

Picks of the week

Magee, Riley, Galambos-Meade, Juzwiak honored

The Bicentennial Athletic League football championship was won by Lower Moreland, William Tennent shares at least a tie with Plymouth-Whitemarsh for the Suburban One Conference National Division title and the Lower Bucks County League is playing itself away from the possible four-way tie.

Neshaminy Maple Point was taken from the LBCL title picture by Pennsbury and Council Rock's chances were dealt a severe blow by Neshaminy Langhorne. Lower Moreland clinched its crown beating Bristol and Tennent clinched at least a co-championship Upper Merion.

In one other LBCL game, Bensalem Township stayed in the LBCL title picture by knocking Woodrow Wilson down for the count.

Delbas won in non-league action over Stelmert (N.J.) while Morrisville and Jenkintown lost non-league games to Ewing (N.J.) and Harriton respectively.

In BAL action, Valley Forge Military Academy topped Archbishop Kennedy, George School fell to Perkiomen Prep in the Penn-Jersey Conference and Bishop Egan and Archbishop Wood won Philadelphia Catholic League contests over LaSalle and Bishop McDevitt respectively.

Offensive Player of the Week: Return a punt 57 yards for a touchdown, rush for 199 yards on 18 carries and

score two more touchdowns on runs of 45 and 63 yards and you are a shoe in for anybody's offensive player of the week award.

That's what Lower Moreland's Bob Magee did against Bristol in a 32-8 win that clinched the Bicentennial Athletic League crown for his team.

But Magee's performance was more than just statistics to enter in a record book. Magee's effort actually sparked the Lions past a spirited Bristol squad that was upset minded.

Coming out on the short end of an 8-3 halftime score (and the three points they had didn't come easy), Lower Moreland needed something to get them moving. On the first play from scrimmage Magee burst outside left tackle and 63 yards later had his team's first touchdown.

He added a punt return after the LM defense held Bristol and then went 15 yards for his third TD. And all came in the third period in rapid succession.

And one more thing, although it really has nothing to do with the offense... Magee intercepted a pass in the game.

Defensive Player of the Week: Jim Riley became the ringleader for the senior linemen before the Neshaminy Langhorne-Council Rock showdown.

"I asked them to remember when we were all sophomores and that everything we worked for for three

years was on the line right now," said Riley.

It worked and Riley and his senior teammates went out and dealt Council Rock a crushing blow on its LBCL title chances with a 14-9 win over the Newtown squad.

Riley, who plays both ways, was instrumental in stopping CR's last minute attack recording back-to-back quarterback sacks with Steve Tibbles.

Play of the Week: It's been a tough year for Pennsbury. When is the last

time you heard of a Pennsbury team losing three straight games - and in the LBCL?

Upstart Neshaminy Maple Point still had an outside chance at a four-way tie for the LBCL crown while Pennsbury was out of it. But Maple Point had to hurdle Pennsbury to stay alive.

Through three-and-a-half quarters there was no score and it looked like there was no end in sight. It looked that way until Doc Galambos began to connect with Bill Meade and the Pennsbury offense began to roll.

Then with just over five minutes left, Galambos hit Meade for a 39-yard gain to keep a drive alive that lead to the winning score. What made the play so important was that Meade was double covered and made the catch in close quarters between defenders Bob Breslin and Scott Davenport.

Coach of the Week: It was his last game of the 1977 season and with one league loss already picked up, Bill Juzwiak had to have a win to clinch at least a tie for the Suburban One's new National Division with Plymouth-Whitemarsh which has a loss and a game left.

And Upper Merion, with a 3-2 record, wasn't going to be a pushover, especially at home. "I'm tired, I have a headache. My neck hurts. I guess it's the pressure," said Juzwiak after the game.

Whatever it was, he had his team ready and it took a tough 27-21 decision. And what was going through Juzwiak's mind was three years ago when Upper Merion was going for the title and Tennent beat it.

With 349 total yards the Panthers broke out to a 27-7 advantage and coasted home almost getting caught, but not quite, as Upper Merion scored twice in the final period to draw close.

It is Tennent's second title in three years after the undefeated season and last year's teacher's strike riddled season.

Game of the Week: It was a must win. With four teams having a chance to end up tied for the LBCL crown, Neshaminy Langhorne could not afford a loss. If it wanted to contribute to the situation.

Langhorne scored first and then was passed by Council Rock and trailed 9-7 at halftime. A scoreless third period in an evenly played game was causing some heart failure on the Langhorne side of the field.

But with 3:55 left in the game, Steve Fario swept to his right and four yards to the end zone for the winning touchdown.

Langhorne's defense did the rest and Council Rock was virtually knocked out of the LBCL title race with its second league loss while Langhorne has only one against four wins with one league game remaining.



Bill Juzwiak