



CLOSE OBSERVATION — Neshaminy High School assistant football coach Charlie Schmidt watches

carefully as a Redskin quintet goes through drills.

### Neshaminy forecast

Returning Lettermen: Seniors: John Barnett, 6-0, 185, lineman; Mike Barnett, 5-8, 155, slotback; Mike Buono, 6-0, 160, halfback; Steve Cloak, 5-11, 165, center; Tom Conroy, 5-10, 175, linebacker; Tom Dodd, 5-8, 160, running back; Bill Foster, 6-0, 235, lineman; Walt Freising, 5-11, 205, lineman; Terry Gallagher, 5-11, 155, quarterback; Doug Greenfield, 5-9, 165, defensive halfback; Ray Hainsworth, 6-0, 180, lineman; Bob Hayes, 5-10, 150, defensive halfback; Russ Horrocks, 6-0, 190, quarterback; Jim Kennedy, 5-9, 170, lineman; Jamie Mizer, 5-11, 160, running back; Rick Rynkiewicz, 5-11, 195, running back; Steve Shull, 6-0, 190, linebacker; Mark Simpson, 6-2, 220, linebacker; Ed Weissman, 5-11, 165, offensive end; Jim Wicks, 6-0, 160, defensive halfback; Jeff Ratner, 5-10, 160, kicker.

Juniors: Fred Calkins, 5-10, 180, running back; Phil Ivens, 5-10, 165, quarterback; Steve O'Brien, 6-0, 195, quarterback; Craig Piechowiak, 6-0, 170, kicker.

Promising Prospects: Head coach Pal Allison cited last year's junior varsity team which finished with an 8-1 record as his promising prospects.

Team Weakness: Neshaminy has only two experienced players returning to its defensive secondary which could be a problem. Allison also has to patch up a couple of slots on his offensive line.

Team Strength: With seven people back from last year's starting defensive team Neshaminy has few problems in that department. The Redskins are also strong in the offensive backfield and receivers.

Coaches Outlook: "We will be a much improved team over last year," Allison said. "And the reason is the experienced players. We should score a lot of points and hold our opponents to a minimum to be right in the middle of the Section One race.

# Shull assumes new role

By DREW McQUADE  
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Maple Point High School football players were not the only innocent victims of the Judgment at Neshaminy.

When the school district split Neshaminy's student population to fill the new Maple Point school, Neshaminy players received a stiff fine as well.

True, they did get the better part of the deal since they were allowed to keep the senior members of the team while a bunch of juniors were forced to spend their late summers at Maple Point gathering up rocks off a lopsided practice field. But Neshaminy did not get away Scot free.

With the entourage to Maple Point went a large chunk of Neshaminy's backup players.

"The split hurt us a lot," said Neshaminy running back Tom Dodd. "We're low on people—backups. We will be playing teams like Council Rock and Pennsbury who won't have to worry about any splits."

"The attitude is a lot better this year though," Dodd added, "so we should have a pretty strong team."

Fortunately for Neshaminy, attitude is not its only forte. The Redskins are coming off a strong junior varsity season with an 8-1 record. And, of course, they have been able to practice on a level plain.



STEVE SHULL

"They (Maple Point) got the raw end of the deal," said Steve Shull, who was the only member of Neshaminy to be named to the first team All-Lower Bucks County and All-Area squads last year.

"We were basically a junior team last year so the split shouldn't affect us that much. Last year a lot of juniors started for us. We should have experience this year."

### New Trade

The team has experience but Shull has been asked to learn a new trade.

Coach Pal Allison switched Shull from defensive end to linebacker in an attempt to patch up an inexperienced defensive secondary.

Shull has had a little difficulty putting himself in the place of someone who looked over his shoulder all last year.

"Right now, I'm not used to playing linebacker," Shull explained in the middle of preseason training. "Last year, I reacted one way and the knacker behind me reacted another way. Putting myself in his place has been kind of difficult but that night change."

Coinciding with Shull's new adventure is a new, more mature outlook. After a year of developing a prowess at defensive end, he is setting his sights on more team-oriented goals.

