

Goshen v. Warwick

Game Summary

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Warwick - Rian White threw three touchdown passes and scored on another long jaunt to the end zone in pacing the Wildcats to a 42-0 win over Goshen in the annual Spirit Trophy clash.

Warwick wasted no time in taking control of this game. John Babin took the opening kickoff 90 yards to the house in a return that immediately charged up a weather-braving C. Ashley Morgan Field crowd. Varsity soccer player and football kicker Mike Grace made the first of a perfect five-for-five night of extra points to give the Purple-'N-Gold a 7-0 beginning. Sophomore Camron Burke-Simmonds also made a PAT later in the game.

Gladiator return-man John Boccio brought the pigskin back 21 yards to set up senior quarterback Chris O'Connor and the offense at their own 34. Fine defensive play by nose-guard Chris Vealey and defensive end Mike Hurley helped to curtail Goshen's efforts on this series. Linebacker Andrew Treschitta made his presence felt on the County-Seaters next possession which led to a Goshen punt.

John Denmead made a 24-yard return to put the Cats in great shape at the visitors' 28. Jesse Testa, representing the mystical #44 jersey this season, ran for a yard and then retrieved a White 11-yard toss to move the chains. Then White utilized another scoring threat via the 2009 passing genre in Dan Bounds. The senior wide-receiver safely corralled the touchdown aerial from 16 yards out at 4:06 of the first quarter for a 14-0 lead.



Jesse Testa

Goshen's best offensive trial of the night began when third-year, two-way starter John Stephens powered his way eleven yards to the Glad 24. Then Boccio made a



John Denmead

great catch around two Wildcat defenders to record another first down at the Warwick 47. But the Cats clawed down O'Connor and crew from there in stifling junior running back Mike Paglia and subsequently pressing the former into an incomplete pass on third-and-long.

Denmead took Stephens' punt 13 yards to set up shop on the Wick 23. White showed another value of the spread offense and how it can keep the defense honest by bee-lining right through Goshen's defensive interior in a non-stop 77-yard effort until he couldn't legally gain any more yardage.

White's TD and the extra boot catapulted the advantage to 21-0 at 00:51, still in the opening period.

The blowout continued in the second quarter when Warwick used a 10-play, 67-yard drive to light up the scoreboard again. Two Sam Careccia catches, a Babin reception, a Testa rush for a first down, and a White 4th-down run set up the score. Finally, Testa's 4-yard grab at 6:31 ended the successful march at 28-0.



Nick Clark

Junior center Kyle Barrett fell on a Wildcat fumble in the end zone with 1:40 remaining in the first half to send Warwick coasting into the locker room, 35-0.

Warwick's offensive line, led by senior co-captain Nick Clark, Trevor Ferguson, and Barrett, proved more than functional again on another scoring entity in the third quarter that Babin wrapped up with the 4th touchdown catch in two weeks and 12th of his varsity career. 42-zip.

Coach Sciarra's stat sheet shows White went 13-for-21 totaling 110 passing yards. His touchdown radar has connected eight times through the first two games. Testa, Babin, and Sam Careccia caught three passes apiece in this game.

White called his own number four times for 111 stripes and Testa rushed for 57 yards. Denmead returned three Goshen punts for 65 and Testa brought back two more for 76 yards.

Warwick has dominated the rivalry with Goshen of late, winning the last six straight contests and 13-of-14 going back to 1996. By many accounts, Warwick holds a 48-46-4 edge in the ancient series that began in 1896 and is the second longest time-wise in New York state behind Rome Free Academy and Utica Proctor. By the way, if you'd like to see the Spirit Trophy, look no further than Warwick Valley High School's trophy case for yet another year.

It's also a short week coming up by football standards. The 2-0 Wildcats cruise up the Thruway to get into a battle of non-league territoriality with the unbeaten Kingston Tigers this Thursday on the Dietz Stadium turf. Which team has the sharper claws and the deeper bite?