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Dick Shiner, the Lebanon athlete playing his first season of major college football, came of age on Saturday as a full-fledged varsity performer in the bigtime of the collegiate gridiron sport.

Given his first starting assignment by Coach Tom Nugent, the ex-Cedar star not only met and passed the test, but actually fired the Terrapins to what is generally accepted as something of an upset victory — that 21-17 decision over Penn State.

He passed for the three Maryland touchdowns on scoring plays of 7, 9 and 7 yards while completing an even dozen of twenty attempts, and on a number of occasions hit his receivers by throws that actually threaded the needle, as they say.

That information comes first hand, too, from qualified local fans on hand to see the former Red and Blue star in his hour of glory.

It must be recalled that Maryland was stacking up against the Penn State team favored by many in pre-season predictions as the class of the east.

Hall Was Back

What's more, the Lions were back on the track on a two-game win streak with victories over Syracuse and California with Galen Hall, their famed quarterback, sound and able again, at the helm.

It might appear that the Maryland coach was taking something of a gamble in entrusting the direction of his team to a young sophomore against a favored opponent handled by such an experienced and capable field general performer as Galen Hall.

Coach Knew His Boy

The Maryland mentor must have known what he was doing, as events so thoroughly proved, as the young Lebanon athlete came through with flying colors as one of a number of college quarterbacks who can correctly be listed among Saturday's Heroes.

His pin point passing covered a total of 158 yards in all, touchdowns included, and that amazing performance certainly overshadowed another creditable showing by the Penn State pitcher.

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Yet, since he was first recognized right here, and his talents have been accorded considerable mention through this newspaper and this very same vehicle, a few personal tributes no doubt are pardonable.

At the same time, the fact that Dick Shiner has been winning his spurs as a varsity sophomore in big time football occasions more than just a small amount of personal satisfaction.

Boosted For Big 33

It can now be told that he was strongly boosted here for Big 33 honors in 1959, but this small voice was lost in the wilderness because of overwhelming support for Don Caum, the Central Dauphin wizard as a schoolboy quarterback.

Without taking any credit away from the latter — he was great as a scholastic athlete, and no doubt is still a great young college prospect at Penn State — the fact that Shiner was ignored was keenly felt here.

It was definitely felt here that Dick Shiner was Big 33 caliber — and that's tantamount to All-State selection — and subsequent happenings are more than gratifying to an observer who recognized and lauded his talents as a schoolboy star.

It has been intimated that some newspaper scribes missed the boat in overlooking a meeting between the two stars who were tops in this sector as scholastic performers.

No Oversight

That was no oversight at all, since it was definitely known that Hall had recovered from his injuries and would definitely be the No. 1 Penn State quarterback with Caum in reserve as possibly the third-stringer at the position.

Getting back to an earlier thought, however, that quarterbacks played big roles last Saturday with Lebanon's Shiner as one of the best, take a quick glance at other star performances by college quarterbacks.

Quarterbacks Starred

Witness, for instance, that Sandy Stephens, an ex-Big 33er, engineered Minnesota's upset win over previously unbeaten Michigan State. Joe Beierschmitt, a sub at that, took over as the Army quarterback to lead the Kaydets to that 34-7 victory over Detroit