

# Pascoe Leads North—

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it to be. The idea was that we would be representing the upper part of Bucks County and the Bux-Mont League as well as we could, but it was a fun game — it was just a good, hard-fought game. There was no animosity on either side," Krystyniak said.

Although nobody may have harbored ill thoughts about their foes, both sides rambléd back and forth across the field, with both teams within reach of victory until the final moments, when CB East's Eric Wilenzik scooped up a fumble forced by William Tennent's Pat Ellis, allowing North to run out the clock and preserve its victory (North had nine wins, against three losses and a pair of ties).

For Pascoe, playing quarterback in a veer offense brought back memories of his sophomore year at Pennridge, when he spent some time taking snaps from the Ram center.

So when Baggett was lost in practice, the North coaches got together to ponder a backup, and Krystyniak suggested Pascoe. "We had run the veer offense at Pennridge, so Gary was familiar with it. He fit in very well," Krystyniak said.

"I wouldn't say he was completely comfortable, but he did feel confident. The situation arose that Gary was needed, and he just accepted his role. He was the best person available for that position."

Up until Montanye's injury, Pascoe was already contributing from his position in the starting backfield. Although he finished his senior year as a first team All Bux-Mont defensive back, Pascoe's play was limited to offense . . . but he was playing regardless of quarterbacking injuries. "There was no way Gary was going to sit on the bench," Krystyniak said.

Late in the first half and with the score deadlocked at 0-0, Pascoe took a pitch from Montnye, rolled out & found CB West's Dave Perrine for a 43 yard gain, taking North down to the South two yard line. It was at that point that Montanye was carried from the field with fractures of the fibula and tibia, leaving Pascoe to take over.

On the very next play, Pascoe slipped through the South line for a score off the quarterback sneak, and North led 7-0.

South finally got on the board in the third quarter's waning minutes,

when Council Rock's Chris Jones made a one-handed grab of an option pass from Bart Szarko of Pennsbury, racing untouched for a 30 yard touchdown reception. After that, though, Pascoe helped orchestrate a fourth quarter drive early in the fourth period, shaking off a fumbled snap on a third-and-two play at the South six before Klein came on and booted the game winner.

South actually had the better ground game, with Neshaminy's Earl Brown (87 yards on eight carries) and Bristol's Smitty Horton (97 yards on eight runs) both averaging over 10 yards per rush.

Pascoe led North with 88 yards on 16 carries, while Pennridge teammate Phil Long — who played most of the Ram season on the defensive line — contributed 35 yards on eight runs.

"Remember, he came in behind Mike (Bryan) and Gary, so he was behind some people who had been there for three years. We didn't know his capabilities until the end of the year. But here, everybody started alike — everyone was the same from square one."

So, given the chance, Long made people take notice.

And while Pennridge's offensive presence was felt (Conley also held up his end on the offensive line, while Gary Miller, a Ram tri-captain during the '84 season, also played well at end), Mike Bryan's defense left a strong impression with Krystyniak, who noted Bryan hadn't played contact football since he suffered a knee injury against CB East on the same field in mid-October.

"This was the first real contact he's had since then," Krystyniak said, revealing Bryan had some anxiety about how his knee would hold up. "But after the game, he had a smile on his face. He said, 'Coach, it wasn't as bad as I thought'."

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Although no statistics on tackles were kept for Bryan's and Jim Ripley's benefit, Krystyniak was impressed nevertheless — especially with Bryan's play. "Mike had an outstanding game at linebacker," Krystyniak said.

But there were no complaints heard from any angle. With fun kept in mind, both squads went out, played hard, and left with no regrets. "It was just a super-fun type of game," Krystyniak said.