, PA. While in Danville, I lived on and managed a local Christmas tree farm. I received my MS in 1983 at PSU and then moved to Philadelphia. I spent ten years in Critical Care management with the VA and the Penn Health System. In 1993 the threat of health care reform eliminated my nursing position and I made a radical shift into software sales. I'm currently the Sales Director for the same software company and except for a year as the Director of Employment with Temple University Health System, I've been in software sales ever since.

As to favorite moments, I recall the summer of 1971 when Jim Hart and I were running the streets in preparation for August practices. The police stopped us because "teenagers" and "running" fell into the suspicious category. Ultimately, all we did with them was talk Redskin football. It was during those August practices when I began to wonder if it was possible to lick enough dew off the grass to stay alive. Apparently, in 1971, drinking water during practice was for wussies. About 15 minutes into a practice later in the season, I discovered that someone had put Atomic Balm in my jock strap as it dried in my locker over night. Sitting in water became a new priority, not drinking it. I'll always remember Traney making crashing and banging noises - verbally - as he hit people at the line. And I also used to think that Sidman's open field tackles looked more like wrestling takedowns. Plus who else knows who and how the water tower got painted with that not-so-subtle message for Pennsbury? I also recall watching Pannucci carry the ball early in the Pennsbury game, gaining about a dozen yards, and then watching all the coaches smile at each other smile. Finally, I recall a unanimous cheer when someone (Dan Meier is my recollection) broke a blocking-sled dummy clean off the sled.



Dave Pollock





Charles Conger

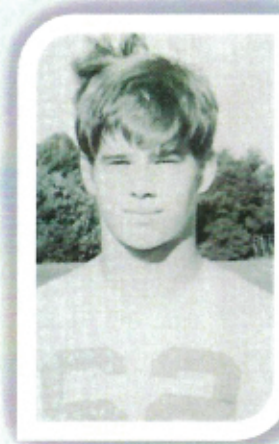
I live in Philadelphia with my wife of 18 years, Mary Ann. I have two children including Josh who is 29, and Allison who is 32 (both from my first marriage). I also have a stepdaughter from my second marriage, Andrea, who is 33. We've been blessed with four grandchildren with another on the way. After high school I went to work for the railroad before joining the Marine Corps and serving a two year hitch. After my discharge I went back to the railroad for 35 years before recently taking a disability retirement. I also became a Christian in 1987.

There are so many favorite moments but one I recall well was during the Council Rock game. On one series (a long drive down the field) I "trapped" their defensive tackles for 7 or 8 plays in a row. It worked too as we finally got Traney in the end zone for a score. Course, I paid for it with a stiff neck all the next day. And as I said, there are many, many more but that was my favorite.



I live in Centerville, Virginia. Sandra, my wife, is a part-time substitute school teacher studying to become a Pastoral Counselor. Our daughter Mary is pursuing ME at UVA while her sister Sarah is a PT major and cross-country runner at Lebanon Valley College. Our son Michael is a senior D-lineman, shot put and discus athlete at Westfield High while our youngest, Timothy, is a sophomore distance runner. I graduated from Penn State with a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering and was in an ATO fraternity member. I moved to Virginia to be a structural engineer. I've been a construction manager since 1984 and have worked for AECOM in that capacity at the Pentagon and at the Ronald Reagan Building too. My titles include Professional Engineer, Certified Construction Manager and Army Corp CQM. My activities center on bicycling, running, triathlons, golf, fishing, soccer ref, ski instructor, soccer coach, wrestling coach, Church Building Chairman and Boy Scout leader.

My lasting memory is of football being year-round. This constant work was the beginning of realizing that to be at the top in life you need to first show-up, concentrate, try and especially do it when you do not feel like it. I also recall feeling that I had arrived in August of 1971, when I'd been noticed by the head coach, given a meaningful nick name and being a junior on the second varsity squad. The original Packy, from Coach Swartz' earlier days, was a very "Scrappy Packy" -- a fighter. Like "Rudy", I recall being the small guy fighting for all I could against the more gifted big guys. Like when Bensalem had a 270 pounder, it was fun to cut him. He'd land on me and I'd crab cut him again and he never got a single tackle. I also recall learning to push on even when hurt (in fact, my Mom used to count the times I dislocated my shoulder per game). I only weighed 135 as a senior, and had lost my guard position in August, and was then practicing as a corner/outside linebacker. During the last '72 scrimmage, the first four guards were having trouble executing their blocks. Coach Levans told Coach Swartz to give me a chance as I had been playing and practicing for guard for years. I remembered all the blocking rules drilled into our heads as we hit the red pads. It paid off as the center, tackle and I correctly executed and I became the messenger guard for my senior season.



Steve Boyles





Joe Chamberlain



I am married to Cheryl and we live in Levittown along with our two Scotties, Jock and Stewart. I have a daughter Heather, who is married to Mike; a son Billy, who is married to Amanda; and a stepson Curt, who is married to Liz. We have five grandchildren: Emily, Nate, Hayden, Brayden and Hannah. I graduated from Trenton State College in 1976 and started teaching Technology Education at Neshaminy in 1976. I retired in 2009. During my years at Neshaminy I coached football, wrestling and track and I was also the Faculty/Equipment Manager from 2004 until I retired. I am a volunteer fireman with the William Penn Station 7 in Hulmeville and I am also in the NY Guard. I enjoy sailing, antique cars, golf, hunting and watching Nascar.

