

# THE SPORT SHOW

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## Norristown's Bishop, They Put the 'Foot' Notre Dame's Stickers In Weekend Football

The guy and his gal who like their frosty Friday night football and sunny Saturday afternoon football have to page far back in the memory book before coming up with a more thrill-packed weekend than the one just ended.

The Norristown-Lower Merion game at Roosevelt Field, on the scholastic level, and the Army-Notre Dame game at Municipal Stadium, on the college plain, wrote a 'Amen' to all the power-packed action that has ever been put into a 24-hour period.

It was football played hard, rugged and crisp, with burning desire flowing like an intangible lava over both fields.

In the scholastic game, it was a tremendous goal-line stand which highlighted a 7-6 Norristown win over

Lower Merion rival defending a 32-game unbeaten streak. In the college game, it was a slashing up-the-field and down-the-field offensive duel, eventually won 23-21 by a Notre Dame team which pulled it out after trailing by two touchdowns as late as the last minute of the third quarter.

And, coincidentally, as if set by pattern, both were won by margin of the toe. Gene Bishop, a 17-year-old with strong foot, was a hero of the NHS campus today, result of his perfectly executed extra point boot Friday night. Monty Stickers, 19-year-old with talented tootsie, was the young husky who nudged Army pointwise with a last period 39-yard field goal.

You have to give a lot of people credit for the Norristown win—from the planning of Coach Roy Kent and his aides, across the length and breadth of a line that reached dimensions of Gibraltar, thru a backfield that constantly nettled the opposition, and Roger Adelman who partially blocked the Lower Merion extra point effort.

But young Gene Bishop had to execute the NHS extra point in placement boot. He did a masterful job of it; a kick with authority—strong and true, nothing tainted.

Fact is, the column conductor must forward a 'thank you' in Gene's direction. Only last Wednesday it was itemed in this pillar: ". . . It should be quite a Friday night of football at Roosevelt Field. Explosive backs working behind two solid lines . . . if it's tight, the extra point could play an important role. Lower Merion made but one in its opener against Camden last week, Norristown made two at Pottstown. But what is most pleasing, from an NHS angle, is that Gene Bishop is booting 'em with authority. . . . A good man to have around."

A good man to have around? You won't find one dissenting vote in the house.

The other boy, two years Gene's senior, Monty Stickers, came from night into day in the space of two or three minutes. The 6-foot-4 third string Notre Dame end could have emerged the goat of the titanic struggle waged before 95,000 thrill-lobbered spectators.

Monty, who hails from Poughkeepsie, N. Y., had hurried his kick on the extra point try after ND's third touchdown, and the South Benders were still trailing Army, 21-20.

There were six minutes left to play. The Fighting Irish



### THEY GET A 'KICK' OUT OF THE GAME—

Gene Bishop, right, a hero of the 7-6 NHS win that ended Lower Merion's 32-game unbeaten streak, talks it over with brother Frank. Gene, a senior, kicked the extra point which was the margin of victory. Frank, a sophomore, did the punting which kept LM at bay. (Times Herald Photo)

had the ball on the Cadet 22-yard line, fourth down and six yards to go. Coach Terry Brennan, sending tackle Bronko Nagurski back into the game, sent the kicking tee along with him.

Terry was playing a hunch. Stickers never had attempted a field goal in his life—high school, college freshman or in his two previous games as a sophomore.

Later, in the jam-packed dressing room, the boyish-looking Brennan explained it: "I figured it this way. Stickers had kicked off over the Army goal line a couple times. I thought if he could boot the ball that far—and they were accurate—it was worth a try.

"So when Bronko went back in, I made up my mind on the moment, and told him to take the kicking tee. Sure, I ordered the play, but the boy had to execute it."

As an after-thought, Terry exclaimed: "And didn't he do a job of it!"

Very true. The boy who had never attempted one before booted this one from the 29-yard line—39 yards out from the posts. Another glowing chapter for the rich tradition which has been the Army-Notre Dame grid rivalry.

Gene Bishop and Monty Stickers put the 'foot' back in football around here this weekend.

But it most have been exciting out in the Pacific Northwest, too. The Corvallis High School band represented University of Idaho in the latter's visit to Oregon State.

The band marched onto the field, broke from formation to spell out the word 'Hello'—but the kids who made up the 'O' mistakenly got in front of the 'H'.

Like we were saying about the 'foot' being back in football. They 'booted' one, too.