

TODAY

Pennington (1-2) at Bristol (3-0), 7 p.m.

Despite accruing 707 yards of total offense over the last two weeks, Pennington has ended up on the wrong side of the scoreboard to both Peddie and Calvary Christian. Junior quarterback Keith Dearden has dropped back to pass 69 times over the last two weeks, completing 36 passes for 545 yards and three touchdowns.

Another tough loss for Pennington, 21-19.

N. Burlington (1-2) at Timber Creek (2-0), 7 p.m.

Northern Burlington got its first victory, 13-0 over Camden Wilson, behind TD runs from Derek Antonucci and Dan Van Mater.

The Chargers have too much talent on offense, 30-13.

Hunterdon Central (3-0) at Phillipsburg (2-0), 7 p.m.

Hunterdon Central will again lean on quarterbacks Ian Gaines and Chris Ibrahim as it looks to earn its third straight victory over Phillipsburg in a match-up of two of the state's premier powers tonight. Gaines rushed for 114 yards on 18 carries and two TDs last week as the Red Devils' running threat in the dual quarterback rotation.

Playing at home gives Phillipsburg the edge, 24-21.

Warren Hills (2-1) at Montgomery (2-1), 7 p.m.

It wasn't the statement victory that Montgomery was looking for following a 53-7 loss to Bridgewater-Raritan two weeks ago, but the team nonetheless defeated North Hunterdon, 16-14.

Montgomery makes it two in a row, 20-13.

South Hunterdon (0-2) at Brearley (2-1), 7 p.m.

The Eagles, coming off of a bye, look to snap a five-game losing streak

dating to last season.

After defeating New Providence and Pingry, Brearley lost to Gov. Livingston, 17-7, last week.

In a Fog Bowl rematch, the Bears again best the Eagles, 20-12.

TOMORROW

Hopewell Valley (1-2) at Steinert (0-2), 11 a.m.

Three turnovers proved costly for Hopewell last week as the Bulldogs fell to previously winless Robbinsville, 20-16, despite gaining 227 yards of total offense. Hopewell needs to find a way to finish games after managing just two points in the fourth quarter through three games.

Steinert out-gained Hightstown in nearly every offensive category last week but was shutout for the second straight contest. Dan Danaso totaled 92 yards from scrimmage last week for the Spartans, who beat the Bulldogs, 7-0, last year.

Steinert finally gets on the scoreboard, but Hopewell prevails, 21-7.

Burlington City (1-1) at Bordentown (0-2), 11 a.m.

The Blue Devils look to bounce back following a 35-7 spanking by rival Burlington Township last Friday.

The good news is Bordentown scored its first TD of the year two weeks ago in a loss to Palmyra. The bad news is the Scotties are allowing three TDs a game.

Bordentown gets new head coach Stephen Perry his first victory, 21-20.

Lincoln (3-0) at Robbinsville (1-2), noon.

Hudson County's Lincoln has beaten three opponents by a combined 99-22.

Robbinsville earned its first victory, 20-16 over Hopewell, despite managing just 117 yards of offense. The Ravens' offense needs to step up and help out the defense, which has held Allentown, Hopewell and Florence to an average of 14 points.

The Lions remain perfect, 26-13.

Florence (1-1) at Camden Wilson (0-3), noon.

There is no question that South Jersey's all-time winningest coach, Joe Frapolli, and his staff spent the bye week reminding the Flashes about last year's 21-14 overtime loss to Wilson.

Wilson has scored just three TDs through three games, while the Tigers' defense is allowing 22.3 per game.

The Flashes get back above .500, 20-7.

Notre Dame (3-0) at Lawrence (3-0), 11 a.m.

(Game of the Week/Live on 1350 WHWH)

Notre Dame put together perhaps the most dominating performance in all three facets by a CVC team this season in dismantling Nottingham, 34-14, last week. The young offensive line has matured very quickly and is a big reason behind the CVC's second-most prolific offense. While junior quarterback Anthony Perna has attempted 55 passes through three games, Chappy Moore has called tailback Ransford Quarrie's number 62 times, which the senior has turned into 364 yards and four touchdowns.

