

Pennsbury caps season with last-minute victory over Neshaminy

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The Pennsbury football team rewarded its hardy fans Saturday afternoon in less-than-ideal conditions for a homecoming.

James Roberts capped a dramatic, last-ditch drive with a 43-yard touchdown reception to give the Falcons a 12-9 victory over visiting Neshaminy in their season finale.

Roberts' touchdown, with 44 sec-

onds to play, came on fourth and 12 after quarterback Dave Schimpf was flushed out of the pocket on a blitz.

"It was supposed to be a straight drop, but I felt the blitz and rolled out," Schimpf said. "James was wide open, and I happened to see him out of the corner of my eye."

The win ended a 5-5 season for Pennsbury; the Falcons were 5-4 in the Suburban One National Conference. Neshaminy finished 7-3 over-

all and tied for second in the conference with North Penn and Council Rock at 6-1.

The winning drive began with 4 minutes, 6 seconds to play. Schimpf, who was 11 of 19 for 123 yards with no interceptions despite a driving rain, also made a key 12-yard pass to Josh Burden on fourth and 11. The play came after Neshaminy went offside, costing itself 5 key yards.

"The pocket was collapsing, and at

the last second I hit Josh," said Schimpf, who finished the season with 1,006 yards passing. "This win really meant a lot to us. They were 7-2 coming in and had been talking about the playoffs."

Schimpf also won a personal battle with Redskins senior quarterback Jim Dietz, who entered the game needing 160 yards to reach 2,000 this season and two TD passes to reach 20. Dietz was held to 9 of 23

for 88 yards and did his only damage in the first quarter, hitting Frank Disandro on a 37-yard touchdown.

Roberts led Pennsbury with six catches for 84 yards. Meanwhile, the Falcons' defense limited Neshaminy to 179 total yards.

"I think the weather actually affected them more than us," said Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt. "They fumbled a few times in the

first half, and we didn't lose the ball at all."

Schimpf said the emotion of the crowd was a motivator.

"It was our last game and it was senior day and homecoming, and there was a lot of emotion," he said.

Neshaminy	6	3	0	0	—	9
Pennsbury	0	0	0	12	—	12
N: Disandro 37 pass from Dietz (run failed)						
N: Vetter 22 FG						
P: Schimpf 1 run (kick failed)						
P: Roberts 43 pass from Schimpf (kick failed)						