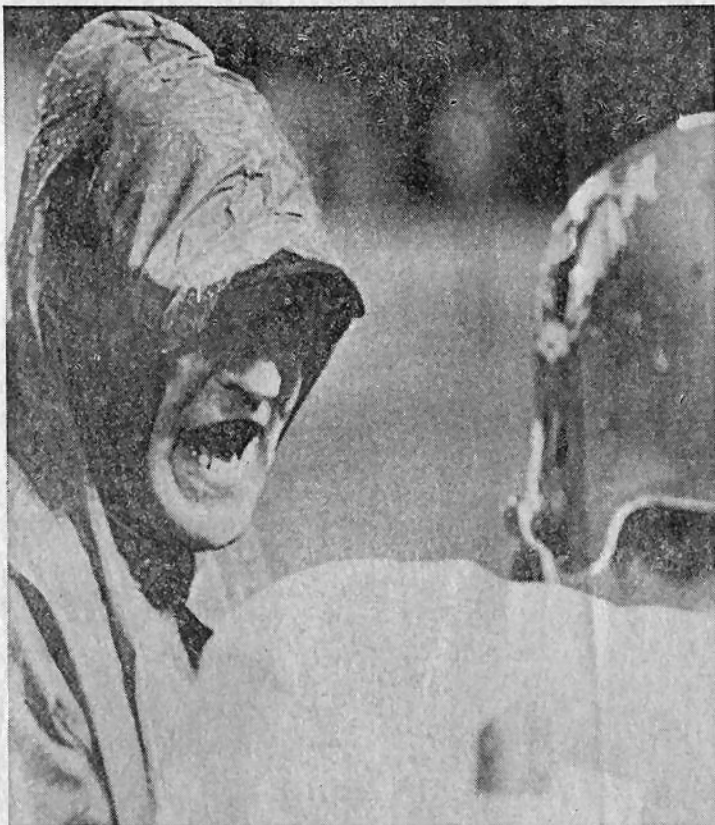


'Submerges' Allentown Louis Dieruff

Neshaminy wins, 28-6



THE NEW LOOK — Head coach Jack Swartz of Neshaminy dons his rain gear during last night's downpour in the second half. Swartz, talking to halfback

Mark Donahue during a timeout, weathered the storm as the Redskins dumped Allentown Dieruff, 28-6.

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If Allentown Louis Dieruff had entertained any thoughts of upsetting Neshaminy High last night, the Redskins were quick to stamp their disapproval.

Using some thunder and lightning of its own, Neshaminy booted over for four touchdowns in the first half to beat both Dieruff, 28-6, and an eventual downpour.

The win for Neshaminy over the visiting Huskies, played before some 4,000 drenched onlookers, was its third straight in the Big Seven Football Conference and its fourth in-a-row on the season, following an opening setback to Bishop Egan.

Neshaminy's first-half performance, paced by Mark Donahue's first two-touchdown night in a 'Skins uniform, was more than enough to offset Dieruff's 6-0 showing in a driving rain during the second half.

Just The Basics

"Once we had such a lead, we went with the basic plays in the second half. We should've scored early in the third period but a penalty hurt us," began coach Jack Swartz.

But by then it made little difference. Dieruff, coached by John "Jeep" Bednarik, was able to score just once, on quarterback Jim Noti's 22-yard pass to end Dave Leonard late in the third period.

What pleased Swartz more was his team's ability to take the opening kickoff and march downfield for a quick score.

Donahue Scores

"That's the first time this year on our very first possession we came through with a successful drive."

The drive, which began on the 'Skins 46 (following an unsuccessful

onsides kickoff by Dieruff), ate up nearly seven minutes as the 'Skins scored in 16 plays.

Donahue, who had been hampered by a leg injury earlier this season, accounted for the first six-pointer, a three-yard run around right end.

"The play was supposed to be off tackle, but when I saw it was plugged up, I cut to the outside," said Donahue.

Morale Killer

For Donahue, last night's performance was a most satisfying one. The 5-8 senior back did yeoman work when called on.

"I guess I'm pleased. This is the first time this year I've scored two touchdowns for Neshaminy. The second one I think really finished Dieruff."

The touchdown, which did little to bolster winless Dieruff's morale (0-4) came on the final play of the first half.

Following a poor punt, covering just 10 yards, Neshaminy (already in command, 21-0) took over on the Huskies' 39. With time (seven seconds) for just one play, quarterback Bob Grupp fired a 39-yard strike to Donahue, who was all alone in the end zone for the score.

Double Threat

"I wasn't suppose to be the primary receiver. Our left end, Steve Gale, was supposed to be. We had run the same pattern earlier and coach Swartz knew I was in the clear then.

"The coach wanted us to try it again. I simply went along. I beat my man and was all alone. When Bob threw the ball, I had to go back some. In fact, I was close, awfully close, to the end line," smiled Donahue.

Grupp, according to Swartz, was also instrumental in getting the early lead. "He's a double threat. He proved that tonight in the first half."

