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QB switch does the trick as Neshaminy beats Council Rock

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NEWTOWN — The change was made early in the fourth period. It was brief but decisive.

Neshaminy was trailing Council Rock, 14-13, when Redskins coach Mark Schmidt replaced starting quarterback Jim Dietz with Dave Feight.

Feight would play just one series — six plays — but when he left the game, the Redskins had a 19-14 lead en route to a 26-14 victory in Friday's Suburban One National Conference game.

On his first play, Feight turned to pitch the ball back to Lester Wiltz, but threw it behind him. Fullback Nick Darnin recovered the ball, but for a 10-yard loss at his own 11-yard line. Before the next play, Neshaminy was

called for a delay-of-game penalty, and was back to its own 6.

But on second down, Feight dropped back into his end zone and hit John Hatfield on a 49-yard completion. Four running plays later, Wiltz scored from 8 yards out and Neshaminy (2-1 overall, 2-0 league) was in control of the game.

"I screwed up," said Schmidt. "I wanted Feight in the game in the first or second quarter. I've got two quarterbacks that can run the offense, and I want them both ready."

Feight, who also played one series in each of the Redskins' first two games, said he had enough time to get ready for his relief assignment.

"The coach gave me advance notice," he said. "I had

about 15 throws on the sidelines. Sometimes the coach just wants the starter to see things from the sidelines."

Dietz, like Feight a junior who did not play varsity last season, was back for the next series, which ended with Wiltz breaking loose on a 69-yard touchdown run.

"It's a hard decision," Schmidt said of mixing quarterbacks. "Anybody can study playbooks and learn the offense. But both of these kids take film home, so they know more about it. They know what we want to do."

Feight had just that one completion for 49 yards, while Dietz's passing statistics of six completions on 14 attempts for 65 yards weren't helped by at least three dropped passes by receivers.

The Redskins dominated the second half, shutting out Rock (1-2, 1-1), and outgaining the Indians, 274 yards to

88.

Wiltz, who attended Newtown Junior High before moving to Florida and then returning to the area in the Neshaminy School District this year, carried the ball 20 times for 169 yards and the two second-half TDs.

"This was a big deal for me," he said. "I wanted to show them [Council Rock] I could play."

So did both of Neshaminy's quarterbacks.

Neshaminy	0	2	6	13	—	26
Council Rock	7	7	0	0	—	14

CR: Wade 46 pass from Kingner (Kahan kick)

N: Darnin 2 run (Miller kick)

CR: Erlanson 96 run (Kahan kick)

N: Darnin 1 run (kick failed)

N: Wiltz 8 run (pass failed)

N: Wiltz 69 run (Miller kick)