

Neshaminy Wins Big Six Crown

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Neshaminy High's football team learned of John Petercusk's resignation yesterday then took it out on Liberty High of Bethlehem.

The Redskins thumped the visitors, 34-0, and clinched the championship of the Big Six Conference. In the three year existence of the league, Neshaminy has won two titles outright, and tied for the championship the other year.

Once again the Redskins were led by their "do it all" quarterback Jim Colbert. He scored one touchdown and threw for two others, one of which was a perfect 60 yarder to Gerry Barr with only 27 seconds left in the half. This made it 27-0 and certainly had a demoralizing effect on Bethlehem.

A crowd of 8,000 looked on as the Redskins put on a scoring drive the first time they got the ball. Colbert rolled out for 26 yards, and Barr barreled for

STATISTICS

	Nesh.	Beth.
First downs	12	9
Yards rushing	197	161
Passes attempted	6	12
Passes completed	3	2
Passes intercepted by	0	0
Yards passing	164	5
Net yards	201	169
Punts	1	4
Punting average	30	40
Fumbles recovered by	1	1
Yards penalized	55	70

33 more to the Hurricane 27. Colbert went to the 20, then sent Bob Rotolo off right tackle for the six pointer. George Nolte kicked the point, and the Redskins led 7-0, which is how the first quarter ended.

A minute into the second period, Barr's running helped the home team move to the visitor seven, where on third down, Colbert rolled out to his right and sprinted to paydirt untouched. The P.A.T. attempt was wide but Neshaminy led, 13-0.

Strong Defense

The Redskin defense again forced Bethlehem to punt, and Neshaminy took over on it's 32. A Colbert to Frank De Mezza

pass, plus some fine ground gaining by Rotolo and Barr put the ball on the enemy 31.

In the closing minutes it was Merritt's interception that gave Dahلمان his chance to show his speed with the 64-yard TD run.

After two rushes gained nothing, Colbert faked beautifully to Barr, then threw a screen pass to Rotolo who got a crunching block from Pete Vosburgh and went in for the touchdown. To add a little variety, Nolte passed to Tom Munski for the extra point.

Again Bethlehem could not move, and with 77 seconds left Neshaminy had the oval on it's 40. Colbert lofted one down the middle which Barr caught in stride at the Hurricane 30 and just kept on going. Vosburgh's conversion made it 27-0 at half-time.

With 8:32 left in the third period, the Redskins struck again. Dick Settles recovered a fumble on the enemy 31. Gary Pasquine went to the 19, then Mun-

BIG SIX FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	League Overall	
	W	L
x-Neshaminy	3	0
Easton Area	1	0
Allen of Allentown	0	1
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Liberty of Bethlehem	0	1
x-Clinched title		

ski, on a perfectly executed trap play, went in for six more. Nolte kicked the point and the Redskins had their final tally.

Late Rally Stopped

Some fine running by the visitors Steve Vajda and Curt Shell gave Bethlehem its deepest penetration, to the Neshaminy six, late in the third quarter, but as usual, the Redskin defense rose to the occasion.

Neither team threatened in the final period, as coach Petercusk made good use of his reserves. In fact, every member in uniform saw action.

The strong Neshaminy defense was led by Dave Ivins, Ray Chychota, Fred Conger, and Tommy Thompson, while

the offensive put on its usual fine performance.

Coach Petercusk was pleased with his team's play and added, "We did the same things we did last week only this week we did them right."

The game was best summed up by Bethlehem coach Pat Garramone. "It was a typical Neshaminy team," he said, "very, very good and coached by a great coach."

LINEUPS BETHLEHEM (0)

ENDS: Parham, Figueroa, Bove, Donaher, Najarin.
TACKLES: Savakis, Stroho, Hancik, Spanos, Schwab.
GUARDS: McKosky, Datsch, Manz, Gattrelch, Gregus, Morales.
CENTERS: Wasilewski, Barthol, Tulio, Kempfer.
BACKS: Mohap, Hyoun, Shell, Hempel, Kline, Vajda, Crouthamel, Vechem, Zieger.

