First downs ...

Langhorne rips Pennsbury, clinches title tie

By Mike Ferretti Courter Times Sports Writer

Charlle Schmidt sloshed through the spilled water and soda, making his way to a bulletin board in the corner of the training room.

He stripped off a soaking wet shirt, the price he paid for coaching Neshaminy Langhorne to a 20-7 win over Pennsbury Friday night, the Redskins first win over the Falcons after five straight years of losing.

"This," said Neshaminy's secondyear coach, "Is what did it."

He pointed to some clippings on the board, newspaper storles from the Redskins' 31-0 1975 loss to the Falcons. "Ron Steele, a defensive end on

that ('75) team sent these to us,' Schmidt said. "Two years ago we heat Council Rock, then got overconfident going into the Pennsbury game. The kids goofed around in practice and really didn't work that hard and we

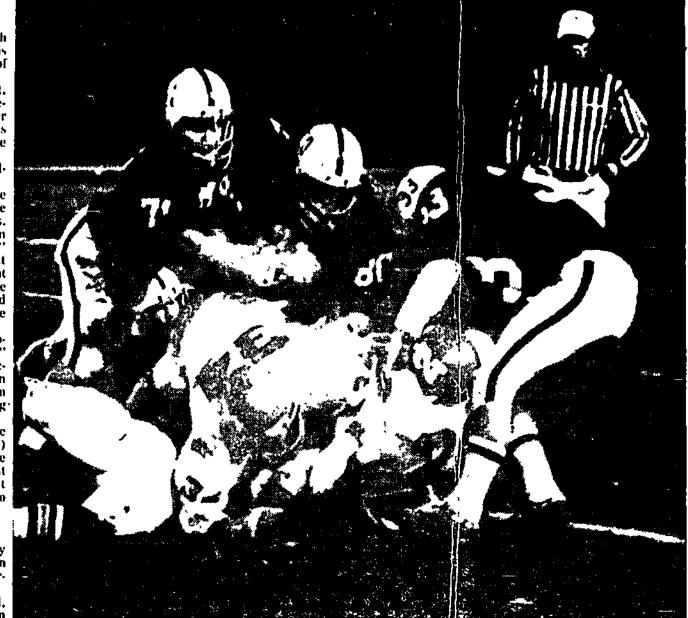
"I could feel the same thing hap-pening at the beginning of this week," he sald. "We didn't have good practices Monday or Tuesday, but then those clippings came Wednesday. Ron put a note in there to the kids, telling. them not to let it happen to them.

"It kind of reinforced what we were telling the kids. They (Pennsbury) were a good football team. We were hoping the kids wouldn't look past them. Those clips helped put it through to them. They were ready to give it all they had."

Five-minute span And they did.

The Redskins shocked Pennsbury by scoring all 20 of their points within a five-minute span of the second quar-

Fullback Tom Calkins ran wild. racking up 175 yards on 18 carries in the game, 139 yards in the first half, and the Langhorne defense was brilliant, intercepting four Doc Galambos



Courier Times photo by Harry Sircely Pennsbury's Frank Kettles (33) brings down Langhorne's Randy Valone (20) in a crowd of players

take Berick long to get the feel of

things. He put the brakes on a Penns-

bury drive with a diving interception.

"I'll normally key on the tight end. If

he goes out, I'll follow him (from de-

Throwing a nice ball has been

"Whatever I can do is fine—hand-

fensive halfback). This one, the pass

Bruce Cordelli's problem, but Lang-

horne's quarterback says he's satis-

off, fine; throw a pass, fine. We were

running up the middle on Pennshury.

We powered them. The guys up front

did a super job. And give credit to Joe

Cordelli, whose brother, Pete, was

ting off our tailbacks so we went to

And Calkins' 91-yard run? "It was

wide of him and I had to dive for it.

fied running an efficient offense.

Passes completed Interceptions thrown Punis...... Puniing average

FIRST: None. SECOND: NL & Horion 1 run (Baun kick); Calk-ins 91 run (Baun kick); Vaono 5 run (kick

FOURTH: P.Meade 22 pass from Galambos (Schaefferkick.)

passes and recovering three fumbles. 'Turnovers and penalties hurt us,' admitted Pennsbury coach Chuck Kane. "We couldn't afford those kind of mistakes,

Langhorne proved that point by turning a Galambos fumble (recovered by Tony Manzo) in the first quarter into a Matt Horton one-yard plunge with 7: 58 left in the second. Big run

Four plays later the Redskins got the ball back on a punt and, on the first play from scrimmage, Calkins rambled 91 yards down the right sideline for the TD.

