

*He'll remember kids' comeback*

# Swartz isn't unhappy

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Despite the significance of Saturday's 23-21 loss to Pennsbury High School, Neshaminy head football coach Jack Swartz was far from disappointed.

The game was double important in that besides deciding the Lower Bucks County League Section One and Big Seven Conference championships, it was also to be Swartz's last as the Redskin head mentor.

"When I look back I won't remember this game because of the loss, but rather for the way the kids came back," said Swartz who retires, after 22 years in coaching. "They (Pennsbury) won the first half, we won the second."

Swartz, who posted a 43-11-1 record, won a pair of LBCL and Big Seven Conference crowns, and twice was named Courier Times "Coach of the Year" since taking the Redskin reins in 1968, could not say enough about "his boys."

"The kids I'm sure will take it hard. But there is no question they gave 100 per cent. They had a tradition to uphold and they came back. They played the Neshaminy way.

Swartz was also quick to praise the play of Pennsbury and the job done by his Falcon counterpart, Chuck Kane.

"They (Pennsbury) didn't do anything unexpected. They came right at us. They're strong — a really great team, and coach Kane did a tremendous job."

The Redskins were the victims of some bad bad breaks and, in the minds of some people, bad officiating.

"We got a few bad breaks, but that's not the reason we lost. The officials were from the Big Seven and it's the first time we've had them. I don't know if they were ready for a game like this, but you have to remember officials don't win or lose ballgames.

"One call I didn't like was the

touchdown in the second quarter (the play was a Pennsbury TD pass from Gary Kutsmeda to Terry Hoffman). We had a bad angle, but I don't think he (Hoffman) brought the ball in before fumbling it. We'll see it on the films.

"Where we really got hurt, though," Swartz continued, "was after the poor Pennsbury punt. We broke down offensively."

The series mentioned by Swartz came late in the fourth quarter, and gave Neshaminy possession deep in Falcon territory. The Redskins came out with a variety of passes, including one by fullback Len Barker on a fourth down situation, and had moved the ball inside the Pennsbury 20.

"We didn't want to pass as much as we did at that point," commented the coach, "but we were out of time outs and had no choice.

"We wanted to get in field goal range, and were going to send in Shenefelt (Brad, the kicker), but

we fumbled.

Swartz was asked if his coaching plans had changed.

"No. There's no question I'll miss it, especially after today (Saturday) wears off. But this is the end of the line."

He then talked to his team, for perhaps the last time.

After mentioning his retirement, the coach praised his club as the best group of boys he ever coached. Swartz concluded by saying, "You'll have a lot of setbacks in your life. Don't let this game stand in your way. I'll always remember you for giving 100 per cent."

Swartz then gave his team a large cake which had been donated by the school cheerleaders. The inscription read, "Make it one more time for J.D. (Swartz)."

The cake was eaten, but not by many of the team members. There was something about the inscription that would have left a bad taste in their mouths.