

# Surprising L. Bucks Season Ends With Wilson Upsetting Neshaminy

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Another unpredictable season has ended in Lower Bucks County with both sections of the two-conference league providing surprises this year.

The final gridiron surprise came last Saturday when Woodrow Wilson, of Levittown, upset Neshaminy, of Langhorne, 14-13.

The Rams won the contest in the waning minutes of the fourth quarter when quarterback Ed Lovelace threw a touchdown pass to Jim Lyall. This tied the score and then Stan Startzell came out and kicked the extra point and Wilson won.

## Final Record: 0-3

The defeat gave Neshaminy a final record of 0-3 in Section One, the worst the Redskins ever had. They finished last in the four-team conference.

The victory, which hiked the Rams record to 1-1-1, tied them with William Tennent for second place. Pennsbury, co-champions last season with Wilson, won the title outright for the first time since the league was divided. The Falcons finished with a 3-0 record.

All season long Lou Sorrentino, coach of the Wilson Rams, has been looking for the "big victory."

## Needed One Big Win

He said in mid-season, "I think that all our boys need now is one big win and we will

be on our way."

The Rams have been plagued all season with injuries, and the club's final overall record of 3-7-1 is the worst since Sorrentino took over the team in 1961.

"It has been mostly an inexperienced team all season," Sorrentino said.

However, the team was starting to improve. The Rams won the Bensalem game 26-7 and the boys were definitely starting to jell.

## He Was Apprehensive

But Neshaminy loomed at the end of the schedule and Sorrentino admitted that he was apprehensive about that one.

The Redskins, coached by Pete Cordelli in his first year as head coach, were having more trouble this season. Last year after the final game coach Tom McHugh resigned in the wake of the Redskins worst season since the name of the school was changed from Langhorne High to Neshaminy High.

However, most coaches in the league felt that the Redskins would be much improved this season. And in the final tally the Redskins did improve over their 1-6-2 tally of 1966.

## Redskin Fans Disappointed

But for those Redskin supporters who were hoping for a quick recovery there was disappointment. True, the team did win more games, and was playing better than last season. And there was a different

spirit about the team. A loss could be depressing to the team, but they didn't let it get to them as it seemed to last year.

It was an improved team. Cordelli couldn't perform any miracles, but he did produce a solid team. And next year will be even better for the Redskins.

But next year wasn't Sorrentino's problem as he faced the Neshaminy game.

Early in the first quarter the Redskins jumped ahead with a touchdown run by Craig Johns, but the kick failed. In the second quarter the Rams quarterback Lovelace threw to Pete Young for a touchdown and Startzell's kicking put the Rams ahead 7-6.

## Redskins Take Lead

In the third quarter the Redskins again went into the lead when back Bill Daenz scored on a run and the kick was good.

Then came those last few minutes of the fourth quarter and Lovelace's pass which ended everything.

The Rams have now ended two consecutive seasons with exciting games. Last year they tied Pennsbury 14-14 in the final match, and the two schools had to share the Section One title.

The pre-game predictions would have probably given Neshaminy a slight edge.

## Lot to Be Proud Of

Even though both schools finished with what many people

might consider unimpressive records, both coaches and both schools have a lot to be proud of.

Because these two schools have an image, and it is hard to live up to an image when the team doesn't really have the material. A lot is expected of a team that has been a winner for years. Some people

think they can win forever. They can't. But these schools this year have proved that a team can lose a lot of games but still remain a "winner."

Stan Starzell's conversion with 33 seconds remaining gave Woodrow Wilson (3-6-1 overall, 1-1-1 league) a 14-13 victory over Neshaminy (3-7 overall, 0-3-0 league) in their Lower Bucks League finale at Wilson.

Wilson's Ed Lovelace scored on a 21-yard run and passed 10 yards to Jerry Saxon for a fourth-period TD. Craig Johns (two-yard run) and Bill Daenz (26-yard run) tallied for Neshaminy.