

High School



Phillipsburg Allen

15 0

Liberty Neshaminy

7 0

Easton Freedom

10 9

Canaries punchless

STATISTICS		P	A
First downs	.....	7	5
Rushing yardage	.....	134	81
Passing yardage	.....	43	3
Passes	3-4	3-11
Passes Inter. by	4	0
Punts	3-21	1-20
Fumbles lost	2	2
Yards penalized	25	24

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Any resemblance between the Phillipsburg team that was upset last week by Freedom and the one that showed up last night in ASD Stadium had to be strictly coincidental.

The Stateliners made a change in offensive leadership and welcomed back a defensive standout; and they looked like anything but a dejected bunch of losers as they surprised Allen 15-0 for their first win of the season.

Carl Corpora got his first start of the season at quarterback, and while Phillipsburg was not transformed into any kind of devastating machine, Corpora did provide the kind of consistency the club lacked in earlier games.

The defense, with 233-pound Monty Lobb reassuming his spot at middle guard, took care of the rest. The Stateliners limited the offense-minded Canaries to a total of just 88 yards, picking off four passes and recovering two fumbles to add to Allen's frustration.

One of the interceptions — the second of the night for junior Dan Loudenberg — gave Phillipsburg the ball on the Allen 16 in the third quarter and paved the way for the second touchdown of the game. It was the first time this season the State-

liners had scored more than one TD in any contest.

Allen dropped to 2-3 for the campaign, and while it had virtually none of the offense success it had enjoyed in a number of previous games, it did get some good defensive play to keep Phillipsburg from making things even worse. The Canaries stiffened at their 23 and their 5 in the first half and inside their 35 in the fourth period.

Phillipsburg got a total of 167 yards of offense, and 66 of those yards came when it took the opening kickoff and marched for a quick touchdown. The drive covered 51 yards, but a 15-yard penalty made the Stateliners work extra hard. Paul Dennis didn't carry until the eighth play, and he burst through and dashed 20 yards for the touchdown on that attempt.

Corpora, who completed one pass in the drive, kicked the extra point. Later in the opening half, he missed field goal attempts of 39 and 22 yards, the latter coming after Jack Yost intercepted a pass at the Allen 27.

A 21-yard loss, plus a 15-yard penalty, left Allen with a first-and-46 on its own 16 in the early moments of the third period; and Loudenberg then picked off a Hefele pass for the Stateliners, who scored three down later on Randy Boyer's four-yard run.

Allen got to the P-burg 29, 36 and 31 in the first half, but a big defensive play by Lobb, an interception and a fumble ended the opportunities. In the second half, the Canaries were minus-6 yards total offense; and Phillipsburg got only 30 yards, with tackle Ken Whary and linebacker Greg Varricchio leading the Allen defensive effort.

Phillipsburg	.....	7	0	0	15
Allen	.....	0	0	0	0
Phil—Dennis 20 run (Corpora kick)	.....			
Phil—Boyer 4 run (Kennedy pass from Corpora)	.....			

40-yard TD pass

STATISTICS		N	L
First downs	.....	5	21
Rushing yardage	.....	23	141
Passing yardage	.....	71	24
Passes	9-13	3-12
Passes Int. by	1	1
Punts	4-31	4-34
Fumbles lost	0	1
Yards penalized	20	31

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Liberty so totally dominated Neshaminy last night that it was almost ludicrous that it won by a mere 7-0 margin on a 40-yard pass with nine seconds left in the first half.

But that bomb, from Jim Villani to little Mike Lutseo, was the only relief from frustration the Hurricanes enjoyed all night as it stopped everything Neshaminy threw at it, but saw its own scoring drives fizzle time after time.

To make matters worse, Liberty had to fight off a last-minute Redskin drive to save the win — its fourth in six outings. On that drive, Neshaminy got its only first downs of the half and penetrated Hurricane territory for only the second time in the game.

Lutseo, who filled in for the injured Fred Tinajero at wingback a week ago and sparked a 36-20 win over Allen, sprinted down the right sideline and Villani fired a perfect strike just over a leaping defender.

Lutseo caught the ball on the run inside the five-yard line and stepped into the end zone. Rich Garza added the final

point of the game with a perfect placement.

The TD pass came four plays after Liberty had taken a punt at its own 40 with a minute left in the half. After two incompletions, Villani hit Dennis Roebuck over the middle for 16 yards and the first down before springing Lutseo.

