

Neshaminy

dumps Egan

on late surge

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Dick Bedesem says his team has many technical improvements to make in the weeks to come. For the moment, however, the Neshaminy High School football coach enjoyed the look of those numbers on the scoreboard: Neshaminy 27, Bishop Egan 7.

Scoring three touchdowns in the final quarter to break open a 7-7 contest, the Redskins cruised home to win this non-league encounter Friday night before an estimated 1,700 fans at Neshaminy Stadium. It was the season opener for both teams.

"I thought we were very, very sloppy in a lot of aspects," said Bedesem. "Not taking anything away from Egan, but I think they may have just run out of gas. We platoon kids and they only go one way, so they can jack it up and go all out for a full game.

"Overall, in the second half I think the kids showed a lot of poise and came back very nicely. Tim Ford (Neshaminy quarterback) has so much poise and such a great concept of the offense (wish-bone) that it's like having one of the coaches out on the field."

Ford completed six of eight passes for 91 yards and two touchdowns. It was via his arm that the Redskins opened the scoring in the first quarter.

After recovering a fumble on the Egan 33, the Redskins stalled on the 25 with a fourth down and long. Faking a handoff into the line, Ford avoided a rush and hit senior halfback Tom Waterbor for a 25-yard touchdown pass.

"The play before, they had sent a linebacker (Kyle Gilchrist) and sacked me," Ford explained. "This time, I got away from the rush and Tom was behind the defense.

"We have to cut down on the turnovers. We had the ball inside their 10 (early) in the second quarter and fumbled it away. That same quarter we brought the ball up to around midfield and fumbled, so we have to concentrate on getting the ball into the end zone."

Egan tied things up in the third stanza thanks mainly to a Neshaminy miscue. Fielding a punt around his own five-yard line, Dan Santhouse (who enjoyed a fine game from his defensive back position) was hit hard and coughed up the ball at his one. One play later, quarterback Mike Carr dove over.

Bedesem's squad juiced up the offense in the final quarter. Waterbor (who led all rushers with 72 yards on nine carries) started things off early. With the Egan line sucked inside, he took a well-timed pitch from Ford and blazed 44 yards on an option play.

After Dan Weissenberg made the second of his two interceptions, Ford struck again. Rolling to his right, he hit Rockie Spadaecino in the corner for a 26-yard score. Senior running back Tim McClave finished the scoring with 5:35 left. Breaking clean through the middle of the Egan line, he raced 51 yards almost untouched.

"We played a really good football game for three quarters," said first-year Egan head coach Chuck Knowles. "We weren't happy with our offense in the first half, but in the second half I think we came out and did some nice things offensively.

"They made the big play offensively, which is something we have to work on preventing. We don't look for us to be the