

Pennsbury Rips Neshaminy, 34-0

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Paris (Pal) Allison flicked a few ashes from his cigar right onto his blue, turtleneck sweater.

The guy was actually smiling. But that's just the Neshaminy head football coach's style.

Even after yesterday's blistering 34-0 loss to Pennsbury before a home crowd of 5,000, Allison attempted to look at the positive side of the game.

"Well, at least we won half the championship," Allison said, referring to the Section One Division of the Lower Bucks County League. "And that's better than none."

For Chuck Kane, the Pennsbury coach, the victory represented the Falcons' "best team effort," he said.

"This is the way we played football early in the season," Kane said. "Then, I guess we just slumped . . . maybe, that's the best way to put it."

The victory also earned Pennsbury a share of the Lower Bucks County title and Kane expressed the sentiments as Allison.

"I'd rather have a piece of it, than none of it," Kane said. "But, frankly, I thought it would be a much closer game."

The game, indeed, figured as a toss-up but, with six minutes remaining, Neshaminy's stands were nearly empty.

Pennsbury played its usual grind-it-out kind of game with Jules Sghiatto bulling his way for 55 yards in 18 carries, including a couple of touchdowns, while Chris Klein had 65 yards in 14 trips.

And when Klein and Sghiatto weren't crunching up the middle, quarterback Steve Gross accounted for another 117 yards, completing seven of 15 passes.

Neshaminy was stymied on both the ground and its passing attack was stopped cold.

"It was a typical Pennsbury defense," Allison said, shrugging. "Sure, a lot of our passes were dropped . . . but they were putting a lot of pressure on us, too."

Terry Gallagher, Neshaminy's hard-throwing quarterback, completed only two of 15 passes for 18 yards and was sacked for 42 yards by defensive ends Bud Reichard and Bill Connel.

"Billy played an exceptional game," Kane said. "And Bud? Well, he just played his usual, gutty game."

Down by 6-0, the most controversial play of the game came when Neshaminy reached Pennsbury's 25 early in the second period. The drive stalled there and Neshaminy was faced with a fourth and sixth situation.

Allison elected to try for a field goal and Jeff Ratner's 41-yard boot

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was true. However, on the play, Pennsbury was flagged on an off-sides and Allison decided to take the three points off the board.

"I thought the penalty had given us a first down," Allison said. "No, if I had the same thing to do over, I do it again."

Kane didn't agree but refused to comment on Allison's decision.

"I'll just say that George Allen's (coach of the Washington Redskins) philosophy is to never take points off the board," Kane said. "And I respect that man's philosophy."

While Reichard and Connell were keeping the heat on Gallagher, linebacker Doug Ianni and tackle Don Curden were containing Neshaminy's biggest running threat, Jamie Maier.

Tom Fleisch also intercepted a Gallagher pass and recovered a fumble. Two other Neshaminy fumbles were gobbled up by Joe Marrazzo and John Egan.

"It's all over," Allison said, sighing. "You play 10 games and then you play Pennsbury. That's just the way the season goes."

Central

Three Tie For Title

Radnor finished in a three-way tie for the Central League championship yesterday by defeating traditional Main Line rival Lower Merion, 29-15. Radnor, Conestoga and defending champ Ridley all ended at 7-1 in the league.

Despite losing, Lower Merion still leads Radnor in one of the longest high school football rivalries in the country, 38-30-11.

The aerial duo of quarterback Dean Joynson and Mark Giubilato came to Radnor's rescue in the fourth quarter, combining on passes of 11 and four yards to erase LM's 15-7 half-time lead.

CONESTOGA 35, PENNCREST 8 — Steve Pettia scored three touchdowns as guest Conestoga (8-2; 7-1) finished in a tie for the Central League title.

Pettia slammed over from the five-yard line to ignite Conestoga's 22-point first-quarter explosion. Pettia gained 88 yards during the game to give him a total of 875 for the season.