

## Steinert football team not denied this time in win over Princeton

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**OCT 10:** A year ago, the Steinert High football team had Princeton on the ropes only to see the Tigers' Josh Gordon score two touchdowns in the fourth quarter, handing the Spartans a 21-16 defeat.

This season, Steinert would not be denied victory.

Adam Riese and Dan Danaso scored on first-half runs and the Spartans' defense rose to the occasion, limiting Gordon to 53 rushing yards for the game, as Steinert handed Princeton its first loss of the campaign, 14-7, Saturday afternoon in the CVC Valley Division.

The Spartans evened their record at 2-2 with their second consecutive win while Princeton dropped to 4-1.

Vince Fiorello's interception ended the Tigers' final possession and Steinert ran out the clock from there. Jason Miller helped spearhead the defensive effort for the Spartans, recovering two fumbles and registering a sack.

"Before practice we watched a lot of tape," Miller said. "The guys up front did a great job. It was a team effort. We didn't get down after the first two games. We kept everyone up at practice and kept working hard. The defense did a nice job."

Steinert scored early in the second quarter on a 3-yard run by quarterback Riese and later in the period added Danaso's 9-yard TD run.

Trevor Barsamian helped pull Princeton within 14-7 with 7:11 to play.

Gordon came into the contest with 498 rushing yards for Princeton, but the Spartans held him to 72 yards below his season average.

"We were able shut down Gordon and that was the key," Steinert coach Dan Caruso said. "Last year, they came back and beat us after we were up the whole game. This year we were able to hold them off. It feels great. This gets us back to .500 and is a great win. It's good for our program and good for our kids."

Judens Goimbert finished the day with 81 yards on 18 carries for the Spartans while Danaso had 76 yards on nine hauls. Riese added 47 yards through the air.

"We did a good job moving the ball," Caruso said. "The only reason we didn't score more points is because we stopped ourselves; shot ourselves in the foot a couple times. Once we put that all together, we're going to be a hard team to stop."