

# Two-point PAT pulls 'Skins past Dieruff

## Dale Forchetti 'comes back,' leads 15-14 victory

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Neshaminy High School revealed before some 9,000 delirious spectators last night what it takes to truly be classified a "winner."

The Redskins, with their backs against the wall, staged a gallant comeback in the waning minutes to nip powerful Allentown Louis Dieruff High School, 15-14, in a crucial Big Seven Conference game at Neshaminy.

And, it took a big decision by coach Jack Swartz, perhaps the most vital made by him in his career, to enable the 'Skins to keep their season record (5-0) untarnished.

With just 1:50 remaining in the game, Neshaminy's Bruce Traney plowed into the end zone from a yard out to pull the Redskins within one point (14-13) of the Huskies.

**Critical Choice**  
Swartz was then faced with a critical choice: go for a tie using the services of one of the area's outstanding kickers Chris Bahr or go for the win with a two-point conversion.

It didn't take Swartz long to render his decision. He elected to go all out, win or lose. And, it was sheer courage and determination which prompted the move.

With the game hanging in the balance quarterback John Swartz scrambled away (as he had to do all night) from several onrushers, and fired a pass to the speedy Dale Forchetti.

Forchetti, who possesses one of the best pair of hands on the team, leaped for the ball, grabbed

it, and came down just one foot shy of going out of the end zone for the sensational catch.

**Change of Events**  
Coach Swartz, trying to regain his composure after the game, stated, "I was going to go for the two-pointer no matter what. I wouldn't, and I'm certain the

	D	N
First downs	11	12
Yards rushing	73	106
Passes attempted	16	6
Passes completed	7	3
Passes intercepted by	0	0
Yards passing	122	87
Net yards	155	187
Fumbles	8	4
Punting average	37	34
Fumbles recovered by	1	0
Yards penalized	68	41

**It was also Forchetti who played a vital role in setting up the 'Skins six-pointer in the final stanza.**

**After Neshaminy had driven through the 20 to Dieruff's 34, Swartz was thrown for an 18-yard loss. Rich McIntyre followed with a run around left end for an 11-yard advance to the enemy 41.**

**However, the 'Skins (with 2:44 left) were still faced with an important third-and-17 situation.**

**On the play, Swartz evaded three oncoming linemen, and hit Forchetti (who was all alone) with a perfect pass to the 15 Forchetti dodged one defender and raced to the three before being brought down from behind.**

**Andy Koch powered his way to the one from where Traney scored on the next play.**

**'Skins Strike First**  
Neshaminy, now sporting a 3-0 Big Seven record and having to face powerful Bethlehem Liberty (2-0) and traditional rival Pennsylvania (1-2) yet denied the scoreboard first, scoring some five minutes into the game.

**Highlighted by a 39-yard pass (off a reverse play) from Koch to end Rick Adams, Neshaminy marched from its 27 to Dieruff's 15 in six plays.**

**On the next play, Forchetti went around right end (off another reverse) to score. Bahr's placement made it 7-0.**

**Coach John (Jeep) Bednarik's**

squad, suffering its first setback of the year after three wins, came back to tie the game early in the second period as quarterback John Bednarik Jr. teamed with

**Forchetti's fumble of a Dieruff punt, which Gene Sweeney pounced on at the 'Skins 18, helped the Huskies take the lead four minutes later.**

**Neshaminy's defense, led by the stellar play of Vance Forchetti and Mike Emanuel, held Dieruff to 59 net yards in the second half which also proved instrumental in the win.**

**Neshaminy, however, was unable to get any offensive attack together until that final successful drive. The main reason for the offense not performing up to par perhaps lied in the poor blocking up front.**

**Dieruff continually managed to crack through throwing the backs Neshaminy's for vital losses.**

**"It's not that our boys didn't make contact," said Swartz, "but they failed to move them (Dieruff) out of there after making the initial contact. We'd hit them, but fail to drive them com-**

**pletely out of the play."**

**But, despite those Neshaminy errors, it never surrendered. Instead, a determined, courageous unit fought back to become "winners" once again.**

**LINEMEN**  
LOUIS DIERUFF (14)  
ENDS: Sonds, Baynton, Sweeney, Miller.  
TACKLES: Blunser, Scherwitzky, Wafel.  
GUARDS: Clause, Baidler, Schimmoek.  
CENTERS: Road.  
BACKS: Skrapka, Artinger, Kraus, Flankish, Siegel, Bednarik, Cole, Zambelli, Reiter.

