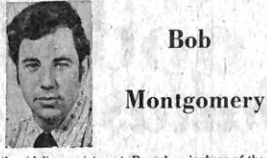


Neshaminy did and . . . Don't arouse Pennsbury's Miller



Bob Montgomery

INSIDE THE PENNSBURY LOCKER ROOM, jubilant players smeared pizza with the artistry of painters gone berserk. They poured soft drinks over one another until almost everyone within reach was bathed in the sticky liquid.

But there was one player who didn't receive the pizza-pepsi treatment. No one dared incur the wrath of defensive tackle Tim Miller, Pennsbury's answer to a perpetual motion machine.

He wandered about the bedlam molested only by a multitude of handshakes from well-wishers.

Miller, however, was no longer dangerous, although he did continue to clinch his fists and stomp his feet occasionally at the mention of "Neshaminy."

The Mad Man from Pennsbury had just channeled 48 minutes of super-human energy into the destruction of Neshaminy's once proud offense.

IF EVER HURRICANES are named for men instead of women, the first one should be "Tim."

"I just wanted to get to Grupp (quarterback Bob) and Sroba (running back Joe)," the 6-2 senior began, as the fists began to loosen and the muscles relax for the first time since kickoff almost three hours earlier.

"I thought about the game for about five minutes last night, then I fell asleep," Miller continued. "But when I woke up this morning, I was ready to throw up. I just wanted to get those guys so bad."

Miller's thoughts were interrupted.

"They should have thrown you out of the game after that one play," a friend laughed. Miller scowled, and the friend beat a hasty retreat, pursued by a sudden smile the tackle couldn't hide.

WITH FOUR MINUTES remaining in the third quarter, Grupp bootlegged the ball around right end, but ran out of bounds before his closest pursuer, Miller, could make the tackle.

Miller then bumped the Neshaminy quarterback when both were well out of bounds. The action aroused Neshaminy offensive

tackle Ben Watson who came charging after Miller.

Both mammoth linemen had to be restrained by an army of officials and Pennsbury players.

"I called him (Grupp) a chicken," Miller explained matter of factly. "All day long, they were running to the other side of the line. I wanted them to run at me for a change."

FROM THE WAY the gridiron kamikaze smashed ball carriers when he did get the chance, one must assume few besides Miller would argue with Grupp's course of action. The desire for survival far outweighs the need for an additional one or two-yard gain.

When Pennsbury's offense was in action, Miller stalked the sidelines, kicking benches, boxes and cans and breaking twigs and pencils.

When he returned to the field, the Pennsbury senior curtailed the kicking and concentrated on breaking Neshaminy's offensive momentum.

After the sideline excitement, Pennsbury's share of the 13,000 fans began yelling. "We want Miller!" To their delight, he responded with a thumping tackle which returned the runner farther than he had just carried the ball.

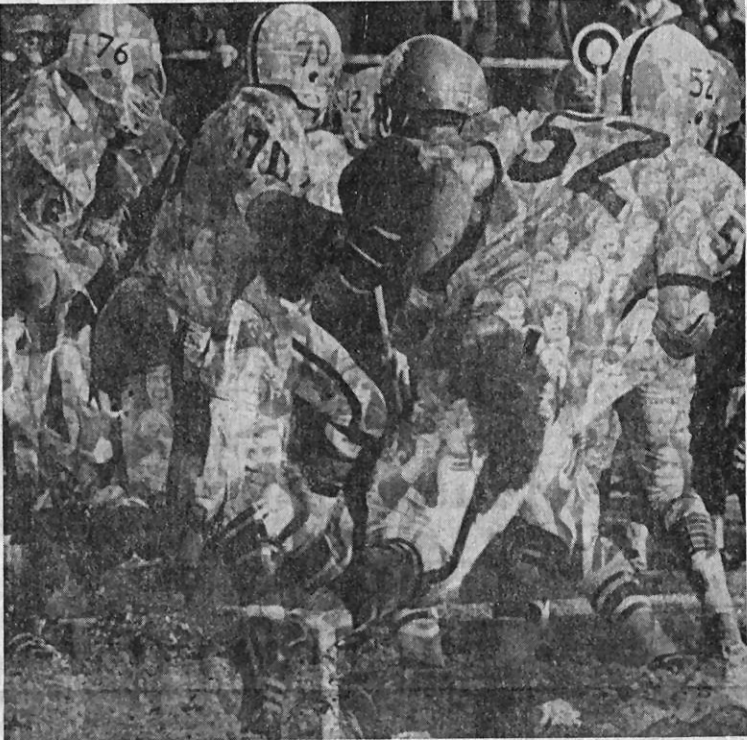
LESS THAN TWO MINUTES remained when Miller struck a most decisive blow. With Neshaminy in a third-and-seven situation on the Pennsbury 37, Miller launched his 210-pound body toward Grupp as he faked back to pass.

