

# SOPHOMORE YEAR AT LANGHORNE - Middle Town H.S.

## FOOTBALL - SEPT 12, '44

### Langhorne High For Grid Squad

by "Stu" James

Much to the amazement of this writer, Langhorne High does show quite a bit of promise of having a good football squad this year. Approximately 36 probable candidates turned out for the initial practice. Although a majority of the boys are inexperienced, Coach Johnny Messics is very much impressed by the speed and general durability of his young proteges.

The success of the team is very much dependent upon Joe Lukens, a rugged halfback, weighing 175 lbs., who served three previous seasons for the Red and Blue eleven. Another back who has given quite a demonstration of his ability is "Inky" Schnieder, a Sophomore, who will undoubtedly handle the passing and kicking for the Redskins.

If Mr. Messics should decide to use an aerial offensive this year, he certainly has some very promising receivers. Al Adair, Langhorne track star, who stands 6 feet tall, and weighs 170 lbs., and Ira Romberg, who is light, but exceptionally fast and seems to have glue on his fingers. Romberg played two previous seasons at John Harris High School, Harrisburg.

The line will be strengthened by the presence of Harry Taylor, Don Kaleda, Russ Haines, and Bill Haman, all leftovers from last year's team. The average weight of the Redskin line will run about 160 lbs.

### Fallsington in Opening Contest

BY JACK GILL

Chuck Klein, former ace all-round athlete at Langhorne High, has been transferred to Ft. McClellan, Alabama . . . He is in the infantry . . . Don Murphree, considered one of the greatest athletes ever produced at nearby Cheltenham High, wanted to major in physical ed. after the war . . . He'll never get the opportunity . . . He was killed in France on August 7 . . . He was a halfback and won track titles in the Penn Relays and in State P. I. A. A. meets . . . Murphree won the North Penn Veterans of Foreign Wars trophy as the best athlete of Montgomery County in 1942 . . . Bill Hoernle and Jim Murray, of last season's varsity, are helping Coach John Hoffman at Morrisville . . . Ben Allman, an all-time Bulldog great, is the chief assistant . . . Vic Rockhill's fielding for Voltz-Texaco in the Bristol League sort of reminds fans of Terry Moore, Cardinals' star now in the service . . . Inky Schnieder had three hits for Edgely in a Bristol Youth League game Sunday . . . Lambertville is playing football again . . . The Prison Officers trounced Fleetwings by an 11 to 2 score in a Trenton playoff

Two touchdown thrusts from inside the five-yard line by Russ Haines, South Langhorne youth, enabled Langhorne High to defeat Fallsington here last week by a 12 to 0 score. The game was the season's curtain raiser for both elevens.

Langhorne appeared to be on their way to a third score in the last quarter when the whistle blew ending the game with the Redskins in possession of the ball on Fallsington's nine yard stripe.

Haines scored first in the second period by going off tackle from the 4-yard line. The winning marker was set up on an end run by Joe Lukens.

In the third period, Wayne Schnieder hit Lukens with a 35-yard pass from the Fallsington 45 to the 10. Haines hit the line to the 5 on the first play but a bad pass from center was recovered by Lukens on the 8. Schnieder then went around his own right side to the 1 yard line from where Haines bucked through the middle for the winner's second six-pointer.

The Red and Blue had little trouble winning and were only stymied from additional scoring by frequent infractions of the rules. On several occasions the backfield, particularly Caldwell, was caught in motion. However, this is expected to be corrected with experience.

The line encountered little difficulty stopping Fallsington's offensive attack. The backfield, led by the hard running of Lukens, Haines and Schnieder, clicked in fine fashion.

### In Lower Bucks League Tilt

By Stu James

Cummings vs. Schnieder was the main theme of the Langhorne-Morrisville game, as the Bulldogs scored twice to edge out the Redskins 13 to 6.

The Indians, handicapped by the loss of Caldwell, Lukens and Taylor, could not withstand the withering Morrisville attack. Joe Cummings, ace Morrisville halfback, was the spark of the Bulldogs' running offensive.

This game was without a doubt the most closely contested local grid game of the present season. One fan summarized the affair as a contest of "Blood and Guts."

The first quarter ended with the Bulldogs leading 7-0, as the two teams hatefully battered each other without mercy. Joe Lukens and Inky Schnieder held the spotlight for Langhorne, as Cummings and Banko crashed the line for the Bulldogs. In the second play of the game, Joe Lukens received a concussion of the brain, but in the spirit that has held the Redskins high in the opinion of many, he refused to leave the game, and unrelentingly threw his weight against the Bulldog line for the whole first half.

