

Redskins cut down Indians by 31-10

Neshaminy's balanced attack produced points in every quarter to beat Council Rock North.

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The Council Rock North football team outgained Neshaminy in total offense, but the Redskins' balanced attack proved more efficient putting points on the board.

Behind Rodney Davis' running and Stu Madden's passing, Neshaminy scored in every quarter en route to a 31-10 victory over the Indians in a battle of defending Suburban One Conference division champions. Council Rock North captured the Colonial Division championship last season; Neshaminy and North Penn shared the Patriot Division crown.

Davis rushed for 120 yards and two touchdowns while Madden completed 10 of 13 passes for 117 yards and one touchdown, to Davis.

The Indians (0-2) received 225 passing yards from Travis Manger and held a 284-270 advantage in total offense, but Neshaminy (2-0) made the plays when it counted.

The Redskins entered the contest ranked No. 5 in Southeastern Pennsylvania by The Inquirer. They put up 38 points in a season-opening win over Father Judge last week, and are averaging 34.5 points per game through their first two games.

"I thought we kept them off-balance," Madden said. "We started off running a lot, when they started playing the run, we started throwing the ball."

The teams did not meet last year due to a teachers' strike, but the rivalry lost little fire.

"We got pretty excited for this game because they've been saying how bad they want to play us," Madden said. "The offensive line took it personal and stepped up."

For the second straight week, Neshaminy took a 10-0 lead as Kevin Kelly kicked a 33-yard field goal and Davis scored on a 35-yard run.

Council Rock North, which was shut out by Bethlehem Freedom, 27-0, last week in its opener, came back with a 30-yard field goal by Kyle Cinzio. At that point, the game started to look a little like Neshaminy's opener last week, it let Judge rally for a 14-10 halftime lead.

But on its next possession, Neshaminy put together a 65-yard drive, which was capped by Davis' 18-yard touchdown run.

Early in the second half, a spectacular interception by Neshaminy's David Gates set up the next score, a 15-yard touchdown pass from Madden to Davis.

Council Rock then stunned the 'Skins when Manger found Kyle Kotyk with a short swing pass. Kotyk turned that toss into an 81-yard touchdowns play, making it 24-10 with 4 minutes, 4 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

The Indians' fired-up defense held on downs, but Council Rock committed a personal foul on the punt that gave Neshaminy a first down.

The Redskins took advantage as Marty Potoczny eventually scored on a 1-yard touchdown run to blow the game open with 10 minutes left.

Despite the loss, Council Rock North coach Mike Ortman said he was pleased with the improvement his team made after last week's loss. In that game, the Indians passed for just 40 yards.

"The kids stepped up, they competed, they played a lot better than we've been playing," Ortman said.

"We got our butts kicked on the scoreboard but I don't think the scoreboard was indicative of the contest.

"We're a better football team walking off here than we were walking on."

Council Rock	0	0	7	3	—	10
Neshaminy	10	7	7	7	—	31

33 FG Kelly 33

32 Davis 18 run (Kelly kick)

CRN: 30 Cinzio 30

31 Davis 15 run (Kelly kick)

30 Davis 15 pass from Madden (Kelly kick)

CRN: 81 Kotyk 81 pass from Manger (Cinzio kick)

31 Potoczny 1 run (Kelly kick)

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