

High Schools



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Neshaminy quarterback Andrew Fogel eludes the grasp of St. Joseph's Prep's Colin Wixted as other defenders give chase in the first quarter.

Fired-up Prep rolls to a win over Neshaminy

GAME from E1 start the season?

With all that preseason fire rolling inside their bellies, the Hawks arrived at Harry Franks Stadium late, forcing the players to don pads and jerseys right there on the sideline. That delayed the start of the game 15 minutes.

Why?

"The traffic was unbelievable," St. Joseph's Prep coach Gil Brooks said. "It was the bus ride from hell."

All of which made that sudden first strike by Whitney all the more heavenly.

"He's one of the best quarterbacks in the state. He's awesome," Shaw said of Whitney, who went 5 for 10 for 146 yards and two touchdowns, and rushed for another score. "He adds something to our offense that we didn't always have.

"We always have great quarterbacks, but he's beyond great. He's special. He can do everything. He looks like he belongs on a college field, the way he moves and directs our offense."

Behind a 17-yard scoring pass from Whitney to Shaw, the Prep built a 14-0 lead while limiting the Redskins to 25 total yards before the intermission. Maybe it was that first Prep play that knocked last year's PIAA Class AAAA runners-up off their game.

"But in the second half we settled down a little bit," Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt said. "We started to protect better and started to play better."

Neshaminy arrived on the field late to start the third quarter, likely the result of some impassioned coaching advice in the locker room. Whatever it was, it worked for a while.

On their second possession of the third quarter, the Redskins marched 61 yards on nine plays, helped by a pass-interference call. That set up Andrew Fogel's quarterback draw that went for a 7-yard scoring run to halve the Prep lead.

The Redskins appeared to be on the march again when Hawks senior defensive back Andy Shalbrack intercepted a Fogel pass to start the fourth quarter and ne-



St. Joseph's Prep's Bill Edger breaks free from Neshaminy defender Jared Kinney (4) to catch a long pass from Chris Whitney that went for 76 yards and a touchdown on the game's first play from scrimmage.

gate Neshaminy's comeback.

Whitney's 4-yard TD run and a 30-yard touchdown run by Shaw (22 rushes, 138 yards, 2 TDs) put it out of reach, leaving Neshaminy to admire how prepared Prep is for this season.

"That's just because of the type of group we've got," Shaw said. "Our group is special. We just want it that bad. We're on a mission and

we're not stopping."

St. Joseph's Prep	7	7	0	14	—	28
Neshaminy	0	0	7	7	—	14

S.P.: B. Edger 76 pass from Whitney (T. Edger kick)

S.P.: Shaw 17 pass from Whitney (T. Edger kick)

N: Fogel 7 run (Curran kick)

S.P.: Whitney 4 run (kick failed)

S.P.: Shaw 30 run (Bradley pass from Whitney)

N: Rosenck 23 pass from Fogel (Curran kick)

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