Bensalem Loses 48-25; Neshaminy Wins 18-13

11 Touchdowns Scored In Wild, Rain-Swept Game Seen By 3000

By TOM JUNO
Sports Correspondent

Defense was tossed into Hurricane Edna last night as a powerful Pennridge High eleven trimmed Bensalem Township 48-25 before 3,000 rain-soaked fans in the Pennridge stadium last night.

It was the eleventh straight win for the Pennridgers who captured the Bux-Mont title last season with ten consecutive victories. Last season, Pennridge topped the Owls by a 27-6 score.

The strength of Pennridge was evident from the first play of the game as Barry Thomas went through the center of the Bensalem line and once out in the open outran three Bensalem secondary men to chew up 71 yards of sodden earth for an easy touchdown.

Go, Go, Go

That was the start, for until the last quarter, everytime the Pennridge team got the ball it was a touchdown. It scored twice in fast order in the first quarter to take a 13-0 lead.

That was the signal for the Owls' offensive to go in high gear. Using a diversified attack, Coach Bob Rhiel's lads pushed over a surprise score to cut the lead to 13-6.

The homesters added another touchdown, which was quickly matched by Bensalem, to again shave the edge to 20-12. Two more touchdowns and Pennridge had the game sewed up at half-time by a 34-12 score.

Rain, Rain, Rain

Both teams scored two touchdowns in the driving rain of the second half but the final Bensalem TD was made while the Pennridge second and third-string teams were in action.

Bensalem would have fared better but for Pat Frank, star tracktser and halfback for the Pennridge outfit. The 172-pound-senior got off on two touchdown runs of 36 and 60 yards and then converted six of his seven tries for the point after touc' down.

Al Brown, 19-pound fullback, was Bensalem's big gun. Brown did not make any sensational long runs but it was his constant pounding of the Pennridge line that helped rip it to shreds and also set the stage for the completed passes.

Brown's line-bucks and hard-running by Charlie Scioli plus the pass-snatching of the lanky Bob Frantz enabled Bensalem to chalk up a total of 21 first downs, out-scoring Pennridge on this side of the ledger, the winners having but 15.

Of the seven Pennridge scores, only two were made within the 20-yard stripe. In the third quarter, Johnny Crouthamel went over from the 4-yard line after Pat Frank had set up the score with a 42-yard run. Larry Reinhart scored the last Pennridge touchdown on a 19-yard run.

Up In the Air

Bensalem not only had Pennridge's fast ground attack to content with but its aerial attack was equally as good. The passing combination of Tommy Hollenbach to Stan Johnson was good for a pair of touchdowns and made on passes of 33 and 63 yards.

Charlie Scioli made two of the Bensalem scores, both from the 1-yard line. The first came after a sustained drive of 95 yards, all via the ground. His second TD was scored from a march, starting at midfield with the help of 35 yards in Pennridge penalties.

In the second quarter, Bensalem scored a six-pointer on a 15-yard pass from Harry Schurr to Roger Jenkins who ran 46 yards after catching the ball.

Tex Beeson, a freshman transferee from Texas, accounted for the other Bensalem score when he bulled his way over from the 5-yard line.

Bensalem meets Central Bucks in its second game of the season next Friday night at Doylestown.

BENSALEM

E—Jenkins, Trommer, Frantz
T—Lake, Eckel
G—Wood, Duzinski, Arment
C—Weber, Brighter
B—Schurr, Hayes, Waters, Scioli, Etzrodt, Beeson, Dwyer, Brown

PENNRIDGE

E—T. Frank, S. Johnson, S. Moyer, Hendricks, Rufe
T—Ott, T. Moyer, Harris, Detwiler
G—Ludwick, Patton, Orr, Woulfe, Volonik
C—Mitman, Yoder, Buckley, Glassmeyer
B—Thomas, P. Frank, Nonnemaker, Hollenbach, Hunsicker, Fellman, Reinhart, Rush, Wyllie, Reinhart

Score by periods:

	1	2	3	4	T
BENSALEM	0	12	0	13	25
PENNRIDGE	13	21	7	7	48

Bensalem Scoring: Scioli, 2; Beeson, Jenkins.
Extra Points: Scioli (placement).
Pennridge Scoring: Frank 2, Johnson 2, Thomas, Crouthamel, Reinhart.
Extra Points: Frank 6 (placements).
Officials: Ref. Brandt, Umpire, Wildonger, Head Linesman, Stern, Field Judge, Green.

Penndel Opens Grid Sandlot '54 Season

Sandlot football makes its 1954 debut in this area tomorrow as the Penndel Aces clashes with the Souderton Warriors on the Penndel Memorial field. Opening kickoff is scheduled for 2 p. m.

The Aces and Souderton each finished with a 5-5 mark in the Big Six Conference last season. In a post-season game, the Aces defeated St. Ann's for the Lower Bucks crown.

Val Hartman is again coach of the Penndel gridsters and from all indications it appears as if Hartman will better his mark of last season and finish higher in the Conference fight.

