

Tossing a change-up

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NEWTOWN Regardless of their level of success, football coaches find it tough to resist the urge to tinker around a bit. So it was that the Neshaminy staff threw a few new wrinkles into the mix for Saturday's matchup against Council Rock North.

The formula worked, as the Redskins cruised to a 45-7 win that spoiled the Indians Homecoming festivities.

It was the Redskins seventh straight win after an opening night loss and their fifth without defeat in the Suburban One League National Conference. Council Rock North fell to 1-7 overall and 1-4 in conference.

Junior Bryan Dean was the key ingredient in the Redskins recipe. Besides lining up in his customary tailback spot, he spent some time at quarterback in a spread formation. He ran for 73 yards and one touchdown. He also returned a kickoff for another score.

I feel more comfortable doing that, Dean said. On some of the plays, I don't have a fullback, but some of the plays, my fullback made a great block; Jay Colbert made fantastic blocks. Gary Simpson made some good blocks for me, too.

Colbert also had a big day offensively, with 99 rushing yards and three touchdowns before leaving the game in the third quarter with a knee injury.

We introduced something that was fun and exciting this week, said Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt. Were just trying to have fun with it.

Dean scored on a 9-yard burst in the first quarter, and Colbert scored twice in the second on runs of 9 and 51 yards to give the Redskins a 21-0 lead.

The Indians moved the ball at times in the first half, but were turned away on their first two trips into Neshaminy territory when they ran out of downs.

The hosts got on the board in the waning seconds of the first half when, on second-and-goal from the Neshaminy 5-yard line, Tyler Hamilton found Pete O'Hara coming out of the backfield. O'Hara fumbled just before he crossed the goal line, but Steve Williams fell on the ball in the end zone for the six points.

Whatever hopes the Indians might have had of a resurgence were dashed immediately when Dean returned a semi-squib kickoff 65 yards for a touchdown to start the second half.

Later in the quarter, Colbert went the distance with a 76-yard screen pass.

Its frustrating for the kids, said Council Rock North coach Tom Coates. I'm frustrated for them. They worked their tails off; they never backed off.

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