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George School gets into the win column

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MIDDLETOWN — It finally happened for the George School football team.

On Saturday, the Cougars notched their first win of the season, defeating visiting Newark Academy 27-7.

George School scored on its first possession when quarterback Kenneth Rodriguez ran five yards for a touchdown. Bennett Lichstein's extra point made it 7-0.

The Cougars extended the lead to 13-0 on their next possession when junior running back Miles Pinnock rushed 78 yards for a touchdown.

"We got on the board early for once and that was a good feeling," Pinnock said. "That's what we need to do."

George School made it three-for-three on its next possession. Rodriguez connected with Darrell Edwards for a 62-yard pass to go up 20-0 in the second quarter.

The Minutemen managed their lone touchdown of the day before the break, a one-yard run by Jeffery Keys, but the Cougars took a 20-7 lead into halftime.

Pinnock put the exclamation point on the day for George School with a 26-yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter.

"It feels good to finally win one, and I'm happy," Pinnock said. "I'm not going to get too excited because we've still got two games to go and we want to finish the season 3-5. We're 1-0 this week but, tomorrow, we'll be back to 0-0 and we'll focus on our next game."

One area in which the Cougars have improved is limiting their penalties. George School committed five for just 30 yards.

"That's a big improvement for us," captain Rex Trice said. "That just came from having a lot of young guys out there who don't know what they're doing. They don't know what's a late hit, what's a hold, so as they've learned those things, we've improved in that area a lot."

The senior lineman had a sack, one of many reasons for optimism.

"It's so exciting," Trice said. "We have such a young team this year. We only have a few seniors. I just love seeing the guys get better and seeing our team improve. I'm excited for the program, that down the line they are going to be a lot of guys now who are getting experience that will help them. Every game, we're getting sharper."

The game came after a 40-20 loss for the Cougars to Tower Hill.

"Even though we lost that game, we played really well, and I think that propelled us into this game," Pinnock said. "The momentum from that game carried us into this one."

"We have two games left (against Jenkintown and Pingry School), and we're focused on trying to win those and finish the year 3-5."