

**Game at a Glance:** *Neshaminy at Abington, 7 tonight*

# Red-hot Ghosts will have hands full with the No. 3 Redskins

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Abington is off to its best start since the late 1980s but will be facing its toughest foe of the young season tonight when it plays host to Suburban One League National Conference rival Neshaminy. It's the league opener for both teams.

The Redskins, still smarting from an opening-game loss to The Inquirer's top-ranked team, St. Joseph's Prep, has been on a scoring rampage in its last two games, putting up 95 points.

The Redskins are No. 3 in The Inquirer's rankings. They went to the PIAA Class AAAA finals last season and have a solid corps of starters back.

The unbeaten Ghosts, ranked No. 9, have also shown an ability to score, chalking up 111 points in three games, including 37 in an impressive win over District 3's J.P. McCaskey of Lancaster.

## Records

- Neshaminy: 2-1
- Abington: 3-0

## Coaches

- Neshaminy: Mark Schmidt
- Abington: Tim Sorber

## Last games

- Neshaminy: The Redskins rolled over Central Bucks South, 48-0, last Friday.
- Abington: The Ghosts defeated Upper Dublin, 28-6, last Friday.

## Strengths

- Neshaminy: Its highly rated offensive and defensive lines

feature two of the area's biggest players in Tom McEowen (6-foot-4, 280 pounds) and Chris Daino (6-5, 270). Senior defensive end and fullback Josh Auerbach checks in at 6-2, 240. Quarterback Andrew Fogel runs the offense. Roland Wensae is a key at linebacker.

■ Abington: Although just a sophomore, quarterback Kevin Morton has shown a lot of confidence directing a balanced attack. Wide receiver/running back Lloyd

Massey and tight end Mike Bolton are his favorite targets. Vinnie Small gives the Ghosts a strong placekicking game.

## Weaknesses

- Neshaminy: Schmidt said inconsistency on both offense and defense has been his team's biggest problem.
- Abington: The Ghosts have not always been able to stop the run.

## Questions

- Will Abington be able to

counter Neshaminy's size? Can the Ghosts rely on their speed to offset that advantage?

## Analysis

- Unless Abington can stop the Redskins' running game, the Ghosts will not pass their big test.

## Prediction

- Neshaminy, 35-12.

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