

# Kicking game key to Bucks' victory

Three kickoff recoveries led to 21 points for unbeaten Central Bucks West in its 42-14 victory over Neshaminy.

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DOYLESTOWN — It began as a common ploy, kicking short and away from a dangerous return man in an attempt to prevent a long run-back.

But the Central Bucks West football team has learned that a well-placed kickoff can also become a game-breaking weapon.

On three occasions Friday night at War Memorial Field, the Bucks recovered their own kickoffs, paving the way to a 42-14 rout of visiting Neshaminy.

C.B. West, ranked No. 1 in the area by The Inquirer, improved to 5-0 overall and 4-0 in the Suburban One League National Conference. The win set up a battle of unbeaten Friday, with West visiting No. 2 North Penn.

The Bucks' kicker, Bob Tumelty, started the game by hooking a short kick to avoid the Redskins' speedy return men. The ball bounced around and was bungled by a Neshaminy returner and recovered by West's Greg Kinzel at Neshaminy's 30-yard line.

Two plays later, quarterback Mike Orihel hit Ted Kinyon for a 22-yard touchdown.

Tumelty and the Bucks pulled the same maneuver twice in the third quarter, when West expanded a 14-0 halftime lead by scoring 21 points before the Redskins even ran a play.

Meanwhile, West junior fullback Dustin Picciotti rumbled for 130 yards and scored four touchdowns, and sophomore Orihel passed for a pair of TDs as the Bucks won their 20th consecutive game. The Bucks also gave coach Mike Pettine his 301st career win.

"The play was to kick the ball high and over to the side," Tumelty said. "We just wanted to get it away from their return men, but when they couldn't catch it, we just kept doing it."

The Bucks started their second-half onslaught with a six-play, 63-yard scoring drive, capped by Picciotti's 1-yard TD plunge. On the ensuing kickoff, Tumelty again hooked a short kickoff down the left sideline.

The ball bounced several times and appeared to be headed out of bounds, but West's Andy Schmidt deftly jumped on the ball on the Neshaminy 31. Three plays later, Picciotti scored on a 4-yard run.

The next kickoff was *deja vu*. Tumelty hooked it to the same spot and again the ball bounced in all directions. This time, the Redskins' Chris Vincent scooped up the ball, but was immediately flattened by five defenders and fumbled at Neshaminy's 16.

The Bucks capitalized on the turnover as Picciotti hauled in a 16-yard TD pass from Orihel (9 of 15 passing for 104 yards). That gave West 21 points in 4 minutes, 30 seconds.

"You can't make mistakes like that against a team like West," Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt said. "We played a good first half, and then we came out and made the same mistake two more times."

Neshaminy (1-4 overall, 1-3 conference) finally broke the shutout late in the third quarter when Vincent broke off a 14-yard touchdown. The Bucks added a 3-yard TD run by Phil DiGiacomo before the Redskins closed the scoring in the final minutes on a 40-yard TD hookup from Brian Sperling to Antoine Lovelace.

"Obviously, we got a lot of breaks," Pettine said of the kickoffs. "But that's been done to us and when we see something we like, we steal it. If you kick it properly, you have a good chance to get it."

Neshaminy	0	0	0	0	—	14
Central Bucks West	14	0	21	7	—	42

CBW: Kinyon 22 pass from Orihel (Tumelty kick)

CBW: Picciotti 6 run (Tumelty kick)

CBW: Picciotti 1 run (Tumelty kick)

CBW: Picciotti 4 run (Tumelty kick)

CBW: Picciotti 16 pass from Orihel (Tumelty kick)

N: Vincent 14 run (pass break)

CBW: DiGiacomo 3 run (Tumelty kick)

N: Lovelace 40 pass from Sperling (Lovelace pass from Sperling)