



Odds favor Neshaminy

Sports Editor

The football best light is flashing R.E.D. And the reason isn't too hard to figure out.

It's "Super-Bowl" time in Lower Bucks County. The Section One title in the Lower Bucks County Football League will be decided — barring a tie — tomorrow afternoon.

Langhorne Neshaminy and Fairless Hills Pennsbury, a pair of scholastic powers for the past decade, tangle in what looms as a tussle pitting muscle against muscle.

Both schools are talented, boast bull-like backs and will dispatch pro-like lines into a conflict. Neshaminy (9-1) is title-hungry and Pennsbury (7-3) is the defending champ.

And just to add fuel to the fire is Neshaminy's designs on a piece of the Big Seven championship Bethlehem Liberty is 5-1 in that fraternity. Neshaminy (4-1) must conquer Pennsbury (3-2 in that loop) to do it. If the 'Skins succeed, the Section One flag will be stuffed in the pocket of coach Jack Swartz too.

Levittown Woodrow Wilson is rooting for Pennsbury to jolt Neshaminy, and that's understandable. Wilson is 3-1 in Section One and 9-1 on the season.

Wilson's lone blemish is a 17-6 loss to Neshaminy. Should Pennsbury, a ton and a half underdog, clip Neshaminy the Section One will finish in a three-way deadlock

Pennsbury hasn't burned foes

It's hard to figure out at this point which school will be packin' more pressure when the horizon clears — if it does because showers are predicted.

Pennsbury hasn't exactly burned opponents at the stake this season, as in the past, but is still a respectable opponent. Coach Chuck Kane's minions are reluctant to let frisky backs roam at will or to permit foes to throw the ball with authority.

Neshaminy's bag is shutting down all avenues of escape. Throwing outfits find receivers covered like blankets and enemy running backs carry one football and four Redskins.

The battle will be rugged on both sides. The Redskins and Falcons are basically running squads. They try to rip opposing lines to shreds. Neshaminy's defenders are extremely brutal when it comes to hand-to-hand combat. Pennsbury's gang believes in taking no prisoners either. There it is — steel against steel

If there's any danger sign on the X-ray it's in passing. Neshaminy's air-arm — via Jack Swartz Jr. — has the edge. The Redskins do believe in airborne tactics, and have been successful from time to time.

Pennsbury — at least in modern times — thinks the pass is obsolete. When the Falcons crank up even the stadium groans. But . . . if you had a keen eye . . . last week against Hazleton three Scott Goeller aeriels were right on the mark, and were dropped. Is there a message in those over-land thrusts?

History will tell you . . .

The outcome looks like it will be determined by a miscue. These two clubs are so close only a mistake will separate them

Neshaminy-Pennsbury free-for-alls are always worth three-times the admission. Who can forget Neshaminy's shocked faces after winning 24-20 in 1953? Or Pennsbury's joy after a 7-6 conquest in 1957?

What about Neshaminy's chilling 21-20 decision in 1963 when Pennsbury was considered a "ton and a half" underdog?

Neshaminy's 14-13 "I don't want to look" win in 1964 and its 7-0 "How'd that happen?" decision in 1965 are still better flicks to watch than what's available in any drive-in within 100 miles.

Then the tide changed. Pennsbury swept Neshaminy to sea (60-0) in 1966 and hasn't been truly challenged since. The Falcons have whipped the 'Skins four in-a-row. And tomorrow . . . it could be No. 5

Before I go out on the prediction plank there's a few roses to be thrown to Fairless Hills Bishop Egan Catholic High School and Neshaminy.

Let's tip our hats

The Egans are champions of the Northern Division of the Philadelphia Catholic League. It's coach Dick Bedesem's sixth title in eight years. The banner came with an 18-6 victory over Cardinal Dougherty.

Coach Hal Heffelfinger and Neshaminy's soccer champions certainly deserve a tip of the hat. Neshaminy's conquest of the Garden Spot High School for the Eastern Regional championship is one-step shy of being out-of-this-world. Neshaminy's 1-0 score did it.

Now Tomorrow afternoon:

Neshaminy at Pennsbury: The tide is running above hurricane standards for Neshaminy. The urge is to go with the Falcons, but . . . Neshaminy is the selection, 14-7.

Bristol at South Brunswick (N.J.): In a scoring duel, South Brunswick, 28-20.

Arcadisbop Wood at Bensalem Township: The Owls of Bensalem will pass the test, Bensalem, 19-6.

