

Schmidt's halftime talk sets

off Langhorne uprising

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Neshaminy Langhorne High School football coach Charlie Schmidt is not the kind of guy that screams and yells at his troops at halftime—no matter how bad they played.

It takes a near breakdown to give him the impetus to start some rebelrousing in his locker room.

Friday night was one of those infrequent nights.

Sure, the Redskins went into the halftime break tied with Abington 0-0, but it was the numerous mental and physical mistakes Neshaminy made that got Schmidt a little hot under the collar.

The result of the brow-beating?

The Redskins came out charging in the second half, scoring on their first play from scrimmage—a 56-yard second effort scamper by senior back Tom Calkins—taking the momentum away from their visitors and cruising to a 14-0 victory.

their guys, but I got my legs moving and rebounded outside. From there I just started sprinting."

Calkins credits his blockers with making things happen in the game.

"All of the blockers did a fine job tonight," said the back. "Dave Dunlap and Bruce Moyer threw blocks that sprung me several times.

Both ways

Calkins not only played a stellar game from the offensive backfield, but he also played in passing downs on defense.

"The coaching staff has been emphasizing conditioning, so I wasn't overworked out there. We are all in pretty good shape," said Calkins.

While the Neshaminy locker room was rejoicing its victory, Abington coach Doug Moister was going over and over his team's mistakes.

"We're young, but that's no excuse for some of the things we did tonight," said the second-year coach. "We kept giving them the ball, and that's no way to win. I hope I can find 11 guys

STATISTICS		
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First downs	7	14
Yards rushing	83	162
Passes attempted	7	7
Passes completed	6	5
Interceptions thrown	0	0
Yards passing	68	93
Net yards	151	255
Punts	5	2
Punting average	30.8	35.0
Fumbles lost	1	1
Yards penalized	35	20

SCORING
FIRST: None.
SECOND: None.
THIRD: N-Calkins, 56 run (Ferri kick);
N-Walsh, 22 run (Ferri kick).
FOURTH: None.

"Coach Schmidt really gave it to us at the half," explained Calkins, who finished the game with 101 yards on 10 carries. "He explained where we were letting down, and told us to go out and play our game."

Schmidt remembers

Neshaminy coach Schmidt remembered the close defeat the Redskins had suffered the week before (to Bishop Egan, 12-7), and was determined

who want to play next week."

The Redskins scored an insurance touchdown late in the third quarter when Steve Walsh capped an eight play, 57-yard drive with a 22-yard run on a counter play off left tackle.

"Number 64 (Fred Lynch) had been giving us some trouble in the first half, so we decided to keep going at him in the second half," said Schmidt. "And we wanted the offensive line to fire out lower and harder as well."

Defense tough

The Neshaminy defense limited the Ghosts to 151 net yards in the contest, of which 59 came in the final quarter against a semi-prevent defense.

"We played the same type of game from start to finish," commented defensive coach Ralph Kurzinsky. "We just wanted to keep the heat on them at all times."

That they did, sacking Abington's Karl Kunkel twice, forcing a fumble, and causing several pitchouts to be fired high and wide of the mark.

not to let this game get away.

"We gave them a good talking to at halftime," said Schmidt. "Abington gave us several breaks in the opening half, but we kept placing ourselves into holes."

The Neshaminy coaching staff noticed that the Abington defensive secondary could be deceived by trap plays, and decided to concentrate on them in the second half.

They didn't have to wait long to see the fruits of their labors.

On the first play from scrimmage in the second half, Calkins ran a trap play up the middle, where he was swarmed on by three tacklers.

He kept his legs spinning, and somehow broke free and raced into the right flat. From there it was just a 50-yard plus sprint to the touchdown.

"That hole was there in the first half, but we just couldn't make the best of it," said Calkins. "We decided to hit them with the same play in the second half.

"I knew I was hit by a couple of

"We wanted to win this one," said Calkins. "We wanted it bad."

And the little "pep talk" at halftime didn't hurt, either.

REDSKIN NOTES: Graig Hill made a fine over-the-shoulder grab of a Bruce Cordelli pass in the fourth quarter...Jim Riley contributed two sacks...Bill Adrian recovered an Abington fumble of a punt in the second quarter...Cordelli relieved in the second half and fired two complete passes in two attempts.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS ABINGTON

RUSHING: Grasty, 10-39; Reynolds, 9-29; Kunkel, 5-21; Gaines, 6-13; K. Kunkel, 6-(19).
PASSING: K. Kunkel, 6-7-0, 68 yards.
RECEIVING: Smith, 3-40; Gaines, 2-12; Johnson, 1-16.

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RUSHING: Calkins, 10-101, 1 TD; Walsh, 10-63, 1 TD; Valone, 16-19; Fario, 1-3; Flaig, 2-(10); Cordelli, 3-(14).
PASSING: Flaig, 4-6-0, 37 yards; Cordelli, 2-2-0, 56 yards.
RECEIVING: Bebey, 4-47 yards; Hill, 2-46.