Manzo's second fumble recovery of the game resulted in a Randy Valone touchdown with 2: 47 left in the half.

"They made us play a different kind of football game after that," said Kane. "We couldn't just put the ball in the air because we'd only wind up giving it back to them. We had to try to break a big run to get us back into the game.

The Neshaminy defense didn't allow it, though. The only blemish on its performance was a Galambos to Bill Meade scoring strike in the fourth

"The defense came up with the big ins. 1-4.

plays when they had to," said Schmidt.

"It looked like our offense was really going to score a lot of points at the beginning of the game," said defensive back Steve Fario, who intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble. "In the second half when they didn't get any we (the defense) had to come through.'

"They ran away from me a lot," said tackle Jim Riley, "but the guys on the other side, guys like Bubba Wright and Steve Tibbles, shut them

"Hey, everybody played great. A lot of us have worked and sweated together for three years now and tonight it all naid off.

'This was it. This was the game. The last time we beat Pennsbury was six years ago. Well tonight we won It for every guy who lost to that team through those years. But we especially wanted it for ourselves.

Ron Steele, wherever you are. Charlie Schmidt thanks you.

EXTRA POINTS: Pennsbury finished 2-4-0 in the Lower Bucks County Football League, 5-4-1 overall. Neshaminy ended up 5-1-0 in the loop and 7-3-0 overall ... The last time the Redskins beat Pennsbury was in 1971 by a 21-17 count ... The Robert Hurst Award, given to the Neshaminy player who shows the most dedication and courage, was awarded to senior Blake Spirko ... Calkins also played well on defense.

PENNSBURY RUSHING: Schaeffer, 1349; Meade, 3:28; Galambos, 10:28; Biddle, 6:14; Levenson, 3-7;

PASSING: Galambos. 4164, 72 yards. 1TD. RECEIVING: Meade, 347, 1 TD; Biddle. 2-11; Pelly, 1-14. NESHAMINY LANGHORNE RUSHING: Calkins, 18-175, 1 TD; Volone, 47, 1 TD; Horton, 13-78, 1 TD; Bebey, 2-8; Cor

PASSING: Cordelli, 3 7 2, 51 yards.

RECEIVING: Bebey,1-32; Hill, 1-15; Calk

Manzo learns lesson; Pennsbury pays price self into a verbal commitment (trans- half-hour before we start." It didn't scrimmage.

Gerry (Bubba) Wright, the 6-0, was nice, but it was about three feet

Junior linebacker Dan Janzer ad- (Bebey). He throws a beck of a

school on Manzo's example. "Abbil, the quarterback when Langhorne last

the coaches were telling me I was defeated Pennsbury in 1971, explained

playing poorly and reminded me we the game plan. "We figured bit them

have good depth. They were saying I quick with Tom (Calkins, who gained

was lagging around and if I kept it up. 175 yards on 18 carries, including a

they'd play the others. I didn't like 91-yard breakaway score) and then

that," Result? Janzer led Langhorne with the tailbacks. But they were get-

touch on Chris Beziek who picked off a game with the sweep, but Pennsbury

pass, caused two fumbles and was did a good job defending it."

The case for the defense also most. Tommy more, We do have an outside

"Last year, I thought I had my best a 38-dive on a quick count. We thought

game against Pennsbury. Tonight, I we might be able to get them when

had to go all out. I thought it might be they weren't ready. The line kicked

the last game for me as a senior. All them out and the rest was Tommy,

today, I was thinking about this game. Look, he's 6-2, 205 and he runs a 4.8 40.

Normally I don't get nervous until, a He's strong and he can run. He proved

lated as possessing anti-Establish-

ment views), he goes (out). But

tonight," he smiled, "he played under

Much improved

258-pound defensive tackle who's im-

proved with every game. "He doesn't

get much credit," said Manzo, "but he

deserves it. We jam them in and he's a-

hig help." "Did you see those two-rushes?" said defensive line coach

Fred Hartshorn, "Both of them for

were losses, the one for three yards.