My favorite moment requires a little explanation. Our offensive line was supposed to call out the defensive fronts (odds or evens during pre-stance). We did a lot more talking, though, on sweeps and traps. Charlie Conger and I would be asking: "Who's pulling?" Chuck Lodge would have to sort things out. It must have driven Coach Swartz crazy. Once during a practice, he was really chewing me out asking me how long I have been a guard and why didn't I know my plays. I kept saying "but, but, but ...". Finally he asked me: "But what?" I said "last year I was the left guard." He just threw his hands in the air and we ran sweep plays over and over. Another time he was drilling Charlie and me on our plays. I was getting nervous and confused. When Coach Swartz asked how do you know what to do, I told him Chuckie tells me what to do. I couldn't trust Bennie because he was always wrong. Ben was the left guard for the Egan game and pulled the wrong way. We crashed into each other behind the center. Egan's linebackers also collided keying on us. We had a big game. I thought Coach Levans was going to wear out the projector running the play over and over in films. We must have really confused defenses because everyone was asking what the snap count was and what we were supposed to do. Before the Pennsbury game we were in the gym because of rain (we were running sweeps). Coach Swartz was right in front of me, and I was afraid to ask if I should pull. That is how Charlie got 14 stitches. During the Pennsbury game, Pete Cordelli asked for a measurement, and we got the time out just before the half ended. Chuck sets up over the ball and when I came to the line of scrimmage he said: "You and me -- double team." I thought I was supposed to get the linebacker but did as he said. Pete scored to end the half.

I married my high school sweetheart, Stephanie (a Villa girl), in 1975 and this year we are celebrating 36 years of marital bliss. After an eight year "day trip" to Galesburg, IL, we returned to Langhorne along with two lovely daughters - Julia, now 30, and Lesley who is 27. Both are married and doing well. And we are now anxiously awaiting the arrival of first granddaughter by 9/8/11! My professional life (for the last 40 years) has been as a "Carpenter Extraordinaire" and I currently serve as the CMFIC at Metropolitan Anesthesia. Stephanie and I spend the summers travelling between Langhorne and Ocean City, NJ. Life is good!

My favorite Redskin moment? I have two. The home opener against Bishop Egan was my first play as a Redskin (I was the kicker). As I was intently watching the ball and admiring what an awesome kick it was, I was totally creamed ... I wish I could've seen the film. Still, it was a lesson learned. Another notable moment is my only tackle. It was during the Allentown Dieruff game. Coach Swartz told me: "Do not kick to number 21." Of course, that's exactly what I did. I had no choice but to open up a can of whoop ass on number 21. He checked my number and I had his!



Rich Gehring



Players and their families today!



Bishop Egan - Friday, Sept. 10

The Redskins put it all together to kick-off the season and beat Bishop Egan, 27-8.

Pennridge - Friday, Sept. 17

After a sluggish first-half the 'Skins caught fire and scored often to down the Pennridge Rams, 46-14.

Easton - Friday, Sept. 24

The always tough Easton Red Rovers gave the 'Skins plenty of trouble but fell behind in the second-half to lose, 34-16.

William Allen - Friday, Oct. 1

Spotting the Allen Canaries an early 7-0 lead, Neshaminy's offense shifted into high gear to feature a 33-7 victory.

Louis Dieruff - Friday, Oct. 8

Led by a hard-nosed defensive effort against the Dieruff Husky wishbone, the Redskins took home a satisfying 26-8 win.

Liberty - Friday, Oct. 15

From the opening kick-off it was obvious the 'Skins wanted this one. A 33-6 victory was sweet satisfaction over Liberty.

Dr. Roger Saylor Ratings

State Top Five

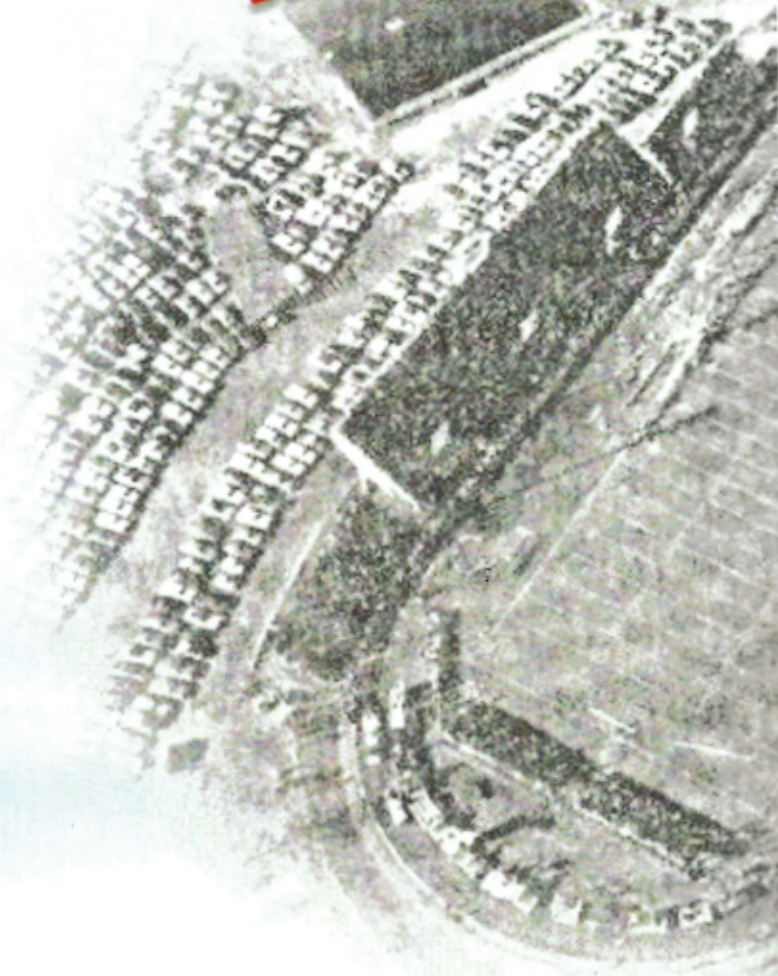
1 Kiski Area	.544 (12-0)
2 Neshaminy	.537 (11-0)
3 Cedar Cliff	.536 (10-0-1)
4 Hopewell	.530 (9-1)
5 Penn Hills	.528 (9-2)

Courier Times Final Football

Ratings - Major Schools

1 Neshaminy	100
2 Pennsbury	90
3 Bishop Egan	80
4 Council Rock	65
5 Archbishop Wood	53
6 Woodrow Wilson	52
7 Bensalem	50

Largest Foo In Bucks



Philadelphia Inquirer Top Ten (SEPA)

1 Neshaminy	11-0
2 Pennsbury	9-2
3 Central Bucks West	10-0
4 Archbishop Carroll	10-1
5 Frankford	11-0
6 Haverford School	8-0
7 Nether-Providence	9-0
8 Paul VI	9-0
9 Pottstown	9-1
10 Hatboro-Horsham	9-1

Football Crowd History!



