

Neshaminy Crushes N.Y. Rival, 35-6

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Neshaminy High School's undefeated (6-0-1) football team has solved a mystery.

For months football fans in Lower Bucks County had wondered how strong Johnson City, N.Y., was on the gridiron. The Wildcats were an unknown — having never played a game in this region.

Neshaminy answered the question Saturday night when it dismantled Johnson City, 35-6, before 7,500 onlookers.

Records Intact

The victory stretched Neshaminy's unbeaten status to 24-0-3 since 1963. The Redskins haven't tasted defeat on the field since early season in 1961. Their mark is now 43-0-4 over five years.

Johnson City is now 2-2-2 on this season.

STATISTICS

	Nesh.	J.C.
First downs	18	14
Yards rushing	367	181
Passes attempted	7	8
Passes completed	3	2
Passes intercepted by	0	0
Yards passing	108	91
Net yards	472	272
Punts	0	3
Punting average	0	32.0
Fumbles recovered by	0	1
Yards penalized	57	20

Neshaminy's victory over the Wildcats, however, wasn't as convincing as the score might indicate. Neshaminy rocketed to a quick 7-0 lead in the first period on a 61-yard pass from Jim Colbert to Rich McHale and pushed the count to 14-0 at intermission when Gerry Barr notched a TD on a one-yard blast early in the second chapter.

2 Goal Line Stands

But it took a pair of stellar goal line stands by Neshaminy to keep Johnson City from scor-

ing in the first half. Johnson City suffered a severe setback in the first minute of play, quarterback Bill Miller (5-10, 165, senior) was sent to the hospital with a badly sprained ankle.

Third - string signal caller Dave Lashier took the controls and had the Wildcats on the move. His chief runner was Ron Lazo, a 6-0, 175-pound senior. Johnson City, trailing 7-0, buzzed 77 yards on 15 plays to the Neshaminy two-yard stripe in the first session only to lose the ball on downs.

Neshaminy advanced the 98 yards on 14 plays to go ahead, 14-0. Long gainers in the movement were runs of 24 and 14 by Barr (6-0, 170, senior) and a 13-yard thrust by Colbert. Barr's one-yard stab garnered the TD. George Nolte kicked his second PAT.

69-Yard Thrust

Johnson City then put on a 69-yard march which again failed to produce a touchdown. Lazo got things going by rumbling 39 yards to the Neshaminy 31-yard line. Six plays later, with the help of a personal foul against Neshaminy, the Wildcats had a first and goal situation on the Neshaminy eight-yard line.

Neshaminy held on four downs and gained possession on the six-inch stripe.

Neither team scored in the third session although Johnson City, mainly on the running of Lazo, drove to the Neshaminy 30-yard line but lost the oval on downs.

Neshaminy Explodes

Neshaminy exploded in the fourth period. A 70-yard drive, highlighted by a 33-yard run by Barr and an 18-yard dash by Colbert, put the ball on the two. Colbert cracked the line for the six-pointer.

The Redskins counted again, with 2:58 left to be played, when Barr streaked 40 yards up the sidelines into the promised land. Nolte's fourth placement made it 28-0.

The game appeared to be finished when Johnson City caught Neshaminy's highly-touted secondary sleeping. Lashier, who never played a varsity game before, flipped a pass down the middle to Jim Lainhart, a 6-4, 202-pound senior.

Caught From Behind

Lainhart headed all alone for the goal line but Neshaminy's Tommy Thompson (5-8, 170, junior) went "into high gear and spilled Lainhart on the three. Three plays later Rick James (6-0, 185, senior) scored for Johnson City. Forty-three seconds were left.

Neshaminy wasted no time in getting that score back. Colbert gave the ball to Bob Rotolo (5-10, 185, senior) who raced 25 yards to the Johnson City 35-yard stripe. Colbert then threw a picture-perfect pass to Thompson who made a diving catch for the touchdown into the end zone with nine seconds remaining. Greg Vosburgh's kick made it 35-6.

LINEUPS

NESHAMINY (35)

ENDS: R. McHale, DeMezza, Nolte, G. Vosburgh.

TACKLES: Ivins, Whitehurst, P. Vosburgh, Sauerbry, Schiller, Geyer, Bryan.

GUARDS: Spadaccino, Woodruff, Lobley, Hoffman, Conger, Whiteman, Beccone, Young, Keich.

CENTERS: Walker, Pulak, Ciambrello.

BACKS: Thompson, Madden, Colbert, Rotolo, Pasquine, Jay Barr, Munski, Forchetti, Bakitz.

JOHNSON CITY, N.Y. (6)

ENDS: Lott, Lainhart, Beno, Pritchard.

TACKLES: Michalovic, Carr.

GUARDS: Costello, Berry, Jensen, Fran-cher.

CENTERS: Ondreyko, Grassi.

BACKS: Miller, Lashier, Oliver, Smida, Metzger, James, Lazo, Skonieczki.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Neshaminy High 7 7 0 21—35

Johnson City, N.Y. 0 0 0 6—6

SCORING

FIRST—

NESH—McHale 61 yard pass from Colbert. Nolte (kick).

SECOND—

NESH—Barr 1 yard run. Nolte (Kick).

FOURTH—

NESH—Colbert 2 yard run. Nolte (Kick). Barr 40 yard run. Nolte (Kick).

JOHNSON CITY—James 1 yard run. (Pass failed).

NESH—Thompson 35 yard pass from Colbert G. Vosburgh (Kick).

OFFICIALS

Budklenk, referee; Rifinski, umpire; Reichwein, head linesman; Rozelsky, field judge.