Time and again, Grupp (when unable to pass) came up out of the pocket or rolled out to pick up valuable yardage. His longest gainer was an 18-yard run up the middle on a crucial third-down play in the second period.

Wills Helps Cause

"I saw their linebackers drop back. The middle was wide open so I simply came up out of the pocket. I usually went to the rollout when our pass blocking broke down," said Grupp.

But Grupp didn't have to worry about the blocking failing until the second half. On several occasions, he was sacked. "They (Dieruff) were stunting their linebackers and getting in from the outside," he explained.

Neshaminy's defense, led by middle guard Bob Miller, tackle Mark Strawbridge and end Jack Wills, gave Dieruff fits the entire way.

Wills was responsible for causing Mel Riddick to fumble late in the first period, and also made a bruising tackle in the final session when Dieruff fell one yard short of a first down at the 'Skins 10.

Ellis Connor gave the second-

STATISTICS		
	DI	NE
First downs	6	13
Yards rushing	117	142
Passes attempted	8	10
Passes completed	1	4
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Yards passing	22	71
Net yards	139	213
Punts	4	1
Punting average	38	38
Fumbles recovered by	2	1
Yards penalized	15	38

anything to talk about early in the second period with a key interception.

On third down, a heavy Redskin rush forced Noti to throw off balance and into the arms of Connor at the Huskie 43. Connor, with a key block by Strawbridge, then raced the left side for the score.

Donahue and talented Joe Sroba (the area's leading scorer) ac-

LINEUPS

Dieruff (6)

ENDS: Leonard, Brietfield, Latchie, Branley.

TACKLES: Derr, Balier, Page, George.

GUARDS: Burch, Crush, Folajtar.

CENTERS: Rizzotto.

BACKS: Noti, Kaniz, Riddick, Johnson, Hannis, Ventresca, McMullen, Ziemer.

Neshaminy (28)

ENDS: O'Brien, Gale, Cliver, Wills, Wilks, Larkin.

TACKLES: Watson, Coniglio, Strawbridge, Hayes.

GUARDS: Rosenblatt, Cook, Miller.

CENTERS: Eccles.

BACKS: Grupp, Donahue, Sroba, Barker, Conger, Connor, Smith, Correll, Mulder.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Dieruff 0 0 6 0 — 6

Neshaminy 7 21 0 0 — 21

SCORING

FIRST: N - Donahue 3 run (Bahr kick).

SECOND: N - Connor 43 return of interception (Bahr kick); Sroba 23 run (Bahr kick); Donahue 29 pass from Grupp (Bahr kick).

THIRD: D - Leonard 22 pass from Noti (pass failed).

OFFICIALS

Jake Boylan, referee; Rosario Amato, umpire; Duane Stofflet, head linesman; Rich Carroll, field judge

counted for the 'Skins other touchdown. With a little over than a minute left, Donahue took a Dieruff punt at midfield and stormed the right side before running out of bounds at the enemy 71 23.

On the next play, Sroba used his speed to cut around left end and score standing up.

"SKINS NEST" — Soccer-style kicker Matt Bahr successfully booted all four points-after ... Fullback Len Barker was the workhorse for the 'Skins most of the way ... Barker, with plenty of

second effort, picked up nearly half his team's 142 yards on the ground ... Tackle Ben Watson was largely responsible for some of Barker's long runs ... Watson continually blew his man out leaving plenty of room for the 6-3, 210-pound to get through ...

The heavy rains didn't prevent both the Neshaminy and Dieruff bands from performing at halftime ... Neshaminy and Pennsbury are now 3-0 in the Big Seven, and already fans are looking to THE day, Saturday, Nov. 18, when the powers collide.



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SIDELINE BOUND — Quarterback Bob Grupp of Neshaminy gets to the sidelines following a seven-yard pickup on a rollout during the first period in last night's game against Dieruff. Neshaminy topped Dieruff, 28-6, for third straight Big Seven Conference win.

LBC standings

Section One		
League	W	L
Woodrow Wilson	1	0
Bensalem Twp.	0	0
Neshaminy	0	0
Pennsbury	0	0
Council Rock	0	1

Section Two		
League	W	L
Jenkintown	1	0
L. Merriam	1	0
Bristol	0	1
Morrisville	0	1

Philadelphia Catholic		
League	W	L
Arch. Wood	2	0
Bishop Egan	1	2

Penn-Jersey		
League	W	L
George Sch.	1	0

Suburban One		
League	W	L
William Tennent	0	3

Independent		
League	W	L
Delhaas	0	2

Big 7 standings

League			
W	L	T	
Neshaminy	3	0	0
Pennsbury	3	0	0
Bethlehem Freedom	1	1	0
Easton Area	1	1	0
Allentown Allen	1	2	0
Bethlehem Liberty	0	2	0
Allentown Dieruff	0	3	0

LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

Neshaminy 28, Allentown Dieruff 6

Allentown Allen 16, Bethlehem Liberty 8

Easton Area 30, Reading 0