



# LIBERTY LEOPARDS 2016 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

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## 2016 SCHEDULE

THURSDAY 8.25 AT STRUTHERS  
L- 42-12

FRIDAY 9.2 VS. LAKEVIEW  
W- 28-21

FRIDAY 9.9 AT YOUNGSTOWN EAST  
L - 16-13

FRIDAY 9.16 VS BROOKFIELD  
W- 27-21

FRIDAY 9.23 AT CAMPBELL  
W- 20-14

FRIDAY 9.30 VS LaBRAE  
L- 21-0

FRIDAY 10.7 AT CHAMPION  
W- 25-14

THURSDAY 10.13 VS JEFFERSON

FRIDAY 10.21 AT NEWTON FALLS

FRIDAY 10.28 VS GIRARD




## GAME #8

### JEFFERSON AT LIBERTY

@JAFALCONS 3-4 (2-3 WHITE)    @LibertyLeops\_FB 4-3 (3-1 BLUE)

 **THURSDAY 10.13.2016**

 **7:00PM**

 **LEOPARD STADIUM (GRASS)**

 **NONE**

## 5 THINGS TO KNOW

### 1. LAST WEEK

Trailing 7-0 in the second quarter, Liberty finally got on

the board as Jaylen McKinney found the endzone from 2-yards out to cap off a 6-play 37 yard drive.




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Champion however would strike back with a 10-play 80 yard drive capped off by a touchdown pass to Caleb Davis from Brandon Allen from 13 yards out to give the Golden Flashes the 14-7 lead at the half.

Down a touchdown at the half, Liberty's offensive and defensive lines decided to take the game over as Dra Rushton found the endzone on a 65 yard QB carry early in the third quarter to pull the Leopards within 14-13.

Liberty would take their first lead of the contest late in the third quarter as McKinney, who finished the game with 131 yards on 28 carries, found the endzone from 20 yards out.

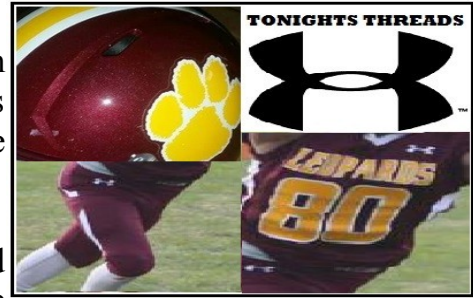
Rushton would put the game away late in the 4th quarter finding the endzone from 36 yards out on a keeper.

Rushton led the Leopards rushing attack accounting for a 209 of the teams 349 rushing yards. Rushton also hauled in an interception for the Liberty defense which held Champion to negative 14 yards in the second half.

## **2. LIBERTY VS. JEFFERSON: A LOOK BACK**

### **LAST MEETING:**

**10.15.2015 at Jefferson:** The Leopards held Jefferson in check early but the Falcons struck late in the first quarter as Jeremiah Knight found the endzone on a 13-yard carry at the 3:07 mark of the first quarter.



Jefferson would add two more touchdowns in the second quarter, including another TD run from Knight as the Falcons took a 20-0 lead into the half.

The Falcons would add another score early in the third quarter as Knight found the endzone again on a five yard TD run.

Trailing 26-0, the Leopards showed some fight as Andree Bowers called his own number and capped off a 4-play, 32 yard drive with a 5-yard TD run.

Liberty would put more points on the board forcing a Jefferson safety to close the gap to 26-8.

### **LAST LIBERTY VICTORY OVER JEFFERSON**

**10.3.2014 at Liberty:** The Leopards defeated the Falcons by a score of 33-25 as Lynn Bowden got the scoring started early finding Ben Phillips from 23 yards out to give Liberty the early 7-0 lead.

The Leopards would take a 21-0 lead into the locker as Bowden found JaShaun Whitman for a 32-yard touchdown pass and then Bowden took a Falcon punt 57-yards to the house.

Jefferson would cut into the Liberty lead 21-12 as Jeremiah Knight found the endzone twice, once on a 17-yard reception and the other on a 17-yard TD run but the Leopards would match the Falcons the rest of the way score for score to walk away with the victory.

## **3. DRA 200**

This past week, Liberty junior quarterback Dra Rushton had Liberty's first 200-yard rushing game since 11.8.2014 when Lynn Bowden racked up 232 yards in a 62-7 opening round playoff victory over Gilmour Academy at Leopard Stadium.