Council Rock at William Tennent: The answer is in two words — Council Rock, 26-14.

Umps have another out

WASHINGTON (UPI)—John J. Reynolds, attorney for former baseball umpires Al Sierno and Bill Valentine, will meet with the National Labor Relations Board today to discuss the government ruling throwing out his clients' case.

Reynolds said Thursday night that he had not had time to study the government trial examiner's findings, which rejected the Salerno and Valentine charge that they had been fired by the American League because of union organizing activities.

The examiner, David S. Davidson, held hearings in Boston last July. At the Boston hearings, Supervisor of Umpires Cal Hubbard contended the two men were dismissed for incompetency.

Redskins seek two titles

By STACY BRIGGS

Courier Times Sports Writer
Langhorne's Neshaminy High School will be playing two games for the price of one tomorrow when the area's number-one team meets Pennsbury High School in Fairless Hills. Sure enough, the first team Neshaminy will be playing is Pennsbury.

That's being extraordinarily perceptive.

The second team Neshaminy will be playing is the memory of Bethlehem's Liberty High School which has attained at least a co-championship in the powerful Big Seven Conference.

Remember Oct. 16?

If you'll remember, it was back on Oct. 16 that Jack Swartz, the head coach at Neshaminy, mentioned quietly in passing after Liberty had handed the Redskins their only defeat, 22-6. "I want you to know there are five teams left on this schedule who are going to pay for what happened here tonight."

Four of those five teams have paid. As a matter of fact Neshaminy's held those four teams to just six points . . . altogether. Levittown's Woodrow Wilson High School, still ranked number two, was responsible for those six points.

The fifth team in that declaration is Pennsbury. It's a rather noticeable confrontation. The Falcons are 7-3 and need a victory over Neshaminy for the frosting on Chuck Kane's first season as head coach

Swartz admitted a resemblance in preparing for Pennsbury just as he did for Liberty. "Yes we prepared for this game the same as we prepared for every Big Seven game. It's one day offense, the next day defense and then we increase the concentration on each near the end of the week. It's the end of the line for our seniors and they know what this game means."

Those Memories

There's no question Neshaminy

Pennsbury ends sales

There will be no ticket sales at the gate at Pennsbury High School in Fairless Hills tomorrow

"If people don't have tickets before the game there's no sense in them wasting their time," George Jarmoska, Pennsbury's athletic director said.

A crowd of 8,500 is expected for Pennsbury's collision with Neshaminy in the Section One of the Lower Bucks County football League. It's also a clash in the Big Seven Conference

Parking Problems

Parking will be a problem too if it rains Jarmoska said. "We won't permit parking on the fields around the stadium," he said. "People are urged to use the parking lots at Pennsbury, William Penn and Medill Bair schools, street parking or in the Fairless Hills Shopping Center"

Pennsbury's stadium will only allow 8,500 fans, Jarmoska said again. "And that's all we'll permit."

Utah Stars use balance

By United Press International
Balance is the keyword for the Utah Stars.

Four Utah players scored over 20 points Thursday night as the Stars opened their American Basketball Association Western Division lead to two games over Indiana with a 130-115 victory over the Texas Chaparrals.

Merv Jackson had 27 points, Don Freeman and George Stone had 24 each and Red Robbins had 21 as Utah recorded its 13th victory in 16 games. The Stars rolled to a 21-point lead at the half and were never in trouble.

Glen Combs led Texas with 30 points, including three threepoint field goals.

In the only other ABA game Thursday night, Sam Robinson had 28 points and Rich Niemann pulled down 23 rebounds to lift the Floridians to a 108-103 victory over the Memphis Pros. Larry Jones had 27 points for the Floridians while Skeeter Swift paced Memphis with 21.

By United Press International

East	W. L. Per. GB
Kentucky	11 5 722
Virginia	11 6 647 1 1/2
New York	8 7 533 3 1/2
Floridians	9 10 474 4 1/2
Pittsburgh	6 12 333 7
Carolina	4 12 250 9

West	W. L. Per. GB
Indiana	12 6 667 2
Memphis	9 7 563 4
Denver	4 11 267 8 1/2
Texas	2 14 143 10

Thursday's Results
Florida vs Memphis 103
Utah vs Texas 115
(Only games scheduled)
Friday's Games
New York at Denver
Kentucky vs Carolina
at Greensboro, N.C.
Virginia at Pittsburgh
Indiana at Texas
(Only games scheduled)

Neshaminy	Pennsbury
141	130
1808	2120
95	65
47	22
22	16
631	337
2430	9457
28	x-36
13	14
466	542
x-two punts blocked.	

has been replaying that loss to Liberty since Oct. 16. There are memories of the interceptions . . . and memories of the fumbles . . . and most of all, the memory of that penalty flag on Dale Forchetti's kickoff return.

