

North Penn wins on kicker's first field goal

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A slew of prized veterans who already have one championship banner with their names on it will make North Penn one of the area's better scholastic football teams this season.

But now, the Knights owe at least one victory to a green sophomore named Brad Carroll.

Carroll, who had never kicked a field goal of any kind in varsity competition, let alone one that carried the fate of a contest with it, sent one 27 yards and between the uprights last night to give North Penn a 10-7 win over host Neshaminy before more than 2,000 spectators.

The win gave the defending Bux-Mont champions, ranked No. 4 in *The Inquirer's* Southeastern Pennsylvania Coaches Poll, a 2-0 record. Neshaminy, ranked No. 8 under coach Dick Bedesem, dropped to 1-1.

Carroll's field goal came with 6:55 remaining in the game. It not only broke a 7-7 tie, it blunted a spirited comeback by Neshaminy, which had appeared to be on the verge of getting blown out in the first half.

That Carroll even kicked was a gamble by North Penn coach Jim Wilde, whose team set a school record with its 10th straight win.

"Brian Alles, my first-string kicker, had played the whole game, so I wanted a fresh kicker in there," Wilde said. "I was confident Brad could do the job."

"He [Wilde] told me on third down that I'd kick the field goal," said Carroll, who also plays on the soccer team. "So I didn't even have time to get nervous."

Early in the game, there was little indication that North Penn would need a field goal to win.

In the first quarter, the Knights did everything but score. They amassed 10 yards and seven first downs, and limited the Redskins to nine yards and no first downs during the first 12 minutes.

But it was not until Tom Novak blasted into the end zone from the 1 on the first play of the second quarter that the Knights could go in front, 7-0.

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North Penn kept flirting with danger because of turnovers. Finally, a fumble recovered by Neshaminy's Bill Wagner at the Knights' 16 led to a Redskins TD in the third quarter, when quarterback Tim Ford connected with Dave Megahan on a 14-yard pass play to make it 7-7.

North Penn used the running of Scott Novak and Bill Coddington to control the ball on its first fourth-quarter series, but the big play was a 42-yard run from Todd Nelson to Larry Pjanowski that brought the ball to the Neshaminy 9.

The Redskins pushed the Knights back to the 13, and then Carroll jogged onto the field.

North Penn	0	7	0	3	-	10
Neshaminy	0	0	7	0	-	7
<p> NF - T. Novak 1 run (Alles kick) N - Meehan 14 pass from Ford (McCourt kick) N - FG Carroll 37 </p>						

Gr. Val. 27, Boyertown 14 — In the Ches-Mont League opener, Great Valley's (2-0) Don Eberhart ran for 56 yards and two touchdowns, and Keith Carter added 62 yards and another score to defeat host Boyertown (0-2).

Eberhart's runs — his only carries of the game — covered 15 and 41 yards.

Great Valley	6	0	7	7	-	27
Boyertown	0	7	0	7	-	14
<p> GV - Eberhart 15 run (pass failed) B - Edsall 2 run (Doery kick) GV - Eberhart 41 run (Haines kick) GV - Carter 4 run (Haines kick) GV - Delaney 31 pass from Tusca (Haines kick) B - Irey 5 run (Doery kick) </p>						

Kennedy 23, Roman Cath. 0 — Steve Borusiewicz hooked up with Jim Borkowski, and Harry Magliente scored on a 10-yard run as the Saints raced to a 16-0 first-half lead in Roman Catholic's season opener.

Bill Dunne added the other touchdown for Kennedy (2-0) by falling on a fumble in the end zone.

Roman Catholic	0	0	0	0	-	0
Archbishop Kennedy	8	8	0	7	-	23
<p> AK - Borkowski 8 pass from Borusiewicz (Borkowski pass from Borusiewicz) AK - Magliente 10 run (Borkowski pass from Strooper) AK - Dunne fumble recovery in end zone (Borusiewicz kick) </p>						

Lans. Cath. 30, Q'town 0 — Lansdale Catholic's (1-1) defense, led by Steve Reilly, held visiting Quakertown (0-3) to 105 yards in total offense, and quarterback Doug Perry directed the offense to 300 yards and Lansdale's first win.

Reilly deflected a pass by Quakertown quarterback Rick Steich, and M.J. Graurke intercepted and returned it 26 yards for the game's final touchdown. Lansdale also scored on a 70-yard pass from punter Jim Honicker to John Richter when Honicker was pressured.