Minutes earlier, Liberty had driven to the Neshaminy 12 before running out of downs, and just before that it had driven to the 20 before fumbling on a fourth down play.

The only thing resembling a threat by the Redskins in the first half came midway through the first period when they moved to Liberty's 44. John Bittenbender killed that drive by pounding on a fumble, however.

Liberty held Neshaminy to just 24 total yards in the half, then got even stingier as it held the Redskin ground game to a net loss of six yards in the final two periods and 23 for the game.

The limited success Neshaminy enjoyed was in the air when it picked up 65 yards on its final drive, but even that took a pair of superb catches by receivers who simply outfought defenders for the ball.

Neshaminy had just stopped yet another Liberty drive at its own 16 when George Watkins recovered a fumble with 1:10 remaining.

Eli Weissman leaped over two defenders to pull in a pass at midfield on the first play but an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty put the ball back at the 25.

Three plays later, faced with a third-and-32 situation, quarterback Harry Ulrich put the ball up for grabs at Liberty's 47 and Cocky Roth came down with it.

Weissman took two more passes to put

the ball on Liberty's 29 as time ran out.

But the game shouldn't have been that close. Liberty had taken the second-half kickoff and driven from its own 20 to set up a 41-yard field goal attempt by Garza. He was just short of the mark.

A couple of plays later, an interception stopped Liberty at Neshaminy's 40.

Ron Szilagyi, who along with tackle Dave Lindner and linebacker Bernie Fritz, led the Hurricane ground defense, dropped on a fumble at Neshaminy's 29 early in the fourth quarter.

But Liberty moved only 16 yards before running out of downs again.

It got the ball back again four plays later when Neshaminy went for a first down on fourth and 16 at its own 23 and Lindner sacked the quarterback at the 15. Two plays later the Hurricane fumbled the ball away again.

Neshaminy	.....	0	0	0	0
Liberty	.....	0	7	0	7
Lib — Lutseo 40 pass from Villani (Garza kick)	.....			

Field goal decides

STATISTICS		F	E
First downs	.....	2	10
Rushing yardage	.....	76	209
Passing yardage	.....	95	22
Passes	.....	4-5	2-5
Passes Interceded by	.....	0	1
Punts	.....	4-34	4-43
Fumbles lost	.....	0	1
Yards penalized	.....	40	28

With seven seconds to play in the first half, Easton had the ball on the Freedom 9. Coach Wayne Grube had a decision to make, whether to try and punch in a second touchdown or go for an almost sure field goal.

Grube chose the latter and is happy now that he did. The 25-yard field goal kicked by Charlie Brown provided the un-

beaten Red Rovers (6-0) with the edge they needed to hold off a real scare from unheralded Freedom and Easton escaped with a 10-9 win in Cottingham Stadium last night.

The first half was all Easton. The first time it got the ball was at the Freedom 30 and it took the Red Rovers just five plays to go the distance. On the first play fullback Bill Heilmann burst off right tackle for 50 yards. Facing a fourth-and-3 at the 13, Van Ransom lofted a short pass towards the end zone which Tim Van Sycle made a nice catch of and Brown converted the placement.

The only threat by Dick Andrews' Patriots in the first half was when they recovered a fumble at the Easton 27, but the drive was stopped on downs at the 10.

In the third period Freedom (1-5) got a first and 10 at its own 28 following an Easton punt. On the first play Marvin Walker hit Mark Smith with a play action pass down the right sideline and the play was good for a 73-yard score.

On the following kickoff, Joe Cosenza, who had done some good running to set up the field goal, slipped while fielding the kickoff at the 4. On third down, Tom Holland broke through to tackle Ransom in the end zone for a safety.

Freedom took the free kick and moved to the Easton 32 with about six minutes to play. Sal Casola, the Patriots sophomore placekicker, attempted a 49-yard field goal which fell a few yards short and the Patriots never were able to get out of their own territory the rest of the night.

Freedom	.....	0	7	0	7
Easton	.....	7	3	0	10
E—Van Sycle 13 pass from Ransom (Brown kick)	.....			
E—FG Brown 25	.....			
F—Smith 73 pass from Walker (Casola kick)	.....			
F—Safety (Holland tackled Ransom in end zone)	.....			