

# Neshaminy defense restrains North Penn, 23-14

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"He's coming into his own," Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt said of Carroll. "This was only his third full varsity football game."

Jamar Brittingham, Neshaminy's electrifying running back, carried 31 times for 187 yards and two touchdowns. For the season, the senior has carried 88 times for 715 yards (8.1 yards per carry) and 10 touchdowns.

"He's a guy that can take over a game," North Penn coach Michael Pettine said. "And they

do such a good job up front. All he needs is a little crease."

Neshaminy's offensive line included center Ryan Contento, guards Bill Little and Liam Kelly, tackles Brad Gower and Steve Brett, and tight ends Scott Mullin and Chuck Koch.

North Penn, coming off an emotional victory over Central Bucks West, took a 14-10 lead midway through the second quarter on a 68-yard touchdown pass from Spurio to Kevin Zebluim.

A rash of ill-timed penalties against the Knights, plus a costly fumble, allowed the Redskins

to score two TDs in the last five minutes of the first half.

Two plays after North Penn was assessed a 15-yard penalty for a late hit, Brittingham scored from 6 yards out to give the hosts a 17-14 advantage.

Several minutes later, Neshaminy recovered a fumbled punt at the North Penn 20-yard line. A 19-yard pass from quarterback Jason Wiater to Mullin set up a 1-yard scoring plunge by fullback Jay Collins.

The Knights, who were missing several injured starters in the second half, were penalized

eight times for 79 yards in the game. Three of the penalties were for personal fouls.

North Penn's second loss in three games might end up costing the squad a playoff berth.

"It's a game of details," Pettine said. "[Neshaminy] paid attention to the little details, and we didn't. It's a shame because I think this was a winnable game for us. Hopefully, we can bounce back, run the table and get another shot at playing these guys."

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