Pennsbury game

Tastykake Top Ten (SEPA & South Jersey)

1 Neshaminy	84.3
2 Haverford School	79.6
3 Pennsbury	79.0
4 Nether-Providence	75.1
5 Gloucester	74.4
6 Paul VI	68.7
7 Central Bucks West	68.1
8 Lawrenceville	67.9
9 Pottstown	67.3
10 Bridgeton	65.4

Bensalem - Saturday, Oct. 23

With the Bensalem Owls having problems that year, the 'Skins had little difficulty in rolling to a 49-0 L.B.C. win.

W. Wilson - Saturday, Oct. 30

Scoring in every period with an all-out offensive surge plus a rock-ribbed defense, Neshaminy moved to a 34-6 victory over Woodrow Wilson.

Freedom - Friday, Nov. 5

Once again the 'Skins stumbled through the first-half only to explode in the second half for a 34-8 triumph over Freedom.

Council Rock - Friday, Nov. 12

Led by an air-tight defense and County records for TD passes thrown and caught, the Redskins rolled to a 34-0 victory over Council Rock.

Pennsbury - Saturday, Nov. 20

The Pennsbury Falcons started out 10-0, but the 'Skins closed the gap to 10-7 at the end of the half. They then went ahead for good in the third, 14-10, finishing the perfect season with a 21-17 victory.

UPI State #1: Neshaminy

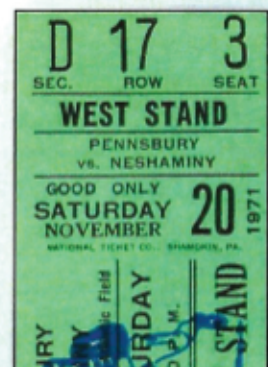
AP State #1: Kiski Area

Neshaminy	Category	Opponent	Difference
186	First Downs	80	106
2,062	Yards Rushing	748	1,314
192	Pass Attempts	172	20
118	Passes Completed	64	54
24	Passes for TD's	0	24
10	Passes Intercepted	18	-8
1,762	Passing Yards	729	1,033
3,824	Net Yards	1,477	2,347
31	Punts	51	-20
26.7	Average Punt Yards	37.7	-11
18	Fumbles Recovered	14	4
602	Yards Penalized	382	220
371	Total Points	90	281
33.7	Points per Game	8.1	25.6

They'll talk about this one for long time



Cordelli Rallies Neshaminy, 21-17





Bob Miller



I live in Newportville with my wife of over 20 years, Catherine. We have two beautiful daughters, Bobbie Ann Parks, who is married to Gene (they have one daughter, Eva) and Katie who is married to Dusty Johns. After graduating from Neshaminy in 1973 I joined the "Seabees" and reported to boot camp in San Diego. I went in on the "2 x 6" program (two years active and four years reserve) and then went to Builders' "A" school in Port Hueneme, California. I was assigned to Battalion 133 and was "home based" out of Gulf Port, Mississippi. I was then stationed in Okinawa where I worked on an Enlisted Mens' club laying block and pouring concrete. I later returned to Gulf Port with our Battalion then deployed to Roosevelt Road, Puerto Rico. This is when I decided to finish up my active duty. I then went to Williamsport Area CC (a trade school in PA). Unfortunately, I was in motorcycle accident that almost took my left leg so I moved back home, recovered and applied for a teaching position at the Bucks County Tech School where I spent 34 years teaching and as a Grievance Chairperson, Union Vice President and President. I am officially retired as of June 14, 2011 and I'm missing my battles with our Administration (upholding teacher's rights). I have recently been recovering from major surgery to my left leg to fix the problems from the accident of 36 years ago. I'm enjoying my retirement alongside my wonderful wife Cathy and being a grandparent. Cathy has decided to keep working (hopefully not for much longer). She is a great person and I'm soooo glad I met her. She has made life much better!

Since I spent most of my time playing Special Teams and didn't get to play that often with the offense or defense, I really don't have a favorite moment from 1971. Of course, I really did enjoy beating Pennsbury and being on a team that was 11-0. And if there were a favorite moment, it came at the end of the Pennsbury game. I was walking off the field after a kick-off or return and feeling upset that I didn't get to play much of that game. Coach Swartz looked at me and said: "Get your head up, we won and you will have your chance next year." At that moment, I realized he was right and from that point I dedicated myself to be the best player I could. I worked as hard as I could and in my senior year, at 5' 6", 190 pounds, I made First Team all Lower Bucks and Second Team All Big 33 as our team went 9 -2. And what I learned that day from coach Swartz has stayed with me my whole life.

I've been married to Jayne for 30 years and we live in Richboro. We have a daughter Sara who is 28. She's married and her husband is Kyle (he's also 28). Their son, and our grandson, is Jack who is seven months of age. We also have a son Dave who is 25. After graduating from Neshaminy, I joined the Navy and was a Seabee from 1972 through 1976. I was assigned to Construction Battalion 74 out of Gulfport, Mississippi. While serving I was stationed in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; Guam and Rota, Spain. After my discharge in 1976 I began working for Conrail as a Railroad Signalman working in signal construction.