**NESHAMINY (18)**  
ENDS: Seitz, Wasilow, Adams, Mason.  
TACKLES: Fisher, V. Forchetti, Justice, Sivas.  
GUARDS: Durban, Dougherty, Rosenblat.  
CENTERS: Michalek.  
BACKS: Hill, Campbell, Sidman, Kelly, Emanuel, Pyle, Swartz, Koch, Traney, McIntyre, D. Forchetti.

Period	Dieruff	Neshaminy
1st	0	0
2nd	14	0
3rd	0	0
4th	0	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>

**SCORING**  
FIRST: N-D Forchetti 15 run (Bahr kick)  
SECOND: D-Zambelli 12 pass from Bednarik (Zambelli kick), D-Reiter 18 pass from Bednarik (Zambelli kick)

**FOURTH: N-Traney 1 run (D Forchetti pass from Swartz)**

**OFFICIALS**  
Gene Hastzell, referee; Pat Garramore, umpire; George Edwards, head linesman; George Husovsky, field judge.

League	Overall
Neshaminy	5-0
Bethlehem Liberty	2-3
Allentown Louis Dieruff	1-5
Pennsylvania	1-4
Bethlehem Freedom	0-5
Kutztown Area	0-5

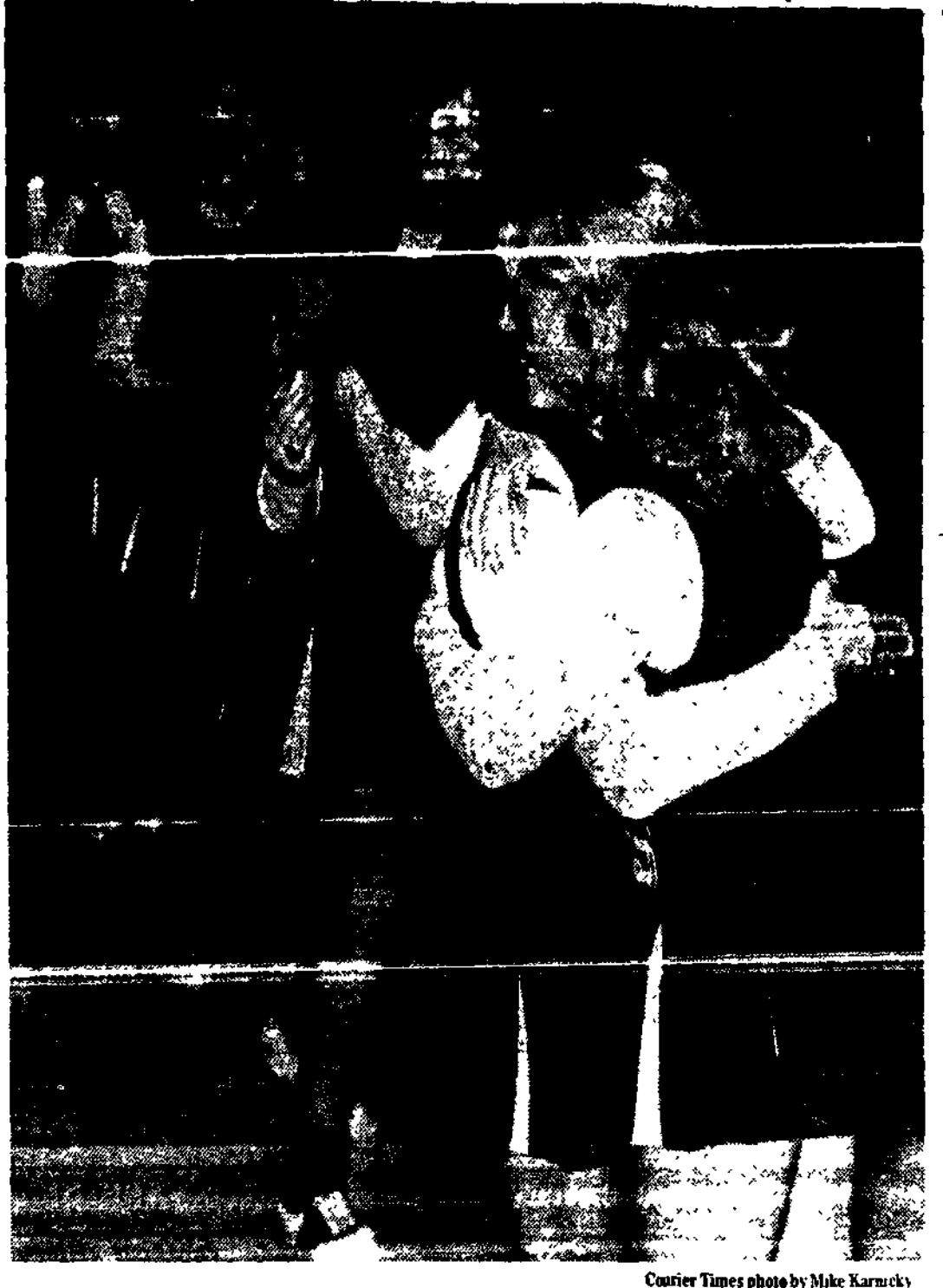
**LOWER BUCKS COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
(Section One) League Overall  
W L T W L T  
William Tennent ..... 1 0 0 2 3 0  
Neshaminy ..... 0 0 0 5 0 0  
Pensacola ..... 0 0 0 2 2 0  
Woodrow Wilson ..... 0 0 0 5 0 0  
Beasalem Township ..... 0 1 0 0 4 0

