

Football

Knights use their one-two punch to knock out the Redskins

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North Penn seniors Keith Reynolds and Jeff Yeakel are athletes who can act. They can fool audiences and opponents.

North Penn blasted visiting Neshaminy, 39-0, Friday night in a Suburban One National game behind the performances of their leading men.

Yeakel rushed 15 times for three touchdowns and 111 yards, 106 of them in the decisive first half. Reynolds, the quarterback, had five carries for 73 yards and one touchdown, and completed one of two passes for a 24-yard score.

The statistics at North Penn (3-4, 3-3) should be shared rather than sepa-

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rated, however. If a defense concentrates too much on one player, the other makes it pay. Reynolds' touchdown, the first of the game with 1 minute, 58 seconds gone in the action, came on a 63-yard dash down the right sideline after the Redskins (3-4, 2-4) had gone for a fake by Yeakel. "Jeff really busts hard on his fakes," Reynolds said. "If no one tackles him, he'll go all the way to the end zone."

Because Yeakel consistently makes it to the end zone when he does have

the ball, teams can't afford to leave him alone. Enter Reynolds, who also has breakaway speed, and can operate as a decoy.

On the Redskins' first drive of the game, Yeakel and Reynolds also made the difference on defense. Junior William Bailie brought the Redskins to the North Penn 3-yard line on a 55-yard burst. Two plays later, Reynolds forced a fumble, and quickly recovered it on an assist by Yeakel.

"If we score there, it's altogether different," Neshaminy coach Dick Bedesem said. "Our team feeds on its offense. When we didn't get it in, our heads went right down.

Bedesem, whose team beat Abing-

ton, 21-20, a week earlier, blamed himself for the outcome against North Penn.

Neither team scored again in the first quarter, but North Penn dominated the second as Yeakel ran for touchdowns of 4, 30 and 8 yards. His final score was the result of one of two fumble recoveries by junior tackle Jason Wallace. The offensive line of seniors Paul Terry, Matt Neeld, Ed Schnell, Chris Walton and Jason Sanfelice, and junior Aaron Carber, also did its part, consistently opening space for Yeakel and Reynolds to operate.

"You have to get off the ball and block people," Travers said. "And we are doing that."

Defensively, this was a different team than the one that allowed 23 points in each of the two previous weeks. North Penn lost to Pennsylvania, 23-12, two weeks ago before beating Central Bucks East, 41-23.

Sanfelice, who calls the defensive signals from linebacker, and players such as senior defensive back John Vagle kept Neshaminy senior quarterback Joe Mormello from running and passing like he did against Abington. Mormello completed 4 of 6 passes for 44 yards and gained 36 yards on 14 carries.

"I thought we did a great job against Mormello," Travers said. "I told our kids, if we let him run, we'd be in trouble."

In the second half, the Knights continued to have success. Reynolds hit Sanfelice with a 24-yard touchdown pass one play after Wallace's second fumble recovery. Senior running back Joe Melonson added North Penn's final score on a 1-yard dive 1:13 into the fourth quarter.

"We've been saying all along we are a good football team," Travers said. "We've played with everybody. I told our kids just to keep it going."

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NP: Reynolds 63 run (kick failed)
 NP: Yeakel 4 run (Parks kick)
 NP: Yeakel 30 run (Parks kick)
 NP: Yeakel 8 run (kick failed)
 NP: Sanfelice 24 pass from Reynolds (Parks kick)
 NP: Melonson 1 run (kick failed)