Redskins need pride to pass test

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Pride.

Neshaminy High School football thrives on it. And if ever the Redskins (2-2) needed a proud effort, it's tonight (7:30) against Allentown Louis Dieruff.

"Yes, it's a turning point," admits head coach Pal Allison. "It's going to be especially tough to keep from looking past them to (Bethlehem) Liberty next week."

Neshaminy is coming off a pair of tough losses to Alientown Wil liam Allen, 13-7, and Easton Area, 9-6. Another loss means certain elimination from Big Eight Conference contention

Offensive Gains Neshaminy's problems to date are easy to spot. The Redskins have scored only four touchdowns in four games, but Allison isn't about to push the panic button.

"My personal philosophy is, 'when you're having difficulty. you add, you don't subtract.' Sure, we're going to try some different

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Neshaminy leads series, 6-3-2.

players in places, but not because someone is doing poorly. That only destroys confidence and that's something we're trying to build.

"The breakdown, I think, has been inconsistency," the Neshaminv coach said. "Sometimes we've had some breaks go against us, but you have to be in a position for them to hurt you, so they are mostly our fault.

"We haven't been sharp at times. I guess you could call it execution. These are the kind of things we're going to have to correct.

Good Drive

"We had a good drive against Allen last week and that's what we have to keep doing."

Allison cites the work of center Kevin Kelly and quarterback Harry Ulrich for leadership on the offense, but says the point-scoring aggregation is an 11-man unit.

Pal can find no fault with the Neshaminy defense. The Redskins have held the opposition to just under six points a game.

"But the defense can't keep doing it forever," said Allison. "When the defense gets a chance to sit down, they not only have a chance to rest, but they get to reorganize. The coaches have a chance to sit down with them and analyze what is going right and wrong."

Good Test

"Dieruff should be a good test," said Allison. "They're big, something people tend to overlook once they get past the size of a Pennsbury or a Neshaminy.

"They go from a Veer offense with a split back. They have a real good split end named Jimmy Banks and we're going to have to keep an eye out on him.

"On defense they go with a sixman front. Their linebackers have good size and a few of their ball-



PAL ALLISON

players are in the 220-230 pound range"

Good Attitude

"We've had excellent attitude up to now:" Allison added. "We're still undefeated in one league (Lower Bucks County League Section One) and that serves as inspiration.

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gether and held some meetings on their own to try to get it back together again," said Allison. "I think it's a good thing."

Klinger to hold **PPK** finals

Bucks and Montgomery county finalists in the Punt, Pass and Kick contest, sponsored by Ford Motor Co., will compete tomor-

Competition will begin at 2 p.m. at Klinger Junior High School field in Southampton.

Winners in the age divisions from nine to 13 will compete on Oct. 19 in the tri-state (Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Delaware) finals at Veterans Stadium in Philadelphia.



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