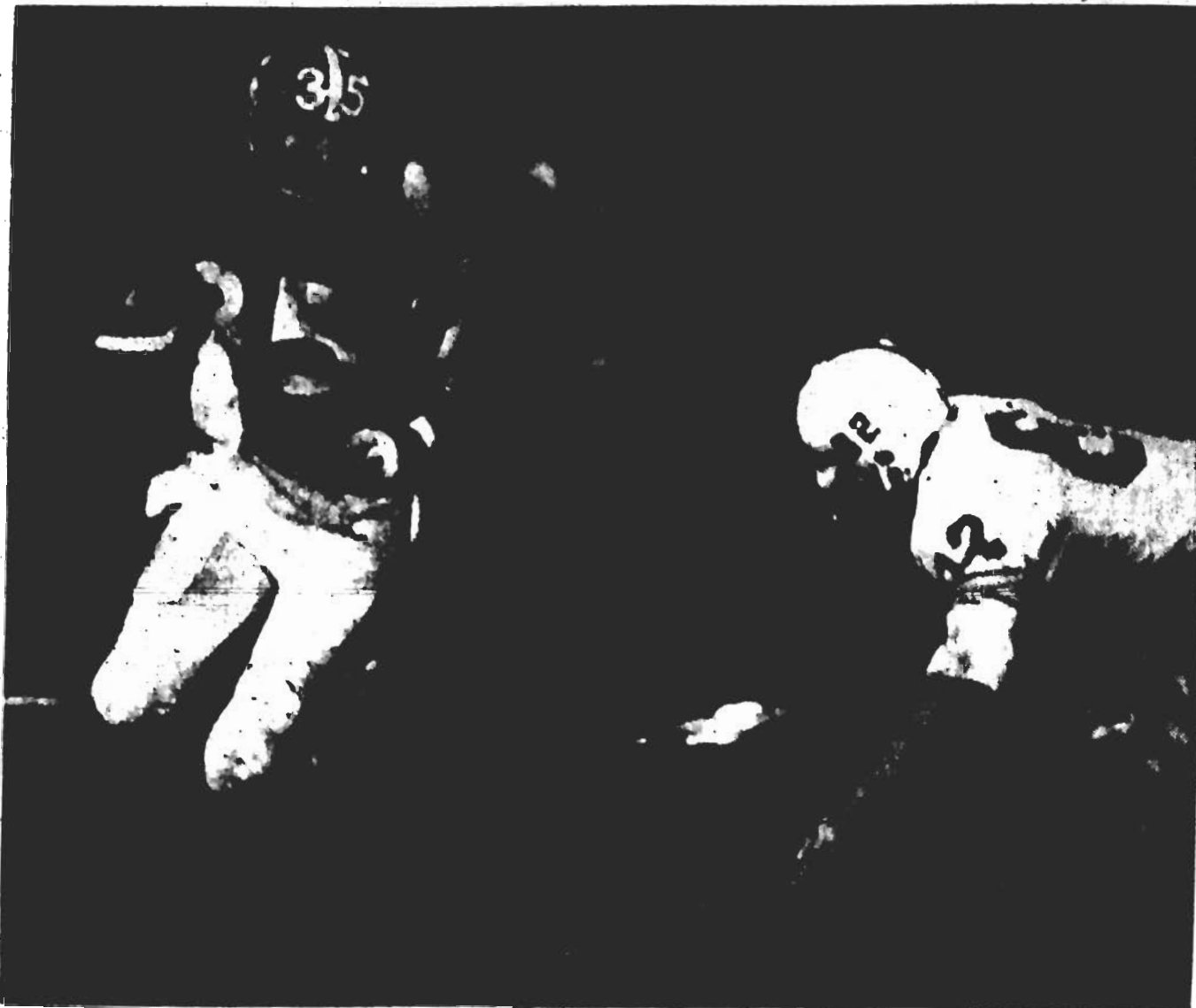


# 'Battle' Even, But



Jimmy Colbert (35), Neshaminy High School's bid for All-Pennsylvania honors, twists the end and looks down field for receivers against Pennsbury. Colbert tucked the pigskin in and ran for a six-yard

gain. Pennsbury's Doug Guertin lunges for the Redskin signal-caller. (Courier-Times Sports Photo by John Ligos)

