

Sroba, Bahr Rally 'Skins Past Egan, 27-24

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Try to believe what happened last night in the Neshaminy-Bishop Egan Catholic football game.

Go ahead, Neshaminy Coach Jack Swartz probably still can't. His Redskins came out of a first-half cloud of dust which left them trailing, 24-14, to send Egan home on the short end of a 27-24 score before 12,500 fans at Langhorne.

And Swartz, savoring Neshaminy's first win — and first touchdowns — against Egan in four years, was enjoying every minute of post-game hand-shaking and back-slapping.

'New' Man
If you would have seen him a year ago at this time (when Egan beat Neshaminy, 13-0) and seen him last night, you might have thought you were seeing a different man.

The cracked frowns were gone. And Jack Swartz, after rattling off a long monologue of technical hows and whys of the feat, didn't know which players to praise.

"These boys are a darn good football team," he finally admitted. "The whole team."

Disappointed
Egan Coach Dick Bedesem was going through what Swartz

went through last year. "We got beat," he said. "I can't say anything except that I'm disappointed. Jack did a heckuva job getting them ready. He has our congratulations."

The small foot of diminutive soccer-style kicker Chris Bahr booted three decisive extra points and halfback Steve Sroba rolled for a pair of second-half touchdowns which brought the Redskins back.

The game had to be one of the most exciting back-and-forth affairs in the history of the series, which now stands at 7-3 in Neshaminy's favor over 10 years.

Quick Lead
Egan rumbled to a 12-0 lead in a little over 10 minutes of the first period. Fullback Dennis Malloy broke several tackles and scored on a "bounce" play from 15 yards out at 7:31 for the first touchdown. Egan's Joe Folweller intercepted a Neshaminy pass nine plays later on the Eagles' 39-yard line and halfback Ed McDowell, with extra-ordinary speed, raced 56 yards for a 12-0 lead on the second effort from scrimmage.

Thirteen seconds later Neshaminy was on the scoreboard and looking for more. Redskin Dale Forchetti personally took care of Egan's long shutout against Neshaminy with an electrifying 85-yard kickoff return at 2:36. Two plays later,



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Egan's McDowell fumbled and Neshaminy guard Mark Mattingley recovered on the Eagle 18. Seven plays later fullback Andy Koch blasted in from the one. Bahr booted his second extra-point for a 14-12 Neshaminy lead.

But Egan "found" itself and roared back for 12 more points in the second period. Bahr punted a ball just three yards out of bounds to set up the Eagles at the Neshaminy 13, and halfback Bob Lamina scored easily from the 10 after some neat quarterback faking. Egan tried a pass for two extra points to close the gap, but the attempt failed and the score remained 18-14, Egan.

McDowell: 32 Yards
Four minutes later, Neshaminy was forced to punt, and

Egan's Lamina took the ball on his own 18. He slipped the ball to McDowell on the cross-roads and McDowell zig-zagged 82 yards for a touchdown and 24-14 lead. An extra-point run failed.

In the second half, Neshaminy made a defensive strategy change and look away Egan's around-the-ends running game. The result was a pair of Egan goose-eggs on the scoreboard.

Meanwhile, the Redskins offense went to work, taking the second-half kickoff and storming 59 yards in 10 plays for a score. Quarterback John Swartz, son of the coach, threw Neshaminy's only complete pass of the clutch third-down, six play to keep the drive alive. Sroba barbed off Australia's Ken Rosewall in straight sets Friday and dashed to the locker room to pack his sore right elbow in ice.

Egan's inexperience at quarterback and Neshaminy's aggressiveness on defense became evident in the fourth quarter, when Mike Friel fumbled twice and both bobbies were swarmed over by Redskin defenders.

Winning TD
The first resulted in Neshaminy's winning touchdown, while the second killed Egan's last serious threat.

Neshaminy tackle Tony Fisher bounced on the first loose ball at the Egan 30. Koch plunged for two yards, then Sroba maneuvered around the right side, cut back left and saw daylight for a 27-24 Neshaminy lead. Bahr, after a penalty, missed the PAT from 22 yards away, and Egan started march-

Sore Elbows Big Problem

FOREST HILLS, N.Y. (UPI)—It's the sore left elbow against the sore right elbow in a men's semifinal scheduled today in the \$137,000 U.S. Open tennis championships.