Those memories have been aggravating pains. One which have forced some players to play above their capabilities. At the beginning of this year, people were predicting Neshaminy would go unbeaten. And then along came Liberty.

At the time, Neshaminy and Liberty were ranked one-two in the eastern part of Pennsylvania (oh, sure, depending on who you ask). Neshaminy comes in fourth-ranked in Lower Bucks County. That's in the Courier Times' Ratings Poll.

No Meaning

Throw first-ranked and fourth-ranked out the window, not the teams, just the modifiers.

"To me it's good to have a rivalry like this to close out a season. Pennsbury's that kind of rival for us and I suppose this game is good for the fan's viewpoint, too. And it makes good copy."

From a spectator's standpoint, this game is an ideal matchup . . . Neshaminy's strong running

game and short passing game against Pennsbury's strong defense against both. And then, it's Pennsbury's equally strong running game and only-when-we-have-to-passing game against Neshaminy's strong defense against both.

That's why we choose to use the word "ideal." Both teams are perhaps equal on paper, until they meet one another. Pennsbury has lost those three games to different types of teams.

That's Liberty (the team which has beaten both Neshaminy and Pennsbury, but lost to Allentown's Louis Dieruff High School, which ironically, both Neshaminy

NESHAMINY HIGH SCHOOL (1970 Record)

Neshaminy	Opponent	Score
17	Bishop Egan	0
33	Pennridge	6
23	Easton Area	6
26	Allentown Allen	6
15	Allentown Dieruff	14
6	Bethlehem Liberty	22
35	Bensalem Twp.	0
17	Woodrow Wilson	6
35	Bethlehem Freedom	0
37	Wm. Tennent	0
244	Totals	60

and Pennsbury have beaten). Allentown's William Allen High School and Woodrow Wilson.

Tainted Losses
The losses to Allen and Wilson, it has been argued, were tainted. Certainly, Pennsbury is an in again, out-again team. It has played very well, yet lost, and then it has played very poorly, and still won. How do you figure Pennsbury? You don't. Not for this game, anyway.

There is another factor. Neshaminy, with a victory, can reign supreme in the Lower Bucks County League's Section One. On the other hand, Pennsbury, with a victory, can slavage a three-way tie for that particular title.

That's surely to be considered. So is the possibility the eventual scoring champion will come out of this game. Pennsbury's Jim Fitz-Maurice trails Neshaminy's Andy Koch by six points (Koch has 16 touchdowns to Fitz-Maurice's 15).

Plenty Of Say

And Neshaminy's Mike Emanuel, the cat-quick linebacker, and Pennsbury's bullish defensive tackle, Larry O'Rourke, figure to have plenty of say there.

Swartz was asked to compare Pennsbury's backfield of Fitz-Maurice, quarterback Scott O'Brien, Steve McIntyre and Brian Fitz-Maurice with Liberty's "I think together, Liberty's backs are better, but of course, that's what we're going to find out."

All right, what's the difference going to be? Here's an educated (no cracks please) guess: Try Neshaminy's effective short passing game for one difference. Quarterback John Swartz and his backup man, Pete Cordelli, have been driving other teams crazy with it.

And for another difference, try "with Liberty and justice for all"



A PASSING TARGET — Bill Buckley (82) is figured to be a prime target for Neshaminy's short passing game which may play an important role in tomorrow's game with Pennsbury

A look at the big one

All writers say-Neshaminy

The Courier Times Sports staff conducted and put its predictions in print for the Woodrow Wilson-Neshaminy football game earlier this season. The vote came out 7-4 in favor of Neshaminy and the staff's confidence in the Redskins proved warranted as they upended the Rams, 17-6.

The staff has been polled again. This time for the big one tomorrow between Neshaminy and Pennsbury. Again the staff's choice is Neshaminy. Only this time it's unanimous. All ten writer's ballots predicted a Redskin triumph

Joe Gross: Neshaminy likes it where the air is rare. First place is just like heaven - it'll stay right up where it is. By topping Pennsbury 20 to 7

Jerry Kearney: The Falcons haven't been able to move the ball in the air. The tough Neshaminy defense will stack the line against the run and stop the Pennsbury offense cold. Neshaminy, 21-0

John Ribar: Pennsbury showed improvement as the season went on, looking especially good in the last half. Maybe next year, but not now. Neshaminy, 23-14.

