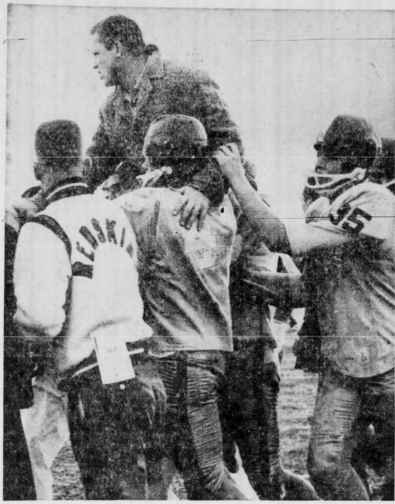
Neshaminy Captures Ninth Football Title By Racking Bensalem Township



A victory ride was the first order of the day after Neshaminy High defeated Bensalem Township, 32-13, on Saturday to win the 1960 championship of the Lower Bucks County Football League. Both schools entered the "showdown" with identical 7-0 logs. Neshaminy players are shown above giving coach John Petercuskie (center) a ride to the locker room. (Courier-Times Sports Photo)

Stricker, Schuh Score Two As Redskins Turn Fumbles Into TD's During 32-13 Win

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Courier-Times Sports Editor

Christmas arrived early for the Neshaminy High School football team. It received three gifts (fumbles) from Bensalem High last Saturday afternoon, disregarded the "don't open until Christmas" labels, and converted them all into touchdowns.

The three gifts proved to be the difference in the ball game, as Neshaminy won, 32-13, before 7,000 homecoming fans at the winner's field.

The victory gave the Redskins another Lower Bucks County High School Football League championship. Neshaminy has now won by itself or shared the crown in everyone of the last nine years.

The Redskins finished the season with an 8-0 league book and an overall mark of 10 victories, no losses and a tie. The deadlock was a 13-13 affair with powerful Easton High earlier in the season.

Second Place

Bensalem wound up the campaign in second place in the LBCL, sporting a 7-1 log, and was 8-2 in all games. The Owls and the Redskins went into Saturday's "showdown" with identical 7-0 records in league play.

LOWER BUCKS COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	League W	League L	League T	Overall W	Overall L	Overall T
Neshaminy	8	0	0	10	0	1
Bensalem Township	7	1	0	8	2	0
Morrisville	5	2	0	6	2	0
Pennsbury	5	3	0	6	4	0
William Tennent	3	4	0	4	5	0
Bristol	1	4	2	1	5	2
Delhaas	1	6	1	1	7	1
Woodrow Wilson	1	6	1	1	7	1
Council Rock	1	6	0	2	7	0
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL						
Bishop Egan Catholic				2	7	1

Neshaminy has won every league it has played since it was held to a tie by Morrisville in 1958. The Redskins' last non-league defeat was at the hands of Easton, 13-7, last season.

Harry Schuh and Jack Stricker each scored a pair of touchdowns for Neshaminy. As Stricker was one TD ahead of Schuh in their individual race for league scoring honors before Saturday's game, Jack wins the title.

Recovers Fumble

Fran McCollum added the Redskins' fifth touchdown when he recovered a loose ball in the end zone. Midway in the final period, Schuh appeared to be going over from the Bensalem 8, but fumbled the ball at the goal line and McCollum bounced on it.

If Schuh had scored he would have won the scoring championship, as he earlier had added an extra point on a pass play.

Those Christmas gifts started early and Neshaminy twice recovered Bensalem fumbles inside the Owl 10 in the first half. Both "gifts" were cashed in for TD's. Schuh carried the ball over for both scores from two yards out.

STATISTICS

	Bensalem	Neshaminy
First downs	10	14
Yards rushing	50	268
Passes attempted	19	1
Passes completed	8	0
Passes intercepted by	1	1
Yards passing	118	0
Net yards	168	268
Punts	2	4
Punting average	30	34.5
Fumbles recovered by	1	3
Yards penalized	38	72

The first TD came midway in the first period, three plays after Ron Carroll recovered Bill Heller's fumble on the eight. The second score was set up early in the second quarter when Heller bobbled the ball again and Schuh recovered on the five.

Schemberg Kicks PAT

Bill Schemberg kicked the first extra point, but missed the second, to give the Redskins a 13-0 advantage.

Late in the second period, Bensalem took possession on its own 31 after a Neshaminy punt. A pass interference penalty and a pass from Bob Mudie to Bill Schreiber advanced the ball to the Bensalem 46.

On the next play, Mudie found Schreiber open again and he appeared to be off to the races. Just as Stricker was about to make the tackle inside the five, Schreiber dropped the ball and it went out of bounds on the one. As Bensalem was last to touch the ball it retained possession.

