

Connally's 81-yard return gives Neshaminy 6-0 victory

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Brett Connally punctuated last night's Bishop Egan-Neshaminy Langhorne football game by driving an exclamation point into Egan's heart.

Connally ran back the second-half kickoff 81 yards for the only score in a 6-0 Neshaminy win before 4,000 at Neshaminy Stadium. The game opened the season for both teams.

"When he broke through the middle of the line, I said 'Oh, oh, there's trouble for us,'" recalled Egan Coach Bill Travers, after losing this traditional Bucks County rivalry for the first time.

Egan had won the two previous games in the recently revived series that, in its glory days in the late 1960s, was virtually a state championship.

Last night, however, it was a test of how close Egan will come to contending in the Catholic League this fall. The Eagles dominated the first three quarters, but committed a series of mistakes and ran into some big-play defense by Neshaminy that kept the game close enough for Connally to break open.

Egan's first blown opportunity was created by Bill Kramer's interception of a Connally pass at the Neshaminy 41. Egan, helped by a pass interference penalty, drove to the five-yard line. But on fourth and two,

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Neshaminy's Bob Petrowsky stopped Bob Segar a yard short.

In the second quarter, Egan was stopped on downs at the Neshaminy 20. And in the third quarter, the Eagles were turned away when Neshaminy's Kip Shenefeld recovered a fumble at his own 13.

In the fourth quarter, Neshaminy drove to the Egan 18, where Mike Trommer fumbled and Egan's Ken McCarty recovered.

The ensuing Egan drive ended when running back Segar attempted a pass, and Jim Ferrence intercepted for Neshaminy. The Redskins had to punt, however, and Egan had one more shot, with 3 minutes 47 seconds left. The Eagles ran out of downs at the Neshaminy 24, in a confusing situation in which an official forgot to change the down marker on third down.

Bishop Egan 0 0 0 0 0-0
Neshaminy Langhorne 6 0 0 0 6-0
ML - Connally 81 kickoff return (kick felled)

Central Bucks East ran up a 44-8 victory over host Bensalem.

CB East Bensalem 6 17 7 14 -44
0 8 0 0 -8

CB - Kazak 1 run (kick felled)
CB - Branch 3 run (Kazak run)
CB - Kazak 44 run (McFarlane kick)
CB - Safety
Ben - DeLaine 4 run (DeLaine run)
CB - Kazak 47 run (McFarlane kick)

CB - Branch 18 run (McFarlane kick)
CB - Hilburn 5 run (McFarlane kick)

Chuck Brownhill's touchdown run stood up for Sun Valley in a 7-0 decision over visiting St. James.

St. James 0 0 0 0 0-0
Sun Valley 7 0 0 0 7-0
SV - Brownhill 3 run (Vaul kick)

Pennsbury, with only three starters back, upset host Central Bucks West, 19-13.

Pennsbury 0 4 4 7 -19
CB West 7 4 0 0 -13
CBW - Leach 2 run (Groves kick)
CBW - Richards 18 run (kick felled)
P - Overt 1 run (kick felled)
P - Applegate 4 run (pass felled)
P - Applegate 9 run (Giordano kick)

Boyetown played all its games on the road last year while its field was resodded. In the first of 12 home games, John Long rushed for 205 yards as the Bears buried Upper Perkiomen, 28-0.

Upper Perkiomen 0 0 0 0 0-0
Beyertown 8 0 14 0 -28

B - Long 3 run (kick felled)
B - Barrett 1 pass from Hixick
B - Safety
m B - Barrett 47 pass from Hixick (Babal kick)
B - Long 18 run (Babal kick)

Quarterback Sam Coroniti completed seven of nine tosses and ran for three touchdowns to lead awesome Upper Merion to a 41-6 rout of visiting Spring-Ford.

Spring-Ford 0 0 0 4 -4
Upper Merion 13 21 7 0 -41

UM - HB 11 run (Bechtel kick)
UM - Babay 4 run (kick felled)
UM - Coroniti 2 run (Bechtel kick)
UM - Coroniti 8 run (Bechtel kick)

UM - Coroniti 4 punt return (Bechtel kick)
UM - Babay 14 run (Bechtel kick)
S - Lewis 5 run (kick felled)

Roman Catholic scored three touchdowns in the first period and coasted to a 28-0 win over host Archbishop Kennedy, which hasn't won a game outside its conference in years.

Roman Kennedy 21 0 0 7 -28
0 0 0 0 -8
R - Harris 6 run (Krambler kick)
R - Cason 3 run (Krambler kick)
R - Cason 4 run (Krambler kick)
R - Clark 1 run (Krambler kick)

West Catholic scored twice in the last period to beat host Delhaas, 26-6.

West Catholic 0 12 0 14 -26
Delhaas 0 0 4 0 -6
WC - Walker 35 run (kick felled)
WC - Fredericks 31 run (kick felled)
D - James 9 run (run felled)
WC - McIver 2 run (Potts pass from Fredericks)
WC - LeGrande 1 run (kick felled)

Senior halfback Steve Corkery of Upper Moreland scored four touchdowns — three on offense, one on defense — and added a field goal to lead the host Bears to a 34-0 wipeout of Lower Moreland.

Lower Moreland 7 0 0 0 0-0
Upper Moreland 13 4 0 15 -34

UM - Corkery 40 run with recovered fumble (kick felled)
UM - Incegar 45 pass from Waldner (Weirman kick)
UM - Corkery 35 pass from Erb (Corkery kick)
UM - Corkery 47 pass from Erb (kick felled)
UM - Corkery 28 FG
UM - Corkery 3 run (kick felled)
UM - Crandley 7 run (kick felled)

Allentown Dieruff gave Pottstown a 35-0 licking in its season opener.

Allentown Dieruff 8 13 0 14 -35
Pottstown 0 0 0 0 -0

AD - Gamber 1 run (Kurisc run)
AD - Reed 9 pass from Senocick (Mantz kick)
AD - Kurisc 12 run (kick felled)
AD - Cecil 15 fumble recovery (run felled)
AD - Spruill 3 run (Brown pass from Reed)

Pennridge survived the 124-yard rushing of Dave Grasty in a 14-10 win over visiting Abington.

Abington 3 7 0 0 -10
Pennridge 0 14 0 0 -14

AB - Gaglianese 37 FG
P - B. James 2 run (Call kick)
P - J. James 1 run (Call kick)
AB - Smith 70 pass from Stiemensmeier (Gaglianese kick)

Wissahickon's Tony Calinaro churned for 170 yards as the Trojans held off visiting Upper Dublin, 21-14.

Upper Dublin 0 7 0 7 -14
Wissahickon 7 7 0 7 -21

W - Gordon 2 run (Garth kick)
W - Wynder 34 interception return (Garth kick)
UD - Wilson 8 pass from Harrington (Brennan kick)
W - 4 run (Garth kick)
UD - Wilson 47 pass from Harrington (Brennan kick)

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