Grupp crumpled under the weight for a seven-yard loss, and chants of "Go, Miller, go!" reverberated through Falcon Field.

The field suddenly seemed a coliseum in ancient Rome, with Miller the lion and the Neshaminy Redskins portraying Christians.

"He was ready for this game," Pennsbury coach Chuck Kane laughed afterward. "He's been ready since last year."

Miller then helped his teammates administer victory showers to Kane and his assistants. The coaching staff offered only token resistance. No use re-arousing the Mad Man from Pennsbury.



Courier Times photo by Mike Karalicky

FANS INVOLVED? — If you don't believe Lower Bucks County football fans became involved in the Neshaminy-Pennsbury games this picture will tell you different. Courier Times photographer Mike

Karnicky superimposed photo of the crowd on photo of Neshaminy linemen stopping a Pennsbury play in Saturday's thrilling 23-21 Pennsbury victory.

Crucial fumble on last play Joe Sroba: Unfitting end to a fine career

By WAYNE FISH
Courier Times Sports Writer

Head hung low, a dazed Joe Sroba made his way off Falcon Field Saturday. The numb shock of defeat showed clearly on his face.

Moments before, Sroba had taken a flare pass from Neshaminy quarterback Bob Grupp, only to have it jarred loose by a charging Ron Dundala. The Falcons' John Lersh recovered and went on to run out the clock for a 23-21 victory.

Later, the 5-10, 180-pound senior standout explained what happened.

"I caught it, made a cut and lost my balance. When I went down my momentum had been stopped, though. It was identical to the play we recovered on earlier, just before their last touchdown. Only this time, the refs ruled the ball was still alive."

"Well, when they scored right off like that, a lot of our guys got down on themselves, especially some of the underclassmen who don't have much experience," he said.

"I talked to some of the guys who have been around awhile — Straw (Mark Strawbridge) and Bob (Grupp). We agreed we had to keep our heads, not take a defeatist attitude. So I told some of the guys, 'Hey, we're only down by three points now (when it was 17-14 in the third quarter), we're not out of it yet. It started to move the guys I guess."

Turning Point

"The turning point to this game, though, was the injury to Grupp," he continued. "He got hit in the kidney, and wasn't able to

run with the ball the way he's able to. He was limited to passing in the second half and that made it tough."

Sroba, along with the rest of his teammates, had nothing but respect for his opponents.

"Every year we have the same opinion of each other," he commented. "We think we're the best teams around."

Unfitting End

It was an unfitting end to the season and high school career of a workhorse halfback. Neshaminy fans had grown accustomed to seeing No. 32 do it all — running, throwing, receiving, returning punts and kickoffs.

But by the time Sroba had made his way through the maze of media interrogation back to Neshaminy High School, the impact of the setback had begun to ebb. Even in defeat, Sroba showed he was a winner. During the game, some of his teammates became complacent, something which just didn't sit well with Joe.



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Tennent supplied his No. 44 Delise borrowed a jersey

By BOB MONTGOMERY
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Dale Delise was forced to give up his jersey Saturday afternoon, only a few moments after he had led Pennsbury to a 23-21 win over Neshaminy in the season's finale.

But the move wasn't prompted because senior Delise had just played his last high school football game.

Rather, the black and white jersey, bearing No. 44, was surrendered because it really wasn't his own.

