

# Neshaminy tops Norristown to get back in gear

The Redskins rebounded from two straight losses. But can they still challenge for a conference title?

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NORRISTOWN — Neshaminy, which spent the last two weekends digging a sizable hole for itself in the Suburban One League's National Conference football standings, began the process of digging itself out Friday night.

Frank DiSandro carried 22 times for 87 yards and two touchdowns, while Jim Dietz threw for another TD, as the Redskins snapped a two-game losing streak with a 24-14 victory over luckless Norristown at Roosevelt Field.

Neshaminy, which fell two games behind front-running Central Bucks West with back-to-back losses to the Bucks and Council Rock, needs help now if it is to have any chance of contending for the conference crown.

But at the very least, if the Redskins (4-2 overall, 3-2 league) can continue to play at the level they did Friday, they can keep the pressure on should the Bucks stumble.

"I don't know if this means we're back or not," coach Mark Schmidt said. "All I know is that we beat a pretty good football team tonight."

DiSandro and Dietz, who provided the perfect run-pass balance, were two reasons why.

After Josh Vetter gave the Redskins a 3-0 lead with a 21-yard field goal early in the first quarter, DiSandro made it 10-0 when he scored on a 4-yard run later in the period.

Dietz accounted for Neshaminy's

second touchdown with a 9-yard scoring pass to wide receiver Antoine Lovelace 56 seconds before halftime. DiSandro improved the Redskins' lead to 23-6 midway through the third quarter with a 2-yard TD burst.

Meanwhile, Norristown (1-5, 1-4) got some hard running from sophomore tailback Troy Swittenberg, who finished with 126 yards and two touchdowns on 25 carries. His second TD came on a 21-yard jaunt early in the fourth quarter and pulled the Eagles to within 24-14.

DiSandro and Dietz put Norristown away by chewing up the game's final 6 minutes, 44 seconds when they sparked an efficient 13-play, 74-yard drive that ended on the Norristown 6 as time expired.

On that march, DiSandro carried six times for 32 yards while Dietz completed both of his passes.

"We didn't expect to lose two in a row," DiSandro said, "so after that, our confidence was a little shaky. I don't know if we can get back in it. It all depends on who comes to play."

"In this league, you have to be ready to face a challenge every week. That's why we knew we had to be ready to play tonight."

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| Neshaminy  | 10 | 7 | 7 | 0 | — | 24 |
| Norristown | 0  | 6 | 2 | 6 | — | 14 |

Ne: Vetter 21 FG

Ne: DiSandro 4 run (Vetter kick)

No: Swittenberg 2 run (kick failed)

Ne: Lovelace 9 pass from Dietz (Vetter kick)

Ne: DiSandro 2 run (Vetter kick)

No: Safety, Dietz tackled in end zone

No: Swittenberg 21 run (pass failed)