

**Weekly Article for Neil Jacob's 105-1 Team vs Northampton Indians 105-1
September 27, 2009 1pm at Hickory Park Field 1**

Marsh Creek Eagles 13 – Northampton Indians 0

The undefeated Marsh Creek Eagles 105-1 team faced a tough challenge this weekend - a determined Northampton team and a sloppy field slowed down by heavy rains overnight. Marsh Creek captains for the game were Brandon Peterson, Dylan Rittenhouse, Steven Clark and Alec Walter. The Eagles won the toss and decided to receive the opening kickoff. The Eagles recovered the Indians attempt at an on-sides kick and wasted little time setting the tone for the day. QB David Gallagher launched a beautiful pass to a streaking Ryan Betley who safely secured the pass after an initial bobble and fought off one Indians tackler before finally being dragged down at the 6 yd line for a 44 yard completion. The Indians however stuffed the next 3 plays with an attacking defense to set up a critical 4th down and goal situation. The Gallagher to Betley combo hooked up again for a 6yd TD pass to give the Eagles a 6-0 lead. It was a crucial completion early in the ballgame which helped quiet the Indians team and keep the momentum on the side of the good guys.

The Eagles defense stopped the Indians on their first possession thanks to a big tackle from Steven Clark and a key one –on –one tackle by Grey Jacobs to stop a 4th down attempt. The teams then traded possessions without much gained on the slippery field. Key plays on defense were made by Steven Clark throughout the first and second quarter. Cole Thomas and Ryan Betley also combined for a key stop to set up a 3rd and long situation for the Indians. After an incomplete pass attempt by Northampton on 4th down, the Eagles began their 3rd offensive series with great field position on the Indians 35 yd line. After back to back bruising runs by Cole Thomas; Drew Rafferty exploded through a nice hole and raced down the sidelines for a 30yd TD run, fighting off tacklers into the endzone. QB David Gallagher ran a sweep to the left for a successful extra point and the Eagles led 13-0. The Eagles defense shutdown the Indians for the rest of the half. Other first half highlights included a slick one handed grab by Ryan Betley on a 3rd and long play; a highlight worthy grab soon to be a hit on YouTube.

The Indians continued to play aggressively on defense in the second half and held the Eagles scoreless. However, the 13 first half points were more than enough as the Marsh Creek Eagles defense continued their aggressive and attacking style of play and limited the Indians to a couple first downs but never allowed them into the redzone. Key defensive plays were made by safety David Gallagher who broke up an attempted pass play to set up a 4th and 7; and a key sack by Brandon Peterson which ended another Northampton drive late in the 4th quarter. Defensively for the Eagles Grey Jacobs and Steven Clark stood out with some big individual tackles and Cole Thomas, Drew Rafferty and Alec Walter continued to hit anything that moves to keep the Eagles defense PERFECT for the season.