

Neshaminy Overcomes 13-0 Halftime Deficit To Edge Bishop Egan, 14-13



Bob Baxter of Neshaminy High is about to ram Bishop Egan defender Joe Rorick after a short gain in second-half action at Playwicki Field

last night, Eagle Johnny Kerr (32) moves in on the play. (Courier-Times Sports Photo)

11,000 Fans See Redskins Rally To Win

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STATISTICS		Nesh.	B. E.
First downs	10	14	17
Yards rushing	112	174	108
Passes attempted	3	12	12
Passes completed	1	4	4
Passes intercepted by	1	2	2
Yards passing	8	21	21
Net yards	130	197	129
Punts	2	1	1
Punting average	28	15	15
Fumbles recovered by	0	0	0
Yards penalized	15	20	20

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Assistant coach Pete Cordelli talks to defensive tackle Ray Jenkins after Neshaminy High was victimized

with illegal procedure penalty because Jenkins "piled on." (Courier-Times Sports Photo by Bob Curtis)

Tennent Gridders Recover 5 Fumbles, But Bow, 7-0

By ED CONRAD
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WILLOW GROVE — Host Upper Mereland tried its damndest to give away last night's grid inaugural against Tennent but, poor souls, the Golden Bears couldn't lose for winning. They fumbled away the football five times — three in the second quarter — but still managed to pull through with a 7-0 victory before 5,000.

The game's lone touchdown came with 7:40 remaining in the third quarter when halfback Jim Orff took a pitchout from quarterback Jim Casper and threw a pass to end Larry Frank to complete a 41-yard payoff. Complete statistics

STATISTICS		Tennent U.	M'land.
First downs	13	5	5
Yards rushing	17	26	10
Passes attempted	8	5	2
Passes completed	1	2	2
Passes intercepted by	0	0	0
Yards passing	0	0	0
Net yards	11	26	10
Punts	2	1	1
Punting average	24.5	10	10
Fumbles recovered by	5	3	3
Yards penalized	10	10	10

20 midway in the second quarter, as far as the 13 late in the third quarter and as far as the 10 early in the final period but couldn't catch on.

The Panthers were operating rather nicely when the goal line was some distance away. Sophomore halfback workhorse Johnny Sokolis led the attack with an impressive debut.

However, once Tennent was on the verge of scoring, the Upper Mereland defenses stiffened and the Panthers couldn't seem to click. It was as simple as that.

Aerials Crucial
Tennent wound up with 115 net yards rushing to UM's 26 but the difference came overhead in the

Bristol Drops Grid Opener To Pope Pius X Of Rosetto

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Ted Kowal made his debut as head coach of the Bristol High School football team last night but it wasn't as successful as he would have liked it to be. The Warriors dropped their season opener to visiting Pop Pius X of Roseto, 13-7, before 500 fans. The game was not as close as the score seems to indicate as the Royals racked up yardage

STATISTICS		Brist.	P. P. X.
First downs	3	12	12
Yards rushing	42	214	108
Passes attempted	12	10	10
Passes completed	2	4	4
Passes intercepted by	1	1	1
Yards passing	0	41	41
Net yards	42	274	149
Punts	4	2	2
Punting average	28	15	15
Fumbles recovered by	1	2	2
Yards penalized	1	40	40

in the first half, Steve Zegalia, a hardrunning fullback, who scored all of his team's points, carried from the five yard stripe

from their own 25 yard stripe to the Warriors' 13. Then, on a third down with one yard to go, Zegalia fumbled the ball. Bristol's Gene Gattelli pounced on the sphere and took off for the other end of the field, going 90 yards for the lone Warrior marker. The attempted run for the extra point failed.

The interesting feature about the Bristol score is the fact that the Warriors did not run one play from scrimmage in the third per-

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The initial score came exactly in the middle of the first quarter after Bishop Egan took the kickoff. The first play was from the 31-yard line and in six minutes, using 15 plays, the 69 yards were negotiated to paydirt. The longest was an 11-yard jaunt by Joe Rorick and a completed pass from Bill Creeden to John Kerr for 12 yards.

Five first downs were registered in the march which was completed with Rorick plunging over from the two. A pass added the seventh point, with Creeden tossing to Colella in the end zone.

Another Egan TD

In the second quarter Egan took over again after Neshaminy punted from its five to the 45. This time it took 13 plays to make it 13-0 with Colella breaking through from the one with less than three minutes to go. A plunge attempt by Rorick failed to get the extra point.

The second half was a reversal of the opening two periods as Neshaminy came to life from the start and with a poor punt by Egan putting the Eagles in a hole early, the Redskins were not to be denied for the balance of the tilt.

Neshaminy came back with nine first downs while giving up but two. The Redskins rolled up 101 yards on the ground in the last two periods and held Egan to 29.

The first play after they took the kickoff in the third quarter got them 17 yards as Bill Brundzo started the fireworks. A short time later the Redskins were forced to punt when Leo Rossi tackled Brundzo for an 11-yard loss. In the first series for Egan, it was fourth and two when John Taylor punted for the Eagles, the kick traveled just 15 yards past the scrimmage line and set the pigskin on the Egan 36.

The Neshaminy spark was re-lighted here and it used eight plays to score with Baxter's three-yard end run notching the TD. Baxter's placekick made it 13-7.

Neshaminy Intercepts

On the ensuing kickoff, Egan got its two first downs in the second half here by working the ball to the Neshaminy 44. Brund-

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Yards penalized	35	20	

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Rossi, junior end played an outstanding game on both defense and offense for Egan. Tackles Dennis Woomer and Dave Fredericks, as well as guard Bruce Gerrity, did yeoman work in the line for the Eagles. The former is a junior the other two are seniors. A pair of juniors, tackle Fred Tragemann and center Mike Clarke, were standouts in the Redskin front line.

The 13 points were not enough for the Eagles on this Friday the 13th. But the day should be remembered a long time by the Egan squad which worked so hard to pull an upset and deserved a better fate. Neshaminy should also be content by its splendid up-hill fight to a close victory.

LINEUPS

Neshaminy (14)
ENDS: Tressel, McCoy, Irons, Simon.
TACKLES: Jenkins, Schwartz, Kolsm, Pyle, Tragemann, Elswick.
GUARDS: Weinstein, Mucklow, Phillips, Zantl, Kissinger, Toyano.
CENTERS: Clarke.
BACKS: Baxter, Brundzo, Dee, Reika, Dunn, Walker, Boezekel, Kamiuski, Hutchinson.

Bishop Egan (13)
ENDS: Evans, Rossi, Murphy, Taylor, Nolan.
TACKLES: Drennen, Miller, Woomer, Fredericks, Barczy.
GUARDS: McCann, Mellink, Frazer, Gerrity.
CENTERS: Duffy, Doyle, Nolan.
BACKS: Creeden, Kerr, Gallagher, McDowell, Moxley, Rorick, Steza, Colella.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Neshaminy	0	0	7	7	14
Bishop Egan	7	6	0	0	13

SCORING

FIRST:
 BE: Rorick 2 plunge (Colella pass from Creeden)

SECOND: BE: Colella 1 plunge (plunge failed)

THIRD:
 N: Baxter 3 end run (Baxter kick)

FOURTH: N: Brundzo 1 plunge (Baxter kick)

OFFICIALS

Dick Roddy, referee; James Reilly, umpire; Ed Bady, linesman; Angelo Palozzi, judge.

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