*John Petercuskie:*

# 'Game Good For Everyone'

# But 'Skins Win 'War'

## 11,000 Fans See Barr's 48-Yard Run Nip Falcons

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bury goal. Just near the goal line, Pennsbury's Jim Neeld hit him. Barr fell into the end zone just inside the red flag for the six-pointer. George Nolte booted the extra point to make it 7-0 with 7:36 left in the game.

Pennsbury didn't quit. Jeff Dahلمان returned the following kickoff to the Falcon 32. On the next play, Neeld, who had taken over at QB from Bill Cooper, fired a 37-yard pass to right end Dave Macomber for a first down on the Neshaminy 31.

### First And Goal

Ed McManus streaked for 19 yards in two carries and Neeld got four on a sneak to make it first and goal from the eight with a little less than four minutes remaining.

After a running play netted nothing, Neeld passed to Macomber in the end zone, but the pass was dropped. McManus was stopped cold and on fourth down, Neeld, not finding any receivers open, tried to dart in for the score with a sweep of left end, but Neshaminy's Fred Conger stopped him at the three.

Neshaminy took over and ran out the clock.

The Redskins are now 9-0-1 and lead Section One with a 2-0-0 record. They play at Wilson (1-0-1) next Friday night in their last game of the season and must win to clinch the Section One flag. The game marked the final one at home for John Petercuskie, who earlier this season, announced he was resigning as Nesh-

in 17 rushing plays, which ate up 10 minutes of the first period. The Falcons had a first down at the seven, and Jim Broadwater and McManus took two cracks apiece but couldn't penetrate the Redskin defense.

The second period consisted mostly of play in the middle of the field, with both teams being limited to only one first down each.

Neshaminy did in the third

period almost exactly what Pennsbury did in the first. It took the second half kickoff and marched down the field, exclusively on the ground, in 17 plays.

Neshaminy had a first down on the seven and four cracks at the Pennsbury line brought the ball to the one but not over.

Neshaminy regained possession early in the fourth quarter on its own 41, following a Pennsbury punt. Three plays later,

Barr took off on the "game-decider."

**Similar Statistics**  
 The game statistics were remarkably similar. The only exception was punting average, in which Neshaminy's Rich McHale boomed three for a 40.3 average against 24 for Pennsbury's Neeld.

Pennsbury's early game success was attributed to its use of an unbalanced line. Neshaminy had to readjust its defense at halftime.

Barr was the top rushing leader with 100 yards in 12 carries for a 7.7 average. Broadwater carried 15 times for 58 yards and McManus made 37 yards in a dozen tries.

A light drizzle, which fell early in the evening, stopped by game time.

### Erle Baugher:

# 'I'm Beginning To Believe Neshaminy 11 Is Charmed'

By JOHN RIBAR  
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"I'm beginning to believe it."

So said Erle Baugher, head coach of the Pennsbury High Falcon football squad as he followed his players on their "long" walk back to the two buses before heading home following their heartbreak 7-0 loss to the Neshaminy Redskins.

What Baugher had in reference in his remark pertained to the statement just uttered by Chuck Kane, assistant to the Falcon mentor. Kane had remarked, as the game finished, "They must be charmed."

The "they" of course were the Redskin gridders. Pennsbury had played its heart out once more against the Redskins only to again find itself dropping a hard-fought game by a close margin.

Kane also stated, in sort of a back-play in his mind the 48-yard shot along the ground by Gerry Barr which resulted in the only score of the close contest, "One mistake, one little mistake and they take the game."

### Matter of Inches

The Falcons fell victim to a slash-off play to the right that shook Barr loose and before the secondary could get to the runner he made the right corner—by inches!

