

North Rout South Bucks Grid Game 36-12

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Did the fact that the South had all-American and All-State grid players affect the attitude of the North squad in the two previous games of the Bucks County Cancer Crusade All-Star Football Game?

While nobody really knows except the players themselves, it was evident Friday evening at Nesanhany High School, Langhorne, before 7,000 fans, that that fact wasn't going to affect the North team in 1975.

North went out and destroyed the Bob Hart (Delhaha) coached team 36-12 in the most impressive offensive display in three years.

It was also the only game of the event — this just the fourth year — that was dominated by one team. The victory by the North also ended the series at two games apiece and it was the second time Mike Pettine of Central Bucks West has coached the team and been victorious.

There was much joy on the North side of the field while disappointment was obvious on the faces of the South squad as the Most Valuable Player awards were presented.

This was the year to bring the offense back into the game and that both teams did, especially the North through Pettine's coaching and Bill Borrensen's quarterbacking.

But it was evident from the start that the North squad wasn't going to play in awe of the much bigger South. All-Americans and All-Stars.

The South — which draws from the immediate Philadelphia area, is made up of high schools of the cities of Pennsylvania, Kensington, Bensalem and Dobbins Eggs.

"I think what got the kids up," said Pettine, "the South said some things that they were going to put out. We have good players in the Northern Hemisphere, but they were underated."

In addition to that the North had an excellent nucleus of championship caliber players who were familiar with winning.

Eighteen of the 23 man North roster came from Central Bucks West and Archbishop Wood (line apiece) of Warminster. The Bucks won the Buxmont League championship, going undefeated, while Wood was one of the top teams in the Philadelphia Catholic League.

"We had a great nucleus," pinpointed Pettine to one of the keys. "We had our kids and the Wood kids. Everybody did a good job."

The type of team was evident when Pettine said after the game over the public address system that when one of the players voted for the most decorated player on the squad (which was West's Tony Spisano), he didn't pick an individual team but said the whole team should get the award.

Nobody argued as the North finally

controlled the game even though the statistics don't reveal such.

And from the fans standpoint, especially the North's, it had to be the best game of the series.

"The people got their money's worth," issued Pettine. "We worked on a spectator type game. But I thought it would be a little closer."

While the North offense did everything possible the defense, led by Council Rock's Nate Crockett, was murder. The South was out of the second half but was very much in the game in the first 30 minutes.

The first half turned out to be extremely wide open. The North struck first when Charlie Gross of Wood took Borrensen's pitch out and made it look like a run. Only as he was going to his left, he threw a pass which West's Gary Schillo ran under and then outplayed Tim Fitzpatrick and Brian Settle to complete an 89 yard touch down play.

It came with eight minutes to play in the first period. The extra point failed when the snap from center was high, but Gross, just about completed a pass to Quarterback's Doug Young in the end zone.

Just as quickly as the North got on

the scoreboard after a punt, the South put six points on the scoreboard one play after Barry Blum's 22 yard kickoff return.

Joe Crosin of Pennmar, quarterbacking for the first time in the game, fired over the middle for Bersanieri's Tyronne Cross.

The 6-2, 190-pounder latched on to the right hander's aerial but just as he caught the ball colluded with Central Bucks' Steve Mangis. Cross maintained his balance and was home free for a touchdown on a 70 yard play. Crosin's kick for the extra point was low as the score stayed tied.

The North came back on the second play when the South's kickoff to take the lead it never relinquished.

Borrensen executed the play which is familiar to all the fans and former coaches. The West quarterback rolled

to his right while Cross was running down the left side line. Borrensen planted his foot and fired to his left, leading Cross perfectly and it resulted in a 64-yard scoring strike. This time Gross boosted home the point after touchdown and the North had a 13-7 lead.

"I was quiet until the second quarter when the South drove 100 yards, 11 plays for a score with Blum crashing over the end zone for the yard line. Blum and his Delhaha teammate Jack McNally figured into the drive, either getting the yardage on the ground and through the air."

Crosin's pass for Tom Burton, surrounded by three North defenders, for the two-point conversion fell incomplete.

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Riddick, Hinkle Play Spangly for North

Bob Riddick, the Pennridge Hinkles who made first team on both offense and defense in the Hux-Mont League, played his last football game.

While it was probably a disappointment, the 6-0, 170-pounder after the Bucks County Cancer Crusade game felt like he didn't contribute much to the North's 36-12 victory over the South Friday night at Nesanhany High School.

Riddick, who starred for Wayne Helman's Pennridge Rams, sustained a broken wrist in a motorcycle accident several days earlier. "I was going to start on offense and return punts," said the disappointed grider.

