

Injuries May Hurt Canaries' Chances Tonight

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Disappointment is losing a football game you know you should have won. Frustration is compounding the loss with injuries which might slow down the comeback process.

Allen suffered both disappointment and frustration last week at Pennsbury and will try to pick up the pieces tonight when it entertains Neshaminy at 7:45 in ASD Stadium.

Coach Frank Rocco's club coughed up the ball five times inside the Pennsbury 15 and dropped a 7-0 decision to the Falcons. "We should have won it for the kids' sake," said the first-year coach. "They played good, hard football all day, and they deserved it. That's what makes it tough."

Also left behind were the services of four, and possibly five, Canary starters. Offensive

tackle Jesse Jalazo and defensive end Jim Miller received leg injuries; tackle Mike McFarland and fullback Pat Caffrey suffered pulled groin muscles, and halfback Daryl Tollinche received a severe Charley horse.

Only McFarland is listed in the probable starting lineup for tonight's game, another doubtful starter is halfback Tony Ianelli, who missed several days of practice because of illness.

"I feel that the kids will pick up the slack," said Rocco. "Everybody was down early in the week, but things have picked up. These kids are willing to learn, and they want to work. I

still say we have a good football team."

The Canaries spent most of the week getting their offensive assignments straightened out. "There were several times that we could have broken things loose last week if the kids had known their assignments, and we've worked hard on that this week," said Rocco.

Allen is now 1-1 for the season and will be going against a Neshaminy team which is 2-1 and which is coming off a 43-7 victory over Easton. "It's a typical Neshaminy team," Rocco said. "They're much like Pennsbury. They're not as big, but

they move quicker. They have a strong running team and they can pass when they have to — and they can hurt you with the pass."

Due to injuries and illness, it is highly possible Allen will start with a backfield composed of one regular and three junior reserves. The regular is George Whary, who has impressed the coaches with his performance on offense as well as on defense.

The other likely starters are halfbacks Roy Derr and Jim Morris and fullback Brian McElwain. "That junior group has a lot of quickness and could help us," said Rocco, who has

been encouraged by the performances of his young players.

Scott Thomas and Bob Handschue will be the ends; McFarland and Bill Engler the tackles, Joe Alley and Tony Magliane the guards and Jim Grim, the center.

Defensively, Dave Goddess will take Jim Miller's spot and team with Thomas at ends; McFarland and Mike Miller are scheduled to start at tackle, and Bill Hausman will be the middle guard. Magliane, Alley and either Mike Brown or Caffrey will be the linebackers, with Dave Sincavage, either Whary or Jim Emery and either Tom Dillen or

Jeff Lapp in the secondary.

"We never really got much of a chance last week," said Rocco. "Everytime we got inside the Pennsbury 15, we gave up the ball on either first or second down. If we had gone to fourth and four, I probably would have kicked a bunch of field goals. But we just never did."

The Canaries fumbled three times inside the 15, lost the ball another time on a pass interception and had a fourth-and-one at the 2 stopped short to end their biggest opportunity. "It was really hard on the kids, but I think they can bounce back," said Rocco.

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