**Quakers’ O-Line Brrr-ings It**

It was really cold, but thank goodness it was windy… (tongue-in-cheek of course). You don’t have to be a football genius to figure out that, 22 degrees plus 25 to 30mph winds, equals …run the football. However, you better have some ingenious line play to accomplish the task. By doing just that, the Philadelphia Little Quakers made it 2-0, with a convincing 24-6 victory over West Phila. Athletic D-Partment. It was not as easy as it sounds. West Phila was athletic and had speed, but the Quakers were a little too strong.

It didn’t start well, as the Quakers’ **Quadir Gibson** (Independence Charter) fumbled the ball away on his first two carries, the second of which at their own 13 yard line. Being a team game, the defense was able to bail him out with two big stops. The first time, **Derrick Patterson** (Leeds MS) ended that threat with a sack, forcing a punt. After the second fumble, Patterson, again got pressure on the West Phila. QB and forced two incompletions. **John Washington** (G.W. Carver) supplied the coverage.

Time to warm up…. The Quakers started on their own 6 yard line. Eleven plays and seven minutes later, it was 8-0, with Gibson going 13 yards off tackle. Extra point kicks count for two point, and **Kevin Vandegrift** (Bryn Athyn) was true on all 3 of his attempts for the day. On this drive, RB’s **Jason Jefferson** (Maritime Charter) ran 4 times for 34 yards and Gibson 6 times for 60 yards. The Offensive line was clicking. Doing the grunt work were Tackles **Bill Costello** (Penn Charter) and **Alex Schmidt** (Pennridge); Guards **Dominic Carey** (Father Judge) and **Garrett Zobel** (North Penn); along with Center, **Jack McCabe** (Acad. New Church) and Tight End, **Alex Slook** (Penn Charter).

On their next possession, LQ only took 6 plays to score. Jefferson broke off a 29yd run to the W.Phila. 2 yard line, setting up Gibson’s 2nd TD run, this time from 2 yards out. A fumble recovery by **Kyle Morasch** (Farrell MS) put the Quakers in business at the W.Phila 23 yard line. A penalty and two RB, **Adrian Lambert** (Springfield Montco) runs for 14 yards, set up Gibson, who ended his day on offense with the 4yd TD run.

It should be noted here that the elements were extremely nasty, as evidenced by the coaching staff chasing the kids’ equipment bags down the left hash marks. This did not deter the extra point special team. The long-snapper was **James McGettigan** (St. Alphonsus), the holder was **Zahmir Murray** (Discovery Charter) who was pressed into service due to an injury. Vandegrift added 6 points which are huge in a close game.

**NEXT GAME – FRIDAY 11/29 – 6:00 P.M. at U. of P. Franklin Field**