

Late fumble aids Upper Merion

Upper Merion High recovered a Plymouth-Whitemarsh fumble on the eight-yard line with 3 minutes to play and escaped with a 9-2 win yesterday in a key battle of Suburban One League powers.

The host Vikings (4-1) took a 9-0 lead in the second quarter when Bob DiRico bulled in from the one. DiRico finished with 125 yards on 23 carries. PW fell to 3-1-1.

Upper Dublin 13, Upper Moreland 9 — John Rowland made it 13-0 when he carried in a blocked punt late in the first quarter, and the visiting Cardinals (3-2) held on for a Suburban One win.

North Catholic 19, Bishop Kenrick 16 — Chris Pace ran for two scores and Derrick Johns returned the second-half kickoff 80 yards for a touchdown as the visiting Falcons (3-3) won the Catholic League Northern Division game.

Lincoln 12, King 8 — Steve Holiday bolted five yards in the final period for his second touchdown of the game, giving host Lincoln High a hard-fought victory in a Public League Northern Division opener.

William Penn 8, Dobbins 0 — Tony Crawford swept 20 yards for a second-quarter touchdown to give host Penn all the points it needed for a Public League upset.

Washington 17, Mastbaum 7 — Norman Saunders ran for two scores, and the visiting Eagles dominated the second half of their Public League North opener.

Germantown 38, Edison 0 — Quarterback Robert Lewis passed for two touchdowns and ran for a third as Germantown breezed in a Public League Mid-City opener.

Roxborough 0, Gratz 0 — Danny Schwartz completed seven of 10 passes, but failed to engineer a Roxborough score in a Public League opener.

West Philadelphia 26, University City 0 — Robert Allen hurled three touchdown passes, and Gerald Turner rushed for 130 yards on 14 carries to lead the host Speedboys to a Public League Western Division victory.

Southern 19, Overbrook 6 — Steve Frangipani ran for two touchdowns as the host Rams won their Public League Western Division opener.

Bartram 20, Bok 6 — Bobby Miller rushed for 82 yards, and Dwayne Boone took a punt 60 yards for a score as the host Braves won their Public

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League Western Division opener.

Franklin 12, Olney 6 — Greg Armstrong threw for one Franklin score and ran for another in a nonleague battle of Public League teams.

Quakertown 9, Central Bucks East 6 — The Panther defense held visiting Central Bucks East (2-2) on the one-yard line as time ran out in a Bux-Mont League clash. Tom Erb of Quakertown (4-1-1) kicked a school-record 40-yard field goal early in the final period.

North Penn 12, Pennridge 6 — Daryl Mengel ran for 143 yards, but it was John Sarau's recovery of a fumble in the end zone that gave the visiting Knights (3-1-1) a Bux-Mont win.

Souderton 13, Wissahickon 0 — Bob Ruth returned an interception 50 yards for a first-quarter score, launching the visiting Indians (3-2) to a Bux-Mont League victory.

West Chester East 19, Pottstown 6 — Dean Richard raced 71 yards for the go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter as visiting East (5-0) kept its share of the Ches-Mont League lead.

Pottsgrove 8, Boyertown 8 — Rick Rife's one-yard plunge with 6 minutes remaining gave the visiting Falcons (2-2-1) a tie in Ches-Mont play.

Chichester 26, Sun Valley 7 — The visiting Eagles (2-2 overall) stormed to a 20-0 halftime lead and replaced Sun Valley (4-1) atop the Del Val A League.

Nether Providence 7, Interboro 0 — Brian Johnson's six-yard run in the second quarter gave the host Provies (2-2) a Del Val win.

Neshaminy-Langhorne 49, Delhaas 0 — Scott Obringer and Kip Shenefeld each ran for two scores for visiting Langhorne (2-2-1) in a Lower Bucks County League game.

Jenkintown 20, Bristol 8 — Greg Pierce raced for touchdowns of 29, 70 and 30 yards as the visiting Drakes (5-0) hung onto first place in the Bicentennial League.

Archbishop Kennedy 32, Morrisville 14 — Jim Sheady raced for two first-period touchdowns, and host Kennedy (3-2) remained unbeaten in Bicentennial League play.