

Second-half touchdowns pace Bucks over Redskins

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By keeping the ball close to the soggy turf, Central Bucks West pounded out a 20-7 victory over Neshaminy in another tough Suburban One League game Friday night.

And you thought the days of ball-control football at C.B. West were ancient history.

"It looked like old, boring West football," acknowledged Bucks coach Mike Pettine. "But it was like a tidal wave. Once we got it cranked up, the line took charge."

After the Redskins held C. B. West to 60 yards total offense in a scoreless first half, the Bucks (5-1 overall, 2-1 league) hammered out 124 yards rushing and three touchdowns in the second half to hand Neshaminy (3-3, 0-2) its third straight loss.

On a night in which junior quarterback Greg Moylan completed just 4 of 12 passes for 17 yards, an effective rushing attack was welcomed by the Bucks, ranked No. 5 in the area by *The Inquirer*.

"It seemed like we were getting chances — but we couldn't do anything with them," said C. B. West senior running back Chris Cleland, whose 25-yard run with 42 seconds left in the third quarter was the first score of the game. "But once we got it in there, it seemed like our momentum got up."

One week after it was sliced and diced by Council Rock for 40 points — a single-game record in Pettine's 24 years at C. B. West — the Bucks'

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defense did a commendable job on slippery Redskins quarterback Cornelius White.

He completed 11 of 22 passes for 186 yards, but was sacked six times, five in the second half.

Neshaminy averted a shutout when White threw a 32-yard rainbow to Neal Plaskonos with 7 seconds left in the game. That was the first time the Redskins got the ball inside the C. B. West 20-yard line.

"It would have been nice to get the shutout," Pettine said. "But like I told the guys, after what happened to us last week, the only way to make the sick feeling go away is with a win."

The Bucks did a little shuffling on defense to help get the victory. Chris Fassbender was moved from middle linebacker to defensive end. Mike Bell was moved from middle linebacker to outside linebacker. Defensive tackle Jack Loughery and sophomore defensive end Rob Swett were shuttled to the inside linebacker positions.

The new defense put a lot of pressure on White. Loughery and Swett were used as "spies" — assigned to man-to-man coverage of White — and the ends did an excellent job keeping White in the pocket. Lough-

ery and defensive end Ryan Moore each had two sacks.

"We did not put heat on him, and at halftime, we got chewed out," said Loughery, who also scored the Bucks' last two touchdowns on short runs.

"The coaches kept saying, 'We need more heat; we need more heat.' We finally got some more heat."

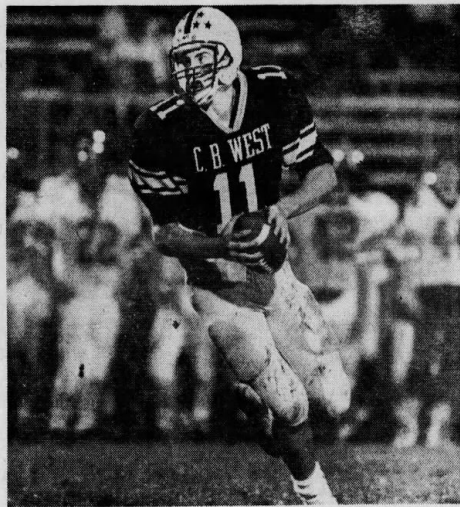
Neshaminy had terrible field position all night. The Redskins started six of their 10 drives inside their own 20. Chris Warren, the Bucks' senior punter, who averaged nearly 40 yards a kick, dropped his first two punts of the second half at the Neshaminy 2. In high school football, field position means a lot, and Neshaminy did not have it.

"And it only got worse," Redskins coach John Chaump said. "It was the same story we've been going through, with penalties. They did a great job, and we did a great job on ourselves."

"We just couldn't get it over on their side of the line. And if we'd get it over there, we'd get a penalty or a turnover and it would push us back."

As he dismantled a kicking net that did not get much use, Chaump paused and said, "We need a lot of work."

But Neshaminy was in the game until late in the third quarter. With 1 minute, 7 seconds remaining, Brian Smith fumbled an option pitchout from White, and the Bucks' Dave Binder recovered the ball at the Neshaminy 25. On the next play, Cle-



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CBW quarterback Greg Moylan looks to pass in 1st-quarter play.

land took a pitchout, followed his blockers to the left, then cut against the grain and broke two tackles for the first touchdown.

"When I was in the huddle, I got intense," Cleland said. "The coaches said they would start running me, and I haven't been running the ball that much, so I consider it a privilege to start running the ball. I just wanted to make something happen."

And he did. After a Neshaminy punt, the Bucks plowed 58 yards in 11 plays — all on the ground — to extend their lead to 13-0 with 6:27 left

in the game. Warren then intercepted a White pass on the Redskins' next possession, and C. B. West went 34 yards in 6 plays for its final score.

Just like the old days.

"We kind of wore them down, and they got tired," Pettine said.

Sound familiar?

Neshaminy	0	0	0	7	—	7
Central Bucks West	0	0	7	13	—	20

CW: Cleland 25 run (Piranian kick)

CW: Loughery 2 run (kick failed)

CW: Loughery 4 run (Piranian kick)

NE: Plaskonos 32 pass from White (Jaggers kick)