

Liberty Entertains P-Burg

Canaries, Freedom Face Strong Opponents Tonight

The struggle to avoid an unwanted place in history continues for Allentown's young football team tonight, but its chances of success become slimmer.

The Canaries, who have lost seven games in a winless season, entertain Easton at 7:45 in ASD Stadium, and the Red Rovers are coming off their worst beating of the season.

This is a rather mild night from the standpoint of total games, but there are some of great interest and importance.

Freedom, which now has won two in a row after losing five of the first six by a total of 25 points, treads where all others have failed when it travels to Neshaminy to try and end the Redskins' 13-game unbeaten streak. Phillipsburg, a surprise co-leader with Easton in the Big 6 Conference after a dismal start against nonleague opponents, visits BSD Stadium to take on suddenly-struggling Liberty.

Stroudsburg, the only undefeated team in the immediate

Morning Call area (outsiders Central Bucks West and Neshaminy are 7-0 and 8-0, respectively), faces what should be an easy task when it entertains Slatington in the Lehigh Valley League. Quakertown and Halboro-Horsham, the teams which shared the Bux-Mont League crown last year, meet tonight in Quakertown. They played to a 14-14 deadlock in 1970.

Palmerton and Bangor, each hungry for a victory, meet in an inter league game in Bangor.

No team in Allen history has

ever lost eight games in a season, but the Canaries will reach that dubious juncture tonight unless they can come up with a supreme effort against Easton.

Coach Les Kish's team moved well on offense the first two times it had the ball against Parkland last Friday night, driving for uninterrupted touchdowns both times, but that was the extent of the Canaries attack as the Trojan defense stymied them the rest of the way. Mike Squires, an exciting runner on kickoffs, is the chief threat.

Easton, 6-2 after last week's 25-0 loss to Pennsbury, will count on the passing of Mike Miller and the running of Bob Schooley and Shawn Tice as it tries to snap a two-game losing streak to the Canaries. Tice has scored six touchdowns and Schooley four, while Miller has thrown eight scoring passes.

Freedom blanked Central Catholic 20-0 last week for its first shutout since it defeated Liberty 3-0 in the final game of 1968, and the Patriots reached a

season high with 226 yards rushing.

It was the defense which stood out strongly, however, throwing the Vikings for minus-eight yards rushing, and it is the defense that will get tested severely by Neshaminy, which is averaging 35 points a game.

The Redskins have a number of big and excellent runners to go with the passing of quarterback Pete Cordelli to Dale Forchetti. Forchetti has caught at

least one scoring pass in every game except last week's 34-6 win over Woodrow Wilson, and in that contest he returned a kickoff 85 yards.

Phillipsburg, which opened the season by losing 6-0 to Northampton and 25-18 to Brick Township, has come on strongly in the last month to win four in a row. The Stacheliners are especially tough on defense, having yielded just two touchdowns in that span. Against the rush they

have been sensational, throwing Freedom, Allen, Raritan and New Brunswick for minus-nine yards.

Liberty, a narrow winner in three of its first four games, now has lost three in a row and is 4-4 for the season.

Easton vs. Allen at ASD Stadium (7:45)
Freedom at Neshaminy
Phillipsburg at Liberty
Palmerton at Bangor
Catasaque at Lehigh
Slatington at Stroudsburg
Pottsville Valley at Palmridge
Coatsville at Boyertown
Pottsville Nativity at Marian
Halboro-Horsham at Quakertown