(Section Two) League Overall  
W L T W L T  
Jerkintown ..... 1 0 0 3 1 0  
Bristol ..... 1 1 0 1 3 0  
Lower Moreland ..... 1 1 0 1 3 0  
Morrisonville ..... 0 1 0 1 3 0

**OTHER AREA SCHOOLS**  
PCL North Overall  
W L T W L T  
Bishop Egan ..... 2 0 1 2 1 1  
Archbishop Wood ..... 0 3 0 0 3 0  
Penn Jersey Overall  
W L T W L T  
George School ..... 0 1 0 1 0 1  
Council Rock ..... 4 0 0



STEPS TO VICTORY — Neshaminy High School's Dale Forchetti steps out of a tackle after catching two-point-after-touchdown pass from quarterback John Swartz. The conversion gave Neshaminy a hard-earned 15-14 triumph, its fifth straight, last night.



THE WHOLE STORY — Neshaminy High School cheerleaders express tears of joy after two-point pass gave the 'Skins a 15-14 victory over Allentown's Louis Dieruff High School last night.

## This year's theory runs in contrast to last year's

# Palmer, Nolan carry Series' title key

**CINCINNATI (UPI)**—The Baltimore Orioles and the Cincinnati Reds, who roared like twin tornadoes through their respective leagues, collide in the first game of their World Series showdown for baseball supremacy today with the Reds slight favorites.

**Right-handers Jim Palmer (20-10) of the Orioles and Gary Nolan (18-7) of the Reds, were the scheduled starting pitchers for the classic at 1 p.m. EDT in Cincinnati's spanking new Riverfront Stadium.**

Rain fell in Cincinnati last night and there was 30 per cent chance, according to the weatherman, of rain during the game.

The Reds, who won the National League's Western Division by 1½ games and annihilated the Pittsburgh Pirates in a three-game sweep of the NL playoffs, were 11-10 betting choices, the razor-thin margin evidently because four of the maximum seven games will be played here.

