

# **Redskins rumble to payback victory**

## **Neshaminy put away Ridley easily behind three touchdowns by junior Bryan Dean.**

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After being eliminated by Ridley in the PIAA District 1 Class AAAA tournament twice in the last six seasons, Neshaminy had payback on its mind in a quarterfinal playoff last night.

The Redskins achieved their mission, this time sending the Green Raiders packing. With a smothering defense and a run-happy offense ignited by fierce line play, they romped to a 31-3 victory at Harry E. Franks Stadium in Langhorne.

Neshaminy's halfbacks, senior Quilan Arnold (13 carries for 106 yards) and junior Bryan Dean (nine for 103), combined for 209 of the team's 282 rushing yards. The 5-foot-7, 155-pound Dean ran for three touchdowns.

A dominant offensive line included John Zavorski, Nick DiDonato, Issac Bailey, Dan Shirey, John Rizzo and Dan Wenclewicz. Paul Carrezola was the tight end.

Neshaminy moved closer to its first district championship since 2004. The third-seeded Redskins will visit second-seeded Garnet Valley, a 14-12 winner over Pennsbury in another quarterfinal playoff last night, in a semifinal Friday at 7 p.m.

Last year, the Redskins lost to Ridley, 27-7, in the district semifinals. In 2002, the Green Raiders nipped Mark Schmidt's squad, 17-16, in the opening round.

In the first quarter, after the teams traded turnovers, Neshaminy put together a nine-play, 58-yard scoring drive. It was capped by Arnold's 8-yard TD burst off right tackle.

The only score for Ridley, the defending district champion, was a 26-yard field goal by Tom Bongiorno in the last minute of the first quarter.

Thanks to a pair of second-quarter scores, a 3-yard run off right tackle by Dean and a 38-yard field goal by Seth Jeffries, the Suburban One League National Conference champions comfortably led, 17-3, at intermission.

In the third quarter, a 38-yard gain by Arnold set up a 19-yard TD run by Dean. On the scoring play, fullback Jay Colbert made a stellar clearing block on the edge against right cornerback Pat Mills.

Dean notched his hat trick with just under eight minutes to play, bursting around left end and stiff-arming a defender en route to a 42-yard score.

The Redskins (11-1) passed only seven times, all in the first half. Junior quarterback Brian Titus was 4 for 7 for 33 yards.

The 11th-seeded Green Raiders (9-3) were held to 72 rushing yards. Senior quarterback Andrew Pidgeon completed 16 of 23 throws for 141 yards.

Neshaminy's defense was spearheaded by tackle Shirey (five tackles, two sacks) and end Colbert, linebackers Dan Biundo and Justin Donnarumma, and cornerback Chris Boland.

Ridley 3 0 0 0 - 3

Neshaminy 7 10 7 7 - 31

N: Arnold 8 run (Jeffries kick)

R: FG Bongiorno 26

N: Dean 3 run (Jeffries kick)

N: FG Jeffries 38

N: Dean 19 run (Jeffries kick)

N: Dean 42 run (Jeffries kick)

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