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Harry S Truman's Kevin Ingram attempts to run the ball for a first down as Neshaminy's Jason Carr applies defensive pressure.

# Redskins pull away from Tigers in 4th

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Three straight times, with three different runners, Neshaminy tried to score from the Harry S Truman 1-yard line.

None of the attempts was successful, and neither was a pass from the 4 on fourth down.

But Neshaminy overcame that first-half disappointment, and went on to beat visiting Truman, 21-7, in Saturday's Suburban One League National Conference game at Harry E. Franks Stadium.

"We had an opportunity to talk to them at halftime, and told them they couldn't put their heads down," Neshaminy coach Dick Bodesem said.

"It wasn't something we couldn't overcome. We told them in the second half, if we got opportunities, we'd punch them on through."

It was the first win of the season for the Redskins (1-4, 1-3), who were celebrating homecoming. The Tigers (3-2, 2-2) were beaten by their greatest margin of the season despite trailing by just 1 point until the fourth

**Neshaminy** 21  
**Truman** 7

Suburban One National football

quarter.

"It feels very good," said Neshaminy junior quarterback Careem Hunte, who scored two touchdowns. "The coaches got us up. They kept telling us we were a good team, and got our spirits up. We had to keep thinking it would come. We were a lot more confident."

The early part of the schedule couldn't have been much more challenging for the Redskins, who are working with a large group of first-year varsity players.

After a season opener against Allentown Dieruff came games against traditional league powers Council Rock, Central Bucks West and Norristown.

"The first win is always a good one," Bodesem said. "Truman is a good football team. They played well."

Neshaminy took advantage of an interception by senior Jason Carr on Truman's first possession of the game. After five straight rushing attempts for 31 yards by junior Lance Horwatt, Hunte ducked in from the 4 for the Redskins' first score. Senior Steve Derry ran in the conversion to make the lead 8-0.

"If they line up with less than six up front, we run it," Bodesem said.

A fumble recovery by junior Ray Traitz led to Truman's first touchdown, a 2-yard run by junior Jose Melendez.

A pair of passes by sophomore quarterback Steve Slivka put the Tigers inside the Neshaminy 10.

But that would be the last series for Slivka, who left the game with a back injury after completing 6 of 11 passes for 89 yards.

Sophomore Todd Lewis and senior Shawn Slivinski played the rest of the game.

"Steve Slivka had a nice game," Truman coach Jan Cechak said. "Todd and Shawn stuck with it and were successful. Our defense gave

another great effort."

After a scoreless third quarter, Neshaminy rallied from its earlier offensive trouble. Hunte scored his second touchdown on a 5-yard run early in the fourth, and junior Tim Smith assured the win with a 28-yard scoring run with 3:21 remaining. Smith also had an interception in the final minute.

Horwatt finished with 81 yards on 24 carries for the Redskins. Truman senior Kevin Ingram caught seven passes for 107 yards from three different quarterbacks.

Next for Neshaminy is Abington, while Truman faces C.B. West.

"We just have to regroup and get ready for the number-one team in the state," Cechak said.

"There will be a lot of sweat broken this week."

Truman	0	7	0	0	—	7
Neshaminy	8	0	0	13	—	21

NE: Hunte 4 run (Derry run)  
TR: Melendez 2 run (Whalen kick)  
NE: Hunte 5 run (Lee kick)  
NE: Smith 28 run (kick failed)