

Riddick does the job in win over Neshaminy

■ The junior running back rambles for 179 yards and two TDs in a solid victory.

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Neshaminy may have come to Allentown last night expecting to see a "Rocky Horror" throwing show from host Dieruff.

Instead, the Huskies provided some turf terror in the form of junior running back Tosh Riddick, who rambled for 179 yards and two touchdowns in a solid 25-6 season-opening win over the Redskins before a small crowd at J. Birney Crum Stadium.

If Dieruff is expected to reverse its fortunes from a 2-8 season a year ago, most expect the Huskies will use the velvet-

smooth arm of senior Rocky Butler to do it. But against Neshaminy, Butler kept his rifle in his holster much of the night — throwing just nine times for 31 yards through three quarters — choosing to hand off to Riddick instead.

And the surprising ground assault seemed to work as Dieruff racked up 326 yards on the ground.

The Butler did it running the ball, too, picking up 73 yards on seven scrambles. He even got to unfurl a pair of scoring passes before the night was through, hooking up with speedy receiver Tiquan Birch on TD connections of 36 and 54 yards in the fourth quarter.

But on night No. 1, Riddick was the workhorse and the star.

"We wanted to establish the running to set up the pass," Butler said. "We got Tosh the ball and they had to worry about him, so that opened up the passing game later on. It felt good to be able to air it out some. I told Tiquan I was going to get him the ball, so he better catch it."

Riddick was actually on the receiving end of what looked to be Dieruff's first

STATISTICS

	N	D
First downs	10	18
Rushing yardage	62	326
Passing yardage	131	121
Passes	9-22	6-11
Passes intercepted by	0	1
Punts	4-29	2-36
Fumbles lost	1	0
Yards penalized	4-55	7-36
Neshaminy	0	0
Dieruff	0	0
D — Tosh Riddick 8 run, (run failed)	0	0
D — Riddick 7 run, (run failed)	0	0
D — Tiquan Birch 36 pass from Rocky Butler, (run failed)	0	0
N — John Hatfield 7 pass from Jim Dietz, (Rob Miller kick)	0	0
D — Birch 54 pass from Butler, (Matt Marcks kick)	0	0

score of the night on the Huskies' first possession.

But his dazzling, cross-the-field run after taking a screen pass was wiped out by a clipping penalty.

Riddick, listed at 5-foot-11 and 175 pounds, got into the end zone again to start the second quarter and this time it counted. He rambled 8 yards untouched around right end.

Even though he had 117 yards on 13 carries at halftime, Riddick wouldn't

score again until midway through the third quarter when he exploded off left tackle from 7 yards out to make it 12-0.

"We got to go with what's working and tonight the line did the job and opened up the holes," Riddick said after finishing with 28 carries. "They were giving me the outside and if they do that, I'll take it. The officials took the first touchdown away from me with a penalty, but I still got two more. I'm just glad we won."

Neshaminy, coming off a 1-10 season, was pleased to still be within 6-0 midway through the third quarter. But the Redskins' heart seemed to be ripped out when linebacker Andy Atkinson suffered what seemed to be a major knee injury and had to be taken off the field in an ambulance.

It was just the continuation of a tough night for the Langhorne team. The Redskins were late in arriving in Allentown. A major traffic jam caused by an accident on the turnpike prevented the Suburban One team from getting to JBC until about 7 p.m. The game began about 15 minutes after its slated 7:30 start.