Defending champion Arthur Ashe of Gum Spring, Va., dusted off Australia's Ken Rosewall in straight sets Friday and dashed to the locker room to pack his sore right elbow in ice.

Lefthander Rod Laver, the Australian Rocket seeking his second Grand Slam of the world's four top titles, bounced out Aussie Roy Emerson in four sets but he couldn't get to the ice. He had to go back on court for a doubles match.

But pain or no, each is only two victories removed from the \$16,000 top prize—riches in the world—and both are keen for a showdown.

The only other full-length singles match scheduled today sends third-seeded Tony Roche of Australia against Earl Buchholz of St. Louis in a quarter-final. Roche ouitit 41-year-old Pancho Gonzales of Malibu, Calif., on Friday, 6-3, 10-12, 7-5, 6-0.

Laver beat Emerson, 4-6, 8-6, 13-11, 6-4 and Ashe turned back Rosewall, 8-6, 6-3, 6-4, but with darkness falling over the stadium second seeded John Newcombe and 10th-seeded Fred Stolle of Australia battled to 10-all in the fifth set. They'll settle today which of them goes against the Roche-Buchholz winner in a Sunday semifinal.

It was a slip, slide and sometimes lumble for Margaret Smith Court of Australia and Nancy Richey of San Angelo, Tex., who played the opening matches on the wet court and gained the women's final to set up a title match on Sunday with \$6,000 at stake.

STATISTICS	
	Neshaminy
First downs	8
Yards rushing	137
Passes attempted	8
Passes completed	1
Passes intercepted by	1
Yards passing	56
Net yards	172
Punts	4
Punting average	30
Fumbles recovered by	2
Yards penalized	10

ing with the kickoff.

Coach Dick Bedesem's Eagles went from their own 36 to Neshaminy's 21 before Friel fumbled and Redskin Mattingley recovered. Neshaminy's next drive stalled, but Bahr's booming 46-yard punt put Egan back in its own territory for its final unsuccessful series. Redskin end Ken Johnston creamed Friel on a third-down pass with 1:06 remaining to just about wrap it up.

Sroba emerged Neshaminy's leading ball-carrier with 96 yards-gained in 16 carries and two touchdowns, while McDowell raced 131 yards in 14 tries for Egan. Add another 82 yards for McDowell's TD punt return, and the fleet Eagle accounted for 213 yards, and two

LINEUPS
NESHAMINY (27)
ENDS: Edwards, Johnson, Bean, Washburn, Mason, VanHorn
TACKLES: V. Forchetti, Piacitelli, Justice, Sias, Fisher, Wisniewski
GUARDS: Day, Durand, Rosenblatt
CENTERS: Clark, McFalle
BACKS: Cordell, Swartz, Romanowski, D. Forchetti, Garhart, Madden, Sroba, Smith, Edmas, Melayre, Holmes, Kopley, A. Koch, Emanuel, Kelly, Mattingley, Seliz, Bahr

