

Unbeaten 'Skins rout Truman

Harry S Truman had to feel good after stopping Neshaminy on its first possession on a three-and-out.

But from there things got ugly, and Neshaminy was, well, Neshaminy.

The Redskins put up 28 points in the first quarter en route to a 62-14 thrashing of the Tigers on Friday night at Harry E. Franks Stadium.

They did it with large doses of running back Jason Ulmer and a defense that forced seven turnovers. (Ulmer also returned an interception for a touchdown and threw a touchdown on halfback pass.)

"They were boxing up Jason a little, and the line has been doing well, so we got things done," Neshaminy coach Mark Schimdt said. "I was disappointed in the second half of the second quarter. We got a little sloppy and we weren't sharp, but in the second half, we got things going some more."

Schmidt saw a different type of Truman offense.

Truman (0-5, 0-2 Suburban One League National Conference), which usually runs to set up its pass, opened the first quarter with a five-wide receiver spread. The Tigers' quarterback, Mike Schmidt, ended up struggling with the offense and throwing three picks.

"We wanted to come with four or five wide receivers and we tried to get some of their guys out of the box because they are huge," Truman coach Van Smith said.

"We didn't want Neshaminy to load up the box on us, and that would take the run from us right away, so we came with a spread offense and we tried to throw the ball and we had miscues on some and threw some picks, and that's how we fell behind."

The main problem for the Tigers was holding onto the ball. On their first possession on first down, Schmidt lost the ball and the Redskins (5-0, 2-0) took over.

The drive was highlighted by a 34-yard reception to Ian Cappanna. Four plays later, Ulmer scored on a four-yard run. Ulmer would quickly find the end zone again, on the defensive side. He returned an interception 61 yards to make it 14-0.

Capanna scored on the next two drives. He caught an 18-yard pass from quarterback Justin Kinney. Then, he caught a 40-yard bomb from Ulmer.

"We didn't know if we were going to hit that play, and Truman was flying everywhere for the ball, and a player went by me, and I knew I could be open," said Capanna, who had five catches for 109 yards. "Ulmer didn't throw a great ball, but he's our running back, and we're using him to run with the ball."

The Redskins' lead was up to 35-0 until the Tigers finally scored on a 4-yard touchdown by Garpue Gittens.

"Our guys were making plays on defense. It was different guys," Schimdt said. "It was nice for our guys to step up to the next level, and we want them to do that."

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