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C.B. East's Justin Habel (right) breaks free of Neshaminy's James Kelly. A missed conversion after its last touchdown cost East the game.

Lovelace's 2 TDs lift Neshaminy

The Redskin's late heroics sealed a 21-20 win and overshadowed three TDs by C.B. East's Bryan Scott.

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LANGHORNE — After dropping a sure touchdown pass to prove he was human, Antoine Lovelace spent the rest of the game proving otherwise.

The junior receiver caught two touchdown passes to lead Neshaminy High to a 21-20 victory over Central Bucks East in a Suburban One League National Conference football game Friday night. It was the second straight come-from-behind win for the Redskins (2-0 overall, 1-0 league), who have won twice by a combined total of four points. "Everybody thought we were going to stink because we lost a lot of people, but it ain't happening," said

Lovelace, who recalled a pregame boast by East's Manny Stoupakis.

"[Stoupakis] made a comment in the paper that our receivers wouldn't catch a pass on them, but we did."

Quarterback Jim Dietz finished 13 for 25 for 198 yards and three touchdowns. He found Lovelace six times for 125 yards.

"We've got a lot of heart; we're a team now," senior linebacker Kevin Mullins said. "We came together and played our hearts out."

Neshaminy went ahead when Frank DiSandro took a screen pass for 25 yards and a touchdown. The Patriots (1-1, 0-1) forged a 7-7 half-time tie when Bryan Scott, who gained 193 yards, scored the first of

his three touchdowns on a 2-yard run.

Scott's 30-yard scoring run gave East a 14-7 third-quarter lead. The Redskins missed a chance to tie it late in the quarter when a pass slipped through Lovelace's hands as he entered the end zone.

Lovelace grabbed a 25-yard touchdown pass on the next play.

"He'll drop a few passes, like all great receivers do," Dietz said. "We came right back to him, he got open and made a great catch."

"Things roll off his back pretty good," coach Mark Schmidt said. "He doesn't hang his head."

East reclaimed the lead early in the fourth quarter on Scott's 40-yard run, but the Patriots missed a crucial extra point.

Dietz came right back with a 55-yard TD pass to Lovelace, and Josh Vetter's third PAT made the differ-

ence with 9 minutes, 20 seconds remaining.

East then drove from its own 38 to the Neshaminy 9. After gaining just 1 yard, the Patriots missed a 26-yard field goal, their second missed field goal of 30 yards or less. East got the ball back with 40 seconds left, but Adam Behar's interception secured Neshaminy's win.

"We gave up some long gains, but we had some big stops," East coach Larry Greene said. "We had a nice goal-line stand. We've got to accentuate the positive, not dwell on the negative. The kids feel bad enough as it is."

Central Bucks East	0	7	7	6	—	20
Neshaminy	0	7	7	7	—	21

N: DiSandro 25 pass from Dietz (Vetter kick)
 CBE: Scott 2 run (Becker kick)
 CBE: Scott 30 run (Becker kick)
 N: Lovelace 25 pass from Dietz (Vetter kick)
 CBE: Scott 40 run (kick failed)
 N: Lovelace 55 pass from Dietz (Vetter kick)