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Little big man comes through for Neshaminy

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Jarred Kinney might be short in stature, but he proved once again yesterday that he's no little guy where and when it matters most

In leading No. 3 Neshaminy to a stunning 41-13 rout of No. 2 North Penn in what many considered to be the decisive game in the Suburban One League's National Conference race, Kinney rushed for 217 vards and four touchdowns.

He also joined Jason Kinney, his fellow defensive back and twin brother, in helping a heady Neshaminy defense shut down the Knights

To Jarred Kinney, that was just as important as his remarkable offensive performance.

"I only worry about the team and what I can do to help the team," he said. "Everybody else can worry about whatever they

The great concern at Neshaminy before the seaon was who was going to step up and replace Georg

Coleman, a fancy and physical running back.
"That was it," coach Mark

Schmidt said. "That was the big question.

"People would say [Kinney] is not big enough and be's not this or that and how were we supposed to give him the ball because he's so

"Well, I kept giving him those questions, too, and all he kept doing was getting into the weight room. He might be small, but he's really wired together. This kid squats 470 [pounds].

"He's a tough nut."

This rainy, raw Homecoming at Heartbreak Ridge represented Neshaminy's biggest game of the season — and Kinney's tallest challenge of his career. Naturally, then, he responded with a career perfor-

Against a North Penn team renowned for toughness, Kinney - listed generously as 5-foot-8 on the Neshaminy roster — jarred defenders all game long, except for those times when he left them grabbing for air.

"Well, there were a lot of holes," he said "Our [offensive] line did a great job."

True enough, but there were some passageways

that Kinney artfully sculpted himself. "Jarred and [Jason] are both that way," Neshaminy receiver Doug Rosnick said of the smallish but

not-so-skinny Kinney twins. "They're both just tough kids. It doesn't matter how big you are; it's how much heart you have. And

they both really have a lot of heart." For Jarred Kinney, it's packed into a dynamic, if diminutive, weapon of a body, beneath a calm, cool, helmeted head. His stoic demeanor is just as tough

as his speedy shell. Hurl another nagging question at Kinney about cracking his cool head and burrowing his body into bigger defenders over and over again during the course of a full season and he simply shrugs.

"I always knew I could do it," he said.

"Today, I was just trying my best, our O-line was blocking great, and it just became a great day."

Of course, it's over now.

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As a group, the Redskins knows that their win over North Penn would be merely a treasured memory and nothing more if they lose either of their two remaining games, one against Bensalem, the other against Pennsbury.

So they'll log that primary concern and carry on. And as for that small doubt about the state of their running game, no worries there.

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Neshaminy running back Jarred Kinney drives through North Penn defenders Alex Johnson (44) and Mike Katch to score the Redskins' second TD.

Neshaminy bowls over N. Penn

Behind tough defense and Jarred Kinney's four TDs. the Redskins took sole possession of first place.

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In the space of one crazy playoff game to arch-rival North Penn, Neshaminy gave up 413 yards on 40 Knights charges.

That Neshaminy victory was nearly a year ago, but apparently a few large-sized Redskins with long memories have barely spent a day since without thinking about it.

"We're a football team with a lot of pride, and our guys were embar-rassed by that." Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt said yesterday. "There was some making up to

So in the space of one rainy makeup game against the Knights, Neshaminy's determined defensive line held what essentially was the same North Penn backfield to 50 yards rushing, laying the groundwork for a 41-13 Redskins victory.

With a triumph so sound as to be shocking, Neshaminy (7-1, 5-0), which entered the home game ranked third in The Inquirer's Top 10 in Southeastern Pennsylvania right behind No. 2 North Penn took sole possession of the Suburban One League's National Confer-

The Knights (7-1, 4-1) fell into a second-place tie with Pennsbury,



Neshaminy's Max Parkhomchuk fumbles the football as he is tackled by North Penn's Tyrece Ervin (left) and Mike Katch. The Redskins recovered.

which beat Pennridge, 14-7, yesterday and plays Neshaminy in two Neshaminy's Jarred Kinney had

a career day. The diminutive senior back piled up 217 yards rushing and four touchdowns. "They took it right to us, and we

let them," said Knights coach Dick Beck. "But we'll bounce back next week. One thing the Knights will have

to correct is their grip on wet foot-

Two punt snaps were blown by North Penn, one leading directly to one of Kinney's four touchdowns. North Penn was also slowed by a couple of bad snaps out of shotgun formations, and a fumble by receiv-

er Jim Levens not only wiped out a 46-yard North Penn gain but led directly to another Kinney touch-

Among the glaring North Penn weaknesses that were revealed in this one-sided loss was a complete lack of ground game. Pete Stoll, who as a junior rushed for 287 yards against the Redskins in a loss in the District 1 championship game last year, rushed just five times for 5 yards.

Stoll politely declined to comment after the game but confirmed his lack of production had nothing to do with an injury and everything to do with Neshaminy.

"It's like we knew what they were going to do," said Neshaminy lineman Tom McEowen.

Before North Penn even tried to move the ball, it fell behind. Neshaminy opened the game with a 10-play drive capped by a 6-yard Kinney touchdown.

He added a second touchdown two plays after one of those bad North Penn punt attempts.

Reeling, the Knights faced a fourth and 3 at their own 43 and forgot about trying to punt. Instead, Kyle Feiser hit fleet-footed tight end Josh Neubert in stride for a 57-yard touchdown strike to cut

But Neshaminy drove right back down, with Andrew Flogel hitting Jason Kinney with a 6-yard pass and a 21-7 lead at intermission.

A 4-yard burst by brother Jarred made it 28-7 midway through the third quarter, but North Penn then took advantage of a bad shotgun snap by Neshaminy, with Neubert picking the ball up and racing 43 ards to make it 28-13.

Neshaminy barely broke a sweat and before North Penn knew it, Jarred Kinney was off again on a 24-yard touchdown romp to put the

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