

Undefeated Norristown Wins Title; Lower Merion Rips Haverford, 28-14

TD in Last 45 Secs. Nips Chester

The unbeaten, untied Norristown High School football team swept 77 yards for a touchdown on 14 plays in the last five minutes of play to eke out a 19-13 victory over Chester to grab the 1957 Suburban I League football championship yesterday on Roosevelt Field, Norristown.

It was the eighth straight triumph for Norristown and the sixth in the league.

Charley Holmes, who scored two touchdowns, cracked over for Norristown's winning six-pointer from the one-yard line to break the 13-13 deadlock in the last 45 seconds of action.

Norristown jumped out in front, 13-0, with two touchdowns in the first period. The Eagles marched 54 yards for the first score, with Willie Suber setting the stage on a nifty 32-yard run to the Chester 10. Norristown drove to the four, then Holmes cracked over for the touchdown. Gene Bishop kicked the point.

On the first play after the kickoff, Mike Branca recovered a fumble for Norristown on the Chester 32. Bob Lee broke loose on an end sweep and raced 32 yards for a touchdown. Bishop missed the kick for the conversion.

Chester bounced back with two touchdowns in the second period.

Allen Crews set the first one up by intercepting a pass on the Norristown 26. It took Chester five plays to reach the end zone, Dick Adams going over, for his first of two scores, from the one.

A short time later, Ed Hamm intercepted a pass on the Chester 10 and sprinted back to the Norristown 33. Chester moved to the 17 on four plays, then Dick Curl passed into the end zone to Adams for a touchdown. Adams ran over for the point to make the score, 13-13.

Norristown started its winning drive after Phil Knerr recovered a fumble on his own 23. Norristown moved 77 yards, with Holmes going the last seven yards for the winning touchdown. Bishop again failed to convert.

CHESTER
Ends—Jones, Carliss, Chambers. Tackles—Sencheski, Walker, Sullivan. Guards—Sawczyn, Davis, Brooks. Centers—Mercandante, Hayden. Backs—Curl, Adams, Smith, Crews, Mitchell, Fellenbaum, Hamm.

NORRISTOWN
Ends—Adelman, Bono, Shells. Tackles—Eastwood, Duckworth, Glazier. Guards—Branca, Spence, Hopple, Avery, Phillips. Centers—Knerr, Lippy. Backs—Percy, Lee, Suber, Defwiler, Johnson, Holmes, Melnick, G Bishop, F. Bishop.

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TOUCHDOWNS: Norristown—Holmes 2 (4, 7) runs; Lee (32, run). Chester—Adams 2 (1 run, 17-yd. end zone pass from Curl). **POINT!**
AFTER TOUCHDOWNS: Norristown—Bishop



EAGLES RAISE ANOTHER TROPHY—Banner of their eighth straight victim was added to the fruits of their undefeated season by happy Norristown High gridmen Saturday. With it they won the league title on a 6-0 record, as compared to Ridley Township's 5-1 mark. Among the group are, front, left to right: Bobby Lee, 25; Willie Suber, 26; Stew Percy, 10; Ted Avery, 61. Back row, same order: Phil Knerr, 51; Mike Branca, 63; Charlie Holmes, 32; Capt. Bob Eastwood, 70; Robert Swan, 42. Between Holmes and Eastwood are Roddy Duckworth and Frank Bishop.

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