My favorite moment? That's easy as it would be running into the stadium with the rest of the team before the Egan game to start the season! Believe it or not, perhaps my next "favorite moment" was doing the same before the last game against Pennsbury (with 15,000 spectators packing the stadium).



Don Whitesell



Ben Watson



I live in Levittown with my wife, Kim. We have three children -- Chuck, Brian and our daughter Erica who is married to Joe Williams. We also have a grandson, Jake. I graduated from Neshaminy in 1973 and was honored to be inducted into its Football Hall of Fame in 1994. I've been self-employed for last 32 years as an owner/operator for Pyle Transport. Over the years I've coached pee-wee football at St. Michael's (actually for 10 years) and I was also the inter-mural wrestling coach for the Pennsbury Falcons Wrestling Club. I'm a big Phillies fan and any type of racing fan too.

A favorite moment would have to be my first encounter with Coach Levans during my sophomore year. We were being timed on 40 yard dashes. I was behind Mike Dougherty who was a senior at the time and needed an hour glass to run the 40. According to Coach Levans' "stopped watch", he was running 4.3 seconds. Coach Levans timed me at 5.0. From that time on, I never trusted Coach Levans and his watch! I also recall the week before the Bensalem game when Coach Levans put a picture of Jerry Codutti on all our lockers. He kept saying: "It's our duty, to block Codutti." Codutti weighed about 265 lbs. and was playing opposite Joey Chamberlain. We were, of course, undefeated and Bensalem was winless. On the first play of the game Joey and I doubled teamed Codutti and really crushed him. I was looking right in his face after the play and read the words "Argentina Bull" on his helmet. I called him the Argentina cow. Well that cow became as mad as a bull and beat the crap out of Joey all day. And of course, there was the touchdown by Dale in that game when he reversed direction about 10 times. Everyone was congratulating him about this amazing play. I must have thrown about 4 or 5 blocks and ran 100 yards and I told him "congratulations Hell, I was trying to tackle you myself." We did beat Bensalem, 49 to 0, and everyone was saying how easy it was. I was helping Joey get on the bus because he was really beat up. Coach Allison asked him "what happened to you?" Before Joey could answer, I told Coach to be nice to Joey as he had a bad day with the Argentina cow.

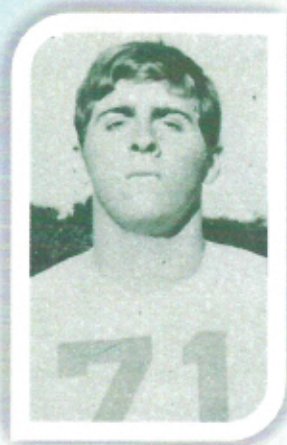
I live in Burlington, NJ and have been married to my lovely wife Carol for 24 years. We have three sons, Steve, 31, Pete, 28, and Eric who is 22. I met my wife in July of 1986 at Veterans Stadium. Her company had season tickets in the row in front of my company's seats. Thank you, Joe Carney! I have worked as a project manager for T.P. Carney, Inc. for the last 28 years. All three boys have finished college. I love gardening, the NC beach house, fine dining, rock 'n' roll, the PHILLIES and the EAGLES!

My favorite moments? Three junior highs, one pot and one chef. Friendship, TEAM and tradition. Our 10th grade varsity OT (fresh meat for the linebackers). Dale's catch for a two-point conversion and the win over Dieruff. Coaching, learning, playing. Chuck leading us in a Broadway quality rendition of the "Impossible Dream". Watching the OFFENSE! One TEAM that finished 11-0. Thanks to all my brothers and my compliments to the Chef.



Mark Strawbridge





Dan Meier

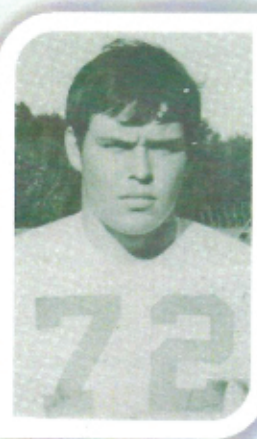


I have been married to Annie for 24 years and we live in Fairfax Station, VA. We have four children including Mike, 23, and Tim, 21, who are cadets at West Point (they play RB and QB for the Sprint/Lightweight football team). Another son, Joe who is 18, will be a senior in high school this year and Mary our daughter is 16 and will be a junior. After playing at NC State, I got a Master's Degree from the University of Virginia where I served as a graduate assistant coach during Joe Sroba's senior year. I then coached high school football in Virginia for 19 years, 16 of those years as a head coach. I truly loved coaching and was fortunate to coach three state championship teams at two different schools in Virginia's largest classification. After winning the last of the three, I decided to go into school administration. I have been a principal for the past ten years, the last eight of those at the largest public school in Virginia, Robinson Secondary School. All four of my children have attended Robinson with all three boys playing football while Mary plays lacrosse and field hockey and also pursues music.

There are so many great memories and moments ... standing atop the hill at the entrance of the stadium, hearing the drums and smelling cigar smoke, and then the voice of that terrific announcer as he said: "Ladies and gentlemen, look to your left, here come the Redskins!" Or playing in front of packed stadiums week after week and the wonderful coaches and the great guys we played with. Those long Tuesday night practices ... getting a Franks' Orange soda at Flavorland in Parkland after morning practices in summer ... painting our feet and getting taped by Mike Bowman in the training room ... taking charter buses to Allentown and Bethlehem and getting to go out to eat as a team afterwards ... the never-ending line at the ticket booth as we practiced on Monday before the Pennsbury game. Plus who can forget Pennsbury's size and their intimidating plain black uniforms or Chuck Kane's surprising and effective no-huddle offense on the opening drive. And finally, walking off the field as undefeated champions.