The garment was laundered and delivered to Warmminster's William Tennent High School, from where it had been borrowed earlier in the week.

"Mine was stolen," Delise explained, "so we had to get this one from Tennent. I've got to give it back because it's for their next year's team."

"Actually, I like it better than my old one," Delise laughed, "because it's lighter."

Pennsbury linebacker Ron Dundala, who along with tackle Tim Miller was the defensive

standout, praised his teammates' performances. "They did one heck of a job," Dundala exclaimed. "We knew Neshaminy had a good passing attack, and they did a great job stopping Grupp (quarterback Bob)."

Dundala also did a great job, especially on Neshaminy's last offensive play. The senior linebacker slammed into Joe Sroba, forcing a fumble which linebacker teammate John Lersh recovered to end Neshaminy's last threat.

"I just hit him (Sroba)," Dundala said. "I didn't even see him fumble the ball. I just heard people yelling on our side of the field, and I knew something good must have happened."

Knutsmeda played one of the best games of his career, executing many excellent handoff fakes, and completing eight of 13 passes for 62 yards and one touchdown. "It was a great team effort," he said simply.

Bob Buckanavage, Pennsbury's offensive backfield coach, praised Neshaminy defensive tackle Mark Strawbridge. "He was in on most of the tackles," Buckanavage said. "He hurt us a lot."

Defensive back Bob Bowden said Pennsbury utilized several zone defenses to curtail Neshaminy's vaunted passing attack. "We knew they ran a lot of long pass plays, so mostly we used double safeties. They only caught one long one on us."

Sroba and Neshaminy offensive tackle Ben Watson visited the Pennsbury locker room to congratulate their opponents. They were rewarded for their efforts by being left behind by the Neshaminy team bus. "That's what we get for being good sports," Sroba grinned.

"They (Pennsbury) have got two really good linebackers," Watson said. "But I don't think we played up to our capabilities. And the field conditions weren't what they could have been."

Watson was referring to the soggy turf which had been saturated earlier in the week by heavy rains.

"Metroka (tackle Gary) threw the block downfield which broke Delise open," Pennsbury coach Kirk Harman said. "That's what gave us the first touchdown."

Dale Forchetti, who helped lead Neshaminy to a 21-17 win over Pennsbury last season, visited the Pennsbury locker room to congratulate coach Chuck Kane.

Kane and retiring Neshaminy coach Jack Swartz will meet once more this year, only this time for dinner.

L.B.C.L. standings

Section One	League	W	L	T	Overall
*Pennsbury	3	0	0	0	3
Neshaminy	1	1	0	0	1
Bensalem Twp.	1	3	0	0	1
Catskill Park	1	3	0	0	1
W. Wilkes	1	3	0	0	1
*clashed title					
Section Two	League	W	L	T	Overall
*Jenkintown	3	0	0	0	3
Lebanon	1	1	0	0	1
L. Middletown	1	1	0	0	1
Morrisville	0	2	0	0	0
*clashed title					
Suburban One	League	W	L	T	Overall
Win. Tennent	1	1	0	0	1
Philadelphia Catholic	1	1	0	0	1
League	W	L	T	Overall	
Arch. Wood	7	2	0	0	7
Bishop Egan	3	5	0	0	3
Penn-Jersey	League	W	L	T	Overall
George Sch.	4	2	0	0	4
Independent	1	1	0	0	1
Overall	W	L	T	Overall	
Delaware	1	1	0	0	1

Big 7 standings

League	W	L	T	Overall
*Pennsbury	6	0	0	6
Neshaminy	3	1	0	3
Beth. Freedom	4	2	0	4
Allenown A.	3	2	0	3
Easton Area	2	4	0	2
Albionville	1	5	0	1
Beth. Liberty	0	6	0	0

WEEKEND RESULTS
(Thanksgiving Day)

League	W	L	T	Overall
Phillipsburg (N.J.) vs. Easton at Lafayette College, 1:30 p.m.				

