

C.B. West routs Neshaminy, 27-0

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With its offense flexing its muscles at just the right times and its defense getting more robust as the game wore on, Central Bucks West buried host Neshaminy last night, 27-0, in a Suburban One League National Conference showdown.

The Bucks (4-0 overall, 1-0 league), ranked No. 1 in The Inquirer's South-eastern Pennsylvania scholastic football poll, posted their third shutout of the season — and won their third game of the season by four touchdowns.

They held the fifth-ranked and previously undefeated Redskins (3-1, 1-1) to just 100 yards of total offense, only 38 of which came in the second half. And although C.B. West's offense failed to score on two possessions inside the Neshaminy 25-yard

line in the second half, the Bucks gouged out 354 yards in the game to win easily.

Quarterback Greg Moylan, a 6-foot-3, 195-pound senior, had a brilliant game, completing 9 of 16 passes for 136 yards and two touchdowns and running for a game-high 66 yards on eight carries.

As is a C.B. West custom, Moylan preferred not to get too giddy over his performance.

"I thought we played a fairly good game," said Moylan, who completed eight of his first 10 passes. "But we'll just have to look at the films to see if we really did."

There were plenty of heroes for C.B. West besides Moylan. Diminutive senior wingback Matt "The Flea" Soncini gained 52 yards on eight carries and caught four passes

for 57 yards, one of which he converted into a highlight-film touchdown. Senior wide receiver and defensive back Roman Fitzmartin caught two passes for 54 yards and killed Neshaminy's two deepest drives with interceptions.

And the members of the Bucks' stout defense — which has allowed only 10 points this season — harassed the Redskins' senior quarterback, David Welsh, into a performance that included only six completions in 19 attempts and three interceptions. Welsh lost more yardage being sacked (18) than he gained by passing (17).

"I thought we were kind of gassed coming into the half," said ferocious C.B. West senior linebacker Chris Fassbender. "But it seemed like our second wind kicked in — it did for me and the rest of the defense —

because we wanted that shutout real bad."

The Bucks scored one touchdown in each quarter to put away the victory. Their most memorable score came with 3 minutes, 59 seconds left in the third quarter, when Moylan found Soncini in the left flat. Soncini, an elusive 5-6, 150-pounder who has been avoiding tacklers since he was a sophomore, raced across the field with the football, then cut abruptly upfield and hurdled two Redskins defenders at the goal line for the touchdown.

"You hold your breath — is he going to get up?" C.B. West coach Mike Pettine said. "But he's fearless."

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Neshaminy	0	0	0	0	—	0

CBW: Cleland 3 run (Patterson kick)
 CBW: Binder 2 run (Patterson kick)
 CBW: Soncini 24 pass from Moylan (Patterson kick)
 CBW: Swett 7 pass from Moylan (run failed)