

Rams Rally In 2nd Half

Pennridge Stuns Neshaminy, 13-0

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John Swartz, Neshaminy High School football coach uttered a few words Friday night which should be warning enough for the Bux-Mont League's other teams:

The they was the Pennridge Rams.

Swartz had just watched his Neshaminy Redskins 1-1 and 27-24 conquerors of Bishop Egan a week ago fall in a stunning upset to Wayne Helman's Rams, in their seasonal opener 13-0, before 6,000 in Parkside.

If Swartz's warning wasn't enough, Helman's statement, "We're better than we showed tonight," ought to apply the coup de tal.

For the fans of Pennridgeville it meant a happy night, and lots of sleep after the celebrating. The win has to make Pennridge number one, up amongst Penn State, Ohio State, Arkansas, or at least amongst the best in the Anthracite State of Pennsylvania.

One game doesn't make a season however, and coach Helman when asked afterwards if he felt on top of the world, replied, "It's more important to win the league."

Nevertheless, the game had to settle well everywhere in the land of the Green Herd.

After battling through a 0-0 initial 24 minutes Pennridge put it all together in the second half, Rich Roberts, one of the Rams "little" players, scored twice in a matter of minutes in the third quarter. Both six-pointers came on passes from junior quarterback Jeff Hollenbach.

Hollenbach was a bit shaky in the first half, going only one for eight, but after connecting with Jeff Cook for an 11 yarder in the third period, the 6-1 junior completed five straight.

Hollenbach maneuvered a Ram drive to the Indian 19 when a disastrous fumble coughed up the ball to Neshaminy.

Neshaminy must have felt like treating, however, because they returned the ball also via the fumble to the Rams on the next play.

Four plays later Hollenbach hit Rich Roberts in the right flat for the first six-pointer in the game.

As Don Fisher converted 3:33 showed on the clock and 7-0 Pennridge on the scoreboard. Less than three minutes later

it was Hollenbach to Roberts again. This time Roberts was all alone down the middle and Hollenbach connected for a 25 yard TD.

Ray Conville set up the final score with a 48 yard return of an Ed Romanski punt.

fold and put together a 51-yard drive which stalled on the Rams' nine yard line. The Indians had a first and six, but the big Green defensive line held its ground and even though seven minutes plus remained, one could sense the game was all-but-over.

Neshaminy never again penetrated into the Pennridge side of the fifty as the clock ticked out the final minutes.

And there it stood glaring on the scoreboard after the fans had filed out of the stadium, 13-0 Pennridge.

Bigger than life. BITS AND PIECES...

Both teams hit like it was mid-season. A compliment to both coaches at getting their boys in top-notch shape. Pennridge's Dave Kern was

one of the most talked about players on the field even though he didn't play a second of offense.

Kern had enough tackles for a bushel of games, including several "key" ones. He also intercepted two Redskin passes.

fracture. The way Dave intercepted an excellent football game, he was recuperating.

Swartz could also appreciate Kern's effort, saying, "He played an excellent football game. He covered well, tackled well. Helman afterwards commented to a spectator, "Dave Kern, did you see him."

It all proves once again that defense is as important as offense. Some coaches would even argue profusely, "more important."

Jeff Hollenbach had the kind of opening night coaches dream about. After a cold first half, Hollenbach brought his totals to eight: out of 16 for 104 yards.

The big husky athlete also rushed for 59 of Pennridge's 196 yards gained on the ground.

After holding a closed session point of the game for us" with his squad, Neshaminy's Swartz was his usual talkative self.

Swartz had a few bones to pick with the officials.

In the first half, Neshaminy drove to the four-inch line only to be held by the officials.

Quarterback John Swartz was "flagged" for not having his mouthpiece where it belonged - in his mouth - and the Redskins were put back to the 21 yard line.

Coach Swartz vehemently protested, entering the field of play. "but it 'only' cost him 15 additional yards and put his team back to the 36 yard line."

It also perhaps cost them a chance to score as Pennridge cut off any further effort.

Afterwards, Swartz, explained, "We drove all the way to the six yard line with Swartz' mouthpiece hanging out. Why didn't they call it before."

