

## Neshaminy Langhorne vs. Pennsbury

# More than just another football game

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Jim Riley will never forget his first experience with Pennsbury High School's football team.

"It was in my sophomore year," recalled Neshaminy Langhorne's senior tackle. "After we beat Council Rock (14-13) the worst we could have been were (Lower Bucks County League) co-champions (with Pennsbury)."

"We played Pennsbury the next game. If we beat them we were champs."

Pennsbury won, 34-0.

"The guys were so up after that Council Rock game, then we got beat," Riley said. "It was the first time I ever saw those guys cry. They really felt it."

Last year, in a game that had no bearing on the standings, emotions ran just as high in a 28-7 Falcons' win.

This year, under the lights at Langhorne tomorrow night at 7:30, we can expect more of the same.

No matter what is at stake — and there is plenty this season — the Pennsbury-Neshaminy football game is the type of rivalry that brings tears to the losers' eyes and 120-watt smiles to the winners' faces.

"It's the kind of game that means a

lot to both sides," said Pennsbury coach Chuck Kane. "There's a lot of tradition involved."

In addition to that this year there is a league title on the line.

If Langhorne (4-1 in the LBCI) wins the Redskins will clinch at least a tie for the crown. If Bensalem (also 4-1) should lose its Saturday game with Neshaminy Maple Point then the Redskins would win the league outright.

Pennsbury (2-3 in the league) doesn't have a championship at stake, but there is a lot of pride involved.

"Our kids feel they're a good football team," said Kane. "The only way to prove it is to go out on that field and win."

For the Falcons to do that they will have to shut down Langhorne quarterback Bruce Cordelli and an offense featuring explosive running backs Tom Calkins and Randy Valone.

### Tough defense

Pennsbury starting quarterback Doc Galambos, who came out of a slump to lead the Falcons to a 7-0 win over Maple Point last week, will have a defense led by the 6-2, 215 Riley to contend with.

"Riley is a fine player," credited Kane. "He is big and strong and very active on the line."

"We felt that he (Riley) was a good

player when the season started," said Neshaminy coach Charlie Schmidt, "but he has really exceeded our expectations."

"He's been instrumental in turning us around (from a 2-8 record last season). He binds us together."

Riley played brilliantly in last week's 14-9 win over Council Rock, blocking a punt early in the first quarter that was turned into a touchdown by linebacker Dan Janzer.

"Before the game I had a meeting

with all the senior linemen," Riley said. "I told them to remember when we were sophomores and the three years that we have gone through together. I told the guys to remember all the sweating we did in summer practices and all the good times we've had."

The Redskins were inspired for that game, the way Riley hopes they will be for tomorrow's meeting.

"This is the most important game of the year for us," he said. "We've got to remember all the time we've put into this season."

"The Neshaminy-Pennsbury game is something that they've been thinking about all year," said Schmidt. "Sometimes it (was) tough keeping them looking at the games one at a time."

It all comes down to tomorrow night for both teams now. Even if you threw out the years of tradition, Pennsbury's pride, Neshaminy's hope to return to a "Redskin Renaissance," as Riley put it, it would still be a big game.

"It means a lot," said Riley, sum-

ming it up for all the seniors, "because it is the last high school football game I'll play in."

NESHAMINY LANGHORNE-PENNSBURY					
NL	Yr.	P	NL	Yr	P
20	1930	0	6	1951	4
2	1931(F)	7	27	1952	0
26	1931(Y)	7	24	1953	20
20	1932	0	31	1954	4
6	1933	0	20	1955	4
2	1934	7	7	1956	7
13	1935	4	6	1957	7
14	1936(Y)	7	12	1958	0
8	1936(F)	0	41	1959	7
6	1937	6	41	1960	7
7	1938(F)	0	34	1961	14
0	1938(Y)	0	xx	1962	xx
dnp	1939	dnp	21	1963	20
dnp	1940	dnp	14	1964	13
8	1941(F)	10	7	1965	0
0	1941(F)	19	0	1966	60
dnp	1942	dnp	7	1967	28
dnp	1943	dnp	13	1968	17
12	1944(F)	0	7	1969	13
19	1944(F)	13	7	1970	7
dnp	1945	dnp	21	1971	17
24	1946	0	21	1972	23
0	1947	0	0	1973	13
19	1948	12	13	1974	49
0	1949	0	0	1975	34
0	1950	12	7	1976	28

\*Falls and Yardley combined to become Fallington which then became Pennsbury in 1949.

\*\*Langhorne became Neshominy in 1950, then Neshaminy-Langhorne in 1975.

xx-Neshaminy forfeited.  
Neshaminy Langhorne leads series, 24-16-7.

## Cape Henlopen wins state title behind Frederick

BRANDYWINE CREEK STATE PARK, Del. — Cape Henlopen High School of Lewes, Delaware became the state champion in cross-country for the first time in the school's history. The Vikings, under coach Dave Frederick, swept to the Delaware Division II championship in record style.

Lance White established a course record with a 15:27 clocking over the 2.9 course to give Cape Henlopen a substantial lead which provided the Vi-

## local schedule

### Thursday

LBCI GIRL STEWARDS

### COLLEGE FIELD HOCKEY

Bucks County Community College competes in Region XIX Tournament