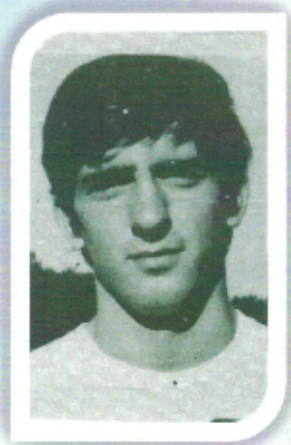
I married my wife, Mary Ellen, in 1980 and we live in Plano, Texas. We have two sons: Stephen, 26 and William, 24. I graduated from Bucknell in 1976 (and that includes four years of football). I spent the next six years in Textile sales with Cannon in NYC, Minneapolis and Dallas. I then earned an MBA from SMU in 1983 and shifted my career focus to computers and technology, first with a small start-up then with IBM for ten years. I returned to PA in 1995 as CIO of an IBM-Kodak (a joint venture). In 1997 my family wanted to move back to Texas and I've been here since then in VP or Director positions at Alltel, PepsiCo and Blockbuster. In 2006, I joined Tatum in Business Operations and Technology consulting. Along the way, I helped coach youth football, including many of the kids that went on to play for the Texas High School championship. I've also coached select soccer teams with a few players on the Plano Senior High team winning the Texas State championship. Both my boys have played football, soccer and a few other sports. Stephen graduated from Texas Tech in 2011 with his Masters in Architecture and William is working as a veterinary tech while becoming an EMT/Paramedic/Firefighter.

My favorite moments are varied. From pre-season two-a-days in the heat on the hill; lineman drills that included carrying your buddy up and down the hills on your back; runs around the school when we were slacking (or as conditioning) and the things a championship team needed to do to get ready for a tough season. Pre-games in the gym too, with each player in their spot going through rituals including the order of putting on socks. And game time: the walk/run out to the brightly lit field, warm-ups and the coin toss. On some days, there was a call to the starting line-up while on others, it was time to make a difference on special teams and in relief. Some of my best memories are of hits or blocks on kick-off and return teams. I also remember practices where I was asked to run as fullback for the scout team during defensive drills which I enjoyed. As it turned out, I fractured my leg in one of these drills in mid-October but it was not confirmed until December, after we finished the season. And just as well, as I would not have wanted to miss any part of the "Team of the Century" season. A funny recollection is the day I took 11 guys home in my VW bug after a two-a-day practice. Three in front and eight in back (the axel seals were never the same).



Steve Luce





Joe Neky



I'm currently single and I live in Bethel Park (just outside of Pittsburgh). I have two children from my marriage: Matthew who is 15 and Sarah who is 12. After Neshaminy, I attended the University of Cincinnati -- Engineering & Business Colleges. After graduating I remained in Ohio for over 20 years. In 2000 I then relocated to the Pittsburgh area for a business opportunity and eventually started an industrial sales Manufacturer's Rep company in 2001. My territory includes Western PA, Western NY and the West Virginia area. My folks moved to Northern California in the late '70s and since then my kids and I have enjoyed many trips over the years to visit both family and the San Francisco Bay area as well.

Certainly the Pennsbury game is memorable as the culmination of our perfect season (and it probably qualifies as a favorite moment too). The huge crowd, beautiful day and Homecoming ceremonies all added to it, but it is was most memorable to me as it was the only game my father attended during our senior year because of his work. My Dad passed a few years ago, and afterward we found a picture in his wallet that we had taken before the game; it featured me in the home uniform we wore that day and Dad in my away jersey.

I'm presently living with Cindy Moninghoff in Riegelsville, PA. We have been together for the past 12 years. After leaving Neshaminy I served in the US Army for two years. After my discharge, I then became a licensed taxidermist (Pennsylvania) and owned and operated a taxidermy business for about ten years. I have since changed my career focus and now own a construction company. I build custom estate homes in the beautiful Hudson Valley located in New York State. The majority of the homes we build are designed by Steven Mensch who is an architect of some note.

My favorite moment is simple: I enjoyed being part of a great team and also having had the opportunity to attend a great high school.



Mike Craig





Steve Gale

I'm happily married to Robin (formerly Robin Sandom - Neshaminy class of 1973) and we live in Upper Black Eddy. We have two children: our daughter Kerry, 31, and our son Jesse, 28. We also have two grandchildren. Kerry lives in Los Angeles and Jesse is in Portland, OR. I graduated from Trenton State College in 1977 (now The College of New Jersey). I then taught high school Social Studies for one year before becoming employed by the U.S. Postal Service in 1979. My first five years were as clerk/carrier before moving into management where I worked for next 25 years. The last 18 of them were as the Postmaster of Perkasio. I retired after 30 years in January of 2009. I am now a part-time golf caddy at the Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem and I also own a small landscaping business. During the winter months I work for a small farm outside Riegelsville delivering hay.

My favorite moment was being in the defensive huddle controlled by Bruce and Chuck. It was both an intense and a fun thing to behold. It was sure something special to be a part of and I have not forgotten that feeling despite the many years.



I live in Langhorne and have been married to my wife, Debbi, for 27 years. I graduated from the United Brotherhood of Carpenters, Apprenticeship Program, in 1977 and Drexel University in 1979 with a BS in Civil Engineering. I then worked as a Journeyman and General Foreman for a large carpentry contractor until 1983. That year I started RMF Homes, Inc., a residential building and development company, which I operated until my semi-retirement in 2005. I presently keep busy as a civil engineer, construction consultant and part-owner of a pool hall. My wife and I have been leaders of a non-denominational, high school fellowship for many years. We teach kids life skills that they don't learn in school. We enjoy Phillies games (can't get enough of them), but my first love is playing pool when the rest of the country is sleeping.

