

Neshaminy Stung by Early Allen Score, Charges Back to Win 4th Straight 33-7



THE SIGN TELLS IT — Neshaminy's Bruce Trane scores as official Pat Garramone calls it. Trying to stop the score is Allen tackle Chris Fritzing (76).

STATISTICS		N	A
First downs	.....	20	4
Running average	.....	284	17
Passing average	.....	164	12
Passes	.....	8:17	9:27
Passes intercepted by	2	1
Punts	4:27	6:20
Fumbles lost	2	1
Yards penalized	64	20

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Not many high school teams can hang in to the very end with powerful Neshaminy. Allen was there for a half last night, but then buckled under the Redskins' bruising attack and became a 33-7 victim.

The Canaries scored first, thanks to a dandy 26-yard punt return by gutty Mike Squires in the second period. They were only trailing by a touchdown at half 13-7. But Neshaminy scored once in the third period and closed with a pair of touchdowns in the final 12 minutes and made it look like a routine victory.

The unbeaten Redskins (4-0), whom the folks in the Langhorne area call "The Big Red Machine," put it to the Canaries

in a number of ways. Their southpaw quarterback Pete Cordelli is a more than adequate leader. He is a good passer with a sure-handed receiver in Dale Forchetti.

When the pair isn't connecting, Cordelli sends a trio of bruising backs into the line. Namely, Bruce Trane, a 6-2, 205-pounder; Pete Schupakus, a 6-3, 210-pounder and Bob McIntyre, a 180-pounder.

Trane is the workhorse and his efforts produced four touchdowns — all from in close, with the exception of his last one which came from 13 yards out. He scored with bull-like dives from the one and twice from the four.

Usually Trane was the boy responsible for putting Neshaminy into scoring territory. On Neshaminy's first scoring drive of 81 yards, Trane picked up 60 of them. On another — a 57-yard march — he ground out 33 of them.

Neshaminy was stung by Squires's punt return shortly after the second period started. Actually, he didn't field the ball initially. The punt was fielded at the 20 by a teammate, who fumbled it. Squires scooped it up on a bounce and raced down his left side hardly touched.

Squires did more than that for a losing cause. He made one interception and recovered a fumble. He also brought down Trane from behind when the Neshaminy fullback appeared to be touchdown-bound.

Neshaminy's potent attack produced a whopping 448 total yards. The Redskins collected 204 of it on the ground and 164 on Cordelli's passing.

While the Redskins' offense was rolling, their defense was just as tough. Allen managed just 17 yards on the ground. The young Canary offensive line couldn't cope with the likes of Charley Lodge, a 205-pound linebacker; Bruce McHale, a 192-pound linebacker, and Dick Pyle, a tough 200-pound middle guard.

More than once this strong defensive trio kept the Canaries in minus yardage. During one series in the second half, Allen lost 17 yards in three tries into the line.

The Cordelli-Forchetti combine brought Neshaminy its first touchdown — a series after Squires's touchdown romp. Cordelli, a 195-pound senior whose father used to coach at Neshaminy, threw a quick pass to Forchetti who breezed home.

In the fourth quarter the passing combo was directly responsible for another Trane touchdown. Cordelli twice hit Forchetti on slant patterns, one was good for 24 yards, the other for 12 yards.

When Forchetti wasn't catching passes, Cordelli found McHale, who doubles as a tight end. McHale caught a pair of 26 yards.

Neshaminy scored its final touchdown on a weird exchange

of fumbles with just 22 seconds left in the game. The Redskins were on a drive, only they fumbled at the Allen 5, with Dick Urban recovering. On the next play, Allen fumbled and Neshaminy recovered at the 13.

Two plays later, Trane rambled into the end zone.

- NESHAMINY**
Ends — Michael, Schaiter, Neko, Sabot, Craig.
Tackles — Meier, Luca, Whitell, Johnson.
Guards — C. Conger, Chamberlain, Gehring, Watson.
Centers — Lodge, F. Conger.
Backs — Cordelli, Sipman, Forchetti, Panucci, Sterett, Kautler, Sroba, Trane, McIntyre, Schupakus.

- ALLEN**
Ends — Frederick, Mast, Purcell, Weber, Gudrow.
Tackles — Miller, Dorney, Fritzing, Fouka, Bruning.
Guards — Billington, Miller, Roth, Shaw, Bear.
Centers — Kohrs, Buss.
Backs — Smith, Snyder, Urban, Squires, Kainer, Bartlett, Marsh, Kovacs, Montagnor, Boldisar.

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Neshaminy scoring: Touchdowns — Forchetti (26, pass from Cordelli); Trane, 4 (1, run); 4, run; 4, run; 13, run. Conversions — Pat. 1 (placement).
Allen scoring: Touchdown — Squires (86, punt return). Conversion — Miller (placement).

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