

Ten Veterans Are Expected to Form Nucleus of Langhorne's '49 Team

Coach Egli Starts Second Season Here; Hopes Squad Retains Turkey Day Spirit

Heartened by a splendid turnout of 58 football candidates, young Jim Egli is busy at work preparing Langhorne-Middletown High for its forthcoming Lower Bucks Conference season.

Last year Egli took over the local gridders as his first coaching venture after graduating from East Stroudsburg State Teachers College. His record with the Redskins was three wins and six losses.

This season Egli is one year wiser in experience, an important factor in football coaching. He is hoping that Langhorne can pick up from where it left off in 1948 on Thanksgiving Day. If Jim and his boys succeed in doing that, they may be one of the big surprises of the local scholastic season.

For it was on Thanksgiving Day of 1948 that Langhorne "found" itself. After experiencing four straight setbacks, the Red and Blue played its top game of the campaign before losing to Bensalem, co-champions of the league, 14-6. In that game Langhorne's offense really began to click.

Ten lettermen are back for action again this year. Although all were not regular performers, all have experience and showed spots of brilliance at times. Nine of the lettermen are seniors and the other a junior.

Egli's chief trouble in 1948 was trying to get his blockers working in cohesion with the ball carriers. This year much time will be spent on offensive blocking. The squad has two popular leaders in co-captains Victor Gring and Jack Cassidy, the former a center and the latter a back.

Other letter winners from last season who reported for practice are Calvin Tobias, Wayne Stradling, Robert Davis, Donald Caulfield, Herbert Kaupp, William

Schneider, Max Lawrence and Raymond Mongillo.

Others out for the teams are: Seniors—James Connelly, John Romberger, Robert Dintinger, Jack McShane, Anthony DiIorio, Chester Kellett, Richard Doyle, Greg Lewis, Joe Donlin and George Praul.

Juniors — Robert Castle, Joe O'Brien, Kenneth Dorsey, Barry Raike, Edward Garber, Donald Barnett, William Turner, Thomas DiIorio, Frank Reilly, John Maguire and Charles Yantis.

Sophomores — Donald Leitch, William Knisely, Kail Rion, Fred Bergner, Dale Proveaux, Alfred Simpson, James Simpson, Wesley Galloway, and Richard Shapcott.

Freshmen — Nicholas Grudza, Steve Cloak, Alfred Hoffman, Fernan Lex, Anthony Peal, Gary Latham, and Harry Lindensbigler.

Seventh and Eighth Grade (JV): Joe Lapenta, George Brown, Louis Maurer, Donald Seiz, Ray Brodie, Thomas Lauther, Robert Franklin, Roy Robinson, Stanley Covington, and James DiIorio. J. G.

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Neshaminy High Batters to Open 1950 Season Saturday Against St. Mary's

Neshaminy High School pries the lid off its 1950 baseball season this Saturday afternoon at Langhorne Manor against St. Mary's.

Coach Jim Egli will get a line on his team in the opener, which is a non-league exhibition scrap. The Redskins have been drilling for the past three weeks, mostly on a muddy field.

Richard Mercer, the only veteran pitcher remaining from last year, probably will start the contest for Neshaminy. He will work until he feels he has had enough.

Two other newcomers are listed for hill work this season. They are Jim Connolly, a senior reporting for the first time, and Jack Moyer, up from the Junior High team. Second baseman Don Caulfield can pitch if necessary.

Vic Gring, capable catcher of last season, is expected to handle most of the catching. Tom DiIorio,

a third baseman, can relieve him.

Neshaminy is blessed with two excellent first basemen. They are left-handed Herb Kaupp and Jack Cassedy, who swings from the right side. Caulfield probably will handle second, but Charles Connelly may play the bag. Connelly, an outstanding prospect, has caught the eye of his coach and teammates. Dick Shapcott and Don Leitch also are second basemen.

Tom DiIorio will be the hot corner guardian. Reserves at that post are John Maguire and Dan Buckley. Billy Schneider assisted by Don Barnett are the shortstops.

The starting outfield will be an all-veteran cast comprised of Calvin Tobias in center, Ray Mongillo in right and Bob Dintinger in left. All except Dintinger played regularly last year, and Bob saw reserve action. Also slated to see reserve action are John Romberger and Woody Pearson. (J. G.)