**New Surface**  
Riverfront Stadium, which was opened in mid-season, sports the most unusual artificial turf surface in the major leagues.

The plush Astroturf carpet covers the entire playing field, including the "dirt-skin" of the infield which has been left dirt in other major league parks with artificial surfaces. Only small "sliding areas" of dirt have been left exposed at the bases, and the Orioles have not played on a similar surface in the American League.

"I don't like it," commented Orioles' slugger Frank Robinson, who played on the Cincinnati field once last July when the Major League All-Star game was held in the new stadium.

**"It's hard on my legs,"** Robinson said. "But more than that, you play the game entirely different on this kind of a surface. You can't even think the same."

Many observers, including Cincinnati slugger and leader Pete Rose, regard the opening game matchup of pitchers



READY TO RUN — Cincinnati Reds' outfielder Bobby Tolan laces his shoes prior to today's first game of the World Series against the Baltimore Orioles. Tolan's speed is expected to be a vital factor in the Reds' pursuit of the title.

**Palmer and Nolan as possibly a key to the entire series.**  
The theory that the first game is more important runs contrary to what happened in the World Series last year. The Orioles won the first game of that one and then lost the next four games and the series to the New York Mets.

**Both clubs have been idle since clinching their respective playoffs last Monday and it remained to be seen how the long layoff affected them.**

The Orioles come into the series riding a 14-game winning streak including the last 11 games of the regular season as they ran away with the American League East and a three-game sweep over the Minnesota Twins in the American League playoffs.

**Some Workouts**  
Weaver has expressed worry that the delay may dull some of his pitchers, especially Mike Cuellar and Dave McNally, who will have more than a week between starts.

The Orioles, after working out at home during the week, came to Cincinnati yesterday and took a long workout on the Riverfront carpet. The Reds, who staged an intra-squad game on Thursday in an effort to stay sharp, also worked out briefly on Friday. After opening today, the series remains here for the second game on Sunday. There will be a day off for travel on Monday and then the third, fourth and fifth (if necessary) games will be played in Baltimore, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. If the series has not been decided by then after another day off for travel on Friday, the sixth and seventh games will be played here Saturday and Sunday.

## Owner Short gets a 'name' with McLain

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UPI Sports Writer

**CINCINNATI (UPI)**—Bob Short, the Washington Senators' owner and Denny McLain's new boss, has a skeleton of his own in the closet.

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**"Big names,"** he says, his blue eyes lighting up like a kid with a stack of new baseball cards. "You've got to have a Williams, a Howard, a McLain, a face ballplayer or else forget it. You can't sell tickets with Joe Shmo pitching for you."

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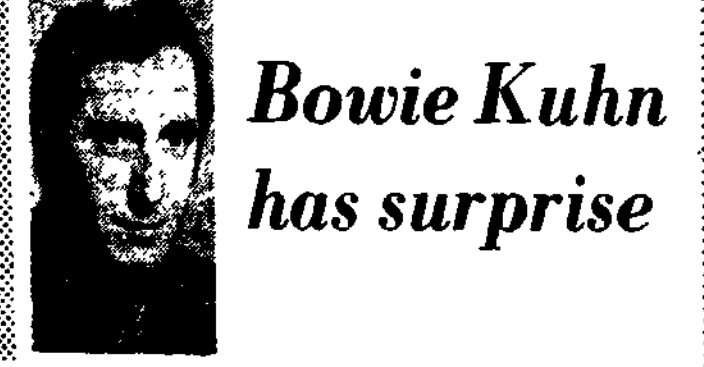
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That was right after McLain had won 31 games and sure enough, Short set his sights on him, too.

That was two years ago. Things change. Bob Short doesn't suspend and all, he wanted McLain more than ever now, because he's having financial problems in Washington and says he may be faced with bankruptcy if he doesn't get a better lease at Robert F. Kennedy Stadium.

