

Norristown Defeats Ridley Eagles Grind Out 18-6 League Win

Employing strictly infantry operations in ground-grinding tactics, Norristown High launched its 1957 football season with an 18-6 victory at Ridley Township last night, using two last period scores to gain the decision.

It was only the curtain raiser for both clubs, but also marked first combat in the Suburban A League.

The Eagles had to stop an early Ridley threat before moving into offensive motion. The Townshippers moved out of the opening kickoff marching from their 26 to the NHS 1 before alert Frankie Bishop halted the drive by grabbing a fumble inches from the goal.

Before the period was over the Eagles took off on a 54-yard march of their own. It flivved at the Ridley 28.

In the second quarter, after an exchange of punts, Norristown again went to work, starting from its 38 and moving 62 yards for the score. The drive took 13 plays and a newcomer, Robert. E. Lee, carried on 9 of the 13—at one stretch lugging the ball six straight times. Lee finally went over for the score from one-yard out.

Ridley got around to tying the count in the third quarter after Gilles Cannon recovered Dick Detwiler's fumble of the kickoff on the NHS 36. The home team moved for three first downs before Al Brewster tossed up the NHS defense and swung around end for a one-yard TD.

On the ensuing kickoff the Eagles

again set out on a march moving from their 26 on four first downs before Cannon recovered a Willie Suber fumble at the Ridley 25.

Coming back after a Ridley punt the Eagles were in scoring mood again when Bill Sherer intercepted Stew Percy's pass at the 10. Then came some bobble-ball. Phil Knerr recovered a Brewster fumble at the 14. Suber picked up four yards to the 10, but on the next play Willie fumbled as he was driving for a TD and Del Delozier recovered at the 1.

Brewster got it out to the 4 for Ridley on a three-yard q-back sneak. Then Brewster fumbled and NHS guard Mike Branca recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown and a 12-6 NHS lead.

After the next kickoff, Ridley again ran into fumble troubles and Norristown's Jim Shells recovered on the Townshippers 42. In 12 plays Suber, Percy and Lee labored equal time to score the clinching touchdown, with Suber finally banging over from the 1.

NORRISTOWN

Ends—Adelman, Shells, Lawson. Tackles—Duckworth, Eastwood, Avery. Guards—Branca, Spence, Phillips. Center—Knerr.
Backs — Percy, Lee, Suber, Detwiler, Bishop, Johnston, Melnick, Daddona.

RIDLEY TOWNSHIP

Ends—Clower, Womack, Payne, Mock; Alexander.
Tackles—Cannon, Wagner, Pennington, Billingsley.
Guards—Brunke, Evansky, Martin.
Center—Di Cave.
Backs—Brewster, Delozier, Fahey, Dunn, Sherrer, Blair, Dunn.

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Norristown	0	6	0	12	----18

NORRISTOWN SCORING

Touch downs: Lee, Branca, Suber.

RIDLEY TOWNSHIP SCORING

Touchdown: Brewster.

Referee: George Myers; Umpire: Herm Solar; Head Linesman: Nick Cardone; Field Judge: Fred Zinck.