

# CHIP BABCOCK



# Selects the Winners

My prediction of the week award goes to the North-east-Lincoln game where I foresaw that the Railsplitters didn't have enough offense to outscore the Vikings and said so. I should have kept my mouth shut—The score: Lincoln 46 Northeast 18. As I explained to the Lincoln players after the game, it was just a move to psych them up and get their offense moving. They didn't buy the explanation. Can't win 'em all. Last week's record 42.7. Season record: 80 percent. (M)-morning; (N)-night.

## The Top 10 Games

### Friday

Lincoln at CENTRAL — The Lancers have too much offense for Lincoln.

ARCHBISHOP WOOD at Bishop Kenrick (n) — Wood's ends Mike Redick and John McGinnis will come through again to keep the Vikings in the division race.

HAVERFORD SCHOOL at Episcopal Academy — Mike Mayock will coach his second consecutive undefeated team.

Council Rock at NESHAMINY (n) — This game will provide a good test of Neshaminy's strength relative to its closest competitor, Pennsburg. CR lost to Pennsburg, 20-0.

POTTSTOWN at Spring-Ford (n) — Fullback Bob Brown is due for another fine game.

### Saturday

Mastbaum at FRANKFORD (m) — Much-improved Mastbaum will make it close.

MARPLE-NEWTOWN at Ridley (M) — Another close one. Abington at NORRISTOWN — Quarterback Tommy James will test the young Abington secondary beyond capacity.

UPPER MERION at Springfield (Montco) — Coaches around the league say it's tough to prepare for UM. The Spartans won't quite make it.

BISHOP EGAN at Father Judge — The Eagles should come back from last week's tie against Wood.

## Other Games

### Today

Dobbins at OLNEY; Germantown at NORTHEAST.

### Friday

Bartram at WEST PHILADELPHIA; Overbrook at GRATZ; Edison vs FRANKLIN at Northeast; WASHINGTON at Roxborough; Germantown Academy at PENN CHARTER; Darby Twp. at DARBY-COLWYN; Central Bucks East at SOUDERTON (n), North Penn at CENTRAL BUCKS WEST (n); SOUTHERN at Bok; Chestnut Hill Academy at VALLEY FORGE MA.

### Saturday

Upper Darby at CONESTOGA (m); HAVERFORD HIGH at Lower Merion (m); SPRINGFIELD (DELCO) at Radnor (m); Methacton at CHELTENHAM; Upper Moreland at PLYMOUTH-WHITEMARSH; LANSDOWNE-ALDAN at HARRITON, Sun Valley at NETHER PROVIDENCE (m); WOODROW WILSON at Bensalem; Pennridge at HATBORO-HORSHAM; QUAKERTOWN at Perkiomen Valley; Upper Perkiomen at WISSAHICKON; OYERTOWN at Great Valley; Phoenixville at COATESVILLE; WEST CHESTER at Downingtown, Pottsgrove at OWEN J. ROBERTS, PENNSBURY at Hazelton (n); Clifton Heights at SWARTHMORE (m); COLLINGSDALE at Garnet Valley (m); Yeadon at SHARON HILL.

### Sunday

North Catholic at LaSALLE; Monsignor Bonner at ARCHBISHOP CARROLL; CARDINAL O'HARA at Bishop Neumann; Roman Catholic at ST. JAMES; West Catholic at ST. JOSEPH'S PREP; BISHOP McDEVITT at Cardinal Dougherty.

## Rating the Teams



The top six teams in this week's Inquirer all-area poll are the same as they were last week. And the week before. No. 7 proved unlucky again, this time for Upper Merion, which fell to Plymouth-Whitemarsh and 16th place. Strangely enough, Plymouth-Whitemarsh is 17th, due largely to a pair of earlier losses. Gloucester won and lost, needing a 73-yard punt return in the fourth period to edge lightly-regarded Collingswood, 14-6. For its efforts Gloucester went from 13th to 22d. Bishop Egan and Archbishop Wood tied last Saturday, 22-22, and appropriately enough, are tied for 18th place.

## No. 7 Unlucky Again

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| 1. Neshaminy (9-0)           | 11. Pottstown (8-1)           |
| 2. Pennsburg (8-1)           | 12. Council Rock (6-2)        |
| 3. Central Bucks West (8-0)  | 13. Marple-Newton (6-2)       |
| 4. Haverford School (7-0)    | 14. St. Joseph's Prep (6-2)   |
| 5. Nether-Providence (8-0)   | 15. Conestoga (6-2)           |
| 6. Central (5-0)             | 16. Upper Merion (7-1)        |
| 7. Bishop Kenrick (7-1)      | 17. Plymth.-Whitemarsh (6-2)  |
| 8. Paul VI (7-0)             | 18. (Tie) Bishop Egan (4-2-1) |
| 9. Hatboro-Horsham (8-1)     | Archbishop Wood (4-3-1)       |
| 10. Archbishop Carroll (6-1) | 20. Frankford (6-0)           |

Others, in order: Norristown, Gloucester, Abington, Woodbury, Triton, Palmyra, Haverford High, Ridley, Coatesville, Monsignor Bonner, Archbishop Ryan, Lincoln, Washington, Penn Charter, Abington, La Salle, Olney, Upper Darby, St. James, Father Judge, Camden Wilson, Willingboro Kennedy, Springfield (Montco).