Ray DiLisio: Titles are hanging in the balance for top ranked Neshaminy. The 'Skins won't let them escape Pennsbury, which last year stunned the 'Skins, will be stopped in its tracks by a stellar defense. Neshaminy, 21-0.

Ed Christine: Neshaminy could beat just about anybody in the state, and that includes Liberty if there could be a rematch. Neshaminy, 24-0.

Joe Quinlan: Too much defense and Chris Bahr's kicking

will stop the Falcon machine Neshaminy, 24-6.

Jeff Pierty: Neshaminy is the best team in the area. Neshaminy, 21-6.

Joe O'Neill: Neshaminy is better balanced. Neshaminy, 13-0.

Dick Amtmann: Andy Koch, the Neshaminy battering Ram,

will pave the way. Neshaminy, 21-6.

Stacy Briggs: Neshaminy won't make the same mistakes against Pennsbury which it made against Liberty. And the first "hut" in the game will be the loudest of the year. Neshaminy, 26-7.

Woody won't say where

Ohio State team goes into hiding

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI)—Members of Ohio State's starting football team were placed in further seclusion Thursday night by Buckeye coach Woody Hayes, who said, "What they need more right now is a good night's rest."

Hayes removed the players from their regular living quarters, but would not say where they would stay, as the Buckeyes wound up the week's work for their Big Ten showdown Saturday with Michigan.

Both Hayes and Michigan

will stop the Falcon machine Neshaminy, 24-6.

Both teams go into Saturday's contest, before an expected 87,000 persons, with perfect records. The Buckeyes are 8-0, the Wolverines 9-0.

Ohio State, ranked fourth in this week's major college poll, has been installed a slight favorite over the fifth-ranked Wolverines, but any Ohio State-Michigan game is unpredictable.

Football injury fatal to boy

HEFFERSON CITY, Tenn. (UPI)—Sixteen-year-old Steve Gladson was injured in the first quarter of the annual Tomato Bowl high school football game Thursday night and died en route to a hospital.

His teammates on the Rogersville squad were told of the death at halftime and refused to continue the game.

"They just couldn't play any more," said Rogersville High principal Norman Tunnell. "They wouldn't."

Rogersville was leading Knoxville Catholic 14-6 at the time. Officials declared the game "no contest."



photo by Mike Karmack

NESHAMINY'S GROUND GUN—Andy Koch, the area's leading scorer with 16 touchdowns over a 16-game schedule, figures to do a large part of the ball-carrying tomorrow when Neshaminy faces Pennsbury in Fairless Hills.

Terchon is host

Grid bowl Sunday

The Terchon Midgets football team (10-0) will play Acushnet Boys Club of Acushnet, Mass., Sunday at 1:30 p.m. at the Laurel Bend Field in the 10th annual Good Will Bowl. Terchon leads the series, 3-0.

Terchon VFW Commander King will present the championship trophies after the game. John Kalski, sponsor of the midgets team, will present the runnerup award.

Terchon is coached by Pete Aungst and Mike Choppe. The

assistant coaches are Jim Missanelli, Jim Oretta, and Al Caputo.

Next Saturday Terchon will play in Willimantic, Conn. the following weekend at Franklin Field, and on December 6 at Atlantic City Convention Hall

The Delaware Valley Motel will host the coaching staff of Acushnet for the weekend and the De-Grand Diner will handle all their meals. Individual boys will be hosted by members of Terchon's team.

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Art Shannon award set

Lower Moreland High School will not forget Art Shannon.

Shannon, who was one of 75 victims of last week's tragic plane crash that wiped out the majority of the Marshall University football team, was a three sport athlete at the Huntingdon Valley School.

His No. 31 football jersey is being retired by the school and there will be a memorial to the youth in the school's trophy case.

Andy Tryens, who coached Shannon in both football and baseball stated, "Each year we will give the Art Shannon Memorial Award to an outstanding member of the football team here. It will go to the boy who comes the closest to the qualities of Art Shannon, not only athletically, but also for his conduct in school and his community."

The first such award will be given Dec. 4 of this year according to Tryens.

EXPOS SIGN STAUB

MONTREAL (UPI)—Outfielder Rusty Staub is the first Montreal Expo player to sign his 1971 contract. Staub, 26, has been an All Star four consecutive seasons.

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