

Neshomy turns mountains into molehills

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It seems Neshomy High's powerful grid machine simply refuses to let anyone or anything stand in its way.

Faced with several major obstacles, the host Redskins overcame all of them to thump previously-unbeaten Allentown William Allen High, 26-6, before some 8,000 fans at Langhorne last

LINEUPS
SW ALLEN
 ENDS: Perry, McCarty, Handache, Hinnick, Longo
 TACKLES: Miller, Jason Kross, Tamey
 GUARDS: Worley, Souillard, Duran
CENTERS: Therman
 BACKS: McDowell, Emory Morris, Upton, Mory, Butler, Scioneaux
 RBs: Rines, Dillon, Reppert, Wildinger, Brian Therman

NESHOMY
 ENDS: Adams, Mason, Setz, Waslow, Backus, Vardolen
 TACKLES: F. Forchetti, Fisher, Justice, Sias, Linn
 GUARDS: Rosenblatt, Durand, Dougherty
CENTERS: McHale
 BACKS: Swartz, Corbelli, Koch, Traney, Widener, Bala, Smith, Siska, Schank
 RB: Campbell, Simons, Kelly, Emanuel, Pyle

SCORE BY PERIODS
 Wm. Allen 0 14 6 6-26
 Neshomy 21 0 0 0-21

SECOND:
 A Deer Run (kick blocked) N-Swartz 1 run
 (Bahr kick) N-Barkley 1 pass from Swartz
 (Bahr kick) TD
 N-Koch 21 pass from Swartz (kick wide)
 TD
 N-Smith 1 run (run failed)

OFFICIALS
 Gus Zenger, referee; Jim McBerney, umpire; Bob Myers, field judge; Dick Docko, head linesman

BIG SEVEN CONFERENCE	League		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
Allentown Duraff	2	0	2	0
Neshomy	2	0	4	0
Easton	1	0	2	1
Pennington	1	0	2	1
Red Bank	1	0	2	1
Bellevue Liberty	0	0	0	0
Bellevue Freedom	0	2	0	2
Easton Area	0	2	1	3

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS
 Neshomy 26, Allentown Allen 6
 Allentown Duraff 18, Easton 9

night in a crucial Big Seven Football Conference clash.

The victory was Neshomy's fourth straight without a setback, and its second in the rugged Big Seven loop. In addition, the triumph earned the 'Skins a share of first place with Allentown Louis Duraff High (3-0 overall), which blanked Easton, 19-0, last night in the only other league contest played.

Neshomy and Duraff, incidentally, collide next Friday evening at 6 o'clock on the Skins gridiron in a game which could eventually decide the Big Seven championship.

Flu Bug Hits
 Coach John Swartz Redskins was troubled again today, but erases all in championship style.

First, a host of Neshomy starters were hit by the flu bug this week to obviously cause concern even before the game started. In fact, Swartz had to call on

reserve backs Joe Sroba and Pete Schupkus to replace Bruce Trane and Rich Melnyne in the starting backfield.

In addition, two key defensive players, Mike Emanuel and Vince Farnetti, took the game with a higher temperature.

But, not even sickness could hold the 'Skins back.

"Once these kids got in the game, it seems they forgot their sicknesses," commented Swartz after the game.

Short End
 Second, Neshomy found itself in an unusual position — on the short end of the score — for the first time this season. Allen had struck first in the opening minutes of the second period, but the 'Skins proved equal to the task.

Instead of folding as some units might, Neshomy took the other road to bury coach Les Kish's Camarries.

Third, not even several questionable calls including a "mush" penalty infraction — could rattle the Skins.

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And, finally, Neshomy wasn't the best hit shaken by Allen's use of multiple defenses, which proved successful for Allen last week in its 6-0 victory over Pennington.

Instead, Swartz and Company outmaneuvered and outguessed Allen to hand the visitors their first setback after 10 consecutive wins over a two-year period.

"I saw Allen last week, and knew what to expect," started

Swartz. We knew they would be starting and trying to confuse us with many defensive alignments.

"We simply had to pick them up from the start. We had to and outguess them. Such as determining where their "monster man" would go, so that we could go in the other direction.

"And, overall, I'm well pleased with the way the boys performed. There's no wonder why Behind, quarterback John Swartz Jr., who

scored one touchdown and threw for two others, Neshomy rolled up a total of 340 yards.

Defense Proves Tough

And, except for Allen's lone touchdown, a 56-yard drive in seven plays (helped along by a 15-yard personal foul penalty against the 'Skins), Neshomy's defensive unit virtually wrecked the Camarries offense.

