

Council Rock kick beats Neshaminy

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George Haag booted a 46-yard field goal with 6 minutes, 10 seconds to play last night to boost visiting Council Rock to a 10-7 victory over Neshaminy before 8,000 fans.

The Indians, ranked No. 5 in The Inquirer's Southeastern Pennsylvania Top 10, improved their record to 6-1-1 overall and 4-0-1 in the Suburban One Patriot Division. Neshaminy, ranked No. 2, fell to 6-2 and 3-2.

Haag's kick was set up four plays earlier, when Council Rock's Frank Grube recovered a fumble by Gary Lees on a Council Rock punt. After the Indians failed to move the ball on

three plays, Haag nailed his field goal, which cleared the crossbar by about 2 yards.

Neshaminy had tied the score at 7-7 in the third quarter, when quarterback James Franklin scored on a 1-yard run. The touchdown capped a nine-play drive that began after Doug Roskos recovered a Council Rock fumble.

Both teams sputtered on offense in the first half.

Neshaminy, which featured Rob Latronica's rushing and Franklin's passing, gained only 34 yards in the half. Thanks in large part to stellar defensive play by Rich Mahony and Ed Stranix, the Redskins were held to minus-2 yards on nine rushes in

the first quarter. Neshaminy's longest gain of the period was a 3-yard advance on a scramble by Franklin.

Fortunately for Neshaminy, Council Rock didn't fare much better in the quarter, its run-and-shoot offense accounting for only 36 yards, with the big play a 24-yard gain by Tom Coleman.

Neshaminy's defense was responsible for Council Rock's ineffectiveness. The Redskins sacked Jon Shields on two of the Indians' first three plays. On the Indians' second possession, Mike Frederick stopped Tim Maduzia on a fourth and 1 at the Neshaminy 28. That play was set up when a punt by Frederick traveled only 3 yards off the side of his foot to

give Council Rock possession at the Neshaminy 39.

Neshaminy was finally hurt by one of its mistakes on the first play of the second quarter. Latronica coughed up the ball on the Neshaminy 49 after a 7-yard gain, and Matt Stohl fell on it for Council Rock late in the first period. After a motion penalty set the Indians back to the 44, Shields hooked up with Maduzia for a 56-yard TD as the second quarter opened. Charles Traber's kick gave Council Rock a 7-0 lead.

Council Rock	0	7	0	3	—	10
Neshaminy	0	0	7	0	—	7

CR: Maduzia 56 pass from Shields (Traber kick)
N: Franklin 1 run (Ramos kick)
CR: FG Haag 46