

High
School
Pennsbury 16
Liberty 12
Allen 13
Neshaminy 7
Easton 7
Dieruff 0


Pulling one in

Pennsbury's Jeff Marzani (84) pulls in a pass from quarterback Joe Crossin as Liberty's Mike Latsco comes in to make the stop at

midfield in the first half. The pass play was good for 10 yards and a first down.

Falcons score late

Statistics	P	A
First downs	10	12
Passing yards	127	133
Passing average	6.1	6.7
Points	6	4
Penalty	4	4
Punt	1	0
Field goal	0	0
Yards returned	0	0

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Liberty made a well considered strategic move last night — it just didn't turn out well.

The Hurricane gave up a safety to get better field position on a kickoff and Pennsbury made good on its final chance at a touchdown to pull out a 16-12 win in BSD Stadium.

Liberty's defense had choked off a Pennsbury TD drive at the 1-yard line with 3:40 remaining in the game, but the offense wasn't able to move.

With a 13-7 lead, taking a safety seemed to be the wise thing to do rather than risk any foul up on a punt from the end zone.

A pressure-free kick from the 20 seemed to be the right move until the Falcons' Bill Austin returned the kick 32 yards to Liberty's 38.

On third and seven, quarterback Joe Crossin hit Chris Kline with a pass and the big halfback shook off a tackler and got out of bounds at the 18.

Two plays later, the speedy Austin got loose for 14 yards around right end, and Kline hit left guard from a yard out on the next play. With 1:09 left, Vince Giordano made good his second placement.

Liberty got as far as Pennsbury's 45 when time ran out.

Pennsbury, now 4-0, looked like it might blow Liberty off the field as it put together a smooth nine-play, 63-yard scoring drive the first time it had the ball. But Liberty's defense, led by the heads-up play of its secondary, tightened up.

And the Hurricane offense, despite more injuries to its already battered backfield, drove for TD's the next two times it had the ball.

The first drive was led by tailback John Contrino who bulled his way for 19 yards in the march before turning on the speed around right end for the final 10.

The pass for the two-point conversion was broken up by Keith Bangor, who turned in the best of many good defensive performances for Pennsbury.

Liberty got the ball right back on a punt as the second quarter started and Contrino gained 18 yards on two carries. Fred Trnajer added 11 before taking a 36-yard pass on the next play from Jim Villani. But he was hurt on the play and did not see further action.

Contrino backed through the middle sec-

onds later, spun out of one tackler's grasp and bowled over another to score from 18 yards out.

But with Trnajer out, fullback Kyle Wescoe relegated to reserve duty because of an injury and tailback Brian Statum sitting out the game with an injury, Contrino was all Liberty had left of its running attack.

Pennsbury stacked everyone on the line and keyed on him.

The Hurricane managed only three first downs in the second half — two on pass interference penalties and one on a run by Villani against a prevent defense late in the game.

Austin, who gained 87 yards on 14 carries, popped through the line on Pennsbury's first drive for gains of 11, 15 and six yards to put the ball on Liberty's 18.

Crossin, who had difficulty finding anyone open in Liberty's tight secondary most of the game, did connect with his favorite receiver, Jeff Marzani, for 13 yards on the drive to set up the TD. John Rinald covered the last five yards up the middle.

Crossin's counterpart, Villani, had an excellent first half, hitting on four of seven passes for 40 yards. But Liberty tried to sit its offense in the second half and did not open up.

It was Villani who, on fourth and five at his own 6-yard line, was directed to fade into the end zone and drop to one knee to give up the safety.

Contrino boomed the ensuing free kick from Pennsbury's 20, but Austin got loose on his left sideline to put his team in scoring position.

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LANGHORNE.—There was just a little more than a minute-and-a-half left to play Friday night and all Neshaminy had to do was punt the ball away. Allen, however, had a few ideas of its own.

The Miller boys — Duane and Pat — combined to pull off the defensive play of the game and Coach Les Kish's Canaries pulled off a highly rewarding 15-7 win over the Lockhorns.

Allen's offense never got untracked except for one touchdown drive in the second period. But the defensive gen pulled

off by the Miller boys saved an otherwise dismal night.

Neshaminy faced a fourth down and a from its own 24 with 1:45 left to play and lined up in punt formation. The snap was low and Duane Miller rushed in to block the punt with Pat Miller falling on the ball in the end zone for the winning score.

The Canaries (2-1) got on the scoreboard first in the second period. On the first play of the quarter, Mark Benedict, the New Jersey transfer who has now scored six touchdowns and at least one in every game, went off right tackle for the score.

The plunger capped a 67-yard drive that took 13 plays. Junior flanker Tim Schwalm got the drive going with a reverse around the right side that settled 22 yards to the Redskins 38. On a fourth down and 5 situation, Bob Irliech hit Drew Wesnak with a 15-yard pass to keep the drive alive. It was on the eighth play following the completion that Benedict scored.

Neshaminy completely dominated play in the third quarter when it scored. Pat Allison's club ate up the first 8:45 of the period with a 63-yard drive that took 10 plays. Workhorse Lamar Davis, who gained 112 yards on 21 carries, went up the middle for the last two yards. Jeff Ratner's placement provided the Redskins with a one point lead.

Allen had one other drive in the final period. The Canaries moved from their own 18 to the Neshaminy 27 where John Leirer came up with an interception at his own 22. But two rushing plays and an incomplete pass netted just two yards, and the blocked punt followed.

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Rovers cash in

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Dieruff and Easton observed a 9-0 tie last night. Neither showed the kind of offense needed to produce any other kind of result.

But the Red Rovers cashed in on one big defensive play in the final minute of