NESHAMINY (34)

ENDS: Vosburgh, McHale, DeMezza, Nolte.
TACKLES: Geyer, Sauerbry, Johns, Ivins, Whitehurst, Shiller.
GUARDS: Ryder, Swenson, Spadaccino, Hoffman, Young, Woodruff, Lobley, Wiseman, Chychota, Schmidt, Kelch, Conger.
CENTERS: Pulak, Ciampriello, Walker.
BACKS: Colbert, Rotolo, Barr, Thompson, Settles, Daenz, Madden, Munski, Forchetti, Pasquine, Prendergast, Jay, Rakita, Cunningham.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Neshaminy	7	20	7	0	34
Bethlehem	0	0	0	0	0

SCORING

FIRST: N-Rotolo 20 run (Nolte kick)
SECOND: N-Colbert 7 run (kick failed)
Rotolo 31 pass from Colbert (Munski pass from Nolte) Barr 60 pass from Colbert (Vosburgh kick)
THIRD: Munski 15 run (Nolte kick)

OFFICIALS

Dick Roddy, referee; Jim McInerney, umpire; Mike Sowards, head linesman; Angelo Pallazzi, field judge.

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'Cuskie Considered A Loss, His Three Boys

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John Petercuskie, head football coach at Neshaminy High School, stepped onto Playwick Field last night about 15 minutes before the kickoff against Liberty High School of Bethlehem.

The 46-year-old Petercuskie, who earlier in the day announced his plans to retire at the end of the season, looked up at the people streaming into the stands and wondered.

His thoughts were not immediately known but there was no question about the situation. Redskins rooters were looking at him, knowing that he would lead Neshaminy's football team only five more times.

Didn't Want To Wait

"I didn't want to wait to make the announcement. If I got beat I may not be able to quit. If I waited until the end of the season and had lost then the

fan's reaction might be that I couldn't take a loss.

"And as far as leaving, it won't hurt the team. They like to play football and they will play for anyone."

Petercuskie also had another outlook on his decision. "My kid (Johnny) is coming here next year. I know I'd be hard on him. I think I'd rather not coach my own boys."

Has Three Boys

Johnny is 14 and attends Poquessing Junior High School. He's a 5-10, 155-pound guard. Petercuskie's other boys are Gerry, 12, and Gary, 9.

"I want to watch from the stands and watch my boy. All my boys, play if they can.

"And remember, they are not players because their father is a coach."

Cleaned Up Rumor

Petercuskie also cleared up the rumors about his accepting a position to coach in college.

"I've had offers to coach in college before but financially they were not worth it. As of now I have no offers . . . but I do love coaching . . ."

Neshaminy rooters had various reactions last night. Many believed a college offer was behind Petercuskie's decision. Yet most of the people accepted the announcement in stride.

Paul Fish of Levittown: "We all sweated it out when Franks (Harry) left but the change didn't hurt things in 1960. And I don't think so now."

Eddie Perkins of Langhorne: "I don't think it will hurt them. They have the winning morale and team. They are well-drilled under Petercuskie and his teaching will be carried on. He's really great.

"And I'll tell you one thing. Petercuskie's leaving is the happiest news Pennsbury has heard in a decade."

Mike Hoy of Newtown: "I

wished he would have waited another year. He's the best coach in the area."

Terry O'Brien of Levittown: "I guess he has a lot of pressure. I'm a senior at Neshaminy. I guess the seniors will take it okay. But if I was a junior, I don't know how I'd feel."

Rich Simon former Neshaminy griddier: "I'm surprised about the timing. I thought it would come after the season. And nothing else about football in the future? I don't understand that."

Morris Ferguson, a Neshaminy follower since 1947: "I just don't understand it but he has his reasons. Coaching is what put this team up there and I know he is liked by everyone, adults and kids alike."

And in a fitting tribute from a rival coach, Pat Garramone of Bethlehem said, "He's a great coach and a great guy."