

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	247	161	
Passes attempted	7	8	
Passes completed	3	2	
Passes intercepted by	0	0	
Yards passing	108	91	
Net yards	472	377	
Punts	0	3	
Punting average	0	32.0	
Fumbles recovered by	0	1	
Yards penalized	57	70	

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: Spadacino, Woodruff, Lobley, Hoffman, Conger, Whitman, Baccone, Young, Kelch.
CENTERS: Walker, Pulak, Ciambrello.
BACKS: Thompson, Madden, Colbert, Rotolo, Paonine, Jav Barr, Munaki.

Tennent Rallies To Tie Bulldogs

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If Jim Betterly had broken a leg instead of his nose during practice last week, Morrisville would have beaten Tennent on Saturday night.

As it was, the human battering ram scored three touchdowns, the final one with 46 seconds left in the game, to gain his team a 19-19 tie before 700 at the Bulldog field.

The 190-pound senior fullback rushed for 125 yards on 29 carries, and was not once thrown for a loss during the exciting contest.

Fine Passing Combo

Betterly was joined in the offensive spotlight by Morrisville's Nick Calabro and Tom Tootell. This duo clicked for two touchdowns through the air, and on the last play of the game, Calabro connected with his favorite target for a 26-yard gain, but Tootell was dropped at the Tennent three.

The first quarter was all Morrisville, and the Bulldogs led 6-0 after the first 12 minutes, as the result of a Calabro-Tootell 41-yard scoring strike.

Midway through the second period, some fine running by Don Wiater and Glenn Hunger got Morrisville to the Panther 18, from where Calabro hit Tom Swope for a six-pointer.

Tennent got on the board with one minute left in the half when Betterly and Mike Reilly sparked a drive to the Morrisville eight. The big fullback then went off right guard for the

STATISTICS		Ten.	Mvle.
First downs	12	11	
Yards rushing	157	27	
Passes attempted	11	12	
Passes completed	6	6	
Passes intercepted by	5	1	
Yards passing	55	167	
Net yards	212	242	
Punts	2	3	
Punting average	40	33	
Fumbles recovered by	0	1	
Yards penalized	50	70	

score, taking three would-be tacklers with him, so at the half it was Morrisville 12-6.

Swope's 51-yard punt return set up Morrisville's next touchdown, a Calabro to Tootell aerial which covered 24 yards. The Bulldogs QB then passed to John Havrilla for the PAT and a 19-6 lead.

Long Punt A Factor

Chris Benjes 54-yard punt put the home team in a hole in the final stanza, and once again Reilly and Betterly moved the Tennent offense. Big Jim scored from the one, and Reilly ran for the extra point to make it 19-13.

Tennent's defense, led by Matt Haney, Terry Jones, and Bill Otto held the Bulldogs, and with 3:35 left, the Panthers were at their own 49.

Betterly's running and a Chuck Pursley to Reilly pass got them to the Bulldog 25. Betterly then carried six consecutive times and scored on a smash over right tackle.

Reilly tried the same spot for the all important PAT, but the Morrisville line, led by Mike Harrold and John Shoriak stopped him, and ended the night's scoring.

LINEUPS
TENMENT (19)
ENDS: Haney, McPeak, Pope, G. Fox, Beatty, Benjes, Miley.
TACKLES: Mower, Person, Weigel, Hurley, Pfaff.
GUARDS: Mullins, Baugher, Achuff, Wolf-rum.
CENTERS: Jones, Moskowitz.
BACKS: Pursley, Reilly, S. Fox, Betterly, Skiles, Krause, Otto.
MORRISVILLE (19)
ENDS: Havrilla, T. Tootell, Dayton.
TACKLES: Brilla, Benjes, Miley.
GUARDS: Yorkus, Cook, Albright.
CENTERS: Slack, Baria.
BACKS: Calabro, Swope, Wiater, Thomas, Phillips, Baldwin, Wiedenhafer, Hungar.
SCORE BY PERIODS
Tennent 0 6 7 0-19
Morrisville 0 6 0 13-19
FIRST-SCORING
M. Tootell 41 pass from Calabro (kick)

Local Schedule

TODAY

LBCL SOCCER

Council Rock at Neshaminy 3:30 p.m.

TOMORROW

LBCL SOCCER

Neshaminy at Council Rock 3:30 p.m.

Wilson at Tennent 3:30 p.m.

Lower Merion at Panneshury 3:30 p.m.