"I went to one official to ask for an explanation, got no results and then was penalized. "That had to be the turning

point of the game for us" Turning point or not, Swartz gave Pennridge credit for "out-hustling" his squad and beating them with "fundamentals."

For Wayne Helman and Pennridge it didn't matter how they had won. The important thing

could echo the sentiments of coach Helman on the result of the game, "I feel pretty good."

Neshaminy 0 0 0-0 Pennridge 0 0 13-0-13

P - Roberts, 8 yd. pass from Jeff Hollenbach. (PAT Flash: 3-0)

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	P	N
First Downs	11	9
Yds. Gain. Rush.	117	151
Yds. Lost Rush.	11	13
Passes Att.	16	6
Passes Comp.	8	3
Passes Int. By	2	0
Yds. Gain. Pass.	104	23
Net Yds. Gain.	210	159
Punts-Ave.	43.5	43.1
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Yds. Penalized	57	79

Montreal Defeats Phillies

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—Bill Stoneman, who no-hit the Phillies earlier this year, gained his fifth shutout with a five-hitter and Gary Sutherland drove in two runs with a second inning single as the Montreal Expos defeated Philadelphia 4-0 Friday night.

Sutherland scored the Expos' first run in the opening inning when he singled and came around on Ron Fairly's double-off loser Billy Champion.

Stoneman helped Montreal with its two run rally in the second by putting down a perfect sacrifice after 5 singles by John Bateman and Bobby Wine. Sutherland followed with his single to make it 3-0.

Montreal added its final run in the third when Rusty Staub doubled, took third on Fairly's long fly to deep right field and scored on Mack Jones' sacrifice fly.

Stoneman, who no-hit Philadelphia here last April, struck out 12 in raising his record to 10-17. Champion lost his ninth game in 14 decisions.

American League

Orioles Clinch Tie

After clinching a tie for the American League's Eastern Division crown, with a 3-1 victory over Cleveland Friday night, the Baltimore Orioles are afraid Washington will defeat Detroit this afternoon.

If the Senators do beat Detroit, then the Orioles will be deprived of the honor of clinching the title themselves when they host the Indians tonight.

The Oriole victory came on a two-run sixth inning rally on a walk and three singles. Cleveland reliever Stan Williams 5-12, walked Frank Robinson, then Boog Powell, Brooks Robinson, and Dave Johnson rapped out successive singles. The Indians had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the sixth as Lou Klimchick doubled home Russ Nagelson, who had singled.

In other American League action, Washington cut down Detroit, 4-3, as a rejuvenated Del Unser went three for three to pace the Senators' 11th victory. The Minnesota Twins maintained their Western Division lead at 8 1/2 games over

the Oakland with a 3-0 victory over Kansas City as the A's tallied seven runs in the fifth inning en route to a 12-4 shellacking of the Chicago White Sox. Boston and New York split doubleheader, the Red Sox winning, 4-3, after dropping the opener, 5-3 and Seattle beat California, 4-1. In the first game of a five night doubleheader with a nightcap, being called after 10 1/2 innings because of rain and the score tied, 1-1.

Unser singled and scored in the first, singled for an RBI in the second and advanced pitcher Casey Cox with a single in the fourth. Cox scored on Frank Howard's single, and after Jim Northrup cut the Senator lead to 3-1 with his 22nd homer in the sixth, the Senators added another run and withstood a two-run Detroit charge in the ninth.

Minnesota's Jim Perry pitched out of a jam in the fourth inning and went on to hurl a six-hitter to post his 18th victory of the season. Cesar Tovar's 600th career hit, a home run in the first inning, and Bob Allison's two-run

homer in the fourth accounted for the game's scoring.

Home runs by Sal Bando and Dick Green powered the Athletics to their seven-run fifth inning while veteran Tito Francona paced their 15-hit attack with a perfect five-for-five night at the plate as Oakland overpowered Chicago. Horace Clarke led the Yankees to their opening game victory against Boston, going three-for-three while scoring two runs and batting in a third.

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