

Miscues hurt Neshaminy in 12-3 loss to Dieruff

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Neshaminy coach Mark Schmidt would hate to grade his team's performance in Friday night's opening 12-3 loss at Dieruff in Allentown.

He hopes they will test better next time.

The Redskins' only points came on a 36-yard field goal by Rob Fryer in the second period, when all of the game's points were scored, and they didn't have one other good scoring opportunity.

"At times, we looked darn good,"

Schmidt said. "They gave us the middle of the field, but we dropped passes and fumbled once inside their 10-yard line. I'm very frustrated."

Dieruff, a District 11 Class AAAA playoff team last season, scored first, on an 11-yard pass from Anthony Ross to Rasool Hyman, and last, after Fryer's field goal, when Hyman connected with Jason Bonilla on a 65-yard halfback option pass. Both of Dieruff's extra-point attempts were missed.

Schmidt's frustration came because he believed his team's offen-

sive game plan was effective.

First-time starter Brian Sperling completed 5 of 11 pass attempts for 87 yards ("With four drops," Schmidt noted), and running backs Mark Esposito (15 carries, 60 yards) and Chas Hall (5-45) did their jobs.

"I was conservative; I wanted Brian to feel comfortable," Schmidt said, referring to his quarterback who replaced the graduated Jim Dietz. "But we're a better football team than this."

Schmidt was satisfied with his team's defensive effort, especially

by lineman Joe Mitskas (three sacks) and linebacker Bill Crompton, both juniors.

But Schmidt said he was disappointed with the play of senior receivers Antoine Lovelace (one reception) and Ron Smith.

The Redskins will have to regroup before they open Suburban One National Conference play at Central Bucks East this weekend.

Neshaminy	0	3	0	0	—	3
Dieruff	0	12	0	0	—	12

D: Hyman 11 pass from Ross (kick failed)

N: FG Fryer 36

D: Bonilla 65 pass from Hyman (kick failed)