

Neshaminy Wins Football Opener, 27-6

Sports Views

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'Numbers Racket'

The game was over and we cornered Jim Gallagher, Haboro's coach, for a few minutes.

"How did it go, Jim, we mean your first game in Bucks County?" we asked.

"Well, it wasn't much of a start, was it," Gallagher answered our question with another question. "But my boys played a nice game."

"Did you have a line on Neshaminy before the game?"

"Very little. We knew about Rumsey but that's all."

"We reminded Gallagher that Rumsey scored three touchdowns against him

"One of my ends was told to watch number 31," Gallagher said. I asked him if he was keeping an eye on number 31 and he answered, "I'm trying to catch but they got three number 31's."

And sure enough the Redskins did have three players wearing number 31 and three others wearing number 34. These gridirers were wearing tear-away jerseys and there was some question as to whether the duplication of numbers was legal.

Neshaminy Coach Harry Franks may have employed a little "razzle-dazzle" with the numbers but the 34-31 combination of Jack Reilly to George Rumsey was too much for the Hatters.

Scouting the Bands

We think this story is terrific:

A high school coach (not football) was asked if he wanted a list to last night's football contest. He replied that he was going with the school's band director. It seems that most of the football coaches scout each other but the band directors are now apt checking each other's half time maneuvers.

There was quite a fashion show at Neshaminy's new field. A few smart people wore heavy sweaters and winter coats but most of the 3,000 fans present, including this writer, shivered in summer attire.

Early arrivals pondered the game would be played. Electric Company crewmen were still adjusting the lights shortly before eight o'clock. But then someone threw the master switch and all the towers lit up at once.

Seven Lower Bucks County football coaches were reported to be in the stands last night. They saw Neshaminy employ its familiar single wing offense. Haboro used an eight man line against the single wing and stopped Neshaminy's ground game, but could not cope with the passing attack.

We got off to a good start in the crystal ball department. Neshaminy came through as predicted although the score wasn't even close. We guessed at 7-0, believing the weatherman who called for rain last night. The rain ended early yesterday and the dry ball pushed up the score.



Football made its debut last night and these Neshaminy High school rooters had plenty to cheer about as the Redskins routed Haboro, 27-6. It was the first game played at the school's new

football field. A crowd of 3,000 watched Neshaminy's strong aerial game defeat the Hatters. The weatherman obliged by bringing some cooler temperatures for the grid opener.

Play at Completion



Bill Fischer (second from left), Neshaminy end, advances deep into Haboro territory in third period last night. Fischer lank a pass from Jack Reilly and moved to the Haboro 15-yard line. George Rumsey (1) of Neshaminy blocks out Haboro's Avian Hughes (16). (Courier and Times sports photos by Tom Keane.)

Scoop On Bowling:

Art Johnson's 733 Provides Big Noise as Bowlers Resume

Flock Faces Tough Field At Langhorne

Defending National Champion late model stock car speedster Tim Flock, of Atlanta, Georgia, will have to "step-on-it" real hard from here in if he hopes to successfully defend his NASCAR laurels. Next Sunday, in the 300-mile Grand National listed for the Langhorne Speedway—the longest race ever staged in the East—the tall and lean youngest member of racing's most famous family will have an opportunity to pick up some mighty important points as he endeavors to improve his seventh place position. He will be facing a tough field of competition as the \$16,000 purse has attracted the cream of the professional field of late model pilots.

The longer grids appear to be the Flock's liking for he took the 160-mile at Daytona Beach and the 250-mile road race at Ellsarth Lakes, Wisconsin. Last September he won the 220-mile title at the 'Horne and his 77.80 mph in the hot seat for the record for that distance. Tim's older brother, Funt, holds the 200-mile mark at the Bucks County course.

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Reilly to Rumsey Passing Combo Sparks Victory

Beginners in the Neshaminy school district are immediately taught the three R's. However, today the talk in the Neshaminy area is how the Neshaminy football team began its 1956 season by giving Haboro High a grid lesson with the use of two R's—Reilly and Rumsey.

This pair, Jack Reilly and George Rumsey, were responsible for all the points as the Redskins smothered the Hatters, 27-6, on the new Neshaminy field before 3,000 fans. Reilly threw four touchdown passes with Rumsey being on the receiving end of three and Bill Fischer the other. Then Rumsey place-kicked three conversions.

When Joe Mattson scored from the three-yard line for Haboro after three and one-half minutes of play, the fans figured Coach Harry Franks' team would be in for a bad night. But in five plays after the touchdown kickoff, Neshaminy hit pay dirt and tied the score at 6-6.

Hitting the air consistently, Neshaminy scored two more TD's in the second period to make it 20-6 at the half. The third session saw the Redskins again cross the goal line for its final touchdown and with Rumsey booting the extra points after the last three touchdowns, it was 27-6 at the end of the third quarter.

Neither team scored in the last period.

| | Neshaminy | Haboro |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------|
| First Downs | 155 | 75 |
| Yards | 418 | 154 |
| Passes attempted | 18 | 7 |
| Passes completed | 14 | 7 |
| Yards passing | 335 | 44 |
| Net yards | 262 | 121 |
| Points | 27 | 6 |
| First downs | 0 | 2 |
| Passes intercepted by | 0 | 3 |
| Fumbles recovered by | 7 | 0 |

Commenting after his team's victory, coach Franks said, "They need plenty of work. They could do much better."

But as far as the figures go, Neshaminy could not have done much better on the offense as it netted a total of 363 yards, 108 on the ground and 255 in the air. It completed 14 of 18 passes with two being intercepted. On both passes missed, the ball bounced out of the receiver's hands. The net yardage gave Neshaminy a total of 15 first downs.

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Mayer falling on the ball on the Neshaminy 44. Two plays brought the ball to midfield from where Reilly heaved a 30-yard pass to Rumsey. Rumsey caught the ball on the 20 and had clear sailing for the first 1956 Neshaminy touchdown.

Neshaminy made a 66-yard drive for its second score with Rumsey getting off to a nice 34-yard run and then putting the ball on the nine-yard line with a rifle pass to Rumsey which was good for 14 yards. When three plays failed to move the ball, Reilly threw a TD aerial to Fischer.

Combo Clicks

It wasn't long afterwards that Rumsey intercepted a pass on his 33 and ran to the Haboro 24 before he was spilled. On the first play it was the Reilly-Rumsey combo for a touchdown, making the score 20-6.

Coach Franks' boys almost had another six-pointer before time ran out. It took over on its 27 and in three plays moved the ball to Haboro's four before the half-time whistle sounded. There were two passes, 20 and 32 yards, both thrown by Reilly to Rumsey and Fischer, respectively, to help cut the yardage.

Haboro only had four plays in the third quarter and they were after the opening kickoff. From then on, Neshaminy predominated, scoring midway in the half on a short three-yard pass. Reilly to Rumsey, and after the touchdown kickoff, Neshaminy took possession on a short kick which was recovered by Dale Puff.

Coach Franks used many of his substitutes in the last period and the combination of Jim Foster, Jim Foster, Jerry Madsen and Charlie Orle almost pushed over a score, getting to the Haboro 22.

ROSA-NESHAMINY 07.
Ends—Leininger, Fischer, Covington, Tackles—Capper, Mayer, Werner, Guards—Blaser, DeAngelis, Kauf, Centers—Boyer, Collier, Sarr, Backs—Foster, Levan, Madsen, Stricker, Muffo, Foster, Levan, Madsen, Stricker, Muffo, Foster, Levan, Madsen, Stricker.

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Touchdown: Mattson.