

Norristown, Lower Merion In 44th Meeting

Eagles Take Aim on Ardmere Rival's

32-Game Streak at Roosevelt Field

Primed for the big one, a Norristown High football team bubbling with vim and vigor takes to Roosevelt Field again tonight, running headlong into a Lower Merion High team seeking to prolong the district's longest unbeaten streak.

It's scheduled for an 8 o'clock kickoff, with one of the largest Stockade crowds of recent seasons figured to be in attendance.

Capt. Bob Eastwood and his Eagle mates have come through their first three games in impressive fashion, and, although taking the season game-by-game, have had an eye on this one since pre-season drills opened in August.

During the past week, however, every ounce energy has been expended by the young NHS athletes in direction of Lower Merion.

"We didn't vary our practice schedule one bit from any other preparatory week," said Coach Roy Kent. "But it has been very evident that the boys have been 'putting out' more the last several days. They're eagerly looking forward to this one.

Lower Merion comes here tonight unbeaten in 32 straight games dating back to 1953, and winner of 29 in a row. In the 43 games played between the two old Montgomery County scholastic rivals, Lower Merion has won 26, Norristown 15, with two ending in ties.

The Eagles will be in good physical shape for the kickoff, with only Charlie Holmes, veteran fullback, questionable regards full-time duty.

Holmes was out of the first game at Ridley Township with a foot injury, but came back to rip, the Phoenixville line to shreds before being hobbled once again in the Pottstown game.

In the event Charlie can't make it tonight, 'sophomore Rich Detwiler will move into the fullback slot once again. The yearling has been improving with each outing.

Elsewhere, all starters in last week's win over Pottstown are slated to be ready at kickoff tonight.

The three other backfield starters will be Stu Percy at quarterback, Willie Suber and Bob Lee at the halfbacks.

The forward wall will find Joe Bono and Roger Adelman at ends, Captain Bob Eastwood and Roddy Duckworth at tackles, Mike Branca and Bob Spence at guards, flanking center Phil Knerr.

Defensive, Frank Bishop will move in as safety man, Bob Melnick at halfback, Robert Shells on the terminal and Ted Avery at guard.

Coach Fritz Brennan announced a possible lineup for Lower Merion late yesterday.

It would find an Ardmere offensive backfield of John McMillan, at quarterback, Harvey Buek and Gus Dingle at halfbacks, and Grady Walters at fullback.

The line shapes up with John Scott at center, Doug Galloway and John Holcombe, guards: Joe Simon and Tom Ketser, tackles: John Raezer and John Dugan on the ends.



SIRRAIGHT AHEAD—Norristown High quarterback Stu Percy prepares to take the center snap from Phil Knerr as the Eagles tapered drills for invasion of Lower Merion High here tonight. Both veterans play a big role in NHS plans. *(Times Herald Photo)*