

FOOTBALL

Patriots move ball; Redskins snag win

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Although both teams were productive, the results showed up in different places. For Neshaminy, it was the scoreboard; for Central Bucks East, it was the stat sheet.

The Redskins overcame the host Patriots, 27-15, in Friday night's Suburban One League National Conference game at War Memorial Field. But East (3-6, 2-5) won the yardage game, rolling up 373 to 229 for Neshaminy (5-3, 4-3).

"I feel so bad for the kids," East coach John Quinn said. "They played their hearts out. I thought that was the best we played all year. Turnovers just killed us."

In the second half, the Patriots committed four turnovers. Two fumbles ended drives inside the Redskins' 30-yard line. A third fumble, on a mishandled punt, eventually led to Neshaminy's two-touchdown lead.

"It's confidence," Quinn said. "Catching a punt is the most difficult thing in sports. You have 11 guys coming down at you, and you are there by yourself."

Entire teams have felt that way playing in the treacherous SOL National. At one point this season, both East and Neshaminy were 0-2 in the league.

Heading into Friday's game, however, the Patriots had most recently beaten talented Bensalem, 23-9, and the Redskins had won three of their last four after losing, 36-20, to Central Bucks West Sept. 25 at War Memorial.

Neshaminy head coach Dick Bedesem said of the West loss, "Our kids got so embarrassed. We scored 20 against their second string, but it proved to me we weren't quitters. We certainly let them know we were going back to the field we got embarrassed at."

Neshaminy opened the scoring with 4 minutes, 15 seconds remaining in the first period when junior Bill Borman ran in from the 3. Senior Joe Gettis set up the touchdown with a 23-yard gain.

With 28 seconds left in the first, East tied the score on junior Steve

Neshaminy 27
Central Bucks East 15

Beuerle's 72-yard dash down the left sideline.

The teams traded touchdowns again before the second quarter was even 4 minutes old.

Sophomore Bill Bailie put the Redskins back in front on a 51-yard sprint with 42 seconds gone in the period.

After beginning their next drive from their own 13, the Patriots scored on a 32-yard burst up the middle by junior Gus Zimmerman. Beuerle ran in the conversion to give East the 15-14 lead. Junior quarterback Joe Carlon brought the ball over midfield with a 19-yard run, and a personal foul against Neshaminy put East within scoring range.

In the second half, Neshaminy took a 20-15 lead on a 56-yard run by Gettis, who finished with 96 yards on 8 carries.

Although knee injuries had knocked Zimmerman, senior lineman Brian Capaldi and senior defensive end/punter Chris Vigna out of the game, the Patriots looked as if they would continue to match the Redskins.

East moved from its own 34 to Neshaminy's 27 on its next possession before Redskins' defensive end Dave Smith recovered the first fumble.

Although the Patriots forced Neshaminy to punt after just three plays, Redskins' senior Gabe Wrigley recovered another fumble on the return after senior Jack Dunkley's initial hit.

Neshaminy scored its final touchdown on junior quarterback Joe Mormello's 13-yard pass to senior Justin Fourroux.

Neshaminy	7	7	13	0	—	27
C.B. East	7	8	0	0	—	15

N: Borman 3 run (Cassels kick)

CBE: Beuerle 72 run (B. Sleicher kick)

N: Bailie 51 run (Cassels kick)

CBE: Zimmerman 32 run (Beuerle run)

N: Gettis 56 run (pass failed)

N: Fourroux 13 pass from Mormello (Cassels kick)



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Neshaminy's Joe Mormello hits the ground. The team's final touchdown came on a 13-yard Mormello pass.