

Redskins fall short to finish up at 2-9

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Neshaminy was cruising along with little trouble Friday night, but lost the race to a car with out-of-state tags. Salesianum (Del.) left with a 20-14 victory.

Neshaminy finished 2-9 overall and 2-7 in the Suburban One National Conference, while the Sallies, who compete as an independent team, raised their record to 3-6.

At first, the Redskins looked to be in control. They had the defending Delaware Division 1 state champions struggling to get out of first gear.

In their first five plays, the Sals fumbled once, were penalized twice for 15 yards and gave up a sack to the Redskins' Andy Thiboldeaux.

On third and 19 from their own 21, Sals' quarterback Jaime French slipped as he dropped back and had to scramble to avoid the Redskins' pressure. French put up a pass, but it was picked off by the Redskins' Steve Derry at the Sals' 35-yard line.

Then some hard up-the-gut running by fullback Lance Horwatt and Derry, along with a 14-yard reception from quarterback John Hatfield to tight end Chris Feeny, had the Redskins positioned at the Sals' 13-yard line on third-and-4.

On the snap, Hatfield started an option right and pitched it to Derry, who got around the corner for a 13-yard touchdown. The Redskins lined up in a kick formation for the conversion, but the ball was snapped directly to Derry, who took it in to put the Redskins up, 8-0.

Things were still going Neshaminy's way on the next possession, when they held the Sallies to a three-and-out and blocked their punt.

The Redskins had the ball on the Sals' 31-yard line and looked poised to take firm control. But the first

Salesianum (Del.) 20
Neshaminy 14

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play was a fumbled pitch between Hatfield and Derry.

Salesianum got the ball back and the Redskins were out of gas.

The Sals' first play was a reverse for junior Jason Maxwell that went for 23 yards, then French hit tight end Tony Orga over the middle for a 34-yard gain. Three plays later, senior captain Matt Nelson ran in for a one-yard touchdown to pull the Sals to within two points.

Nelson blocked a Redskins' punt late in the second quarter. Brian Parylak recovered and the Sals were in business at the Redskins' 8. Three plays later, running back Luke Wisniewski scored on a one-yard plunge to give Salesianum a lead it would never relinquish.

"Salesianum woke up," Neshaminy coach Dick Bedesem said. "They just started to play better, and we shot ourselves in the foot when we had some opportunities. The second half, though, I thought the kids played great."

The Redskins finally put something together in the fourth quarter when they scored on a 10-play, 48-yard drive to pull within 20-14. Hatfield hit for completions of 16, 14 and 7 yards on the drive. The drive was capped when Feeny took a lateral from Hatfield and raced 20 yards downfield for the score with just minutes to play.

Salesianum	6	8	6	0	—	20
Neshaminy	8	0	0	6	—	14

N: Derry 13 run (Derry run)
S: Nelson 13 run (pass failed)
S: Wisniewski 1 run (Maxwell run)
S: Wisniewski 3 run (pass failed)
N: Feeny 20 run (kick failed)