Piced by Emanuel, Forchetti, Alex Waslow and Walt Justice, Allen collected but 43 yards in the ground, including a mere four yards in the opening stanza.

After Allen's Roy Derr scored on a nine-yard run with some 10 minutes left in the half, Neshomy went to work.

From its own 40, Neshomy marched to paydirt in 14 plays with Swartz sneaking over for the final yard. Two 11-yard runs by Traney highlighted the drive. Chris Bahr, the Skins golden toe, booted the point after to finish Allen.

	STATISTICS	ALLEN	Nesh
First downs	18	23	
Yards rushing	43	268	
Passes attempted	11	9	
Passes completed	1	4	
Passes intercepted by	1	1	
Yards passing	32	60	
Net yards	13	248	
Points	6	2	
Passing average	2.9	27.1	
Fumbles recovered by	1	1	
Yards penalized	23	43	

Late in the period, Dale Forchetti, an electrifying runner with speed to burn returned an Allen punt from his 47 to the enemy 28. Two runs by Traney put the ball on the 24. A short flat pass from Swartz to hard-running Andy Koch gave the 'Skins a first down at the 10.

Koch, following two plays which netted only one yard, advanced the pigskin to the five, from where Swartz hit end Bill Buckley with a TD aerial with just 0:37 left in the half. Bahr's placement gave Neshomy a 14-6 margin.

Midway in the third period, the 'Skins began another successful march, plowing from their 44 to


touchdown land in eight plays. A 21-yard screen pass play from Swartz to Koch climaxed the drive and gave the 'Skins a 20-6 bulge. Bahr, who minutes before boomed a punt that travelled 58 yards, missed the PAT which went wide.

Neshomy, but for a 10-yard pass play from Swartz to Koch, stuck to the ground for its last score in the final period. The drive, which started from the winners' 12 with 7:15 remaining in the game, terminated with sophomore Bart Smith diving over from the three. The Skins scored in 14 plays and in the process, ate up six minutes of valuable playing time.

Overall it was a tremendous performance by Neshomy. When a team runs into difficulties even before it steps on the field, the coach will often make mountains out of molehills — not Neshomy, it made molehills out of the mountains.

Paul Giordano

The Pirates in five



PITTSBURGH — Okay, by the time you start to read this piece, game number one of the National League playoffs will probably be over.

Either Pittsburgh or Cincinnati will have a one game lead in the best-of-five series and the winner will be the oddsmakers' choice to go ahead and make it to the World Series.

Anyway, no matter what the outcome of today's game, this corner will have to go with the Pirates.

The same Pittsburgh Pirates who had to battle down to the last week of the regular season, while the "Big Red Machine" from Cincinnati won with ease many

CHICAGO (UPI) — Major league umpires were on an 11th hour strike today against working the playoff games and the World Series. But the heads of both leagues said they had substitute umpires on hand ready to work today's playoff opener.

Neither Charles Feeney, president of the National League, nor Joe Cronin, the American League head, showed any intention to cancel today's opening playoffs to the Baltimore Orioles and the Minnesota Twins in Minnesota and between the Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh.

The strike was called Friday when representatives of the Major League Umpires Association, meeting in Chicago, presented an ultimatum to the leagues. They demanded a three-year contract guaranteeing \$5,000 per umpire for playoff duty and \$10,000 for the World Series — raises of \$2,500 and

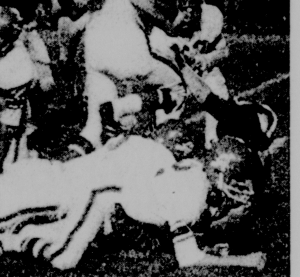
\$3,500, respectively.

Other Umps Ready
 John Reynolds Jr., the Umpires' legal counsel and spokesman, said Feeney, the leagues' chief negotiator, told him by telephone from Pittsburgh that the salary demands were unacceptable. The strike was on.

Nevertheless, two six-man umpiring teams set out for Pittsburgh and Minneapolis, ready to call the playoff balls and strikes if an agreement could be reached in time. No new meetings or discussions between the umpires and the leagues were scheduled, however.

Both Feeney and Cronin appeared unflinched by the strike called on the eve of the playoffs. They appeared confident they could get by with stand-in arbiters.

Minor Leagues
 Feeney said four minor league umpires would be ready if the



A BIG HOLE — Neshomy High's Andy Koch (36) finds a wide hole opened by the offensive line as he powers to a 12 yard gain during Neshomy's 26-6 victory over William Allen High. Koch picked up 81 yards on 19 carries and caught three passes for another 38 yards.