

Lovelace catches 3 TDs, Neshaminy wins

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LEVITTOWN — Antoine Lovelace caught three touchdown passes to lead visiting Neshaminy to a 34-27 victory over Harry S Truman last night in Suburban One National Conference football.

Lovelace, who had six catches for 116 yards, hauled in TD passes of 34 and 27 yards in the second half as the Redskins (4-2 league, 5-2 overall) turned a 21-20 deficit into a 35-21 lead.

"Our game plan was to put the ball in the air," said Lovelace, a 6-foot-1, 184-pound senior. "I always feel I can beat people long."

Lovelace gave the Redskins a 27-21 lead with 1 minute, 19 seconds to play in the third quarter on a 34-yard bomb from Jim Dietz. On Neshaminy's next series, he went over the middle to snare a 27-yard TD pass from Dietz. That score was set up by a 33-yard pass from Dietz to Frank Disandro.

Dietz completed 12 of 25 passes for

207 yards and three touchdowns.

Truman (1-6, 1-5) got a late 15-yard TD pass from Ryan Cook (9 of 18, 122 yards) to Josh Werline, but failed to recover an onside kick with 2:22 left in the game.

"Dietz is the best in Bucks [County] and maybe in the league," said Truman coach Jan Cechak. "Lovelace is a Division I receiver. He just beat our guys on two of the touchdowns."

Disandro contributed two TDs for the Redskins and gained 73 yards on 14 carries.

The first half was a see-saw battle as the Tigers twice took 7-point leads while Neshaminy responded each time to force a tie.

Truman seized a 7-0 advantage by marching 87 yards following the opening kickoff. Eric Yedman capped the nine-play drive with a six-yard TD reception from Cook.

The Redskins forged a tie on their first possession as Dietz marched his troops 84 yards on 15 plays. Disandro bulled in from the one on

fourth down with 21 seconds left in the first quarter.

The Tigers struck late in the half after Dietz fumbled a snap with 1:10 remaining. Cook hit Yedman on a 17-yard gain to set up a 7-yard TD pass to Yedman with 44 seconds to play.

But Neshaminy responded with a game-tying TD as Dietz found Lovelace on a 21-yard TD with only three seconds left in the half. The play occurred following a costly 15-yard unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty against the Truman coaching staff for protesting what the Tigers thought was a fumble by Neshaminy on the previous play.

Neshaminy	7	7	14	7	—	35
Harry S Truman	7	7	7	6	—	27

HST: Yedman 6 pass from Cook (McCaa kick)

N: Disandro 1 run (Vetter kick)

HST: Yedman 7 pass from Cook (McCaa kick)

N: Lovelace 21 pass from Dietz (Vetter kick)

N: Disandro 1 run (kick failed)

HST: Norris 1 run (McCaa kick)

N: Lovelace 34 pass from Dietz (Lovelace pass from Dietz)

N: Lovelace 27 pass from Dietz (Vetter kick)

HST: Werline 15 pass from Cook (kick failed)