

LANGHORNE HARD HIT WITH BAD BREAKS AS THEY START SEASON

Injuries and Transfers Plague Redskins in Daily Drills

BECK'S TWELFTH YEAR

Lower Moreland Opener Is Cancelled Due To Epidemic

By Jack Gill

High up on Langhorne hill, where Langhorne High School's Redskins fight their annual football pow-wows, fate has been playing a mean hand. Coach Charley Beck, who mixes his chemistry teaching with football, will soon be turning to strange formulas to win ball games if Langhorne's luck continues to twist amiss.

Beck counted upon three men to form the nucleus of this year's aggregation. They were Russ Cloak, who last year gained a tackle post on the all-conference second team, Dave Clark, a seasoned back, and Don Smith, a 190 pound lineman.

To make a long story short, Cloak went to the hospital at the start of the training period with appendicitis, Clark quit school to pursue a national defense job and Smith transferred to another school. Then last week Ernie Leblein broke a collar bone in a fumble recovery drill.

"I have an awful lot of boys working out as backfield candidates this year. Our ball carrying situation is really acute. The boys who prove to be the best ball carriers may help us immensely. I have always believed that you could make a good backfield man a good lineman if necessity warrants such a move. For that reason most of my men this year will learn the rudiments of backfield motion, the plays and the blocking assignments, and then may be shifted to the line where they will be taught defensive strategy as well as offensive blocking," stated Beck, who starts his twelfth year at Langhorne this fall.

The best of the backfield candidates appear to be Norman Knox, Kenny Clark, Bill Cloak, Lou Spadaccino, Ted Bonema and Roy Slater. Dick Walsh, Len Lawrence and Bob Reed may also sneak in on a spot.

Smith and Cloak will be missed on the line. But Edgar Sealey and Tom Sodano are back once more. They are the only two heavy boys on an otherwise very light eleven. Sodano is 221 and Sealey 180. Jimmy Flannery, James Salvadore, Bill Knapp, Ralph Christy, John Barber, Ed Frutchey, George Hunsinger and Frank Hammond are all inexperienced possibilities. The Redskins' opening fuss with Lower Moreland was cancelled due to the infantile paralysis outbreak, so the tribe will face Fallsington on September 26, as well as the following week to compensate for the loss of the contest.