Pennridge Hosts Neshaminy on Football Opener Fri.

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SPORTS

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King football is back and its been a long wait for many grid fans. How big football is in these parts and the **Bux-Mont** for that matter, can be measured in the crowds that follow school teams for **unadvertised scrimmages.** Crowds for the practice events exceed by far some of the gatherings for scheduled league games at many schools **years back.** The trend is illustrated by the pros who sell out many pre-season units. Locally, of course, interest centers on **Pennridge High** and the **Eagles** for those that follow the guys that play for pay — and most fans do. If you take the word of a lot of fans, "Pennridge will **do well** this year but not the Eagles". The analysis of the Eagles is probably correct. Look magazine in its pre-season summary termed the Eagles situation a **"disaster area".** The observation on Pennridge is interesting. The Rams are coming off four straight losing years (overall seasonal logs), which usually prompts revolutions, a wait and see attitude. But there is no doubt optimism at the consolidated campus is **soaring.** Perhaps too much. A top administrator at Pennridge after watching the Saturday scrimmage said "We're going to win some games this year — a lot of games". He added, "that's a good football team". The word "good" is probably appropriate today. But only time will tell if Pennridge remains a **spoiler or becomes a challenger.** Pennridge must overcome physical handicaps, big ones, and a psychological problem. After only one losing season between 1953 and 1964, the last four have all been losing ones. On top of the need to change this trend, Pennridge finds the odds stacked against them **opening night. Neshaminy** will probably be a state power this fall. Pennridge opens in Friday as **definite underdogs** facing the prospect that their first game might wreck all hopes for an unbeaten season — every team's long range plan. Physically, the injury to **Dave Kern** before the drills began hurt Pennridge psychologically. Then as he recovered from that they got another blow Thursday when **Terry Bleam** fractured his collarbone. He was their best runner in pre-season play. Then there was a virus thinning out the ranks in pre-season workouts. So there **been a tough pre-season for** Pennridge. On the other side of their coin, however, they are **big,** have a nucleus for a **great defensive club** and if they can pull off that upset Friday it could conceivably be the **springboard** the school's football fortunes need. Some observers who saw Neshaminy **win big last week are** still convinced Pennridge **can take them.** "Neshaminy can be beaten by Pennridge" offered one knowledgeable man". **Wayne Helman** also says in all sincerity Pennridge can win Friday, conceding however that to this point "Pennridge has **not yet put it all together".** Helman hides the strains well of the difficult pre-season his team has had. He talks of **Bleam's** loss for six weeks only when asked and when reminded that Kern's fracture may be a setback in the team's running ability, Helman only offers "**He's ready**". Aside from the quarterbacks, Pennridge doesn't have a runner around who handled the ball **thirty times** a year ago, which brings us back to the **one** real weapon and their right to be considered a title challenger. That's **Jeff Hollenbach's passing.** The thinking here is Pennridge gets a crack at all the marbles if **Hollenbach gets the chance to really throw.** The lanky junior,was threading the needle again Saturday with **fantastic accuracy** — something he's been doing all fall and he has earned the right to carry the mantle at this point of being considered the school's all-time best **in potential** as a junior. His accuracy **was above 60 percent** in the scrimmage **the 750 mark this fall.** It's inconceivable to stay that high. But promise for Pennridge lies in this young man's arm. His days of becoming shell shocked died with his long experience last year. **He is ready** and the decision to start him early was made easy by Kern's physical troubles. **Will Kern** in a running game behind Hollenbach, Pennridge may bolster its game all-around. So much for the speculation. Let's play.

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John F. Trainor Jr., an airline captain for Trans World and a resident of **Hilltown R.R. (Pretty Valley Road),** has joined the growing list of pilots who will compete in **Reno's National Championship Air Races Sept. 19-21.** He will be flying in the **Reno AT-6 SNJ Classic, for World War II** trainer planes which carries **a purse of $15,250.** The three-day event, scheduled for the sixth consecutive year at **Reno-Stead Airport** nine miles north of the city, will comprise **daily races** in four classifications: Harrah's Unlimited Classic (for unlimited horsepower); Nugget Classic, Furnaski (midspeed); Lucky Draft Sport Biplane Race; and Reno AT-6 SNJ Classic (World War II trainers). The **Harolds Club Transcontinental Trophy Dash,** the first official race on this year's program, will be run Sept. 14 from Milwaukee, Wis. to Reno. The combined purse for all events, expected to attract more than **60 pilots** and their specialized planes, **is $60,150, the largest in the history of air racing.** Supporting air shows for each of the three days will include aerial jet demonstrations by the U. S. Air Force **Thunderbirds,** aerobatic exhibitions, parachutists, balloons, sport aviation, military displays and antique aircraft.

