

Pennsbury Pulls Out All Stops to Retain Title

Notes and quotes ... or, trying to sort out another weeked of suburban high school football:

The play is called a 17 bootleg pass, and it hadn't even been a part of the Pennsbury offensive game plan until last week. But since it worked like a charm in practice, coach Jim Dundala figured he'd use it during Saturday's Suburban One National championship showdown against visiting Neshaminy.

"My only concern was when to pull the trigger," he said. "Because it was probably a one-shot deal, timing was everything."

Actually, as it turned out, Dundala's decision basically was made for him. Having watched Neshaminy rally twice with a long third-period touch down drive, his team found itself on its own 33-yard-line with 4:47 remaining.

Since the Falcons had accumulated a little more than 100 yards in total offense to that point, the prospect of a long drive appeared remote, even with a strong wind at their backs. So it seemed as good a time as any for quarterback Dave Fisher to load it up.

Fisher faked a handoff and rolled to his left, while end Bob Filotei, who had been split out on the opposite side and had drawn single coverage, ran straight for the goal posts. Neshaminy's secondary took the bait, and Filotei caught Fisher's perfect spiral at the Redskins' 30 and sprinted into the end zone with the winning score in a 14-7 victory.

"They'd intercepted a pass early in the game, and after that I didn't know how much we'd throw," said Filotei, a 5'9, 159-pound senior. "I was waiting for us to call that the whole afternoon, because it looked like it was there. If I'm not open, Dave's supposed to throw to a short man, but in the huddle we just sort of caught each other's eyes, and I knew where it was going."

On the strength of that play, Pennsbury (10-0), the No. 2 team in the Daily News Suburban Top 10, claimed the league title for the second consecutive year. Last November, the Falcons also downed Neshaminy (7-3, 6-1 league), 12-0, in their season finale to win the crown.

The key play of Saturday's game actually might have been the one that preceded the TD. When a third-and-6 pass fell incomplete, it looked as though Neshaminy had forced the Falcons to punt the ball away, from their own 23. But a holding call away from the intended receiver gave Pennsbury an automatic first down, setting the stage for Fisher's bomb.

Mike Kern's Suburban Top 10

No. School	Record
1. Central Bucks West	(9-0)
2. Pennsbury	(10-0)
3. Downingtown	(10-0)
4. Ridley	(9-0)
5. Glen Mills	(8-1)
(tie) Penn Wood	(8-1)
7. Neshaminy	(7-3)
8. North Penn	(6-2)
9. Plymouth-Whitmarsh	(8-2)
10. Academy Park	(8-2)

"I can't believe that call," said Neshaminy coach Dick Bedesem. "And you can print it, too. You work all damn week, and they (referees) take it right away from you."

Pennsbury scored in the second period on a 5-yard sweep by Scott LaBreeque, capping a modest 26-yard drive that was set up by a 39-yard interception return by Todd Stefan. The Redskins, who dominated the second half once they got their wish-

bone attack cranked up, answered with a 1-yard plunge by Tim McClave at 3:21 of the third.

"We'd definitely bent, but we didn't let it get away from us," said Dundala. "That's our motto: 'Whatever it takes.'"

SUBURBIA: Top-ranked Central Bucks West rolled past Upper Perkiomen 46-14, as Tim Donovan rushed

13 times for 144 yards and scored 5 TDs. The Bucks can clinch the outright Bux-Mont championship Friday with a win over North Penn.

No. 3 Downingtown, which beat Phoenixville last Friday, clinched the Ches-Mont crown by virtue of Owen J. Roberts's 30-7 rout of Henderson on Saturday.

No. 4 Ridley also nailed down its eighth straight Central League title (two were shared) with a 23-0 win

over Radnor. Matt Blundin completed 17 of 34 passes for a career-best 244 yards and a pair of TDs as the Green Raiders stretched their unbeaten streak to 47.

Penn Wood kept pace with Glen Mills atop the Del Val by edging pesky Unionville, 7-0. The Patriots drove 95 yards in the fourth quarter for the game's only score, with Chuck Steinmetz getting the TD on a 20-yard run.



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