

## **"View from the Other Side of the Ball" - Delhaas High School 1959 Season – Richard B Stump**

**Our Bristol Township high school was split in 1/2 creating Woodrow Wilson HS as our second senior high school (10th through 12th grades). So the teammates that tied the Neshaminy Junior HS at 0-0 during the 1956 season suited up less than 26 players to visit the Redskins on their home field for the 1959 season.**

**Our head coach, Vince Tomasetti, always install a "special" offensive play to start off our first offensive series. This may have been a psychological approach to "get off on the right foot." For this game we practiced the "Side-Saddle" T-formation, where our quarterback (Joe Conti) stood behind our offensive center, but to one side, allowing our center (Kurt Ebert) to hand the ball directly to our quarterback or snap it directly to our fullback (Bill Finney) - as Penn State now does with its "wild cat" formation.**

**Neshaminy kicked off into the end zone giving us the ball on our 20-yard line. We broke huddle and lined up for our first play which was called to run outside our right tackle where Harry Schuh was now standing across the line of scrimmage. We did this for a gain of 8 yards! Our brilliant play caller said, "Let's run it again!" We did it again for a gain of 3 yards - first down! When we returned for our third play Harry was gone, with a "normal sized" player standing in his place. So, I'm thinking "This game is getting much better!"**

**Harry returned for our fourth play, looking like he had talked with the "tackle whisperer" while on the sidelines. Needless to say Harry "returned to form" showing how he earned his outstanding press clipping from prior games. Then Neshaminy returned to reality, playing another outstanding football game.**

**Side Note: Neshaminy Head Coach John Petercuskie and Delhaas Head Coach Vince Tomasetti came to the Lower Bucks County League across the same route. Both graduated from Old Forge (PA) High School followed by graduation at East Stroudsburg State Teachers College (now University). After three years Coach Tomasetti led Delhaas to the first and second of only two winning football seasons in its history. The first principal of Woodrow Wilson HS, the brand-new Bristol Township Senior HS, ran Coach Tomasetti back to Old Forge as he established his "own football program" at WWHS.**

**I understand Neshaminy showed its appreciation for winning football by erecting a statue of Coach Petercuskie on the high school grounds!**