

Scoreboard

Yesterday's Results

Football
CATHOLIC LEAGUE
 Central (1) vs. Archbishop Ryan (1)
Boys' Soccer
CATHOLIC LEAGUE BOYS
 La Salle (1) vs. Conestoga (1)
 St. Anne (1) vs. St. Ignace (1)
 St. Ann (1) vs. St. Ignace (1)
 St. Ann (1) vs. St. Ignace (1)

Today's Schedule

Boys' Soccer
CONFERENCE
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
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PRIMED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
 Central (1:30)
 Central (1:30)
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Field Hockey
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
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Neshaminy's Jamar Brittingham breaks through a hole in the line to score the team's first touchdown against Central Bucks East. The running back's second touchdown in a 2-tyer, led to the winning two-point conversion in the Redskins' comeback victory Saturday. Neshaminy improved to 6-0.

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Conestoga thinking playoffs, cautiously

By Rich Jeffrey
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER
BERWYN — After a 21-7 Central League victory over visiting Upper Darby on Friday night, the Conestoga football team was talking playoffs.

Well, sort of. It depended on who was speaking.

"We owed them from (beating us) last year," said quarterback John D'Agostini, a junior who completed 9 of 14 pass attempts for 164 yards and a touchdown.

"We said we want to make history. We want to be the first Conestoga team to make the playoffs."

"We still have more games to play, more games to win," running back Steve Shea added. "But this, game put us on a map, I think."

A map that leads to the playoffs? First-year coach John Vogan isn't thinking that far ahead.

"I'm talking [Friday night] the game against Coatesville," Vogan said. "I told them to enjoy this win tonight, but then we have to get ready for Coatesville."

Conestoga (5-1, 4-1 Central League) entered the contest seventh in the Class AAAA subregional playoff race with 460 points, 10 ahead of Upper Darby (4-2, 4-1). The Patriots, who were added by a bizarre sequence of kickoffs late in the game, added 140 points to their total with the win.

"I'm kicking a cliché, but we're taking them one at a time," Vogan said. "We've only six games into the season. You need to go to the third, stop by step. If you go too fast, you'll fall."

Conestoga was at the right speed against Upper Darby, which saw a four-game win streak end. The Royals managed just 146 yards on offense, including 10 through the air.

Conestoga limited Upper Darby to a field goal and a 27-yard punt. The Patriots had 19 yards on the ground, but 49 of those came on a third-quarter drive that stalled at the Conestoga 32. Upper Darby completed just 3 of 10 pass attempts.

"Our passing game was just there," Upper Darby coach Rich Gerzile said. "I don't care who you have running the ball, eventually they put 11 guys on the line of scrimmage and you're just not going to be able to move it."

Conestoga's passing game produced its first touchdown. D'Agostini hit Pat Heim with a 36-yard completion to the Upper Darby 9. Three plays later, D'Agostini connected with Jon Weiler over the middle for a touchdown. Eavery Bark's conversion run made it 6-0 with 11 minutes left.

Upper Darby cut it to 6-7 with 48 seconds remaining on Richard 2-yard touchdown run. The score was set up by Lonnie Vance's second interception of the ball.

Conestoga took over at its 32 with 10:50 left in the game and, amazingly, Upper Darby offense did not see the field again until after a minute remained. Heim capped a 13-play, 68-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run to make it 14-7 with 5:37 left.

On the ensuing kickoff, no one from Upper Darby picked up a bouncing ball and Conestoga's Terrence Smith recovered at the Royals' 33. Shea who rushed for 121 yards, scored on the first play from scrimmage with 5:05 left.

Upper Darby fumbled the next kickoff, too. Smith recovered at the Upper Darby 36. Conestoga drove to the 22 before turning it over with a minute left.

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Girls' Soccer
CATHOLIC LEAGUE BOYS
 Central Daughters of Archdiocese (1:30)
 Central Daughters of Archdiocese (1:30)
CATHOLIC LEAGUE BOYS
 Archbishop Cardinal St. Ignace (1:30)
 Archbishop Cardinal St. Ignace (1:30)
PRIMED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
 Central (1:30)
 Central (1:30)
SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY LEAGUE
 Central (1:30)
 Central (1:30)
Field Hockey
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)

Goal

CENTRAL LEAGUE
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY LEAGUE
 Central (1:30)
PRIMED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
 Central (1:30)
CATHOLIC LEAGUE BOYS
 Central Daughters of Archdiocese (1:30)
WRESTLING
 Central (1:30)

Girls' Tennis

NORTHWESTERN CHESTER COUNTY LEAGUE
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY LEAGUE
 Central (1:30)
PRIMED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
 Central (1:30)
CATHOLIC LEAGUE BOYS
 Central Daughters of Archdiocese (1:30)
WRESTLING
 Central (1:30)

Girls' Volleyball

NORTHWESTERN CHESTER COUNTY LEAGUE
 Archbishop of Philadelphia (1:30)
SOUTHERN CHESTER COUNTY LEAGUE
 Central (1:30)
PRIMED ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
 Central (1:30)
CATHOLIC LEAGUE BOYS
 Central Daughters of Archdiocese (1:30)
WRESTLING
 Central (1:30)