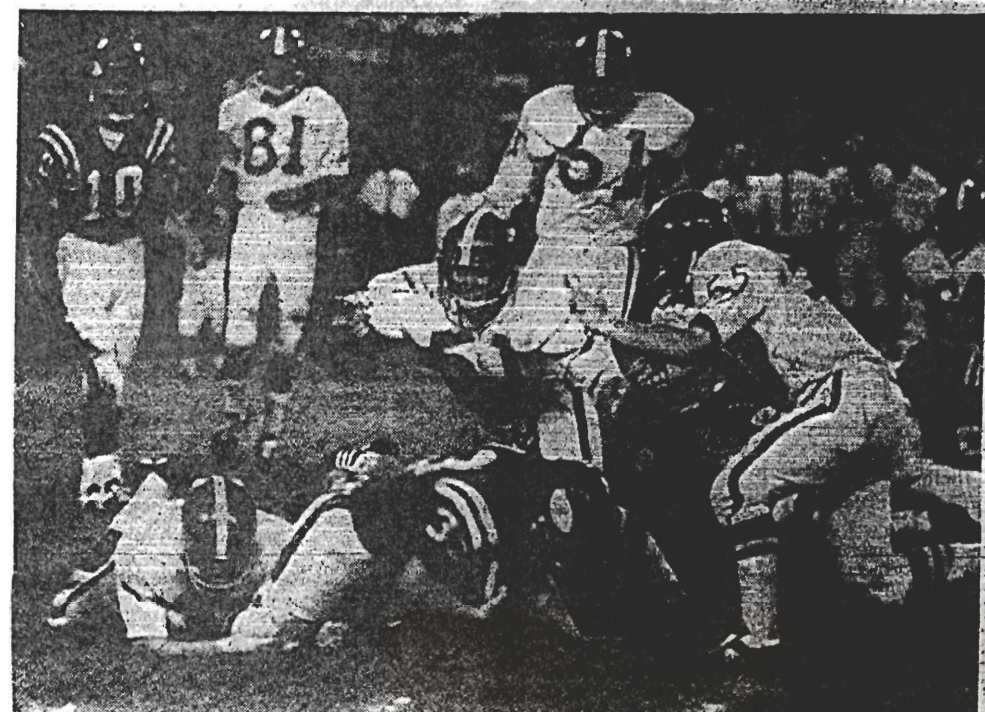
BISHOP EGAN (34)
ENDS: T. Koch, Perry, Kola, Sweeney, Seibert
TACKLES: Holstrom, Demeter, Barlas, Morris, Boyle
GUARDS: Mior, Colicoco, Folweller, O'Brien
CENTERS: Mearl, Nolan
BACKS: Friel, Larkin, Selzer, Griffin, McDowell, Hughes, Henry, Molloy, Sweeney, Mulligan, Lamina, Varacallo, Root, Add

SCORE BY PERIODS
Neshaminy 7 7 7 3 — 24
Bishop Egan 12 12 0 0 — 24

SCORING
FIRST
BE — Molloy, 15 run (kick, run failed)
NE — Sroba, 46 punt (kick failed)
NE — D. Forchetti, 85 kickoff return (Bahr placement)
SECOND
NE — Koch, 1 puntd (Bahr placement)
BE — Lamina, 29 run (pass failed)
BE — McDowell, 82 punt return (run failed)
THIRD
NE — Sroba, 8 run (Bahr placement)
FOURTH
NE — Sroba, 28 run (placement failed)



OUCH!! — Neshaminy quarterback John Swartz (white top) decided to keep the football on this third-period play. Swartz gained eight yards and a first-down before meeting Bishop Egan defensive halfback Brian Mulligan who (pow!) made the stop.



NESHAMINY DEFENSE MOVES IN — Bishop Egan fullback Dennis Molloy (33, black top) just got two yards on this carry as a swarm of Neshaminy defenders move in. Redskins (in white) are Ken Johnston (81), Mike Emanuel (51), Mark Mattingley (61), Tim Kelly (55) and Joe Folweller (64). Egan's quarterback Mike Friel (10) watches play from behind.

Neshaminy Adjusts 2nd Half Defenses

Neshaminy High's biggest "play" last night happened at halftime and probably went undetected by most fans.

It had to happen. Bishop Egan Catholic had rolled up 24 points in the first half and was sitting on a 24-14 lead at the intermission.

And Neshaminy Coach Jack Swartz had watched the Egan ball-carriers run his ends ragged — like they OWNED them.

"One thing I wasn't worried about before we went into this game was the defense," Swartz said. "But in the first half, the defense was hurting."

So Assistant Coaches Pal Allison and Bob Hart "made some adjustments, and that was that," Swartz said.

Allison explained it this way: "We went to an outside container" because they were obviously running our outside. We had to "contain" them out, and keep them from sweeping. We stuck with it. They got outside a few times, and I told our secondary, "You have to be on the end step for step."

"I could have kissed Reed Madden on that last series. He was with the guy (Egan's Ed McDowell) side-by-side, step-

by-step. And the quarterback (Mike Friel) had to eat the ball."

Allison referred to a third-down, two-yards-to-go play with 1:06 left and Egan on its 34 yard line. Neshaminy's Ken Johnston roared in to tackle Friel for an eight-yard loss. A wobbly Friel pass on the next play ended Egan's hopes.

Hart said, "We were doing things differently in the first half. The linebackers weren't coming up and were getting caught inside. There was too much stress inside and not enough outside."

