

Kent Experiments With Percy As NHS Halfback

Although one good win already is in the books, Norristown High football mentor Roy Kent is not standing still.

While halfbacks Robert E. Lee and Willie Suber did a good job of it in the 18-6 Suburban A League conquest at Ridley Township, Kent figures he has to bolster those ball-carrying departments with depth for future emergencies.

He has Robert Johnston, Bob Melnick and Richard Daddona working behind the two halfback starters, but for further insurance through a rugged schedule, Kent is experimenting with Stew Percy at halfback.

Percy, who was a clever quarterback in leading the Eagles to

their opening win, is a talented runner. And while Kent plans to have him in his regular q-back spot tomorrow night when Phoenixville High visits Roosevelt Field, he likes the idea of Stew also being available for halfback chores.

In the event Percy ever does move away from quarterback, the signal-calling roll will be a

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tossup between brothers Gene and Frank Bishop. Gene is in his second year behind Percy, while Frank is a first-timer as a sophomore. The latter handled safety duties defensively for the Eagles at Ridley Township.

Kent stated today that letterman Joe Bono would be back at his old left end spot against Phoenixville, after having missed the opener.

The NHS coach liked the ball game his club played as a team at Ridley, although hinting that the Township line wasn't a strong test for the Eagles.

Evading any direct comment on too-early praise, Kent stated: "It was a good half game for opener: few fumbles and not a bunch of kids laying all over the ground. Both clubs were well conditioned, and the scrimmage moved rapidly for an opening game."

He said it still was doubtful if veteran Charlie Holmes would be around for the kickoff at fullback tomorrow night. If not, the Eagles again will go with Richard Detwiler, sophomore, in that position.

"That youngster showed us a lot in the opener, despite the fact he only carried the ball once," said Kent. "He blocks well, has good team spirit and sure has lots of desire."