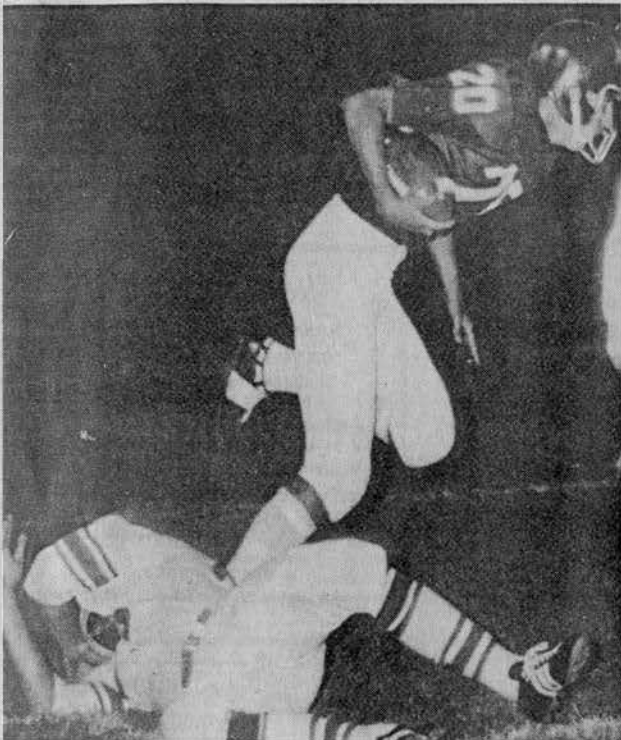
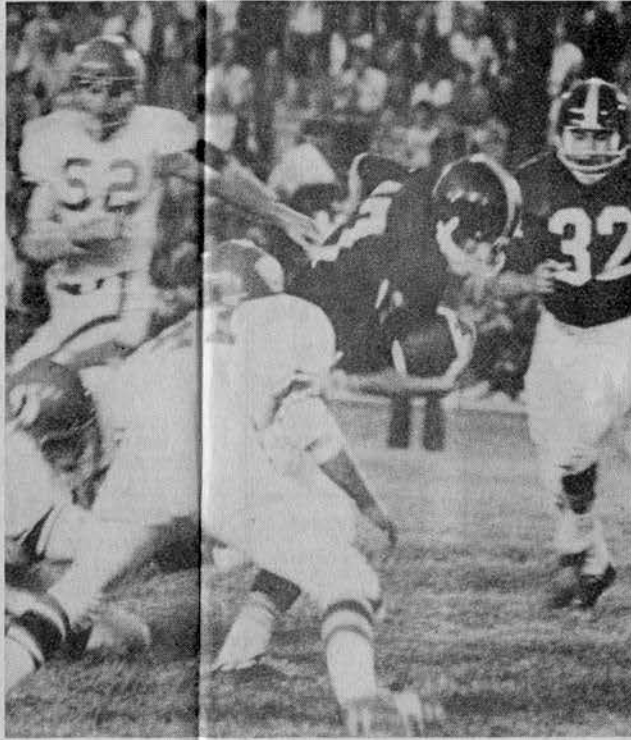


# Egan ball carriers give Neshaminy little to cheer about



**CRUCIAL INTERCEPTION** — Jim Siesser of Bishop Egan intercepts pass by Neshaminy's Bob Grupp on the first

play of last night's game. Egan promptly drove 47 yards for a touchdown enroute to 18-7 upset.



**RE-MARK-ABLE** — Bishop Egan quarterback Mark Westcott (17) shows ground-gaining form in action last night at Neshaminy Field. Westcott engi-

neered first Egan win over Neshaminy since 1968. Egan's Billy Kent (32) watches as Redskins' Ken Mulder (41) tries for tackle.



**PRAYER UNANSWERED** — Neshaminy High cheerleader Diane Keppler reflects the gloomy happenings at Neshaminy last night.

Courier Times photos by Mike Karnick

# Bishop Egan shocks Neshaminy, 18-7

## A memorable end to a great series

By RAY DI LISSIO

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Bishop Egan High School will never forget its final trip to the Ridge — and neither will Neshaminy High School.

Egan, which won't be meeting the Redskins again in their traditional football opener due to the addition of Delhaas and Reading to Neshaminy's schedule next year, pulled off a stunning 18-7 victory last night at the Langhorne gridiron before some 10,000 on-lookers.

Combining its overall quickness and numerous Neshaminy mistakes, Egan handed the Redskins their first home defeat in three years. The last time Neshaminy had lost at home was on Nov. 21,

1969 to Pennsbury, 13-7.

Coach Bernie Farrell's Eagles took little time in serving notice they mean business. An interception by Egan's Jim Siesser on the very first play from scrimmage merely set the stage for what was to come.

### Ball Control

Egan proceeded to put 12 quick points on the board in the opening quarter and then, with masterful precision, used its ball-controlling tactics in the second half to gain its fourth win in 13 meetings with Neshaminy.

Neshaminy was completely befuddled, particularly on offense where the Redskins' lone success came in the air lanes via quarterback Bob Grupp to halfback Joe

Sroba.

