

In new role, Minnichbach leads Bensalem past Neshaminy

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LANGHORNE — This was the kind of football game Bensalem coach Dennis Strobel had envisioned when he decided to move Ted Minnichbach from wide receiver to quarterback.

The senior completed 6 of 15 passes for 72 yards and two touchdowns Friday night to lead the Owls to a 21-13 Suburban One National Conference win at Neshaminy. Minnich-

bach also ran for 56 yards on eight carries.

"He's looked better and better each game," said Strobel, who was including scrimmages.

Minnichbach, whose passing numbers would have been better had his receivers not dropped three balls, also had an interception as the team's free safety and got off a 33-yard punt.

"Every time we scored a touch-

down, I told the guys to get the blocking and the patterns down," Minnichbach said. "And they did. I give all the credit to them."

Charles Maddocks caught Minnichbach's first TD pass, a 13-yarder with 3 minutes, 4 seconds left in the first half. Frank Lombardo's extra point tied the score at 7. Neshaminy (0-2 overall, 0-1 league) had scored on its first possession on a 34-yard run by Tim Smith.

In the third quarter, the Owls (1-1, 1-0) took the lead for good when Minnichbach found Mike Fleming in the back of the end zone with a 10-yard pass. Joe Thompson gave Bensalem breathing room early in the fourth period when he scampered 20 yards for a touchdown.

Neshaminy tightened the score to 21-13 with 3:42 left when David O'Brien and Careem Hunte hooked up on a 21-yard TD pass, but the Redskins did

not get past the Owls' 40 on their final possession.

The Redskins didn't help themselves by amassing 70 yards in penalties and committing three turnovers.

"This is the second time I walked in here feeling like we should have won the football game," Redskins coach Mark Schmidt said. "The defense got us out of a lot of jams, and then we'd get a penalty and give

them a first down.

"The kids haven't grasped the concept of our offense yet, and I'll take the blame. We were not prepared."

Bensalem	0	7	7	7	—	21
Neshaminy	7	0	0	6	—	13

N: Smith 34 run (Miller kick)

B: Maddocks 13 pass from Minnichbach (Lombardo kick)

B: Fleming 10 pass from Minnichbach (Lombardo kick)

B: Thompson 20 run (Lombardo kick)

N: Hunte 21 pass from O'Brien (kick failed)