Hartman feels that several of the weaker spots of last season strengthened enough to rate a higher spot. Hartman will be assisted in his duties by Lou Spadaccino, former Langhorne High School star. Business manager for the team is Ira Romberger.

Coach Hartman has announced that he is switching from the T formation to the single wing. Returnees from last season's squad are Stan Lelinski, Bunny Anderson, Bob and Harry Curtis, Harold Miller, Joe Lukens, Ray Brodie, Eddie Oliver, Bob James, Pete Connolly, Vic Cring, Al Knox, Dave Allen and Gene Brown.

Newcomers to the squad are Dick Harmon, George Wren, Frank Solarsky and Buster Monachello. The latter two played with St. Ann's last season and may start on the defensive team.

Basilio On Way For Title Crack

NEW YORK —(INS)— Carmen Basilio of Canastota, N.Y., is swinging down the line of welterweights toward another crack at the title many say he should have had last year when he floored Kid Gavilan in a close -round decision.

The 27-year-old top-ranking contender floored Carmine Fiore of Brooklyn twice in the opening round last night and then went on to score a unanimous ten-round decision at Madison Square Garden.

The 3-to-1 favorite, outweighed by a pound at 147½, decked Fiore for the eight-count with a sneak right upperhand with only a minute of the bout gone. Moments later he dropped him with a hard left to the jaw.

Basilio, one of only two men to floor the champion, then tried to finish Fiore off for an automatic knockdown via New York's three-knockdown rule but Fiore made a gallant stand to wind up with three rounds and a split on one judge's card.

SHORTY MORONESE (extreme left) comes around the end to score Neshaminy's second touchdown and give the home team a brief 12-7 lead. However, before the teams left the field for the half Muhlenberg scored another to take a 13-12 lead.

Majorette

DESPITE the rain the Neshaminy majorette strutted before the game in the flag exercises. All of Neshaminy was strutting after the game.

Sideline Huddle

COACH HARRY FRANKS (extreme right) discusses some strategy with some of his boys before sending them into the fray. The boys had Coach Franks on the hot spot for most of the game as they didn't score the winning TD until the fourth quarter and then had to stave off a late Muhlenberg drive to win the game.

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4th Quarter Stand, TD, Clinch Game

By SANDY OPPENHEIER
Sports Editor

Four times Muhlenberg township High tried and four times it failed to dent the Neshaminy line as the rain pelted down and the seconds ticked away the football game.

And after the fourth unsuccessful try the gun went off and the game was over and Neshaminy had a thrilling 18-13 win for the soaked fans and the tired team to celebrate.

It had been a thrilling ball game all the way with the score always close. That last heroic goal line stand amply paid off the partisan, surprisingly large crowd, that jammed the Langhorne field to watch a stirring ball game in as miserable conditions as it is possible to play it under.

Despite the conditions both teams played wide open ball with long runs and passes featured. It produced an exciting second quarter that saw each team score two touchdowns and send Neshaminy off the field at halftime losing 13-12.

Come Back

However, Neshaminy struck back at the tail end of the third quarter and then pushed the ball over for what proved to be the winning marker right after the fourth quarter started.

There were plenty of Neshaminy heroes when the game was over. There was Don Cameron who scored the first Neshaminy touchdown to make the score 7-6 by catching a pass from Dick Wilt that covered some 28 yards.

You couldn't miss Joe "Shorty" Moronese who scored the second touchdown of that quarter and put Neshaminy in the lead by 12-7. After Cameron had put the ball on the four yard line with a 21 yard buck Moronese took it over on his second line buck.

Big Play

But his big play came late in the third quarter and set up the winning touchdown. With Mhulenberg in possession and finding it easy enough to make first downs Shorty somehow, someway stole the ball in the middle of the field during a tackling scramble and flew off down the sideline with it.

He got to the 40 yard line before he was stopped. Cameron took it to the 25 and the quarter ended. A line buck took it to the 20 and then Errol Faunce twisted through the Muhlenberg line for the winning touchdown.

Muhlenberg also used a couple of long plays to tally or set up the score. It scored the first after intercepting a Faunce pass, getting a 45 yard run and then after a line smash skirting the Redskin's end.

The second and last visitor's touchdown came on a 40 yard pass that caught Neshaminy secondary napping.

The lines of both teams played hard crashing ball.

Getting The Word

STAN COVINGTON (81) and Joe Moronese (67) (both facing camera), Neshaminy captains, and the Muhlenberg captains get the rules straight with the referee before the start of last night's game.

Today's SPORTEST

By FRANK WATSON
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QUESTIONS

1—The kick-off in football is comparable to what play in hockey?

2—Can a hockey player remain in the game after he has broken his stick?

3—The Stanley Cup symbolizes hockey supremacy in the American Hockey League. True or false?

HOOHEE?

ONE of the National league's top batsmen this season, he's also an improved outfielder. He is the son of a former big leaguer with the Pirates in the 1920s. He gave up a homer swing for a rhythmic one. Who is he?

ANSWERS

(Hoohee: Don Mueller.)
1—The face-off.
2—Yes.
3—It's the Stanley Cup in the National and the Calder Cup in the American.

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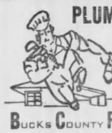

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