Wham! He's (Wright) a great kidito

trant, but he might have gone to

in tackles with six.

credited with four tackles.

mits he's also a converted recalcion block,'

Manzo had high words of praise for

control."

By Stacy Briggs Courter Times Staff Writer

They say Tony Manzo has all the physical ability he needs to become a started by me. He makes me sit down great football player. But, they say, he when I do all that silly stuff, but I reskeeps tripping over an inconsistent peet him. I want him to know that. mental attitude — an attitude that nearly cost him a chance to play in me, but then, I put that pressure on what might have been his final game myself . . . I don't want to, but I do. Toas a senior at Neshaminy Langhorne night after missing that first series, I High School.

'There was a time," said his head body's sake." coach, Charlie Schmidt, when he was just about off this team."

Manzo admits he is his own worst came with 1:34 left in the first quarter. enemy, but the other night, he never. He made the initial hit on Pennsbury's struck the match which lights his quarterback, Doc Galambos, and the short fuse. As a result, Langhorne ball squirted loose. But Manzo's back shares a piece of the Lower Bucks was to the ball, "I heard everybody County League title after its 20-7 vic- yelling. I tried to get it, but Doc was tory over Pennsbury High School of holding onto my legs." Manzo persev-

Fairless Hills Friday. If this is the year of the defense in the league - and there seems to be no question about that - then Langhorne put Langhorne in business at the epitomized the philosophy forcing Pennsbury into seven turnovers four interceptions and three fumbles. Manzo recovered two fumbles, each of into six completion in 16 tries for 72 which eventually resulted in a touchdown, and tipped a pass intended for Pennsbury's tight end, Mike Petty,

which might have prevented a score. "I never played (against) Pennsbury," Manzo, a 6-0, 194-pound senior down. said afterwards. "Something always happened...

His reputation

His voice trailed off, his head dipped. He said the something, more often than not, was Tony Manzo. "I deserve it." Manzo was held out on Pennsbury's first series and there were times when that would have produced negative results on Manzo. This would not be one of those times.

"They (the coaches) say my attitude was bad and I know they're right. Maybe it's my Italian temper. It's just that I don't like figureheads. That's just me. You take my coach, Mr. (John) Watto,"

Indeed, let's take John Watto. There are people who say the Manzo-Watto confrontations are legendary, often more exciting than when Manzo -faces an opponent across a line of

chigh school scores

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WPIAL Playoff

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"He's good, but when he works him-

By Mike Ferretti Courier Times Sports Writer

over Pennsbury Friday night.

against the Falcons.

"He's helped me all three years,"

"Sure, I felt there was pressure on

decided to keep to myself for every-

Back to ball

Manzo's first fumble recovery

His recovery of an Eric Biddle fum-

Langhorne harassed Galambos

ble near the end of the second quarter

Pennsbury 30. The drive ended in a

yards and one touchdown. But he won

Manzo's respect, too. "He's a tough

kid. I hit him hard a couple of times

they go down, but he just didn't go

tor, Randy Kurzinsky, on Manzo:

, high. Most guys I hit like that,

Langhorne's defensive coordina-

We all know about Tom Calkins

Big, bruising fullback who can carry

The guy who passed for 51 yards

ball when Calkins isn't bulling his way

Alternating with senior Matt Hor-

But if you think its been a frustrat-

ton, Valone, a 5-9, 145 junior, stepped

out of Calkins shadow Friday night to

score a touchdown and rush for 47

ing year for Valone, guess again. He

And then, of course, there is tail-

five-yard run by Randy Valone.

Manzo said. "Hey, we've been in a lot

of arguments; most of them have been

Calkins and he relishes his role as a starter, even if his name isn't a house-

hold word. Good blocks

"I like playing in the same backa team on his back or go it alone, like field with him (Calkins)." said Valone during the Redskins' wild victory celehe did during a 91-yard touchdown run in Neshaminy Langhorne's 20-7 win bration, "When I run and he's blocking he blows people out. If it wasn't for-And we know about Bruce Cordelli, Tommy I wouldn't have half the yardthe quarterback who runs the show.

"I try to help him too. We compliment each other."

