

# Neshaminy's ground game emerges in triumph over Bensalem

As usual, Jim Dietz sparked the Redskins through the air. But Frank DiSandro and Chaz Hall added a rushing threat.

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LANGHORNE — Neshaminy quarterback Jim Dietz has passed for more than 600 yards in three games, and he likes the offense he runs.

"We're fun to watch," he said after the Redskins' 35-13 Suburban One National Conference win over Bensalem on Friday night. "But we don't want to be known as a passing team only."

Dietz passed for 177 yards and two touchdowns, and the lead runners for the Redskins (3-0 overall, 2-0 confer-

ence), Frank DiSandro and Chaz Hall, added 265 yards.

DiSandro rushed for 167 yards and three TDs, and Hall ran for 98 yards.

"You've got to give credit to the O line," said DiSandro. "They're coming together."

The game figured to be a passing battle between Dietz and Rob Dunner of Bensalem (1-2, 0-2), especially with Owls running back Keith Davis sitting out a one-game suspension for being ejected from the previous week's game.

And it was, until Dunner suffered a

concussion and had to leave after the first half. Dunner had led the Owls on a 10-play, 80-yard drive midway through the second period, tying the score at 7-7 and completing six of seven passes for 80 yards.

Then, with Neshaminy driving late in the period, Dunner broke up a Dietz pass near the Owls' 10-yard line, but hit his head on the ground as he landed.

On the next play, Dietz hit Dan McCollick on a 26-yard touchdown pass, beating the player who replaced Dunner.

"Dunner's a good football player," said Dietz, "but I threw to the man who was open. I didn't pick on anybody."

Dunner completed 9 of 12 passes for 107 yards, rushed twice for 11 yards, and had

a 25-yard punt return.

"We had to get simple in the second half," said Bensalem coach Biz Keeny, referring to his offense without Dunner.

"With Keith not in the game, that's a hit, and when Rob went down, they had to take out a lot of stuff," said Redskins coach Mark Schmidt.

Neshaminy broke the game open in the second half, when DiSandro scored all three of his touchdowns.

"Frank's a player, he's tough," said Schmidt. "We ran the ball more because we wanted to keep our defense off the field a little bit."

Bensalem got within 21-13 when Anthony Siegfried, Dunner's replacement at quarterback, connected with Krishan

Lewis on a 42-yard scoring bomb late in the third period. But Neshaminy's defense, headed by linebacker Kevin Mullins, limited the Owls to less than 20 yards in the fourth period.

Mullins had three tackles for losses.

Neshaminy piled up 443 yards of total offense, while Bensalem's 246 yards were compiled mostly in the first half with Dunner directing the offense.

Bensalem	0	7	0	0	-13
Neshaminy	7	7	7	14	-20

R: Lovelace 15 pass from Dietz (Vetter kick)

D: Howard 14 run (Drown kick)

R: McCollick 26 pass from Dietz (Vetter kick)

R: DiSandro 7 run (Vetter kick)

B: Lewis 42 pass from Siegfried (kick failed)

R: DiSandro 47 run (Vetter kick)

B: DiSandro 14 run (Vetter kick)