

## Redskins lose battle of unbeatens

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At the other end of the field, there were an endless parade of hugs and wide-eyed smiles from a school that is getting its first taste of high-level success.

But none of the Neshaminy players stopped to take a good look. They have experienced that exhilaration before. They didn't need to see another squad experiencing that right now.

This one hurts, Redskins quarterback Justin Kinney said. We thought we had a good chance, and we just let it get away.

Neshaminy lost its grip on a share of the Suburban One League National Conference lead, squandering a 14-0 lead en route to a 26-21 loss to Central Bucks South Friday night before a packed house in Warrington.

The Titans 7-0 overall and 4-0 in the SOL National amazingly begin the day alone in first place in the conference in only their fourth year of existence. In the previous three seasons, CB South was 6-24.

Meanwhile, Neshaminy (6-1, 3-1) will have a week to get ready for its Homecoming game against North Penn next Saturday afternoon at Heartbreak Ridge. A win will put the Redskins right back in the conference title hunt. A loss would effectively knock them out of that race and could place them in danger of having to begin the District One playoffs on the road in two weeks

We cant dwell on this game, said Kinney, who was responsible for 113 yards of total offense and two touchdowns. We've got to get ready for North Penn. It's really important for us to come out and win next week.

To do that, the offense will have to get on track after three quarters of slumber against the Titans.

After averaging 40.7 points a game through the first six weeks of the season the second-best mark out of 71 teams in District One the Redskins offense fell silent after jumping out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter, compiling only seven first downs and turning the ball over twice.

They tightened things up and we just didn't execute the way we should, Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt said. We got caught playing sloppy football and CB South played marvelous football. But mistakes in big games will come back to haunt you.

Neshaminy had the ball for five plays in the second quarter, compared to the Titans 20 plays from scrimmage. Somehow, the Redskin defense managed to hold the line twice inside their own 15-yard line to keep a two-touchdown lead going into intermission.

You have to give a lot of credit to our defense at that point, because they really battled, Schmidt said. They were doing a great job considering they were on the field a lot.

But the defenses fatigue became apparent during a wild third quarter. With Neshaminy stacking the line of scrimmage against running back Eric Reynolds, the Titans went up top for a 57-yard touchdown pass from Rob Turchick to Colin Donnelly to cut the Redskins lead to 14-7.

After Neshaminy went three-and-out, CB South tied the game on its next possession courtesy of Mike Fitzgeralds 1- yard touchdown run.

We had been such a good second-half team, I think we all expected that we would kick it into another gear, Kinney said. But we never got it going.

The Redskins appeared to get it going on its next drive, as Kinney broke two long runs and hit Paul Carrezola for an 18-yard pass to get into the red zone. But Jason Ulmer was stripped of the football at the 10-yard line. After a wild scramble, CB South recovered it at the 5 to end the threat.

On the next play, Reynolds a highly- touted NCAA Division I recruit who rushed for 220 yards on 28 carries finally broke loose for a 95-yard touchdown run for a 20-14 lead.

I thought that we did a good job keeping him under control until that play, Schmidt said. But he's the type of guy that's going to break one. Neshaminy re-gained the lead early in the fourth quarter, when Kinney found Kevin Steinberg for a 34-yard touchdown pass.

But the Titans rallied right back. With Reynolds accounting for 39 yards by himself on the drive to get down to the 1, rotating quarterback Tom Johns snuck in from a yard out with 5:21 to play for the game-winning score.

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