

Dieruff Drops 34-32 Battle

STATISTICS

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First downs	6	9
Rushing yardage	107	209
Passing yardage	269	55
Passes	19-27	4-7
Passes intercepted by	0	3
Punts	1-36	3-34
Fumbles lost	1	1
Yards penalized	57	76

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LANGHORNE — Dieruff stormed back from a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter Friday night, but a last-ditch drive was stopped by the clock at the Neshaminy 12 and the Huskies dropped a 34-32 decision to the Redskins.

The loss was the second straight for Dieruff, but it was anything but easy for Neshaminy. Dieruff's Ross Moore completed 19 of 27 passes for 269 yards, but it couldn't offset Neshaminy's bruising running game, which accounted for 290 yards.

The Huskies, who dropped their second straight game and are now 4-2 for the season, trailed 34-19 with nine minutes left in the game. Then Dieruff drove 69 yards for a score, with Moore passing the final 10 yards to Danny Joseph.

Joseph caught 10 passes for 161 yards for the game, and John Smurda hauled in seven for 95 yards. A short time later, Dieruff went 43 yards after a Neshaminy punt to score when Frank Pagnano plunged over from the 1.

The Huskies got one more chance. Neshaminy was forced to punt with less than a minute left, and Moore got the ball on the Huskies' 18. He weaved and dodged his way to the Neshaminy 29 before running out of gas and being caught. He completed a pass to the 21, and after a second-down pass was incomplete in the end zone, the senior quarterback scrambled on the last play of the game but was stopped at the 12.

Neshaminy, winning its third

game in five outings, was paced by the running of junior half-back Steve Sroba. Sroba carried 17 times for 141 yards and three touchdowns. He also caught three passes for 49 yards and intercepted one Moore pass.

Sroba's three-yard run gave Neshaminy its first touchdown, but Dieruff tied it, going 73 yards with an eight-yard pass from Moore to Smurda accounting for the TD. The Redskins then got two scores in a row, going 64 yards, with Mark Spadaccino scoring from the 1; and then marching 40 yards, with Sroba going the last 15.

A seven-yard pass from Moore to Bill Alli wound up the scoring before halftime, and the Huskies scored first in the third period when Moore went in from the 5. The extra-point attempt which could have tied the game was blocked — the second blocked point — after attempt of the game for Neshaminy.

Jim Ryder went five yards to cap a 69-yard drive, and Sroba went one yard to climax a drive after his interception to give the Redskins their final scores of the game.

DIERUFF

Ends—Smurda, Lagosky, Zibura.
Tackles — Zaccaro, Ward, Leanch, F. Scharkozy, L. Scharkozy.
Guards—Tust, Hadeed, Daskalakes, Corazza, Gergely, Passaro.
Centers—Flamish, Saylor.
Backs—Moore, Joseph, Adams, Pagnano, Nacci, Paraszczak, Bednarik, Bellucci, Gerhard, Berger, Alli.

NESHAMINY

Ends—Edwards, Hough, Bean, Diegel.
Tackles—Wisneski, Graser, Scott, Lustica, Markman.
Guards — Rarker, Mattingly, Jennings, Worthington.
Centers—Michaels, Suma.
Backs—S. Mason, Swartz, D? Mason, Sroba, Spadaccino, Ryder, Gerhardt, Kaminski, Walker, Holmes, Kempley.

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Neshaminy 6 14 7 7-34
Dieruff scoring: Touchdowns—Smurda (8, pass from Moore), Alli (7, pass from Moore), Moore (5, run), Joseph (10, pass from Moore), Pagnano (1, run). Conversions—Joseph (kick), Moore (run).
Neshaminy scoring: Touchdowns—Sroba 3 (3, run; 1, run; 15, run), Spaccino (1, run), Ryder (5, run). Conversions—Bahr 3 (kicks), D. Mason (run).