

Easton Has A Malignant Di

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Easton High realizes today it is faced with an annual "malignancy." The "disease" developed in 1962 and as of yet the Red Rovers haven't found a cure.

The foreign substance which has caused this problem can simply be called "Redskin-itis."

Since '62, Easton has found the Redskins of Neshaminy invincible, and Saturday evening was no exception.

Neshaminy, behind the brilliant running of quarterback Jim Colbert, staged a comeback in the final four minutes of play to drop Easton, 33-27, before a crowd of better than 7,000.

The contest, which has to be one of the best in the past decade, never had a dull moment from the opening kickoff to the final gun.

Victory Vital

The victory was vital for the Skins since it was their third in a row and gave them a 1-0 record in the Big Six League

There's no doubt the battle had every body talking to themselves, especially the Easton Rovers who today are wondering what they have to do to beat Neshaminy.

Not only did they roll up 27 points — the most any team has scored against the 'Skins since Allentown's 32-7 victory in 1957 — but they were always ahead until the 'Skins pushed across the decisive score with just 2:08 left in the game:

Coach John Petercuskie of Neshaminy had nothing but praise for the Easton club—especially its offense which he and his staff believed wasn't that potent.

"We knew we could move the ball on them and score, but we underestimated their offensive power.

And that's what you have to call it "power." The Red Rovers put on such a display of brute-running that for awhile it appeared Neshaminy would never catch up.

Cappellano Stars

Followed a Neshaminy punt

BIG SIX FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	W	L
Neshaminy	1	0
Liberty (Bethlehem)	0	0
Louis Dieruff	0	0
William Allen	0	0
Easton	0	1

In the first period after the 'Skins were unable to do anything, Easton took over on its own 24 and nine plays later scored when John Cappellano took a pitchout and raced over from the seven. So brutal was the attack that the Rovers picked up six first-downs during the drive. George Meyers kick was true for the PAT.

Colbert, who was involved in all of Neshaminy's scoring, got the 'Skins on the scoreboard early in the second period when he scampered two yards left guard. The TD was made possible when Steve Whitehurst recovered an Easton fumble on the Rovers' 24. George Nolte's kick for the PAT was blocked.

Easton didn't give the fans room to breathe, however, as it came right back in four plays to score. Cappellano, who had three of Easton's four scores,

raced 53 yards on a second-down play to put the Rovers on the enemy's five and, following an offside penalty, Frank Freidj bolted one yard to pay-land. Once again Meyers put the ball through the uprights.

Neshaminy's offense took over taking the ball on its 37 and scoring in five plays, capped by Cobert's 29-yard TD pass to Rich McHale with 1:34 left in the half. Nolte booted the point after to shave Easton's lead to one, 14-13, at the half.

Fast Beginning

The second half began like the first as Easton took charge and marched from its own 17 to paydirt in nine plays, climaxed by a 61-yard TD aerial from Meyers to Cappellano. The Rovers were helped along the way by a pass interference penalty against the 'Skins. Meyers' try for the point after was wide.

Neshaminy made the score 20-19 scoring with 2:31 left in the third period. The 'Sins took an Easton punt on their 42 and, aided by pass interference, scored in 11 plays. Colbert went

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STATISTICS

	Easton	Nesh.
First downs	17	14
Yards rushing	245	245
Passes attempted	8	3
Passes completed	4	0
Passes intercepted by	1	0
Yards passing	86	50
Net yards	351	295
Punts	2	2
Punting average	31.0	34.5
Fumbles recovered by	1	1
Yards penalized	70	45

around right end for the final seven yards. Nolte's kick was perfect for the PAT.

The scoring barrage didn't let up. Easton scored one minute later as Cappellano found a big hole on the left side and dashed 49 yards for the score. Meyers who set the TD up rambling 24 yards on first down to put the ball at midfield, booted the PAT to give the Rovers a 27-19 margin.

Things looked dim for the Redskins early in the fourth period as Freidl pilfered a Colbert pass on Easton's 20 with exactly eight minutes remaining. However, Neshaminy's defense, which couldn't do a thing all night, finally came through and forced the Rovers to punt.

The 'Shins started from East-

on's 49. Colbert picked up 10 yards, Gerry Barr 18 more and Colbert two lengths to put the ball on the 20. Colbert then fired a TD pass right into the arms of Barr for the score. Nolte came through with the extra point to cut the lead to one, 27-26 with 3:18 showing on the clock.

A 15-yard personal foul following the kickoff plus Easton's ability to pick up the necessary yardage forced the Rovers to punt with just 2:34 left.

Taking the ball on its own 39, Neshaminy realized it had to cover 61 yards in a little more than two minutes. But Colbert wanted to get things done in a hurry.

On first down, he faked a pass and, with three blockers in front of him, raced down the right sideline for the necessary yardage. Nolte's foot gave the delicious Neshaminy team a 33-27 lead.

Easton had one more opportunity but three incomplete passes and a 15-yard clipping penalty finished the stunned Red Rovers.

LINEUPS

NESHAMINY (33)

ENDS: DeMezza, Nolte, R. McHale, A. McHale
TACKLES: Ivins, Bryan, Whitehurst, Voeburg, Sauerby
GUARDS: Swenson, Spedacino, Hoffman, Woodruff, Loble, Conger
CENTERS: Walker, Pulak
BACKS: Thompson, Colbert, Munski, Rotolo, Pasquine, Foley, Jay, Barr, Setles

EASTON (27)

ENDS: Grube, Padoe, Hardick, Price, Beatty, Foaio, Edie
TACKLES: Steiried, Cole, Volkert, Jones, Zimmerman
GUARDS: Ortel, Nester, Mattie, Noto
CENTERS: Welsenberger, Carallo, Bottiglieri
BACKS: Manco, Cappellano, Woolley, Freidl, Horn, Meyera, Rute, Holser, Capoenro, Miller

SCORE BY PERIODS

Neshaminy	0	13	4	14	33
Easton	7	7	13	0	27

SCORING

FIRST:

E-Cappellano 7 run. (Meyers kick).

SECOND:

N-Colbert 2 run. (kick blocked).
 E-Freidl 1 run. (Meyers kick).
 N-R. McHale 29 pass from Colbert. (Nolte kick).

THIRD:

E-Cappellano 61 pass from Meyers. (kick wide).
 N-Colbert 7 run. (kick wide).
 E-Cappellano 49 run. (Meyers kick).

FOURTH:

N-Barr 30 pass from Colbert. (Nolte kick).
 N-Colbert 61 run. (Nolte kick).

OFFICIALS

Ed Barow referee; BBT Romanow-
 ski, umpire; Vince Prutti, head line-
 man; Angelo Polizzi, side judge.