Neshaminy Edges Pennsbury to Win Crown, 14-13

10,000 Watch Raiders Run Streak to 55

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Coach Erle Baugher is beginning to wonder what it will take for his Pennsbury Falcons to score a victory over traditional Lower Bucks County League rival Neshaminy.

On Saturday afternoon, as a standing-room-only crowd of 10,000 looked on at Pennsbury, a pair of wind-blown points led to two first-period Neshaminy touchdowns and the unbeaten, but once-tied Redskins hung on for a 14-13 victory.

LONG WINNING STREAK

By winning, Neshaminy clinched the Lower Bucks League Section One championship (the Redskins previously had won the East Penn Conference crown) and extended its unbeaten streak against Lower Bucks opposition to 55 games since Pennsbury's 7-6 victory in 1957.

For Pennsbury it was a heartbreaking defeat. The previously undefeated Falcons saw an eight-game winning streak go down the drain despite a statistical victory that saw them outrush the Redskins, 174-174, and outdo them in first downs, 14-6.

WIND PLAYS HAVOC

Neshaminy kicked off with a strong wind in its favor. Pennsbury picked up 21 yards to its 41 before Dwight Kerr's punt into the wind carried only 16 yards to the Neshaminy 43. Five plays later, Ted Kaminski broke over left tackle and raced 39 yards for a score. The first of George Nolte's two placement kicks made it 7-0.

Five minutes later, Kerr again was forced to punt into the wind and this time the kick netted only 17 yards before going out of bounds at the Neshaminy 27.

On the second play, Jim Colbert fired an 11-yard pass to Andy Irons who gained another 27 before being bounced out of bounds at the two. On the next play, Colbert sneaked over and it was 14-0.

PURSELL INTERCEPTS

Neshaminy was driving for another score early in the second period when Pete Pape deflected a Colbert pass and teammate Dave Pursell intercepted at the Pennsbury 33. From there, the Falcons drove for the initial tally, the payoff coming on Joe Hodgson's three-yard sweep. Bob Burkhart plunged for the extra point to make it 14-7.

Pennsbury scored again early in the fourth quarter when Burkhart plunged over from the two, 12 plays after a Neshaminy punt was dropped on the Redskin 34. Burkhart was stopped in his run for the tying extra point.
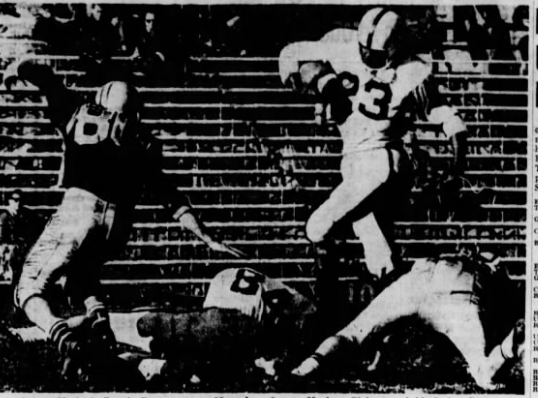
Lower Merion's Bernie Pearce passes 10-yard line of Upper Derby en route to 94-yard TD run in first period of Suburban One game Saturday at

Lower Merion. Giving good block for Pearce on Jim Brittain (80) is Nile Evans (84). Lower Merion won, 26-14, to take title for the second straight year.

Hatboro Wins, Schulz Gets 2

Ron Schulz ran for two touchdowns and one extra point to lead Hatboro-Horsham High to a 21-19 victory over host Springfield in a Bux-Mont League game Saturday.

Lower Merion Wins, Takes 2d Title in Row

John Acuff scored two touchdowns Saturday to lead Lower Merion High (7-0-0 league) to its 18th consecutive Suburban One victory, 26-14, over Upper Darby as the Aces clinched their second straight league championship and ran their overall season log to 7-1.

Acuff raced 76 yards for a first-period score and came back in the second to go 44 yards for another touchdown. Other scorers for Lower Merion were Bernie Pearce, on a 94-yard run in the first period and Charles Hall, on a 68-yard dash in the second.

First '3' Crown For Methacton

John Beatrice scored two touchdowns Saturday to lead undefeated but once-tied Methacton High to its eighth victory, a 27-0 shutout over visiting Nether-Providence at Fairview Village.

After stopping a Nether-Providence drive at the four, Methacton drove for its first score with Beatrice plunging over from the one and the visitors went on to clinch their first Suburban Three championship in three years of competition.

Ridley Trounces Upper Merion For Loop Title

John Waller threw TD passes of 45 and 18 yards to Don Sidener, one of 39 yards to Ron Holder and another of 91 to Ken Bosacco Saturday as Ridley Township High (7-0) routed Upper Merion, 46-13, to win the Suburban 2 League crown.

George School Loses to Hun

Scott Page tallied on a 21-yard run in the second quarter and a 60-yard gallop in the third to lead Penn-Jersey Conference champion Hun School (7-0-1) to a 27-6 victory over host George School Saturday.

Media Tops Interboro

Carl Sommerville caught a touchdown pass from Mike Randolph in the second period and a 22-yarder from Jamie Peden in the last to lead Media High to a 13-6 victory over visiting Interboro in Suburban 3 football Saturday.

Chichester Trips Eddystone, 28-13

Jack Price plunged from the one in the second frame as Chichester High tripped Eddystone, 28-13, in non-league football Saturday.

Sharon Hill Runs Win Streak to 8; 3 TDs for Ridgley

Mike Ridgley scored three touchdowns on runs of 15, 10 and four yards as league-leading Sharon Hill (8-0) trounced host Swarthmore, 30-6, in a Suburban 4 League game Saturday. Other scorers for the Owls were Tom Triolo on a 12-yard run and Bill Giles who tackled Russ Jones in the end zone in the third quarter for a safety.

PottsgroveCops Title; Gustaff's 140 Sets Mark

Ron Gustaff tallied four times to set an Inter-County League scoring record and help Pottsgrove (8-0) clinch the league championship with a 60-13 slaughter of host Schwenksville Saturday.

Gustaff's new record of 140 points in one season eclipsed the old record of 130 by Jim Cobern, Wyomissing, in 1958.

Easy For Darby-Colwyn

Darby-Colwyn High scored in every period in downing host Clifton Heights, 27-20, in Suburban Four League football Saturday.

Smolinski Sets Pace

Bruce Smolinski tallied three times, on runs of five and six yards in the second quarter and a 10-yard dash in the last to lead Plymouth-Whitemarsh High to a 27-7 victory over host Harriton in a Suburban 2 game Saturday.

Johnson, Shaffer Star

Joe Johnson threw two touchdown losses to David Richards and Dave Shaffer added two more TDs as host Collegeville-Trappe downed Lower Moreland, 34-12, Saturday in Inter-County League football.

Jonson's TD's Decide

Steve Jonson tallied on runs of 21 yards in the third quarter and 12 yards in the last to lead Collingdale to a 20-6 victory over host Ridley Park High in Suburban 4 League football Saturday.

Wyomissing Prevails

John Costenbader's 75-yard touchdown run on a punt return was the second frame highlighted host Wyomissing's 16-6 win over visiting Bridgeport in Inter-County League football Saturday.