

# Cummings Wins 'Mr. Redskin' Award

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Presenting the 1938 "Mr. Redskin" — Herb Cummings.

The \$1,000.00 offensive and defensive center for the Neahamity Neahamity High football team received that honor last night at the eighth annual banquet for the team given by the Langhorne Lions Club. The affair was held at the Buck Hotel, Feasterville, with 200 in attendance.

The Mr. Redskin award was one of the merrily made at the affair which also served as a farewell to Harry Franks, coach of the Redskins, who resigned at the close of the season. Franks is now at administration of Neahamity High and will continue as athletic director of the school.

The Buck Hotel dining hall was appropriately decorated for the occasion. In addition to the many trophies and awards that belated the past season, there were eight trophies along the wall, each signifying a championship won by Franks' teams during his eight years of varied coaching. The Franks' coached teams compiled a 40-32 overall record and 10-20 record in the Eastern League record while in 1935, when he coached the Junior High, the team had a 14 mark.

## Breakdown Attendees

Guest speaker for the occasion was Tom Brokaw, defensive back of the Philadelphia Eagles. Other talks were by Dr. Robert E. Beckman, athletic superintendent of Neahamity School; John Stoops, high school principal; ex-coach coach, John Peterkuska, assistant coach Johnny Swartz and junior varsity coach Tom Carlsell. Joseph Zaleski served as toastmaster for the affair after the welcoming by Arthur Walsh, president of the Lions Club. The blessing was by the Rev. John Harvey, of the Langhorne Presbyterian Church. Ralph DePreto, of the Lions Club, acted as chairman of the affair.



The Neahamity High football team was honored last night by the Langhorne Lions Club at the Buck Hotel in Feasterville. Left to right are Joseph Zaleski, toastmaster; Arthur Walsh, club president; Herb Cummings, winner of "Mr. Redskin" award; guest

speaker Tom Brokaw; Harry Franks, co-coach; John Peterkuska, co-coach; and Johnny Swartz, assistant coach. Courier-Times sports photo.

Franks, who was master of ceremonies for the football part of the program, received a commemorative letter case and traveling bag from his fellow coaches, a trophy from members of the football team, and a hand-sketched picture of a football player in action from the athletes seated. Mrs. Harry Franks, his wife, received a floral tribute.

## "Mr. Redskin"

The "Mr. Redskin" award was won by Bill Washko, a full-back guard, who was selected as the All-Lower Bucks County, All-Upper Bucks County, All-Upper Valley football teams and along with Cummings rounded out the third season of football.

The Lower Bucks championship trophy and the Best-Season-Neahamity returning trophy were presented by Franks to Brokaw,

the receiving trophy remains in possession of the school that with the annual Thanksgiving Day game.

Gold footballs were presented to Jack Brokaw, Ed Francis, William Cummings and Harry Schell. The latter was selected as All-Star team in the area around the All-Sportsmen team and also made the second team of All-Star as elected by United Press International. He also had previously captured the Maxwell Award in Philadelphia as a high school back of the week.

## Home Coaches

The football players presented the Neahamity varsity, junior varsity and Junior High (George Mitty and Paul Allison) coaches with 100 flags and soft links. All members of the team received their playing

jerseys, a gift from the school. Tom Rickards, a junior, was called as "unused hero" and was awarded a trophy as he will be ineligible next season. John Korte received the trophy given in the last graduating class. Korte is in honored student at Neahamity.

In the football part of the program, Franks introduced 17 who contributed to the success of the Neahamity team: Dr. Gerald Ellinger, team physician; Markard J. Casarovic, chairman of the athletic committee of the school board; Mrs. Dorothy Peterkuska, Mrs. Elaine Swartz, Mrs. Helen Gault, Mrs. Evelyn Chubb and Mrs. Franks, wives of the coaches; Mitty and Allison, varsity and Junior High coaches; Lee Sherkoff, Charles Keltch, and Casarovic of the athletic

committee; John Paul, business manager of the school district.

Also, Ed Corder, who was in charge of the program and cheerleaders; the press, represented by Tom June of the Courier-Times sports staff; Peterkuska, Swartz, Carlsell and Dick Chubb, all coaches; Andy Petuch, who prepared for the games; Bill Givig, transportation; Harold Truener, concessioner; Frank Wright, who took service of all games; Grant Brokaw, in charge of refreshments; Dan Hayes, the "Big Man" on the field; Bob King, Bill Dautler, and Mel Schelker, team managers; Carolyn Wagner, Nancy Washko, Gerry Zimmerman, Kay Donald, Bob Dautler, Ben Franks, Dorcas Farmer, and Jeannette Wright, cheerleaders; Dr. Beckman, Bruce, assistant principal

Benley Russell, and George Schwal, assistant to the superintendent.

It was announced that Marge Kaczmarek was named "Miss Redskin."

## Team Members

Members of the Neahamity championship team were Don Backbers, Paul Corradi, Leo Cooper, Herb Cummings, Fred Ernie, Ed Francis, Werner Fleming, John Korte, Jerry Lawrence, Ed Shook, Ben Stoops, Tony Swanson, Bill Washko, Berry White, Bob Washko, Frank McCollins, Tom Rickards, Harry Schell, Jack Strickland, Brian Baker, Dick Russell, John Carlsell, Dick Bell, Jerry Harris, Bob Korte, Ed Kaczmarek and Alan Bell.

Previous winners of the overall Mr. Redskin award were: Steve Clark, 1931; Tom Backler, 1932; Dan Cameron, 1933; Bill Barrett, 1934; Don Boyer, 1935; Frank Cooney, 1936; and M. Gault, 1937.

Speaker Brokaw gave a few highlights on some of the players in the National Pro Football League and then conducted a question and answer period. "The Eagles" were given back but the players who have been offered college scholarships to "take advantage of them" is a wonderful way of getting a "college education."

He told the boys to try to picture themselves after Tom June and the team of the Eagles, who is one of the greatest players in pro football and only weighs 175 pounds, proving you don't have to be a giant to play pro football.

Brokaw was presented with a commemorative by hand-making John on behalf of the Lions Club.

Every person attending was given a decorative ribbon to the Neahamity colors of red and blue with a picture of a Redskin and the names of all the Neahamity members, coaches, and cheerleaders printed thereon. On the bottom was 1938 Lower Bucks Co. Champions 3-0-0.