

Petercuskie To Take Over As Head Coach After Today

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Harry Franks, head football coach at Neshaminy High School since 1952, relinquished his coaching duties today in a move which has been expected for many months to give full time attention to administrative duties.

Franks, who has never lost a Lower Bucks County Football League championship in whole or part in eight seasons, dissolved the co-coach situation at Neshaminy by resigning.

The new head boss is familiar John Petercuskie. Neshaminy acquired the coaching services of Petercuskie in 1954. Petercuskie was named co-head coach two seasons ago.

Neshaminy is stalking its eighth straight banner today. A victory or a tie over Bensalem Township will give the "Rough Riders" another trophy. A loss to the Bennies could create a co-title with Morrisville but would still give Neshaminy part of the glory again.

Effective Today

The naming of Petercuskie as the new headmaster becomes effective today.

Franks, who is an administrative assistant at Neshaminy, said, "In all fairness to my position and to Neshaminy I must resign my football coaching job. It is awful tough not to continue coaching but sometimes things work out for the better."

Franks added, "Last year I entered administration and I made a request to continue coaching this year." Franks has guided Neshaminy to four clear-cut flags and two co-titles up until 1953. His overall coaching record is 63-10-2. His league log is 51-2-2 (not counting today's result.)

Still Athletic Director

Franks is administrative assistant to John Stoops, high school principal. His duties include the job of athletic director and coordinating the athletic program



HARRY FRANKS

at Neshaminy which includes 18 varsity sports.

"With these duties it would be almost impossible for Mr. Franks

to carry other responsibilities to tie him down such as being football coach," Stoops said.

"There was no hesitation as far as Neshaminy was concerned when Harry stepped aside. We have dissolved the co-coach position. We could look throughout the entire state and would be unable to come up with a better man for the job than John Petercuskie," Stoops added.

No Emotion

Petercuskie, who builds rugged lines, showed little emotional feeling on the announcement.

"I don't believe that a difference will be felt. All of our chances and efforts over the past couple of years were jointly between Harry and I. But I know one thing. We'll miss Harry," he said.

Pete Cordelli, this year's jayvee coach, has been elevated to the varsity staff along with assistant Jack Swartz. A replacement for Cordelli will be made within the remaining school year.



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