

SOUND GRID POLICY LANDS HOFFMAN AND MORRISVILLE ITS SECOND DISTRICT TITLE

Well Conditioned Unit Suffered Few Injuries During Course of Schoolboy Football Campaign That Saw Bensalem Rise As A New League Power

COLLAPSE OF BRISTOL WAS SURPRISE OF SEASON

By Jack W. Gill

Football this season had a P. T. Barnum flair for showmanship. Spotting plays and anecdotes of the recently completed campaign, there is found a definite trend toward the melodramatic.

This region rightly honors John Hoffman, wise coach of the Morrisville Bulldogs as the local "man of the hour. Slowly but surely breaking the once monopolistic grip that Bristol had on Lower Bucks schoolboy grid laurels, his eleven hit the championship jackpot for the third time.

Largely instrumental in the Bulldogs' championship drive was hard-running Bob Purcell, who led the entire league in individual scoring. Purcell was a good luck, carrying out his assignments to perfection. Up front on the line and in the backfield were men who pulled traps on the opponents' weak side to move the Blue and Gold downfield offensively.

Bensalem was impressive at times. In losing to the Bulldogs at Bensalem by a 13 to 7 score, it was proven that they were just one touchdown and perhaps about 30 yards from a title.

Bristol supplied the Monday morning quarterback club with more fuel than a Texas oil well. Inopportune fumbles, bad breaks of the game, and many tactical errors saw them win only one fray. Yet twice they showed that they were essentially a strong squad.

Newtown kept mixing their adept baseball skill, for which they have long been noted, in with a smattering of football knowledge to enjoy a successful season. They were somewhat like Bensalem, losing to the champs by two touchdowns. By tying Bensalem they touched the gonfalon by those two scores.

The Redskins of Langhorne continued to ride the football ranges hazily, but they did improve enough over last year to beat Bristol, 6-0. This was a season in itself, avenging a 60 to 0 massacre of a year ago.

Early Start Aided

Back to Morrisville and its well conditioned team. Each year now for several seasons the boys from the town that lies across the river from Trenton hop aboard a bus and spend a couple of weeks at camp. This extra training period may have done the trick.

Football today, even in small high schools, demands efficiency in the most minute assignments. Morrisville, in winning the Lower Bucks championship, clearly played a better caliber of ball than any other club in the circuit. They did more things right than they did wrong. According to what the grandstand quarterbacks tell us, many of the other member clubs did just the opposite and lost.

At the outset, much talk criticized this practice of high schools starting football a week earlier. Too much emphasis was the cry that belloyed from every nook and corner of physical education departments. But the recent free hand extended has resulted in a considerable drop in grid injuries.

It stands to reason that a better conditioned boy will be less susceptible to injury than one who has been in training over a shorter period. Morrisville has had few bad injuries during the past few years.

John Hoffman, who is called "Long John" by Morrisville followers, has been a constant practitioner in strict training and in teaching boys the basic fundamentals of both football and basketball. After a long grind of playing second fiddle in the championship symphony, he has finally taken over the leadership.

Practice Makes Perfect

Bristol, for the past few years, hasn't been meeting this challenge of pre-season conditioning. It has been proven that it is important both in its physical value and in its sharpening up of ball handling and teamwork all around.

Reimer's started rise to a new power to be reckoned with down at Cornwells Heights is almost equally as interesting. Digging down into what has been the cause of Bensalem's success, one must come up with the shovel bringing over with activity with a capital A.

The Owl center has varsity teams, jay-vee teams and junior high school squads, all playing regularly planned schedules. By the time they arrive to the varsity, they are well versed in fundamentals and they possess that all-important phase of experience.

Compare this to the smaller schools that are content with just playing varsity ball. Langhorne has been down ever since Bensalem started the build-up policy. Newtown can only come up with spasmodic splashes of brilliance.

It is now apparent that ideal conference members must meet the challenge of a longer practice period to sharpen both the conditioning and team play. Also noted is the trend for developing an ever increasing supply to meet the never ceasing demand.