My most memorable moment from 1971 came during those hot "dog-days" of August and two-a-day practices, playing defensive end on the practice squad against the first team offense. On one play I remember, and after reacting to the snap of the ball, I crossed the line of scrimmage only to see Bruce Traney and Pete Schupakus running straight at me -- to kill me (pause); then after hearing the whistle and picking myself up off the ground I heard the echo of Coach Swartz' voice saying "run it again". Trust me - there was nothing wrong with the first time they ran it. After a season of that torture, and playing against those two animals, it dawned on me I could play against anybody (thank you, Bruce and Pete). And in 1972 it absolutely was the MUD BOWL. At the beginning of the first half, Freedom was putting a drive together. With a second down and one, they ran around my end, where I evaded the blockers, and pan-caked the ball carrier for a two-yard loss. On third-down they repeated the same play and to my delight, the result was even better -- a four-yard loss. I remember thinking to myself at the time "it wasn't Traney or Schupakus blocking so it was a piece of cake!"



Bob Fox





Joe Carney

I have been married to Denise Hinds for 31 years and we live in Washington Crossing. We have three children: Joe who is 30, Colleen who is 29, and Kyle who just turned 23. All three are single. After high school I began to work in the family construction business and that is where I still work in to this day. I built my home and my family in Washington Crossing. Now after spending 30 years raising my children, I'm enjoying the empty nest. I am an active participant in sporting clays and I'm out on the range at least twice a week.

My favorite recollection, unquestionably, would be Mike Pannucci's game to close out our perfect season versus Pennsbury. As far as I'm concerned he played the greatest "second back" game in Redskin history! I was so happy for him that day that it became my greatest Redskin moment.



I currently live in Newtown and I'm very happy to say that my family is well and healthy. And as to the last 40 years there isn't much to say about that but: No way, has it been that long?

And getting to the point, my favorite moment was watching Bruce get that last score we needed to win against the Falcons. Go Redskins (and Neshaminy too).



Jim Hart

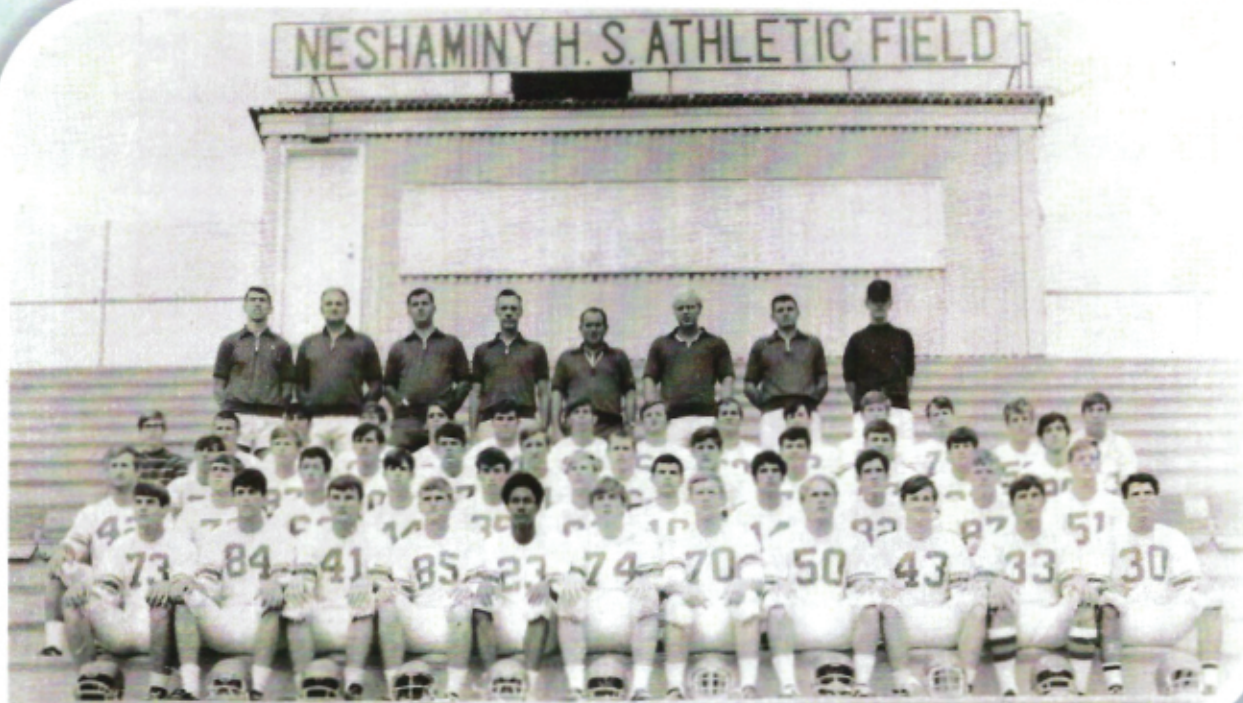


Barry Sullivan



I have been married to my beautiful wife Denise for 28 years and we live in Levittown. We are blessed to have three wonderful children, Jennifer, Sean and Blake. Jennifer is a young professional and soon-to-be graduate from Penn State. Sean is engaged and a successful salesperson at McCafferty Ford in Langhorne. My youngest son, Blake, is currently a sophomore at Neshaminy where he plays for the Redskins' football team. Blake, god willing, will be playing in the "40th Reunion" game. My entire family is proud to be Neshaminy graduates. After graduating from Neshaminy, I went on to West Virginia University where I received a scholarship to play soccer. During my time at WVU, our team was ranked 9th in the NCAA division of University soccer. After graduating, I taught physical education at Neshaminy for two years. I also coached the high school Junior Varsity soccer team to an undefeated 14-0 season (that was a very gratifying moment). I then proceeded to establish my professional career as a Sales Professional at Atlantic Concrete Products, Inc. In my position with the company, I have nurtured the relationships of the engineers, municipalities and contractors for the northeast division. I enjoy spending time with my wife, children, and our chocolate Labrador, Stoli. My family and I reside in our family house located in Twin Oaks.

