

Neshaminy wins, 21-7, to take first state title

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close games affected his team yesterday.

After so many blowout victories, Woodland Hills certainly could not have been used to the pressure.

"We felt like underdogs," Neshaminy running back Jamar Brittingham said. "Everybody outside our area thought that we were going to lose."

Neshaminy took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter on a 3-yard touchdown run by Collins. The Wolverines (14-1) then broke on top, 7-6, on the following possession when quarterback Steve Breaston scored on a 1-yard run and Austin Novak added the PAT.

However, the Redskins used a well-balanced attack to move the ball, despite poor field conditions. An all-day rain left the

field muddy.

Brittingham, whom Schmidt touted as the best running back in the state, had 30 carries for 157 yards with two second-half touchdowns.

He also had four receptions for 96 yards and completed a 31-yard pass to Keith Ennis in the third quarter. Quarterback Jason Wiater completed 9 of 11 passes for 150 yards.

Neshaminy — the only team from the East to win a state football title this season — took a 14-7 lead with 2 minutes, 58 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The Redskins' score — a 4-yard run by Brittingham — came after they stopped the Wolverines on fourth and 1 from Neshaminy's 10-yard line.

The Wolverines had the ball



Neshaminy head coach Mark Schmidt (left) celebrates with Keith Ennis after the team's victory earned the school its first state title.



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Neshaminy's Keith Ennis, holding the championship trophy, is surrounded by joyous teammates after their victory over Woodland Hills.

with 6:26 left in the game and still were within striking distance. With Breaston out with a sprained ankle, backup quarterback Tony Carr was intercepted by Neshaminy defensive back

Justin Edwards.

On the next play, Brittingham broke free for a 45-yard touchdown run to put the game out of reach.

"They underestimated us and

how many weapons we had," Wiater said. "They just found out the hard way."

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By Jay Collins, 3-run (pass failed)

WR: Steve Breaston 1 run (Austin Novak kick)
RB: Jamar Brittingham 4 run (Scott Muth pass from Jason Wiater)
TE: Brittingham 45 run (Pass: Kelly kick)

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