Still Bob, who has had his share of problems, was pleased that he received the opportunity to play. His left wrist was bandaged heavily and North coach Mike Pettine of Central Bucks West played him sparingly.

About the only glider Riddick got from the game was the satisfaction of playing despite the injury.

"I was just glad I was able to play," he said while watching the MVP presentations.

The injured wrist restricted what Riddick could do in the game, hitting the best graduated seniors from the high schools in Bucks County. The Bucks County Cancer Crusade All-Star Football game benefits the Bucks County Unit of the American Cancer Society.

Riddick knew that he was part of the North touchdown when he caught a 22-yard pass from Archbishop Wood quarterback John Rankin. Had the throw not been low and behind Riddick, the former Pennridge grider might not have a six-pointer.

Besides playing on offense and gaining just five yards in three carries, Riddick played somewhat on defense.

Bob was one of two Pennridge players in the game with Jerry Hinkle the other.

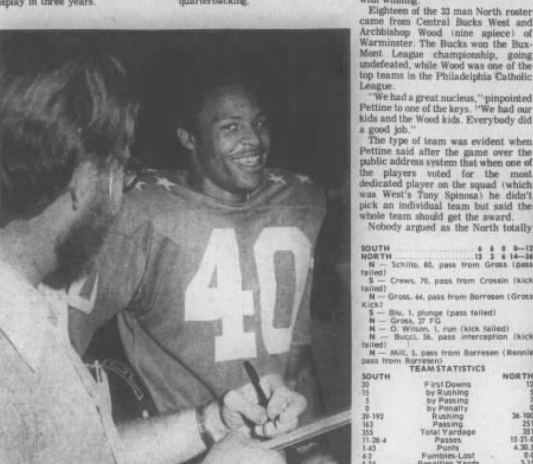
The 5-7, 170-pounder also didn't see much action but when he did play it was on defense and on the kickoff and punting teams.

On defense, the former Hux linebacker was playing an unfamiliar position. Hinkle was placed in the defensive backfield and did a respectable job.

"It was new to me," remarked Hinkle. "I only had two weeks to learn it."

But they were both part of a winning effort and just being on the same field with the best of Central Bucks West and Archbishop Wood was overwhelming.

It was definitely an experience for both fellows.



Pennridge's Bob Riddick answers a question from the News-Herald's Dave Treflinger.

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M. - 16 yard (pass failed)		1	0
M. - Gross, 37 P.D.		1	0
M. - D. Winslow (pass failed)		1	0
M. - Bucks, 58, pass interception (kick failed)		1	0
M. - Matt, 5, pass from Borrensen (Beenie pass from Borrensen)		1	0

TEAM STATISTICS		NORTH
30	First Downs	12
5	by Rush	10
5	by Passing	7
1	by Punting	2
30-192	Rushing	38-100
163	Passing	351
385	Total Yards	551
10-24	Plays	29
1-43	Penalties	4-52
5:35	Time of Possession	3:15
INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS		
Rushing		
South — Malsbry, 18 carries for 10 yards; Crosin, 5-27; Blum, 12-27; Fitzpatrick, 1-15; Matt, 2-5.		
Passing		
North — Gross, 13-47; Rankin, 5-24; Locke, 3-17; Riddick, 3-5; Schillo, 5-4; Young, 2-4; Wilson, 3-2; Borrensen, 2-1.		
Pass Receiving		
South — Crosin, 4-107; and T.D.; McShrie, 4-34; Marrasin, 1-11; Krupa, 1-19; Burton, 1-7; North — Schillo, 4-107; T.D.; Gross, 1-44 and 1-7; Riddick, 1-21; Reeve, 1-20; Matt, 1-18; Matt, 1-3 and 1-7.		
Punting		
South — Treflinger, 1-18 for 134 yards, 1 P.D. and 4 interceptions; Blum, 4-11-39-0; Malsbry, 1-5-6-6.		
Kicking		
North — Borrensen, 10-17-148-2-6; Gross, 11-10-19; Rankin, 1-3-2-6.		
Interception Returns		
Beenie, 1 for 15 yards and 1 TD; Mante, 1-2; Chermela, 1-1; C. Wilson, 1-0.		
Kickoff Returns		
South — Blum, 1 for 83 yards (18.6 average); Malsbry, 2 for 114 yards (57.0 average).		
Punt Returns		
North — Rankin, 3-13 (3.7 average).		
Punt Returns		
South — Heider, 1 for 20 yards; Tim Fitzpatrick, 1-1-6.		
Fumbles Lost		
South — Fitzpatrick, 1 for 41 yards; North — Malsbry, 1-2; Fitzpatrick, 1-0.		
Fumbles Lost		
North — Crosin, Blum, Punters; Heider, Mante, C. Wilson, 2.		

Jerry Hinkle

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