

# Neshaminy brings home first state title

The Redskins overcame a 7-6 halftime deficit to beat Woodland Hills, 21-7, for the Class AAAA football crown.

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HERSHEY, Pa. — The Neshaminy High football team thrived in close games all season.

**Neshaminy 21**  
**Woodland Hills 7**

So, when the Redskins entered the locker room at halftime last night trailing Woodland Hills, 7-6, in the PIAA Class AAAA state championship game, they knew they had the Wolverines right where they wanted them.

"You have to be beating us by at least 40 [points] in the first half to take care of us," Neshaminy running back Jay Collins said.

Before last night, the Redskins had won four games this season after trailing at halftime, most recently in last

weekend's semifinal matchup against Cumberland Valley. They completed their fifth comeback at rain-drenched HersheyPark Stadium with a 21-7 victory over Woodland Hills. The win gave the Redskins their first state title.

"We had them in a situation they weren't familiar with," Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt said of the close halftime score.

The Redskins (15-0) were considered heavy underdogs entering the game. Woodland Hills outscored its opponents this season, 472-115. It was coming off a 34-0 win over Altoona in the state semifinals last week. It had played just one close game all season: a 31-28 triple-overtime victory over Pittsburgh Central Catholic. That was in the season's fourth game.

Neshaminy, on the other hand, made its reputation winning close games.

"It didn't make any difference," Woodland Hills coach George Novak said when asked whether the lack of

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