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Redskins pull out win as offenses stumble

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It wasn't the prettiest of games, but the Neshaminy football team will take it.

In an opening game for both Neshaminy and Bishop Egan that was marred by penalties and incompetent offenses, the Redskins managed to score once — which was enough to win, 6-0, in a nonleague game Saturday at Henry C. Morgan Stadium.

Neshaminy junior quarterback Joe Mormello scored from eight yards out just before the first half ended to cap a 14-play, 87-yard drive. Mormello, who gained 80 yards on 15 carries, ran the option well all day, throwing only twice.

"It was a designed play; he just had a super effort," said Neshaminy coach Dick Bedesem, who is beginning his second tour with the Redskins after going 23-9 from 1984 to 1986. "It wasn't a very picturesque game, that's for sure. From our standpoint, it was very ugly."

Other than that long drive, the teams' inept offenses combined for 91 total yards and, of the 12 first downs in the game, three were because of a penalty. The teams combined for 18 penalties for 129 yards.

"We were moving the ball on them, got inside the 20, then people just start jumping offside," said Egan junior quarterback Jesse Carpenter. "That's the only thing that could stop us — mental mistakes."

The Eagles did have three good scoring opportunities, but couldn't capitalize. Early in the second quarter, Carpenter's running and Redskins' penalties gave the Eagles a



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In a game termed "very ugly" by the winning coach, Bishop Egan's Andy Waskie attempts to tackle Neshaminy's Arnie Gooch.

first down on the Redskins' 19. The drive stalled, and on fourth and 11, senior back Ben Berman couldn't find a receiver after he took a hand-off and attempted to throw.

Neshaminy fumbled on its second play after that, and junior linebacker Kevin Walsh recovered at the 14. An incomplete pass and two short runs followed, however, and kicker Joe Perry lined up for a 33-yard field goal. But the holder couldn't handle the snap, and Perry didn't get a chance. The Redskins then started their scoring drive.

"It was the defense that kept us in the game," said Mormello. "Everybody probably had the butterflies from the beginning. It was an ugly win, but it was a win."

With costly penalties changing third-down-and-short-yardage plays to third and six or seven, the Eagles couldn't move the ball. Their final chance in Redskins territory came after Mormello fumbled to start the second half and Walsh again recovered, this time at the Redskins' 20.

Defensive offside and Perry's short run moved the ball to the 11.

Then Redskins junior linebacker Rob Sheridan sacked Carpenter. After a short run, it was fourth and one, and Sheridan broke through again to stop Carpenter on the option for another sack. Overall, Sheridan and senior linebacker Jack Dunkley were everywhere and held the Eagles' option.

"You can't win football games like that," said Egan coach Jack Techtman. "It seemed like every time we got something going, we hurt ourselves with a penalty and put ourselves in a third-and-long situation."

Neshaminy held the ball for nine minutes of the fourth quarter, helped by a roughing-the-kicker penalty by Egan. When Neshaminy junior Arnie Gooch's punt put the Eagles on their own 10 to start the final drive, just 1:18 remained in the game. A run for minus two yards and three incomplections ended Egan's final hope.

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■ Mormello & run (kick blocked)