

## High Schools

## District 1 Class AAAA Football Quarterfinal:

Neshaminy 35, North Penn 0

# Redskins, Ulmer run over Knights

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To have any chance of avenging a 31-7 regular-season loss to Neshaminy, North Penn knew it had to keep tailback Jason Ulmer from exploiting the holes in its defense.

But Ulmer, even with all eyes on him, rushed 26 times for 154 yards and scored four touchdowns as the third-seeded Redskins hammered the sixth-seeded Knights, 35-0, in a PIAA District 1 Class AAAA quarterfinal last night at Harry E. Franks Stadium.

In the last three games, the 6-foot, 185-pound Ulmer has scored 13 TDs. He had five scores in a conference-ending win against Pennsbury and four in a first-round victory over Upper Dublin.

"It all starts with the offensive line," said Ulmer, directing the praise away from himself. "The guys up front have been real physical."

Ulmer upped his season rushing total to 1,802 yards. "You expect great things from a runner like Jason," Neshaminy quarterback Justin Kinney said. "It's almost like you're disappointed when he doesn't break it long every time."

The Redskins will visit second-seeded and undefeated Ridley, a 33-14 winner over 10th-seeded Glen Mills in another quarterfinal last night, in the district semifinals at a date and time to be determined.

Neshaminy (11-1) and North Penn (9-3) are rivals in the Suburban One League National Conference. In recent years, the two programs have been among the state's best. For the visiting Knights, that made the loss even more embarrassing.



Neshaminy's Dan Lyons tackles North Penn's Anthony Taggart. The Redskins held the Knights to 174 combined yards.



Neshaminy's Jason Ulmer gets past North Penn's Tom Byers. The Redskins threw the ball just three times, netting 242 yards on the ground. "It all starts with the offensive line," Ulmer says.

"We just came up small," Dick Beck, North Penn's sixth-year coach, said. "That's the whole deal."

The Redskins, throwing just three times, netted 242 yards on the ground. Clearing holes for Ulmer and Kinney were center Blair Gower, guards Aaron Lee and Dan Wenclewicz, tackles Dan Shirey and Dylan Waterbury, and tight ends Paul Carrezola and Jay Colbert.

"We've been challenging [the offensive line] a bit," Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt said. "They got after it up

front, came to play. They dedicated it to their line coach [Steve Wilmoth]."

Early in the third quarter, trailing by 14-0, the Knights drove to the Neshaminy 3-yard line. However, on fourth and goal from that spot, they were hit with a 5-yard delay penalty. From there, Tyler Smith's gadget-play pass across the field was intercepted by cornerback Gary Reason and returned 98 yards for a turn-out-the-lights score.

"It was a bad call on my part," Beck said. "After the

penalty, I should have called [the trick play] off and changed the play. It was a stupid call."

Defensively, end Jay Colbert and linebackers Dave Daino and Dan Lyons helped hold North Penn to 143 rushing yards and 31 passing yards.

Neshaminy	7	7	14	7	—	35
North Penn	0	0	0	0	—	0
N Ulmer 12 pass, Tom Kinney 1 (Jeffrey Koc)						
N Ulmer 8 run, Jeffrey Koc						
N Kinney 28 interception return (Jeffrey Koc)						
N Ulmer 2 run, Jeffrey Koc						
N Ulmer 1 (Jeffrey Koc)						

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