

Sixty-minute men can find transition tough

CR yields to Neshaminy on a soggy night in Langhorne

In games featuring non-stop, clock-running action the concept of transition is vital. Players need switch from offense to defense with just one kick of the ball or stroke of the puck.

To the inexperienced fan, football seems to escape the need for instantaneous change. When the attackers

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fall short the defenders enter to still the enemy. Specialization rules. Even the rare two-way creature has ample time to redirect his thinking.

So much for inexperience. Football is more than bash and butt. There's a real complexity with roles clearly and distinctly defined. Even the versatile sixty-minute men can find transition tough.

Council Rock senior Bruce Rounsavill knows. Bruce is one of the mainstays in a greedy Indian defense that gives up points about as grudgingly as Scrooge handed out Christmas bonuses. When not stifling the opposition Bruce assumes centering duties for offense.

Experience tells the talented Newtownite the positions are very different. "Offense has to maintain a



An example of Council Rock's gang-tackling defensive effort. Tim Ford finds the going tough against Bruce Rounsavill (55), Gary Waskovich (60) and Chris Stratton (43). PHOTOGRAPHS BY JOHN GLEESON

controlled frame of mind. You can't lose your concentration. Defense is more emotional. You play a great deal on instinct. On offense your assignment on every single play is dictated. The offense's job is to move the defense. Defense is more in-

involved with holding their ground."

Last Friday, in a mist-shrouded Langhorne stadium, the Indian's defense showed deep-seated libidinal aggression. Snapping the Redskin wishbone, Rounsavill and company allowed

only one pass completion for minus seven yards while holding Neshaminy runners to a sub-100-yard game. It took two offensive miscues deep in Rock territory to give Neshaminy a 21-7 win.

Though calling on emotion, Bruce knew his defen-

sive assignments well. "Playing against a wishbone I usually had responsibility for the quarterback option. We ran stunts to cross up their needs. The wishbone is the toughest offense to prep for. The option is aimed at attacking the defensive end.

That's who they're going after. Sometimes they do block you. Other times they leave you open then send a back on you. They'll try to hook you in or trap you."

Despite being targeted, the defensive end partially craves stopping the option. After all, he gets to bear down on the opposition's control panel. "Sean Breiner and I were told all week that if we weren't on a stunt our job was to hit the quarterback. We wanted to make him nervous."

The strategy was only partially successful. While cutting down the effectiveness of Neshaminy's Tim Ford, the Rock didn't obliterate the threat. Ford rushed for 17 yards and two TDs, a feat praised by Rounsavill. "He was niftier and shifter than I thought he would be. He'd make several moves to shake tacklers."

When sensing doom, the Redskin QB alertly surrendered the pigskin to his burly fullback Bill Clemens who netted 72 yards on the evening. Bruce praised the new griddler's effort. "We hadn't seen the fullback. He was big and tough to bring down. It took two or three tacklers."

Typical of their season's effort, the Rock's gang tackling tactics usually rushed several defenders to the point of attack. Early

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