

# Neshaminy Whips Pennridge, 20-12

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SELLERSVILLE — Pennridge High School's football team opened its season last night and was a bit confused; the officials were working for the first time as a team and were a bit confused; but the Redskins of Neshaminy High School were not confused.

Palving under head coach Pete Cordelli for just the second time, the Langhorne gridders were a team obsessed with the task of winning. And win they did. The 'Skins soundly whipped their hosts by a 20-12 score before a throng of nearly 3,500 screaming fans.

"Tremendous", blurted the elated Cordelli as he happily made his way through the crowd of well-wishers. "those boys did a tremendous job out there". As for the players, well they had reason to be gleaming with joy. They had just thrashed through a 'good' team for 292 yards and 20 first downs, moreso, they won.

The first time the Redskins handled the pigskin the desire for victory was obvious. With

STATISTICS		
	Nesh.	Penn.
First downs	20	12
Yards rushing	292	108
Passes attempted	2	23
Passes completed	0	9
Passes intercepted by	0	0
Yards passing	0	80
Net yards	226	188
Punts	3	4
Punting average	37	39
Fumbles recovered by	0	1
Yards penalized	20	40

fourth down and a yard to go on their own 33-yard stripe, Cordelli shrieked for his boys to run the wedge. First and ten on the thirty-nine. It was a prelude of the pattern of the game.

Neshaminy's attack bogged down on that inaugural drive and Bob Reed was called on to boot the oval. It was a beauty, long and high. Penridge scaback Jeff Eakin fumbled the ball at the five and picked it up under the pressure of the onrushing Redskins. In a flash the 5-9 157-pound sophomore was streaking goalward and Neshaminy was in the hole by six just seconds later.

Did the visitors get discouraged at the sudden score? Oh no. The ensuing kickoff was garnered in by a Neshaminy soph, 5-9, 165 Steve Sroba, who was not about to be shown up by his

Pennridge counterpart. Sroba took the football on the 10, eluded a host of potential tacklers and took off upfield, to tie the clash at 6:50 of the opening period, just 11 seconds after the home aggregation jumped into the lead.

Craig Johns, Bill Daenz and Bill Magill did most of the gaining for the winners, they were magnificent. The ball handling of signal caller Doug Mason was nearly flawless, and the runners were spelled by Tom Prendergast, who also did a swell job of toting the mail.

On the line Tim Michael, John Westlake, Bruce Haynes and all the others were outstanding. Many of these boys played both ways like John Gorski, the offensive center and defensive end.

### Start Another March

Following the sprinting duet was over Neshaminy waited only until they got the ball back to start another scoring march. The quartet of power-packed runners pounded the Pennridge forward wall time after time, continually grounding out the yards. After a dozen plays carried the ball 64-yards to the four, 165-pound senior Johns bashed up the middle for the final six-yards. Craig Vosburgh added the conversion and Neshaminy led 13-6.

The TD came on the second play of the second quarter and the count held until halftime and through the Neshaminy-dominated third stanza.

Cordelli's crew ran 21 plays in the third session as compared to eight for the host eleven. At the end of the period the Langhorne array was just two plays away from concluding a 74-yard, 17 play parade to their final score of the contest.

Once again Johns took the ball and sliced five lengths into the endzone and Vosburgh repeated his PAT kick and the score was 20-6.

### LINEUPS

#### NESHAMINY (26)

ENDS: Mahoney, Markman, Vosburgh.  
TACKLES: Westlake, Michaels, Fizzano.  
GUARDS: Fineman, Haynes, Ryder.  
CENTERS: Grass, Wenger.  
BACKS: Mason, Daenz, Johns, Prendergast, Taylor, Sroba, Madden, Magill, Reed.

#### PENNRIDGE (12)

ENDS: Dyer, Massey, Kissel, Pfiel, Renner, Medwick.  
TACKLES: Smith, Aichele, Musselman, Eisenhart, Hunsberger.  
GUARDS: Ott, Wynn, Keating, Workman, Mitchell.  
CENTERS: Grass, Wenger.  
BACKS: Kern, Yost, Yoder, Rinebeimer, Shelly, Schaak, Detweiler, Eakin, Fox.

### SCORE BY PERIODS

Neshaminy 6 7 0 7-20  
Pennridge 0 0 0 0-12

### SCORING

FIRST:  
PEN — Eakin, 95 punt return (Kick failed). NESH — Sroba, 90 kickoff return (Kick failed).

SECOND:  
NESH — Johns, 6 run (Vosburgh kick).

FOURTH:  
NESH — Johns, 3 run (Vosburgh kick).

PEN — Yoder, 4 pass from Kern (Kick failed).

### OFFICIALS

William Wrigley, head linesman; Mike Weber, referee; George Myers, field judge; Walt Smerconish, umpire.