The clock showed 1:04 remaining in the half as Mudie went over on a quarterback sneak. Heller's placement made the score 13-7.

Exciting Minute

The final minute of the first half was undoubtedly the most exciting of the game. Bensalem kicked off to Neshaminy and Stricker returned the ball to the 18, but a half-the-distance to the goal line penalty set the ball back to the nine.

Stricker made 15 yards in two runs and a 15-yard penalty against Bensalem gave the Redskins the ball on the 39. Neshaminy then threw its only pass of the game. The play was a "slow-motion reverse" with Ed Kaminski winding up with the ball. He was being rushed and his pass was partially blocked and Bensalem's Bob Glose picked it off for an interception.

Bensalem quickly called time. The Owls had a first down on the Neshaminy 26 with two seconds left in the half. Mudie went back to pass, found Glose open to his right on the 15, and reached him with a perfect aerial. Glose sped over from there without being touched.

Heller's kick was wide and the half ended at 13-all.

The second half wasn't more than a few minutes old, when Bensalem delivered another Christmas gift. Neshaminy was forced to punt from its own 38. John Vosburgh's kick was fumbled by Bensalem's Dick Booz and recovered for Neshaminy by Dick Lauther on the Bensalem 25.

With Stricker and Schuh grinding out the yardage, the Redskins scored in six plays, Stricker going over from the one. The extra point was added on a pass from McCollum to Schuh.

Bensalem took the next kickoff and drove down to the Neshaminy six. Mudie was caught for a seven yard loss and then two passes failed and Neshaminy took over.

McCollum Scores

Early in the final period, Neshaminy took over again on the Bensalem 48, when another Owl drive stalled. With Schuh and Stricker doing the running, Neshaminy scored in six plays, helped by a 15-yard penalty. The TD was scored by McCollum, who recovered Schuh's bobble in the end zone.

The final Neshaminy score came with 23 seconds left in the game. Stricker smashed over left tackle from two yards out to cap a 31 yard drive.

Neshaminy's one pass was intercepted and they did score three TD's after those Bensalem gifts, but Coach John Petercuskie's boys were very consistent in their running game throughout the afternoon.

268 Yards

The Redskins gained 62 yards in the first quarter, 69 in the second, 65 in the third and 72 in the fourth, for a total of 268. Bensalem could pick up only 50 yards rushing, but Marlon Van Horn's gridders clicked on eight of 19 passes for 118 yards.

Stricker carried the ball 27 times and gained 161 yards, for an average of 5.9 per carry. Bensalem's defense threw Schuh for losses three times and led him to 55 yards in 20 carries for a 2.8 average.

LINEUPS

Bensalem (13)

ENDS — Glose, Drueding, Shulenberger, Stockman
TACKLES — Walters, Coyle, Bowman, Hood
GUARDS — Etzrodt, Tyciak, Allahand, Culp
CENTER — Whitfield
BACKS — Ray, Booz, Schreiber, Heller, Devlin, Gourlay, Tither, Mondeaux, Mudie

Neshaminy (32)

ENDS — Young, Held, Bell, Rassler
TACKLES — Kemp, R. Carroll, Richardson, Wunsch, Schemberg, Canter, Bonsall, Carber
GUARDS — Venzie, Currie, Gummel, Baker, D. Carroll, Bickell, Blodgett
CENTERS — Hertz, Cummings
BACKS — McCollum, Boerckel, Buhner, Stricker, Schuh, Lanes, Evans, Wingfield, Vosburgh, Preno, Kaminski, Ball, Jacobs

SCORE BY PERIODS

Bensalem	0	13	0	0	—13
Neshaminy	7	6	7	12	—32

SCORING

FIRST:
NES — Schuh 2 run (kick failed)
SECOND:
NES — Schuh 2 run (kick failed)
BEN — Mudie 1 run (Heller kick)
BEN — Glose 26 pass from Mudie (kick failed)
THIRD:
NES — Stricker 1 run (Schuh pass from McCollum)
FOURTH:
NES — McCollum recovered fumble in end zone (kick failed)
NES — Stricker 2 run (kick failed)

OFFICIALS

March, referee; Wambold, umpire; Jaffin, field judge; Miller, head linesman; Murray, clock; Heller, DeSimone and Walker, chains.

The scoreboard was mute evidence of what took place at Langhorne on Saturday between Bensalem Township and Neshaminy. The 'Skins of Neshaminy broke a 13-13 halftime tie to bounce Bensalem, 32-13, and win the LBCFL flag. (Courier-Times Sports Photo)

Philadelphia Rallies To Jar New York; Next Week Is It!

