

Bishop Egan Smashes Neshaminy Dynasty

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Some will refer to it as the Day of Retribution. Others as the day which marked the end of a dynasty.

Whatever the reference, one thing is certain: Yesterday will long be remembered by scholastic football fans as the day that Neshaminy lost its long-held title as Eastern Pennsylvania's premier football power.

One of the long tormented—Bishop Egan—turned on its tormentor with a vengeance last night and, when it was all over, not only was Neshaminy's record of not having been beaten on the gridiron in its last 51 games broken, but the Redskins had absorbed the worst licking since Langhorne High adopted its new name in 1950.

The final score was 41-0 and the turnaway crowd of 11,000 was stunned. The score matched that of Neshaminy's victory over Egan last year and upheld the belief that the Eagles would be the team to beat in the Catholic League this fall.

Egan coach Dick Bedesem, who came away empty handed in his six previous meetings with Neshaminy, was delirious with joy. "What a way to start a season," he kept repeating. "A victory over Neshaminy is great anytime, but was especially gratifying after the way we were manhandled last year.

But Not Surprised

"I'm not surprised we won though," he continued. "These are a determined bunch of kids we have. I am surprised, however, at the size of the score and our performance. Never in my fondest dreams did I think our offense and defense would jell this well so early. Man, the kids and I are on cloud nine."

Neshaminy, which was last beaten (by Easton, 13-7) in the third game of the 1961 season, was held to a net gain of 97 yards by Egan's aggressive defense, led by linebacker Bob Migliorino.

Egan, meanwhile, exhibited an awesome offense, one which

produced three touchdowns the first three times the Eagles handled the ball.

Fullback John Lyons capped an 11-play, 43-yard drive with 4:13 left in the opening period by knifing over from the one. Chuck Wright added the first of five placements. Egan raced 60 yards in eight plays with Irv Whalen going the final 11, 56 seconds into the second quarter.

82-Yard Return

Neshaminy failed to gain following the kickoff and Greg Vosburgh punted from his own 38. Egan's Tom Duffy took the ball on his 18, handed off to Larry Marshall and the junior halfback sped 82 yards to make it 20-0. Wright kicked the point for a 21-0 halftime bulge.

Egan, the Catholic League's Northern Division champion last year, added a third period TD on Don Becker's 10-yard run and scored twice in the final quarter on Lyons' three-yard run and quarterback Pancho Micir's seven-yard scamper.

The only other defeat approaching last night's by a Neshaminy team came in the eighth game of the 1951 season when Royersford trimmed the Redskins, 37-0.

Three other games marked the start of the season with Woodrow Wilson's 46-0 rout of Souderton being the second biggest surprise to that of Egan's. Other games saw Norristown outscore Owen J. Roberts, 21-13, and Daniel Boone edge Muhlenberg, 7-6.

Quarterback Rick Lewis scored twice (one-yard run and 64-yard punt return) and threw for two touchdowns in Wilson's overpowering performance. Lewis hit John Little with a three yarder and Tom Aker with a 19-yard toss. Tom Porter also tallied twice on runs of 13 and 10 yards.

Norristown Rallies

Norristown spotted Owen Roberts a 6-0 lead (31-yard pass from Roger Wolfspurger to Colin Collins) and then roared back with three TDs. Jere Reeding's one-yard plunge got the Eagles even and a 66-yard gallop by Cliff Giddens and Tony DeMeno's five-yard run put it away. Wolfspurger raced 25 yards for Roberts' second TD.

Dick Wiand's successful placement, following Denny Iezzi's five-yard scoring rollout in the first quarter, was Boone's margin of victory over Muhlenberg. The losers scored in the third period on Larry's Dell's 20-yard run, but Pat Johnson blocked Ron Gattone's placement try.



SOME FUMBLES HURT—Hard-hit Donald Becker of Bishop Egan fumbles ball onto back of Neshaminy tackler Ernie Forchetti. Neshaminy recovered.



SOME FUMBLES HELP—Becker falls (left) as his fumble is pounced upon for an Egan touchdown by teammate John Lyons.

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