Tribute to Pennsbury defender Neshaminy's players feel Ron Dundala is underrated

By WAYNE FISH
Courier Times Sports Writer

Ron Dundala, voted the Most Valuable Player in Pennsbury's 23-21 defeat of Neshaminy, Saturday, is a very underrated football player in the Redskins' opinion.

"He's a heckuva defensive back," said Neshaminy defensive tackle Mark Strawbridge. "I don't think he gets the credit he deserves. He was all over the place."

"He practically knocked me out on a few plays," exclaimed split end Steve Gale. "He tipped away one pass I was sure we were going to get and then he made that big play at the end (forced fumble)."

"Dundala did a good job," Bob Grupp, quarterback, stated. "We thought we were going to run more at the beginning of the game, but we were forced to pass, especially in the second half. He got into quite a few of the plays, then."

"If he's in the Cancer All-Star Game next year, I'm just glad he'll be on my team," added a grinning Strawbridge.

Morrisville head football coach Fred Conger visited the Neshaminy locker room after the game. Conger, a 1966 graduate of Neshaminy, stopped by to see his brother Frank, a 5-8, 160-pound senior linebacker for the Redskins. Another brother, Charlie, was on Neshaminy's team last year when it defeated Pennsbury, 21-17.

"This is the first time a Conger has ever lost to Pennsbury," Fred acknowledged.

Strawbridge was moved from defensive tackle to end after Neshaminy experienced success with its running game in the first quarter. In fact, the whole line underwent a change. Strawbridge explained.

"I was shifted to the end and an extra lineman was brought in after the first quarter," he began. "We had to do this to stop the run. We also shifted the alignment of the tackles to jam their blocking. Their pass blocking was super. I

PCL standings

Northern Division	League	W	L	T	Overall
*Bishop Kenrick	5	0	0	5	
Archbishop Wood	2	2	0	2	
LeSalle	2	0	0	2	
Archbishop Ryan	2	0	0	2	
Bishop Egan	3	5	0	3	
Cardinal O'Hara	3	0	0	3	
Cardinal Dougherty	3	5	0	3	
Father Judge	1	7	0	1	
North	0	2	0	0	
*won title with playoff win over Wood.					
Southern Division	League	W	L	T	Overall
v-St. James (Chester)	7	0	0	7	
Man. Kemmer	4	1	0	4	
Missouri	4	3	0	4	
West	4	3	0	4	
Cardinal O'Hara	2	4	0	2	
St. Joe Prep	2	5	0	2	
Arch. Carroll	1	6	0	1	
Roman	1	6	0	1	
*clashed title.					
Kenrick 25, Wood 18 (playoff)					
St. James 17, O'Hara 8					
Bonner 22, West 12					

would have to say it worked pretty well.

Bob Grupp's comments on the game:

"We aren't making any excuses. We got beat by a good football team. You try and do your best and that's all you can ask."

"On the last drive, we thought we were going to win. We had confidence. The option play to Barker, who threw to Sroba (on fourth and 14) was a special we'd been working on."

"Our coaching staff did a great job. We're just sorry we couldn't win the last one for Coach Swartz."

Matt Bahr gave way to Brad Shenell on Neshaminy's placing kicking duties. Matt, a member of Neshaminy's District One All-Star soccer team, had missed the Council Rock game last week when the soccer team defeated Haverford for the district one crown, and also two teeth when he caught an elbow in the mouth during Friday soccer action.

FINAL MEETING — Pennsbury coach Chuck Kane (right) bids Neshaminy coach Jack Swartz good luck after the

Falcons edged visiting Neshaminy, 23-21, Saturday. The game was Swartz' last appearance as Redskins mentor.

Pros prep for Venango Bears

The Delaware Valley Football Conference's most important game of the season is set for next Wednesday Night at the Perinell Memorial Field at 8:15 p.m.

Frank Bell's Penn-Del Pros undefeated in 10 league outings face the second place Venango Bears of Philadelphia.

Venango, with an 8-1 record and a game today against the Cougars will be the season's stiffest test for the well balance Pros.

Quarterbacks Joe DeMayo and Jack McDonough and the league's outstanding receiver Ed Hanley are waiting in the wings for this must game.

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