Hence, Egan ran Neshaminy's ends like crazy. "They've always had the good quarterback-halfback threat," Hart added. "We weren't counting on the outside threat."

But Neshaminy's brainwork buttressed down the hatches and the Redskins emerged winners, much to Swartz's delight. He has always wanted to beat Egan. And it hadn't happened since 1965.

Another hero of this one was Chris Bahr, the extra-point kicker. Bahr joined the football team just two days ago (he's practicing with the soccer squad), and played such a major role with that talented right

foot that he could have won if or lost it with one kick.

"Ed Romanowski, our punter was hurt before," Swartz said, "and he was hurt again tonight. So we had to rely on Bahr."

Bahr booted three perfect extra points on the first three touchdowns and then watched in horror as one of his punts from the Neshaminy 10 yard line wobbled weirdly out of bounds on the 13. A three-yard-kick. Enough to send any proud kicker searching feverishly for the nearest cliff.

"Don't worry about him," Swartz smiled. "The one he got off and stuck up there was a big help."

Bahr bombed the ball 46 yards to put Egan on its own 28, for its last series of plays.

Two of the happiest guys in the Neshaminy locker room afterward were Andy Koch and Dale Forchetti. Koch plunged for a touchdown and Forchetti rambled 85 yards with a kickoff for the Redskins' first score.

Both have tasted their share of winning lately. The two were members of the Levittown Babe Ruth All-Star baseball team, which finished second in the Babe Ruth World Series which wound up Aug. 23 in Malton, Pa.

They've been back just two weeks, but Swartz has made good use of them: Which kid goes to show that the baseball and football people can work together successfully, after all.

It had been one heckuva way to end a baseball season and open a football season.

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2-Pt. Failures Cost Egan

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Dick Bedesem looked up the quiet hallway. He thought for a moment, then said, "It was equal in touchdowns, they just out-kicked us."

Bedesem had his head down. It was natural. It was his club — Fairless Hills Bishop Egan — which lost a brutal struggle by three points to Langhorne Neshaminy.

"We ran off the field at the half with 24 points," Bedesem said. "And that's what we ended with — 24. What did they (Neshaminy) do against us in the first half? They ran a kickoff back (Dale Forchetti dashed 85 yards) and turned a fumble (Neshaminy grabbed a loose ball on the Egan 18 and scored in eight plays) into a touchdown. They shouldn't have been on the scoreboard."

What didn't seem important at intermission was Egan's inability to notch extra points. The Eagles tried to kick after their first TD, but it failed.

New Rule
"We went after the two-point conversion on the next three," Bedesem explained. "The rule this year for PIAA (Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association) schools is two points for a run or a pass after kick."

If Egan had made two of its three tries for two points it may have won the game. "We made one," Bedesem said. "But it wasn't any good because of a penalty."

Swartz Knew
Coach Jack Swartz decided to let reliable Chris Bahr, his soccer-style kicker, boot his conversions. Bahr, a junior, missed only his last try — and that was from the 12 yard-line, which is actually 22 yards from the cross-bar. Swartz said he was thinking of a two-point conversion too. If

Neshaminy had tried it and failed, it would have been four points behind and a field goal was 24-20 then and I thought if we kicked the PAT it would be 24-21 and we could tie it with a field goal. I decided to let Bahr kick it.

Bahr was true and it was 24-21. "I didn't think about it when we scored again and made it 27-24," Swartz admitted. "Bahr was so consistent I just let him go, but he missed it."

Egan Had A Chance
That misfire still gave Egan an opportunity to tie the match with a field goal — but Neshaminy's sturdy defense choked off any threat by the Eagles. And, in fact, it forced an Egan fumble on the Neshaminy 21-yard line with 4:01 left in the game. It was Egan's last real chance to win.

Bedesem was at a complete loss as to what happened after intermission. "They took the game right out of our hands," Bedesem confessed. "Maybe we came out at the half with our heads too high?"

"Neshaminy could have gone right down the drain at any

time. They fought back. We fought back too. We did some things in the second half that we did the first half. What ever adjustments Neshaminy made at the half didn't bother our blocking."

Then what happened?
"We made all the mistakes in the second half, a team might make in the first five minutes of their first game. We didn't have good execution. And those fumbles, oh my! I don't know how many times we fumbled, but we did get some of them back ourselves."