Jim Neeld made a valiant effort to stop the TD by diving at Barr's heels. Although he brought the runner down on the corner-flag, it was just a fraction of a second too late.

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STATISTICS		Penns.	Nesh
First downs		11	10
Yards rushing		133	172
Passes attempted		4	4
Passes completed		1	1
Passes intercepted by		0	0
Yards passing		37	0
Net yards		170	176
Punts		3	3
Punting average		24	40.3
Fumbles recovered by		0	1
Yards penalized		5	5

aminy's head coach. Neshaminy's non-losing streak has now been extended to 50 games (48-0-4).

Pennsbury closed out its 1965 slate with a 6-2-1 record.

### Barr Had Room

Petercuskie said that the reason the touchdown play worked so perfectly was that Barr had some room this time to get up to top speed.

It was a whale of a football game, and although there was a winner and a loser, the game certainly boosted Lower Bucks football up there as the best or near the best in the entire state.

A fired-up Pennsbury team took the opening kickoff and marched to the Neshaminy five

**LINEUPS**  
**PENNSBURY (8)**  
 ENDS: Guertin, Macomber, Robin, Barr, Taylor  
 TACKLES: Billy, Dunning, Curran, Shober, Szaclnick, Key, Purrell  
 GUARDS: Davila, Sali, Hoyer, Antoino, Matush, Dolton, Danabury  
 CENTERS: Hollis, Merritt  
**BACKS:** Cooper, Neeld, Noah, McManus, Hathaway, Broadwater, Reed, Dahleman

**NESHAMINY (7)**  
 ENDS: R. McHale, DeMezza, Nolte  
 TACKLES: Geyer, Ivina, Bryan, Whitehurst, P. Vosburgh, Sauerby, Elawick  
 GUARDS: Spadacino, Hoffman, Young, Woodruff, Lobley, Whiteman, Conger  
 CENTER: Walker  
 BACKS: Thompson, Madden, Colbert

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led as the ball bounced up in the middle of the field. George Nolte, Neshaminy's extra point boater, connected on his 23rd of 32 attempts to make it 7-0. Last of his two kicks gave Neshaminy a chilling 14-13 victory. Nolte shook his head about the night's conversion. "I thought it was blocked. I didn't feel it go. It didn't seem like I kicked it right at I guess I did."

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#### Made the Difference

This was in reference to halfback Ed McManus. The coach explained that Ed's leg tightened on him one play too soon. McManus was injured last week and had to take things easy this week in order to play against the Redskins.

McManus was a big cog in the opening surge of the Falcons when the Baughner boys notched six straight first downs after the kickoff and had a first down on the Neshaminy seven-yard line.

McManus was making a sweep around his left end and appeared to get in the clear when his leg stiffened and the hitch in his stride was enough for the defenders to nail him still five yards from paydirt. Had he garnered the five yards it probably would have been a different story.

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#### Game Notes

Although a light misty rain began about dusk, the air cleared about 7 o'clock and held off until well after the game was over. Pennsbury's Falcons came on the field at 7:32 just as the last seats were taken in the stands.

The Falcons were dressed in white pants and shirts, black stockings and numerals. Neshaminy took the field at 7:45 wearing white pants, red shirts with white numerals. Many of the boys didn't wear stockings, those that did had on red.

The weather couldn't have been too bad, assistant coach Chuck Kane was coatless, in fact he had on a short-sleeved shirt and didn't don a coat.

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#### No Delays

The kickoff, scheduled for 8:15, was in the air two minutes early. Pennsbury found a sure way to hold off the Redskins by playing "possession" ball. They took the kickoff and didn't give up the oval for 9:42 of the first 12 minutes.

For as important a game as this one was, the boys played a cool, cautious contest and everybody kept their hands on the business at hand. This can be attested in the fact that the only penalties inflicted were one on each side and each for only five yards.