The Bulldogs scored early in the first quarter. Recovering a fumble on the Langhorne 40-yard line, Morrisville began their scoring offensive. A pass to Baehr put the ball on the 20-yard line. Joe Cummings drove down to the 15, to the 10, and then to the 9. Dansbury moved to the 1 foot line. Banko edged his way to the 6-inch line, and the next play forced his way across the goal line.

The second score was a "horse shoe" affair for the Bulldogs. A fumble over Langhorne's goal ran the score to 13 to 0. Joe Cummings was the feature attraction at this time, reeling off many yards, the Bulldog ace put the ball in scoring position.

Led by Inky Schnieder, the dauntless Redskins came back in the last period and launched a blistering running attack, traveling 80 yards for their sole tally. Schnieder gave everything he had, and personally rolled off 57 yards, putting the ball in scoring position. Chick Ardis took it from there, and went over on a center plunge. The Redskins threatened again in the last few seconds of play. "Doc" Righter, something new and sensational in the Langhorne backfield, began firing passes in all directions. After completing three in a row, Morrisville intercepted, and the final whistle blew with the ball in the Bulldogs' possession on the 50-yard line.

The Bulldogs gained 149 yards on the ground, to the Redskins' 122 yards. The Messicemen outpassed the Bulldogs. They netted 27 yards in the air to Morrisville's 16. The boys from Morrisville had a total yardage loss of 21 yards, while the Redskins lost only 11 yards.

**LANGHORNE WINNER**

Langhorne High School defeated George School, 27-6, yesterday as Wayne Schnieder and Joe Lukens each scored two touchdowns for the winners.

Langhorne	Pos.	George S.
Souyres	QB	Miller
Haman	LB	Laxch
Taylor	LG	Marshall
Lukens	RB	Dunn
Kaleda	TE	Bond
Rausch	FB	Gilber
Adair	QB	Armstrong
Caldwell	QB	Ewing
Ardis	QB	Crance
Lukens	QB	Kenderline
Schnieder	QB	Saurman
Langhorne		27
George School		6

LANGHORNE SCORING: Touchdowns—Schnieder, Lukens. Extra point—Schnieder (placement). LANGHORNE SUBSTITUTIONS: Tucker, Sarkissin, Romberger, Neer, Frutchey, Hiltbert, Harding, Righter, Hittner. GEORGE SCHOOL SUBSTITUTIONS: Beck, Saurman, Campbell, Gandler, Hollingshead, Tomlinson, Cromwell, Anderson, Roschild. Referee—Baker, Umpire—Davis. Head linesman—Smith.

**Punts and Passes**

Langhorne's mascot got loose in the third quarter and went to the Fallsington bench . . . The pooch soon came back, however, to the winning side . . . Fallsington's punting was very poor . . . Mike DeRisi was peeved because the Redskins failed to place a qualified head linesman on the field . . . Schnieder had lots of time on his aerials . . . Kaleda's interception of a pass thrown by the Falcons into the center of the line nearly started that third touchdown bid . . . Coach John Messics took his squad to the Temple-Swarthmore contest after the win.

<b>Fallsington</b>		<b>Langhorne</b>
Slaymaker	LE	Squyre
H. Kellett	LT	Raus
Thompson	LG	Kaled
Cutchineal	C	R. Luken
J. Kellett	RG	Taylor
Kish	RT	Hama
Taylor	RE	Adal
DiNatale	QB	Caldwel
Bauer	LH	Schnelde
Hartley	RH	J. Luken
Ellis	FB	Haine

Langhorne substitutions—Mac Math, Tucker, Sarkissin, Hitchner, Romberger, Keller, Frutchey, A. Jis. Fallsington—Williams, Sterling, Masherry, Capoldi, Lessi, Wilson, Purcell. Referee—Morga. Umpire—Diamanti.

### Suffers Concussion



**JOE LUKENS**

well-known Langhorne athlete, suffered a slight brain concussion in the football game with Morrisville High last week. Lukens starred in the fullback spot for the Redskins. He was a four letter man, and is captain of the local team. Lukens has been confined to his bed, and will be out of the game for the remainder of the season.

Lineups:

<b>Morrisville</b>		<b>Langhorne</b>
Wolf	LE	Adair
Farkas	LT	Haman
Boodley	LG	Kaleda
Swanson	C	R. Lukens
Summers	RG	Taylor
Moser	RT	Haines
Baehr	RE	Ardis
Banko	QB	Schnieder
Zack	LH	J. Lukens
Cummings	RH	Hitchner
Dansbury	FB	Righter

Scoring:  
 Morrisville . . . 7 0 6 0—13  
 Langhorne . . . 0 0 0 6—6