

# They're brothers on the field, too

*Paulsboro has two Hesters. Neshaminy has three Kinneys. The families have lots to watch.*

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Sometimes siblings can develop an unshakable bond through athletics, one that friends and teammates don't fully appreciate.

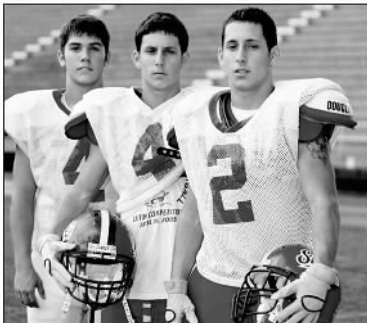
In the case of brothers Ellis and Demetrius Hester, a senior offensive lineman and junior middle guard, respectively, for Paulsboro, Gloucester County, participating in sports brings them closer.

"We have a real good connection with each other, and we know how to push each other," Ellis Hester said. "Demetrius helps me with my technique and I, as the older brother, make sure he doesn't slack off in practice or in his training."

This case of big brother looking after big kid brother sits just fine with Demetrius Hester.

"I'm kind of used to it because it seems like we've always been playing together, at least since we were 5 or 6 years old," Demetrius said. "I know him and he knows me, so we know what we're capable of doing."

Since arriving at Paulsboro, the Hesters have certainly left their mark. Demetrius placed fifth in the heavyweight class at the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association's state wrestling tournament last winter. Ellis has held his own competing at 189 pounds, and this season both should also figure prominently in the Red Raiders' success on the football



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**Neshaminy's Kinney brothers** (from left) are senior twins Jason and Jarred, and their younger brother, Justin, a sophomore.

field.

In Paulsboro's season-opening 27-0 rout of Woodbury Saturday, Ellis, a 6-foot, 210-pound guard, opened holes that helped tailback DeAndre Fowlkes rush for 226 yards and four touchdowns. On the defensive side, Demetrius, at 6-0, 280-pounds, recorded four solo tackles and two quarterback sacks.

"I don't know if I can remember having two brothers that were starters and big contributors in the same year," said Paulsboro coach Glenn Howard.

But sports fans at Neshaminy,

Bucks County, are accustomed to it, thanks to senior twins Jarred and Jason Kinney and younger brother Justin.

These three speedy siblings are intrinsic members of the defending Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association District 1 champion Redskins.

Jarred is the team's starting running back. He rushed for 181 yards and a touchdown last Friday in a 47-18 victory over Archbishop Ryan.

He and Jason are starting cornerbacks and both return kicks, while sophomore Justin is the varsity backup and junior varsity

## The Inquirer TOP 10

### Football

Team	Rank
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Last week's rank in parentheses

1. St. Joseph's Prep (1) 2-0
2. North Penn (2) 2-0
3. Cardinal O'Hara (3) 1-1
4. Neshaminy (4) 1-1
5. Downingtown East (7) 2-0
6. Coatesville (6) 1-1
7. Conestoga (NR) 2-0
8. Strath Haven (5) 1-1
9. Abington (10) 2-0
10. Upper Darby (NR) 2-0

Under consideration, listed alphabetically: Conwell-Egan (2-0), Council Rock North (2-0), Norristown (2-0), Pennsbury (2-0), Quakertown (1-1), Ridley (2-0), West Chester Henderson (1-1).

— Rob Parent



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**Paulsboro's Hester brothers**, Demetrius (left), a junior defensive lineman, and Ellis, a senior offensive lineman, lean on one another.

really excited to be up with us now."

"We all have a tight bond," added Jason.

"At times, they treat me like I'm the little brother on the team instead of treating me like a teammate," said Justin, who saw his first varsity action in the win over Ryan. "That's how I want them to treat me — like I'm any other teammate."

Situations like these aren't always easy on parents who watch two or three sons at a time play football.

"It's a little easier having just one on the field at a time," said the Hester brothers' father, Ellis. "With all the injuries in football, we're on the edge all the time, so I don't know how we'd

do trying to watch them both on the line on the same play."

The Hesters also put an appropriate measure of academic pressure on their sons. According to guidelines established by Ellis and Valerie Hester, it's required of both Ellis and Demetrius to maintain B-minus averages to keep playing sports.

"I'm especially glad to see them achieve academically," the elder Ellis Hester said. "I look forward to seeing them excel in college because, to tell you the truth, I sometimes think it's more fun for us to watch than it is for them to play."

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