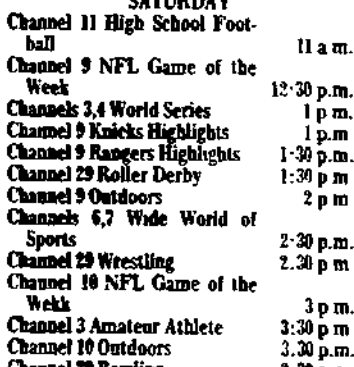
Short knew he had to do something, and quickly. So he did it. He went to the Detroit people again and asked them about McLain. Only this time he did it differently. He asked them what they'd take for their trouble-prone pitcher.

When Short was questioned as to what Williams said after the deal was completed, the Washington owner replied, "he said 'This is your trade. Short'."

"How good a pitcher do you think McLain is now?" a newsman asked Short about the 26-year-old right-hander whose record was 3-5 this year and whose suspension had to be lifted by baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn before the Tigers could trade him.

"I think he is today the greatest pitcher in baseball," Short said.

## Paul Giordano



**Bowie Kuhn has surprise**  
**CINCINNATI**—This, was supposed to be that piece you've all been waiting for. You know, the bit telling you who, and in how many games the World Series is going to be won.

Like last week. You know, read it here and then go out and bet the opposite way. If you don't recall, I picked the Pirates in five.

Well, I do like the Baltimore Orioles in six, but that's as far as I'm going to go on that. You see, according to a wire received by my office yesterday morning, the big news of the day was the very important press conference Commissioner Bowie Kuhn had called for 4 p.m.

And the speculation started. All the way out on the plane to Cincinnati and continuing during the cab ride to the hotel.

"It must be something pertaining to the series," Phils general manager John Quinn offered. "I would be very surprised if the Commissioner called a press conference and couldn't justify it. It must be pretty big."

"They'll probably announce that either one or two of the games to be played at Baltimore will be night games," another offered.

## May move franchise

**"No,"** another started. "They'll probably announce that the Cleveland franchise is going to be moved to the Dallas-Fort Worth area."

However, as most speculation, all three prognostications were wrong. You know, three strikes? Okay, are you ready for this? The usual scene, about 400 writers, TV and radio guys crammed into a hotel conference room, waiting for the 6-5 commissioner to make his pitch. It went like this:

"Gentlemen," he started. "I wouldn't have called this press conference if not important subject matter. It is important subject matter."

"Oh! No," some guys, who had something going in Baltimore groaned. "Here comes the night game bit."

Wrong again.  
"I'm announcing at this time," Kuhn continued, "that Denny McLain has been reinstated as of the end of the 1970 season, and that his contract has been assigned to the Washington club."

## 15,062 watch Canucks lose

**VANCOUVER, B. C. (UPI)**—The National Hockey League has opened a new season in a new city.

A big crowd of 15,062 turned out to see the new Vancouver Canucks lose 3-1 to the Los Angeles Kings Friday night.

The audience was loaded with politicians and old-time hockey players and all 15,062 fans got a telegram of welcome from Canadian Prime minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau.

Vancouver coach Hal Laycoe said after the contest he thought his team's lack of "zing" was the difference between the Canucks' flop in the opener and the success they had had in pre-season play.

The Kings got two goals from Bob Berry and one from Ross Lonsberry and built up a 2-0 lead after two stanzas. Barry Wilkins scored Vancouver's first goal ever 2:14 into the final stanza as bedlam erupted. But Berry's second goal dashed the Canucks' hopes.

The Kings carried the game to the Canucks, firing 37 shots at goalie George Gardner. Denis DeJordy in the Kings' net played solidly as he was tested by 25 shots and saw four others hit the post.

The Canucks won three and tied three in 10 exhibition games.

Laycoe said the Canucks "seemed tight. It's logical that they were, but I don't think it had anything to do with the outcome.

"They (the Canucks) are better hockey players than they showed tonight and have played better games, but Los Angeles had something to do with that."

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