

Redskins QB downs Ghosts

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For Neshaminy quarterback David Welsh, what a difference a week made.

Last week, Welsh threw four interceptions and completed only 9 of 20 passes in the Redskins' 20-8 loss to William Tennent.

On Saturday, Welsh passed for 140 yards and two touchdowns as Neshaminy (4-3, 2-3) defeated visiting Abington, 21-13, in a Suburban One National game.

Welsh completed 10 of 17 passes, nine of which went to either Ross Gay or Bryan McGinty, who gave Abington's defensive backs headaches throughout the game.

Neshaminy got on the board on its second possession of the first half. Moving from their own 42-yard line, the Redskins, whose running attack has been uneven all season, scored on four consecutive running plays, ending with a 10-yard run by Mike Rizzo. Neshaminy made the extra point.

The Galloping Ghosts (1-7, 1-5) came back to tie the game early in the second quarter. After forcing Neshaminy to punt, the Ghosts took over at their own 20-yard line. On first down, tailback Eugene Butterfield burst through the line, shook off two tacklers and sprinted 80 yards for a touchdown.

The extra point pulled Abington even.

But the Redskins took the lead for good on their next possession. After a clipping penalty on the kickoff pushed Neshaminy back to its 12-yard line, Welsh ended an 8-play, 88-yard drive with a 21-yard toss to Gay with 4:15 left in the first half. Welsh completed all three of his pass attempts to Gay for 63 of the 88 yards of the drive.

Neshaminy 21 Abington 13

Neshaminy opened the second half with a drive that all but put the game out of the reach of the Ghosts. The Redskins drove 80 yards in 15 plays for their third touchdown in a drive that ate seven minutes off the clock.

Welsh completed all five of his passes — four of them to McGinty — for 55 yards in the drive. He hit Dean Tomlinson with a 6-yard touchdown strike to give Neshaminy a 21-7 lead late in the third quarter.

Abington caught a break early in the fourth quarter. Ghosts' quarterback Mitch Lee tried to pass from his own 27-yard line. But the ball was intercepted by Gay, and Neshaminy looked in position to seal the game away with another time-consuming drive.

But Abington held and forced Neshaminy to punt. The Ghosts fumbled the ball back to Neshaminy on their next possession, however, but came up with a fumble recovery of their own on Neshaminy's next offensive series. On a third-down play, running back Joe Gettis was stripped of the ball, which was recovered by Abington's Ralph Walker at the Neshaminy 38-yard line.

Abington's Lee then went five-for-five passing in the series, which ended after seven plays when Gabe Major caught a 3-yard touchdown pass.

Neshaminy	7	7	7	0	—	21
Abington	0	7	0	6	—	13

NE: Rizzo 10 run (Huebner kick)
 AB: Butterfield 80 run (Rudestyle kick)
 NE: Gay 21 pass from Welsh (Huebner kick)
 NE: Tomlinson 6 pass from Welsh (Huebner kick)
 AB: Major 3 pass from Lee (conversion failed)



Paul Monck of Neshaminy gets his hands on Abington QB Mitch Lee as Ghosts Brian Peoples

(77) and Damond Neely (72) rush in to help.

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