Rushton gained 209 yards on 19 carries in the Leopards week 7 victory over Champion.

Last season Rushton came close to eclipsing the 200-yard mark when he gained 195 yards in Liberty's 63-20 victory over Newton Falls.

## 4. PLAYOFFS

The Leopards find themselves in the midst of the D.5 Region 17 playoff race heading into the eight week of the season. Liberty is currently sitting 6<sup>th</sup> in this weeks computer points which was released by the OHSAA this Tuesday. The top-8 teams in each region qualify for a play off spot. The Leopards last appeared in the postseason in 2014.

D.5, Region 17 Rankings: 1. South Range (6-1) 11.7500 2. Garfield (6-1) 10.9357 3. Wickliffe (6-1) 10.7286 4. LaBrae (5-2) 10.4429 5. Grand Valley (6-1) 10.4278 **6. Liberty (4-3) 9.3500** 7. Manchester (4-3) 8.6214 8. Warrensville Heights (4-3) 8.3429 9. East Palestine (5-2) 8.3071 10. Canton Central Catholic (4-3) 7.8071 11. Sandy Valley (4-3) 7.5571 12. Gilmour Academy (5-2) 7.5429

## 5. UP NEXT

The Leopards will hit the road to face the Newton Falls Tigers.

## AAC BLUE STANDINGS

LaBrae	4	0	0	1.000	-	4	5-2-0
Liberty	3	1	0	.750	1.0	4	4-3-0
Brookfield	2	1	0	.667	1.5	3	5-2-0
Champion	2	2	0	.500	2.0	4	4-3-0
Girard	1	2	0	.333	2.5	3	1-6-0
Newton Falls	0	3	0	.000	3.5	3	2-5-0
Campbell Memorial	0	3	0	.000	3.5	3	2-5-0

	<b>CONFERENCE TITLES:</b> 2000, 2003, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014
	
	<b>OHSAA PLAYOFFS:</b> 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2013, 2014

# **LIBERTY HEAD COACH**

## **CHET ALLEN, 2<sup>nd</sup> SEASON**

Chet Allen returns to Liberty for his second-season as the head coach of the Leopard football program.

Allen was named the Liberty head coach, his first head coaching job, in April of 2015 after previously serving as the defensive coordinator at Niles McKinley.

A 1991 Liberty graduate, Allen has had coaching stops as an assistant including Liberty, Girard, Cuyahoga Falls, Newton Falls, Warren G. Harding and Niles.

A special education teacher within the Liberty Local Schools System, Allen had went 3-7 in his first season at Liberty as season ago as the young Leopards won 3 of their last 5 games and showed improvement as the season moved forward.

# **LEOPARD STADIUM**

Liberty football ushered in a new era on September 18, 1979 when they opened up Leopard Stadium in style with a 27-18 victory over West Middlesex (PA).

Located behind the Liberty Local School's campus which comprises of EJ Blott Elementary School, WS Guy Middle School, and Liberty High School, Leopard Stadium provides fans with plenty of parking and a scenic view.



Two years after it's initial construction, Leopard Stadium saw it's first upgrade as the "Block House" locker room facility was built prior to the 1981 season. Housing a locker room, weight room, and the wrestling practice room the two story building has become an iconic feature to alumni, students, and fans.

In 1998, Leopard Stadium saw some upgrades as new home and away seating was installed along with a new press box, and an upgrade in lighting.

Leopard Stadium received another upgrade in 2007 when a new scoreboard was installed. Plans are currently being made to upgrade the PA system as phase 1 was completed this season.

Currently Leopard Stadium has a seating capacity of approximately 3,000 with plenty of standing room and maintains one of the better grass playing surfaces in all of the Mahoning Valley.

