

Football

Rivals Council Rock and Neshaminy to clash in teams' conference opener

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The first of the Lower Bucks County neighborhood football rivalries will be played at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow when Council Rock (1-0) travels to Neshaminy (1-0) in the Suburban One National Conference opener for both teams.

The two teams are coming off different types of season-opening victories. Quarterback Joe Mormello led Neshaminy's offense to at least one score in every period in the 35-13 rout of Conwell-Egan on Friday, with Bill Baillie scoring three rushing touchdowns.

Rock, meanwhile, clinched its 14-7 win over visiting East Stroudsburg with its usual rugged defense. The Indians' defense came away with five turnovers and scored the game's first touchdown when Matt Martin ran a blocked punt into the end zone.

A year ago, Neshaminy, with Mormello at quarterback, was one of only three teams that scored more than one touchdown against Council Rock. Until junior Justin Wellen gets more experience at quarterback, Rock's defense will have to continue to have the type of performance it had last week.

Norristown (0-0) at Central Bucks West (1-0), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. It's a very late and very tough season opener for Norristown, which had its game against Souderton two weeks ago postponed because of lightning. C.B. West's latest winning streak is one after last week's 26-0 whitewash of Souderton. Junior Dave Braun passed for 187 yards and one touchdown in the Bucks' victory.

Upper Merion (1-0) at Quakertown (2-0), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. This game matches two of the top teams in the Suburban One American Conference. Quakertown has outscored its first two opponents, 66-7, and the Vikings feature one of Southeastern Pennsylvania's top players in quarterback/linebacker Brad Scioli.

Pottsgrove (1-0) at Pennridge (0-1-1), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. The Rams' offense so far has been led by two juniors, quarterback Nate Klementisz (three TD passes) and running back John Cressman (three TDs, two on passes from Klementisz).

Truman (0-1-1) at Souderton (0-1), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. Truman showed big-play ability in last week's 14-14 tie with Pennridge, scoring one touchdown on a 62-yard pass play from Jim Nelson to Kevin Ingram.

Delaware Valley (N.J.) (0-0) at Morrisville (1-0), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. The Bulldogs, defending District 1 Class A champion, opened the season with a 14-13 victory over Salisbury Township, avenging one of their two losses of last season.

North Penn (0-1) at Bensalem (1-0), Saturday, 1:30 p.m. The Owls had a week off after their opening 28-0 rout of Truman, when Robsawne Little rushed for 145 yards and three touchdowns. Jeff Yeakel had 118 rushing yards in the Knights' 28-7 loss at Coatesville last week.

Central Bucks East (1-1) at Pennsylvania (0-2), Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Pennsylvania has to put its two nonleague losses behind it, and get serious in the Suburban One National Conference opener for both teams.

Tennent (0-1) at Abington (1-0), Saturday, 1:30 p.m. Abington opened with an impressive 27-7 victory over Bishop McDevitt, and Tennent was

woeful in a 25-0 loss at home to Springfield (Delco).

Germantown Academy (0-1) at Archbishop Wood (0-1), Saturday, 1 p.m. Both teams lost their openers last week on last-game touchdowns by opponents. GA's Larry Leith had a brilliant performance in a 16-15 loss to the Hun School, rushing for 114 yards and one touchdown and catching nine passes for 80 yards and another score.

Academy of the New Church (0-0) at Bristol (0-0), 1:30 p.m. The season-opener for both schools is also an Independence League clash.

Lenape (N.J.) (0-0) at Conwell-Egan (0-1), Saturday, 1:30 p.m. The good news from Conwell-Egan's season-opening 35-13 loss to Neshaminy was the two touchdowns scored by Jesse Carpenter. The most points the Eagles scored in any game last season was 16.

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