

The Inquirer TOP 10

PRESEASON RANKINGS

Team	Last Season's Record
<i>Last season's final ranking in parentheses.</i>	
1. Neshaminy (3) The Redskins, with plenty of muscle on the offensive and defensive lines, could have what it takes to challenge for a state title.	11-2
2. St. Joseph's Prep (7) Winners of 55 consecutive Catholic League regular-season games, the Hawks are eager to show their skills in the PIAA.	10-3
3. North Penn (7) The Knights have the skill-position players needed to be a major force. The key for them will be development along the lines.	10-3
4. Malvern Prep (9) The Friars return eight starters on defense and have savvy, quick-footed ballcarriers. Depth is the only question mark.	9-1
5. Cardinal O'Hara (NR) A healthy Tom Savage, a lightning-fast Corey Brown, and a rock-solid offensive line will give the Prep cause for concern.	6-6
6. Pennsbury (NR) With strength inside and speed on the edges, the Falcons could battle Neshaminy for top honors in the Suburban One National Conference.	4-6
7. Souderton (NR) The Indians have won nine games in each of the last four seasons. Can they take the next step and knock off North Penn?	9-2
8. West Catholic (10) The Burrs have game-breakers everywhere. Strong early-season tests should strengthen Curtis Drake and Co.	11-1
9. Coatesville (NR) The defense looks stout, with 10 starters back. Quarterback Charles Green, an elusive runner, ignites the spread offense.	5-5
10. Ridley (1) Yes, the Green Raiders lost a lot to graduation. But John Waller has a winning track record that's too hard to ignore.	13-1
Under consideration (listed alphabetically): Downingtown West (10-2), Father Judge (9-3), Garnet Valley (13-2), Interboro (8-3), Strath Haven (8-3); Unionville (11-1).	

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