"There's no question we were beaten badly off the ball, both offensively and defensively," began losing coach Jack Swartz. "We made many mistakes. Our inexperience really hurt us. We had no success on the ground. There were times when our backs were even running the wrong holes."

"You've got to give Bernie and his team plenty of credit though. They controlled the ball most of the second half when I thought we could come back. You just can't win when you don't have the football. We gave it up too many times."

### Costly Fumbles

Neshaminy surrendered the ball three times on fumbles — the

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first of which accounted for Egan's second touchdown — in addition to Siesser's interception of Grupp's intended pass for Sro-

ba on the opening play. "Giving up the ball so early in the game also hurt us," added Swartz. "The pass was a good one

but Joey (Sroba), who had Siesser beat, stopped too soon. Siesser then retreated and intercepted the ball."

Siesser's theft on his own 45 and return run gave Egan its first golden opportunity at Neshaminy's 47-yard line.

Without the use of a huddle, quarterback Mark Westcott then directed Egan to six quick plays which brought the Eagles to the enemy 16-yard line.

### Defense Arises

Following an incomplete pass, Egan reached paydirt five plays later when hard-running halfback Ken Lester, who gained 20 yards in the 53-yard march, scored his first of two touchdowns on a one-yard plunge. Ed Finnegan's kick

STATISTICS		BE	N
First downs	.....	13	8
Yards rushing	.....	175	81
Passes attempted	.....	4	13
Passes completed	.....	2	4
Passes intercepted by	.....	1	0
Yards passing	.....	21	142
Net yards	.....	196	223
Punts	.....	4	2
Punting average	.....	43	25
Fumbles recovered by	.....	2	0
Yards penalized	.....	20	5

for the point-alter was wide.

With 1:58 left in the first quarter, Egan's defensive crew, which held Neshaminy to just 81 yards on the turf, arose to give the Eagles their second score.

With Neshaminy in a second-and-eight situation at its own 33, linebacker Ed Hinkle crashed through and, with a shirt-grabbing tackle caused Grupp to lose control of the ball. Tackle Tim Slough alertly stormed in, picked up the loose ball at the 28 and raced all the way to the end zone for the score.

Fullback Billy Kent, who was to eventually play a vital role in Egan's ball control in the final half, was stopped short of the goal for the points-alter.

### Duo Clicks

Grupp and Sroba, who teamed up to account for 138 of Neshaminy's 142 yards in the air, gave the Redskins their only touchdown of the game with 5:32 left in the first half.

On third down from the 30, Grupp fired a perfect pass to Sroba who caught it at the enemy 38 and outran the secondary for a 70-yard score. Barry Sullivan's placement made it 12-7.

The third period belonged to Egan which, following the opening kickoff, marched from its 36 to Neshaminy's 12-yard line before being stopped short of a first down by a yard.

However on the next play, Neshaminy's Mark Donahue fumbled the ball on the 17 following a five-

yard again, and Egan's Carl Rad- ick promptly recovered the ball.

In six plays Egan had its final score of the night with Lester going over from the three.

### Key Penalty

Ironically Neshaminy's only penalty of the game — an offside violation — destroyed the Redskins' final hopes of coming back.

In the fourth period, highlighted by a 48-yard strike from Grupp to Sroba, Neshaminy advanced to Egan's one-yard line in four plays. However, on the next play, tackle Ben Watson jumped the line too soon, pushing Neshaminy back to the six.

Egan took over moments later when Mark Wodyka recovered a Bart Smith fumble at six. Egan then went back to its ground-gaining maneuvers to practically run out the clock.

### LINEUPS

**BISHOP EGAN (18)**  
 ENDS: Radick, Calliver, Fisher, Cappelli, Frzchowski, R. Ryan, Lind  
 TACKLES: Creeden, Slough, Santman, Ryan, Narion  
 GUARDS: Cimoch, Haney, Harkins, Nealey, Jenkins  
 CENTERS: Kiley, Russell  
 BACKS: Gainer, Hill, Mack, M. Ryan, Shrift, Luocetti, Connolly, Wodyka, Westcott, Kowick, Siesser, Wilcox, Lester, Keat, Hinkle, Gamber  
**NESHAMINY (7)**  
 ENDS: Wills, O'Brien, Larkin, Gale, Wilks, B. Fox  
 TACKLES: Coniglio, Hemphill, Grinnip, Strawbridge, Watson, Stevenson, Conger, Piever  
 GUARDS: Boyles, Rosenblatt, B. Miller, Cook, Rommett  
 CENTERS: Eccles  
 BACKS: Drripps, Shenellett, Donahue, Smith, Sroba, Barker, Mulder, Sauts, D. Miller  
**SCORE BY PERIODS**  
 Bishop Egan..... 12 0 6 0 — 18  
 Neshaminy..... 0 7 0 0 — 7  
**SCORING**  
 FIRST: RE-Lester 1 run (kick wide); Slough 28 run of fumble recovery (run failed).  
 SECOND: N-Sroba 70 pass from Grupp (Sullivan kick).  
 THIRD: RE-Lester 3 run (run failed).

### OFFICIALS

Ed Bandy, referee; Angelo Palozzi, umpire; Jim Reilly, field judge; Bob Ter-