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**Council Rock's Matt Martin** breaks into the clear for a 47-yard kickoff return against Neshaminy to open the second half. The return set up the Indians' first of two touchdown drives in Friday's win over the host Redskins.

# Schramek a two-way force for Indians

The Council Rock senior had a 50-yard TD run and intercepted two passes in Friday's rain-soaked win.

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Neshaminy**

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*Suburban One National football*

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Dan Schramek was a sophomore in September 1991 when he was elevated to the Council Rock varsity before the second game to replace an injured teammate. In his first start, he scored three touchdowns.

Three weeks later he was on his back in Doylestown Hospital for a nine-day stretch after taking a hit against Central Bucks East that left him with two broken ribs and a ruptured spleen. He missed the rest of his sophomore season.

He was back as a two-way starter last year and now his days spent horizontal on a hospital bed seem far-removed.

Schramek's 50-yard touchdown run

and two interceptions led Council Rock to a 14-6 victory over host Neshaminy in a Friday evening downpour.

"This is what football is all about — mud, rain, blood, sweat — it's great," said Schramek, a starter at running back and defensive back.

"It's nice to score, but it's really nice to hit people," he said. "I guess I've got the best of both worlds."

Wearing a jersey borrowed from a teammate, Schramek played a second half better than any he could have envisioned in Doylestown Hospital, when all he wanted was to put on the pads and play again.

He rushed for 86 yards on six carries, and his second interception at the Neshaminy 30 with less than 10

seconds left stopped the Redskins' final, desperate drive. He ran the clock out after the pick-off.

Council Rock coach Mike Ortman remembers the night of Schramek's injury on a play he called "a freak hit. That's a scary thing when a kid gets hurt like that," he said.

That's why Schramek's comeback pleases Ortman so much.

"He was all over the field — a touchdown, interceptions, big tackles — he had a great all-round football game," said Ortman.

"He's the type of leader you build around," the coach said. "We have other leaders, also, but he's a great one."

Schramek's second-half heroics fol-

lowed a first half in which neither team was effective in the driving rain. Neshaminy, relying on a wish-bone offense, may have been most hampered by the conditions.

"It didn't really hurt us," said Ortman. "If anything, I think it affected their offense."

No disagreement there from Neshaminy coach Dick Bedesem.

"I make no bones about it — we want a dry, fast field," said Bedesem. "So the weather certainly hurts our offense more than most."

The teams combined for far more punts than points by a scoreless half-time, punts taking a 9-0 lead into the locker room.

The rain stopped by the second half, and though the field was still soggy, the teams each snapped into form immediately.

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