

Quick start lifts Skippers

By MIKE DEL ROSSO

COHASSET — With the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur beginning at sundown, Cohasset and Hingham played an afternoon game yesterday, and the host Skippers took the idea of an early start to heart.

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Cohasset stormed to a quick lead and went on to defeat the Harbormen, 43-21.

"A couple of scores right out of the gate really helped us loosen up," Cohasset coach Pete Afanasiw said.

Cohasset (2-0) capitalized on ideal field position early in the first quarter, recovering a Hingham fumble on the Harbormen 20-yard line.

Skippers quarterback Jeff Cavanaro completed a 14-yard pass to Robert Jones, then tossed a 15-yarder to Jack Carrier (two catches, 30 yards, two touchdowns) for the game's opening score.

A blocked extra-point kick resulted in a two-point conversion that John Collins ran in to put the

Skippers up 8-0 with 8:34 remaining in the first quarter.

That series of events set the tone for much for the game.

On the next Hingham drive, Jones intercepted a pass and ran it back to Hingham's 17. A 6-yard pass from Cavanaro to Robbie Mahoney would seal another successful Cohasset drive with a score.

Now in front 15-0, the Skippers leaned on running back Thomas Flibotte to move the ball, though they had demonstrated proficiency in the passing game.

"We tried to stay as balanced as we (could)," Afanasiw said. "We don't have the horses up front to just pound the rock and we don't have the receivers to just run, run, run, so we have to try to stay as balanced as we can."

Flibotte ran for 150 yards on 19 carries.

"Thomas ran like a man possessed," Afanasiw said. "I saw him break dozens of tackles."

The senior running back got the Skippers within the Hingham 20 on three separate occasions, allowing Cavanaro the TD pass or the short rush for the



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DO THE BUMP: Cohasset's Jamie Faber (left) and Matt Gregory celebrate a touchdown during a 43-21 victory against Hingham yesterday.

score.

Cavanaro finished 8-for-13 passing for 120 yards, with two touchdown passes and two rushing TDs.

Hingham (1-1) mustered

three scores in the second half to cut into the large deficit. Running back Kevin McCarthy and Kar Weller punched in a touchdown apiece during the fourth quarter.



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OUTTA MY WAY: Cohasset's Thomas Flibotte (right), who ran for 150 yards, fends off Hingham's Tommy Vangel during the Skippers' win yesterday.