Quakertown	0	0	0	0	-	0
Lansdale Catholic	0	14	3	13	-	30
<p> LC - Perry 4 run (kick failed) LC - Talora 1 run (Walsh run) LC - FG Kilian 25 LC - Richter 70 pass from Honicker (kick failed) LC - Graurke 36 with interception (Kilian kick) </p>						

Friends' Cen. 32, Ferris 6 — Chris Kline rushed for two touchdowns and caught another as the host Phoenix posted a season-opening victory. Kline amassed 115 yards on 15 carries. Backfield mate George Goff tallied 57 yards in nine attempts. Quarterback Alec Shall completed five of 11 passes.

Ferris	0	0	6	6	-	6
Friends' Central	12	7	6	4	-	32
<p> FC - Kline 11 run (Schlop kick) FC - Kline 14 run (kick failed) FC - Kline 15 pass from Shall (Schlop kick) FC - Kaplan 2 run (kick failed) FC - Patriakis recovered blocked punt in end zone (kick failed) F - Werdell 75 kicker (punt failed) </p>						

P. Wood 7, Marple 6 — John Rhodes' 34-yard pass reception set up visiting Penn Wood's (2-0) touchdown with 30 seconds left in the second quarter and the ensuing conversion kick provided what proved to be the game-winning point. Marple (0-2) failed on a fourth-and-1 try from its 14-yard line, and Penn Wood scored three plays later.

Penn Wood	0	7	0	0	-	7
Marple Newtown	6	0	0	0	-	6
<p> MN - Penna 2 run (Tomassoff kick) PW - Jordan 4 run (Tomassoff kick) </p>						

U. Merion 21, Kenrick 7 — Rich Kelley ran for two touchdowns and combined with Russ Poston to rush for 290 yards for host Upper Merion. Kelley (18 carries and 142 yards) and Poston (28-148) paced a 321-yard rushing attack. Upper Mer-

ion (2-0) attempted only one pass, which fell incomplete.

The Vikings' defense harried Kenrick quarterback Rich Wesselt into a 7-for-21 passing night with four interceptions.

Bishop Kenrick	0	7	0	0	-	21
Upper Merion	7	7	0	0	-	14
<p> UM - Kelley 27 run (Peluso kick) UM - Kelley 7 run (Peluso kick) BK - Cameron 25 pass from Wesselt (McKeever kick) UM - Poston 4 run (Peluso kick) </p>						

C.B. West 35, Conestoga 0 — Dave Perrine scored two first-half touchdowns — one on a short run and another on a pass reception from Chris Baggett — as host West overpowered Conestoga. Baggett, Tim Donovan and Bill Kilkenny added the other scores for West (2-0).

Conestoga	0	0	0	0	-	0
Central Bucks West	0	14	14	0	-	35
<p> CBW - Perrine 7 run (Klein kick) CBW - Perrine 27 pass from Baggett (Klein kick) CBW - Donovan 4 run (Klein kick) CBW - Kilkenny 5 run (Klein kick) CBW - Donovan 8 run (Klein kick) </p>						

Souderton 15, Whickon 13 — Rich Landis tossed a 33-yard scoring strike to Rick Zinger with 1:08 left as visiting Souderton (2-0) upended the Trojans. Souderton's final drive was set up when Wissahickon attempted to punt in the final quarter and the ball was snapped over the Trojan punter's head.

Souderton	0	8	0	7	-	15
Whickon	7	8	0	0	-	13
<p> SW - Walden 9 pass from Baltross (Jenes kick) SW - Darran 2 run (Landis pass to Dellabarba) SW - Perry 7 run with blocked field goal attempt (pass failed) SW - Zinger 33 pass from Landis (Wismer kick) </p>						

U. More. 20, Penridge 13 — Scott Layer ran for two TDs, including the game-winner late in the fourth quarter, as the visiting Bears (2-0) rallied to defeat Penridge. Layer accumulated 133 yards on 24 carries and completed nine passes for 123 more yards. Penridge's (0-2) Mike Bryan rushed for 133 yards and one touchdown.

Upper Merland	7	0	0	13	-	20
Penridge	7	0	6	0	-	13
<p> UM - Layer 16 run (Plancazoff kick) P - Bryan 47 run (Huddell kick) P - Riddick 53 pass from Stear (kick failed) UM - Palmer 41 pass from Lund (kick failed) UM - Layer 5 run (Layer kick) </p>						