My favorite moment had to be during the opening game of my junior year. We were playing Bishop Egan. I kicked off and knew the ball was going to be in or out of the end zone, with no run back, so I wasn't concerned about a lot of "hitting" on that play; however, no one told me there was a man "marking" me on the opposing team. Being from a soccer background, and kicking for the first time, needless to say he leveled me to the ground, knocking the wind out of me. The sidelines and viewers broke out in laughter as they witnessed my unforeseen hit. As I walked to the sideline coach Swartz said: "Hey Sully, protect yourself when you're out there." Of course, I replied "thanks coach." The next time I kicked off, all I can say is pay back is a ... !





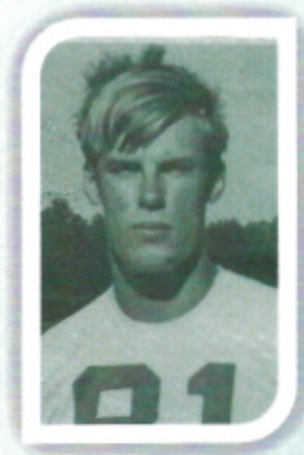
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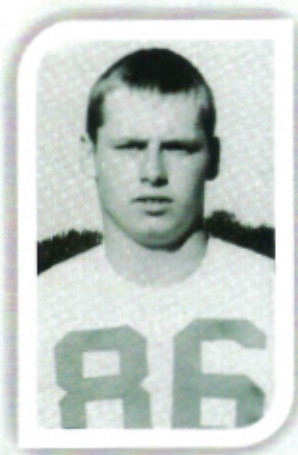
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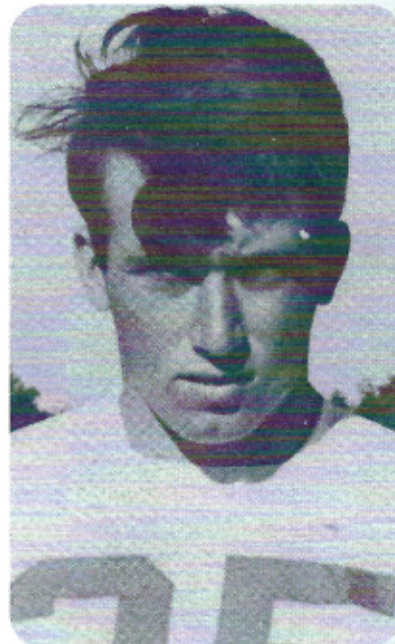
In Memory

For those teammates we have lost too soon

#85 - John Connaughton DE



#35 - Rich McIntyre HB







1971 Redskin Coaching Staff - John Harvey, Jerry Levans, Randy Kurzinsky, Jack Swartz, Pal Allison, John Watto & John Markowitz (L to R)

Jerry Levans

Assistant Coach. He graduated from Neshaminy High School and Kansas State College earning his B.S. and a Masters in Health and Physical Education. He played both football and baseball and also served in the United States Marine Corps. "Hells Bells!"

John Watto

Assistant Coach. He graduated from Panther Valley High School (Lansford, PA) and then attended Bloomsburg State College where he graduated with a B.S. He taught Social Studies. He played football, basketball and baseball.

Randy Kurzinsky

Head JV Coach. He graduated from Mahanoy Township High School (Mahanoy City, PA) and then Bloomsburg State College. He earned his B.S. at Bloomsburg. He taught in Maryland and at Mahanoy Township before coming to Neshaminy where he taught Mathematics. He played football and basketball.

John Harvey

Assistant JV Coach. He graduated from Neshaminy High School and then earned an M.A. degree from the University of Arizona. He played football and also ran track. He taught History.

John Markowitz

Assistant JV Coach. He graduated from Carteret High School (Carteret, NJ) and Trenton State College. He also served in the United States Navy. He taught woodworking in the Industrial Arts Department. He played football, baseball and tennis.



Pal Alison



I was raised in Morrisville and went to school there right on through Morrisville High where I graduated in the mid-40s. I was active in sports and played football for the Bulldogs. Looking back, I can recall there were three games we expected to win each year: Langhorne-Middletown, Fallsington, and Newtown. We considered those games to be against the "farmers" as Morrisville and Bristol, the "city" schools, were the high school powerhouses in Bucks County sports back then. And jumping ahead a few years, after graduating from high school I served in the Air Force; attended Pennington Prep; completed undergraduate and graduate school at Temple University and then served as a student teacher at Neshaminy (formally Langhorne-Middletown).

When I was first hired by Neshaminy (in the 1950s) I became the assistant coach in charge of the junior high school and scouting too (John Petercuskie and I were also the physical education staff of Neshaminy Junior High School). I did most of the scouting that first year and we only lost one junior high football game. And from that season on, we didn't lose another junior high game in for eight straight years.

After 'Cusky left Neshaminy High School, the football staff and coaching positions went through some changes for a few seasons and I moved into administration. Then in 1968 Jack Swartz was made head coach; he called me and asked if I would move to senior high school and be his defensive coach, which I did. We coached together for the next five years and the 1971 undefeated team was certainly the pinnacle. Then when Jack retired after the '72 season, I became the head coach and three years later, with the help of some great young men, I took the 'Skins to a championship.

After retiring from coaching after the '75 season, I taught a couple more years (in junior high school) and then retired early to pursue other ventures. I've spent many years camping and traveling throughout the United States and Canada and have enjoyed several cruises to foreign countries.

