

Command performance

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LANGHORNE Hatboro-Horsham owned the first quarter.

The visiting Hatters made it look easy on their first possession, driving 58 yards for a touchdown.

That momentum sure didn't last long. Neshaminy made a few adjustments and scored four unanswered touchdowns on the way to an impressive 27-7 nonleague victory Friday at Harry E. Franks Stadium.

Following that first touchdown, the Redskin defense held Hatboro-Horsham to two first downs over the next 2 1/2 quarters. The Hatters, who rushed for 319 yards and pounded Pennridge in Week 1, didn't even reach 200 yards in total offense.

We weren't ready for some of the things they did [in the first half,] Neshaminy senior linebacker Dan Lyons said. At halftime, we had a bunch of things we had to change.

Despite struggling in the second quarter, Hatboro-Horsham (1-1) still led, 7-6, early in the second half and reached midfield on its opening possession of the third quarter. A score there would have put the Redskins (2-0) on their heels.

But on a third-and-4 at midfield, Lyons pancaked Hatters quarterback Mike Zollo on a rollout. Hatboro-Horsham punted, Neshaminy drove 60 yards on five plays for the go-ahead touchdown, and that was pretty much that.

The defense started getting off of people and knocking them back, Redskins coach Mark Schmidt said. Im very happy with this. The boys played well in the second half.

Senior running back Jason Ulmer rushed for 171 yards and a touchdown on 24 carries. He ran for 89 yards in the second quarter alone.

Ulmer, who opened the season with a 208-yard rushing effort against Coatesville, scored Neshaminy's first touchdown on Friday night on a nice 15-yard cutback run early in the second quarter.

Ulmer added runs of 22 yards and 50 yards in the third quarter.

The 22-yarder set up a 13-yard touchdown run by senior quarterback Justin Kinney. The 50-yard run preceded an 11-yard touchdown pass from Kinney to senior Gary Renson.

When we settle down and play like we know how to, were a whole different team, Ulmer said. We're starting to realize that. You could see in the huddle guys settling down. When it clicks, you just know.

Ulmer is a great running back, Kinney said. Everyone focuses their attention on him. He contributes to this team more than anybody.

The Redskins added a nine yard touchdown pass from Kinney to junior Paul Carrezola early in the fourth quarter.

Kinney, who threw for only 66 yards in Neshaminy's season-opening 19-13 win, completed eight of nine pass attempts for 89 yards and two TDs on Friday night.

Justin played well, Schmidt said. He took some good steps. He was a little tentative early, but he made some real nice decisions and made some nice throws.

The Redskins visit Philadelphia Public League opponent Germantown next Friday night before beginning their Suburban One National schedule against Abington on Sept. 20.