

# George sees classic go on



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**DO YOU REMEMBER TOM GEORGE**, who was a tackle and punter for Neshaminy Langhorne High School in 1958?

George was parked under a 10-gallon hat along the fence during the Neshaminy-Pennsbury game on Saturday. George was a good one as I recall and always appeared to be very rugged. Part of that reason could be he is the son of Johnny George, a retired gunnery sergeant from the United States Marines. Johnny lives in Langhorne and spent 33 years in the USMC. He is now commandant of the Hugh B. Eastburn III Detachment, Marine Corps League.

Tom said, "It is great to be back east and to see Neshaminy play football. It has been a long time." George is a marketing representative for the Bayer Aspirin Company of Denver, Colo. George said, "You remember Ed Jones of Bristol who played about 1956? He's a preacher in Denver."...

**A LITTLE LATER** Herb Cummings, who was a Neshaminy center and linebacker many years ago, stepped onto the sidelines. Herb is a head football coach at a high school in Tennessee. And he had a southern drawl...

**ANOTHER INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT** happened late in the fourth period of the Neshaminy-Pennsbury clash for the Section One title in the Lower Bucks County Football

was senior guard Jim Thompson. Past recipients were Joe Chamberlain, Steve Gale, Rich Bradish and Andy Belmonte. The younger Hurst is a sixth grader and is now playing football

**IT WAS ALARMING** to learn of Pittsburgh football coach Johnny Majors' decision to permit three players to be in uniform and perform against Penn State on Saturday. The three — two starters, had been charged assaulting a young couple the weekend Pittsburgh spilled Notre Dame, 34-20.

Involved in the incident is Langhorne's Bobby Carney, a former Neshaminy High School swimmer, and his girl friend. Carney is a civil engineer and a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh.

It was an important game for Pitt against Penn State. And the Panthers, bound for the Sun Bowl to meet Kansas on Dec. 26, are all wrapped up in winning football games these days.

But why did Majors allow the players who have stepped out of bounds suit up and play against the Nittany Lions? What ever happened to the coach who demands his players live by the rules and will discipline those who don't? Majors lost more than a ball game to Penn State (7-6) by allowing those players to dress...

**BRISTOL HIGH SCHOOL** is seeking a ninth grade girls basketball coach. "They must have a physical education degree or be a certificated teacher who has had previous basketball coaching experience. They must be interested and qualified," athletic director Anthony (Chic) D'Angelo said. Interested persons can contact D'Angelo at Bristol High School...

**BIG EARL WILLIAMS**, a former basketball star at Levittown Woodrow Wilson High School, is in his second season in the National Basketball Association. Williams played a key role as a substitute recently when the Detroit Pistons shocked the Buffalo Braves, 104-94. The defeat knocked the Braves from the top in the NBA East. Williams was coached by Gene Massari at Woodrow Wilson...

**KEEP THE NAME OF WARREN SIMS** in mind when scanning bowling results from the Fairlanes Bowling Alleys in Fairless Hills. Sims, who lives at 23 Robin Hill Lane in Levittown, recently turned in games of 192-257 and 202 for a 651 series in the Sunday Ball and Chain League. The next night Sims cranked up for 193-230-239 games for a 662 series. Sims bowls three nights a week but finds time to devote to youngsters at the Fairlanes too. He's been a coach and an assistant director for the last 13 years in the Fairlanes Junior Bowling League...

**HOW ABOUT TINY HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL** of a town of 2,500 in the state of Michigan? The Tigers had won 72 straight football games, setting a national record for prep schools in the United States. The string ended in the Class C championships when Ispeming snapped the string with a 322 upset before 7,000, 7,000.

Hudson's feat reminded thousands of fans in Lower Bucks County when Langhorne Neshaminy High School, under John Petercuskie, rattled off 51 games in a row (including four ties) through the 1965 season. Petercuskie resigned his post halfway through the '65 campaign. Neshaminy's record was shattered by Bishop Egan Catholic High School in the opening game of the 1966 season. Egan, coached by Dick Bedesem, rocked the Redskins with a rousing 41-0 victory.

Avid Egan football rooters claim that win on Heartbreak Ridge was the greatest in Eagle history. Egan fans stormed the field in an explosion which they will never forget. Neshaminy's battered forces walked stunned to their locker room under new head coach Tom McHugh.

This corner still believes the score wouldn't have been 41-0 if Petercuskie was still at the helm of the Redskins. And thinking of what took place in Mount Pleasant, Mich., when Ispeming jolted Hudson... it would have been the place to be in America. Oh my how happy those Ispeming players and coaches must be.



CHIC D'ANGELO

MARTY SIEROCINSKI

CHRIS KLEIN

JOHN PETERCUSKIE

League. This corner was taking some well deserved kidding from the Pennsbury players on the field. "Hey Mr. Dougherty what do you think now?" shouted 6-7, 245-pound Marty Sierocinski. "Hey 'Smoking Out...,'" 6-1, 251-pound Tony Soriero called.

Pennsbury players were well on their way to a 34-0 rout of Neshaminy and were gaining a share of the Section One flag. This writer had predicted a 1-10 Neshaminy success.

The officials took a different view of the shouting coming off the field. They warned Pennsbury gridders to keep quiet or they would be ejected. I viewed Pennsbury's reactions as amusing and totally in good taste and I voiced that opinion on the Falcon team buses after the game...

**COUSINS WERE ALSO** featured in the Neshaminy-Pennsbury affair. Neshaminy center Steve Cloak is related to Pennsbury halfback Chris Klein. Cloak's dad—Steve Sr.—was All-LBCL center on Neshaminy's 9-1 championship team in 1952...

**ONE OF THE WARMEST** awards is given annually at the Neshaminy-Pennsbury game. It is a Neshaminy affair started by former head football coach Harry Franks, who is now an assistant principal at Neshaminy Maple Point High School.

The Robert J. Hurst Memorial Award is presented to the "most courageous" senior member of Neshaminy's team. Hurst was a Neshaminy lineman during title seasons in 1953 and 1954. He lost his life on June 26, 1971 due to injuries suffered in an industrial accident.

The award is made by Robert Hurst Jr. and Fred Sangillo who played football with the late Redskin. This year the winner



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**COVETED HONOR** — Neshaminy Langhorne High School's Jim Thompson received the fifth annual Robert J. Hurst Memorial Award at the half of the

Neshaminy-Pennsbury football game. From left are Fred Sangillo, Robert Hurst Jr., and Thompson.