

'Greatest Jinx' For Redskins Now In The Past

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EASTON — Neshaminy High's greatest jinx is now a thing of the past.

The Redskins last night defeated nemesis Easton High, 13-6, as heads-up defensive play and a double-barreled offense reaped rich dividends.

It was the 12th straight victory for Neshaminy but only the first in history against the Red Rovers, the only team to beat the Redskins in the past three seasons.

Rassier, Tome Star

Touchdowns by end Milt Rassier on a 27-yard pass from Bill Brundzo in the first quarter and by Maury Tome on a three-yard plunge in the third period provided Neshaminy with its margin of conquest.

Easton, a 13-0 chaser at one point, tightened the gap with its lone TD via halfback Jim Patterson's 64-yard gallop on the last play of the third quarter.

However, Neshaminy regained its defensive poise in the late going, thereby defeating the only team ever to beat the Redskins twice in recent years.

10,000 On Hand

Some 10,000 fans at Cottingham Stadium watched the hotly contested battle which matched two of Eastern Pennsylvania's finest high school football teams.

Since there were no interceptions and only one fumble (recovered by John Reeves of Neshaminy), the outcome of the contest rested solely upon down-to-earth football instead of the "breaks."

And, in that type competition, Neshaminy had the edge: collaborating its familiar hard-nosed single-wing ground game with timely aerials.

The Redskins used the airplanes for the bulk of their offensive movement in the first TD drive, then stayed strictly on the ground en route to their second touchdown.

The first six-pointer culminated a drive of 61 yards in 11 plays following the kickoff. It was jacked to seven points on Bob Baxter's placement. The second TD ate up 66 yards in seven plays.

Key Catch By Rassier

Rassier, in addition to his touchdown, made a key grab a few plays previous which helped set up that first score. It was a 29-yard heave from Brundzo which the six-foot senior had to snarl from three defenders in a splendid leaping catch.

That completion put Neshaminy on the Easton 18 but a penalty pushed them back to the 27 from which point Brundzo spotted Rassier in the left corner and let fly with playoff pitch.

Biggest ground gainer in the third-quarter touchdown drive was Baxter's 23-yard carry to launch the series. It was followed in order by an 11-yard haul by Tome, a nine-yard sprint by Tom Preno, a one-yard gain by Baxter and successive carries of 15, four and three yards by Tome — the latter for the TD.

STATISTICS		
	N.	E.
First downs	15	7
Yards rushing	199	160
Passes attempted	8	1
Passes completed	3	0
Passes intercepted by	0	0
Yards passing	82	0
Net yards	281	160
Punts	2	2
Punting average	29.5	33
Fumbles recovered by	1	0
Yards penalized	35	25

At this point (seconds left in the third quarter), it appeared Neshaminy was home safe. But the next play from scrimmage changed that outlook in a hurry.

Patterson Scores

Speedster Patterson then took a handoff at the Easton 36, cut through the middle, tore to the left to outdistance the Redskin secondary and neatly reversed his field en route to his lengthy scamper.

A bad pass from center forced placekicker Dale Harrison to run for the vital PAT but a host of 'Skin defenders boxed him in on the right side far short of the goal line.

After that, Easton got the ball only one more time. The Red Rovers advanced to the Neshaminy 38 but were stalled three yards shy of a first down and punted.

The boot bounced into the end zone and Neshaminy took over on its 20, never again surrendering possession to its host.

'Skins Gamble

Baxter reeled off nine yards on first down but then two plays, one an incomplete pass, netted nothing and the 'Skins were forced with a problem: punt or try for a first down which, if unsuccessful, would give Easton the ball some 30 yards from paydirt with about five minutes remaining.

The Redskins gambled, Tome hit the line and gained the first down by inches, enabling Neshaminy to run off 10 more plays to consume the final three minutes.

One of the game's earlier highlights was Neshaminy's 77-yard drive to the Easton nine the second time the 'Skins had possession after their first touchdown.

A loss moved them back to the 11 where two pass patterns failed (the latter when Brundzo over-shot Preno all alone on the left side), allowing Easton to escape unscathed in a crucial situation.

LINEUPS

Neshaminy (113)

ENDS — Lange, Dorland, Harris, Rassier
TACKLES — Tragemann, Andrassy, Jenkins, Basch, Kalan, Michaels, Wilhelm
GUARDS — Galvin, Reeves, Lauther, Winder
CENTERS — Cummings, Andrews
BACKS — Preno, Ciccone, Dunn, Brundzo, Kaminski, Barr, Baxter, Dee, Tome

Easton (6)

ENDS — Vigilanti, Hans, Puccio, Keifer, Torcivia, Caffrey, Broscious
TACKLES — Saylor, D. Sandt, Nagy, Piergallini, Unangst, Mitchell
GUARDS — R. Sandt, Corpora, Bateman, Capriotti, McGaughey
CENTER — Horn
BACKS — Barnhardt, Robinson, Lisinichia, Palmer, Glory, Haney, Patterson, Pados, Vinson, Regina, Diacont, Amato, Snyder, Daiello

SCORE BY PERIODS

Neshaminy 7 0 6 0-13
Easton 0 0 6 0-6

SCORING

FIRST:
Neshaminy - Rassier 27 pass from Brundzo (Baxter kick)

THIRD:
Neshaminy - Tome 3 plunge (kick wide)
Easton - Patterson 64 run ((run failed))

OFFICIALS

Irv Wagner, referee; Jack Saurina, umpire; John Ettinger, head linesman; Paul Troxell, field judge.

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