

Picks of Week



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gets honors

The 1977 Lower Bucks County Football League season will probably look very different from 1976. Several teams have already let it be known their past records are no indication of what to expect this year.

With its win over Delhaas, Neshaminy Langhorne High School established this week it will finish the season with a better record than last year. With one league win already, Delhaas has already assured itself of more victories than last season.

Pennsbury knocked off Woodrow Wilson, one of the two league opponents which downed the Falcons during the 1976 season.

Bensalem Township earned its fourth victory so the Owls will end the season with at least as many successes as last season. With only two losses so far, Council Rock could chalk up the same record as in 1976.

In the Bicentennial Athletic League, its newest member, Valley Forge Military Academy, is wreaking havoc. Bristol will finish with at least as good a league mark as last year, but Morrisville has a long road ahead to come close to its 1976 record.

William Tennent is off and rolling in the Suburban One Conference. Archbishop Wood is undefeated and Bishop Egan is holding its own in the Philadelphia Catholic League. George School's 2-0 record assures the Cougars of a better finish than last season in the Penn-Jersey Conference.

Offensive Player of the Week: Bensalem Township's Eric Price carried the ball on almost every play against Trenton Central. He took the ball on 11 of 53 plays and picked up 198 yards as well as selection as the Courier Times Offensive Player of the Week.

Price, whose yardage rushing was his season high, is considered by many to be Bensalem's offense. He carries more than anyone else in the Owl offense, and there is no one else who can match his running.

Price scored the first of Bensalem's two touchdowns against Trenton, his seventh of the year.

Defensive Player of the Week: Jim Riley of Neshaminy Langhorne is the Defensive Player of the Week.

In Langhorne's shutout of Delhaas, Riley kept pressure on Delhaas' quarterback and had several sacks.

Langhorne's total defensive effort cut off any chances Delhaas had, and the 6-2, 215-pound tackle was one of the reasons why Riley is a senior who can play offensive tackle as well.

Coach of the Week: Pennsbury's Chuck Kane gets the nod here for the Falcons' surprising 13-7 victory over Woodrow Wilson. The fact Pennsbury won is not particularly amazing, but that the Falcons won by so few points is. Wilson appears to be a much stronger club than its 0-5 record would indicate.

Kane made one move, in particular, which proved to be a good one. He spelled his regular quarterback "Doc" Galambos and put in junior Vinny Sibel after the scoreless first half. Sibel scored both of Pennsbury's touchdowns in the third period.

Kane's team is well on its way to a successful season with a 4-0-1 record so far.

Play of the Week: Steve Foedisch made the Play of the Week for Archbishop Wood in its romp over Father Judge.

A defensive back, Foedisch made two interceptions in the game, but it was his first which was the most crucial. Foedisch caught Judge quarterback Ed Clark's pass in the end zone, shutting off Judge's chance to score and stay in the game and setting up Wood's final TD, an 80-yard pass from Kurt Schneider to Tom Kirk on the next play.

Foedisch intercepted another pass with less than seven minutes left in the game, but Wood had sewed it up by then.

The victory avenged Wood's two losses to Judge last year.

Game of the Week: Although its record is only 0-5 and two of its starters were out of the lineup, Woodrow Wilson can be a tough team to contend with. So Pennsbury found out.

"Wilson is a very good football team. They never quit, they've been in every game," Pennsbury coach Kane said after the Game of the Week.

Wilson had a first-and-goal situation on the Pennsbury five-yard line with less than a minute to go. But Wilson fumbled the ball away and the Falcons held onto their victory.