Valone's five-yard burst into the back Randy Valone, number 20 in end zone to cap off a second quarter your program, the guy who runs the 20-point barrage was especially sweet coming in a winning effort against through a defense or Cordelli isn't

Pennsbury. 'Last year we didn't have that great a season and I don't think we knew what to expect going into the Pennshiry game," said Valone, who wasn't a starter in 1976. "Their name and reputation kind of scared us (and)

the Redskins lost, 28-7). This year, ever since the (Bishop) loves being in the same backfield with | Egan game (a 12-7 setback in the first

Valone likes starting role

ter and better. "After that we really started to get close as a team and when we started winning we saw what a great feeling it

game of the season) we've gotten bet-

Happy to play

Feelings. On a scale of one to 10 the Redskins would probably rate Friday night's victory up there somewhere around

Using the same scale, Valone would probably rate his first season as a starter just as high.

Don't tell him he's become the Redskins "other running back." Don't tell him that if it wasn't for Calkins he'd be the guy getting the ink. It doesn't

really matter to him. "When I got a chance to start I said that I would always put out 100 percent." he said, "Right from the start, back in summer practices, I've tried to do my best.

"I've always dreamed of playing football for Neshaminy, of being a starter. This year I am.

"We owed Pennsbury," Cordelli added. What about the turnovers? Cordelli threw two interceptions, both smart plays by Pennsbury's Jim Tur-

"Hey," smiled Cordelli, "it's a game of mistakes. We figured we'd be making a mistake or two. But we never planned on them (Pennsbury) making seven."

Defense, take a bow.



Courier Times photo by Harry Sircely Langhorne celebrates one of its three touchdowns

Nightmarish season ends for Kane's club

By Gene Morris Courier Times Sports Writer

Five. Four. One. Plug those numbers into the won, loss and tic columns of most Lower Bucks football teams, and you will have what has to be considered a successful season,

Let those figures belong to the Pennsbury Falcons, however, and what you have is a disaster. A Pennsbury team with a 5-4-1 record is akin to the Montreal Canadiens losing in the playoffs to the St. Louis Blues. You figure it just can't happen.

But it did. Chuck Kane, who coached his squad from the sidelines wearing just a shortsleeved shirt in semi- Arctle conditions, has to feel a bit re-Reved that this dreadful nightmare is over. Strangely, it began as a lovely dream.

The Falcons opened the season with four wins and a tie, and appeared to be rolling merrily along, despite a curious lack of offensive punch. After these five games, Kane's dream then unfolded like a grade-B horror flick, as he saw his Falcons play uncharacteristically sloppy football, "We can't afford penalties and mistakes," said a som-ber Kane. "Good teams don't do things like that. There's not much you can do about a fumble when the kid is trying for extra

"It's a disappointment for me any time we don't win a championship. But we'll be backnext year."

Believe what the man is saying. He has plenty of talented underclassmen returning, plus a powerful junior varsity squad. The Falcons will not be down for long, you can bet on that.

The one play during the entire game which summed up the Falcons' 1977 effort occurred very late in the final quarter. Pennsbury had a first down on the Langhorne trailing hopelessly, 20-7. Still, the Falcons refused to quit, and Golambos was hoping for a quick strike through the air.

As he faded back to pass, what seemed like the whole Redskin defense began to swarm around him. He stepped up into the pocket, seeking just a bit more time. As he did, one defender grabbed him by the ankles. Then, one latched onto his waist, Still Galambos refused constantly turning the ball over and committing penalties at the most crucial of times.

Never was this scenario more evident than during Fri-

day night's clash with arch-rival Neshaminy Langhorne. On its first drive of the game, quarterback Doc Galambos threw an interception, stalling a decent

The next time the Falcons had their hands on the ball, they moved from their own 31 to the Redskin 19. On second down and two yards to go, the Palcons were detected holding, thus setting them back to the 3t. On the very next play, the beleaguered QB fumbled and, true to Pennsbury's form of the latter half of the season, it was not recovered by a teammate.

Again and again

Two plays like this are enough to take the starch out of most teams, but Pennsbury had the misfortune to turn the ball over five more times, thereby destroying any possible hope of a victory.

Finally, a third defender nailed him in the back, and Doc slowly crumpled to the ground, All the while, players on the Langhorne beach were extolling their teammates to put Galamhos out for good. The big senior brought himself to his feet, glanced skyward for a fleeting second, and returned to the hud-

With that play, a certain aura about the Falcons may have been removed. They didn't go down easily, but they did, just like Galambos. The Falcons next year will have to try to do what the Flyers are doing right now, reestablish themselves as the dominant force in the

league. Don't bet against them.

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