FIRE DAMAGE REDUCED

DETROIT — (INS) — Chrysler Corporation reported that fire damage in its plants has been reduced 60 per cent in the three years since departure from industry's traditional fire-fighting method. Instead of having a central brigade of trained firemen in each plant, the company had each department set up its own brigade composed of volunteers familiar with all the local fire hazards.

"FOGGY MORN" WINS CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE JUMPERS CLASS

Laing Entry Secures More Honors For His New Owner Here

RIDDEN BY SCHILLING

Also Places Second in Touch-and-Out at Boulder Brook Events

"Foggy Morn" has brought more honors to Bristol, the seven-year-old gelding, winning the jumper championship of the Boulder Brook show for his owner, Dr. Edward J. Laing, Newport Road.

Accounts emanating from Scarsdale, N. Y., show that "Foggy Morn" which won honors at the recent show in Madison Square Garden, New York, was way out in front of the jumper division. Following up the two straight victories of Friday, "Foggy Morn" secured first place in the four-foot and over class Saturday afternoon, and then second in the touch-and-out at the close of the afternoon performance.

Thus did the chestnut gelding, ridden by Carl Schilling, secure up to that point 18 points before the start of the evening session, the final of the show, thus clinching for him the championship of the event's largest division.

By the close of the show "Foggy Morn" under the excellent guidance of Schilling, had won both of the open jumping classes; and second in the stakes.

HUNTERS FROM SECTION SEARCHING FOR DEER

Close on the tracks of deer in Pennsylvania's mountain and hill country are a few score hunters from Bucks County, in addition to the hundreds from all parts of the state.

With the opening of the deer hunting season, aimrods, armed with high-powered rifles, have taken to the search.

Although Pike County is popular with many from this area, due to large number of deer to be found there, and its proximity to Bucks County, yet several have chosen other spots in the state in which to try their skill.

Charles and Harry Weissenborn, of Fallsington, with a party of four others, are spending a week in the Pocono Mountains.

Clarence H. King, Bath Road; Jesse Betz and son, William Betz, Edgely, Lee Still, Emille, Samuel Smith, Bristol; William Enoch and a friend from Frankford, left on Sunday for Pike County, to try their aim.

Otto Grupp, Jr., William Johnston, Croydon; Harold H. Dettmer, Harry Vansant, William Bende, William Irvin, Edgar Davis, Bensalem Township, Charles Rathke, Bristol; Leslie Davis, East Orange, N. J., are among a party spending several days near Beavertown, Snyder County.

Sojourning at R Club Camp, Pike County, this week while searching for the four-footed animals are the following: George Bailey, Sr., Maurice Deiker, Harry Morrell, William Milnor, Jr., Bath Road; James Mayberry, Tullytown; Mr. Heavener, Fallsington, and others.

Harry Pitman, William Welker and Fred Hibbs left on Sunday for a few days' hunting trip in the Pocono Mountains.

A trio from Bristol, spending yesterday in Pike County, was successful. Leon Mulligan shot a 90-pound buck. He was accompanied by Lawrence Stewart and George Bowman.

Jesse G. Webster, Hulmeville; Edwin H. Webster and Linfred Benner, Middletown Township; and Alvin Stradling, of Langhorne, are in Center County for several days of hunting.

Leaving Langhorne on Friday, LeRoy Edwards planned to join a party of hunters from Pittsburgh area for a trek through woods of Elk County. They will be gone for several days.

Another Langhorne hunter, Archie Kauffman, in company with a group from Langhorne and Doylestown, left on Sunday for a few days of the sport in Pike County.

Albert, Levi and Norman Everitt, of Doylestown, are passing two days near White Haven, Carbon County, on a deer hunting trip.

More than 100 men and women from Sellersville are hunting early this week, as are also a number from Perkasie, Quakertown and other towns in the North Penn area. Sellersville Hunting Club has approximately 15 men in the field, twice as many as represented the club in Pike County last year. Another Sellersville party drove 200 miles to Potter County, and others from that area are at Renovo, Clinton County.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Popkin, Emille Road, entertained at dinner last week, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Popkin and daughter Lola, Burlington, N. J., Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Popkin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Popkin, Joseph and Leo Popkin, of Emille; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Popkin and son Lawrence, Mill St.