"Last year, I was worried about starting," said Shull. "Now that I have a year under my belt, I am interested in more than just starting."

"I think we have a chance to beat Pennsbury this year. We are a little thin in depth but we should be a lot better than last year (3-2 league, 4-7 overall). There's a lot more unity and the kids came back in good shape after the summer."

As usual, optimism flows through another preseason football camp. Positive thinkers spring up everywhere when it comes time to make audacious predictions of the future.

But in Shull's case, the optimism is somewhat tainted. He is cautious to tread lightly in the unpredictable world of the sportsayer.

Judging from the innumerable times brave coaches had the confidence of Jeanne Dixon before the season and the countenance of Emmett Kelly after the season,



PAL ALLISON

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1972	League			Overall		
	W	T	L	W	T	L
1971	2	0	6	5	0	0
1972	2	0	6	4	0	0
Total	4	0	12	9	0	0



## Dodd tolerates life as Quaker

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If Tom Dodd would have made his adaptation in the Revolutionary War era, he probably would have been tarred and feathered and put in stocks.

With a white face he also would have looked pretty silly riding around with a bunch of Indians.

As it was, Dodd went from being a Little Quaker to being a Redskin and no one even gave him a second look.

For those of you who may still be living in a bygone time, a Little Quaker is not necessarily a youngster with strong moral fiber. In Dodd's case, a Little Quaker is a member of a Pennsylvania All-Star football team made of 13-15-year-olds.

A Redskin is the kind that plays football for Neshaminy High School. Dodd admits he prefers wearing feathers to wearing stocks.

"At least in high school football the coaches spend time with you and if you have problems they try to help you out," said Dodd, who is a junior running back for Neshaminy.

"In the Little Quaker games, those coaches were excellent but they

didn't really get a chance to know the players. Most of the kids didn't know what the coaches were talking about."

"They stuck you in the game and if you didn't do the job—well, everyone would pull you out. And you might not play again."

The agony of sitting the bench was sometimes eased by thrill of seeing new places at a young age. Dodd's road trip lasted for a week and a half with stopoffs in New Orleans, Long Island, Texas and Florida. Not every one gets to see Disney World and Bourbon Street in the same week.

"The trip was pretty nice," remembered Dodd. We got to see Disney World when we were in Florida."

"I started the first two games and did good but didn't start the next two," added Dodd. (Little Quakers compiled a 5-1 record while Dodd was a member.)

"In the New Orleans game which was on TV, I was unfortunate and had a bad game. I felt like hiding my head under a rock."

Better to have a place to hide his head than to have it jutting out of the wooden block reserved for ancient quakers who did wrong.

### PENNSYLVANIA CONFERENCE MASTER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Home Team	Away Team
Friday, Sept. 26	3:15 p.m.	Friar's Central School for the Deaf	Fa. School for the Deaf at the Mitchell School
Friday, Oct. 3	3:15 p.m.	The Mitchell School at Academy of the New Church	Perkiomen School at Friends Central School
Perkiomen School at Friends Central School	2:30 p.m.		
Saturday, Oct. 4	2 p.m.	Pennington School at Fa. School for the Deaf	Germanstown Friends School at George School
Friday, Oct. 10	3:15 p.m.	Academy of the New Church at Germanstown Friends School	Fa. School for the Deaf at Perkiomen School
Perkiomen School at George School	2:30 p.m.		
Saturday, Oct. 11	2 p.m.	Pennington School at Friends Central School	GEORGE SCHOOL at The Mitchell School
GEORGE SCHOOL at The Mitchell School	2:30 p.m.		
Friday, Oct. 17	2:15 p.m.	Academy of the New Church at Perkiomen School	Perkiomen School at GEORGE SCHOOL
The Mitchell School at Germanstown Friends School	2 p.m.		
Friar's Central School at Pennsylvania Friends School	2 p.m.		
GEORGE SCHOOL at Fa. School for the Deaf	2:30 p.m.		
Friday, Oct. 24	3 p.m.	Friar's Central School at Academy of the New Church	Perkiomen School