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Lots of things emphasize the soaring population trends in Bucks County and its **impact on sports.** When the new **Central Bucks, East, High School** near Buckingham opened last week it had **104 students,** more than most established conference schools had a few years ago. East's new athletic teams will be known as **The Patriots** and their football team will play home games on War Memorial Field where the district's other high school team also plays. When C.B. East selected their new public relations director recently, they named **Martin H. Stern** who has a long career with sports before becoming a student some years ago. Years back he was associated with **the Wilmington Clippers** when they were a power in the Eastern Hockey League and **Cat** C.B. East which is a good break for the new school. For he has a rich track background including some **state title teams.** . . While on Central Bucks sports, watch for one of their recent grads in the collegiate football picture this fall. **Eric Bass,** tremendous runner of several years ago, has been switched to defense at **Penn State** and is right behind the two first string deep men on their pre-season depth chart. He may see considerable action in the **Nittany Lions** attempt to roll up **another unbeaten season this year.**

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Local softball fans will remember when **Ty Stoffel,** flamethrowing lefthander from the Lehigh Valley softball tourney on the Perkasie Playground during the hey-day of the **Trinity Lutheran** championships. . . Stoffel won national honors again over Labor Day. He took the **men's** softball tourney crown in the International Softball Congress' World Tournament at Rock Island, Ill. . . All he did was pitch **Sal's Lunch** of Philadelphia to the title. He pitched five straight wins, did not allow one run in five games, and pitched a perfect game in the opener. . . He set a strikeout mark for the tournament, fanning **46 batters** in **42 innings.**

Rams Optimistic Despite Series of Key Injuries

Pennridge High hopes to resume a winning touch in football gets its first test Friday evening.

A powerful Neshaminy team from Lower Bucks visits Perkasiridge at 8 p.m. to help launch the 1969 season — the year Pennridge feels it can use as their return to a challenger's role in Bux-Mont play.

Pennridge, coming off another losing year last season although they were 4-3-1 in conference play, is confident it can use the Neshaminy opener as a great jolt into a new era at the consolidated campus — one consciousness of the sports world back when the Rams's had a football empire that was the envy of all Bux-Mont.

Despite the loss of their best running back last Thursday, the Rams believe that when they "put it all together" as coach Wayne Helman says, they will be ready for the season which also has a new look this fall.

Last last week was Terry Bleam, hard running halfback who suffered a fractured collarbone. Offsetting his immediate absence is the return of veterans back Dave Kern who has been pressured to fit after nursing a fractured ankle for some time.

For their opener, Pennridge bucks up against a team that carries a one-game edge this year in preparedness. Neshaminy opened last Friday, coming from behind to defeat Bishop Egan of Philadelphia, 27-24.

While the Ram's 1969 season has a new look through the addition of such teams as Slatington and Central Bucks East, the Neshaminy-Pennridge tussle is certainly not an innovation.

The teams have met six times, with Neshaminy winning two and losing four. Last year Neshaminy won 28-0 and the previous year they won 20-12.

Helman, in his 1st game 5-45 p.m.)

Pennridge 8 in team at Lower Perk 10:30 a.m.

Sports Calendar

FOOTBALL
Exhibition Schedule
Friday, Sept. 12
North Penn at Easton 8 p.m.
Souderton at Pennridge 8 p.m.
Bensalem at CB West 8 p.m.
Souderton at Abington 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13
Council Rock at CB East 8 p.m.
Owen J. Roberts at U. Perk.
L. Moreland at Hat.-Hor.

SOCCER
Tonight (Wednesday)
Souderton Lehigh at Pennridge 7:30 p.m.
Friday
Pennridge at Lower Moreland

CROSS COUNTRY
Thursday
Palisades at Pennridge
Tuesday
Souderton at Pennridge

MIDGET FOOTBALL
Saturday
Pennridge at Souderton
Lehigh 10:30 a.m. 1st game

PENNRIDGE OFFENSE: Kneeling from left, are Scott Kriebel (84), Jerry Moyer (35), Randy Swope (62), Jack Gallie (56), Phil Vanderstine (86), Bob Lederach (76), and Bobby Mills (67). Backfield from left, are Richard Hayes (40), Jeff Hollenbach (19), Keith Clothier (24), and Terry Bleam (42).

PENNRIDGE DEFENSE: Kneeling from left, are Don Fisher (88), Dave Smith (79), Will Jordan (23), Bob Jenkins (74), and Bruce Benner (85). Standing from left, are Bob Garis (15), Jeff White (13), Bob Shelly (35), Eric Stever (63), Ray Carville (44), and Dave Sutter (22).

