

LANGHORNE HIGH ELEVEN HAD SUCCESSFUL GRIDIRON SEASON

Coach Messics Produced High Scoring Squad in Last Season as Mentor—Team Had .500 Aver.

"Kings in their Class!"

That is the story of this year's Langhorne High School football team that succeeded in beating every foe of a like size and student enrollment it played during the 1945 season. In eight games the Redskins split even to post a respectable .500 average.

Coach John Messics, who finished his scholastic coaching career by pulling his proteges "up" for a 7-0 upset win over Bensalem, leaves the local high school grid scene highly respected as one of the best coaches in the entire district. His volunteer efforts more than kept football alive in Langhorne during wartime. Indeed, legions of veteran Redskin followers ardently believe that this year's club was the best trained in football fundamentals and execution of plays that the school has ever had.

Messics, who played on one of Pop Warner's strongest Temple evelens that went to the Sugar Bowl, actually got down on his hands and knees and taught Langhorne players how to play the game correctly. His only disappointment is that he could not go out on the field with his outfit and carry out certain blocking assignments for them. He wanted offensive blocking badly in order to spring his outstanding backs loose, but seldom got enough of it during the three seasons he coached. Otherwise, his men were fundamentally sound in all departments.

In winding up their season against Bensalem with a 7 to 0 upset victory, every player on the Playwickian squad, including several reserves, gave a commendable account of themselves. If stars must be selected, however, they should include Al Adair, whose slashing game at right end foiled many Bensalem running attempts before they got started, Don Kaleda, right guard, whose defensive play anchored the whole right side of the line and Hill Fallon, a quarterback who caught fire and played a brilliant game. In addition, the "Inky" Schneider

played his usual outstanding game and paced the winners offensively, and Doc Righter, who tallied the touchdown, and Richard Lukens shone throughout the fray. The entire starting line teamed for the second time this season against reputable opposition and duplicated their work against Morrisville by playing stoutly on the defense.

This was one of the highest scoring elevens in the sixteen years of football at Langhorne. The squad missed hitting the century mark in scoring by one point, having tallied 99 markers during eight games for an average of slightly more than 12 points per contest.

Leading the individual scorers and the entire team in offensive and defensive play was Inky Schneider, who not only was high in gridiron ability, but also tops in football astuteness. He was the cool-headed performer who did the punting, backed up the line, passed and received aeriels, ran hard on end sweeps and intercept-touchdowns and four extra points for a 34 total. He tallied at least one point in every game that Langhorne scored in except the Morrisville fray, and in that scrap he was content to hit Righter with a six point pass after sparking a long ground drive.

Doc Righter was next in scoring with 31 points. His passing this season was highly regarded throughout the area. Richard Lukens and Hill Fallon were the other backfield starters and both played major roles in the attack. Lukens was adept at sweeping ends, while Fallon called plays flawlessly. Fallon showed remarkable running improvement in the last two games and his ability, plus improved form displayed by Lukens, was responsible for two outstanding Langhorne showings. Other backs who scored during the season were Reetz, Frutchey and Knox. Beswick showed promise of developing into a good back for next year.

The line was led by Kaleda. Continued on column 8