

# NHS Points For First Win Over LM In 11 Meetings and Second in 17

A series begun 'way back in 1904 on note of a scoreless tie will come to an end as such tomorrow night when Lower Merion and Norristown High Schools mix it up in football at Roosevelt Field.

The Main Line school, long a powerhouse in state scholastic competition, will be a 'house divided' next year with opening of the new Rosemont 'branch'.

## NHS Points

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in 1919 before the series was interrupted 1920 through '27.

When the schools resumed relations in 1928 it was the start of another reign for Lower Merion—seven consecutive through 1934.

Norristown bounced back with five straight through 1939, but then it was time to switch again, with LM taking the next five before a great 21-13 win by NHS in 1945.

Lower Merion has won everything since, 10 in a row and 15 of the last 16. The 1953 game was postponed by blizzard and the teams couldn't get together on a suitable playoff date.

In the last two meetings Brennan's teams have rolled up 72 points against nothing for the Eagles.

Norristown practice sessions this week have been pointed toward rectification of those results. There is a great air of optimism in the NHS camp. And optimism goes a long way under such circumstances.

Coach Fritz Brennan's current Ardmore Aces would like nothing more to finish out unbeaten—and prolong a streak that, started in 1953, has reached 32 straight without loss.

But a Norristown High eleven that has bowled over three opponents to date in the 1957 season, and hungering for their first win over LM since 1945, puts itself up as an immediate roadblock to Lower Merion.

Dynasties have been upset in this rivalry before. It's been a series that has run somewhat in streaks.

After that opening tie in 1904, Norristown won four in a row before another tie, 6-6 in 1910. Then the Eagles won three more in order, LM finally winning its first in 1914 and adding two more directly thereafter.

Norristown took it in 1918, but the Ardmore Aces bounced back

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