In closing, there were a lot of terrific moments and fond recollections from my days in Langhorne while I have especially good memories of my mentors, John Petercuskie and Jack Swartz. I also have to admit that I take great pride in having been part of the wonderful winning tradition at Neshaminy while coaching those many seasons.



In Memory of Coach Jack Swartz

November 14, 1924 – May 12, 1998

Served as Neshaminy's head coach from 1968 through 1972 (43-11-1) and as an assistant coach from 1955 through 1965 and in 1967 (103-16-7). Overall record of teams while at Neshaminy is 146-27-8.

"We called him 'Mighty Mouse'. He was quite an athlete. He could put the basketball between his legs and around his back long before it was fashionable. And he didn't palm it."

—John Petercuskie

"Off the field, we were friends. You always knew you were in for a football game against Jack."

—Chuck Kane

"He had a remarkable memory. He could remember people, places, and faces. I don't know how he did it. I guess that's a quarterback for you."

—Pal Allison



Great Pennsylvania Teams

By Hal Wilson

Acclaimed the "Team of the Century" in Lower Bucks County, the 1971 Neshaminy Redskins were a great offensive squad with superb running and passing skills. The aggressive defense was outstanding as well. Winners of the Big Seven and Lower Bucks County Section One titles, the Redskins won eleven straight games, averaging nearly 35 points. The Big Seven included the five big schools in the Lehigh Valley plus Pennsbury – a tough league with big games every week. This wonderful season opened against neighborhood rival Bishop Egan. Before a home crowd of 12,000 quarterback Pete Cordelli, on crutches a week earlier, and halfback Joe Sroba led the attack and Neshaminy won, 27-8.

Two trips to Allentown resulted in wins – 33-7 over Allen – fullback Bruce Traney scored four times after the Canaries got on the board first – and 26-8 over a physical Dieruff team. Another 13,000 saw the Redskins gain revenge against a strong Bethlehem Liberty team which had spoiled a perfect Neshaminy season in 1970 in a game in Bethlehem. The convincing 33-6 home victory took the Redskins record to 6-0.

Against Bensalem, All-American split end Dale Forchetti caught a screen pass, reversed his field four times and went 80 yards for a score. His blockers found themselves in on multiple hits as the play progressed. The Redskins won 49-0.

In the season-ending showdown with arch-rival Pennsbury, loser only once, Neshaminy turned the ball over three times in the first half, twice on interceptions and one more time on a fumble. The Redskins were behind after the Falcons cashed a field goal and touchdown. Neshaminy trailed 10-0 and only a last second TD, scored on Cordelli's six yard sprint around right end, made it 10-7 at

the half. The Redskins then ground out two second half touchdowns and completed the perfect season with a thrilling 21-17 victory in the "Super Bowl" of Bucks County.

Little Mike Pannucci had replaced injured starter Pete Schupakus. He, Cordelli and hard-hitting Traney led the way. Pannucci paced all rushers while Cordelli was 11 for 21. 15,000 witnessed the game at Langhorne.

Neshaminy never punted in this game.

Guard Joe Chamberlain recently called 1971 a "dream season". The Neshaminy faithful were pessimistic at the start. But the enthusiasm for this team grew as the season progressed. Chamberlain related, "We said a pre-game prayer – that we would play to the best of our ability and no one would be hurt. We never wanted to disappoint ourselves and our fans."

Center and linebacker Chuck Lodge remembers the camaraderie of this team. "There was no hint of any problems; no 'me first'. It was all for the team. This atmosphere was pervasive."

Quarterback Cordelli, split end and defensive back Forchetti, and center and linebacker Lodge were each named to the first team All-State offense. The combination of the left-handed throwing Cordelli and Forchetti, who had great moves, speed and hands was lethal to Redskin opponents. Forchetti was on the field for every play until game outcomes were assured – offense, defense and special teams.

Lodge, Cordelli and defensive tackle Dan Meier went to North Carolina State to play for Lou Holtz. Cordelli stayed with Holtz after graduation and worked with him at Arkansas, Minnesota and Notre Dame. He

then became head coach at Kent State. He is now a sports broadcaster in Memphis. Meier has coached three Virginia scholastic title teams. Lodge moved to Villanova where he was an All-East center for the Wildcats.

Fullback Traney played for Georgia Tech. Sroba and halfback Pete Schupakus joined the Virginia program where Joe's brother was on the squad. Schupakus later moved on to Temple. Bruce McHale was member of Penn State's perfect record 1974 Orange Bowl champions. Sroba works now as a sports agent, while Traney is an attorney in Los Angeles. McHale is guidance counselor for delinquent girls and Schupakus helps handicapped children.

Other starting Redskins who went on to college programs included Mark Strawbridge at Clemson, Bart Smith at Yale, Dave Pyle at West Point, and Joe Neky at Cincinnati. Still others played at smaller schools.

Jack Swartz, the coaching master behind this outstanding team, was a native of Moosic, just outside of Scranton. He had played at Carbondale high, then East Stroudsburg State, starring in both football and basketball. He became head coach at Neshaminy in 1968, following Cordelli's father, Pete Sr. Swartz came to Neshaminy in 1955 after serving as head mentor at Carbondale the previous four years.

Chamberlain describes Swartz as a complete coach and tough disciplinarian. Swartz employed a multiple-offense look, including the winged-T, and an aggressive 52 "Oklahoma" defense. He instructed this team to "play with pride and respectability – the wins will take care of themselves."



Hal Wilson is a graduate of Mt. Lebanon high school (just south of Pittsburgh) and is a noted Pennsylvania scholastic sports historian who has written on a number of the Keystone state's greatest high school football teams.



Jack Swartz

1971

The Neshaminy High School Football Team



Big Seven Conference and Lower Bucks County League Champions

*"Time will never dim
the glory of
the Neshaminy Redskins"*

- Harry Franks

