

Wilson Rallies To 'Bomb' Neshaminy



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"Watch for the bomb" came the words from the stands. "Watch for the bomb," came the words from the Neshaminy sideline. Lo and behold there came the bomb at right and right on target at this.

This was the manner when Woodrow Wilson's Hams took possession of the ball last night in their own 10-yard line with 1:44 remaining to be played and the Hams leading 21-7.

They did not trail for long; a five 11 seconds and four plays later the Hams' Hams had themselves in a 14-13 victory over the Neshaminy Redskins.

Three thousand fans had braved the rain to witness a thrilling "Hammam" victory. Ed Lovelace dropped back on first down and scored a perfect pass to left end Jim Loyal, a 65-125-pound, senior, who is a

slipped past the linebackers. Only a diving tackle by Neshaminy's Bill Diers at the Redskins prevented a touchdown right there.

Words of Encouragement Following the 13-yard advance Lovelace dropped back again for a 25-yard gain. Another first down, this one at the four. Lovelace looked to his teammates.

"We can win, we can win," as they came back into the huddle. A six-yard pass got the Redskins to the 10.

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In the third session Pete Cuello's Redskins hit the scoreboard again. Diers clustered at 10-yard, six play drive by scoring 26 yards. Romanowski booted the point after and Neshaminy led, 12-7.

And so it was that 1:44 remained in the game. Wilson's 11 offensive squad stopped the Redskins after they had moved to the Hams' eight-yard line. Just moments before Lovelace's arrival in the second period they stopped a Neshaminy march on a touch short of a first down on the Wilson four yard line.

STATISTICS

Team	Yards	Plays	Time
Wilson	300	50	30:00
Neshaminy	150	40	25:00

LINEUPS

WILSON: QB, Stan Starsted; RB, Ed Romanowski; FB, Ed Romanowski; WR, Ed Romanowski; TE, Ed Romanowski; OL, Ed Romanowski; DL, Ed Romanowski; DE, Ed Romanowski; LB, Ed Romanowski; CB, Ed Romanowski; SS, Ed Romanowski; FS, Ed Romanowski; K, Ed Romanowski; P, Ed Romanowski.

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SCORE BY PERIOD

Period	Wilson	Neshaminy
1st	7	4
2nd	7	7
3rd	0	0
4th	0	0
Total	14	11

REMARKS: Wilson's first score came on a 21-yard pass to Stan Starsted. Neshaminy's first score came on a 14-yard pass to Ed Romanowski.



A PICTURE CATCH — Woodrow Wilson High School's Jerry Saxton (41) hauls in a 20-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ed Lovelace with 33 seconds to go in last evening's game with Neshaminy High School. On next play, Stan Starsted booted the extra point to give Golden Rams a 14-13 victory. Arriving too late is the Redskins' Bruce Madden (21). (Courier Times Sports Photo by Alex Zidock.)

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Lovelace Engineers 90-Yd. TD March In Final 1:44

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A minute and forty-four seconds didn't seem like much, but to Ed Lovelace, it meant a worthwhile climax to a football season.

Lovelace, a 6-5, 160-pound senior quarterback at Woodrow Wilson High School, gathered the team play around a series of short passes and a 90-yard drive down the field.

The drive started with a 13-13 score at 13:13 with a 30-yard scoring pass to halfback Jerry Saxton.

Stan Starsted, playing with a lacerated kidney and only on special permission from his family doctor, added the score with a conversion to give Lou Sorrentino, a 175-pound senior end, the only Lower Bucks County winning score.

Football League (Senior One) Victory.

"You know, people criticize Eddie when it wasn't his fault," said Wilson's head coach, Ed Wall Snyder, after the game. "Sometimes the game doesn't go your way, but you can't blame the referee."

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"HERE'S WHAT WE'LL DO" — Woodrow Wilson High School quarterback Ed Lovelace (12) listens attentively to Coach Lou Sorrentino during closing stages of last night's 14-13 squeaker with Neshaminy High School won by the Golden Rams. Strategy worked as Lovelace hurled 10-yard scoring aerial for trying touchdown to halfback Jerry Saxton.



UNDER COVER — Umbrella-carrying spectator watches first half action of Neshaminy-Wilson encounter at Bristol Township Athletic Field last night. Fans stopped in second half as Wilson scored a 14-13 come-from-behind victory. (Courier Times Sports Photo by Alex Zidock.)

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Lou Sorrentino wasn't about to write off this year as a loss with last night's game. Nor is he the type to write off a quarterback.

"We all felt Eddie could throw the ball as well as anyone we've seen. But he really proved it in our series. With our type of attack, we've got to put the ball in the air and he was the one who could do it."

"We had asked the seniors on the club to give the underclassmen and the coaching staff an example to work on next season. And I think we got it," concluded Sorrentino. The day was ending.

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