

# Pennsbury finishes up with 32-13 win

Although the clock was dominated by Neshaminy, the big plays were provided by the Falcons.

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**FAIRLESS HILLS** — Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt says he doesn't believe in jinxes. Redskins fans can only hope Saturday's game doesn't persuade the first-year coach to start.

Although Neshaminy dominated the line of scrimmage for most of the game and held a 10-minute advantage in time of possession, Pennsbury used the big plays to pick up a 32-13 win Saturday afternoon at Falcon Field.

Pennsbury (4-6 overall, 4-5 Suburban One National) ended its season by winning for the fourth time in the last five games after starting the year

0-5. Neshaminy (1-9, 1-8) plays Friday night at Salesianum in Wilmington.

"I'm just real proud of the kids and the coaching staff," Pennsbury coach Larry Greene said. "They never packed it in. They never talked about next year."

Neshaminy, which lost to its archrival for the seventh consecutive year, has not won at Falcon Field since 1964. So it should come as no surprise to Redskins fans, who have grown to expect the worst at Pennsbury, that their team was down by 6-0 before any time had elapsed on the clock.

On the opening kickoff, the ball accidentally hit off a Neshaminy returner and was kicked into the end-

zone, where Pennsbury's Jim Shields fell on the ball for a score. Since the ball was not actually returned by a Redskins player the clock did not start, so Pennsbury led with a full 12:00 left in the first.

Once the two teams settled down, they played an intense first half, befitting this rivalry, despite the sub-par seasons by both teams. Dating back to the 1950s, this is the first time that both teams have come into this traditional season-ending game with losing records.

The Redskins took the lead at 7-6 late in the first half, holding the ball for 8:25 before Nick Durnin slammed in off right tackle from 1 yard out to cap a 14-play, 74-yard drive.

But Pennsbury has Rick Mendenhall, who has emerged as one of the top running backs in the league. Despite missing three games with a

sprained ankle, Mendenhall finished the year with 949 yards and 16 touchdowns, scoring at least one TD in every game he played.

"He's a great back," Schmidt said. "He runs hard, he runs strong, and he runs low to the ground. He's tough to tackle."

Falcons senior Jason Cooper ended his career in style. His 85-yard kick return for a touchdown came just one play after Neshaminy's Joe Nugent had cut Pennsbury's lead to 19-13 with a 1-yard TD run.

Neshaminy	0	7	0	6	—	13
Pennsbury	6	0	13	13	—	32

P: Shields fumble recovery in end zone (kick failed)

N: Durnin 1 run (Miller kick)

P: Mendenhall 11 run (run failed)

P: Mendenhall 1 run (Trombino kick)

N: Nugent 1 run (kick failed)

P: Cooper 85 kickoff return (Trombino kick)

P: Mendenhall 44 run (kick failed)