

Neshaminy belts CR

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Greg Landry does it for the Detroit Lions. Bobby Douglass does it for the Chicago Bears. Bob Grupp is doing it for the Neshaminy High School Redskins.

He's leading the Langhorne school past opponents by not only doing what's expected of him, throwing the ball, but the unexpected, running it. Just ask the Council Rock Indians, victimized by Grupp, 34-8, Saturday.

"The key to this game was Grupp," said CR coach Walt Snyder. "He made the big play when they needed it. His running really hurt us — it gave us a jolt and them a psychological lift."

Complete Job

The senior signal caller did a complete job before 2,500 rained upon fans at Council Rock Stadium. He:

— completed six of 12 passes for 89 yards and carried the ball 12 times for 106 yards.

— booted three punts for a 42-yard average, including a 51-yard shot which broke Council Rock's momentum late in the first half after the Indians had closed to 14-8.

— turned a broken play into a 72-yard touchdown gallop on the first play of the second half.

Best Around

"Bob is the best quarterback in the area," declared Neshaminy coach Jack Swartz. "That run (the 72-yard TD) was a busted play. He made the best of it. He can also throw the ball well. One of his throws, to Steve Gale, went over 55 yards in the air. It was on the mark, too."

STATISTICS

	NESH.	C. ROCK
First downs	15	12
Yards rushing	261	80
Passes attempted	12	20
Passes completed	6	10
Passes intercepted by	1	1
Yards passing	89	95
Net yards	350	175
Punts	3	5
Punting average	42	31
Fumbles recovered by	1	2
Yards penalized	80	15

Another Neshaminy standout, Joe Sroba, was the spark behind the Redskins' opening scoring drive. Sroba handled the ball seven times on the 11-play drive, Grupp blasted over from the one on fourth down and Neshaminy led 7-0.

Sroba also played a big part in giving the winners a 14-0 margin. After linebacker Frank Conger picked off a Kevin Hamilton-Council Rock pass at the CR 28, Sroba lugged the ball seven yards on an off-tackle jaunt, then scored moments later on a one-yard burst.

Council Rock made it a game again midway through the second quarter. Hamilton led his charges on a nine-play, 65-yard drive highlighted by passes to end Joe McMonagle and halfback Brian Bleim. After Bill Wiggins dove for a big first down at the Neshaminy 16 on a fourth and one, Hamilton spotted end Steve Wall in paydirt to cut the lead to 14-8.

With the score still the same, Neshaminy took the second half kick and opened play from scrimmage at the 28. On the first play, Grupp spun to hand off and found nobody. Tucking the ball on his hip, Grupp sliced through the Council Rock line, cut to his left,

shed two tacklers and dashed the rest of the way. The unexpected touchdown gave Neshaminy a noticeable boost.

The Redskin defense was the first to feel the shift of momentum. On Council Rock's first play of the second half, tackle Mark Strawbridge pounced on an Indian fumble. It was the type of play the defensive unit made throughout the second half.

"The defense played a sort of 'wait-and-see,'" said Swartz. "They said they weren't too happy with the way they were playing, but they came alive at the end. Don Dripps is back and he should help us."

"Strawbridge is the center of that defense," stated Snyder. "He only rushes when he wants to, but he is good enough to get away with it. Their linebackers covered as much ground as we thought they would."

Hard To Compare

"They're a heckuva football team. It's hard to make comparisons between Neshaminy and Pennsbury. I'd say on the basis of overall personnel, Pennsbury is stronger. But for four or five key players (at ball handling positions) I'd have to take Neshaminy."

The final quarter saw Neshaminy polish its running game with a 15-play, 73-yard drive culminating in Leni Barker's nine-yard run. Mark "Mugsy" Donahue also scored on a nine-yard run earlier and in the quarter and made some nice runs on the final drive.

GAME NOTES: Second half was played in near darkness as storm clouds threatened and the half time show ran over . . . Coun-

cil Rock Marching Band played a salute to Veterans Day . . . Neshaminy High School Band record rivals that of the football team . . . Sroba, slightly injured early in the second half, came back to finish the game. "He's okay," said Swartz . . . Council Rock hopes to finish the season at .500 next week when it hosts William Tennent. They are currently 4-5 . . . Neshaminy (9-1) completes its season at Pennsbury next week with the Lower Bucks County League Section One and Big Seven titles to be awarded to the winner.

LINEUPS

Neshaminy (34)

ENDS: Gale, Oliver, Larkin, Fox, O'Brien
TACKLES: Esslinger, Hayes, Strawbridge, Grinups, Watson, Clark
GUARDS: Rosenblatt, Cook, Boyles, Rommett

CENTERS: Eccles
BACKS: Sullivan, Donahue, Tyrell, Correll, Miller, Conger, Stevenson, Sroba, Barker, Nathan, Conner, Grupp
Council Rock (8)

ENDS: Wasserleben, McMonagle, Wall, Gould, Gartner, Crockett
TACKLES: Sellen, Keupper, Simmons, Quarles
GUARDS: Wilson, Maloney, DeMarco, McKelvey

CENTERS: Kownurko
BACKS: Dooling, Hamilton, Birtton, Lennon, Cribbs, Wiggins, Derry, Bliem, Lennon, Palardy, Brown, Quarles, Donahue, Bedesem, Bone.

SCORE BY PERIODS

Neshaminy	14	0	6	14	34
Council Rock	0	8	0	0	8

SCORING

FIRST: N-Grupp 1 run (Shenefelt kick); N-Sroba 1 run (Shenefelt kick)

SECOND: CR-Wall 14 pass from Hamilton (Gould, pass from Hamilton)

THIRD: N-Grupp 72 run (kick blocked)

FOURTH: N-Donahue 0 run (Shenefelt kick); N-Barker 9 run (Shenefelt kick)

OFFICIALS

Charles Ritinski, referee; Jim McInerney, umpire; Bob Koch, head linesman; Ed Ribeaux, field judge; Len Lithgow, back judge.