

Steinert doubles up Princeton

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HAMILTON — Steinert knew that stopping the run was the key to defeating Princeton. The Spartans executed that game plan to perfection, giving Princeton its first loss of the season, 14-7.

Jason Miller was the heart of the Steinert defense in its win over Princeton. The senior linebacker forced two fumbles, had a sack, and helped hold Princeton running back Josh Gordon to just 26 rushing yards on 10 carries.

"They have two top rushers in the county over there (at Princeton) and our kids just wanted to shut them down," said Steinert coach Dan Caruso. "These kids had the desire today and they got it done."

After a scoreless first quarter, Steinert had the ball early in the second quarter inside the Princeton 30-yard line. Spartans sophomore quarterback Adam Riese rolled out and found an opening. He

ran it for 25 yards all the way down to the 3-yard line. On the next play, he kept it once again and got into the end zone to give his team a 7-0 lead.

"We've been working all week on that play," said Riese. "I looked downfield and I saw green, and I just wanted to get in there."

On Princeton's next drive, Little Tigers quarterback Michael Olentine was hit in the backfield by Jonathan Pulley, forcing a fumble that was picked up by Miller around midfield.

Later in the second quarter, Dan Danaso took a halfback toss and ran in a 9-yard touchdown to give Steinert a 14-0 lead at the half.

That was all of the scoring the Steinert defense needed.

The Spartans had a sack or forced a turnover on five of Princeton's nine possessions in the game.

The Little Tigers had a chance to get in the end zone at the end of the first half.

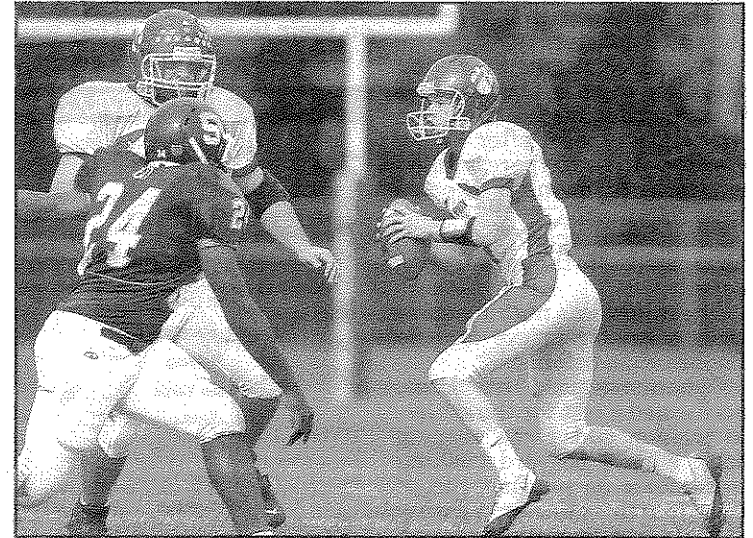
After an interception by Ryan Rudich in the final minute, they had the ball with no timeouts at the 25-yard line. Olentine threw a 23-yard pass to Nick Miranda, setting up a 1st-and-goal at the 2-yard line. Olentine spiked the ball with 13 seconds remaining.

On the next play, the Little Tigers could have attempted a pass and had a field goal attempt if they couldn't score a touchdown. But instead, Trevor Barsamian got a handoff and was stopped short of the goal line, ending the half.

Late in the third quarter, Princeton's punt returner called for a fair catch while fielding a punt, but he dropped the ball and Miller was there to scoop it up at the Princeton 33-yard line.

"I was just watching the ball and then all of a sudden he called for a fair catch," said Miller.

"So, I kept running and I was watching the ball, and it popped out so I jumped on it."



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Princeton quarterback Michael Olentine looks to pass during the Little Tigers' 14-7 loss yesterday, their first of the season.

STEINERT 14, PRINCETON 7

Princeton (4-1)	0	0	0	7	-7
Steinert (2-2)	0	14	0	0	-14
S: Riese 3 run (Baggaley kick)					
S: Danaso 9 run (Baggaley kick)					
P: Barsamian 2 run (Olentine kick)					

	P	S
First Downs	15	13
Rushing	25-103	35-197
Passing	9-19-2	5-15-1
Pass Yards	104	37
Sacks/Yards	0-0	3-12
Fumbles/Lost	2-2	0-0
Penalties/Yards	4-35	10-86
Punts/Avg.	4-18.8	4-24.0

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS PRINCETON

PASSING: Olentine 9-19, 104 yds.
RUSHING: Gordon 10-28; Barsamian 13-57.
TD: Olentine 2-18.
RECEIVING: Miranda 5-67; Gordon 1(-)-3; Bryant 1-19; Cordonnier 2-21.
INTERCEPTIONS: Rudich 1-5.
SACKS: None.

STEINERT

PASSING: Riese 5-14 37 yds; Maciolek 6-1, 0 yds.
RUSHING: Danaso 6-74; TD: Maciolek 5-8; Goimbert 16-34; Zandomenigo 3-3; Riese 4-25; TD: Christopher 1-0.
RECEIVING: Danaso 1-3; Warrick 2-31; Goimbert 2-3.
INTERCEPTIONS: Maciolek 1-5; Fiorello 1-0.
SACKS: Pulley 2-9; Miller 1-3.