Egan fumbled the pigskin six times. "It recovered three of them. Eagle backs bobbled the ball three times in the hectic fourth period, losing two to Neshaminy."

"We had a drive late in the game," Bedesem explained. "We moved the ball right down the field. Then McDowell (Eddie) caught a pass that looked like a touchdown, but I saw him step out of bounds. I saw it. It was a good call."

Egan, trailing 27-24, buzzed hauled a pass and scooted down the left sidelines. McDowell, a speed merchant, bolted all the way across the field into the end zone.

McDowell, however, stepped out on the 35 and again about the 28. Five plays later Egan fumbled the ball on the Neshaminy 21 with 4:01 remaining.

Neshaminy's winning touchdown was a 28-yard run by senior Steve Sroba with 6:56 left in the fourth period. "That kid (Sroba) is a big leaguer all the way. That fairy long one — he did it all on his own."

Bedesem was ready to leave. But before taking off he said, "I want to think about that second half. I want to see it on film ... I want to take a good look at them."

Major League Standings

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
EAST					EAST				
Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
Chicago	84	54	.609	...	Baltimore	94	64	.591	...
New York	78	57	.578	4½	Detroit	79	58	.571	10½
Pittsburgh	71	61	.541	9½	Boston	73	62	.541	19½
St. Louis	70	63	.527	10	Washington	71	67	.514	23
PHILADELPHIA	55	80	.407	27½	New York	68	86	.441	30
Montreal	41	96	.299	42½	Cleveland	55	93	.369	39

WEST					WEST				
Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	76	60	.558	...	Minnesota	83	53	.609	...
Cincinnati	71	60	.539	1½	Oakland	79	56	.583	6½
Los Angeles	71	61	.538	1½	California	58	76	.433	24
Atlanta	70	63	.524	2	Kansas City	55	81	.404	28
Atlanta at Cincinnati	71	64	.526	2½	Chicago	53	81	.396	35
San Diego	62	95	.397	34½	Seattle	51	84	.378	37½

Friday's Results					Friday's Results				
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Pittsburgh 9 Chicago 2	9-2	Boston 2 Washington 1	2-1	Cleveland 10 Philadelphia 1	10-1				
New York 3 Philadelphia 1	3-1	Cleveland 2 Detroit 1	2-1	St. Louis 1 Montreal 0	1-0				
Atlanta 1 Cincinnati 1	1-1	San Diego 4 Los Angeles 1	4-1	San Francisco 10 Oakland 1	10-1				
Houston 2 San Francisco 0	2-0	Philadelphia (Walker 2-4)	2-15	Chicago (Edmondson 1-4)	1-4				
Montreal (Robertson 4-12)	4-12	Chicago (Jenkins 10-11)	2:15	Chicago (Moenningh 13-4)	13-4				
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Atlanta (Jarvis 10-9)	11 p.m.	San Diego (Kirkby 4-18)	2:30	Minnesota (Hall 8-4)	8-4				
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San Francisco at Houston	2:30 p.m.	Houston (Lemaster 10-11)	8:30 p.m.	Minnesota (Hall 8-4)	8-4				
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		San Francisco at Houston	2:30 p.m.	Baltimore (Palmer 14-3)	14-3				
		Los Angeles at San Diego	2:30 p.m.	Minnesota (Hall 8-4)	8-4				

Sports On Television

Channel	Time	Event
Channel 9 Baseball	2:10 p.m.	Phillies vs. Mets
Channel 3 Baseball	2:15 p.m.	Pittsburgh vs. Chicago
Channel 6 Baseball	2:15 p.m.	Chicago vs. Philadelphia
Channels 2, 10 Tennis	4 p.m.	U.S. Open
Channel 7 Auto Racing	4:30 p.m.	The Matron
Channel 11 Horse Racing	4:30 p.m.	World Series of Golf
Channels 4, 7 Auto Racing	5 p.m.	Houston 100 Indianapolis
Channel 10 Pro Football	7:30 p.m.	Channel 10 Pro Football
Channel 11 Baseball	7:45 p.m.	Yankees vs. Cleveland
Channel 9 Pro Football	9 p.m.	Channel 9 Pro Football
Channel 2 Pro Football	9:30 p.m.	Giants vs. Minnesota
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