

# Warwick v. Monroe-Woodbury

## Game Summary

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Central Valley - Rian White threw three touchdown passes and rushed for two more in Monroe-Woodbury's 49-32 non-league win over Warwick before a jam-packed Etzel field on a cold, mid-October Friday night. The #17-ranked AA Wildcats gave the top-ranked Crusaders a major test for three quarters before both defenses wore down in the final 12 minutes of the game. M-W has now won 48 straight games against Section Nine opponents as QB Dan Scalo and running back Trevor Officer scored three times apiece.

The serious passing threat of Warwick's spread offense caused concern for the Crusaders, who countered by putting Scalo into the secondary and using safety Ryan Morgan as a hard-blitzing linebacker.

The Wildcats trailed 14-0 in the final minutes of the first half when John Babin returned Packy Laird's kickoff to the Warwick 23. On a huge 3rd-and-14 play, White hit Sam Careccia on an amazing 25-yard completion at the Wildcat 45. Careccia's diving, five-star reception sustained the rally and two proceeding Babin catches sandwiched around a White keeper and Crusader facemask penalty placed the ball at the M-W 12. Morgan continued to haunt White with a sack three plays later but that did little to bother the senior's keenly accurate arm as Babin immediately hauled in his 16th TD catch of the year to increase his own Section Nine season record. This also increased Babin's career sectional record of touchdown receptions to 24. The Crusaders blocked the extra point and took a 14-6 lead into halftime.



**Sam Carreccia**  
*Hauled in an amazing diving catch.*

Guys like Jon Roerdon, Mike Hurley, Chris Vealey, Sam Brown, Dan Marggraff, and Shane Marchini did their best to hold the explosive Monroe-Woodbury offense to a reasonable 14 first half points.

John Denmead and Kevin Marion made key stops on M-W's first third-quarter series and the Wildcats went 88 yards to narrow the gap. Nick Race made an electrifying 74-yard catch-and-run to do most of the damage in getting Warwick all the way to the Crusader five. Uninhibited by another sack on the previous play, White buzzed his way 15 yards for a score to pull Warwick to within 14-12. Another PAT block kept the score that way.



**John Babin**  
*24 career TD receptions*

Brandon Fernandez and Jared Komorowski helped to hold the local freight train on its next possession to get the Cats another shot on offense. A Warwick gamble on 4th-and-3 from its own 33 failed, however, and Officer's long TD run on the ensuing snap put momentum into Monroe's hands.

Trailing 28-12 midway through the final stanza, Warwick refused to quit. A Babin catch combined with another Crusader facemask call put White into position for his ninth rushing score this year at the 5:45 mark. The conversion attempt went awry so the score read 28-18.

But M-W scored the next two times it had the ball to open up a 42-18 gap on a Scalo TD pass to Laird and then another Scalo run.

White connected with Ian Holmes for a 25-yard scoring pass at 3:13 and the QB dash for two points moved the score to 42-26.

Race made his third touchdown catch of the season on the final play of the game to give White 26 TD passes altogether through seven games. Cornwall's Kevin Arduino has the Section nine season record of 30, set a year ago.

White completed 17-of-35 passes which gleaned 290 yards to bring the cumulative season total to 1611. As a junior, he threw for a season total of 1716 yards. White also ran for a team-high 133 yards on the night. Babin caught eight passes for 145 yards, including a nifty 44-yard first-half grab, and returned five kickoffs which garnered 113. Race took in three footballs for 99.

Warwick (3-0 AA-II, 6-1 Overall) takes on Minisink Valley (3-0, 5-2) next for the AA-II championship Friday night, under the lights, at C. Ashley Morgan Field. Warwick has won a record three of these league titles to date, while the Warriors are runner-up with two.



**Rian White**

*Continues his outstanding season as he closes in on another Section IX record.*