

Dieruff Plays in Stadium Today, Meets Impressive Neshaminy

Jeep Bednarik has seen a lot of good offensive attacks in his many years of coaching but that one that impresses him is that of the 1969 Neshaminy team.

Bednarik will get a closeup view of that offense tonight when his Dieruff squad takes on Neshaminy in the Allentown School District Stadium starting at 8 p.m.

Of the Redskin offense Bednarik said, "they attack you harder than any other team I have ever seen. We (other head coaches) know you have to stop

their off-tackle play to beat them. But the question is how."

"It's a heck of a team, especially when you consider it is made up mostly of juniors. Five of the front six are juniors and seven of the starters on defense will have another year. It's a little bit different on offense where three seniors and a junior make up the starting backfield," Bednarik added.

And the Redskins are no push-overs on defense. In their last two games, a 43-6 rout of Easton and a 21-0 whitewash of Allen,

Neshaminy allowed a total offense of 55 yards. Easton managed only 21 yards and the Canaries 34.

Neshaminy's workhorse on offense is senior halfback Steve Sroba (5-10, 185). He has scored three times in the last two games and last week wrecked Allen with 159 yards on 30 carries. Quarterback John Swartz, the lone junior in the starting backfield, also has three touchdowns to his credit in the two Big Seven romps.

Tonight's clash will be the seventh between the two and the

winner takes the lead in the series. Neshaminy won last year's thriller 34-32 to even the series at 2-2-2. The Huskies' wins came in 1967 and 1966 by 14-13 and 16-7 scores respectively.

Bednarik was not able to follow the usual practice schedule in preparing for tonight's game.

"The staff noticed that we began to tire in the second half at Easton last Saturday and this may have been the reason for the Rovers' comeback. But I'm not taking anything away from them," Bednarik said.

Bednarik gave the squad Monday off so it could have an additional day to rest. Then a few of the regulars came out of the game with bumps and bruises — serious enough to have X-rays taken — and this has affected the timing this week.

The surprise in the Dieruff camp has been junior defensive end Dave Sands (6-0, 156). Sands did not play as a sophomore but turned in an outstanding job against Freedom and Easton.

Also singled out for his play against Easton was two-way performer Nick Zaccaro. Bednarik is planning to use Mike Reiter on offense only and use either Alan Flamish or Gary Hensinger on defense.

In compiling a record to date the Huskies have rushed for 693 yards and completed 24 of 48 passes for 336 yards. Defensively Dieruff has yielded 537 yards on the ground and only 163 in the air (16 for 46).

Bill Ali is the leading scorer with 30 points on five touchdowns. Larry Cole, John Bednarik, Mike Zambelli and Walt Wallitsch each have scored once.

AHS Runners Continue to Lead League; Dieruff Defeats Easton for 2nd Place

Allen continued to hold its slim lead in the Tri-County Cross-Country League yesterday by defeating winless Salisbury 17-39 as unbeaten Steve Balfour and Milt Harwick led a four-man Allen finish.

Dieruff grabbed the first three places to edge visiting Easton 27-30 in a battle for second place; Freedom's John Murphy just missed tying the school record in leading the Patriots to a 25-31 win over Liberty; Phillipsburg's Rick Thompson finished 15 seconds in front as the Stacheliners topped Palisades 20-36, and Southern Lehigh's Brooks Brong took first place but Emmaus won the meet 26-30.

Balfour has run much better

time, but his 12:58 over the 2.5-mile Allen course easily was enough to win as Harwick finished second at 13:34. John Nettall and Dan Riddle were third and fourth for the Canaries, who now are 7-0-1 in the league.

John Zahradnik (12:40), Pat Rooney (12:54) and Steve Michalerya (12:59) led Dieruff's strong finish that carried it past Easton for the Huskies' seventh win compared with a loss.

Murphy was clocked in 14:17 for Freedom (5-3), missing his record by one-tenth of a second. Liberty is 2-6.

Thompson paced P-burg to its fourth win compared with three losses and a tie, finishing the 2.5 miles in 13:59. Palisades' Brian Johnson was second in 14:14.

PHILLIPSBURG 30, PALISADES 36
1. Thompson (Ph), 13:59; 2. B. Johnson (Pal); 3. Allan (Ph); 4. Ferguson (Ph); 5. Frankelend (Ph); 6. Bonsall (Pal); 7. Barna (Ph); 8. Morgan (Pal); 9. McKallips (Pal); 10. Weisel (Ph).

FREEDOM 25, LIBERTY 31
1. Murphy (F), 14:17; 2. Ruth (F); 3. Nagle (L); 4. Brunnabend (L); 5. Leonard (F); 6. Easterday (F); 7. Hammer (L); 8. Walker (L); 9. Matus (L); 10. Sabol (L).

EMMAUS 26, SOUTHERN LEHIGH 30
1. Brong (SL), 13:20; 2. Bisbing (E); 3. Hassick (SL); 4. Baillet (E); 5. Aschcraft (E); 6. Wilkinson (SL); 7. Wagner (E); 8. Pospischil (E); 9. Buck (SL); 10. Scholl (E).

ALLEN 17, SALISBURY 39
1. Balfour (A), 12:40; 2. Harwick (A); 3. Nettall (A); 4. Riddle (A); 5. Trengle (S); 6. Ickes (S); 7. Tewold (A); 8. Meyer (S); 9. Singer (S); 10. Spohn (A).

DIERUFF 27, EASTON 30
1. Zahradnik (D), 12:40; 2. Rooney (D); 3. Michalerya (D); 4. Booth (E); 5. Hank (E); 6. Malavota (E); 7. Garvatt (E); 8. Oren (E); 9. Schimeneck (D); 10. Billiard (E).

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Easton Jayvees Shut Out Kids