

# Norristown Strong Threat for Title After Beating Ridley Township Eleven

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Those who have been touting Norristown High School as a top contender for the 1957 Suburban 1 League football championship may not be far off the beam.

This was apparent last night when Norristown, starting its second season under coach Leroy Kent, turned back highly regarded Ridley Township, 18-6, before 4,000 under the lights at Woodlyn, Pa.

The stumbling block in the path, of course, is Lower Merion, three-time champs, but Norristown fans are confident the Eagles will be ready by the time that game rolls around.

#### Operate from Split-T

Operating from a split-T formation, which at times switched into a winged-T, Norristown scored in the first and fourth periods to grab the triumph.

A fumble recovered by Jim Bishop on the Norristown one-yard line turned back a Ridley Township threat in the first period after a march of 81 yards. From this point, Norristown dominated the action for the remainder of the first half.

With Willie Suber and Bobby Lee, two midget halfbacks, taking charge of the running plays under Stew Percy's slick direction from the quarterback slot, Norristown surged 62 yards for a touchdown early in the second period. The drive carried to the Township one, from where Lee sliced off tackle into the end

zone. Carl Daddona's kick for the point was wide.

Ridley Township bounced right back, Allen Brewster, returning the kickoff on the Norristown 36. Brewster and Jim Fahey moved the ball to the three. On the next play, Brewster rammed over. John Blair's kick missed fire.

For the remainder of the second half, Norristown held the upper hand. A scoring drive stalled early in the fourth period when Del DeLozier fell on a Norristown fumble on the Township one-yard stripe. However, on the first play, Jim Shell broke through and retrieved a Township fumble over the goal line for a touchdown.

A few minutes later, Mike Branca pounced on another fumble on the Township 42. Willie Suber supplied the ground gaining power that saw Norristown move in for a touchdown on five plays. Suber climaxed the march by smacking over from the one.