Close-Cropped Egan Shears Neshaminy, 18-7

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A closely cropped group of Bishop Egan football players clipped Neshmainy for only the fourth time in the last 13 years Friday night, 18-7, before 12.000 Redskin fans at Langhorne.

The Screaming Eagles, who all shaved their heads before training camp, took advantage of Neshaminy mistakes in the first half and dominated the game offensively in the second, "You won't find too many long hairs out there," said an elated Egan coach Bernie Farrell. "They're middle America, baby. Levittown all the way!"

It was partly Farrell's infectious enthusiasm that seemed to carry the team in the first half. The smaller Eagles intercepted a pass to set up Ken Lefter's one-vard touchdown and later in the first quarter tackle Tim Stough picked up a fumble and ran 28 yards for a 12-0 lead.

"We've been working 364 days for this game because we had a debt to pay," said Farrell, referring to Egan's loss to Neshaminy last year. "Up here there are two seasonsNeshaminy and then the Catholic League."

There were many reports, including one from Gerry Gallagher, an Egan receiver last year, that the Eagles weren't up to their usual Catholic League power status. The team was handled easily in pre-season scrimmages.

"We sucked everybody up, including you guys," Farrel said to writers after the game. "I don't try to go out and win those scrimmages like some peopl."

IN OTHER non-league openers, Wilson, West Lawn, came from behind to score a 21-14 victory over host Spring-Ford at Roversford. Mike Sensenig ran for two Wilson TDs while Lance Viola passed for both Spring-Ford scores.

Pete Robison passed for one TD and ran for a second as North Penn edged visiting Easton, 19-14, at Lansdale. Host Sun Valley dropped a 13-12 decision to Morrisville despite two touchdowns by Tony Calise.

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Egan-Lester, 3, run (run failed)