

Ex-champs expected tough game they got

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For Abington, the game now is for pride, because glory will go to another Suburban One National Conference team this year. But the Ghosts still are the defending champion, and Abington coach Doug Moister expects championship efforts from his squad even though it has been mathematically eliminated from winning the title.

"Most of what we're playing for now is pride," Moister said after his team defeated Neshaminy, 17-7, Saturday. "We're the defending champions, and we're playing for an 8-3 record. And since we are the defending champs, we expect competition from everybody we play."

And the Ghosts, now 3-3 in the league and 6-3 overall, got competition from the host Redskins (1-5, 2-7). Abington controlled the game, but it could not run away from the stubborn Skins, who were in it until a fourth quarter field goal sealed their fates.

"Hey, they played tough," Moister said. "I think I have a pretty good football team, and I think they really played well. They have a lot to be proud of."

"The kids put forth a fine effort,"

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Skins' coach Bill Crozier agreed. "We just had a few mental breakdowns in the second half."

Abington scored first when John Stone rumbled in off left tackle with 1:57 left in the first quarter. The Ghosts had held the ball almost the entire first quarter, allowing the Skins only four offensive plays.

The Skins only real offensive effort occurred when Dave Duggan found Jim Daven on a 26-yard pass play down the left side that tied things up, 7-7, just before the half.

The Ghosts were rolling again in the second half, converting two fourth down plays to fuel a 13-play drive that resulted in Stone crashing off-guard for the score at 2:24 in the third quarter.

"We had some breakdowns in blocking assignments," Crozier said. "But I thought we had them on those first-down plays. But every time, their kid would pop back and get it."

Stone added a 26-yard field goal 4 minutes into the fourth quarter.