

# Neshaminy gives Salesianum a struggle

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**WILMINGTON** — His team had just completed a 1-10 record, but Neshaminy High rookie coach Mark Schmidt felt good about the 1995 football season.

"It was a great learning experience," Schmidt said after his Redskins dropped a 30-21 nonleague decision to host Salesianum Friday night. "We have a good group, and I'm very proud of them.

"They could have packed it in, but they played with heart all year to the end. It would have been nice to win a couple more games, but we just didn't do the little things you need to win."

Neshaminy fought to the end against a Salesianum team that — despite its 4-4 record going into the game — was ranked in the state and

nearly beat Ches-Mont League powers Coatesville and Downingtown.

In fact, Neshaminy took a 7-0 lead when Tim Smith (98 yards and 2 TDs on 16 carries) raced 65 yards on the third play of the game. But Salesianum responded with a 65-yard drive that culminated in Chad Swiderski's 33-yard TD pass to Jason Maxwell.

The Redskins went ahead, 13-7, when Nick Durnin sped 43 yards for a score with 3 minutes, 37 seconds left in the first quarter. After that, however, Maxwell and Swiderski took over and the Redskins' running game was shut down.

Maxwell finished with 174 yards on 31 carries and scored two 3-yard TDs while adding 58 yards on five receptions from Swiderski (10 for 16, 146 yards). Salesianum scored 23 straight points. In the final three

periods, the Sals limited Neshaminy to 6 yards rushing.

Still, Neshaminy stayed alive by forcing four turnovers and benefiting from 90 yards in penalties against the Sals. Then, midway through the fourth quarter, quarterback Dave O'Brien (7 for 16, 101 yards, 2 interceptions) found Smith on a 31-yard pass, which set up Smith's 1-yard touchdown run to make the game close. "We have to learn to play four quarters," said Schmidt, who lost two-way starter Durnin with an apparent broken leg in the third period.

Neshaminy	13	0	0	8	—	21
Salesianum	14	10	6	0	—	30

N: Smith 65 run (Vetter kick)  
S: Maxwell 33 pass from Swiderski (Tink kick)  
N: Durnin 43 run (kick failed)  
S: Maxwell 3 run (Tink kick)  
S: Clark 23 pass from Swiderski (Tink kick)  
S: FG Tink 28  
S: Maxwell 3 run (pass failed)  
N: Smith 1 run (Nugent pass from O'Brien)