# LIBERTY ROSTER

#	NAME	YR.	POS.	HGT.	WGT.	COACHES
1	DRA RUSHTON	11	Q/DB	5'10	160	CHESTER ALLEN
2	CAPONE HAYWOOD	11	WR/DB	5'7"	145	LARRY BLAZINA
3	CHRIS EDMONDS	11	H/LB	5'11"	195	ADRIAN BROWN
4	CHARLES PICKARD	11	R/DB	6'2"	170	JAY CRIPE
5	TOBIAS BRANTLEY	11	WR/DB	6'	160	BRIAN DAUGHERTY
6	DAVID HUNT	12	WR/DB	6'	175	DAVE DAVIS
7	ANDREE BOWERS	12	WR/DB	6'	145	GARY HENDRICK
8	TYLER CARGILL	12	WR/DB	6'2"	155	LUKE STUCKE
9	JIMMY JONES	9	R/DB	5'8"	155	CHARLIE RUSSELL
10	BRENT DeMATTIA	11	Q/LB	5'8"	170	DOAN McKINNEY
11	KEVIN CODE	11	WR/DB	5'10"	160	BRAD ROWE
12	JZAMERE WOODS	10	WR/DB	5'7"	135	PAT KENNEY
13	JALEN McKINNEY	10	R/LB	5'11"	175	
14	HORIZON WATSON	11	WR/DB	5'7"	160	
15	QUAISHON CAMPBELL	11	WR/DB	5'7"	155	
16	EZELL BROWN	10	R/DL	6'1"	170	
17	KYLAN WILSON	10	H/LB	5'8"	170	
18	KAMERON THOMAS	10	WR/DB	5'9"	150	
20	MAAN ADHAMI	10	WR/DB	5'5"	150	
21	HAMAD ALHMEED	10	WR/DB	5'7"	130	
24	ZACH COMAN	10	H/LB	5'10"	150	
25	ZION MATLOCK	10	WR/LB	5'10"	155	
33	CALEB EDMONDS	9	H/LB	5'3"	165	
36	JUSTIN CIZMAR	10	R/DB	5'6"	130	
41	KALEB MERRICK-NEFF	10	H/LB	5'8"	185	
50	GARIYON DAILEY	10	OL/DL	5'8"	225	
52	GIOVAHN DAVIS	9	OL/DL	6'3"	160	
53	JOHN SPIVEY	12	OL/DL	5'10"	200	
55	SIMI MOANANU	9	OL/DL	5'10"	245	
58	ALEC COMAN	12	OL/LB	5'9"	170	
60	MASON GRANGER	10	OL/DL	5'8"	165	
70	MOHANNAD YUSUF	11	OL/DL	5'11"	220	
71	MOUAD ELOUADDI	11	OL/DL	6'	160	
74	JAYLEN HARPER	11	OL/DL	6'1"	290	
75	DAVID SEWELL	11	OL/DL	6'2"	220	
77	DEREK GILCHER	11	OL/DL	6'4"	295	
78	DAMON HODGES	11	OL/DL	6'3"	165	
80	LaQUINTIN DAILEY	9	WR/DB	5'7"	145	
81	ANTHONY DeFRANCE	10	WR/DB	6'3"	135	
85	E.J. SHIELDS	11	WR/DB	5'7"	135	
87	DAREON ALLEN	9	WR/DB	5'9"	130	

# SCOUTING THE TEAMS

## LIBERTY



### **LEADERS:**

**PASSING:** Dra Rushton: 26 of 49 (53%) for 238 yards, 2 Tds, 1 INT.

**RUSHING:** Dra Rushton: 98 carries for 625 yards (6.4 YPC), 10 Tds.

**RECIEVING:** Andree Bowers: 5 receptions for 84 yards and 1 TD.

**MISC.:** David Hunt leads the Leopards with 47 tackles followed by Chris Edmonds with 46, and Alec Coman with 32. 6 Leopards have recorded interceptions (Simi Moananu, Dra Rushton, Andree Bowers, David Hunt, Quaishon Campbell and Capone Haywood).

## JEFFERSON



### **LEADERS:**

**PASSING:** No stats reported to AAC website.

**RUSHING:** No stats reported to AAC website

**RECIEVING:** No stats reported to AAC website.

**MISC.:** Jefferson senior running back Jeremiah “Boogie” Knight will be one to watch this evening. The 5'11” Dayton commit is Ashtabula Counties All-Time leading rusher.



