

SPORTS

Council Rock, Pennsbury evenly matched for game

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Council Rock beat Neshaminy, 10-7, on a 46-yard field goal by George Haag in the final six minutes of the game last Friday.

A day later Pennsbury and Bensalem tied, 22-22, when Brian West's last-second 50-yard field-goal attempt was short.

On Saturday at 1:30 p.m., Council Rock and Pennsbury meet in another of the Suburban One National Conference's weekly "Game of the Year."

Council Rock's 4-0-1 Patriot Division record (6-1-1 overall) gives Council Rock a one-game lead over Pennsbury (3-1-1, 5-2-1), and a win would just about clinch the division crown.

Council Rock does most of its offensive damage through the air (12 touchdown passes), while Pennsbury hands the ball to Jamah Williams whenever it gets near the goal line (14 rushing touchdowns).

This game is typical of those in Suburban One National all year. Teams are so evenly matched (Council Rock has scored 187 points in its eight games, Pennsbury 175) that they have hurt their own league members' chances at a PIAA playoff berth.

Council Rock's defense effectively shut down Neshaminy last week, while Pennsbury's defense, which had stopped Tennent backs for losses 14 times the week before, gave up more than over 300 yards in the tie with Bensalem, a surprisingly weak performance for the Falcons.

Archbishop Ryan (3-5, 3-3) at Archbishop Wood (4-5, 3-3), Sunday, 2:00 p.m. A win would put Wood into the Catholic League playoffs for the first time in three years.

Football preview

The Vikings went into the season with a running attack that featured four interchangeable backs. They still have that, but junior quarterback Brian LaFond (more than 1,000 yards passing and 7 TDs), has added the element that has made Wood a surprise in the Catholic League's Northern Division.

Ryan, the Catholic League North Division champion last season, has lost three of its last four games but is led by running back Mike Barnett, who has gained more than 500 yards this season.

Norristown (6-1-1, 4-1-1) at Central Bucks East (5-3, 3-2), Saturday, 7:30 p.m. C.B. East's season has followed a strange pattern. With one exception (14-3 win over Malvern), when the team scores three touchdowns, it wins. Fewer than three TDs usually means a loss. Only Council Rock (in a 24-24 tie) has scored three TDs in a game against Norristown this season. East has won two straight games by shutout, 24-0, over Pennridge and 21-0 over North Penn. Norristown made Pennridge pay for its loss to Abington the week before with a 47-7 rout last week.

William Tennent (3-5, 2-3) at Bensalem (5-3-1, 2-3-1), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. After winning its first four games, Bensalem has only an 8-7 win over North Penn on the plus side in the last five weeks. But a win over Tennent would assure the Owls a winning season. Halfback Edmund Robinson has reached the 1,000-yard plateau, and fullback Sam Lake needs fewer than 300 yards in the last two games to join him.

Tennent sophomore Jay Jones completed 10 of 12 passes for 175 yards and 4 TDs in a 34-12 win over Truman last week, filling in for injured starter Bob Rosenberger.

Morristown (N.J.)-Beard (4-2) at George School (4-1), tomorrow, 2:30 p.m. The Cougars have outscored opponents 79-14 and have pitched three shutouts. Quarterback Kassem Lucas has passed and run for more than 100 yards a game. Against common opponents, both schools defeated Pennington Prep and lost to Newark (Del.) Academy, while George beat Princeton Day School, which Morristown lost to.

Pennridge (1-7, 0-6) at Central Bucks West (4-4, 3-2), tomorrow, 7:30 p.m. The days of a Bucks loss being a news event ended this season. Their four losses are the most they've had in one season since 1976. But with the sophomore combination of quarterback Greg Moylan (7 TD passes) and Matt Soncini (4 TD receptions, 1 TD run), C.B. West still is dangerous. Pennridge has lost six straight games and scored more than one TD in only one game, an 18-6 win over Hatboro-Horsham in the season's second game.

Bishop Egan (0-8, 0-6) at Father Judge (5-2, 4-2), tomorrow, 7 p.m. Egan has been outscored, 171-31, in what has been its longest season. The Eagles are off after this game until the Thanksgiving Day game with Truman, when both teams probably will be looking for their first win. Judge has clinched a Catholic League Northern Division playoff berth.

Morrisville (6-1) at Wildwood (1-4), Saturday, 1:00 p.m. Quarterback Rob DeMaio has thrown 5 TD passes in the last two games (2 in last (See PREVIEW on Page 58)

Bucks County Football Leaders

Through games of Oct. 23

Scoring

Name	School	Rush TD	Rec. TD	FG	PAT	2-Pt. PAT	Total Points
Jamah Williams	Pennsbury	14	0	0	0	0	84
Edmund Robinson	Bensalem	11	0	0	0	3	72
Tim Maduzia	Council Rock	7	4	0	0	0	66
Jerry Devine	Bristol	9	0	0	0	2	58
Mark Paciolla	Arch. Wood	8	0	0	0	3	54
Rob Latronica	Neshaminy	7	1	0	0	0	48
Eric Sessoms	Morrisville	7	1	0	0	0	48
Craig Mignon	C.B. East	7	0	0	0	0	42
Jack Grady	C.B. East	6	0	0	0	0	36
Sam Lake	Bensalem	5	1	0	0	0	36
Matt Soncini	C.B. West	1	4	0	0	1	32
Chris Light	Bristol	5	0	0	1	0	31
James Franklin	Neshaminy	5	0	0	0	0	30
Joel Wennik	George School	5	0	0	0	0	30
Adam Voyles	Council Rock	4	0	0	0	2	28
Bob Birch	Arch. Wood	3	1	0	0	0	24
Jon Hall	Neshaminy	0	4	0	0	0	24
Thad Brennan	C.B. West	3	1	0	0	0	24
Chuck Capella	Bristol	3	0	0	0	2	22

Passing

Name	School	TD Run	TD Pass	Total TDs
James Franklin	Neshaminy	4	8	12
Jerry Devine	Bristol	9	1	10
Rob DeMaio	Morrisville	1	8	9
Brian LaFond	Arch. Wood	1	7	8
Jon Shields	Council Rock	0	8	8
Greg Moylan	C.B. West	0	7	7
Adam Voyles	Council Rock	4	3	7
Dante Mucci	Pennsbury	2	3	5

Kicking

Name	School	FG	PAT	Total Points
Mike Schwab	C.B. East	3	18	27
Mike Ramos	Neshaminy	1	19	22
Chris Warren	C.B. West	5	7	22
Ed Lowry	Arch. Wood	1	17	20
Chuck Traber	Council Rock	2	14	20

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