

mann, two South Philadelphia rivals, will not play this year for the first time since 1934. Southern canceled its season earlier this month because it did not have enough players.

Neumann tried to get a game with Bok, but Bok declined. Bok coach Tom DeFelice said he did not want to interfere with the Southern-Neumann tradition because Southern plans to play next season.

Malvern Prep had a 13-3-1 record over Archbishop Carroll on Thanksgiving. Then Carroll decided last year to play Bishop Shanahan instead, and to meet a team in its first year of varsity existence.

Now Malvern is left with nobody to play. It had been suggested that the Friars, who finished at 9-0 and might be the best team in the area, could play a high-profile PIAA team that is out of the playoffs to prove themselves worthy of a state championship. (Malvern plays in the Inter-Academic

League and does not compete in the PIAA playoffs.)

But no suitable opponent could be found.

For those who still play, of course, the games create lasting memories.

"Thanksgiving Day games are neighborhood games," said DeFelice, who graduated from West Catholic in 1964 and fondly remembers his games against Bartram. "You really prepared for that game. It was a sellout. It was tooth and nail. You smelled the turkey. You just lived for that."

"I'm sure there are some rivalries like that still around."

That's exactly how it will be today in Camden when Woodrow Wilson hosts Camden, its crosstown rival, at 11 a.m.

On Dec. 1, Patrick Faulk's Wilson squad will play Egg Harbor Township for the South Jersey Group 3 championship. Wilson has never won a South Jersey title, but the 6-foot-3, 270-pound

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