

# Liberty-Freedom Clash Tonight In Pre-holiday Grid Attraction

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Liberty hopes to celebrate Turkey Day a little early this year in its battle with neighboring Freedom tonight in the top game on a light Morning Call area sports schedule.

The Hurricane has dropped its traditional Thanksgiving Day game with Allen and takes on the Patriots instead in a rivalry that is newer, but equally intense.

The two Bethlehem teams have met just once before, in 1968 in a midseason game that Freedom won 3-0.

But last year's Liberty team was its worst as it lost all 10 games. This year the Hurricane is 6-2-1 and loaded with talent.

In other games, Panther Valley (1-9) and Marian Catholic (2-8) meet in Lansford, Pocono Mountain (3-6) travels to Pleasant Valley (2-6), Wissahickon goes to Central Bucks East in the Bux-Mont League, and Nesh-

aminy tries for at least a share of the Big Seven Conference title when it entertains Pennsbury.

Neshaminy is 6-3 overall and has lost only to Liberty (21-3) in the conference. A victory over Pennsbury, which carries a six-game win streak and a 7-2 record overall, would give the Redskins a 5-1 league mark, leaving Dieruff's Thanksgiving Day game with Allen vitally important. The Huskies also are 41-4-1 and need a win to clinch a share of the crown.

Pennsbury has lost only to the two Bethlehem schools — 21-14 to Freedom in the opener and 21-0 to Liberty. Neshaminy has been beaten by Pennridge (13-0), Dieruff (12-7) and Woodrow Wilson (18-16).

Liberty, paced by senior fullback Tommy Donchez, an All-State candidate, has used a devastating ground game and a tight defense to give Liberty its best season in a decade.

Donchez, a 6-2, 196-pound speedster, has scored 84 points on 13 touchdowns and three two-point conversions. He can be counted on to carry the ball on at least 75 per cent of Liberty's plays and has led the ground game to an impressive 232 yards-per-game average.

He is complemented by junior halfback Bob Ruyak, a 5-9, 170-pounder who does the outside running and has broken away for four touchdowns.

Quarterback John Fistner doesn't have to do much passing, but when he does, he is accurate. He has run for four TDs and has thrown for six.

His top receiver is 6-4 tight end Stan Reybitz.

Liberty's defense is big and rough. The front five of Reybitz, Bill Hemmerly, Matt Szymkowski, Mike Bartek and Charlie Heidecker averages bet-

ter than 210 pounds per man.

Freedom does not have the Hurricane manpower, but has good speed and a knack for forcing its opponents to make mistakes.

The Patriots' best game this season was their opener when they shocked Pennsbury 21-14 on a couple of fumble recoveries and interceptions. They also came from behind to knock off Bethlehem Catholic later in the year for their only other win against six losses.

The top runners on the team are John Pecsek, a 5-9, 150-pounder, who has run for four TDs and can fly if he gets room; Fred Mendoza, a 6-foot, 178-pound senior who is a two way performer and has scored three touchdowns, and Ted DeLong, a 5-10, 170-pound fullback, the team's workhorse.

Senior quarterback Glenn Hauze can be an effective passer at times and has completed four TD passes this season.

The best single-game effort on the ground for the Patriots has been 186 yards and its best passing effort was 77 yards. Both of these efforts are below Liberty's average game performances.

But in games between two such bitter rivals, anything can and usually does happen.

Liberty vs. Freedom at BSD Stadium 7:30

Pocono Mountain at Pleasant Valley  
Panther Valley at Marian  
Wissahickon at Central Bucks East  
Pennsbury at Neshaminy

## Rams, Cowboys Match Rookie Runners In Showdown of NFL Division Leaders

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two of the National Football League's leading candidates for Rookie-of-the-Year honors, Calvin Hill of Dallas and Larry Smith of Los Angeles, go on display here Sunday.

merely leads the NFL in rushing—155 carries for 807 yards, a 5.2 average. His longest run was 55 yards and he has scored seven touchdowns.

Hill stands 6-foot-3, weighs 220 and his running style in-

Florida, was a first-round draft choice. The big thing about "Silent Larry" is that Coach George Allen much prefers seasoned performers. Few rookies make it as starters under Allen.

But the 6-3, 220-pounder, who