

If Pennridge, Truman and Upper Merion were pop quizzes for Abington, Saturday afternoon's meeting with Neshaminy will be an important midterm exam.

"It will be our first real test, that's for sure," said Galloping Ghosts head coach Doug Moister, who will lead his undefeated team (3-0) against the Redskins (3-0) in a key Suburban One League National Conference game (1:30 p.m. at Huntingdon Junior High). "Neshaminy is the best team we've seen so far."

Abington is coming off a 38-6 thrashing of Upper Merion. Neshaminy beat Downingtown 26-21 last week. On Sept. 12, Neshaminy struggled to a 17-6 win over Upper Merion.

Among the many positive developments so far this season for Abington, none has been more satisfying to Moister than the play of his offensive line. A question mark in the off-season, the line, led by two-way tackle Alan Mitchell, has turned into a consistent bright spot.

The Redskins, meanwhile, have a dynamic backfield that includes quarterback Bill Vergantino, who rushed for 142 yards on 15 carries against Downingtown, and tailback Jim Dougherty, who was over the 100-yard mark against Upper Merion. And, of course, the Redskins operate out of the wishbone offense, which is the trademark of head coach Dick Bedesem.

"They execute on offense very well," said Moister. "They just don't make many mistakes. They come right at you."

Defensively, the Redskins will employ the same strategy that enabled them to hold Downingtown speedster Ralph Miller to just 53 yards rushing. Bedesem is willing to concede both tailback Chris Roberts and fullback Larry Waugh their yards in hopes of at least avoiding too many quick offensive strikes.

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