

FOOTBALL

Falcons run past Redskins, inflicting painful inspiration

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Any coach wants to give his team something to think about in the off-season so that the players will be motivated for the next season.

But Neshaminy coach Dick Bedesem didn't want to do it quite the way he had to.

Bedesem called Neshaminy's 36-7 Suburban One National Conference loss to Pennsbury Friday "a shellacking" as the teams ended their seasons going in opposite directions.

"We took a real old-fashioned beat-

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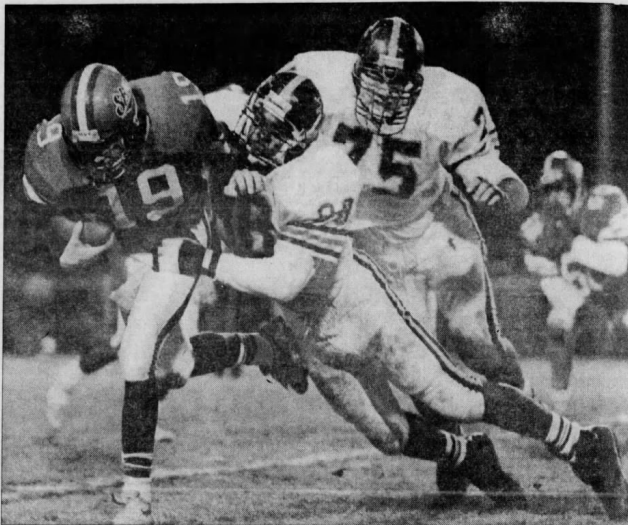
ing," said Bedesem. "I told the team tonight was not a good indication of the year they've given us. It will do them well to remember that scoreboard. It will be a good motivator all winter long. You don't forget easily."

The Falcons dominated with the running game, which amassed 272 yards and scored all five touchdowns. Senior Brian Lessman (9 rushes, 123 yards) broke open a 10-0 game at halftime with a 65-yard touchdown run on the first play of the second half and senior Don Edwards score two touchdowns.

"Our whole theme this week was 'Do it for the seniors,'" said Pennsbury coach Larry Greene. "This week we really worked on the running game. The holes were there and the blocking was there. Obviously we would have liked the season to run a couple more ball games, but at 6-31 with a team not returning a lot of starters, I think our kids did a great job in a transition year."

Neshaminy (5-5) had trouble running the option as senior Joe Gettis, the Redskins' leading rusher, was held to 16 yards on seven carries. Junior quarterback Joe Mormello completed four of 10 passes for 69 yards, but all of the completions came on the last two drives. Two big reasons the option was stuffed were mammoth 6 feet, 4 inch, defensive ends Joe Domine and Matt Gatto.

"I really enjoy playing against the option," said Domine, a sophomore who had three sacks and a fumble recovery. "It brings out the best in me. We just didn't want to slack off



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Pennsbury's Joe Domine was all over Neshaminy's Joe Mormello. The Falcons' Matt Gatto ran to help stop Domine. Both Pennsbury players stand 6 feet, 4 inches tall.

because we were guaranteed a winning season."

After Neshaminy's first drive ended with a punt, Pennsbury began an 8 minute, 14-play drive. Most of the yardage came running the ball, and junior quarterback Matt Rader scored on a 1-yard sneak on fourth down for the touchdown. Bryan Petryszak added the extra point.

"It's pride right here to beat Neshaminy," said Edwards. "It's great to go out with a win. We wanted to win the championship. But I'm happy with where we finished the season."

Petryszak added a 40-yard field goal for a 10-0 lead, and it could have been worse for Neshaminy, as he missed two other field goal attempts

in the first half. But the Falcons scored touchdowns on all four second-half drives to take away any doubts of a close game.

Lessman began the second half with a 65-yard touchdown. After a Neshaminy punt, Edwards completed a 12-play drive of running plays with a 2-yard touchdown. After Neshaminy's Arnie Gooch failed on a fourth-down pass from punt formation, Edwards scored three plays later on a 48-yard touchdown run.

Neshaminy scored early in the fourth quarter on a 4-yard touchdown by Gettis. Then came a play that typified Neshaminy's night. Pennsbury's Kris Tomasulo fumbled a handoff, and while trying to recover

er it kicked the ball downfield. Virtually every player on the field had a shot to recover, but when Pennsbury's Shawn Curran did, it was a 27-yard gain. Tim Gilbert ended the drive with a 5-yard touchdown run.

"I would have liked to have ended on a good note," said Neshaminy senior linebacker Jack Dunkley. "If I could do it over again I would play in the JV game Saturday."

Pennsbury	7	3	13	13	—	38
Neshaminy	0	0	7	0	—	7
PE: Rader 1 run (Petryszak kick)						
PE: FG 40 Petryszak						
PE: Lessman 65 run (run failed)						
PE: Edwards 2 run (Petryszak kick)						
PE: Edwards 48 run (Petryszak kick)						
NE: Gettis 4 run (Cassels kick)						
PE: Gilbert 5 run (kick blocked)						



Neshaminy's William Bailie struggles to keep hold of the ball while teammate Joseph Gettis watches.