

WEEK ONE  
SYRACUSE at LIBERTY

**No. 22 Syracuse, back issues ruins Freeze's debut, 24-0**

LYNCHBURG, Va. -- Abdul Adams, Jarveon Howard and Moe Neal ran for touchdowns and No. 22 Syracuse spoiled a most unusual debut for Hugh Freeze as Liberty's coach with a 24-0 victory on Saturday night.

Still recovering from back surgery for a herniated disk on Aug. 16 and a staph infection, Freeze coached from a hospital bed in the coaching box. The school said he was in communication with his coaches and players during the game and that the bed was used to support his healing back. Freeze addressed the team before the game via video hook-up, again at halftime and was to after the game as well.

He couldn't have liked much of what he saw.

Stephen Calvert threw two interceptions, as many as Freeze had said the fourth-year starter had thrown in all of fall camp, and was sacked eight times by a defense that returned players responsible for 34 sacks last season, the most in the football subdivision.

With quarterback Tommy DeVito taking over the Syracuse offense, the Orange led just 10-0 at halftime thanks to Andre Szmyt's 45-yard field goal and Adams' 2-yard run. An interception by Andre Cisco in the third quarter set Syracuse up at the Flames' 37 and Howard capped a five-play drive with a 1-yard run. Neal's 42-yard burst capped the scoring in the final quarter.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Syracuse: DeVito came in with a reputation for having a big arm, but displayed a bit of gunslinger mentality, too, when he tried to rifle a pass into the back left corner of the end zone just before halftime and Bejour Wilson intercepted for the Flames' second interception. The first came in the opening quarter when DeVito threw deep from his 42 and Ceneca Espinoza Jr. pulled it down at the 3 yard-line. DeVito finished 17 of 35 for 176 yards.

Liberty: Antonio Gandy-Golden came into the game as the receiver to watch for the Flames, and was the only one to watch for most of the night. He had five catches for 115 yards by halftime, including a 56-yarder he took to the Orange five. Two plays later, Liberty fumbled it away. Gandy-Golden finished with six catches for 119 yards, exactly half of the 238 yards the Flames managed through the air.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
SYR	3	7	7	7	24
LIB	0	0	0	0	0

**Scoring Summary -----**

	SYR	LIB
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
LIB FG 1:45 Andre Szmyt 45 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 9 yards, 1:35	3	0
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
LIB TD 10:33 Abdul Adams 2 Yd Run (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
14 plays, 71 yards, 3:47	10	0
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
LIB TD 6:27 Jarveon Howard 1 Yd Run (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
5 plays, 37 yards, 1:53	17	0
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
LIB TD 12:35 Moe Neal 42 Yd Run (Andre Szmyt Kick)		
7 plays, 73 yards, 2:25	24	0

Team Stats	SYR	LIB
First Downs	17	18
Passes for First	9	10
Rushes for First	6	4
Penalties for First	2	4
Third Down Efficiency	8-19	3-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-4	0-1
Total Yards	368	234
Total Plays	79	76
Avg Gain Per Play	4.7	3.1
Net Yards Rushing	192	-4
Rushes	44	34
Yards Per Rush	4.4	-0.1
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	176	238
Comp-Att	17-35	21-42
Yards Per Pass	5.0	5.7
Times Sacked	2	8
Yds Lost To Sacks	-7	-51
Interceptions	2	2
Punts	6	8
Punt Average	49.2	43.9
Penalties	10	5
Penalty Yards	88	55
Fumbles	1	3
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Time of Poss	31:03	28:57

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

SYRACUSE	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Moe Neal	14	89	6.4	1	42
Abdul Adams	14	49	3.5	1	8
Jarveon Howard	9	32	3.6	1	8
Tommy DeVito	6	21	3.5	0	11
Chris Elmore	1	1	1.0	0	1
LIBERTY	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Frankie Hickson	11	29	2.6	0	7
Peytton Pickett	5	11	2.2	0	12
Troy Henderson	3	5	1.7	0	2
Johnathan Bennett	1	2	2.0	0	2
Joshua Mack	2	2	1.0	0	1
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
DJ Stubbs	1	-12	-12.0	0	0
Stephen Calvert	10	-39	-3.9	0	6

**PASSING**

SYRACUSE	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Tommy DeVito	17	35	176	5.0	0	2	
LIBERTY	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Stephen Calvert	20	39	234	6.0	0	2	
Johnathan Bennett	1	3	4	1.3	0	0	

**RECEIVING**

SYRACUSE	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Moe Neal	3	54	18.0	0	29
Taj Harris	1	31	31.0	0	31
Abdul Adams	2	29	14.5	0	15
Sean Riley	3	26	8.7	0	11
Trishton Jackson	3	21	7.0	0	9
Nykeim Johnson	3	7	2.3	0	3
Aaron Hackett	1	5	5.0	0	5
Jarveon Howard	1	3	3.0	0	3
LIBERTY	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Antonio Gandy-Golden	6	119	19.8	0	56
DJ Stubbs	5	47	9.4	0	18
Khaleb Coleman	3	25	8.3	0	11
Damian King	1	23	23.0	0	23
Kevin Shaa	2	13	6.5	0	17
Frankie Hickson	1	8	8.0	0	8
Demario Douglas	1	4	4.0	0	4
Peytton Pickett	2	-1	-0.5	0	2