# 2016 LIBERTY STATS

SCORE BY QUARTERS      1st 2nd 3rd 4th OT1 OT2 Total

Liberty	19	20	53	27	6	0	125
Opponents	42	42	37	28	0	0	149

TEAM STATISTICS	LIB	OPP
<b>SCORING</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>149</b>
--Points Per Game	17.9	21.3
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>84</b>
--Rushing	58	60
--Passing	10	20
--Penalty	2	4
<b>NET RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>1201</b>
--Yards Gained Rushing	1450	1340
--Yards Lost Rushing	242	139
--Rushing Attempts	286	247
--Average Per Rush	4.2	4.9
--Average Per Game	172.6	171.6
--TDs Rushing	14	13
<b>NET PASSING YARDAGE</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>451</b>
--Att/Comp/Int	52/27/1	104/39/8
--Average Per Pass	5.2	4.3
--Average Per Catch	10.0	11.6
--Average Per Game	38.6	64.4
--TDs Passing	2	4
<b>TOTAL NET OFFENSE</b>	<b>1478</b>	<b>1652</b>
--Total Plays	338	351
--Average Per Play	4.4	4.7
--Average Per Game	211.1	236.0
KICK RETURNS: NUMBER/YARDS	24/209	19/326
PUNTS RETURNS: NUMBER/YARDS	7/113	8/168
INTS RETURNS: NUMBER/YARDS	8/71	1/0
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	8.7	17.2
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	16.1	21.0
INT RETURN AVERAGE	8.9	0.0
FUMBLES/LOST	7/7	12/6
PUNTS/YARDS	27/806	18/577
--Average Per Punt	29.9	32.1
--Net Punt Average	23.6	25.8
PENALTIES/YARDS	48/327	33/301
--Average Per Game	46.7	43.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	25:22	21:33
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	22/77	23/74
--3rd Down Pct.	28.6%	31.1%
4RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	9/23	9/25
--4th Down Pct.	39.1%	36.0%
SACKS BY/YARDS	11/68	3/15
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	19	21
FIELD GOALS/ATTEMPTS	0/1	0/4
PAT/ATTEMPTS	7/13	17/18

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Rushing	G	Att	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	LongAvg/G	
Rushton, Dra	7	98	735	110	625	6.4	10	67	89.3
McKinney, Jaylen	7	75	283	17	266	3.5	2	21	38.0
Pickard, Charles	7	53	156	42	114	2.2	0	21	16.3
Campbell, Quaishon	6	8	84	3	81	10.1	1	60	13.5
Matlock, Zion	7	15	77	6	71	4.7	0	18	10.1
Haywood, Capone	7	18	73	7	66	3.7	1	18	9.4
Jones, Jimmy	6	7	34	0	34	4.9	0	13	5.7
Cizmar, Justin	2	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	3	2.0
Hunt, David	7	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.6
Edmonds, Chris	7	2	0	1	-1	-0.5	0	0	-0.1
TEAM,	7	7	0	56	-56	-8.0	0	0	-8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>286</b>	<b>1450</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>1208</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>172.6</b>

Passing	G	Effic	Att	Cmp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	LongAvg/G	
Rushton, Dra	7	103.2	49	26	1	0.53	238	2	32	34.0
DeMattia, Brent	2	122.9	3	1	0	0.33	32	0	32	16.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>104.4</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38.6</b>

Receiving	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	LongAvg/G		Kick Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TDLong	
Haywood, Capone	7	6	34	5.7	0	19	4.9	Haywood, Capone	6	54	9.0	0	14
Bowers, Andree	5	5	84	16.8	1	32	16.8	Campbell, Quaishon	5	24	4.8	0	16
Campbell, Quaishon	6	5	28	5.6	0	12	4.7	McKinney, Jaylen	3	22	7.3	0	17
Edmonds, Chris	7	3	45	15.0	1	18	6.4	Hunt, David	2	28	14.0	0	18
Matlock, Zion	7	3	33	11.0	0	32	4.7	Code, Kevin	2	4	2.0	0	4
McKinney, Jaylen	7	2	3	1.5	0	4	0.4	Rushton, Dra	1	27	27.0	0	27
Thomas, Kameron	2	1	30	30.0	0	30	15.0	Cizmar, Justin	1	21	21.0	0	21
Pickard, Charles	7	1	8	8.0	0	8	1.1	Edmonds, Chris	1	19	19.0	0	19
Cargill, Tyler	2	1	5	5.0	0	5	2.5	Jones, Jimmy	1	10	10.0	0	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38.6</b>	Thomas, Kameron	1	0	0.0	0	0
								Bowers, Andree	1	0	0.0	0	0
								<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>

Punt Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TDLong	
Rushton, Dra	6	113	18.8	1	62
Haywood, Capone	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>

Fumble Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	TDLong	
Rushton, Dra	1	61	61.0	1	61
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61.0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>

Field Goals	FGM/FGA	Pct	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	LgM/LgA	Blk
Sewell, David	0/1	0%	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/24	0

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Hunt, David	18	576	32.0	53	0	2	2	0
Brantley, Tobias	9	230	25.6	41	0	3	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>806</b>	<b>29.9</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# 2016 LIBERTY STATS CONT.