By NORMAN MILLER
United Press International

There is some bad blood between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New York Giants which is bound to spill over in their return battle next Sunday in the National Football League.

The angered feelings grew out of a savage jolt by Philadelphia linebacker Chuck Bednarik, who sent halfback Frank Gifford of the Giants to the hospital with a concussion following the Eagles' 17-10 come-from-behind victory Sunday.

Philadelphia won the key game and widened its Eastern Division lead to 1½ games when defensive back Jim Carr plucked Giant fullback Mel Triplett's fumble out of the air and raced 38 yards to a touchdown with only 2:37 left to play.

A minute later as the Giants struck back, Gifford caught a pass from George Shaw on the Eagles' 30-yard line and was hit from the blind side by Bednarik. Gifford hit the ground so hard he was knocked unconscious and fumbled the ball. Eagles linebacker Chuck Weber recovered to douse the Giants' last threat.

Insists Play Clean

and the St. Louis Cardinals whipped the Washington Redskins, 26-14.

In two American Football League games, the Houston Oilers beat the Denver Broncos, 20-10, and the Buffalo Bills upset the Los Angeles Chargers, 32-3.

The Eagles experienced a wretched first half as they managed to net only 31 yards and fell behind, 10-0, before a crowd of 63,571 at Yankee Stadium. Quarterback Norm Van Brocklin solved the riddle of the Giants' tough defense in the second half, however, and passed Philadelphia back into the ball game.

Sparks Scoring Drives

Van Brocklin hit Tommy McDonald with three passes during an 80-yard third-period march, the lest toss sailing 35 yards for a touchdown. "The Dutchman" then completed five more passes in a fourth-period drive that was culminated by Bobby Walston's 12-yard game-tying field goal.

Immediately after the ensuing kickoff, Triplett took a handoff and bucked into the line at the New York 38. He was hit by Bednarik, the ball popped into the air and Carr was there to grab it and run for the winning touchdown.

Danny Villanueva's 9-yard field goal with 22 seconds remaining gave the Rams an upset victory over the Packers before 35,763 fans at Milwaukee. This was Villanueva's fourth field goal in the game. His earlier three kicks and two TD passes from Bill Wade to Jim Phillips had enabled the Rams to overcome a 10-point deficit and move ahead, 30-10.

Paul Hornung and rookie Tom Moore then sparked a rally which put Green Bay in front, 31-30, with 5:05 remaining. However, a missed field goal try and a fumble by Hornung gave the Rams an opportunity to strike back for the winning score.

Almost Do It

There was drama, too, at Pittsburgh, where the Browns almost pulled out the game in the last minute after the Steelers had forged their winning touchdown on a 75-yard march which was climaxed by Tom Tracy's four-yard sweep with less than three minutes to go.

Milt Plum passed the Browns all the way to the Pittsburgh 10, only to have his final pass elude and Leon Clarke's diving grab in

Pro Standings

Elgin Baylor 'Rules' NBA

By United Press International

Elgin Baylor will not be content until he breaks all of Wilt Chamberlain's National Basketball Association scoring records.

a 95-85 lead at the end of three quarters and opened the margin in the final period.

Cousy, whose 11 assists was

Chicago, Toronto Show Improvement

By United Press International

The improved play of the Chicago Black Hawks and Toronto Maple Leafs is spelling nothing but trouble for the defending champion Montreal Canadiens in the National Hockey League race.

The Hawks battled the Canadiens to a 1-1 tie Sunday, while the Maple Leafs beat the Boston Bruins, 3-2. In the third game, the Detroit Red Wings squeaked past the New York Rangers, 4-3.

As a result, the Canadiens, Maple Leafs and Red Wings all are tied for first place in the NHL today, each with 24 points, based on 10 victories and four ties each. And the Hawks are only a point behind. Only the Bruins and Rangers appear to be out of the chase.

Dickie Moore registered his 19th goal of the season with 80 seconds left in the first period to give Montreal a 1-0 lead. However, Glenn Hall tightened up after that and kept the Canadiens scoreless, while Eric Nesterenko scored late in the middle period for the Hawks.

Frank Mahovlish scored twice and rookie Dave Keon once to pace the Maple Leafs as goalie Joher sparkled in the nets. Boston's goals were scored by Don McKenney and rookie Orval Tessier. However, the Bruins didn't get their second score until there was just a little more than five minutes left in the game.

Gordie Howe triggered a three-goal middle period rally that carried Detroit to its victory. Marcel Pronovost and rookies Allan Johnson and Howie Glover scored the other Detroit goals, while Andy Heenton, Red Sullivan and Camille Henry scored for the hapless Rangers, now mired in the cellar.

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