

# Swartz Changes Neshaminy Strategy

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Your attention please. The voice belonged to Neshaminy (Langhorne) High School's Jack Swartz, the 1968 Lower Bucks County "Coach of the Year."

"Well, of course we're going to do it a little more than in the past... just to keep the fans happy."

Hold on. What was he talking about? Listen in.

A year ago, Neshaminy combined the power and speed of its backs with the ability of a quarterback who would throw when he had to, then molded the result into a 7-4 season. A highly respectable season.

### More To Come

Now in 1969, Neshaminy has depth in its running backs, TWO highly-skilled quarterbacks who have a pretty good knowledge of football, and the result is something else, at least as far as Neshaminy football goes.

Ready? Neshaminy's offensive game will be wide open and (gulp!) up in the air, too.

"A year ago, we threw an average of six times a game," recalled Swartz. "But this year? Oh, maybe 15 times a game on the average. That will keep 'em happy. A lot of people questioned our choice of offensive plays. This time, we'll show 'em what we have."

And just who are these quarterbacks who have caused a near drastic change in the setup? John Swartz and Pete Cordelli. That's who. Take it easy. No doubletake necessary. It's the younger generation.

### Interesting Practices

Swartz, a 6-0, 165-pound junior, and Cordelli (6-0, 165, sophomore), a right-hander and a left-hander respectively, "provide for very interesting practices," joked Swartz. Trouble is, he wasn't kidding.

"We've had this problem here in the past where we wound up playing a senior quarterback and had to start over again the next year. Now there'll be no more of that for the next three years or so. I'm looking farther ahead.

"I've found the hardest thing to do in high school coaching is to develop a quarterback, and if you take a senior, you find yourself in a hole the next year," he continued.

Complimenting them are Steve Sroba, (5-10, 180) the breakaway



**ACCENT ON AIR TRAVEL** — Neshaminy Coach Jack Swartz says his Redskins will pass more this year, and here are three men who can put the ball in

the air, with accuracy. From left, there's Ed Romanowski, John Swartz and Pete Cordelli.

halfback who riddled defenses for 14 touchdowns, and was the most vital part of the 'Skins' offense in 1968, fullback Ed Romanowski (6-1, 185, a senior) and halfback Rich McInyre (5-9, 165, sophomore).

### Converted QB

Romanowski is a converted quarterback who possesses above-average speed which could make things all the more interesting. Others being counted on for additional help include Dale Forchettl (a... quick-starting sophomore), Bruce Traney, Jay Sidman, Dave Pyle and, if he recovers sufficiently from an injury, Charlie Gearhart could help also.

Up front, Swartz will have seniors Dale Edwards (6-1, 185) and Charlie Bean (6-2, 180) at the ends, Rich Wisniewski (5-11, 190) and Phil Silas (6-1, 200) at the tackles and Rich Rosenblatt (5-6, 150) and Bill Day (5-11, 185) at the guards.

Ray Clark, a 6-1, 200-pound junior will try to fill the void left by the graduation of All-Area Tim Michael.

### Replacements Plentiful

Offensive line replacements are

plentiful, but the best of the crop include Walter Justice, a 5-11, 200-pound tackle, Bob Durland, a 5-11, 165-pound guard, John Seitz, another junior guard and Bruce McHale, a rugged 5-11, 160-pound guard and possible center.

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Tackle Tony Fisher, a 6-0, 200-pound junior and ends Ken Johnson, a speedster, and Scott Mason, another converted quarterback, may fit in nicely.

Bean and Johnson will perform at the defensive end spots while Silas and junior Vance Forchettl (185) will be the defensive tackles.

Rosenblatt will man the difficult middle guard position. At line-baeker, Swartz plans to start Mark Mattingly, a 190-pound senior, Tim Kelly, just a junior, and standout Mike Emanuel, a 5-11, 200-pound senior.

"Emanuel's lateral movement is just amazing for his size," said Swartz, "and Mattingly reads keys

well. They'll help us tremendously."

Perhaps the strong suit for the Redskins is their defensive secondary. Seniors Brad Keppley (5-9, 155), Dennis Smith (5-11, 160), Reed Madden (5-8, 150) and Mike Holmes (5-9, 155) may indeed shut down any opponent's passing game.

"This defensive front and secondary is the best we've had here in years," noted Swartz. "Teams will have to EARN their first downs and touchdowns. And we, as a team, have greater overall quickness."

Neshaminy lost an All-Section One defensive end in Jack Walker, whose family moved to Somerville, N.J. But Bob Van Horn and Alex Wasilov, a 6-2, 190-pound junior, will fill the gap. Forchettl, Dave Sommers and Jack Fisher can spell the defensive back capably.

The 'Skins are essentially a double-team and trap football team. There's no reason to expect anything different. "We want to open it up a bit in order to maybe spring Sroba loose a few times. We need this variation to keep the defense honest. We haven't changed the outward appearance that much. The winged-T is similar to the single-wing in many respects.

And let us not forget that OTHER part of the Neshaminy offense -- Chris Bahr, the soccer-style kicker, who kicked 16 point-after-touchdowns in 1968.

"Bahr has been getting some excellent accuracy from 30 yards out," said Swartz, which means a good-size 40-yard boot. "I went for a field goal seven times last year. I'll go for it a couple of times this year, too," Swartz concluded.

Betcha he's going for more than that!

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