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Vets Give Pennridge Good Possibilities in Soccer Race

After tying for the league championship a year ago, Pennridge High booters are eying the big prize for themselves this season and the team gets a good shot at it according to the pre-season analysis of coach Jim Moyer.

"If we can develop good successors for all-league halfback Ken Gergen and defenseman winger Frank Loris, who graduated," Moyer is confident his team "will be right in the thick of the title race."

"We have to have our line materialize around Don Gerhart and Bob Bryant" Moyer continued. "Around the goal we're in good shape with Dave Grove who will be here for the third straight year."

Moyer's biggest job will be to find offensive strength. This problem showed up in their opener with Palisades, won by Palisades 3-0 in overtime. After the regular game ended with no score, the winners scored once each in the two-five minute overtime periods.

Chuck Darrow boosted in the first one from 20 yards out and Bryant the second on a penalty kick.

In addition to Sturgeon, Gerhart and Bryant, Moyer opens the year with four other lettermen back. They are Ralph Hess, halfback and wing, center halfback Alan Miller, wing Glen Tyson, and Jim Ogden at halfback.

Among others who showed marked promise in pre-season workouts and in the Palisades game were Mike White, Jeff Kulp, Jim Witter, and Bob Connolly, halfbacks, Fred Weber and Bill Weiss, fullbacks, Bob Weider, win and Kris Hoot.

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Pennridge		Palisades
Sturgeon	G	Mates
Weber	RB	Deshemier
Weiss	B	Yates
Ogden	RH	Brundrecker
Miller	CH	Thomas
Witter	CH	Becker
Weider	OR	Gotshall
Bryant	IR	Darrow II
Hoot	CF	Darrow J.
Gerhart	IL	Darrow C.
Tyson	OL	Weaver
Subs: Pennridge, Kulp, Garry, Connolly, White, Tyson.		
Scoring		
Palisades	0 0 0 0 0 1 1—2	
Pennridge	0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0	

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Top Trotters at Bell Saturday in $100,000 Race

Weather mild-mannered Harold Dancer, Sr., is capable of painting anger — but it would be unfamiliar emotion that was the first experienced in The Hambletonian last last month — ial. will be determined Saturday night at Liberty Bell Park with the senior member of the Dancer clan drives The Prophet in the $100,000 Colonial Trot.

Harold had his high hopes of winning The Hambletonian with The Prophet when he drove Dayan, driven by Fred Beaubaugh, interfered with his Spiritual Hanover and Bryant, Moyer opens the year with four other lettermen back. They are Ralph

(11), Jeff White (13), Bob Shelly (35), Eric Stever (63), Ray Carville (44), and Dave Sutter (22).

Ram Soccer Team In Action Tonight

Area fans get another chance to see the Pennridge soccer team tonight when they play under the lights on the football field from 6:45 p.m. game, Southern Lehigh will appear here for a non-league tusle.

Pennridge High School

HOME FOOTBALL and SOCCER SCHEDULE

1969 FOOTBALL HOME GAMES

Fri.	—Sept. 12—Neshaminy	8:00 p.m.
Fri.	—Sept. 19—Slatington	8:00 p.m.
Fri.	—Oct. 17—C. Bucks East	8:00 p.m.
Fri.	—Oct. 31—Wissahickon	8:00 p.m.
Fri.	—Nov. 7—U. Perkiomen	8:00 p.m.
Thurs.	—Nov. 27—Quakertown	10:15 a.m.

Student Season Ticket	$2.00
Adult Season Ticket	$4.25
Reserved Seat Season Ticket	$3.00
General Admission	$1.25

Season tickets do not include Quakertown game. Reserved seat season tickets include Quakertown game.

Regular Season Tickets and Reserved Seat Season Tickets can be purchased at Gate at 1st Game.

Student Tickets 50c may be purchased at the junior and senior high schools. All Students in Grades 1 to 12 inclusive must have a ticket. Student Tickets at 50c will be sold at the Gate only to students in grades 1-6 inclusive.

1969 SOCCER HOME SCHEDULE

Tues.	—Sept. 9—Freedom	7:30 p.m.
Wed.	—Sept. 10—South. Lehigh	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	—Sept. 23—Emmaus	7:30 p.m.
Tues.	—Sept. 25—C. Bucks East	7:30 p.m.
Thurs.	—Oct. 2—Hat.Horsham	3:45 p.m.
Tues.	—Oct. 14—North Penn	7:30 p.m.

Adults $1.00, Students 50c