

Coach's Comments

Derry 27, Manchester South 6. After a bit of a slow start mentally, the kids woke up and played some very inspired football. This was a pretty physical contest in which our kids were more than up for the task. We may run into bigger teams and even faster teams.... But if we're going to get into a slugfest, I'll take our chances with our group any day.

Defensively we saw our string of shutouts come to an end in a very quick fashion. The Sabres found some room on the outside and proved that if we miss our responsibility, we are not bulletproof. A wake up call came to all a bit late however it did. Combined with some well executed adjustments, we were back to shutting down the opponent's offense. Very nice games turned in by Mike Horak, Nick Hamilton, Matt Mulligan, Bread Truck Lydick, Tyler Gendron, Mike Stuart & Rick Hinds.

On the offensive side.... We were well..... offensive up front. This game was won in the trenches and some tremendous blocks up front by Matt Mulligan, Nick Hamilton, Brandon Schoff, David Giblin, Billy Gibbons, Joey Hannigan & Tyler (stop calling me Robert) Seccareccio. This was a VERY physical game down low and our kids were just plain scrapping on every snap to gain a little room and open holes for the backs. The last two weeks have seen consistent game play from the red line and the results are coming. Course... when you have to practice against the black D all week, then most Sundays might be considered practice! Also not to be forgotten was a couple of key blocks thrown on the outside by Brett Cusick & Nathan Ralston to help spring a few big gainers for the offense. Nice game overall by Nick Coombs on a very sloppy field. He kept to his assigned holes and took every inch that was given by the o-line. Some tough yards by the Bread Truck helped extend some drives and keep the ball in our possession and keeping fresh legs out there. Again, Mike Stuart with a huge game making some key blocks and popping his first TD reception of the season off a great block by Matt Mulligan. Great game management by Tyler Gendron and Tucker Obrey on what was a very difficult day weather wise and with a slippery football.

This coming week we'll be getting ready for our visit to Raymond and play the Vikings. We will spend much time on defense and assignments and will need everyone to be ready to take on our most difficult opponent to date. They're fast and talented and we'll need to be up to a tall task on Sunday. Please be sure all players are ready to start practices on time. We've seen some (repeat offender as well) cases of tardiness increasing. I did have conversations with some players and explained that tardiness and/or absences can result in not playing in the game that week. We know the kids do not drive themselves to practice, and need the team ready for practices to allow us the time to prepare them for the upcoming game.

Lastly..... we saw some more plays in which players who typically do not handle a football we able to run the ball. I try to give every player the opportunity to catch or run with a ball at least once over a season. It can be helpful for motivation and excitement for him. Some players do not want to handle the ball, and in such cases they are never forced to. Hopefully everyone enjoys this aspect. Congrats to Mike Horak on punching one in the end zone on his chance! And the Bears had William "the Fridge" Perry but the Demons have the "Freightliner" Sturdevant on their side..... and he was quoted post game as saying next time those kids got to pay the fare for the rides they receive around the field on his back!

As always, if anyone has any question..... please give me a call. GO DEMONS!

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