

Neshaminy Romps, 27-6

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LANGHORNE — It was just like old times. There was John Petercuskie on the sidelines and there was Neshaminy High winning a football game.

Petercuskie was only a spectator, however. He's one of Bob Blackman's assistants at Dartmouth these days and is in the neighborhood because of a scouting assignment at Palmer Stadium today.

The team (three wins, five losses) might have been confused because it played the way it used to when "Cuskie" was the Neshaminy coach and almost never lost a game.

The Redskins' offense took advantage of the opponent's mistakes and the defense found a way to shut off the other guy's attack. Just like the old days. The victim was Bishop McDevitt High of Harrisburg, which bowed to the Skins, 27-6, here Friday night.

Bill Daenz (pronounced dance soft-shoed his way to three Neshaminy touchdowns. He ran over on runs of three and 12 yards and took a nine-yard TD pass from quarterback Doug Mason. Mason collaborated with end John Gorski on a 43-yard touchdown pass to complete the Neshaminy scoring.

The Redskins scored the first two times they got the football en route to a cozy 21-6 half time lead. That was plenty once the defense figured out how to handle quarterback Eddie Thomas, McDevitt's only offensive threat.

Thomas barely weighs 160 pounds but he has the speed of a greyhound. He zipped 54 yards for the Crusaders' only touchdown and supplied the Skins with some anxious moments throughout. A 66-yard sweep by Thomas for another score was called back. It was that kind of night for the visitors, who were penalized 55 yards to Neshaminy's 15 and gave away the ball four times on fumbles and pass interceptions.

Bishop McDevitt	6	0	0	0	—	6
Neshaminy	14	7	6	0	—	27
N—Daenz, 3, run (Romanowski, kick)							
B—Thomas, 54, run (kick failed)							
N—Gorski, 43, pass from Mason (Romanowski, kick)							
N—Daenz, 9, pass from Mason (Romanowski, kick)							
N—Daenz, 12, run (kick failed)							