

High School Football

Strath Haven, Neshaminy advance

Josh Hannum made a pair of key defensive plays in the fourth quarter and Dan Connor ran for 126 yards to carry Strath Haven past Berwick, 30-21, last night at Coatesville in the PIAA Class AAA state football playoff quarterfinals.

After Berwick (10-3) closed within 23-21 with 9 minutes, 3 seconds left, Hannum stopped quarterback Frank Jankowski on the attempted game-tying two-point conversion run.

On Berwick's next possession, Hannum intercepted Jankowski and returned the ball 40 yards to the Bulldogs' 15-yard line, setting up Keith Davis' clinching 4-yard TD run with 6:31 to play.

Lenny Harris ignited Strath Haven (13-0) by returning an interception 55 yards for a touchdown and Dan Miller hit Brian Moore with a 13-yard TD pass.

Connor also scored on a 1-yard plunge to give the Panthers a 23-7 advantage.

Berwick	0	7	8	6	—	21
Strath Haven	7	9	7	7	—	30

SH: Carter 55 with interception (Schoenman kick)

SH: Moore 13 pass from Miller (kick failed)

B: Warner 2 run (Cicini kick)

SH: FG Schoenman 34

SH: Connor 1 run (Schoenman kick)

B: Gray 9 pass from Jankowski (Green run)

B: Warner 13 run (run failed)

SH: Davis 4 run (Schoenman kick)

Neshaminy 28, Conestoga 12 — Jamar Brittingham carried the ball 29 times for 178 yards and a touchdown, and he also threw for a touchdown on a halfback pass as host Neshaminy advanced to the state Class AAAA semifinals.

The Redskins (13-0), who allowed just 38 yards rushing, scored the game's first four touchdowns before losing the

shutout with 8:05 left when Conestoga's (11-2) John D'Agostini threw the first of his two TD passes to Dewey Burke.

Brittingham hit Keith Ennis with a 39-yard scoring pass and Jason Wiater opened the scoring with a 16-yard touchdown strike to Mark Beck.

Conestoga	0	0	0	12	—	12
Neshaminy	7	14	0	7	—	28

N: Beck 16 pass from Wiater (Kelly kick)

N: Brittingham 2 run (Kelly kick)

N: Ennis 39 pass from Brittingham (Kelly kick)

N: Collins 1 run (Kelly kick)

C: Burke 31 pass from D'Agostini (pass failed)

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St. Pius X 33, Meyers 12 — St. Pius X (11-2) had just one day of rest after playing Pioneer Conference champion Pottsgrove

on Wednesday night, but that failed to slow senior running back Zack Pierce.

Pierce dominated the state Class AA quarterfinal at Lackawanna County Stadium by carrying the ball 49 times for 208 yards, and scoring on runs of 1 and 4 yards.

Quarterback G.J. Weiss sparked the Lions by hitting Chadd DiFebbo and Leryan Dallas with TD passes.

St. Pius X	6	14	6	7	—	33
Wilkes-Barre Meyers	0	0	6	6	—	12

SPX: DiFebbo 35 pass from Weiss (kick failed)

SPX: Weiss 15 run (pass failed)

SPX: Dallas 7 pass from Weiss (Pierce pass from Weiss)

SPX: Pierce 1 run (run failed)

M: Mercadante 10 pass from George (kick failed)

SPX: Pierce 4 run (Hilderbrand kick)

M: Stempien 55 run (pass failed)

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