Football Standings

Team	W	L	T	Overall
Archbishop of Philadelphia	6	0	0	6-0
St. Ignace	5	1	0	5-1
St. Ann	4	2	0	4-2
St. Ignace	3	3	0	3-3
St. Ann	2	4	0	2-4
St. Ignace	1	5	0	1-5
St. Ann	0	6	0	0-6

Daring two-point conversion gives Neshaminy 15-14 victory

By Chris Goldberg
FOR THE INQUIRER
DOYLESTOWN — It's becoming a familiar script. The Neshaminy football team falls behind, then mounts a dramatic comeback to win in the final seconds of play. Saturday at War Memorial Field, the undefeated Redskins were at it again.

Neshaminy, which edged Central Bucks West the previous week on a touchdown pass in the game's final play, used a 2-yard TD run by Jamar Brittingham and a daring two-point conversion pass by Jason Waterford to tie the game with 15-14 victory over host Central Bucks East.

The win kept the Redskins (6-0), who are the No. 1 team in The Inquirer's suburban football rankings, atop both the Patriot Division (2-0) and the race for the top spot in the PIAA Class AAAA subregional playoff race. East, which was ranked No. 5, fell to 1-1 in the Colonial Division and 4-2 overall.

"Ever since we came back against Pennridge [a 29-22 win on Sept. 14], we've known we could do it," Water said. "Everybody kept their composure. We just knew when we got to the fourth quarter that we can win."

The Patriots were close to their fifth straight victory until Neshaminy executed two long scoring drives on its final two possessions.

The Redskins had managed only two first downs and 65 to-

tal yards until late in the third quarter, when they started a drive at their own 25. They trailed, 14-0.

Water led an 11-play, 75-yard drive by completing 5 of 6 pass attempts. Brittingham scored Neshaminy's first touchdown on an 11-yard run.

East drove deep into Neshaminy territory on the ensuing possession, but an interception by Brittingham gave the Redskins the ball at their 14 with 5:25 to play. The Redskins responded by marching 80 yards in 13 plays. Brittingham covered the last 2 with 29 seconds left.

Nobody would have blamed Neshaminy coach Mark Schmit if he had gone for a PAT attempt that, if good, would have forced overtime.

Instead, he went for a two-point conversion — and the win. Water rolled right on a play-action fake to Brittingham. He found fullback Geoff Donahue for the go-ahead points.

"As soon as we called time-out, we knew we were going for 17 and 13 yards, putting Pat Matern in position to attempt a 46-yard field goal with six seconds remaining.

Matern missed the attempt, but Neshaminy was whistled

for roughing the kicker. The penalty gave Matern another chance from 31 yards out. That attempt was just short and to the right.

"I hate to lose any game, but when you lose it on the last play of the game, you have to put it behind you," Patriots coach Larry Greene said. "If you don't, it can eat at you."

"We put ourselves in position to win against the No. 2 team in the state [according to one poll]. It's a tough loss."

For three quarters, the East defense was superb. The Patriots kept on Brittingham, who entered the game with 946 yards rushing. They held him to 57 yards on the ground through three quarters.

On offense, East piled up 18 first downs and 324 total yards, including 226 yards rushing. The Patriots scored on their first possession when quarterback Josh Felicetti capped a 13-play, 61-yard drive with a 5-yard run.

The Patriots increased their advantage to 14-0 in the third quarter when Felicetti (9 for 17, 98 yards) found Eric Isinger for a 26-yard score.

That set the stage for the Neshaminy comeback.

"East is a good football team, and they are going to win a lot of games," Schmidt said. "They kept us off-balance for a while and got our quarterback frustrated. But our kids believe in themselves, and we began executing when they had it."

"She is a fierce competitor," her coach says.

Villa Maria's Malcolm in the running full-time

By Ira Josephs
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER
Kim Malcolm's closet is filled with shoes, but she isn't making a fashion statement with the Villa Maria Academics senior as always cared more about track and field than trends. And now she's running cross-country for the first time with the same speed and stamina she's displayed in track the last three years.

"You don't know what it's like to experience someone run cross-country for the first time," Villa Maria coach Allison Giltz said. "She is proving she knows what she is doing. She is a fierce competitor."

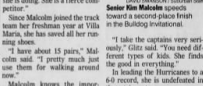
Since Malcolm joined the track team her freshman year at Villa Maria, she has saved all her running gear in the Bunkton Invitational.

"I take the captains very seriously," Giltz said. "You need different types of kids. She finds the one that is right."

Malcolm has placed second in two major invitationals against two major competitors. At the Briarwood Invitational at Belmont Park on Sept. 15, she was runner-up to Council Rock sophomore Jessica Chicky.

In the Bulldog Invitational at Rose Tree Park on Sept. 28, only Waukesha senior Erin Franklin was better. On Saturday, Malcolm placed fourth in the first 3000 yard relay team at Council Rock sophomore Jessica Chicky.

"It's been really exciting running all the different strategies and working on the hills and read-



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