

Neshaminy Rally Beats Pennsbury 21-17 to Finish Unbeaten

| STATISTICS | |
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| First downs | 10-10 |
| Passing yardage | 100-100 |
| Rushing yardage | 100-100 |
| Fumbles | 1-0 |
| Passes intercepted by | 1-0 |
| Fumbles lost | 1-0 |
| Yards penalized | 20 |

By TED WISMER
LANGHORNE — Pete Cordelli didn't have one of his better days throwing the ball Saturday. But this didn't affect his performance in the clutch as he twice came through with the "game saving play" as the Redskins completed an undefeated season with a 21-17 win over Pennsbury.

While Neshaminy was able to come up with the big play it was just the opposite for the Fal-

cons. Each of the first four times the Redskins (11-0) had the ball in the first half Pennsbury took the ball away — two interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

But all the visitors (9-2) could show for their defensive work was a 35-yard field goal by Jay Biddle with 1:26 left in the first half. The three-pointer upped Pennsbury's lead to 10-0 and it seemed the Redskins were about to lose their ranking as the No. 1 team in Southeastern Pennsylvania.

But Neshaminy had different ideas. Dale Forchetti, who failed to catch a TD pass but did pick up 97 yards on seven grabs, re-

turned the ensuing kick 48 yards to the Pennsbury 42. Making use of all of their timeouts and having the clock stopped for two measurements, the Redskins drove 42 yards in 10 plays with Cordelli, on a rollout, going the final five yards as time ran out. Cordelli had two 10 yard runs in the drive and also hit on two of six passes.

Neshaminy's best offensive series came midway in the second period after linebacker Ron Dundala — two interceptions and two fumble recoveries — gave Pennsbury the ball on the Neshaminy 35. But four plays later the Falcons were forced to punt from their 35.

In the second half it was the Pennsbury defensive unit that was overworked. The Falcons ran only 13 plays the final 24 minutes as compared to 44 — each team had 34 offensive plays in the opening half.

And in the second half it was the Pennsbury offensive unit that made the mistakes. The Falcons had the ball only four times and gave it up twice on interceptions and on a fumble once. The only time the visitors held onto the ball they moved 74 yards in seven plays with Gary Kutsmeda drilling a 15-yard pass to Don Breece for the

score. Breece had three receptions for the afternoon for 30 yards.

The standing room crowd of 14,000 saw the Redskins run 19 plays in the first 8:21 of the third period and almost come up empty handed.

Neshaminy controlled the ball for nine plays at the start of the second half before Dundala picked off his second pass on the Falcon 45. But two plays later linebacker Bruce McHale pounced on a Pennsbury fumble.

This time the Redskins, who captured the Big Seven and

Lower Bucks League titles, didn't give up the ball until they reached the end zone. Nine running plays moved the ball to the Pennsbury 10. And on fourth down Cordelli found Joe Sroba open over the middle and the Redskins led 14-10 with 3:39 left in the third period.

Neshaminy quickly regained the ball when Jay Sidman picked off a Kutsmeda pass at the Falcon 45 and returned to the 30. Eight plays later fullback Bruce Tranev bulled the final three yards. In the march Cordelli hit Forchetti with a 10-yard strike and McHale for nine yards.

Following Pennsbury's final score Neshaminy used up almost five minutes in moving to the Falcon 22 before just missing a first down by inches. But on the next play Bart Smith picked off Kutsmeda's long bomb.

Neshaminy did not have the services of halfback Pete Schupkus (bruised shoulder) but Mike Pannucci — seven inches shorter and 55 pounds lighter — more than held his own with 70 yards rushing.

PENNSBURY
 Ends — Girman, Sales, Burris, Breece, Herman, Hoffman.
 Tackles — Wells, Cleary, Lawler, McHale.

Guards — Lench, Ford, Soriano, Dundala, Pease.
 Centers — Miller, Papp, Waters.
 Backs — Marfiora, Balog, Verna, Sutto, Doherty, Burns, Porter, B. Fitzmaurice, J. Fitzmaurice, Safel, Delat, Kutsmeda.

NESHAMINY
 Ends — Nely, Stebot, Craig, Gale, O'Brien, McHale.
 Tackles — Strawbridge, Miller, Barker, Whitwell, Coniglio.
 Guards — C. Cooper, Chamberlain, Watson.
 Centers — Lodge, F. Cooper.
 Backs — Corbelli, B. Grubb, Sidman, Forchetti, Pannucci, Stangott, Kauter, Smith, Tranev, Sroba, Tranev, McInyre, Pyke.

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| Pennsbury | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1-17 |
| Neshaminy | 0 | 7 | 7 | 2-21 |

Pennsbury scoring: Touchdowns: Delve (11, run); Breece (15, pass from Kutsmeda). Field goal: Biddle (37 yards). Conversions: Biddle 2 (placements).

Neshaminy scoring: Touchdowns: Cordelli (1, run); Sroba (10, pass from Cordelli); Tranev (1, run). Conversions: McInyre 2 (placements).