

Langhorne Meets Bensalem Eleven in Holiday

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High Scoring Clubs Play 16th Annual Game Thursday Morning

Langhorne High and Bensalem meet at Playwicki Field, Langhorne, this Thanksgiving morning at 10 a. m., both struggling to end the season with respectable 500 marks. The game is the sixteenth meeting between the two rivals in a series which started in 1930.

The high scoring Bensalem eleven is currently on a winning streak that has seen them annex their last four contests. Their skein started with a 33-0 rout of Southampton and continued with a 7-0 conquest over Fallsington. Two weeks ago they ran wild in beating George School, 26-0, and last Friday they whipped St. Francis, 25-0. Previously, however, the minions of Coach John Bixler dropped five straight games to strong foes.

Langhorne, which began operating smoothly against Morrisville two weeks ago, will be trying to even its record for the season. So far they have lost four times against three wins.

On the basis of comparative scores, which mean little in a game pitting arch rivals against each other, Bensalem enjoys a wide edge. Both squads played Borden-town Manual Training and Bensalem lost, 13-6, while Langhorne suffered a 34 to 0 reverse at the hands of the same team. Langhorne was able to down George School, 12-6, while Bensalem easily beat the Buffians, 26-0.

Two outstanding backs will play against each other in the fray to afford fans an added sidelight. Langhorne's Wayne "Inky" Schneider, who passes, runs and punts, and Bensalem's Jack Hansen, who has scored eight touchdowns and four extra points for a 52 point total to lead the district in individual scoring, will be closely watched. Both squads have built their offense around these key performers. Likewise, both teams are weak defensively. Bensalem has been scored upon for 114 points and Langhorne has yielded 112 tallies.

Coach John Messic's Redskins have been good against Newtown, Southampton and Morrisville and weak against other clubs. Their best linemen have so far been Don Kaleda and Tucker. In the backfield, Schneider and Lukens have starred. Poor blocking has been one of the chief causes of disaster in the losses.

Thursday's game may easily develop into a passing duel. Whereas Hansen does nearly all of the throwing for the invading Owls, Langhorne has two good flingers in Schneider and Phil Righter. Pass receivers at Langhorne this year, nowever, have been erratical. The competing teams are so evenly matched that an interception might easily pave the way for the winning touchdown.