**DEFENSE LEAD QUAKERS TO VICTORY – BOYS READY TO HEADS SOUTH**

Just like the other team in town, the Philadelphia Little Quakers used stingy and opportunistic defense to capture their third victory, finishing the local portion of their schedule by defeating the Meehan All Stars, 42-6. For the second straight weekend, the University of Pennsylvania’s historic Franklin Field was the site. Although not as frigid as last weekend, the game ended up in similar fashion with the ‘BIGS’ warming up by taking control of the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. They limited Meehan to five first downs, while managing to grind out 221 yards rushing on offense, 134 of which came from ‘big’ RB, **Quadir Gibson** (Independence Charter).

The Quakers won the toss and took the ball, starting their opening drive at their own 31 yard line. Twelve plays and 6:34 later, it was 6-0. It was not that simple as the Meehan All Stars really made them earn the score. The key play on the drive was a pass from QB **Tommy Toal** (Haverford) to **Seamus Hogan** (Bryn Athyn MS) on a 4th & 7 plays at the Meehan 15. Toal was able to sprint out to his right and find Hogan around the 9yd line, who made a fine catch and second effort to reach the 7yd for a crucial 1st Down. Two plays later, Gibson scored the first of his two touchdowns. On the drive he carried 10 times for 59 yards, following the O-Line, lead by **Alex Schmidt** (Pennridge), **Dominick Carey** (Father Judge), **Jack McCabe** (Acad. New Church) and **Garrett Zobel** (North Penn).

The All Stars went three and out and punted and the Quakers had the ball at midfield. This time they struck quickly. After a gain of 6 on first down, FB **Kyle Morasch** (Farrell School) went straight up the middle for a 44 yard touchdown run. **Kevin Vandegrift** (Bryn Athyn MS) kicked the 2-point conversion for a 14-0 lead. The defense, lead by **Billy Costello** & **Alex Slook** (both of Penn Charter), **Alex Schmidt** (Pennridge), and **Derrick Patterson** (Leeds MS), created another three and out and the Quakers were back in business at midfield. The 11 play drive stalled at the Meehan 7yd line, and Vandegrift’s 23yd Field Goal attempt was blocked.

Getting the ball back with just over 2:00 to go in the first half, LQ looked like they were threatening to score again, but after an offensive pass-interference penalty pushed the ball back to the 41 yard line. The clock was running and it seemed that the team would regroup and settle on running out the clock. A running play was stuffed for minus 2 yards with under a minute to play. Gibson took a handoff over the right side, broke two tackles at the line of scrimmage and broke loose for a 43yd touchdown with 0:25 on the clock.

The real back-breaker came in Meehan’s first possession of the second half. After a 26 yard gain on a running play, LQ’s, **John Washington** (GW Carver) intercepted a pass at the Quaker 27 yard line and took it to the ‘house’ for a 73yd touchdown return. The conversion made in 30-0. On the next series, Costello forced a fumble, which Meehan recovered, but the loss put them back in their own territory. On 3rd down and 21, he followed with a big sack, forcing a punt. The Quakers drove the ball to the Meehan 14, but lost a fumble. Two plays later, Meehan fumbled and **Trevaughn McNeil** (LaSalle) picked it up and returned it to the 1 yard line. QB, **Robert King** (Father Judge) pushed it in for a 36-0 lead. The Quakers added another score from **Terence Thompson** (Mary Mother/Redeemer) on a 4yd run for their final total. The Meehan team never quit. They continued to play hard, moving the ball on the ground and were rewarded by a touchdown by their tailback #32. (Sorry, but we were not provided a roster).

The Quakers are now poised to head on a dual-leg trip that will start on Wednesday, 12/11, arriving in Orlando. They finish the local schedule having relinquished 20 points in 3 games. Offensively, they have scored 102, all on the ground.

In Florida, they are scheduled to scrimmage a team from Panama, who will be appearing at a Disney Tournament that weekend. After some team functions and educational tours, they make the trip to Atlanta where they will meet the **SEC Georgia All Stars**, a championship select-team from the Atlanta area. On Sunday, they will attend the Atlanta Falcons game as guests of Falcon QB, **Matt Ryan**, who is a former Little Quaker and Penn Charter graduate.

After winning the three games here in Philadelphia, they carry a lifetime record of

**245 Wins – 35 Losses & 7 Ties.**