

# Physical Skins possess the edge

## Abington at No. 6 Neshaminy, tonight at 7

The top game in the opening of the Suburban One League's National Conference schedule is Abington (3-0) vs. Neshaminy (2-1) at Harry E. Franks Stadium in Langhorne.

The Ghosts have beaten Central Bucks East, Plymouth Whitmarsh and Northeast.

Rebounding from their season-opening, 14-13 loss to Souderton, the Redskins defeated Hatboro-Horsham and Germantown.

Here is a closer look at the game:

**Coaches.** Tim Sorber is 44-51 in nine seasons at Abington. In 14 seasons at Neshaminy, Mark Schmidt is 100-50.

**Ground control.** Both squads have potent rushing attacks. The Ghosts look to either Julian Arnold, a sophomore with nearly 300 rushing yards, or Aaron Duckett. The Redskins are led by tailbacks Quilan Arnold and Bryan Dean.



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**Souderton's Clint Passarella** (right) breaks up a pass intended for Rich Brebner in Neshaminy's unsuccessful opener.

**Signal-callers.** There are first-year junior starters for both teams. Abington's Sam Kind is good with play-action passes and escaping pressure. For Neshaminy, Brian Titus has shown steady improvement.

**Defensive stalwarts.** Abington's 3-5 defense is led by Duckett, an outside linebacker, nose guard Tim Clark, end Dave Lovett, and cornerback Kevin Beal. Neshaminy is sparked by tackles Nick Schaeffer and Dan Shirey, and inside linebackers Corey Majors and Justin Donnarumma.

**Analysis.** The Ghosts have cut their number of two-way players. That should help in the later stages. Look for field position to be a key. The Redskins have the edge in that area with booming kicker Seth Jeffries. The Ghosts have the talent to win at Heartbreak Ridge, but we see them coming up short against the more-physical Redskins.

**Pick:** Neshaminy, 23-14.

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