

Late touchdown lifts Neshaminy over Abington  
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For the first 59 minutes of the game, it seemed that Neshaminy missed their former kicker Kevin Kelly, now a kicker at Penn State, more than they thought. But with only seconds left in a scoreless game, rather than worry about a field goal, the Redskins stuffed the ball into the end zone with their fierce ground attack, finishing off a back-and-forth defensive struggle with a win. With just 11 seconds to play, Redskins' quarterback Brian Titus found Devon Reedel in the back of the end zone for a 4-yard touchdown pass, giving his team the game's only score and a 7-0 win over visiting Abington.

The Redskins ran the ball twice as much as they passed, and went into the play with a backup plan to how the defense lined up. Coach Mark Schmidt made sure to tell his players how he wanted to execute the play.

"We took a shot with just seconds to play and went off-tackle," said Schmidt. "If he wasn't there, he was going to throw it on the track. Luckily, he got open and he hit him with a perfect throw." Redskins' kicker Seth Jeffries had missed two early field goals, forcing Neshaminy to punt the ball in the second half on more than one occasion from inside Abington's 35-yard line. The Galloping Ghosts were undefeated coming into the game, winning their first three games before Friday night's defeat.

After playing three scoreless quarters, Abington was faced with a fourth down inside the red zone and forced to punt. Punter Anthony Hensley managed to only punt the ball 22 yards, allowing the 'Skins to have incredible field position after Quilan Arnold returned the ball to the 16-yard line.

Arnold would eventually run the ball down the Ghosts throats in the red zone, earning a first down at the 4-yard line that set up the game-winning touchdown.

Arnold, who split time in the backfield with fellow tailback Bryan Dean, finished with 76 yards on 12 carries, and one very big return. Dean would finish with 57 yards on 14 carries, including a 22-yard scamper in which he hurdled a defender right past the line of scrimmage.

Reedel, who had been a non-factor the entire game, found his way through the defense and got himself wide open in the end zone while Titus scrambled away from the defense, allowing Reedel enough time to get open.

"When (Quilan) ran that punt back, I knew it was our time," said Titus. "I said to the guys, 'this is our time, we're winning it right here. ' Jeffries works his butt off all week and it paid off. After that, Reedel got open for me and it was a big win for us."

Titus finished the game with 65 yards on 7-14 passing, and the one touchdown. On the other side of the ball, the only thing Abington could take from this loss was their defensive effort. The Ghosts held Neshaminy to only 190 yards of total offense on the night, and

the lone touchdown. The problem for the Ghosts was that their offense couldn't put points on the board, leaving their defense on the field for a good part of the game.

Abington gained a total of 228 yards, but a costly interception by Neshaminy defensive back Chris Boland thrown by quarterback Sam Kind in the red zone and a series of bad penalties hurt them greatly.

"We had a costly turnover in the red zone and didn't execute, it's that simple," said coach Tim Sorber. "That's really all it comes down to-we didn't do a good job of executing or finishing drives."

Kind finished the game 8-23 passing for 116 yards and the one interception. He also gained 24 yards on the ground on six carries with his impressive scrambling ability.

The Ghosts still have an impressive record of 3-1 on the season and Sorber expects his players to take a lot from this game and work on their mistakes.

"We've kind of shot ourselves in the foot the last two weeks with red zone opportunities wasted and we're going to work on that all week," Sorber said.

Neshaminy left the field Friday night not only with a win, but with an array of problems that didn't please Schmidt.

With the ball inside the Ghosts 40-yard line, Neshaminy took three straight penalties that not only brought back long runs by Dean and Titus, but forced Neshaminy into a first-and-30 from its own side of the field, eventually leading to another Mike Wynne punt.

"We have a lot to work on," said Schmidt. "I mean, how many penalties did we have tonight? Abington played a real good game and I'm glad my guys got the win, but honestly, we have so much to work on."

Neshaminy improves to 3-1 on the season and looks to keep up the success when they visit Truman next Friday night. Abington will host William Tennent on Friday night.

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Scoring:

Fourth quarter

N--Brian Titus pass 4 yards to Devon Reedel TD (Jeffries kick); 0:11

	ABINGTON	NESHAMINY
First Downs	8	9
Yards Rushing	112	125
Yards Passing	116	65
Total Yards	228	190
Passing	8-23-0-1	7-14-1-0

Fumbles - Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties	7-46	4-37
Punts	5-30.0	5-32.2

RUSHING

Abington - Duckett 7-7, Rozniakowski 2-18, Ireland 12-64, Kind 6-24-1 fumble, Massey 1-4, O'Hannon 1-neg 5.

Neshaminy - Arnold 12-76, Dean 14-57, Titus 3-neg 8.

PASSING

Abington - Kind 8-23-116-0-1.

Neshaminy - Titus 7-14-65-1-0.

RECEIVING

Abington - Goebel 1-9, Hensley 4-82, Presta 1-6, Massey 2-19.

Neshaminy - Brebner 4-30, Colbert 1-neg 6, Carrezola 1-27, Reedel 1-4-1TD.