

# Neshaminy Tips Council Rock

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It was typical cold November day. In the stands, 6,000 persons shivered in their parkas and other winter apparel.

On the field, however, the fire of intensity and desire drove Council Rock and host Neshaminy at each other for 48 minutes.

"That was a GOOD high school football game," Neshaminy coach Pat Allison exclaimed after defeating Council Rock, 14-13. "Those were two real head-knockers out there."

The win clinched a tie for the Lower Bucks One league title.

Council Rock had a chance to place itself in the title picture by winning yesterday afternoon. The Indians appeared ready to do just that in the first half.

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## Lower Bucks

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Dan Smith, Greg Pritchard, and Smith again jumped on three Neshaminy fumbles in the first quarter.

Council Rock lost a scoring chance when Ron Steele recovered a fumble on the Neshaminy goal line at the start of the second period.

But the Indians got cohesion on offense and took a 7-0 lead on quarterback Dan Huff's 11-yard run and Brad Adams' extra-point with 7:05 left in the half. Council Rock added six more points at the end of the half on Huff's 45-yard scoring pass to John Rennie.

"Halftime was the first time I yelled at the defense all year," Allison said. He had a lot of time to do

it while two bands performed and homecoming ceremonies took place on the field.

In the second half, Neshaminy returned to its pursuit of the excellence it has not enjoyed since 1971.

Late in the third quarter, Bob Hayes intercepted a pass on the Neshaminy 7. Two plays later Eli Weissman caught a pass from Terry Gallagher to complete a 75-yard scoring play. Jeff Ratner's point made it 13-7.

"I told our man to get back," Council Rock coach Walt Snyder said. "Nobody's going to beat Weissman one-on-one . . . he's so quick."

Weissman was named homecoming "king" at the half.

Steve O'Brien's interception set up Neshaminy's next score in the fourth quarter. Jamie Meier completed the

drive by scoring on a 5-yard run, with 9:17 left in the game. Then Ratner sent the ball soaring end-over-end above the goal post with the game's deciding point.

"Yes, it has to rate as my greatest win," said Allison.

"We didn't get down when we were behind," Weissman said. "We aren't happy with a tie (for the title). We want to beat Pennsbury next week.

"Council Rock sat on the lead," the 5-10 senior, who hopes to attend Temple, added "We wanted it more than them."

As the setting sun cast its long shadows across the field, Weissman enjoyed the warm glow of victory.

Council Rock boarded the buses for what must have seem like a long, cold ride home.

November can be like that.