Lawrence's enters tomorrow's cross-town showdown with the CVC's most-potent offense, having racked up 1,031 yards through three games, an average of just over 343 yards. The Cards will face by far the best defense they've seen this season and will almost certainly be without the services of standout tailback Keith Sherman. The big advantage Lawrence has is the game will be played at home tomorrow morning at 11, as opposed to under the lights Friday night at Monsignor Walter E. Nolan Field, where it lost 44-23 last year, and where Notre Dame is a much tougher team to beat.

Hard to bet against either team at this point, but Lawrence wins 33-31.

Marist (1-2) at Allentown (1-1), 1 p.m.

After beating a bad Sussex Tech

team in week one, Marist has lost two straight to Memorial and Hudson Catholic by an average of two touchdowns.

If Allentown wants to get the program going in the right direction, it's going to have to find a way to bounce back from physical and emotional losses, like last week's 48-7 shellacking by Ewing. Tailback Ross Scheuerman is averaging 106 yards and a score on the ground each week for the Redbirds.

Banged-up key players for Allentown give Marist a 24-13 victory.

Princeton (3-0) at Trenton (0-3), 1 p.m.

Princeton moved to 3-0 for the first time since 1991 behind its most balanced offensive outing of the season (184 yards rushing, 177 yards passing) last week. Josh Gordon rushed for 125 yards on 33 carries and Trevor Barsamian found the end zone twice, while Doug Bryant caught four balls for 105 yards and a score. The Tigers' defense limited WW-P North's Sean Reed to just 21 yards a week after he hit the 200-yard plateau.

Entering tomorrow's contest between the oldest football programs in the CVC, you can bet Trenton is sick of hearing how "gritty" it is and how "close" it is to snapping a 14-game losing streak. The Tornados' passing game has made strides, but not enough yet to justify taking the extra two to three guys out of the box to slow down Teddy Fully.

It isn't easy, but Princeton prevails, 28-20.

Ewing (1-2) at WW-P North (2-1), 2 p.m.

After beating itself with penalties and turnovers in each of the first two weeks, Ewing snapped its two-game skid with a 48-7 smackdown of Allentown last week. Thanks to an 11-carry, 191-yard performance against the Redbirds, David Ogbonaya enters tomorrow's showdown as the CVC's second-leading rusher with 359 yards and three TDs.

Four costly turnovers kept WW-P North from improving to 3-0 for the first time in program history last

week as it fell to Princeton, 41-20. Standout tailback Sean Reed scored three times but managed just 21 yards on 15 carries. Knights' head coach Chris Casamento and quarterback Ryan Phelan have to find a way to get the ball to playmaking wideouts Drew Kenevan and Todd Petrone.

If the Knights win, which we think they will, 24-20, they'll wrap up the Patriot Division crown.

Hamilton (1-1) at WW-P South (2-1), 2 p.m.

Hamilton and head coach Tom Hoglen are undoubtedly tired of ending up on the wrong side of the ledger in close games to top opponents, like it did, 35-28, to Lawrence, in overtime last week. The Hornets blew a three-TD lead to WW-P South at home last year and still seek their first signature victory since defeating Monroe in the NJSIAA Group III playoffs in 2006.

Without strong play from its defense and a 29-point second-half outburst against Hightstown two weeks ago, WW-P South could very well be 0-3. Behind Lawrence's Jihad Bryant, the Pirates' Chris Jones (62 carries, 274 yards, three TDs) has been the CVC's most surprising sophomore.

WW-P South gets another strong performance from its defense and the Hornets lose another heartbreaker, 21-14.

Hightstown (1-2) at Nottingham (0-3), 2 p.m.

Kevin Monahan threw two TD passes and John Indrikovic returned an interception 75 yards for a score when Hightstown shut out Steinert, 18-0, last week. The Rams allow an average of 155 yards a game on the ground, which doesn't bode well going against a team like Nottingham, with a stable of solid backs.

Despite the lopsided 34-14 outcome in a loss to Notre Dame last week, Nottingham had its chances but couldn't capitalize when it needed to. With Robert Simmons emerging alongside Andy Vital as a back capable of shouldering the running attack, it should allow Mark Newlin, Robert Wiggs and the passing game