This "cautiousness" was noted in the Pennsbury "dressing-room" as the Falcons were seated in chairs of the school's lobby. As the time neared to return to the field, somebody said, "Let's Go!" and a few others joined in. Then there was another calm, but as the doors were opened to start out for the second half, there were a lot of "Let's go, Let's get 'em!"

As the team entered the playing field for the start of the final half, one of the players shouted, "Now is the time to go out and get 'em!" Another Falcon added, "If we are ever going to do it, it is now!" They sure tried, and you have to give them all credit for their effort.

#### Friday's Fights

ARUBA, Dutch West Indies — Gemoo Brennan, 161, Bahamas, B.W.I., and Sugar Boy Nando, 162, Aruba, drew, 10.

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Ignacio Pina, 126, Mexico, outpointed Jorge Baby Salazar, 125, San Jose, 10.

### LOWER BUCKS COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE SECTION ONE

Team	Section One Record			Section Two Record			Non-League Record			Overall Record		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
Neshaminy	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	9	0	1
Wilson	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	2	5	1	3
Pennsbury	1	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	0	6	2	1
Tennent	0	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	5	1

### SECTION TWO

Team	Section Two Record			Section One Record			Non-League Record			Overall Record		
	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T	W	L	T
x-Bensalem	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	6	3	0
Bristol	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	5	3	0
Council Rock	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	3	0
Morrisville	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	4	3	1
Lower Moreland	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	6	0

### INDEPENDENT

Team	Phila. Cath. North Div. Record			Overall Record		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Bishop Egan				5	0	0

Team	Penn-Jersey Conference Record			Overall Record		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
George School	3	2	0	3	2	0

Team	Record		
	W	L	T
Arch. Wood	0	0	0

John Petercuskie:

# 'Game Good For Everyone'

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"Football games like tonight are good for everyone. It was hard hitting and well played. We like to play in games like this. It's good for the area. And mind you, there's a lot of good football played in Lower Bucks."

John Petercuskie, head coach at Neshaminy, made the statement after shaking hands with Pennsbury Coach Erle Baugher at mid-field after last night's 7-0 triumph over the Falcons.

He then headed to Neshaminy's spacious gymnasium where lots of hand shaking was taking place.

Gerry Barr, Neshaminy's fleet 6-0, 170-pound senior tailback, was the center of one circle of well-wishers. Barr's 48-yard dash to freedom was the difference in a game marked by thunderous defensive outbursts.

Barr's last obstacle on his TD jaunt was Pennsbury's Jimmy Neeld, a junior with speed to burn. Neeld threw a cross-body block on Barr at the three-yard line along the sidelines in an attempt to stop the score.

"I saw him coming but I was just running for the goal line. I was along the sidelines and just had to put my shoulder down. He hit me low, lower than I expected.

"I flew up into the air and didn't know where I was going. I went right over the flag on the goal. I was upside down but when I hit the flag I knew I was going to score.



What's going on here? The coaches meet at the center of the field after the game, and winning coach John Petercuskie (left) has a "dead-pan" expression on his face, while losing coach Erle Baugher is sporting a smile, admittedly a little one. (Courier-Times Sports Photo)

Then I landed in the end zone."

Charlie Barr, father of the Redskin back, was thrilled. "I don't know what I can say, I am very proud. He ran like a scared rabbit. But remember, someone has to open the holes."

Neshaminy's Jimmy Colbert, the 6-2, 185-pound senior who is a candidate for All-State honors, said, "I don't know how we can miss being ranked high in the state this year.

Rich McHale, Neshaminy's senior punter, was under a lot of pressure late in the contest. McHale had to punt from his own eight-yard line with 14 seconds left. McHale got a poor pass from center which nearly sailed over his head.

"It was a high pass and I just went for the ball and kicked it in a hurry. I knew we were deep and I had to get it over their hands. They were rushing me. I didn't care where it went. I just wanted to kick it." The game

ended as the ball bounced up the middle of the field.

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It was 0-0 at the time and Petercuskie admitted he flirted with the idea of a field goal. "But only for a second," he said.

## Egan Seeks

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