

# Suber's 27-Yard Romp in Final 90 Seconds Defeats Haverford, 19 - 13; Adelman, Melnick Star Defensively

They had 'em on the edge of their seats at Roosevelt Field again last night, as Norristown High drove 67 yards in the last four minutes of play, scoring in the final 90 seconds of combat to nudge Haverford High, 19-13, and maintain their undefeated, untied record. It was a fifth straight win for Roy Kent's young men.

The Eagles had bolted to an early 13-0 advantage, saw it dwindle to 13-7 by half time, then found themselves all tied up at 13-13 with less than five minutes to play.

It was a good ball game, played by two teams determined to win. Norristown cashed in on drives of 66, 61 and 67 yards, Haverford exploded from 56 yards out: via a pass play for its first score, then whipped up 76 yards in seven plays for its tying counter.

Willie Suber was credited with two of the Eagle scores, the first on a 23-yard romp and the last on a sensational 27-yard dance. Sensational because it was the payoff score with only 90 seconds left, and sensational because four or five Fords had clear shots at the boy but none of them delayed him enroute.

Charlie Holmes got the middle score, banging over from the one-yard line in the second period.

But it was another team effort. And while Suber and Holmes stood out offensively in the scoring column, Steady Stew Percy and Bobby Lee also were big hands on the offense.

Defensively, Bob Melnick and Roger Adelman were the prime thorns in Haverford's plans. Melnick intercepted two passes and batted down another at a crucial point of the ball game. Adelman recovered two fumbles the second after a savage tackle by the young man jarred the ball loose from Ford quarterback Mike Boyer during the latter's hot streak in the air.

And Mike Branca, the fine young guard, broke through to block the extra point try that could have put NHS in arrears 11-13.

Haverford held an edge in first downs, picking up the 10-yard 'leveler' 13 times, as compared to 12 for the Eagles.

Norristown drove 66 yards, aided by a 'roughing the kicker' penalty, early in the first period. Suber got the two big runs of the advance, the first and last incidentally.

Putting the in play at their 32 on the "kickoff; the Eagles got a first down on the first play from scrimmage when Suber swung to his right on a pitchout for 25 yards. The NHS attack bogged, but when Frank Bishop punted Haverford was guilty of an infraction and NHS moved to the Ford 30 on the penalty.

Three plays later Willie romped 23 yards around the right for the TD. Percy threw the key block. Gene Bishop booted the extra point and it was 7-0.

Haverford came back with two first downs before Melnick's first interception interrupted ' the visitors. Bob made a beautiful run of his 47-yard return, only to lose it with a fumble at the Ford 34.

However, it was only moments later when he again picked off a Haverford aerial on his 32 and returned seven yards to put his team in business at the 39. Ten plays later the Eagles had their second touchdown.

A reverse, Percy to Suber to Lee, was good for 23 yards as a starter. A Suber to Adelman pass added 16 more yards. Inside the visitors 20, Holmes and Percy did most of the work, with Holmes finally smashing over from the 1. Bishop's point try was wide and it was 13-0. Haverford second quarter touchdown came like a bolt out of the blue. Ball Freilich had just given his mates a first down on their 45 with a 20-yard romp.

Mike Boyer lost a yard, but on the next play faded, leaped and dropped a pass into the arms of Jim Hodge just over the middle. It went for a 56-yard touchdown play, with Hodge doing a masterful job of dodging Norristown defenders. After side-stepping several, he outran the rest.

Tom Mairs kicked the extra point and it was Norristown 13, Haverford 7 as halftime rolled around.

Haverford controlled the ball through the third period, gathering a momentum that

eventually carried to a tying touchdown in I the fourth quarter—just five minutes from the finish.

The Fords went 76 yards, mostly through the air, in just seven plays. Boyer's nine-yard aerial to Paul Bankes wound it up. Branca broke through to block the extra point try and it was 13-13.

Then the Eagles roared back, using the final minutes of play to prolong their streak. Suber returned the kickoff to his 33. Holmes gained two and Suber duplicated for two.

Lee took over, banged for nine yards and a first down on the 46. He banged for nine more, then banged again for a first on the Ford 43.

Suber went to the right for a first on the 29. Willie got two more. Lee's attempted pass to Suber was over the receiver's head. A reverse, Percy to Lee to Suber went for 27 yards and the **TD**. A great run as Willie evaded tacklers with drive and speed.

Paul Gorski blocked Gene Bishop's extra point try, but it didn't matter—there were only 90 seconds left. That was it:

Norristown 19, Haverford 13.

#### NORRISTOWN

ENDS—Bono, Shells.

TACKLES — Eastwood, Duckworth, Glazier.

GUARDS—Branca, Spence, Hopple.

CENTER—Knerr.

BACKS—Percy, Lee, Suber, Holmes, Johnson, Melnick, F. Bishop, G Bishop.

#### HAVERFORD

ENDS—Bankes, Howe.

TACKLES — Gorski, Aucky, Kugler, Martindale.

GUARDS—B. Rantenen, Satchel.

CENTER—Bowers.

BACKS—Boyer, Hodge, Frielich, Worrell, Parker, Britch, Linseuby, George, Kanges, Stafford, Uzzle, Mairs, Robertson, Foss.

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NORRISTOWN SCORING Touchdowns: Sober (23 yds.), (27 yds.), Holmes (1-yd.). Point after touchdown: G. Bishop.

HAVERFORD SCORING — Touchdowns: Hodge (56-yds.), Bankes (9-yd. pass from Boyer). Point after touchdown: Mairs.

Referee: George Erb. Umpire: William Klenk. Head Linesman: John Abrams. Field Judge: James McGuckin.