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Redskins will try to rebound from loss

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There are just five games left on this season's schedule, and three — Central Bucks East and West, Bristol-Morrisville, Egan-Truman — will be played on Thanksgiving day. Which leaves two traditional rivalries for this weekend, with the Suburban One National's Patriot Division title still unclaimed.

Neshaminy (7-3, 4-3) at Pennsbury (6-3-1, 4-2-1), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

That the Redskins have been in the division title chase up to this point of the season is no surprise. The same can't be said about Pennsbury.

"We knew that both our offensive and defensive lines would be stronger this year, but we had an extremely difficult schedule," said Al Matusa Jr., Pennsbury's head coach. "But we didn't expect [Jamahl] Williams to have this kind of season."

The senior tailback has rushed for 995 yards — 207 coming against North Penn on Sept. 29 — and leads Bucks County with 96 points on 16 rushing touchdowns.

"Last year he was a true junior varsity player," Matusa said. "He saw limited time with the varsity. It was questionable how he was going to perform as a senior. But he worked during the off-season in our conditioning program, and you can see the results."

Neshaminy's last chance for the division title ended with last Saturday's 7-6 upset loss at the hands of Tennent.

"It seemed that every time we got to the 10-yard line, we got flagged," John Chaump, the Redskins head coach, said. "We dominated the game on offense and defense and weren't allowed to score."

The game matches two of the best two-way players in the area, Pennsbury's tight end-defensive end Bill Ritchey and Neshaminy's tight end-linebacker Mike Frederick.

"Frederick is a Division I prospect," Matusa said. "I think Ritchey is a little more agile, more of a deep threat, and a slightly better blocker. Frederick catches more intermediate stuff. But there's a big difference in size."

Ritchey is a 6-foot, 3-inch, 195-pounder and Frederick is 6-5, 220.

"We had nine completions against Tennent, and he [Frederick] had five," Chaump said. "College coaches look at him and they're not sure where his best position is. He'll fit in at a lot of colleges."

William Tennent (4-6, 3-4) at Council Rock (7-2-1, 5-1-1), Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Both teams were involved in upsets last week, Tennent winning 7-6 over Neshaminy, Council Rock losing to Bensalem, 10-7.

"This is a real good competitive league right now," Council Rock coach Mike Ortmann said. "There are

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Scoring

Name	School	Rush TD	Rec. TD	FG	PAT	2-Pt. PAT	Total Points
Jamahl Williams	Pennsbury	16	0	0	0	0	96
Edmund Robinson	Bensalem	12	0	0	0	3	78
Tim Maduzia	Council Rock	7	4	0	0	0	66
Rob Latronica	Neshaminy	9	1	0	0	0	60
Eric Sessoms	Morrisville	9	1	0	0	0	60
Jerry Devine	Bristol	9	0	0	0	2	58
Mark Paciolla	Arch. Wood	8	0	0	0	3	54
Jack Grady	C.B. East	8	0	0	0	0	48
Sam Lake	Bensalem	7	1	0	0	0	48
Craig Mignon	C.B. East	8	0	0	0	0	48
Jack Loughery	C.B. West	7	0	0	0	0	42
Adam Voyles	Council Rock	6	0	0	0	2	40
Joel Wennik	George School	6	0	0	0	0	36
Chris Light	Bristol	5	0	0	0	1	32
Matt Soncini	C.B. West	1	4	0	0	1	32
Thad Brennan	C.B. West	4	1	0	0	0	30
James Franklin	Neshaminy	5	0	0	0	0	30
Bob Birch	Arch. Wood	3	1	0	0	0	24
Jon Hall	Neshaminy	0	4	0	0	0	24
Chuck Capella	Bristol	3	0	0	0	3	24

Passing

Name	School	TD Run	TD Pass	Total TDs
James Franklin	Neshaminy	5	10	15
Rob DeMaio	Morrisville	2	10	12
Jerry Devine	Bristol	9	2	11
Adam Voyles	Council Rock	6	3	9
Brian Lafond	Arch. Wood	1	7	8
Greg Moylan	C.B. West	0	8	8
Jon Shields	Council Rock	0	8	8
Dante Mucci	Pennsbury	3	4	7
Kassem Lucas	George School	2	4	6
Mike Morelli	C.B. East	1	5	6
Bob Rosenberger	Wm. Tennent	2	3	5

Kicking

Name	School	FG	PAT	Total Points
Mike Schwab	C.B. East	3	22	31
Chris Warren	C.B. West	5	14	29
Mike Ramos	Neshaminy	2	20	26
Chuck Traber	Council Rock	2	16	22
Ed Lowry	Arch. Wood	1	17	20

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no total breathers. And Tennent has come a long way from the start of the season."

Tennent's upset win was set up by junior Bob Rosenberger, who threw a 34-yard TD pass to Stuart Richman, kicked the extra point and then made the tackle that stopped a Neshaminy 2-point conversion attempt in the fourth period.

"Bobby's the guy," Tennent coach Bill Saybolt said. "If there's a better defensive back around, I haven't seen him."

"He does things you just can't teach. Three times this year, once on Saturday, he's caught runners from behind and knocked the ball loose for fumbles. And I don't mean that the runner just dropped the ball. Bobby knows how to hit the ball and cause the fumble."

Tennent's defense has kept it close all year, while the offense has struggled (outgained 270 total yards to 70 by Neshaminy).

But Council Rock's run-and-shoot attack has also sputtered in the last three games (30 points).

"We've had some problems," Ortmann said. "We're getting the ball close, but can't punch it in."

Which doesn't soothe Saybolt. "They can light up the scoreboard," he said. "Don't blink because you might miss one of their scores."

A Council Rock win would give the Indians the Patriot Division title.

"This is a meaningful game for us," said Ortmann, "because it could give us the title outright. These kids don't want to share it."

"When I first came here, Tennent was the big game for Council Rock, but now it seems that the games with Neshaminy and Pennsbury are the big ones. But I know this is still the big game for Tennent's kids."