No	Player Name	GP	Tackles				Sacks		Pass Def		Fumbles		Blkd	
			UT	AT	Total	ForLoss	No/Yards	Int/YdsBrUp	Rcv/YdsFF	Kick	Saf			
6	Hunt, David	7	33	14	47	-2.0/-24.0	0.0/0.0	1/0	1	1/0	1	0	0	
3	Edmonds, Chris	7	34	12	46	8.5/38.0	4.5/29.0	0/0	0	1/0	0	0	0	
58	Coman, Alec	7	15	17	32	2.5/-7.5	1.0/6.5	0/0	0	1/0	1	0	0	
2	Haywood, Capone	7	23	6	29	2.0/16.0	1.0/6.0	1/0	1	1/0	1	0	0	
1	Rushton, Dra	7	17	7	24	1.0/3.0	0.0/0.0	3/34	3	1/61	1	0	0	
24	Coman, Zach	7	14	8	22	4.5/12.0	1.0/7.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
53	Spivey, John	7	14	6	20	4.0/11.5	0.5/3.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
7	Bowers, Andree	5	13	4	17	2.0/3.0	0.0/0.0	1/0	3	0/0	0	0	0	
55	Moananu, Simi	6	9	7	16	4.0/17.5	0.5/2.5	1/37	0	0/0	1	0	0	
5	Brantley, Tobias	4	9	4	13	-0.5/-21.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
16	Brown, Ezell	4	8	4	12	0.0/-16.5	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
11	Code, Kevin	5	10	1	11	2.0/17.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
50	Dailey, Gariyon	4	5	2	7	3.0/18.0	1.0/5.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
15	Campbell, Quaishon	6	6	0	6	0.0/0.0	0.0/0.0	1/0	0	1/0	2	0	0	
13	McKinney, Jaylen	7	6	0	6	1.0/5.0	1.0/5.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
9	Jones, Jimmy	6	3	2	5	0.5/4.0	0.5/4.0	0/0	2	0/0	0	0	0	
4	Pickard, Charles	7	3	0	3	0.0/0.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
10	DeMattia, Brent	2	2	0	2	0.0/0.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
12	Woods, Jzamere	2	2	0	2	0.0/0.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
77	Gilcher, Derick	1	1	0	1	1.0/16.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
99	Unknown,	1	1	0	1	1.0/16.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	1	0	0	
21	Alhmeed, Hamad	1	0	1	1	0.0/0.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
71	Elouaddi, Mouad	1	0	1	1	0.5/1.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0	
8	Cargill, Tyler	2	0	0	0	0.0/0.0	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	0/0	0	0	0	
<b>TOTALS</b>		7	228	96	324	35.0/109.0	11.0/68.0	8/71	11	6/61	8.0	0	0	

## NEXT LEVEL LEOPS

### FITZGERALD TOUSSAINT (NFL-STEELERS)

LAST WEEK VS. NY JETS

ACTIVE - DNP



### ANTONIO TK KINARD (NCAA- CINCINNATI)

LAST WEEK: BYE WEEK



# LEOPARDS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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## ABOUT THE AAC



The All-American Conference is an OHSAA-sanctioned league, created in 2008 as the result of a merger between the Trumbull Athletic Conference and the Metro Athletic Conference in Ohio. The league has 21 different member schools, with 19 sports offered throughout the fall, winter, and spring sports seasons. The conference has teams divided into four (4) tiers, depending on what sport and includes Gold, Red, White, and Blue divisions.

The goal of the All-American Conference is to athletically and scholastically represent our Valley at the highest level. Furthermore, we strive to provide our athletes and supporters with outstanding facilities and venues while being the best conference in Northeast Ohio and the state.

## OHSAA MISSION



The Ohio High School Athletic Association's mission is to regulate and administer interscholastic athletic competition in a fair and equitable manner while promoting the values of participation in interscholastic athletics as an integral part of a student's educational experience. The OHSAA represents its member schools by recognizing and promoting academics, the safety of participants, good citizenship and lifelong values as the foundation of interscholastic athletics.