

Redskins shut down Tigers

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Neshaminy recovered after two early fumbles and capitalized on the Tigers' miscues.

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LEVITTOWN - They had them for about a quarter - the first quarter to be specific. That's how long the Harry S Truman Tigers were able to keep the **Neshaminy** Redskins down. But in calculated fashion **Neshaminy** trounced Truman, 34-0, Friday night in a Suburban One League National contest at Henry C. Morgan Field.

After two early fumbles the Redskins discovered their mojo and pumped out 407 total yards, including 329 on the ground.

"We had those two fumbles, so we needed to protect the ball," Redskins coach Mark Schmidt said. "I was happy to see our kids take advantage of some things. I was proud of the way our kids battled."

Trying to capitalize on the second fumble by the Redskins (4-1, 2-0), the Tigers (1-4, 1-1) coughed up the ball three plays later. **Neshaminy** marched downfield and on a crucial third-and-10, senior quarterback **Andrew Flogel** rolled to his right and found a wide open Ryan Evans for a 28-yard touchdown strike.

The Tigers offense produced just six first downs. With just under 7 minutes left in the half, **Neshaminy's** Austin Dahn picked off Truman's Kyree Ransome and returned the ball 50 yards to the Tigers' 2-yard line. A play later Jason Ulmer, who led the way with 115 rushing yards and two scores, slammed into the end zone and **Flogel converted a 2-point conversion**, giving the Redskins a 14-0 lead.

"We just fell apart in the second quarter," Truman coach Van Smith said. "That over there is a great **football** team and with the mistakes we made, they capitalized on our mistakes. They're a great team because they find your weaknesses and attack them."

One critical mistake was a roughing the kicker call late in the first half, which extended a **Neshaminy** possession. Three plays later, on second and 10, **Flogel** dropped back, tucked the ball and **scampered** up the middle almost untouched for a 30-yard touchdown run with 35 seconds left in the half.

Halftime was extended by more than 20 minutes due to a security issue that kept both teams in their locker rooms. A Truman player was receiving threats from a person in attendance and ended up leaving school property for his safety, according to Smith.

Smith said, "We just had a security issue that we had to get under control." Truman athletic director George Collins would not identify the player for his safety.

In the second half the Redskins stayed in control. Seeing his first action of the season due to a leg injury, senior running back Kitt Anderson rushed 10 times for 84 yards, including an 18-yard jaunt on the team's first possession of the third quarter.

"I was happy the way he played, we didn't want to overdo it," Schmidt said. "He just took the cast off his leg and we didn't want to fatigue him."

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