

MP, Langhorne still need time

—Langhorne boasts 13 returning lettermen...But the Redskins' first three opponents are Bishop Egan, Abington and Frankford—

Dave Hancock (5-11, 175) at guard. Junior Howard Asay (5-11, 202) and either Bob Costantini (6-0, 205) or Leon Williams (5-10, 195) are listed for tackle duties.

Two-way starters

Williams (tackle), Constantini (end) and Freeman (end) look to be starters on defense at the outset. Senior Don Engle (6-3, 195) will be the other tackle.

Juniors Brian Roxberry (5-8, 170) and Nate McCoy (5-11, 175) and senior George Gatto (5-7, 170) will handle three of the linebacking positions, with either Junior Mike Colby (5-8, 160) or Mike Faddro (5-7, 160) manning the remaining linebacker slot.

The Tiger secondary will find veterans Mark Harder (5-10, 160) and Mark Reid (6-2, 190) and Juniors Dave Mattingly (6-0, 170) and Jack Minnig (6-2, 170).

"We have a great attitude about this season," said Cardinal. "Our last year's Jayvee team was a good one and developed a winning attitude which has been lacking at Delhaas the past few seasons. We might surprise a few people."

Of course, the big question at Neshaminy Langhorne is will the Redskins, once the almighty power of Lower Bucks County football, rebound from a very dismal season last year?

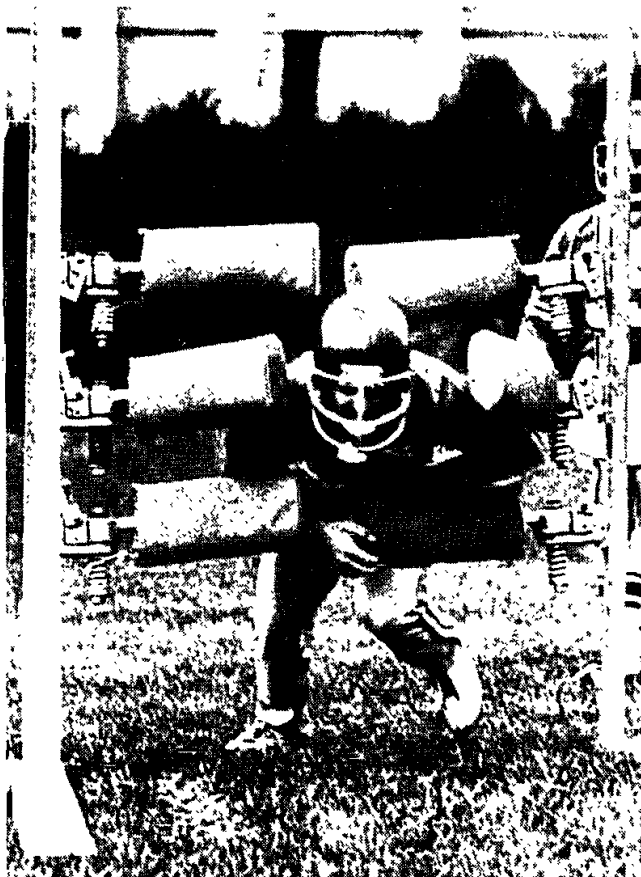
As with most school districts that split, Neshaminy Langhorne has been hurt by it the last two years.

But second-year coach Charlie Schmidt takes a realistic approach to the problem and feels the tide could change this year.

Not that Schmidt is making any bold predictions the 'Skins will be there at the top when all is said and done, but he does feel this club, which features many returning lettermen (13 all told), "could very well be in contention."

Naturally, Schmidt's first concern is to get Langhorne back to its winning ways, after watching the 'Skins suffer through a 2-8 record in '76, enjoying victory but once in the LBCL.

"Our first couple of games will be



Bensalem's John Kreider takes a beating in practice

very important," said Schmidt. "We play three non-league teams who are very good. Our play against them will give us an indication of how well we'll do in the league."

Langhorne, which will probably start five men both ways, certainly will get an indication of what to expect for the season, considering the 'Skins open with Bishop Egan, a team which many feel will be the class of the Philadelphia Catholic League.

Then after Egan, there's perennial Suburban One power Abington, followed by the most successful Philadelphia Public League team for quite some time in Frankford.

Question marks

"We certainly aren't without our problems. We need a lot of work on our passing game. We're concentrating on that," added Schmidt.

You can rest assure that Schmidt is also trying to field a solid, defensive unit especially after last year's allowed 213 points, second highest in the area with only sister school Maple Point ahead of it.

The Redskins plan to go with five men both ways, including fullback-tackle Tom Calkins (6-2, 210 senior) of whom Schmidt says has "developed into a fine all-around ballplayer. He's turning into a team leader and I know he'll be good."

Others expected to see double duty are tackle Jim Riley (6-2, 215), center-end Chris Cechak (6-2, 195), tailback-safety Steve Walsh (6-0, 175) and tailback-safety Steve Fario (5-10, 165). The latter two are juniors, while Riley and Cechak are seniors.

'Skins QB

Schmidt will be looking to junior Bruce Cordell (6-1, 185) to engineer the 'Skins multiple I offense at quarterback, with senior Rick Whitney (5-10, 185) joining him at slot back.

Senior Matt Horton (5-9, 170), who played a lot of tailback last season, is ailing but Schmidt says he might be back in a couple of weeks once the season gets under way.

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