

Potter sparks West over Neshaminy, 41-12

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LANGHORNE — We interrupt Central Bucks West star Dave Armstrong's season for a report on quarterback Corey Potter.

While Armstrong was his usual battering-ram self (15 carries, 88 yards, three touchdowns), Potter led the Bucks to a 41-12 smothering of Neshaminy on Saturday afternoon.

The senior rushed for 125 yards on eight carries, and completed 5 of 7 passes for 83 yards and two TDs. And the two incompletions were dropped passes that could have produced two more TDs.

"He's been under a lot of pressure as a West quarterback," said Bucks coach Mike Pettine of Potter. "He's more of a wingback, but we had to go with him. He has the athleticism to complement Armstrong."

Potter, Armstrong and the rest of the Bucks' starters played just over half the game, after they had scored touchdowns the first six times they had the ball. The two TD passes were Potter's first of the season.

"The pressure's more in practice than in the games," Potter said. "In the games you're just thinking about what you have to do to win. Coach Dan Carey has worked with me before practice and I've seen a lot of improvement [in his own play] in the last two weeks."

For most of the season, Potter's job has been relatively easy: make sure Armstrong, who has carried the ball 109 times in the first five games, was lined up in the right spot for his handoff.

"When things aren't going right, you can just give it to Dave and he can get a drive started," said Potter.

The win for the Bucks (5-0, 4-0 Suburban One National Conference) was ridiculously easy, embarrassingly so for the Redskins (3-2, 2-2).

West's four first-half possessions ended in touchdowns on drives of



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Jack Shackleton of Central Bucks West tackles Neshaminy quarterback Jim Dietz for a loss. Dietz was plagued by dropped passes Saturday.

38, 59, 68 and 80 yards. Armstrong was plowing over attempted tacklers, and West's starting line of tacklers Joe Wilson and Matt Volitis, guards Jason Yaich and Adam Dommurad and center Jon Wilson was pushing Neshaminy's defense back.

Add the 6-foot-4, 255-pound Armstrong, bigger than all of the linemen, to the blocking mix, and Pot-

ter and Scott Warden (four carries, 43 yards) had no trouble finding openings.

When the Redskins had the ball, quarterback Jim Dietz was plagued by dropped passes. Of his eight first-half incompletions (in 14 attempts), five were drops.

"We played like a poor football team today," said Neshaminy coach

Mark Schmidt. "We realize Armstrong will get his yards, but we had to contain Potter. We can't walk in here and say, 'Let's stop Armstrong.' We have to play."

And Central Bucks West is making it harder for teams to play it because Dave Armstrong now has some help.

Central Bucks West	14	13	14	0	—	41
Neshaminy	6	0	6	0	—	12

CBW: Armstrong 4 run (kick failed)
 CBW: Armstrong 5 run (Potter run)
 N: Lovelace 2 pass from Dietz (run failed)
 CBW: Armstrong 1 run (Patterson kick)
 CBW: Titus 13 pass from Potter (kick failed)
 CBW: Hellwarth 15 pass from Potter (Patterson kick)
 CBW: Palena 5 run (Patterson kick)
 N: Dietz 6 run (pass failed)