

# Rams Prep for Opener

## With Neshaminy Sept. 15

Penridge High will have a new look with its interesting 'I' formation this fall, but to the moments, one of their old problems remains.

The Rams are weak in their deep defensive secondary which in head coach Wayne Helman's language "we hope to rectify before the season begins."

The age old problem of pass defense was noticeable Saturday morning when Penridge scrimmaged against a big, strong Slatington eleven. The Rams did very well, overall. They lost, four touchdowns to two but long passes accounted for all the opposition's scoring, or setting up the T.D.'s.

This was the biggest Slatington team Penridge has seen down through the years. Forgetting the bombs the visitors threw, Penridge coaches were more than pleased. "They had practically the same team we saw last year," said one, "so we figured that with a young team we did well."

Penridge itself scored on two pass plays one gunned to Carl Pheil by Dave Kern and the other to Jim Kissel by Al Faix.

The fact Faix and Kern again divided the quarterbacking makes it rather clear coaches have not yet decided on their starter for the Neshaminy opener nine days away.

According to the coaches summary of the overall situation,

"we need some shoring in the center of the line and in the deep secondary. Otherwise we feel we are rounding into form."

To help solve the middle-line problem, coaches moved Bob Ott from fullback to guard last week. "We had an abundance of fullbacks and a shortage of guards," Helman said. "So we shifted Ott. He is doing well at the new post."

With Ott on the first unit, offensive, Saturday, was Soph. Bob Winn, who has the coaches smiling. He's one of the surprises of pre-season drills who is apparently keeping the guard shortage from becoming critical.

Starting ends were Carl Pfeil and Kissel while at tackle Bill Aichele and Dave Smith held fourth. Rod Grasse has apparently won the center nod.

Behind Faix in the backfield was captain Jim Rinehimer at fullback, John Yost in the running slot and Jack Yost as the swing back or flanker.

The Rams believe they have sufficient depth in the backfield to return as a challenger. In addition Yost at tailback, Penridge can use John Dixon and Terry Bleam, all good runners gifted with speed.

Behind Rinehimer, there is Gary Keating and Ron Rowan. Dan Yost and Mike Lichtfuss are also being trained for the new flanker role.

Defensively, Penridge began Saturday's tussle with Bruce Renner and Drew Medwick at ends, Dave Smith and Larry Eisenhart at tackle, and Den Worman and Bill Mitchell at guard. Dave Apple, who has been doing well on the line missed the scrimmage because of a bruised shoulder. Also used at tackle extensively was Tom Musselman.

The linebackers included Jeff Shaak, Bill Shelly and Gary Keating. Defensive backs included Kern, Jeff Eakins, Terry Detweiler and Mike Lichtfuss.

Ram coaches are following a new procedure this season in

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reference to their platoon system. The 'Big O' is being used as the second defensive unit. And 'Big D' is being used as the second offensive unit.

Penridge has been fortunate to the moment in escaping any bad pre-season injuries. In addition to Apple, Dixon suffered a knee injury which is responding. These are practically the only ones requiring medical treatment, coaches said.

### Team Roster

	Wgt.	C.	P.
A. Faix	170	Sr.	QB
D. Kern	179	So.	QB
R. Smith	153	Jr.	QB
G. Hosgood	180	Jr.	QB
B. Garis	137	So.	QB
J. Yost*	154	Jr.	HB

B. Solliday	131	Jr.	HB
D. Slotter	130	So.	HB
J. Yoder*	167	Sr.	HB
D. Yost*	163	Sr.	HB
T. Detweiler	122	Jr.	HB
R. Jacoby	168	Sr.	FB
R. Rowan	185	Jr.	FB
W. Moyer	156	So.	FB
G. Keating	170	Sr.	FB
J. Rinehimer			
(Capt)*	196	Sr.	FB
J. Dixon	152	Jr.	HB
M. Lichtfuss*	180	Sr.	HB
T. Bleam	150	So.	HB
R. Conville	142	So.	HB
J. Eakin	157	So.	HB
J. Wenger*	187	Jr.	C
R. Grass*	188	Sr.	C
D. Fitzgerald	165	So.	C
B. Shelly	160	So.	C
J. Shaak*	158	Jr.	C
W. Brewer	145	So.	G
B. Winn	148	So.	G
E. Doyne	155	Jr.	G
C. Davenport*	172	Jr.	G
D. Worman*	174	Jr.	G
B. Mitchell	145	So.	G
B. Ott	168	Jr.	G
R. Kolmus	150	So.	G
T. Musselman	197	Jr.	T
D. Smith	215	Jr.	T
G. Hunsberger	175	Sr.	T
K. Scheetz	180	Jr.	T
L. Eisenhart*	204	Sr.	T
B. Aichele	178	Sr.	T
D. Apple	190	So.	T
M. Massey	162	Jr.	E

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