

# Neshaminy Rips Egan, 41-0

## Colbert Scores 3 TDs Before 11,000

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It was a warm night for football. But the Neshaminy High gridders were even hotter than the weather!

Before a turnout of some 11,000 fans last night at the Neshaminy High Athletic Field, Neshaminy rolled to an easy win over Bishop Egan High, 41-0, in the season opener for both schools.

The triumph for Coach John Petercuskie and his Redskins marked the sixth time they have beaten the Eagles without a loss since the series between the two big schools began.

Despite the loss of 14 boys

from last year's championship team, the Redskins tallied in every period. Touchdowns came in about every way possible, short bucks, long runs, end runs, quarterback sneaks and through the air.

In addition to six TD's Neshaminy also garnered points after touchdown as George Nolte made good by placekicking five out of six, missing one by a slim margin. He also stood out on booting very long kickoffs.

### Colbert Outstanding

Jim Colbert, classy quarterback, was the high scorer with three touchdowns. The 6-2, 180-pound senior, ran the team



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flawlessly and had the Egan defense guessing what was coming next.

Colbert did a nifty job of handling the ball from the "T" and never miscued a handoff. He also was a constant threat on bootleg jaunts, diving into the line for short gains in addi-

tion to making good four times on five passes, one going for a TD.

The regular quarterback also had the longest run of the game with a 58 yard ramble at the close of the first half.

"We looked very good all the way," remarked Coach Peter-

cuskie after the game. "I feel satisfied with the results, although we did get a couple of "open" breaks that went our way," said Petercuskie.

The Neshaminy mentor also mentioned that the coaching staff saw a few rough edges which will have to be smoothed.

### Everybody Gets In

They also saw everything on the squad in action, and under fire: Bill Elswick, husky 200-pound senior tackle, twisted his knee in pre-game warmup and missed the game. Everybody else on the 46-man squad got into the fray.

The two teams played even ball during most of the first quarter as they felt each other

rambled for the 58-yard touchdown and a 20-0 halftime edge.

It took Neshaminy over 10 minutes to score in the third, and a big break helped. With fourth down and six to go from the 25, a pass was broken up by Egan but the ball deflected into Rich McHale's hands for a 13-yard gain and a Redskin first down.

A stubborn Egan defense made Neshaminy try six times before giving up the 15 final yards and fourth TD.

A third of the way through the fourth quarter saw Neshaminy closeout a 54-yard drive with a nifty 23-yard TD pass from Colbert to Rich McHale. The Redskin receiver fought off an Egan defender at the goal line before snagging the heave.

The ensuing kickoff had Egan start at its 20. Three plays gained only three yards and Joe Mesmer went back to punt. The pass from center hit him on the leg and Joe was downed just four yards from the goal.

### Need One Play

On the first play Rich Settles, from his quarterback slot, hit the line at his left and went over. That ended the scoring but the winners almost tallied again. Dave Rakita intercepted a pass for Neshaminy at Egan's 48. Seven plays and two first downs saw the oval on the 18.

On the game's final play Ernie Forchetti heaved a pass to Settles who ended up on the three as the gun sounded.

Bill Bartholomew, a junior 6-2, 225-pound tackle for Egan, was the outstanding defenseman of the game. He made tackles all over the place throughout the entire contest.

Neshaminy's offensive was a well-oiled one as it notched 306 yards on the ground and totaled 15 first downs. The Redskin defense wasn't bad either as it held Egan to three stick moves and a net 31 yards on the ground.

### LINEUPS

**NESHAMINY (41)**  
QB: A. McHale, G. Vebergh, De-Mazza, Nolle.  
TACKLES: Coyer, Ivins, Bryan, Whitehurst, P. Vebergh, Sasserby.  
GUARDS: Erasmus, Spodickson, Hoffmann, Woodruff, Lobley, Whitman, Chuchow, Schmidt, Ketch, Coger.  
CENTERS: Fiala, Chabrowski, Walker.  
BACKS: Cunningham, Thompson, Deans, R. McHale, Madden, Colbert, Musaki, Forchetti, Retole, Pasquini.

STATISTICS		Nes.	Egan
First downs	.....	13	3
Yards rushing	.....	306	31
Passes attempted	.....	6	8
Passes completed	.....	5	2
Passes intercepted	.....	2	6
Yards passing	.....	78	17
Net yards	.....	134	48
Points	.....	3	0
Penalty average	.....	34	34
Fumbles recovered by	.....	1	2
Yards penalized	.....	22	22

out. Neshaminy had a little more punch than did the Dick Bedesem coached Eagles. Yet the period was scoreless until the final play when Colbert sneaked over from the three after 11 plays moved the ball 43 yards.

The tally remained 7-0 until 3:14 was left of the second period. From exactly midfield, Tom Thompson got the crowd on its feet when he took a reverse and rolled 50 yard for the score.

Trailing 13-0, Egan rallied and played its best of the night. Picking up two of its three first downs here by moving 25 yards in eight plays, the rally was halted when Rich McHale intercepted a pass to give Neshaminy the oval on its 42 with 48 seconds of the half remaining.

On the next play Colbert's ball-handling and fake surprised the Eagles and the quarterback

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AKRON, Ohio (UPI) — The winners of the four most important golf tournaments tee off to-



Neshaminy High School football coach John Petercuskie "spells out" some instructions to his players along the sidelines during last night's opener

against Bishop Egan. See other photo on Page 15. (Courier-Times Sports Photos by Alex Zidock)